Old Cemeteries of Marshall County

(Note: This is the first of a series of articles of a historical nature authorized and published by the Marshall County Historical Society, in answer to a certain amount of demand for such material on the part of the reading public; and also with another end somewhat in view: of trying to revive interest in certain of them where area people have relatives buried, hoping that it may encourage them to take steps toward cleaning up and restoring some of them, and maintaining them in far better condition than most of them now are.

Schedule of Articles

Trip first six articles in this series, which will appear weekly in this newspaper, will be written by John R. Boose, Henry mortician who, makes a hobby of old, abandoned cometeries, and who has spent many hours in browsing through many of them, noting dates and other inscriptions, trying to unearth some of their history, and writing articles about them for this and other area newspapers. Admittedly, he knows far from all there is to know about them, and will welcome any and all notations from persons who do know interesting facts about their history and burials.

The tenative schedule to be followed (but may be interrupted from time to time for various reasons) is as follows:

October 16, Nighswongov.

October 23, Bonham. October 30, Mansfield.

November 6, Whitefield Conter, November 13, Sugar Grove.

November 20, Merdian-Weis-Apiel. These being the six cemeteries visited by the Society on

cometery-inspection tour of Sunday afternoon, October 13. Following these will also appear articles on the Hoyt, Old Henry, and Webster cemeteries. All the above are in Whitefield and Henry

if interest warrants, and enough information is forthcoming, the next series will deal with old cemeterles of other townships, and mbably by other members of the society.

The series will deal first with completely abandoned and very seldom used burying-grounds, of which there are probably close to 40: possibly more, in Marshall county, with the largest number in Ropewell township. Later, attention will be paid to the newer and more active ones, whose history is not too hard to unearth.)

THE NIGHSWONGER CEMETERY

The Nighswonger cemetery is intimately tied up with the family of that name, one of the early settlers of the southeast corner of Whitefield township and the adjoining area to the south in Steuben

The cemetery itself is located very close to the south edge of Whitefield, in the southeast quarter of Section 34, on land owned hy the Ben Hunt family, less than a quarter-mile east and slightly south of their farm home, on the south side of the Thenius Hollow road. It is located on the crown of a rather heavily wooded hill, the ground sloping off to both west and south, for excellent drainage. A good sound fence surrounds it on all sides, access to it being possible firough a good all-metal gate, on a none-too-well surfaced driveway-

Pew Buriot Stones Rather few burials having stones are easily visible from the road

most of them being further to the south end of the cemetery, which occupies probably no more than an acre in extent. As was the case with most others of its kind, the land was never

Milcially set aside as a cemetery, no lots were ever "sold" to users, to care fund was ever established, and little if any care ever taken if forth great many years, Brush and other growth mile its exec quite heavily, except where excessive shade from the numerous trees stunts it. Most of the more recent burials in it—for it is still occasionfily used-are in this area; roughly about its exact center.

Pirst Used About 1954

The first member of the Nighswonger family to come to the indicated area, according to Elisworth's standard text on Marshall take county history, was Rezen, or perhaps Reason, Nighswonger. He arconfination for admission to the college of their choice, or who armyed in 1847, but did not stay in the area but a few years, selling college of their choice, or who are But his holdings and moving to lowa.

A higher, Solomon Nighswonger, also came to Whitefield, about 1851, and stayed on to spend the rest of his life here. He was one of the prime movers in the organization of the now defunct Whitefield winners Raptist Church, which was organized formally on Oct. 12, 1854, possibly in Solomon Nighswonger's own home.

For several years, attempts were made to consolidate the church their choice and pursue any course with the Sparland Baptist church, but finally it was decided to erect of study they may select. ng Elleworth describes it as a "neat and comfortable struc-Ture," senting about 300, and costing around \$2,200 to build, a sizeable sities under the Plan initiated in information those days. It was dedicated Oct. 23, 1864. It stood on the send of the send on the send o Bonham Hill road, now usually called the Waughop Hill road.

