

Pleasant Hill History Center Newsletter

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Mission Statement

“To preserve the history of Pleasant Hill and Newton Township through documents, pictures, and artifacts.”

Historic

Pleasant Hill and Newton Township

“Preserving our local history by telling our stories.”

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Summer 2021

A Note from the President

We are back! The museum was able to open again in May and it has been nice seeing friendly faces. It is good to be back, even with the new Covid accommodations. We ask that patrons wear masks and practice social distancing. We have limited our capacity to 20 individuals at a time. Hopefully, restrictions will relax soon.

The History Center is taking part in a few activities this summer. We are planning to have a booth at the Newton Marketplace on June 25, July 30, August 27 and September 24. We will also have our float in the village parades on May 31 and July 3.

Be sure to visit your museum to see our refurbished Beery Runabout!

Ruthann Beck, President

Membership News

We have 111 partners and 10 business friends. New members include: Angel King, Amy Fessler, Matha and Jerry Schleinitz.

Questions about your membership, call Dawn Spitler at 937- 417-4985. Thank you for your support.

Dawn Spitler, Membership Chairman

Pleasant Hill History Center Memorials

Donations to the museum have been received in memory and in honor of the following individuals: Royce Kinney, Nancy DeWeese, & Ouida Peacock. We are grateful for their contributions to the history of Pleasant Hill.

History Center Annual Meeting

The History Center's annual meeting will be held on June 28 at 6:30 p.m. at the museum. This meeting is a requirement to keep our non-profit status. A slate will be voted on for our Executive Board.

Museum hours are every Monday from 3:00 - 7:00. Come visit your museum!

**Be sure to check our website at Pleasanthillhistorycenter.com
and visit us on Facebook**



Before



Beery Runabout
2021

After

Perry Noll

Perry Noll was born in Newton Township on December 10, 1880. He was the son of Peter and Lucinda Reed Noll. He married Roxie Musselman in 1902. Together they had five daughters.

The following articles tell of his affliction in the spring of 1940.

NEWTON TWP, MAN STILL HICCOUGHS

**Perry Noll, 59, Now on
Tenth Day of Unusual
Sickness.**

Today marks the tenth day since Perry Noll of Pleasant Hill started hiccougging and Memorial hospital attaches early this afternoon stated that he was still going and that his condition was not improved.

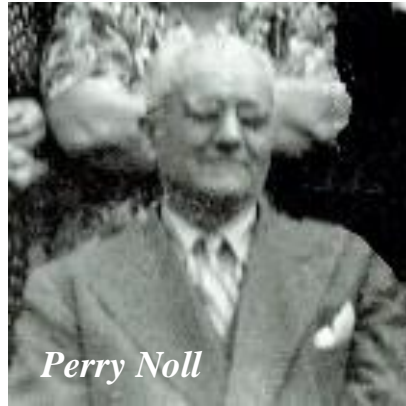
The attack started a week ago Sunday night while the poultry dealer and his wife with friends were returning to Pleasant Hill from Eaton. And since that time he has had only a few periods when each breath didn't bring a hic-cough, those being when he was able to sleep.

Although his doctor is a Covington physician, a number of doctors at Memorial hospital have examined the patient and numerous methods tried but to no avail to stop the unusual sickness.

It is the third such attack that Noll has had in the past 14 years. The last one, seven years ago, lasted 13 days and stopped suddenly with no particular cure being responsible.

Piqua Daily Call
March 26, 1940

Piqua Daily Call
March 28, 1940



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Paraphrased from
Piqua Daily Call
March 30, 1940

HICCOUGHS STOP!

**Perry Noll of Pleasant
Hill Now Expected to
Recover After 10
Days Suffering.**

Perry Noll, 59, the Pleasant Hill poultry dealer who has been hiccougging for ten days stopped just as suddenly as he started, Wednesday afternoon, just a week after he was brought here for treatment.

Physicians were just as amazed as to the sudden end of the weakening sickness as they were at the prolonged period that the Newton township man hiccougged.

This is the third attack that Noll has had, the second one, seven years ago, lasting for 13 days. His condition since he stopped yesterday afternoon has improved although he is still weak.

