



Doctors Exhibit

"Is There A Doctor In The House?" continues at the History Center through June 15. Visitors are welcome from 1-4:00 on Saturdays, Sundays, and Mondays. We also welcome new information, photos and related donations to this medical professionals exhibit.

Sesqui Exhibit Opens mid-June

To commemorate its 10th anniversary, the Greentown Historical Society is bringing out of storage and borrowing items to help people reminisce about the events of Greentown's Sesquicentennial Celebration in 1998. The celebration, with events over 3 months, commemorated the original platting of the town of Greentown on April 14, 1848. They included a re-enactment on the steps of the Howard County Courthouse, a "Toll Road" day, a play, the dedication of a marker, a senior queen contest, the publication of a history book, a multi-faceted event June 11-14, a community worship service, and the burying of a time capsule, among others.

Sales of commemorative items resulted in a balance of

\$42,787.00, which was donated to the Greentown Lions Club, the Greentown Historical Society, and the Greentown Public Library. The funds were administered through the Community Foundation of Howard County. With matches from Lilly Endowment, the funds grew to a total of \$60,614.00. The Lions Club used their gift to remodel the Community Building at the fairgrounds. The amounts given to the library and the historical society were in the form of endowments.

Not to be forgotten, right in the middle of the celebration, a tornado came through Greentown, doing considerable damage. But "The show went on." After a bit of consulting and re-grouping, the citizens showed their resilience and carried on.

The exhibit, including photos and a videotape, review the great number of people involved in the various aspects of the event and changes of the past 10 years. It can be seen in the History Center Annex, 101 E. Main St., Greentown, beginning mid-June. The History Center is open Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays from 1:00 to 4:00 or by appointment. Call 628-3800 or 628-3564 for more information.

Educators Exhibit Opens July 19

The Educators Exhibit will open on July 15th. This exhibit is to recognize the past and present educators of eastern Howard County. Thank you to those who have sent in their questionnaires, biographies, photos and memorabilia to be displayed.

Teachers: It is not too late to send in your information. It will not be a complete exhibit without you.

Call Lisa for more information 628-7674 or 765-610-8461.

Tributes & Tales Dinner June 7

The Greentown Historical Society will host the fifth annual "**Tributes and Tales**" dinner on Saturday, June 7, 6:30 PM at the Jerome Christian Church 9535E 100S, Greentown. This dinner is in recognition of all educators in Eastern Howard County both past and present.

The speaker for the evening will be Dr. John A. Knote. A graduate of Eastern High School and son of

Raymond W. and Margaret Knot, both teachers in the Eastern school system. He will reminisce about his memories of eastern Howard County.

This catered dinner will cost \$22.50 per person, teachers free. Reservations are required and should be sent with your check to Greentown Historical Society, P.O. Box 313, Greentown, IN 46936 before May 31. Also with your reservations please send a memory of your favorite Eastern-Greentown teacher to share in the evening. "Teachers are an important part of the community. They do not always get the recognition they deserve. They not only help educate our children but they are also involved in church, sports and civic organizations. We would like to take this day to recognize all teachers and let them know how much they are appreciated," said Lisa Stout, Greentown Historical Society president. Contact: Lisa Stout 765 610 8461

Endowment Fund

The Community Foundation of Howard County, Inc. has announced that any donation made to the Greentown Historical Society Endowment Fund will be matched by 20 cents on the dollar. If you have been thinking about donating to our endowment, this would be a good time. Please send your donation to The Commu-

nity Foundation at 202 N. Main, Kokomo, IN. 46901

Rummage Sale

The G.H.S. garage sale will be June 12-14. Our location will be at the Simpsons' garage at Main and Indiana St. All items are welcome, except clothing. Call Sally Imbler at 628-7174 for more information, drop-off times, or pick-up.

Tour and Cafe

The Historic Home Tour and Pause in History Cafe were well attended. Thank you to Nancy, Barb, Sally, Sue, and Betty for their time in preparing the cafe food, decorating the Annex building, and serving the food. Thanks to all who sold tickets. The display of State Bank of Greentown items and photos was excellent.

Fair Tent

The Howard County Alliance will share the fair tent with us again this year. The tentative schedule is as follows:

Monday - Elwood Haynes Museum

Tuesday - Greentown Historical Society and Son of Union Veterans Civil War

Wed - Genealogical Society

Thurs - DAR & Howard Miami Heritage Society

Fri - Grissom Air Museum

Sat - Howard County Historical Society

Each night will be a different activity sponsored by the hosting Society. Tuesday night we will host the Hoosier String Players. Be sure to stop by the tent and support these activities.

