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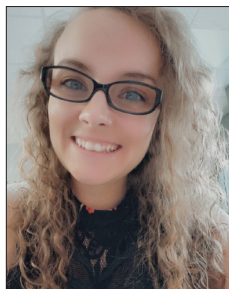
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July Feature: Wedding Trips

Karen Bazzani Zach



(Mackinac). The railroad offered staterooms and parlors and for a two cent stamp would send an illustrated pamphlet with things to do!

To my knowledge, I don't have or have seen any wedding trip photos in this time frame, but CDPL had a lovely picture of Evangeline Binford's beautiful gown when she married (Sept 1895) Rev. Hugh Timberlake Gary of Austin, Penn. It was described in the Weekly Journal on the 27th as: "the bride, an unusually beautiful and attractive young lady was gowned in a magnificent costume of white satin, entraine, lace trimmings. She wore her hair dressed high and orange blossoms but no veil. She carried an exquisite bouquet of bride's roses with maiden hair ferns." (see photo – thanks to CDPL). And, yes, we know where they went on their trip – "over a period of three weeks they will visit NY and points in Virginia and New England, after which they will be at home to their friends in Austin, Penn where the groom (who was a Wabash grad) is pastor of the Presbyterian Church."

In November 1896, had to guess the particulars, but Ben Crane and wife, Mary Campbell had just returned from their "wedding trip in the East!"

Not many could afford a long wedding trip but Milton Waugh and Maggie Herron after they were married in C'ville left for a wedding trip to California and other points (CWJ 19 Oct 1894).

Several in the 1880s and 90s went to Michigan for their wedding trip, especially the Lake Region area.

Others went to St. Louis (Sideners). When Anna Mary Davidson married (Prof) Mason Blanchard Thomas, their wedding trip was to New Woodstock, New York and various places in that area (Ithaca, New York City) where Prof. Thomas was born and raised. Ira Meharry and Agatha Sayers, married in Jan 1900 went to Toronto, Canada on their wedding trip. Wow! Found in the same article, JA Meharry and Jessie Carter were married and their trip was "through the south!"

Another wow trip was that of Jessie Lee Thompson (daughter of the archer Maurice) and Alexander Blair Ballard and after the ceremony the Ballards took the train East for an extended (several months) trip into Montreal, Quebec and New England states. Returning here for a short stay they were then going to the Atlanta exposition after which they sailed to Cuba. The winter then was

to be in Tampa Florida where they were going to live. He had a large business there and in Havana. Impressive!

Illinois and Kentucky were two places to get away yet not be too far or take too long. 8 Nov 1895 CWJ noted that first off they made a mistake as to Henry Evans' wife's maiden name – she was Florence Allen instead of Caller, but that they were in Kentucky on their wedding trip and would return in three weeks to live in MoCo.

Now, there are even places that didn't strike my fancy that I would have wanted to go, but to each his own as in Sept 1890, "Dr. Clough and wife will extend their wedding trip to Dakota."

There were others who came to C'ville or the area for their wedding trip such as Maggie Jones who had gone to West Plains Missouri to visit her uncle, SP Thompson where she met and fell in love with Postal employee, Adam Wright. They were married (CWJ 7 June 1895) at her uncles and their wedding trip was a natural when she came back here to visit, then they returned to Missouri to live! George Gregg, a prominent businessman of C'ville married Lucy June Jameson in Paris, KY. Several from C'ville were in attendance and after a short trip on the L&N, the couple returned to Crawfordsville where they would make their home (CWJ 18 Nov 1898)!

Some visited relatives or friends as with Fred Hoover and Kate Sullivan who were married in June 1895 and saw relations in Dayton, Ohio.

Mable Hutton married Gardner Ladd Plumley (CWJ 3 June 1898) in elaborately decorated rooms, with white and green, and many floral bowers. Some wedding trips were short maybe up to a week but the Plumleys up through the north lasted six weeks. They would then live in New York City where he was in the insurance business.

Seems a bit of an odd combination but George McDonald who married Ida Sandlin in June 1893 made their wedding trip to Indianapolis then on to Cincinnati.

Probably my choice of a place to honeymoon is where Katherine Elston and Frederick VanDoren Chislett went after the impressive wedding at her father's, (Col) Isaac C. Elston's honeymooned in New Orleans and other southern states.

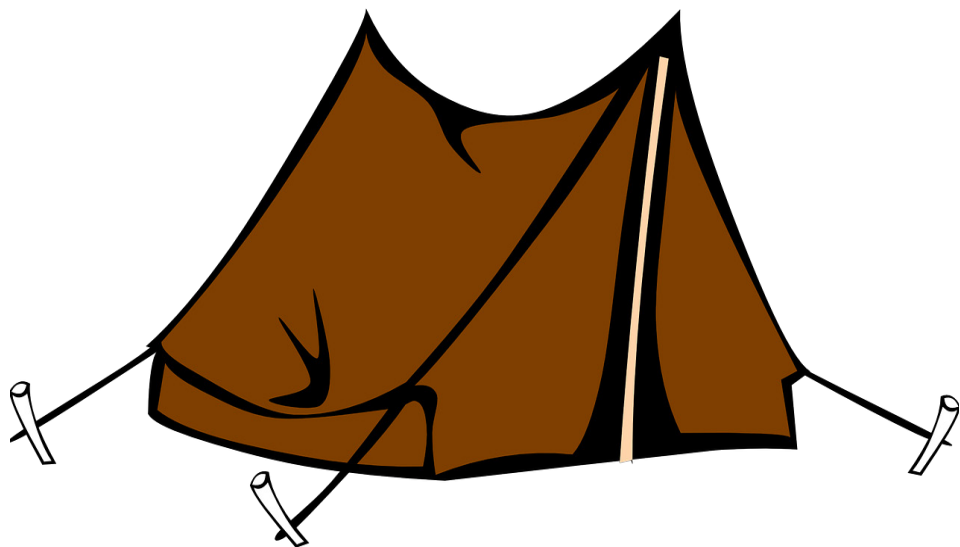
Well, that was a fun trip down memory lane a place I often visit !!