"CURES" RANGING FROM LEMON JUICE TO CHARMS SENT HICCOUGHING VICTIM

**Humanity's Universal Urge to Turn Doctor Revealed
When Perry Noll and His Physician Were
Forwarded "Positive Cure" Suggestions
from Far and Wide.**

It is human nature to offer remedies to those who are afflicted with diseases for which the medical profession has found no cure.

The most recent example of this general craving to share has been the case of Perry Noll, Pleasant Hill businessman, who hiccougged for 12 days at Piqua Memorial Hospital. News of his painful and mysteriously-originating ailment first appeared in local and county papers, then, through the medium of the United Press, reached out to far corners of the world. Almost immediately, suggestions began coming in as to ways and means of alleviating the sufferer.

Dozens of letters poured into the hospital from Ohio, Michigan, Pennsylvania, and Oregon. Every imaginable remedy was suggested. Some of the sure cures included: drinking lemon juice, putting raw potatoes made into plasters and applied to the abdomen, and breathing carbon dioxide. One man suggested using a charm to cure the hiccouggs.

Dr. Wehr actually used the carbon dioxide treatment.

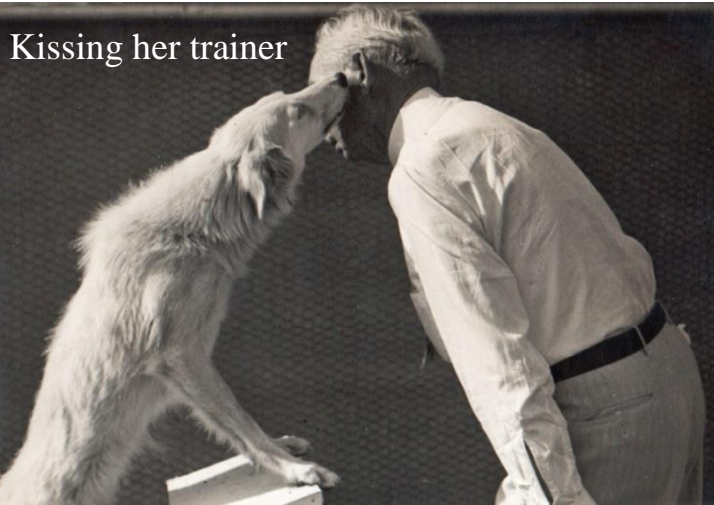
Mr. Noll's hiccougging stopped, as suddenly and unaccountably as it commenced. He had been hiccougging with practically every breath for nearly two weeks, which was strenuous business. Ever since the malady vanished last Wednesday, Mr. Noll has devoted most of his time to deep, restful slumber.

Snow White

The following story was taken from an article about Jesse Beery and his dog, Snow White, in the *Dayton Daily News*, November 14, 1943.

Snow White is a dog, a Jeffersonian collie, lean as a greyhound, smart as a whip. When she was four months old (she is 3 years now) somebody gave her to Jesse.

“And a spoiled pup she was,” Jesse says. “Wild and silly. We had to run her down like a chicken. Then I started to work with her.”