Parking at the Fair

We hope to be parking cars again this year at the Grain Elevator and Greentown Improvement. We will be charging \$2.00 as in the past. This has been a good money-maker for us, but we can't do it without volunteers. Please consider donating a few hours to make this a successful week. Call Ron Simpson 628-7674 or Sally Imbler 628-7174.

Future Exhibit

An exhibit on Indians of eastern Howard County is being planned for next year. If you have any documented artifacts, family history or information that could be loaned for this exhibit please call Lisa at 628-7674. We plan to have items on loan from the Miami Nation and the Miami County Historical Society, among other interesting and informative displays and programs.

Seegar Sisters Exhibit On The Road

The exhibit, "The Seegar Sisters, from Greentown to Stage and Screen" will be at the Tippecanoe Arts Federation, 638 North Street, Lafayette, Ind., from June 20 - July 26. The Gallery is open Tues. - Fri. 9 - 5. An opening reception will be June 27 from 7-9 p.m. at which time Amanda Kasem will be singing songs of the era. An addition to the exhibit is a DVD which can be watched which contains portions of movies Miriam and Sara were in. Susan Coghill has joined the exhibit team and is working with Carol Ratliff and Rachel Jenkins on the project.

G. H. S. Monetary Donors for 2nd Qtr.

Our thanks to the following persons who have generously made monetary donations to G.H.S. for the second quarter of 2008: Ron Simpson, Main Street Association, Mike and Joyce Lantz, Community Foundation, Paul Nicholson, Mary Lou Rich, Evagnes Sommers, Sally Imbler, Lorena Hendricks, Cella Kirchner, J & J Photography, Carolyn Johnson, Brad Shrock, Dr. David Gibson, Virginia Coan, Barbara Sorrell, Jan DeWitt, Barbara Angel.

G.H.S. Material

Donors for 2nd Qtr.

Our thanks to the following persons who generously donated various material items needed for programs, events and exhibits during the second quarter: Rachel Jenkins, Barbara Middleton, Linda Grove, Jean Simpson, Lisa Stout, Joyce Lantz, Ron Simpson, Sally Imbler, Nancy Echelbarger, Marge Freeman.

G. H. S. Wish List

Besides monetary donations, our patrons may wish to donate to a specific need here at the History Center. Some of our immediate needs are the following in the Bank Annex: Purchase of vertical blinds for the last of the newly installed windows, purchase and construction of shelving and storage for the exhibition staging area, purchase and labor to install underlayment and floor covering, do minor wall repair around a window, and replace doors. Call 628-3800 to donate and volunteer.

Our Volunteers

The G.H.S. has a tremendous pool of volunteers who work tirelessly in a variety of needed areas to fulfill the mission of our organization (refer to page 8). A quick look through the volunteer sign-in book reveals a glimpse of the types of work these "angels" did during the past quarter from April 1 - June 1:

Docents: Sally Imbler, Lisa Stout, Susann Sumpter, Rita Kingseed, Jean Simpson, Barbara Middleton, Dwight Schaaf, Max Kingseed, Harry Sparks, Angie Sparks, Nancy Echelbarger.

Building and Maintenance: Barbara Middleton, Mike Lantz, Lisa Stout, Ron Simpson, Dwight Schaaf

Programs: Sally Imbler, Barbara Middleton, Nancy Echelbarger, Rachel Jenkins, Sue Clouser, Betty Swisher.

Publicity: Sue Clouser, Linda Grove.

Printing and Publications: Joyce Lantz, Sue Clouser, Rachel Jenkins, Jean Simpson, Linda Grove

Exhibits and Displays: Sally Imbler, Lisa Stout, Sue Clouser, Connie Voorhis, Rachel Jenkins, Carole Ratliff, Susan Coghill.

Key Bank Community Volunteers: Norma Danley, Melissa Oswald, Michelle McKane, Lori Sauer.

Collections: Joyce Lantz, Charlotte Agness, Nancy Echelbarger, Karen Swan.

And this is just for 90 days! We have lots more events and activities coming up, so more volunteers will be needed. Call 628-3800 to be a part of these efforts.

New G.H.S. Members

We welcome the following new members who joined/rejoined G.H.S. in the 2nd quarter of 2008: Joyce Hammond, Rebecca Jarrett, Von and Catherine Johnson, Emily Musgrave, Connie Voorhis, Sue Flook, Chester and Lorena Hendricks, Nella Padfield, Katie Regan, Harry and Angie Sparks.