Never really thought about it but the proverbial "wedding trip" has to be one of the big ones, now newlyweds taking trips to Hawaii, Jamaica, Las Vegas but back in the day here are the norms.

"CDJ 4 Sept 1894 p 4- Patrick E. Fanning of Indianapolis and Miss Ellen O'Conner, the daughter of Enos O'Conner, were married this morning at 9 o'clock at St. Bernard's Church by Father Crosson. After dinner at the Nutt House, they left this afternoon for a wedding trip to Chicago after which they will repair to their future home in Indianapolis where the groom has a position in the city fire department." Chicago was one of the most popular of the wedding trips for many years. Maggie and James B. Gilliland after a beautiful home wedding and "a sumptuous wedding dinner left at 12:30 on their wedding trip to Chicago." (CWJ 20 Oct 1893)

Not sure if anyone took 'em up on it but the CWJ 22 June 1900 p 12 noted that "a popular wedding trip was to take one of the D&C new steel passenger steamers to the Island of Cool Breezes

Odds & Ends – Collected & Commented on by Karen Bazzani Zach



Many trips back in the day were related to camping or with a group, but of course sometimes with a wife or a mom or such.

The local members of the POS of A were at Terre Haute last night (CDJ 5 May 1893 p4) visiting Camp 36 and initiating several candidates. Met at the depot, our group was taken to their hall with a get-acquainted session as well as the initiation. About midnight a large banquet was held for them, “and those from this city were fully prepared to clear the table!”

Thomas Osborn, born in MoCo near Whitesville was a county school teacher but then began practicing law with George Hurley. Finally he went to Chicago and made large sums of money during the war. Then the big money came when he went in the railroad business and in a CDJ 20 May 1891 article, he had just returned from South America finalizing the plans for a great railroad of 9,000 miles in length from Boliva, SA to the US. What a go-getter!

The railroads seriously did an amazing job keeping up with what was going on offering impressive round trips to such places as Hagerstown, MD to the Dunkard’s national meeting May 20 (1891) for \$17.05. This from the Vandalia and the Big Four had a lengthy article about Hagerstown compared to the little short one of the Vandalia but never saw a price on it!

Much travelling then and now relates to jobs, and “Councilman Smith” in August 1891 went to Muncie to investigate their new gutters. They had removed all the bouldered gutters and were replacing them with 2’ stone slabs against the stone curbing. It gave more roadway and weeds could not grow there thus the council was discussing that on the evening of the 24th. (Feb 1890) “Chauncey Coutant returned from a business trip to South Bend!” Mary Hannah Krout, Lew Wallace, Henry S. Lane and many others were gone much to many places in regards to their livelihoods.

A bit of fun was poked at AC Lobeck who worked for the local Echo paper 26 July 1894 by the Journal when they said he made a “flying trip to his old home in

Belleville, Ohio. He has returned and is again at his case.” Of course, much traveling especially this late with the railroads making it so handy to get about anywhere made visiting back home much easier than 50 years prior.

The 1893 (and others) World’s fair was a big place to travel. I’ve written about this before so won’t dwell, but so many from here went. The Shades, the hunting areas in northern Indiana, lakes in Michigan and Wisconsin were popular to visit. Too, some of the trips were politically related such as in August of 1891, when John Wingate made a trip to New York to hear Talmage speak.

Some were lucky to visit quite impressive places such as CN Williams when he went to Mount Vesuvius in August 1891. Sometimes there was just a sentence about someone going somewhere and there was no clue why given “Thomas J. West has returned from a trip to Seattle, Washington,” for instance (CDJ 18 July 1891). CWJ 27 June 1902 noted “Cline Davidson starting for a trip to Europe who would join his brother, Homer in London and they would make a tour of the continent during the summer!”

Some were blessed with special graduation or other gifts such as Martha Thomas “who will take a trip to Europe soon after Commencement!” (CDJ 29 April 1892)

Then there was of course, lots of little excursions right here in the county: “DW Best of Darlington made a flying trip to Garfield Thursday” (CDJ 1 July 1890).

I have several friends who go on mission trips and that was popular many years ago as Dora Taylor, daughter of Samuel Martin of Darlington went to India a few months previous as a missionary. (CDJ 18 July 1894) “Dr. Frank West was to conduct a prayer meeting at the ME Church this evening as he was leaving the next day for missionary work in Asia.