Church Had No Comstery

The latter never had a parish cemetery of its own, its members using several, principally the Nighswonger, Bonham, and Sugar Grove cemeteries, all in Whitefield township. Its membership was rather widely scattered throughout it. Probably the fact that the ohurch's hullding was so long delayed after its formal organization had been completed, and its families became accustomed to using various already-existing cemeteries, had a great deal to do with the ebsence The council received a rected on monday, out it freshman class have dues of one council the other whitefield churches did have their olarship opportunities under its from the Herman Berman Gavel more class held a meeting in the freshman class have dues of one council to cafeteria. Bruce Wiedman, president "church-wards")

College Plan, Under this plan 300 Company asking the council if cafeteria. Bruce Wiedman, president council to cafeteria and the meeting to order seconded.

College Plan. Under this plan 300 four-year college acholarships are awarded annually by 178 colleges and universities located in all 48 states and universities located in all 48 states and the District of Columbia, a family, rather than a neighborhood, or community, proposible. A list of the participating colleges may be obtained from the lags may be obtained fro istill legible, only 17 do, though spelled in two ways; occasionally one funs across the name spelled as "Neighswonger."

The earliest build in it appears to have been an infant con of Rezen (Reasonf) Nighswonger, Isaac, who died May 27, 1854, at the considered under this plan should discussed. George Rickey reported the considered under this plan should discussed. George Rickey reported the considered under this plan should discussed. George Rickey reported the considered under this plan should discussed.

age of 2 years, 1 month, and 11 days. The next two which have legible apply directly to the college of that the council should select significances both took place in September 1858: Sellers Metz 4-months their choice. gravestones both took place in September, 1856; Sellers Metz, 4-months old son of R. and E. Metz, dying Sept. 11, and Oscar M. Holler, 33-day old infant son of G. H. and Henrietta Holler, on Sept. 27.

Unlike most cometeries of this type, there was no single period when it reached any particular "peak" of use. An analysis of dates of from far and near, Teath on the gravestones in it indicates that it was used probably on a Sunday night not long ago, a section of the necessity arose, with a fairly steady, even if quite seldom.

Throughout its probable 103 years of service to the Nights—with Western freshies attended a Sar wonger family and its descendents and neighbors, it has had a steady. Though hardly spectacular average of about one burial in 21/2 years and its usage pattern has closely followed that average: Very seldom Dad there been as many as two burlals in it in any given year.

Seven In Past 14 Years

This pattern was very consistent down through the first decade at the Chill footbal game, with her special Chillicothe date 1910 to 1939), there work only three burials, two, oddly enough, coming she came.

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Since then, however, there has been a noticeable upswing, with Seven taking place in the past, 14 years: Gus F. Hawksworth in 1944, Bradford would win.

Sites. Thomas Kizer and Mrs. Anna Conrad in 1945, Thomas E. NighsSonger in 1947, Asa Nighswonger and Mrs. Anna Jane McCluskey in night. Gary Koehler and Judy
1948, and Anna (Mrs. Gus F.) Hawksworth beside her husband in Nichols were seen at the Henry
1955, the most recent burial in it.

Show on Monday night.

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1951, the burials in day eve.

1951, the burials in day eve. and his predecessor, A. J. Baughman, Sparland's first "undertaker," most of those before Mr. Gehr's time,

Some Graves Not Marked

As is the case with most cemeteries, there are probably some and Joan Kapraun and an Ottawa and in this cemetery which were never marked, which might add and Joan Kapraun and an Ottawa friend.

Betsy McLaughlin and Ken Ryan

Gehr's temporary grave-markers, many of which, though out for a ed this motion. It was voted on 4 number of years in the weather, are still quite legible. Both Solomon Nighswonger (Oct. 13, 1815 - May 26, 1866) and

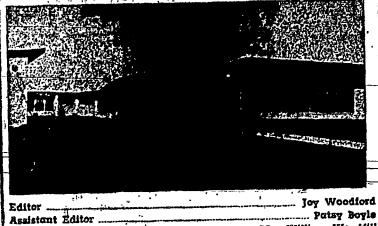
his wife Anna (Sept. 18, 1817 — Sept. 30, 1892), whose land was the council, and Joy Woodfor used for the cemetery, lie buried in it, and most of the actual Nights made the motion that the council used for the cemetery, lie buried in it, and most of the actual Nights made the motion that the council used for the cemetery is buried in it, and most of the actual Nights made the motion that the council used for the cemetery is a superior when the cemeter when the wongers in it are descendents of theirs. However, three children of send for the Ball-Point-Pen Vend Rezen (Reason?) Nighswonger are among its burials, including the ling machine as we had previously only war veteran buried in it, David Nighswonger, who served in the this motion and it passed unanticivil War in Co. F of the 77th Illinois volunteer infantry. He was mously The secretary was asked born, according to his obituary in the Henry Republican, Jan. 28, 1845, to write to the Vending Company and died Mars Co. 1867, 1 and died May 20, 1867, at slightly over 22 years of age.