LSTA Grant

Our grant project in cooperation with Kokomo-Howard Co. Public Library and Indiana State Library will continue to June 30 and may be extended another month or two to finish technical work. Ball State University digitized our collection of Greentown Gems and Grapevines onto CDs and microfilm. We are working on software that will enable searches for specific names, locations, dates, and other data. In the History Center our visitors will be able to view and read our collection of Gems and Grapevines on CD. The Library's goal

through the grant is to make these same newspapers available for reading online. All of this has been possible through the Indiana Memory Project. Janet Winrotte, our grant coordinator and technical "wizard", has developed a promotional postcard that uses our 1898 Gem on the front. We're very fortunate and proud to be part of this groundbreaking work.

(below) Front of promotional postcard for LSTA grant for digital collection of Greentown Gems and Grapevines.



Educators of Eastern Howard County

To continue our commemoration of the many educators of eastern Howard County, this excerpt from the Greentown Gem, February 22, 1935, reports the election of C.D. Callis as chairman of the executive committee of the Indiana State Teachers' Association. The staff of the 1947 Emerald yearbook dedicated that edition to Mr. Callis, saying that he had begun his career at Greentown in 1923, and the 1929 Emerald says he began as principal in 1925. He graduated from Owensville High School and Indiana University.

GREENTOWN, INDIANA, FRIDAY, February 22, 1935

C. D. Callis Wins Honor From State School Group



The G.H.S. was fortunate to receive a donation from Julia DeWitt in memory of Bernard DeWitt of the bound records of Greene/Liberty Twp. trustees from 1853-1919. The handwritten pages record detailed minutes of their meetings and financial records, among them the names of these teachers in Liberty Twp. from 1867-1869, assigned schools and their salary per day. Salaries varied according to the term length of their licenses, with no salary increases from year to year. Classes began in late November/early December and ended in March:

Milton Garrigus	School #7	\$2.25
T.C. Scott	School #8	\$2.08 1/3
Cornelius Powell	School #9,4	\$2.25
John H. Stone	School #4,6	\$2.08 1/3
William L. White	School #6	\$2.25
Charlton Bull	School #3	\$2.08 1/3
John F. Loop	School #1	\$2.25
O.A. Somers	School #10	\$2.25
M.M. Kemp	School #5	\$1.91 2/3
Martha Caldwell	School #2	\$191 2/3
H.F. Dorman	School #8	\$1.75
Angelina Harvey	School #9	\$1.91 2/3
Maggie C. Marquis	School #5	\$2.08 1/3
Lemuel Pearson	School #7	\$2.08 1/3
Marion J. Stone	School #2	\$1.75
B.F. Zehring	School #1	\$1.91 2/3

The record book of 1919 records the following teachers and yearly salaries. By this time the school year was about 7 months long:

Alonzo Petty	School #2	\$350
Omen Schaaf	School #3	\$350
W.F. Larowe	School #4	\$420
W.H. Fay	School #5	\$420
Glen R. Brunk	School #6	\$420
Elmer Singer	School #7	\$350
Carol Beard	School #8	\$490
Melvin Groves	School #9	\$420



The above photo of Miss Minnie Alice Parson appears on the teachers page of the 1929 Greentown Emerald. She taught English, and graduated from Greentown High School, Indiana State Normal, Indiana University, and Wisconsin University. The staff of the Emerald dedicated the 1929 edition to Miss Parson: "We cannot find words to express our appreciation to Miss Parson, because she has done so much for us—correcting our English and making 'Come Out of the Kitchen' a huge success. She has taught us that 'Things done by halves are never done right.' "

In the Greentown Gem, January 31, 1924, page 7, an article (right) covers a pleasant surprise and honor that Miss Parson's students planned for her birthday.

Mr. Raymond Knote
Science



VICTIM OF WELL-PLANNED SURPRISE

Seniors and Faculty of Local High School Gather at Home of Miss Minnie Parson, Friday Night.

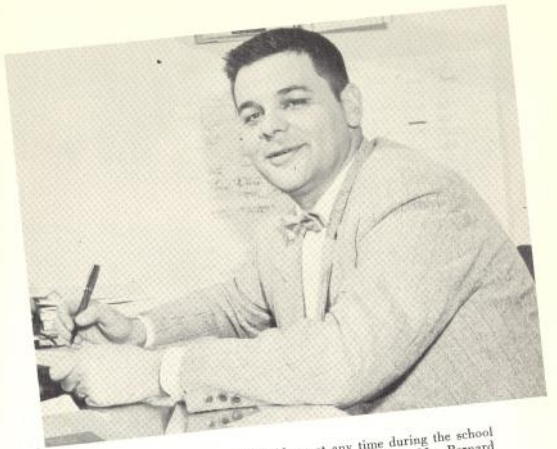
Friday evening after the ball game, Miss Minnie Parson was the victim of a well-planned surprise, when the Seniors and faculty of the local school gathered at her home to remind her of her birthday.