Of course the weather was a lurer as seen (CDJ 25 March 1891) when “James Taylor returned from a trip to California enthusiastic over the glorious climate. He brought with him oranges grown 240 miles north of Los Angeles.” Actually, it didn’t say but there were several living out there from here so he may have been visiting, too.

There were many trips into the area, as well. For instance in April 1891, (CDJ 13 April) Officers Brothers and Conners were checking out the Monon station one very early Friday morning and they overheard quite an interesting conversation between three deserters from the Regular Army. They had left Easter morning from the Jefferson (Mo) Barracks and were on the “road,” waiting to catch a train headed to Chicago. They noted the reason was that they were simply bored with the normal routine of Army life. Our officers sent a telegram to Col. Bernard there – he said, “I’ll give ya’ \$60 each if you can get ‘em back to me. So, the next day the three fellows along with our two heroes went on a regular train ride with quite a few cheering them goodbye!

Probable moving was a good reason to travel as did Willis Leach of Coal Creek Township when he made a trip to Great Falls, Montana (CDJ 5 Feb 1890) as it was “the vicinity of which city he expects to take a homestead.”

Sometimes references to going somewhere wasn’t quite clear such as in the CDJ 7 April 1891 “RH Allen and wife are busy preparing for the trip to old mother country! Hmmm!

Well, it was a lot of fun just enjoying poking around in the old newspapers, seeing what prompted our fellow MoCoians to travel here and there!

Thank you for reading Montgomery Memories!



Nifty at Ninety - And Beyond

Joy Willett, Montgomery Memories

For this edition of Nifty, we get to know Forrest E. Burgess. Forrest was born in Ladoga, Indiana on March 12, 1882. She was the daughter of William and Martha (Benson) Burgess. Forrest had an older sister, Queen Ann (b. 1879) and a younger brother, Harold Omar (b. 1885).

Forrest's father William died in 1885 at only 30 years old. Her mother Martha, left to support the family, worked as a dressmaker in Ladoga. The children attended school in Ladoga, Forrest graduating in 1900. She went on to teach school. A description of her early teaching experience was provided in a letter she wrote in 1975:

I have enjoyed reading the articles in the Journal & Review about the Shades [State Park]. There is a part of that land I knew as I taught school at the Dowden School located near this region. I lived with a family... Shultz... It was a wild country then. I

By 1910, Forrest moved to Chicago with her mother Martha and sister Queen Ann. The Chicago Census for 1910 tells us that Martha was a "practioner" of Christian Science, while Queen Ann and Forrest worked as stenographers at the Chicago Stockyards.

The three women suffered a tragedy in 1912 when their home was destroyed by fire (Chicago's Suburbanite Economist, March 15, 1912). In August of 1912, Forrest visited Crawfordsville (ibid). In early August of 1913, she traveled to St. Paul, Minnesota (ibid, August 1, 1913). Over the coming two decades, Forrest and Queen Ann continued to do clerical work in the meat packing industry.

Forrest met Edward Harrigan in Chicago. Both aged 57, they married on October 14, 1939 and made their home in Whitewater, Walworth County, Wisconsin. Martha and Queen Ann (who never married) remained in Chicago. Martha, at age 80, died in 1940. Her body was interred in the Ladoga Cemetery. In 1942, Harold, who stayed in Crawfordsville where he taught school, passed at age 57 due to complications following surgery. He was interred in the Oak Hill Cemetery in Crawfordsville.

Queen Ann retired from the stockyard and settled in Crawfordsville. Forrest, after the death of her husband Edward in 1946, moved to Crawfordsville too. Queen Ann and she visited Whitewater, Wisconsin in 1950 (Janesville Daily Gazette May 29, 1950). Forrest visited Chicago in August 1951 "to attend to business matters" related to a fire at the warehouse where she stored household goods (ibid, August 29, 1951). These women didn't hesitate to go where they wanted!

Queen Ann, at 86 years old, passed on December 13, 1965. She was buried next to her parents in the Ladoga Cemetery. At that time, Forrest was living on South Walnut Street in Crawfordsville.

In the letter Forrest wrote in 1975, she described the experience of her grandmother, Mary (Davis) Burgess, who was born near New Market. Mary had ten children in what was still a wilderness. Not surprisingly, three of her children died before the age of four. Mary died at the age of 79 and was buried in Indiana Creek Hill Cemetery:

Grandma [Mary] Burgess was born in 1827 and I have heard say they often saw Indians walking single file along the creek south of the house. The house was between the New Market road and the Vandalia track on the south side of the road.

Forrest signed the letter, "Love, Forrest Harrigan, Hope you can read this: All right for 93 years I guess." Seems to me she was more than "All right." She lived ten more years!

I couldn't discover why, but Forrest was in Stoughton, Dane County, Wisconsin at the time of her death on December 21, 1985. She, too, was returned for burial in the Ladoga Cemetery. She was laid to rest near her parents and sister. Oddly, I couldn't find Forrest's death certificate. The photo of her headstone was posted on ancestry.com (courtesy of Mary Stockwell.) I wonder why her death date wasn't added to the stone?

