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By KAREN ZACH
Montgomery Memories

At the Waveland Alumni Banquet a few weeks ago, I did the memorial service.

There were 15 alumni who had passed between the banquets. I gave a brief bio of each.

I had known almost all of them, but the ones that touched my heart the most were our teachers, Norma Mitchell and Ralph Williams.

Norma was my 4th grade teacher. She was beautiful, fun, dedicated and about a 100 other adjectives, as well. I helped Norma write not only her autobiography but the Waveland Methodist Church history, as well. We enjoyed working together, reminiscing, and creating.

Ralph Williams was the other teacher in the memoriam. I was lucky to have him not once, not twice, not even three times but four times as my HS English teacher. Literally, Ralph would mesmerize us with his reading aloud. He was like a one-act hero. The stories literally came alive when he read them to us. I patterned my own teaching after his, reading almost every story from our literature book aloud to the students.

I only wish I had prompted (or perhaps hassled?) Ralph into doing his autobiography as it would have been amazing (valedictorian of his class; graduated with honors from Wabash; Korean War Vet and beyond).

Norma and Ralph were both selfless teachers who kept us excited about learning and for this I dedicate this month’s Montgomery Memories.

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Where did spring go this year?

By MONA CLOUSE
Montgomery Memories

Spring seems to have gone underground this year. I guess I will do what my Mom did when they purchased their first real grill. She was so hooked on grilling out after they moved from the farm to Crawfordsville that even when it was cold and rainy, like it is this year, she would just put the grill just inside their garage door and grill anyway. The garage door was always up because it is so dangerous to try to grill inside a garage with the door shut. Don’t ever do that because the fumes can hurt you without circulation.

Rich and I got a grill when we moved into our first home and we grilled out so much. Lots of burgers, chicken and steaks. We loved to cook out. The simplicity of all of that and then just adding a baked potato or a vegetable and the kids were happy. Today we have so many gadgets we didn’t have a long time ago. Lots of digital electronic probes to check for doneness, wire baskets with lids to have fresh veggies grilled along with the meat, fish baskets that will hold the delicate fish and all you need to do is turn the basket to grill it on both sides, and some grid sheets to put veggies on so nothing will fall through the cracks.

I was always a little afraid to use the grill since we didn’t have one when I was young, but once I got the hang of it and also remembered to turn it off so we would have gas the next time, it is a great way to have a meal or entertain. Here are a few of our favorite things to grill.

When making Kabobs, with meat only and use wooden skewers that have been soaked in water. This will prevent them from catching fire. You can also put a glob of aluminum foil on the ends of the wooden skewers to help protect the ends from burning. Metal skewers can be used also. They get really hot so handle with care. I don’t put anything else on the skewers just the meats or fish or sausage. The veggies are grilled separately on a grid sheet or in a wire basket so it can be turned often.

When using wooden skewers, have the meat touch when cooking so the wooden part cannot catch on fire. When using metal skewers, leave a 1/4 inch space between the meat so the skewer can get hot and help grill the interior of the meat. Either way is good.

A great way to fix STEAK, PORK STEAK, PORK LOIN or CHICKEN is on a skewer. Cut the meat in strips and thread them in an out on the skewers. They will cook pretty quick this way, usually 8 to 10 minutes for medium rare for the beef and the pork steak, loin and chicken are done after the 8 to 10 minutes. All of these are delicious with just salt and pepper but if you want to marinate any of these, it will just make them more tender. (Try marinating in 2 cloves of chopped garlic buds, 2 Tbls. soy sauce for four hours and then thread on the skewers. This can be used on all the meats listed.)

SHRIMP or SCALLOPS can also be skewered. Nice way to add a flavor to them is to grill some lemons and squeeze over the shrimp or scallops after they are done. Shrimp and scallops are done after 3 or 4 minutes on each side. (Always put the skewer through two places on the shrimp so it can’t twirl around on the skewer and go through the widest part of the scallop.)

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We have two sizes of grid sheets to lay veggies on to grill. I like them for pineapple and long strips of zucchini or summer squash, asparagus, tomatoes, green beans and scallions. I use the grill basket for corn on the cob cut in 2 inch pieces, new red potatoes cut in half, button mushrooms cut in half, carrots cut in small chunks (you can par boil the carrots for 3 or 4 minutes to help make tender), chunks of green or red peppers, and large chunks of onions. All of these veggies are great with Olive Oil, 1 tsp Thyme and 1/2 tsp Marjoram rubbed on them. If you like Rosemary, you can substitute that for the herbs. Use whatever herbs your family likes. I also used the vegetables and fruits our family likes, but you can use any vegetables, just do some research on how long to leave them on the grill.

