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Bierly Speaks To
Historical Society

The Adams county historical society met at the Decatur public library Tuesday evening with appellate court judge G. Remy Bierly, explaining the history of the first state capital at Corydon, the judge's home town.

The former county clerk and prosecutor, who was introduced by Gerald Durkin, told how an old stone building in the heart of Corydon has become a "Hoosier Shrine." He related the struggle of George Rogers Clark, which led to the expansion of the country.

130 Years Without Capital

Judge Bierly noted that for 130 years Indiana had no capital, even after the first white man set foot into its provincial boundaries. Although Vincennes became the first territorial capital in Indiana in

1800, when Illinois became a separate division from Indiana, the need for a new capital arose.

Settlers to Indiana, the former county clerk pointed out, came mainly from Kentucky, the Carolinas, Virginia and Pennsylvania. The path of travel centered in the Corydon area. In 1813 on March 11, Corydon was named the state capital by the legislative assembly and council.

The census report at that time amounted to 24,526 persons. Because at least 60,000 were needed in a territory to gain admission as a state, a tremendous influx in two years brought the total to 68,084 by 1815.

Statehood Granted

In 1815, the general assembly presented its petition for statehood on Dec. 28, to the house and to the senate on Jan. 2, 1816. President James Madison signed the enabling act on April 19, 1816, after clearing both legislative bodies.

A total of 43 delegates met and completed the state constitution on June 29, 1816. Few officers were to be chosen by outright election according to the terms of the constitution. All during this time, Corydon remained as the capital until Jan. 10, 1825, when it was transferred permanently to Indianapolis.

Annual 4-H Dairy
Tour Is Conducted

One hundred 4-H dairy club members and leaders visited three farms in southern Adams county Tuesday on the annual 4-H dairy tour.

The first stop was the Hugh David Moser farm east of Geneva, where Lawrence Gross, Pet Milk company fieldman, and discussion leader for the tour, gave a demonstration on clipping dairy animals. At the Moser farm, where Jerseys are raised, the general topic was fitting, and Gross gave the dairy club members tips on preparing their animals for the show ring.

Feeding dairy calves was discussed at the Eugene Coffee farm, northeast of Geneva, where Holsteins are raised. At the final stop, the Sylvan Bauman farm, where Ayrshires are raised, several of the 4-H dairy club members sat on a mock cattle show, with Gross acting as judge and giving tips on showmanship.

At noon, the tour ended at Lehman park in Berne, with a pot luck lunch. The Berne bank provided the cold drinks, and the Home Dairy, chocolate milk. Theodore Graliker and Gerald Vizard represented the First State Bank of Decatur.

Polio Patient Home
Following Surgery

Danny Gerber, 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gerber, of R. R. 2, Geneva, has been returned to his home after orthopedic surgery at the Parkview hospital in Fort Wayne. Danny, a paralytic polio victim, was a patient at the hospital eight days and was operated on by one of Fort Wayne's finest surgeons. The cost of this rehabilitation treatment has been defrayed by the Adams county chapter of the National Foundation.

Despite the lesser number of cases of polio brought about by the use of the Salk vaccine, those victims still needing treatment are cared for by the local chapter, it was pointed out by Mrs. Roy Kallver, county chairman. This care is very costly and necessary funds must be raised annually during the March of Dimes.

Annual Farm Bureau
Picnic Here Sunday

George Doup

Both Farm Bureau Co-Op patrons and Farm Bureau members will hear George Doup, president of the Indiana Farm Bureau, speak at the annual Farm Bureau picnic Sunday.

This year is the first time that Farm Bureau Co-Op patrons have been invited to attend the picnic, which is expected to be the largest meeting of Adams county farmers in recent years. Erwin F. Fuelling, president of the Adams county Farm Bureau, said Tuesday.

The picnic will begin at 12:30 p.m. Sunday at Lehman park, Berne. The afternoon will begin with a potluck dinner, and Doup's address will begin at about 2 o'clock.

In addition to being president of the Indiana Farm Bureau, Doup is director of the American Farm Bureau federation, representing the midwest region. He is also vice president of the American Agricultural Mutual Insurance company and a member of its investment committee; a member of the board of directors of the National Livestock Producers; president of the Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance company of Indiana; and president of the Hoosier Farm Bureau Life Insurance company.

Doup is a member of the Masonic lodge, Scottish Rite, the Rotary club, and the James Whitcomb

Riley memorial association of Indianapolis. Married and the father of three children, he is a member of the Presbyterian church of Columbus.

July 1952, he was named vice-president of the organization and was later elected to fill a two-year term in that office. He continued to serve as head of the livestock department until the fall of 1956. Four years ago, the speaker was active in the formation of the farmer-retailer committee, a group made up of representatives of all industries and business interested in the promotion of food. He has served as chairman of the committee since it began.

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