A woman unique in her time, Forrest grew up in a small town, worked as a rural school teacher, and moved to a big busy city. Instead of marrying early and having a family, she pursued a career and, along with Queen Ann, supported Martha. After marrying later in life, she moved from Chicago to Wisconsin. She then returned home, to Montgomery County. And in the end, she went back to Wisconsin. Yet she chose to be laid to rest in Ladoga, near her dear family. May Forrest, who gladly went where life took her, rest in peace.



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Such sad news we have to share today. Our beloved, humorous, religious, writer Chuck Clore passed away. Chuck was one of our own, born right here in Crawfordsville July 11, 1947. A graduate of CHS, he was active in Art, having served as the yearbook photographer and designed and made several senior cords. He graduated from North Central University, in Bible and Pastoral studies. He married his adorable wife Judy of 54 years. They were parents of equally adorable twin daughters, April and Carrie. Although he loved his Lord his creative side called to him and he went into design but tying in his other love by working for the Assemblies of God Headquarters in Springfield, Missouri. A few years ago I got to know this wonderful man and he'd say funny things and I'd tell him he should write about his young times. So he did. A bit uncomfortable with it at first, I tried to encourage him and soon he just wowed me! Hope you have read Chuck as we went along and appreciate his humor, creativity and acquired writing prowess. Chuck grew up with wonderful brothers and sisters and used all of them in his writing. Delta Mae; Beverly and Toby. You may know his nephew, Derrick Clore. Chuck was the son of Austin and Georgie Cole Clore and I just loved to read about what his Pap and mother were doing.

I told him he could write about whatever he wanted. He did that but then decided he'd like to stick with the themes and he had some great stuff and enjoyed the challenge as we do of finding goodies to add to that topic. Recently he wrote about graduation, saying "Great memories are made. The focus is on you. The entire family is geared-up to boost your self-image. Best guard your ego!" Humor but almost always he got his Lord in there as he did in an odd twist in regards to this topic – "Lord, it is hard to be humble!" Often, and I'd guess daily, he thanked his Lord for all of his blessings and gifts. Wife, daughters, other family members and his artistic abilities!

Chuck was quite proud and well he should be of his Clore ancestry in America beginning with Hans Michael Klaar (original Germanic spelling). He enjoyed writing about Michael Clore in our recent Early Settlers edition of the Montgomery Memories. The story of Michael and others who came is sad yet fascinating, having paid full passage but being duped by the captain of the ship and sold into indentureship. But things smoothed out and Michael's son John blessed Michael with nine grands, including Michael's grandson dubbed as "Big Mike," who obviously was large in stature. There were other Michaels, so Big Mike was distinguished in this way. More bad happenings came

Story & Graphics by Chuck Clore



when Big Mike was forging weapons for the Revolutionary War when the British burned his shop and ran him out of town, so he became the gunsmith for George Washington's troops. Israel, Big Mike's son moved to Montgomery County (wife Frances Deer). Israel #2 was this Israel's grandson and according to Chuck's wonderful article, "He is shrouded in family mystery but rumor has it he was a drinker, stinker and downright cantankerous thinker!" Chuck went onto bring his family down to himself.

This year's February article on Valentine's was one of his funniest. The Ides of February he called it and told of his 5th grade class changing cards. "Heaven forbid if you pick one for a classmate that is too mushy then "cootie infested girls would chase you around the playground." Worse would be the

wrong card for a boy – "you could end up with a bloody nose and a knuckle sandwich!"

If you've been a Chuck fan, you'll know we didn't only get to enjoy his writing but his fabulous art as well, each article having an attached Chuck-created piece of art. I loved the Bad Boy article from last year and his image. He talked about the Bad Boy image beginning with an Indian, James Dean but when Chuck was ready to go out into the world from HS in 1965, "The Bad-Boy image was a lost cause for this skinny little runt with big ears and a chest like a xylophone. I could never pull it off, it would be like Barney Fife pretending to be Sheriff Andy!" Kidding aside, this fellow was a wonderful man, and we are going to miss his writing, his artwork, and his humor! Love ya' Chuck and Rest In Peace with your well-loved Lord!

Thank you for reading Montgomery Memories!

Poetry and Puzzles

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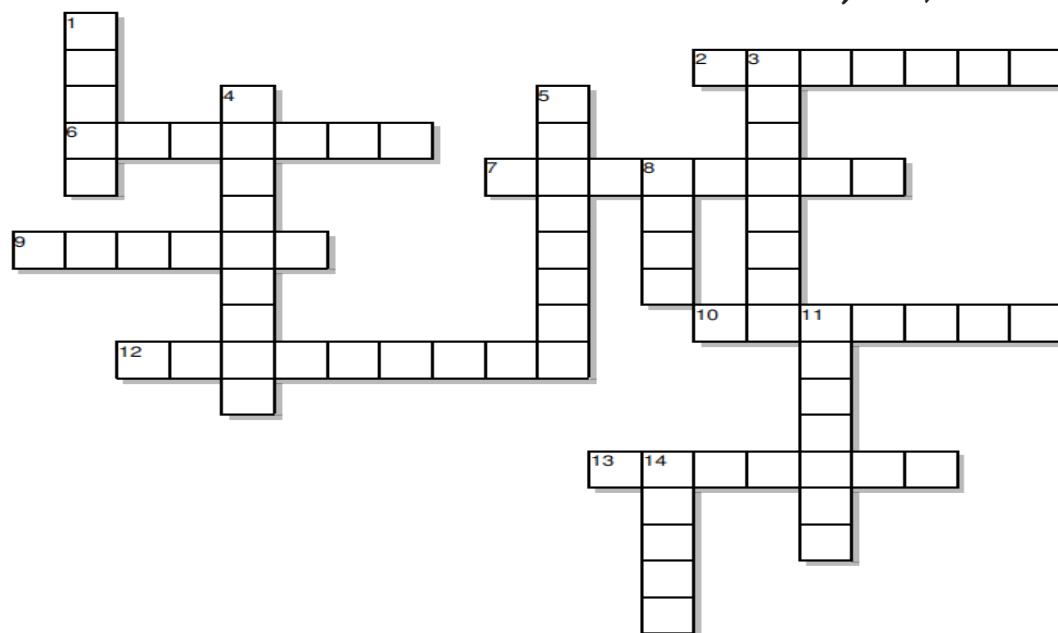
Outside Our Door

