

Heritage

## Robbins Enjoy Find Of Same Ancesters



Myron and Mary Elizabeth Robbins of Bakers Corner enjoy talking about ancestors, visiting friends, and traveling coast to coast.

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Myron F. and Mary Elizabeth Robbins, Bakers Corner, found they have ancestors in common, enjoy almost all the same things, and like to go to the same places. They know so many of the same people, and have several of the same kin.

Myron Foulke Robbins was born in Noblesville Township, the son of Oscar C. and Grace (Foulke) Robbins. Russell Foulke is his first cousin and Judge Donald Foulke a first cousin once removed. Russell Foulke also is a second cousin to his wife.

His great grandfather was one of the original ones who came to Bakers Corner.

Myron lived in Fall Creek until he was seven years old, and went to McKay School for two years. His parents then moved to Henry County where he finished school, graduating from Cadiz High School in 1930. Since his favorite subject in school was history, Myron didn't have to study—he could read it once and he had it.

After graduation in 1930, his parents moved on to "grandmother's place," one and one-half miles east of Bakers Corner in Jackson Township.

Myron always helped on the farm, and was glad to during the Depression as no other jobs were available. He thought he would farm all his life, but when asthma developed, he had to give it up.

Robbins went to work for Indiana Condensed Milk Company, staying 13 years, and for 21 years, was employed with Biddle Manufacturing Company, retiring in 1976.

In the meantime, Myron met Irene Brown, who lived one mile south of

Bakers Corner, and they were married in Noblesville on August 24, 1935. They lived most of the time near Sheridan and were the parents of five children:

Myron, Jr., a supervisor of Bell Telephone Company in Peru, lives in Amboy and has four children. Mrs. Gerald (Helen) Sanders, has three children and lives in Lebanon. Mrs. Fred (Joan) Heine, a teacher of handicapped children, lives in Naperville, Illinois, and has three children. Her husband is a supervisor in Chicago for Shell Oil Company.

Mrs. John (Barbara) Hiatt has two children. Her husband just completed 30 years at Biddle's Manufacturing Company. The Rev. Dale Robbins and wife, Jerri, have one daughter and live in Alameda, California. (He will be in charge of the Jimmy Swaggart Crusade in Oakland, California, in June of 1983.)

Irene Brown Robbins passed away January 10, 1977.

Mary Elizabeth Wilson was born in Bakers Corner, but when she was about three weeks old, she moved with her parents, Archie L. and Minnie (Hodson) Wilson, over on 31, one and one-quarter miles northeast of Bakers Corner. After eight years, they moved to "grandfather's" home three quarters of a mile south of

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### The Pain Of Being First!

In the spring, Barbara Homick's fancy turns from Christmas displays to mushroom hunting. Once more, she

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Bakers Corner, staying three years, before moving back northeast of Bakers Corner close to where they had lived before.

Archie Wilson was a farmer, then moved to Noblesville where he taught music and was a piano tuner until he went to California to live in 1944. Mrs. Wilson died in 1934.

Mary Elizabeth attended grade school in Bakers Corner, and for the first two years of high school, drove a horse and buggy six miles to Cicero High School. Her favorite subject in high school was English. She graduated from Cicero High in 1925.

On June 17, 1925, Mary Elizabeth was married to Lee Stewart. They lived on a farm near the flowing well, east of Bakers Corner. Most of their farming life was in Jackson County.

The Stewarts had three children.

A son, L. Eugene Stewart, whose wife is Mary Elizabeth also, is president of Security Savings & Loan in Indianapolis, and she works in Speedway branch of the same com-

## Park Fund Soliciting To Begin

Biddle Memorial Park Board will begin its annual drive to raise funds for the operation of the park on Sunday, April 24. Volunteers to help with the 1983 drive are now being recruited by the board.

Informative flyers are presently being distributed with statements from the American State Bank and Fidelity Bank of Indiana's Sheridan branch. The park budget for 1983 is listed on these flyers.

Anyone who would like to help with the fund drive or anyone having questions concerning this year's budget may contact any of the Park Board members. They are John Rokey, Craig Bishop, Mary Frances Zellers, Jerry Durham and Darlene McCullough.

pany. Their only daughter, Kathie, passed away in 1965.

Mrs. Delbert (Mary Lee) Jones lives in Owen County. Her husband is a truck driver for Midwest Oil Transport Company, and they have five sons, all married with families.

Margaret Ann did not change her maiden name when she married Kenneth Stewart. He has Stewart's Family Crafts in Lafayette and she teaches school there. They have three children, a senior in college, 14 years of age, and age 10.

When Lee Stewart became disabled in 1944 from muscular dystrophy, Mary Elizabeth worked at the glove factory in Noblesville for nine months, after which she went to work at Biddle's. While at Biddle's, they moved back to Bakers Corner in the spring of 1947. She worked there for eight years.

To care for a disabled husband, she took from one to four elderly people at a time into her home to help with expenses.

Mary Elizabeth is somewhat of a jack of all trades. She paints (and so does her son-in-law, Ken), she crochets, writes stories about family history, has taught a children's Sunday School class, and has served 25 years the last of April as secretary of the Bakers Corner Wesleyan Church.

In May, 1963, her husband wanted to build a new home, so in 1964, they built a brick home next door. Lee lived in the home for 10 years before he died February 1, 1975.

Myron Robbins and Mary Elizabeth Stewart had lived just three miles apart for most of their lives but they really had not known one another. Both had worked at Biddle's Manufacturing, but not at the same time.

They became acquainted after someone told Myron, who is most interested in genealogy, that Mary Elizabeth could more than likely help him with ancestor tracing of Bakers Corner.

Through their talking

together about genealogy is when they learned they had so much in common. They said, "It seems we should have known one another always instead of just a little over five years."

They were married February 12, 1978, and are living in Bakers Corner. Though Myron had never lived in Bakers Corner before, he feels he has deep roots there, and as a neighbor said, "It seems you've been here forever."

Both like to travel and they've gone great distances to visit long ago friends. They have journeyed coast to coast, visiting Florida, Iowa, Colorado, South Dakota, California and Washington State.

Submit pictures early.

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