



Miller County Historical Society

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A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL

Our annual chili lunch and car show was very well attended. The weather was perfect, the music was outstanding, and the vintage vehicles provided a wonderful trip down "Memory Lane".

Ruth Shoup of Archer, Florida was the winner of the beautiful quilt donated by Elva Steen and Ruby Jeffries was the winner of the 50-50 raffle. Congratulations to you both!

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Museum hours are
Monday, Wednesday,
Friday and Saturday
10:00 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Mid-May to Mid-
October

Miller County Historical Society Officers and Board Members

President:	Carl McDonald	Connie Prather	Board Member
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		Helen Schulte,	Board Member Emeritus
		Joe Pryor	Board Member Emeritus

MILDRED MESSERSMITH GRAY 1917-2014

Mildred Messersmith Gray, an avid supporter of MCHS, was born November 28, 1917 at Tuscumbia, Missouri and passed away on September 17, 2014.

Her interest in genealogy led her to spend several decades researching and writing a book of her own, tracing her family line back to their emigration from Bavaria, Germany in 1751.

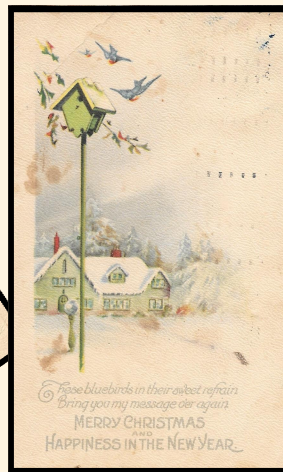
The Miller County Historical Society in Tuscumbia was especially close to her heart and she generously donated a great deal of her research to the Society.

Her book, *Messersmith Roots and Branches*, will be published posthumously.



Mildred Messersmith Gray 1917-2014

Merry Christmas



A collection of vintage Christmas cards from the early 1900s.

**TIDBITS FROM THE MILLER COUNTY SENTINEL
OCTOBER 14, 1954**

Bandit Apprehended After Staging Daring Daylight Robbery of Tuscumbia Bank

On Monday afternoon, shortly before the 3:00 p.m. closing hour of the Tuscumbia Bank, a lone bandit, unmasked and holding what appeared to be a gun, covered with a handkerchief, held up and robbed the bank of about \$1500.

Byron Hix, cashier of the bank, was away on business at the time leaving G.A. Berry and Mrs. Hannis Swanson, bank employees, on duty. Four persons were in the bank doing business at the time of the hold-up. They were: Grant Edwards, Mrs. Melba Hawk, Frank Sullens and Mrs. Lucian Mace. *You can read all about it here <<http://www.millercountymuseum.org/archives/090914.html>>.*

Mt. Zion Revival Is Drawing Large Crowds

The Mt. Zion Church is in its second week of this revival and the attendance has been unusually large. All seats have been filled to overflowing and chairs added to the aisles to accommodate the audience.

Rev. Mark Sooter of Eldon, pastor of the church, is bringing the messages and interest is in evidence each night.

There have been special numbers in song by the Hall girls' trio from the Humphreys Creek Church.

Sunday will be Homecoming and there will be all day services with a basket dinner at the noon hour.

Iberia Woman is 99 Years Old Last Friday

Mrs. Rebeccah Lea, believed to be Miller county's oldest citizen, observed her 99th birthday at the Lea home Friday, October 8th.

Mrs. Lea, who has practically lost her eyesight and hearing, is confined to her bed most of the time.

She was the recipient of many cards and gifts, including a bouquet of red roses from her son, Charley, who lives in the state of Montana.

Bilyeu Family Meet to Honor 66th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Bilyeu of Iberia were happy to have all their children and most of the grandchildren and great-grandchildren at home last Sunday, the occasion being in honor of their 66th wedding anniversary. The crowd, which numbered 80, gathered at noon in the dining hall of the old college dormitory and spread an elaborate dinner of everything good imaginable. It was generally conceded by all present, the dinner was "tops." After fitting remarks by Leonard Bilyeu and a prayer of thanksgiving by W.F. Jones, the crowd did ample justice to the repast.

Those present of the Bilyeu children and their companions were: Mrs. W.F. Jones and Mr. Jones, L.C. Bilyeu and Mrs. Bilyeu, Mrs. Dora Bilyeu, a daughter-in-law, of Iberia; Leonard Bilyeu and Mrs. Bilyeu, St. Louis; Mrs. Allie Boyce, Lyman Bilyeu and Mrs. Bilyeu, Kansas City; Mrs. Minnie Edwards and husband, Tuscumbia; Mrs. Ora Crismon, Modesto, Calif.; and Freeman Bilyeu and Mrs. Bilyeu of Eldon.

THIS 'N THAT

- We were pleased to host area veterans for a tour of the museum on Veterans' Day.
- We are continuing to collect pictures of Korean and Viet Nam War Veterans. Please contact us if you have pictures to share.
- When doing a Google search, use quotation marks around a phrase to search for an exact word or phrase
- When doing a Google search, use Minus(-) before a word to exclude a word from your search results. i.e. mark ivory -soap
- Scotland is one of the few countries whose genealogically useful records are almost entirely online & well indexed.

DONATIONS

Miller County Museum

Joyce Mace, John & Megan Pryor, Louis & Marilyn Bosso, William & Joetta Cornett, Kallenbach family, Bill Weidinger, Bill & Connie Prather, Ruby Jeffries, Dana Steen Maloney, Ruth Shoup, John & Kathy Fields

In Memory of Lyle Hensley

Jody Nichols Newman

In Memory of Mildred Gray

families of John & Don Smith, Deanne Murphy, Dawn Massey, Nancy Sphar, Druid Hills Day Stitch-In EGA

Life Memberships

Donna Burre, Cheryl Birdsong Dyer, Sheila Strange Rudolph, Nellie Pruitt, Louis & Marilyn Bosso, Mary Lou Sanders

As always, we are grateful for your generosity and support. Thank you!

Annual memberships are renewable in January of each calendar year. You can show your support for our organization and museum by filling out the application below and sending it, along with your payment, to the address shown..

Miller County Historical Society
Membership Registration

Please fill in the form and mark your membership choice below

Name: _____

Address _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

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_____ Family membershipô \$15
_____ Individual lifetime membershipô \$50
_____ Institutional Sustaining Membersô \$15 per organization

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continued support*