By Joy Willett

Mountain high,
valley deep,
arid desert,
sunny beach;
ancient ruin,
castle niche,
take the time
to visit each.

On a boat,
by the train,
flying low
or on a plane,
find your way
to where to go,
take your time,
take it slow.

Speak a language,
one that's foreign,
meet new people,
don't be boring!
Travel to
a distant land.
Even one that's
close at hand.



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July

By Cynthia Long

July is often one of the warmest months, characterized by parades, fireworks, camping, family gatherings, and picnics.

Milligan Park in Crawfordsville, Indiana is a top choice for celebrations, offering a range of delightful amenities such as playgrounds, picnic shelters, horseshoe pits, disc golf course, splash zone and much more!

A common saying related to the 4th of July in the musical Oklahoma is that "by the 4th of July, the corn should be as high as an elephant's eye." This adage signifies the farmers' benchmark for crop success at this point in the season.

'As we near the year's halfway mark,' it's worth noting that some individuals also partake in *'Christmas in July' festivities. This period is an excellent opportunity to shop and support family-owned businesses and find unique items in Crawfordsville, Indiana.

*The concept of 'Christmas in July' can be traced back to North Carolina. The Real Story Behind Christmas In July Started In North Carolina (southernliving.com)

Poetry - Continued

Vacations

By Cynthia Long

One of the last big hoorahs, before school starts and the summer ends. Having to say goodbye to one season and prepare for the next.

Used to be, you made a decision to go by car someplace, and you just called many months ahead for reservations, and stayed at a Holiday Inn. No major decisions to be made, just a simple trip.

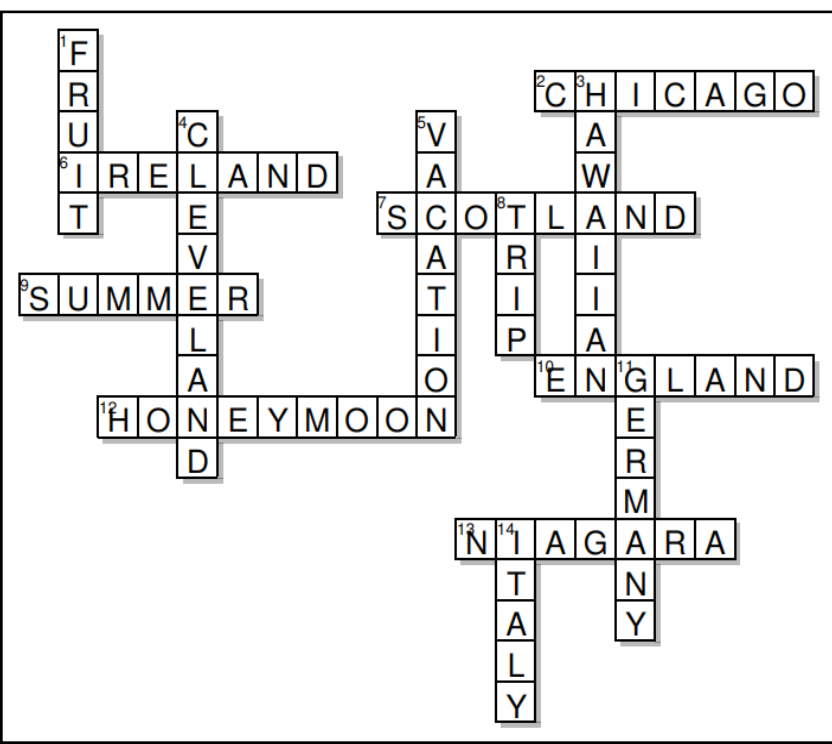
Today, you have a travel agent, and different kinds of vacations, working, volunteering, hiking, skiing, educational, exercising, weight loss, spiritual, and how do you want to get there by bus, train, plane or car? What kind of food do you like? You want to go North, South, East, West or abroad?

Then you have your hotels, motels, camping, cabins, and BeLB's?

I just want to go back in time and hop in the car and ride on Route 66, where you "got your kicks", driving slowly and really seeing the countryside along the way.

I remember Dinah Shores advertisement for Chevrolet she'd sing, "See the USA in your Chevrolet" Seen here at See the USA in Your Chevrolet Dinah Shore, 1953 (youtube.com) Those were the good old days.

