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The Path of Yesterday . . .

By Mrs. Bill Hays

This week we walk in the path with Mrs. Lena Boyd. She lives at 208 East 1st St. She is 79 years old, and was born in Monmark, Germany.

Her parents were Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Bingel. They had six children. In the spring of 1892 they came to the United States. Lena was only nine years old. She can't remember much about the voyage, but she remembers vividly how sea sick they were. The old sea was so rough, some times they would think they would never make it. They were tossed on the waves, and being so sick and frightened and in distress, they were miserable. Then there would be days that were really nice. Another thing made their trip unpleasant was the high iceberg. They could see it for miles, seemed like a large mountain. There were over a thousand people on the boat, they were all so afraid of getting too close to the iceberg, knowing the bottom extends so far out around it.

It took them sixteen days to cross the Atlantic. Lena can remember their home in Germany and the children she played with.

They landed in Baltimore, Mass., and were there two weeks, then came by train to Seneca, Mo.

Lena said she always thought about other children that had to learn a different language, especially when you have to learn it, how hard it was for her. She had good teachers. Her first teacher was Miss Hattie Frank. The teachers would show them a picture of some object and would have the name spelled under it. Then she would pronounce the name over and over, until they could understand. She thought she would never make it, but she did.

When she was a young girl living in Seneca, she and her little sisters and brothers would enjoy watching and counting the old covered wagons go by in front of their home.

It was the opening of the Cherokee strip. They were enroute to file homestead rights in Oklahoma under the government. Oklahoma was a territory then. These wagon trains would be as many as thirty, one right behind the other. Then a couple of hours would pass then here would come another train of them.

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FORMER RICH HILL RESIDENT ON TV

Rich Hillians who were watching TV Monday night were thrilled when Joe Thatch of Butler, formerly of Rich Hill, was interviewed by Harold Enslay on the Sportsman's Friend show, channel 5, Kansas City.

Mr. Thatch proudly displayed a 7 pound, 9 ounce bass he caught Monday morning while fishing in a strip pit in the Hume area.

P. T. A. MEETING

The regular monthly Parent-Teachers Association meeting of Poplar Elementary School will be held on Thursday evening, April 26, at 7:30. Installation of new officers will be held.

Your presence is requested.
Reporter.

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In 1898 Lena married John Boyd in Seneca. He was a farmer. Later they moved to Wyandotte, Okla. While living there they attended an Indian school program. She said it was one of the nicest programs she had ever seen. Every child knew their part and they were enjoying putting on that program, too.

After a few years they moved to a little town west of Rich Hill, named Sprague. Her husband died there, and after nine years she sold the farm and moved to Rich Hill.

They had nine children and they are all living today. Fourteen years ago they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. All their children came home to be with them.

They have four sons and five daughters. Her son Edward and family live in Clinton, Mo., Karl and family in San Diego, Calif., Clarence and Dick and their families live in Butler; a daughter Ethel and family in Foster, Lucille and Marie and families live in Iowa City, Iowa, Lena and family, five miles northwest of Rich Hill, Lola and family in Gary, Indiana. Mrs. Boyd has twenty-five grandchildren and fifteen great grandchildren.

Her sons Karl and Dick were in the service in World War II. Karl is still in the Navy, with 21 years of service. He will be retired from service this year.

Lena says, "I'm thankful after all these years to still have my nine children and now my grandchildren and great grandchildren."

Mrs. Helyn Torp of Nevada visited here Sunday with Mrs. Helen Boyd. Mrs. Torp just returned from a trip to Echo Lake, Colo.

Relatives visiting Orben Smith in the Wadsworth hospital last Sunday were his wife Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Hazel Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Smith, and three sons, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Keener, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Earl Keener.

Mrs. James Daugherty entered the Nevada City hospital last week for observation.

Bill Sivils of Rich Hill entered the Nevada City hospital Monday afternoon for test and observation.

Everett Anderson is convalescing very nicely after an experience of a heart attack several months ago.

Mr. Dan Taylor from Hawaii visited here last week with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Tiona. He is a son-in-law of Mrs. Tiona. He and Mrs. Taylor have lived in Hawaii for two years.

He came on a business trip to San Francisco and visited with his father Dan Taylor, Sr. in St. Louis, Mo., hospital.

Pvt. Stephen Ferguson was transferred from Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., to Fort Ord, Calif. Pvt. Ferguson is with the U. S. A. band.

Mrs. Ola Allen returned home Monday after visiting her brother and sister-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Bill Deller, and attending the R. L. D. S. church conference last week. The Deller's brought her home.

Mrs. Anna Holier is in the Nevada City hospital suffering from a stroke. She is in room 200 B. Her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Price of Webb City are here this week.

Friends are happy to hear Karl Engel is improving so nicely he comes home on week ends. He is still taking treatments in Kansas City, but hopes to be home to stay soon.

Mr. and Edward Boyd of Clinton, visited here Sunday with Mr. Boyd's mother, Mrs. Lena Boyd.

Bob Watson is spending part of the week in Paris, Ark., on business.

Mrs. Robert Nicholson and children Bob, Kathy and Doran Lee of Rayown visited here over the week end with Mrs. Nicholson's mother, Mrs. Howard Marlin and Mr. Marlin.


James Franklin, 64, Brownington, Mo., was killed in a truck accident last week. His funeral was held Sunday at the R. L. D. S. church in Brownington. He was a cousin of Mrs. Hattie Bachman, Mrs. Leslie Oowens, Mrs. Lela Butler and Mrs. Ivan Whitlow.

Miss Mary Jones was taken in the Booth ambulance to St. Mary's hospital in Kansas City Tuesday for observation and treatment.

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Hurrah!

it's spring...



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