Kissing her trainer



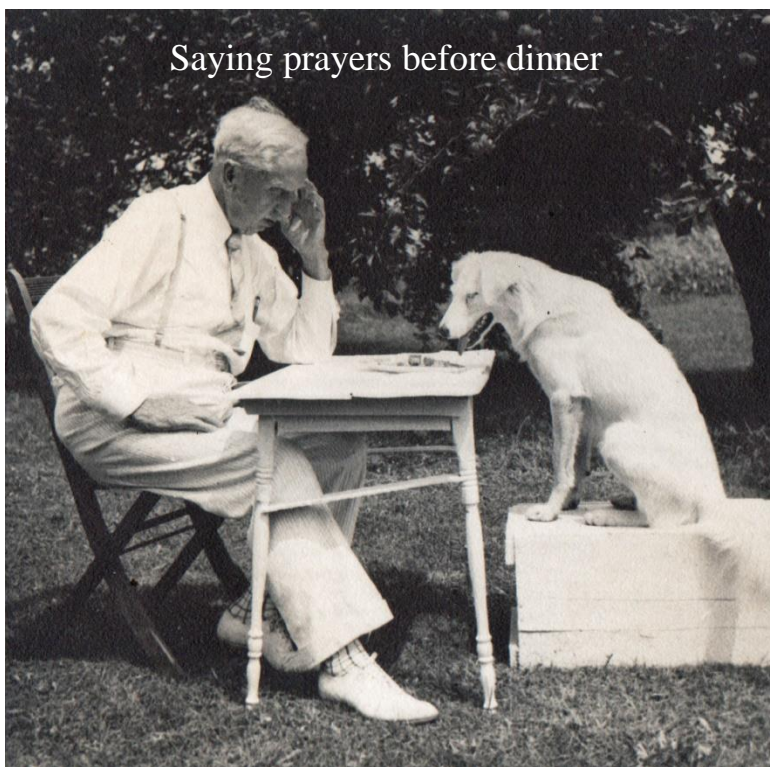
Getting brushed

As a result, Jesse Beery's hobby has furnished Pleasant Hill with a dog as beautifully trained as excitingly full of tricks, as the finest circus dog or the most pampered vaudeville canine.

Snow White has a whole yard to herself and it looks like an acrobat's dream, with high runways, ladders, obstacles, a see-saw and several assorted saw horses.



15 Feet



Saying prayers before dinner



Posing for pictures



Snow White walking on hind legs

And the things the dog can do! Snow White does such things as jumping through hoops which grow progressively smaller until the last one fits on her throat as neatly as a collar. She says her prayers on the top of a ladder, ignoring Beery's chatter about Sunday school being dismissed, bending her head piously until she hears, "Amen."

Jesse and Snow White performed for many Pleasant Hill residents. Many Newton students were able to watch as Snow White did her tricks for them.

Jesse died less than 2 years after this article at 83. It is unclear what happened to Snow White.



Snow White on top of the telephone pole



Performing with the ring

2021 Newton Athletic Hall of Fame



Newton Athletic Hall of Fame 2021

Forest Messer Jr. A.K.A. – Junior Messer

- 1965 Graduate of Newton High School
- Lettered in Varsity Basketball 3 years (62-65)
- Lettered in Varsity Baseball and Track
- All-League in Basketball 2 years (64-65)
- 1st Team All Miami Valley as a Junior & Senior in Basketball
- Still holds the school record for most points in a single game with 51 and most field goals made in a game with 20
- Scored 1,014 Career Varsity Basketball points, which was 2nd All-Time when he graduated and is currently still 8th All-Time in Newton Boys' Basketball history
- Member of the United States Army as a 101st Airborne Ranger during Vietnam
- Highly decorated Veteran, received Bronze Star and Purple Heart
- 50 years in the Transportation & Logistics industry



Messer Scores 51 As Newton Blasts Bradford 116-73 In DCL Encounter

Forest “Junior “ Messer

Forest was born May 17, 1946, in Piqua, Ohio, to Forest and Betty Messer. He died in 2020.

Forest served in the United States Army during the Vietnam era as a 101st Airborne Ranger, Phantom Force. He was a highly decorated veteran and received a Bronze Star and Purple Heart among other accolades for his bravery and devotion to his country.

His smile was known to light up a room, keeping everyone entertained. His heart and acts of kindness knew no bounds. His altruistic disposition touched all that knew him.

Larry Powell

Larry was born August 21, 1957, in Troy, Ohio, to his parents Jack W. and Katheryn “Pill” (Sackett) Powell. Larry graduated from Newton High School in the class of 1976. On July 29, 1978, he married his high school sweetheart, Bonnie Spittler.

Larry was the founder and director of The Barn Youth Center for 23 years, and later worked at Newton Schools as the Athletic Director.

Larry died on December 8, 2018. He never stopped fighting his 3 ½ year battle with Metastatic Melanoma Cancer.

The community room in the Fieldhouse is dedicated in his memory.

Newton Athletic Hall of Fame 2021

Larry Powell

- 1976 Graduate of Newton High School
- Lettered in Varsity Basketball & Baseball 3 years (74-76)
- Lettered in Varsity Cross Country 2 years (72 & 75)
- Lettered in Varsity Baseball 4 years (73-76)
- All-League in Basketball & Baseball as a Junior & Senior
- 1st Team All Miami Valley as a Junior & Senior in Basketball
- Newton Athletic Director/Assistant Athletic Director from 2005-2013
- Newton JH Boys' Basketball Coach
- Founder & Director of Barn Ministry for over 30 years
- Larry demonstrated great effort and heart in his time supporting our community and school