I think there is always great happenings in Crawfordsville, Indiana. Crawfordsville offers something fun for everyone, wonderful places to eat with savory foods, and cute, locally owned places to shop for that perfect gift or souvenir, museums, recreation, culture, theatre, family fun, fitness and lots of history to enjoy. You should want to enjoy and stay in your own backyard at the very least in your own state. But I have always been the one to choose the route less traveled. I like staying home. "There is no place like home." I feel vacations are overrated, and you come back more tired and more stressed out than before you left.





Karen's Kitchen

Karen Bazzani Zach, Montgomery Memories

Do believe I put more thought in this article than any for quite awhile. The worse part is I couldn't find (except for expensive hotels that hosted weddings) what someone around here would eat say at the turn into 1900. Kind of wanted to know what my grandparents' would have had about that time. I read hundreds of articles but they all said, "retired for a wedding feast" or "her mother fixed the food," but none told what they ate. Frustrating!

Did find out some really interesting early facts about wedding dinners. Here are a few which really didn't help in the plight of a recipe to share with ya' though! For one, and this makes sense, the early "wedding dinners" were breakfasts as most couples would marry about 10:30 in the morning, have a breakfast while enjoying those who came, open presents (if that was a time frame when those coming to the wedding brought a present as for many years they did not) and then be off to either a short trip or more often, home to get things ready for their life together!

Cakes were early on fruit cakes versus the soft, moist ones of today with rich icings of all kinds. The ones they had though in the mid 1860-1890s were with white icing. Now, not a super fan of fruit cakes, but this one is good, easy and doesn't take 5 days to make (recipe by Jessica Holmes at Sweetest Menu). Feel free to customize how you'd so desire (add nuts, raisins, etc. but try not to get any more than what the others would be otherwise you'll get the consistency off).

Dried fruit – raisins, cranberries, glazed cherries, ... try to have all the fruit about the same size, otherwise if the pieces are too big, it makes the cake harder to cut later. 3 ½ C

Orange Zest – or orange peel of one large orange.

Apple juice (100% apple juice) – 2/3 C if you want more zest, however, you could use some orange juice.

All-purpose Flour – 1 ½ C.

Brown Sugar – 1 C. adds sweetness and moisture it also gives a caramel note to the warm spices. (light brown sugar is best)

Cinnamon, nutmeg and ginger – add oodles of flavor – don't skimp :) more cinnamon ¾ tsp at least than the other two (1/4 tsp)

¼ tsp salt unless you used salted butter

Baking powder – ½ tsp. make sure it is fresh – anything over 3 months you should get new.

Butter – use butter for maximum flavor – unsalted best – 2 sticks

2 tsp. vanilla

3 large eggs



Step 1 – soak and heat your dried fruits. In a large bowl, add the dried fruit, orange zest and apple juice. Heat 1 minute in microwave – stir. Heat again 1 minute – stir. Place a large plate on top of the bowl so the fruit is covered. Let it sit an hour.

As the fruit cools, it will soak up the juice and become plump and juicy.

When the fruit is ready, it takes only minutes to make the cake. Ya' don't even need a mixer, just a bowl and wooden spoon.

In a large bowl, add dry ingredients – give it a little stir.

Add the melted butter, vanilla and eggs – stir

Add fruit mixture including any remaining juice – stir.

Cake batter should be thick and creamy with no flour pockets left.

Note: the cake will turn brown long before it is finished. Should be evenly brown all over, tad darker on edges. Slightly domed top. Cake should be firm to touch. Let the cake cool completely – do not cut it until cold.

Oven – 340-350 for about 90 minutes – use fan if you have one available in your oven. Lightly grease a high side 8" round cake pan – line the bottom and sides with parchment paper

Now, the listings for the long-ago "cakes" used at early weddings all said with white icing and I love to make this and use it – so add. Apple Cider (Julie Blanner but made it long before I found her recipe just didn't have one – lol) –

In a medium bowl, combine the 1 ½ to 1 ¾ C. powdered sugar and 3-4 T. apple cider. Mix until the desired consistency you want. This can be used for soooo many things (donuts, apple salad, apple crisp, putting it on ice cream GO DO YOUR THING)! ENJOY!!!



County Connections: Ireland

Karen Bazzani Zach, Montgomery Memories



Thought I'd do the county connection article more up to date vs. the good 'ol days and ask on the Crawfordsville and Montgomery County History FB page where people have traveled and where was their favorite place they went. Candace B said: IRELAND was her fav. She explained that it had been a gift and she was able to do genealogy while there and have it confirmed and noted that the people at the hotel were a ton of help, directing her to the cemeteries and the like. "Wonderful people – everything was wonderful there. I would go back in a heartbeat!"

Interesting that Patty H said her Scotland trip was the best because out of her mom's whole family they are "the only ones in the states!" Be cool to meet aunts, uncles, cousins. They sent her mother back for her 70th birthday and she stayed with her nieces. She went to Fort William where she had been evacuated to during the war. She was still a Scottish citizen when she passed three years ago!" Ahhhh that is amazing.