In appreciation of her loyalty to the school, and especially to the Senior Class, Herbert Wyman, class president, presented her with a gold fountain pen, a gift from the class and faculty.

The evening was spent in games and a general good time. One of the special features was a boxing match between Mr. R. B. Miller and Cedric Outland. No decision was reached. At 12:00 o'clock, a lunch of sandwiches, baked beans, hot chocolate, pineapple ice cream and cake was served to the following guests: Fern Powell, Nellie Andrews, Mary Thorne Mower, Josephine Wright, Florence Matchette, Madeline Woods, Mildred Smeltzer, Esther Pearson, Mabel Greenwalt, LaVonne Carr, Minnie Parson, Lena Goyer, Herbert Wyman, Francis Kirkendall, Chester Larowe, Harold Gentry, Otis Seagraves, Cedric Outland, Cedric Golding, Parson Mower, Forrest Larowe, Raymond Allen, Clarence Stoyemoller, Mr. Henry Snyder, Mrs. Wallace Smith, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Miller, Mrs. Mabel Mower, Mrs. Parson, and Mrs. John Carr.

All departed at a late hour, wishing Miss Parson many more happy birthdays.

In the left photo, Mr. Raymond Knote is pictured in the 1951 Aurora yearbook, the first year of Eastern High School. Mr. Knote taught science and was the Sophomore class sponsor. The 1953 yearbook was dedicated to him.




Here you see, as you would see at any time during the school year if you entered the office, our principal, Mr. Bernard DeWitt.

Bernard DeWitt became principal in the 1953-54 school year, as shown in this 1954 Aurora photo. He became Superintendent of Eastern Schools in the 1954-55 school year, retiring in 1983.

did not maintain very good temperature during the cold weather. That room never has heated properly. Her fourth grade has been the problem all year. But she states that the work in both grades has been covered.”

Teachers at Jackson School, 1923 La Memoire yearbook photos and descriptions:



PRINCIPAL G. R. SMITH


Indiana State Normal, 1904.—Purdue University, '12-'14
SCIENCE—MATHEMATICS—MANUAL TRAINING

Ah! If our souls but poise and swing
Like the compass in its brazen ring,
Ever level and ever true
To the toil and task we have to do,
We shall sail securely and safely reach
The Fortunate Isles, on whose shining beach
The sights we see, and the sounds we hear,
Will be those of joy and not of fear."



THIRD AND FOURTH GRADES


At Union School, Dorothy Hall was charged with the education of a classroom split between grades 3 and 4. In row 2, second from left, is John Knotte, the son of Raymond and Margaret Knotte and our guest speaker at the Tributes & Tales dinner on June 7. The Caravan yearbook records: "Her third grade was the large one. The attendance was very good, her room maintaining attendance for a time. Her room



MRS. R. C. KENNEDY

Indiana University, 1922.
BOTANY—DOMESTIC SCIENCE—PHYSICAL TRAINING


So live, that when thy summons come to join
The innumerable caravan, which moves
To that mysterious realm, where each shall take
His chamber in the silent halls of death;
Thou go not like the quarry slave at night,
Scourged to his dungeon hut,
Sustained and soothed by an unfeeling trust,
That marks thy grave—like one
Who wraps the drapery of his couch
About him, and lies down to pleasant dreams.



R. C. KENNEDY
Junior, Indiana University
HISTORY—CIVICS—JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL


Alas for him who never sees
The stars shine through his cypress trees!
Who hath not learned in hours of faith
The truth to flesh and sense unknown,
That life is ever lord of Death
And Love can never lose its own!

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MILDRED McCOOL

There is ever a song somewhere, my dear,
In the midnight black, or the midday blue;
The robin pipes when the sun is here,
And the cricket chirps the whole night through.
The lads may blow, and the fruit may grow
And the autumn leaves drop crisp and oar;
But whether the sun, or the rain, or the snow
There is ever a song somewhere, my dear.



BEULAH GRAY
Senior, Indiana University,
LATIN—ENGLISH

I count this thing to be grandly true,
That a noble deed is a step toward God—
Lifting the soul from the common sod
To a purer air and a broader view.

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GHS Calendar

- **History Center current exhibit: "Is There A Doctor In The House?" through Jun. 15**
- **Sesquicentennial 10th anniversary mini-exhibit opens mid-June**
- **Jun. 7 Tributes & Tales Dinner**
- **Jun. 12-14 Rummage Sale**
- **Teachers exhibit opens Jul. 19**
- **Howard Co. Fair Jul. 6-12**

Our Mission

- *To promote public awareness and appreciation of the unique history of eastern Howard County, Indiana, and its citizens.*
- *To carry out historical research, preservation, and education.*
- *To provide the public with meaningful heritage experiences.*