Among the names other than Nighswonger appearing on stones in the cemetery are: Pinkerton, Burson, Marshall, Hunt, Metz, Malone, discussed. The station, HSZPA, Hawksworth, Kizer, Conrad, Combs, Johnson, McClusky, Holler, Reader, will begin broadcasting, once a Gregory, and Elliott. Many of these names are still to be found in the area. But the proportion of graves which shows any evidence of having been decorated on Memorial Day each year is pitifully small,

It is probably safe to guess that the principal reason for this last is that very few members of this once prominent and influential family are left in this area, and what few are, are for the most part, well advanced in years, and possibly unable to do as they might Swaney in the last week of play, wish to in that regard.

(Next week! The Bonham Cemetery)

HENRY-SENACHWINE HIGH SCHOOL NEWS



REPORTERS

Janet Gustaison, Pat Onyun, Sally Lancaster, Beverly Stinson, Carol Mattern, Betsy McLaughlin, Joan Kapraun, Jerry Fair, Jim Koehler, Kenny Rickey, Margie Cain, Judy Cook, Linda Shearer, Donna Langloss, Patsy Schlosser, Cathy Boldwin, Judy Lester, Kay Hunt, and Janice Stange.

TYPIST

Shirley Waughop, Janet Lancaster, Sandy Hunt, Judith Ruberg, Jan Gustafson, Jeanne Stange, Carol Mattern, and Joan Kapraun.

General Motors Offers Scholarships

Senior students at Henry-Senachwine Cons. high school are eli-gible to compete for more than 100 four-year scholarships offered by General Motors under its National Scholarship Plan, according to Kennth Brumm, principal.

school seniors who are United friends. States citizens and who plan to Days the College Entrance Board range to take examination in order to compete for a GM award.

in each state and more than 50 chosen at large, Senlors gwarded, scholarship's under GM's National Scholarshop Plan may attend any college or university, of Derry and an out of school friend

More than 300 students now are attending 94 colleges and univer-

General Motors offers other sch-

MALLARD SCRATCHES Listen my children and you

What the mallard has ocratched

Janet and Jan Gustafson, Jeanne

Stange and Joy Woodford were seen at the Hub Sunday night. And all were escorted by Leon Woodford, that's right.

Quinn, I'm sure they were hoping that

Bill Child and Carol Sendelbach were enjoying "Bernadine" on Sun-Farther away on Sunday in Ke-

wance town saw Edna Lucke and a Honry friend, I believe.
Seen in Ottawa were Sandy Hunt and an out-of school friend

Betsy McLaughlin and Ken Ryan

Saturday night. . .

· Dates seen at Les Buzz Sunday night were Kathryn Gustafson and Kenny Rickey, Janet Lancaster and tafson and Were approved as read a '57 graduate and Terry Stringer Senior pictures were discussed, and an Ottawa friend. To Henry Students

Familiar faces at Bradford football game Friday night were: Carol Mattern, Betsy McLaughlin, Joan Kapraun, Phil Grover, Wyatt Dodd, Jim Koehler, Ronald Poster Moarty. Everett Mamm and Art Griener. Also seen were Mcrriff Wright and a Sparland friend, Pat Onyun ation caps and gowns.

Mrs. William Woodfill

o Kennth Brumm, principal and Ken Rickey, Jerry Koehler and The competition is open to high Allan Quinn and two Bradford Dates for the sophomore party

Sally Lancaster and McAllister, Pat Morgan and Chillis President, Terry Stringer called friend, Pat Onyun and Ken Rickey, the meeting to order. Kathryn Gus-Joan Kapraun and a Western sophomore, Patsy Boyle and a Western jutes of the previous meeting. There is at least one GM award freshman, Terry Rose, Jerry Farr and Mid-County friends, Carol Sendelbach and Bill Child, Carol Mattern and Terry Stringer, Kathryn Gustafson and Allen Quinn, Alma and Janet Lancaster and her ex-Marine friend.

the sciences, journalism, teaching; third period in the Student Council Jerry Koehler moved to amend serting student council, vote was music and religion - almost every room. Roll call was taken and the the motion by striking out jackets taken on the main motion. The minutes read by the accretary, and inserting all samples that the main motion carried.