Certainly, Scotland would be a place I'd love to visit – was in Ireland for 15 minutes on the way to Italy and got to see/touch the beautiful green grass, but Scotland is where several of our direct ancestors' castles are yet to be seen, including two of St. Margaret Queen of Scotland, my all-time fav ancestor!

DeeDee said her fav trip was Savanna, GA (I loved it there too) because of the "history, the beauty, the river, the squares, the people, the food ... EVERYTHING!"

Terri S's comment was my favorite and have to agree on that last word when she said New Orleans as she "loved the food, the culture, the history, the quirkiness!"

Jan F noted: "If you were doing international travel, Spain was a wonderful trip. Not to be missed is the Church of the Sacred Family designed by Antoni Gaudi (which is the largest unfinished Catholic Church in the world in Barcelona). And don't miss Park Guell there, also designed by Gaudi." I looked up both the places and Gaudi himself and it sounds like two places if you're a world traveler, you definitely do not want to miss.

Jan went on to say that in the US, don't miss Saint Augustine, Florida. "I only had one day there but I would love to go back and see more of the Flagler Hotel." She also suggested Savannah especially if you love architecture and pirate stories. Close around, she suggested Cumberland Gap was fun and interesting and around there "you can visit horse/stud farms." Michigan – "travel along the Lake Michigan highway and see the different light houses." Wisconsin – "Door County is a beautiful and fun destination." Springfield, Illinois has an amazing Lincoln Museum. Hermann, Missouri is a beautiful and interesting old German settlement with vineyards all around if you happen to be a wine connoisseur." She also mentioned farther west South Dakota especially the Black Hills, Spearfish Valley along with Mount Rushmore. Also, Jan has been to both Ireland and Scotland, on a Trafalgar tour. "The highlands are breathtaking. Her distant grandparents came from Scotland in the 1700s and she said she loved it as "it is in my blood for I felt so at home!"

Mike B says we should go to every state especially Hawaii and he has been to Canada, Mexico, Asia and Europe. He thinks probably the best vacation was his England-Scotland Ireland trip because of "all the history, beautiful countryside and the friendly, laid-back people."

Love this one – Linda M said Quito, Ecuador where she celebrated her 60th birthday visiting where her brother served in the Army and her oldest nephew was born.

Steve W made me guffaw as his answer was: "I dreamt I was in Cleveland once."

Barbara W said Kenya, Africa when she was on an "amazing mission trip – the people were so humbling!" I've heard that from several!

I've been to 45 of the 50 states, probably my favorite was Hawaii. I mean you can go to most of the midwestern states and see Midwest but Hawaii is so different. So beautiful, and many different type things to see (a volcano cave for instance). One of my all-time favorite students and her hubs are stationed in Hawaii and she loves it, "It's home!" She says!

As far as overseas, been to Germany and Italy mainly but travelled through several other countries, as well. It was exciting because I got to see the home my great grandfather came to America to make money to build. So exciting, and the pew where my grandmother always sat in the little Catholic Church was thrilling to see with her name on the back of the pew, an honor to those who left their community (her father's name on one as well as he came twice but went back and married.)

Loved the three castles we visited, all so different! I have a tally of about 15 castles still seeable that belonged to our ancestors, but of course, none of the three I saw. Particularly, I'd love to see Edinburg Castle (photo from Wikipedia – Kim Traynor) where St. Margaret of Scotland died in 1093 from grief over the death of her husband, Malcolm. Read Grandcestors for more on the trips!

I'd still like to do what Jan suggested. Travel along the Lake Michigan Highway (which I have done) and stop to see all the lighthouses (which I've not done). Also, we visited our grandson when he was stationed in Charleston, SC a few years ago. We just got back from a week stay with our boy in his beautiful new home – so wonderful to see him and SC is so beautiful!

Well, do want to thank all for sharing – this was fun to get ideas on where to go – Scotland still sounds the best – lol!

In Mo Co, it was a very good year in 1901 . . .

Caroline Krout's Knights in Fustian (based on the operations of the Knights of the Golden Circle during the Civil War) was published and became popular reading bringing another C'ville writer to fame!

Irwin Posten, then owner/operator of the famed Veedersburg brick factory, brought that brick making knowledge to Crawfordsville where his brick business flourished for many years. By the way, Gertrude Wheeler, deputy auditor retired from that position and became the bookkeeper for Posten.

New Years' Day was celebrated by Fred Ferrell taking some of the Down school children riding and Ethel Reynolds, teacher at Old Hickory took her pupils for a ride in a big sled merrily ringing a cow bell. Lots of fun!

Samuel Himes tried to superintend the Poor Farm this year but William Brown had to take over the position. Not sure how long he had it though!

A large, heavy wool blanket cost \$3.50 but came in only white, grey or scarlet at The Big Store.

A marriage license record (the most) was made on Christmas eve and Christmas day with 11 being taken out!

Charles W. Elmore was mayor; John S. Brothers marshal; WB Waugh, city treasurer with JA McClure city clerk. William Vance was Fire Chief.

On Christmas Eve, the Elks entertained 200 plus young folks who would otherwise not have had a Christmas and the children from the Orphan's Home helped entertain (telling the story of the Christ-child and leading carols).

Wilber Houk was granted a patent on a "wagon box shield."