Serve the meats on a platter and then put the veggies in large bowls along side with large tongs or slotted spoons. This really is a super way to entertain or just fix a fantastic dinner for your family. Don’t be afraid to fire up that grill and have a great time. Cooking out is fabulous anywhere, but especially so, here in Montgomery County. Enjoy!
That Was Then, This Is Now
Don’t forget to use your yearbook

By SUZIE ZACH BALDWIN
Montgomery Memories

When you think of yearbooks it might cause panic because of the koala bear sweater that seemed like such a good idea in 1989 (‘Chel Davis) or the horror of the 1980’s hair (Every girl in my graduating class – ha ha) which will forever be “in print,” therefore, will NEVER be forgotten.

But, yearbooks are really an amazing tool for locating interesting facts, family and fun. Since being in my new position at the Crawfordsville Public Library, I’ve uncovered a plethora of ways to utilize a yearbook.

The Local History Department was recently blessed with an extensive supply of wonderful pictures, programs and memorabilia to scan (these images can now be viewed in our CDPL image database) that once belonged to Louis Spilman (class of 1916). Since Mr. Spilman often listed his classmates as only: “Heine” (Beard Washburn, class of 1916) or “Bus” (Russell D. White) for example, there was often an extensive search for someone’s true identity. Of course, this isn’t complaining – this is what makes my job so much fun!

But, the one page that caught my eye a few weeks ago was the section titled “Degrees Conferred” in the 1914 Athenian Yearbook. On the previous pages I noticed weird letters after the names of the students. I assumed this was referring to HE (Home Economics) or BB (Baseball), but, in reality it meant A.B. (Always a Bachelor), A.X. (Athlete Extraordinary), S.N. (Small but nice), S.T. (Some talker), C.E. (Caruso’s Envy), W.M. (Wonderful musician), V.J. (Very jolly), L.D. (Little devil), L.S. (Literary shark), D.B.M. (Distracted business manager), M.B.P. (Master of Ball Playing), E.E. (Entertainer of Everyone – this one might have been my grandpa = Fred Bazzani), P.B. (Prospective Bride), B.C. (Bachelor by choice). These made me giggle, and I actually found myself turning to the seniors to see which one was L.D. – he did look a little ornery! Now, when my class “received” our Degrees Conferred, Suzie Zach (Baldwin) would have received C.C. (Class clown) and B.C. (Best Car). I was always a little jealous my friends & cousin were like the smartest and best looking - but, at least I was a funny girl with a kickin’ it car!

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Grandcestors
Who is your favorite ancestor?

By KAREN ZACH
Montgomery Memories

Not sure if I’ve ever written about this subject in my genealogy columns, but we’ve discussed it several times at DAR and genealogy meetings.

In desperation for an article this time, though, I thought it might be of interest to my readers.

The topic? A favorite ancestor.

Mine is most definitely Saint Margaret, Queen of Scotland.

Margaret was born in 1045 (in Hungary) to an English Prince who had been exiled, Edward. He had been the son of Edmund Ironside.

In a ship mishap, she and her mother landed on the tip of Scotland and they sought protection from King Malcolm III. He fell for Margaret and so they were married. Six sons and two daughters were born to the couple.

Margaret did much for not only Scotland and the Catholic Church but for the poor people and travelers to their country. Margaret became a saint in 1251. For centuries, her Saint’s day was the 10th of June but was moved to the 16th of November in the church’s reform in 1972.

She passed away on November 16th, just a few days after her husband and eldest son were killed in battle.

As per my favorite male ancestor, that’s a whole lot harder, but I guess I’d choose Henry Sater.

He gave the property for the first Baptist Church in the state of Maryland. My best vacation time was probably the day we went to Sater’s Church in Chestnut Ridge, Maryland. The church is a small white clapboard type with an extremely old cemetery surrounding it.

