

Electric Railroad

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or Kosciusko counties has compiled information about the trains. It is unfortunate when false information is reported to be factual (as in Marlette's history) and is taken as such by those who follow. It's easy to make mistakes when reporting historical findings, so it is essential that all sources of information be carefully checked and weighed against each other in an attempt to discover the truth. Anyone interested in aiding the Fulton or Kosciusko County Historical Societies in researching any phase of our towns' histories need only contact Velma Bright or Madeline Fisher at the local libraries. These ladies, we're sure, would be glad to put you in contact with the appropriate people, and you'd be doing a wonderful service for your town.

The Akron News, January 17, 1908: "It is difficult to realize what it will mean to be able to step on a car in the front of our own doors any hour and go to Indianapolis or even St. Louis..." The Winona Interurban was a dream come true.

Akron Board meets

Citizens did not show up at the special Monday evening meeting of the Akron Town Board, when the 1981 Budget was scheduled for review. Next Monday evening, the Town Board will hold a special meeting to adopt the new budget.

Tuesday evening, the Board of Trustees met for their regular monthly meeting. Ten persons attending the meeting, heard some discussion of the need to secure additional officers to handle the duties of Deputy Marshal Charles Clawson while he is away at the Police Academy in Plainfield. Clawson will be attending the Academy August 25 to October 31.

Town Marshal Ed Houser reported that the Sheriff has promised to provide a Reserve officer who would help out in Akron while Clawson is away.

A Plymouth firm has been conducting a study of Akron water rates and usage. Since the town has just been breaking even, plans are being made to increase water rates. The last increase in Akron's water rates occurred in 1957.

President Fenimore told the Marshals that there have been complaints of rowdiness at the town

Akron rural carrier retire

Neil Kuhn of Akron, retired recently after serving twenty-seven years as a rural carrier for the United States Postal Service. He also served with the Eleventh Air Force from January, 1943 to November, 1945. In a ceremony at the Akron Post Office last week, Postmaster Ott Groninger presented a certificate to Kuhn for his service to the department.

Since 1970, Kuhn has suffered three heart attacks, so his doctor advised him to retire from active work.

Neil and his wife Jean have four daughters, all married. Neil keeps busy visiting with his friends in Akron, where he has lived most of his life, except for wintertimes in the St. Petersburg area of Florida, and his Air Force days spent in the Aleutian Islands.

Neil was born about five miles northwest of Akron and lived on the family's farm until after his graduation from high school, when he worked for two years at General Tire in Wabash before joining the Air Force.

During the war, he was in a fighter control squadron, stationed in the Aleutian Islands. The islands were desolate, and Neil doesn't care to see them again.

Back home after the war, he found his regular job at General Tire had been terminated, and he didn't like his new job assignment. There were two vacancies at the Akron Post Office, so Neil took the exam and went to work on Route One. After six months, his home route became available, so he switched to carrying the mail on Akron's Route Two.

Neil also worked at Seal Power in Rochester. In the period from 1946 to 1951, he worked for Chuck Irelan.

As a postman, Neil's day began at 7 a.m. Sorting mail for his route would take about one and one-half hours at the Post Office, followed by approximately three and one-half hours on the road making deliveries.

Neil purchased his father's home place, and did farm work before he sold the farm and moved to Akron. He also operated a part-time business sharpening knives and scissors.

Neil remembers riding the old interurban railroad that went through town and he recalls the days when Akron had a motion picture theatre.

"But the major changes in Akron have been the turnover of faces as



Akron Postmaster Ott Groninger (on the right) presents a certificate to Neil Kuhn, a rural carrier.

It Happened This In Mentone

Taken from the August 19, 1953 issue of *The Northern Indiana Co-Op News*:

On Monday evening the ladies of the local telephone exchange gave a farewell party for Mrs. Harold Horn, who has been an operator for two years, and chief operator for the past year. Mr. and Mrs. Horn and family are moving to Lowell, Indiana. Those present were: Mrs. [unclear], Mrs. Frye, Mrs. Gertrude Hill, Mrs. Pearl Horn, Mrs. Eleanor Wagner, Mrs. Georgiana Teel, Mrs. Lois Hunter, Mrs. Ruth Davis, Eleanor Rush, Martha Sullivan, Shirley Gross and a guest Phyllis Carlile. Verna Montel of Atwood was unable to attend.

Janet Rose Reed, riding Daisy May, placed first in the Ponies Under Saddle and the English division of the Equitation class at the Charity Horse Show held at the fairgrounds Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Bruner, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Besson and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Moffit of

A number of Akron people saw a man make a parachute jump loose, he walked over the wheels under the plane.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Babbler, their annual vacation visit to Goltry expects to accompany

Oliver Uiter has resigned from the Association. Chas. Leim is appointed.

Mrs. Fred Blackburn is the new

latter. The appearance of a flock of three which escaped from three brought three from Florence seen by several people

Members of the Olive Monday evening at the family. The men settled enjoyed several freezers

Miss Velma Bright, daughter the new assistant librarian to accept a full-time

C. F. Tutssel and son have days with his parents, and return to Dallas with