In late April, "the first commencement of the New Ross HS was held at the Chrisian Church Friday Evening." Supt. Walkup presented diplomas to: Bessie Golliday; Stella Bowers; Bertie Dorsey and Carl Smith.

The county council allotted \$5,000 for a new roof on the courthouse which was not looked at as near enough to do all repairs as the chimneys needed rebuilt, a new skylight was needed and a concrete floor put in the auditor's office.

The Frankfort News in April this year made quite a dig on one of our more famous fellows: "Montgomery County has a poet who writes the stuff by the pound and peddles his verses about the Hoosier Athens like hominy and horse radish. His names is Elmore and he writes poems while his customers wait!"

This year, there was but one teacher at Parkersburg, George Leonard from Russellville. Maud Moss of Ladoga was the only one at the Byrd School. Freedom's only was John A. Johnson (oddly the next year no one is listed but the school seemed to go on through 1919)!



Grandcestors

Karen Bazzani Zach, Montgomery Memories

Had many wonderful travels, but two good ones – Hawaii, our 40th wedding anniversary gift from our son, Jay and his wife, Kathy. We had so much fun and the weather was just gorgeous.

The other trip was genealogy-related. My Italian grandmother loved to tell us (mainly me since I was the only girl) stories of the “old country,” while rocking away on her comfy swing on her huge front porch in Clinton. Imagine that was a big reason why I’m such a history freak! I had hoped that someday I would get to go. One day one of my cousins and his wife came up and said they were planning on going to Italy and wondered if I wanted to go. Well, duh!

Never sleep when I’m away from Jim. He stayed all night with me the night before we left from Chicago, and I laid there all night holding his hand, worrying I’d not get back to see him. I had only flown once before on my senior trip 20 years earlier (plus two quick trips on small planes) and was nervous about that so I sat up all night not knowing you could rent earphones to watch the movies shown. My cousin, an early riser looked at me like I was nuts but he sure laughed when he realized I’d just stared at the movie for hours. When we got there their foreign exchange student’s parents picked us up at the airport in Germany and we went to their house in a tiny car – Frank, Jeanie and I all pretty big people squashed in the back. No conversation as neither spoke English and we sure as heck didn’t know German.

We got to their house which was quite nice and pretty big. I was assigned to sleep downstairs on a futon in Sonny’s (the exchange student) bedroom. Well, thought I’d sleep really well that night and I conked out immediately but was only asleep an hour, then awakened by shooting. Now, don’t forget where we were – my mind jumped back to Hitler Nazi Germany and thought of my inkling I’d never see Jim again. Turns out that was a wedding chivalry at the church next door. Go figure!

Next day, Frank, Jeanie and Sonny went somewhere on a hike up some famous hill and I was just too tired. Got in a nap and then walked to and was seated in a quaint, small restaurant and was handed a menu. NO CLUE. So when the waitress came I just shook my head and held up my hands in defeat. She said, “Okay,” and I soon got some really fine food that was delicious. Left a nice tip.

When I got back Sonny’s brother was home from school watching John Wayne. He grinned at me and said, “Real cowboy!” I just grinned right back.

The next day we went to two castles – years later, I discovered 54 direct queens and kings and several of their castles still in existence but neither were theirs – love the internet so I sort of got to see ‘em. One we saw was all in red beginning with the carpet at the opening where we pulled up and a valet took the car. All red inside – gorgeous! Another was high up in the hills and just what you would expect of a castle, as we drove over the mote.

One day we went into what would be equal to C’ville and ate at a fancy restaurant. We got stopped by a young boy so he could take his cattle across the road. Sonny’s boyfriend looked at me, grinned and said, “Now, that’s a real cowboy!”

Now, in the train going through Switzerland three Swiss guards came barging into our train compartment. Two big men and a woman just as big and scary. They pulled guns on me motioning for me to get up. I was petrified. They started tearing my suitcase apart, totally ruining it. We had been talking to two really nice young Italian boys showing my and Frank and Jeanie’s daughters’ pictures. They liked those and they spoke Italian to the police gal. She knew me well as she had already strip searched me out in the hallway no less. She told the boys they thought I was a serial killer. They verified I had been born and raised in Indiana was married for 22 years and had come there to see where my Italian grandparents grew up. Finally, thanks to the boys it was all over but the gal stayed a minute and showed me a picture of the criminal – doppelganger!

At last we headed to Lotta, the little village where my grandparents met, eloped (he 30, she 15, he visiting from America and she loving America, her father coming twice to make money for the beautiful home which we saw -thrilling. My gpa’ was drafted into WWI for the Italian side (never shot at an American though - up above ‘em as he said, “I might be shooting at one of my friends”). We got to meet Gma’s niece and family and I saw a picture they had of my dad I’d never seen before.

Her church was beautiful. My cousin, a previous altar boy walked right up front. I viewed the back pew as she always sat in the back pew as did her family. Her name was on the back (can’t find the photo though – this is her father’s as when one left the village to come to America or Australia the family added their names). The priest came in and talked to us (Frank knew Italian well but I had hired an interpreter for the day. He informed us we were nuts for doing what we were doing but at the end gave us all a hug and kiss and said in the 17 years in his job that was the best day ever). Certainly, one memorable travel and you’ve heard just a bit of both my fav trips!



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