Henry and his wife, Dorcas Towson have huge slabs on the walls inside the church. It was to-

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In addition, the Crawfordsville District Public Library is hosting a district library conference on April 26. Indiana is divided into library districts, and each district holds an annual all-day conference with presentations and workshops. Our district, District 2, includes Benton, Warren, Fountain, White, Cass, Tippecanoe, Montgomery, Clinton, Miami, Wabash, Howard, Fulton, Carroll, and Tipton Counties (although attendees and presenters come from any county). For this conference, Jodie, Rebecca, and I are giving a presentation entitled: “Putting Local History into Print: Writing for Publication.” Here is our official description:

Have you even seen a published collection of historical research or images and told yourself that you could -- and should -- do the same for your area? The presenters (authors of numerous serial publications as well as The Hidden History of Montgomery County and Crawfordsville: Images of America) can show you how to get started to get your local history into print. Find out how to use local outlets as a resource, and discover how to make a successful proposal to a publisher to get a book on the shelves.

In this presentation, we outline the ins and outs of getting started in publishing, with examples given from our last two national publications, copies of which are available at CDPL along with other recent books of county history.

Immediately after that presentation, Jodie and I give another. This next presentation is called “Local History Collection Development...on Paper and in Practice.” Here is our official description:

Retaining for your local history collection every item that comes your way would be great -- but we don't enjoy the unlimited space or budgets that make indiscriminate collecting possible. In addition, we are often at a loss as to how we should build our collection. A local history collection-development policy can provide the vision we need to control our effort, and creative collecting practices can ensure that we get what we need. Find out how the staff at the Crawfordsville District Public Library manages, tracks, and builds its growing collection.

In this presentation, we discuss the creation of a local history collection-development policy and how it provides a plan as well as a map for what we do. We also give numerous real-life examples of how we collect items, from networking within the community to using online sources.

And Jodie is not yet finished! In mid-May, she is presenting to The Athenian Club. Jodie will discuss various lesser-known facts about some of our local history collection -- which grows daily. So if you have any items of historical significance to donate to your library, contact us (765-362-2242 ext. 117 or ref@cdpl.lib.in.us).

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Summer Day at Yountsville Bridge
By Jerry Turner

A deep blue sky above,
small floating white puffs aloft,
an orb of pure light illuminating all,
from the southwestern sky.

The aged light of early afternoon,
dancing across the lazy waters of Sugar Creek,
flowing under the covered bridge,
to be held back by the dam just beyond.

The sound of birds chirping away,
a splash, bass jumping in the pooling water,
a rustle of leaves as a squirrel leaps.

A steady sound of water falling on rocks,
from a stone outcropping,
alongside the covered bridge,
drops sparkling in the summer’s light,
creating a rainbow under the bridge.

A lazy summer day ‘tis,
two young lovers sit by the falls,
doing what young lovers do,
so engrossed in each other,
barely noticing what is happening around them.

A couple of young lads farther up the creek,
scurrying up and down the bluffs,
seeking the cave of legend,
alas, finding nothing but adventure.

A couple in a canoe,
serenely floating over the pooling water,
keeping a wary eye on the dam below,
and the sentinel mill on the western shore.

A peaceful day ‘tis.
A day of love and adventure,
a moment of time from many years ago,
on Sugar Creek near Yountsville.

Story behind the poem:

By JERRY TURNER
Montgomery Memories

The history of Sugar Creek along its entire path across Montgomery County has touched many of us who have lived here. Many stories could be told about any short section of the creek. The poem refers to a mile stretch of Sugar Creek as it flows past Yountsville. To the north of this section the County Club rests above the creek on a bluff, and in the 1800’s home of the Guntle Grist Mill with its 25 foot overshot wheel. To the south is Camp Rotary and Indian Ford. The mile of creek in between is dominated by the concrete bridge which towers far above the creek. From 1848 to 1948 a covered bridge cast its shadow on Sugar Creek just north of where the current bridge stands. The covered bridge was built in 1848 by Charles Naylor and was ceremoniously opened for use in 1849. The bridge spanned 160 feet between a stone outcropping on the east and cut stone blocks on the western end, resting 40 feet above the surface of the creek. The bridge was 180 feet long and was built with Burr Arch trusses. Although the bridge was demolished when the new bridge was built, stone blocks of the western abutment can still be seen on the western bank, just north of the current bridge.

To the south of the bridge is the famous Yount’s Woolen Mill. The main mill building still survives and can be seen when crossing the current bridge. When the woolen mill was in operation in the mid 1800’s, a 7 ½ foot dam was built across Sugar Creek just below the mill. This dam created a large pool of water which stretched back to the covered bridge. The pool was a popular place to boat and fish and to ice skate in the winter. Customers of the woolen mill or Snyders Grist Mill in Yountsville would come down to the creek and fish or swim while they waited for their order to be processed. But the dam also created a hazard. In the mid 1800’s a boat with two wom-
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