Selection of award winhers in Patricia Boyle. They were approved to amend serting student council, vote was motion to taken on the main motion. The main motion carried.

Patricia Boyle. They were approved to company will send. Ronnie Daum freshman class have twenty-five carried.

The amended motion was voted country.

Student Council Minutes

Full details of the competition, including regristration dates for their opinions of some of career day which is to be held the motion be amended by strikers and ways of improving party of the condition of the word month and adding veget it was seconded and discussion followed.

John Van Ostrand moved that the motion be amended by striking out the word month and adding veget it was seconded and discussion followed.

procedures.

The council received a letter ed the motion and it passed unani- party.

ternate dates, as there are conflicting affairs, so if the dates of November 13, 14, and 15 happen not to be available the council can sponsor the movie at a later date. The council asked, George Rickey to go ahead and give Mr. Dietsch a second set of dates at a later.

Sam Nichols, made the motion that the council give the dats. of the S. K. Smith Company to the Mallard Staff. Terry Rose second-

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and passed unanimously.

The sample pen, received by the council, met with the approval of asking them to send the vending machine and twenty-four pens.
The noon hour radio station was

Under The Shower

the baseball season finished the season with a record. They were defeated in fielding at times. Several bright spots stood out

the hitting of Allen Quinn, the lanky junior. Quinn, although missing a week of play because of a sprained ankle, was the most consistent hitter and hit a long ball quite often. The only other Mallard to hit consistently was Tom Rowe. Tom started his Mallard covers as an infladder but was lard career as an infielder but was used as the starting pitcher for most of the games during the 1957 campaign. Freshman Gary Koehler and junior Terry Stringer filled in

last baseball games in a Henrywhen next year's diamond season With baseball in the past. Hen-

ry-Senachwine athletes now turn to the winter sport hesketball.
Watch for next week's basketball Ruralite Policies preview. Bye for now, from Under

Guess Who een on the baseball field. njoyable to be with. ice to everyone.

eat in everything he does. outhful in appearance elated to Donna Stotler.

ankee fan. thietic ability. oticeable when seen

Senior Class Moeting The second meeting of the senclass was palled to order resident Jeanne Stange The minutes of the last meeting were read by secretary Janet Gus

Senior pictures were discussed, and the class voted to accept the offer made by Dave's Studio. Discussion was held on the sen-lor party. The president will apcommittee to plan the

It was decided that the class use money from the class treasury to pay the rental fee for gradu-

Junior Class Minutes The second meeting of the jun-lor class was held Monday, October during, first period.

Orchestras for the prom were discussed. Jerry Koehler moved that

a class meeting be held Oct. 21 during first period to decide definitely on an orchestra. Sam Nichols seconded the motion, discussion followed and it was voted on and passed unanimously.

Discussion was held on the sale of sweatshirts and jackets. Marg-sion followed. President Terry Stringer called aret Bracken moved that the class

Sophomore Class Meeting

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Renry News-Republican Wednesday, Oct. 16, 1957

Visit To Vatican

Is Highlight of Journal - Star Tour

Roy Miller, the lone Henryite among the sixty or more Peorla Journal Star tourists who have been enjoying an October European tour, was no doubt among those who shared in the thrill of an audience with the Pope during their stop in Rome.

The many beautiful churches of school, development. We wender, a close the Mallards Italy are always of interest to the consistently, what is that a child 0-9 travelers and after the Peorla by group had visited a great many of lay them they thought they were "inhis early formative years, and when we see him at play, we see 8-1. This year the Mallards lacked doctrinated" for the Vatican visit several things in the campaign but "the splendor and stately They needed an experienced pitch- beauty of the magnificent Mother him in a creative mood. It is to er and catcher. They were ragged Church was awe-inspiring" a Jourcontinue to be one of his characteristics as he goes on in life. nal Star reporter stated.

A growd estimated at nearly in the season, however. One was 80,000 had entered the church the hitting of Allen Quinn, the when the doors were closed. Cheers and applause greeted the

Pope as he was carried through the church on his portable throne, smilling as he imparted his bless-ing. Although nearly 85 years of age he appeared in splendid health as he spoke for 45 minutes in several languages to the assembled throng. Visits to the Fountain of Trevi,

the Sistine Chapel, spacious St. Peter's, and Pitti's Palace in Flors rener pitchers.

Four seniors have played their ence and a motorcoach tour of outare baseball games in a Henry-lying villas were all crowded in Senachwine uniform. Jim Koehler, the final lap of the journey which Ken Ryan, Terry Rose, and Tom ended Sunday afternoon when Rowe were members of the start-they took a plane from Paris to ing lineup and will be missed New York. Charles A. Baer Of Chillicothe Dies

News-Republican

Pay Two Claims

IOOF graveside rites, was in the Chillicothe City cemetery. Two claims for injuries sustained in personal accidents were paid Friday by the Old Republic Life Insurance company of Chicago under terms of Ruralite accident Joseph M. and Nancy Weaver isurance policies written by the Baer. He was first married to Henry News-Republican. Ida Mae Merkell, on Nov. 7, 1902. She died Oct. 20, 1920.

One payment went to Dorothy who injured her foot when she stepped into a hole. The payment was for X-ray examination period of total disability. The second payment went

He was a member of Calumet Lodge, IOOF, at Chillicothe and a past noble grand of George Washington Masonic Lodge at Gerald Frederick, Rural Route, Chillicothe, Lacon, who fractured his hand when he fell from a hay rack.

Patay Schlosser gave a report on the recreation committee. Carol Constanzo gave a committee report on refreshments. Rickey Sorcych gave a report from the deco-rations committee. .. ** water Joe Child moved that the class

have two sergeants-at-arms. Bill children. McAllister seconded it and it voted on and defeated. The meeting was then adjourn-

Freshman Class Minutes The freshman class held class meeting on the morning of October 7, 1957 in the auditorium. President Judy Nichols called the meeting to order. Minutes of the previous meeting were read by

secretary, Gary Koehler. Treasur-er Wilma Robinson gave the treasurer's report. Wilma Robinson made a motion that the freshman send a thankyou note to the senior class for the 'Freshman Welcoming Party." The motion was seconded and discus-

Judy Lester moved that the

motion did not carry.

Judy Lester called for a point of order pertaining to the vote on the main motion. The point of or-der was that there had not been a vote on the main motion. The vote was taken on the main mo-tion. The motion passed.

DON'T PUT OFF an activity—certainly it is time well spent. Also, creative growth is developed in co-curricular parti-UNTIL TOMORROW cipation, and at the high school there have been two particular instances of this within the past

A Message From

Henry-Senachwine

Instructor of English

lay. The planning, decorating

The other example will untold h

self within the next ten days, at

I refer to the junior play, "here ing Shadows," which will be

place on October 24 and 25 Per

in pointing toward success

group put in much time and effe

A factor that is important in the regard is recognition. All of w

those things in which we take put for the youngster, recognition may be the key to ultimate device ment. It may be cited as another

phase of the blcycle accomplish

ment: "Look, Mom, no hands

most encouraging to adult

The word "creative" is one that party that was held just last it

carries quite a bit of importance in our cultural activity today, and

this is true if we apply the word

to pre-school, in school, or post-

(or a person) dan do for himself.

With the increased, and ever in-

creasing amount of individual lei-

outlets for such time—destructive

During the school years, creative activity is cultivated in numer-

ous fields. Studying, Itself, is such

Funeral services for Charles A

ald Huff officiating. Burial, with

Mr. Baer was born March 8, 1897, near Chillicothe, the son of

Surviving with his wife are one

son, Joseph M. Baer of Sioux City, Iowa; one daughter, Mary

Baer of Lacon, S. L. Baer of Oak

Grove Park, William Baer of La-Rose and Harry Baer of Chillicothe

one grandchild four stepgrand-children and six great stepgrand-

Badly worn snapping rolls won't

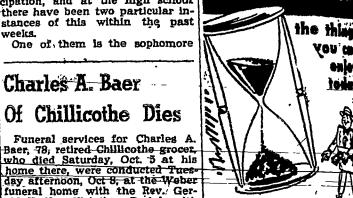
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L. Brown of Tucson, Arlz; ostepson, Herbert, Edminster Chillicothe; four brothers, I

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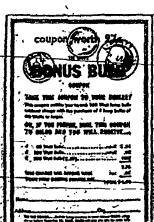
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