

October 2 historical tour of county to include Mentone

Sunday, October 2, from 1 to 6 p.m. will be the fourth annual Kosciusko Historical Tour which will visit a number of historic sites with romantic associations, the sternly built jail at Warsaw once broken down by John Dillinger, a home in Warsaw owned by 139 years, a home with a lamp in every window and a starkian roofline, a library of associations with Lawrence of Airacobra and M-A-S-H for fame and a Civil War farmhouse that is one of the handsome anywhere.

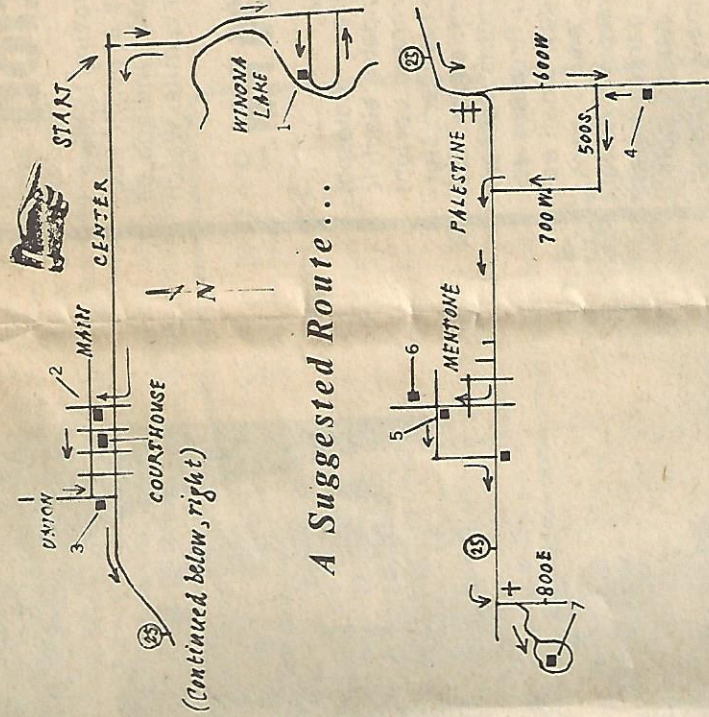
Tickets will be available at each stop at the courthouse in Warsaw at the town hall in Mentone. A service will be available.

The tour is sponsored by the Kosciusko Co. Historical Society, which maintains a museum in Warsaw during the summer months. Officers of the Society are Dennert Ware, president; Ed Adams, first vice president; Cary Groninger, second vice president; Mrs. Herbert Frantz, third vice president; David Frantz, fourth vice president; David Frantz, secretary; David Frantz, assistant secretary; Mrs. Edward McElroy, treasurer; Mrs. W. Anglin, assistant

treasurer, and Mrs. Herb Stier, historian.

Members of the 1977 tour committee are Mrs. Doug Haney, chairman; Mrs. Fred Anglin, publicity; Mrs. Dean Kistler, hostesses; Philip Holliday,

newspaper brochure, Suzanne Ware, arrangements; Dennert Ware, photographs; Marie Rogers, transportation; Mrs. Jim Rutherford, refreshments; Mrs. Chet Smith, research, and Mrs. Stuart Stokes, tickets.



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A Suggested Route ...

SUGGESTED ROUTE for those persons wishing to visit each stop in an orderly sequence would start in Winona Lake and end west of Mentone, but it can be reversed for residents of the western part of the county. As noted on the map, the tour itinerary includes 1) Donald White house on the shore of Winona Lake 2) Warsaw jail at Indiana and Main 3) the Miller home on Union St. 4) the Mc Sherry farm on Rd 600W near Palestine, 5) the Ray Smith home in Mentone at the corner of Broadway and Harrison 6) Bell Memorial Public Library on Fulton Co. Rd. 800 E. wood, the home of Terry and Noelle Hammer on Fulton Co. Rd. 800 E.

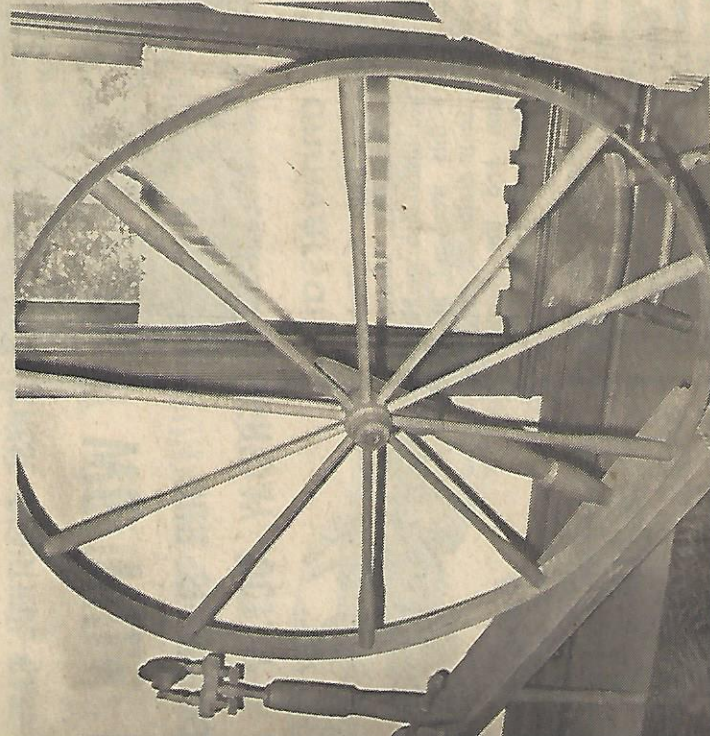
Tour bus available

The Kosciusko Co. historical tour Sunday, October 2, will follow the usual procedure of people traveling individually at their own pace with a map and tickets sold at the tour sites.

To accommodate those persons without transportation or who do not wish to drive, Don Harmon of ... Church and Larry



SMITH HOUSE, Mentone, dates from 1898 and was built by Albert ker, the man who laid out the town. The house is said to have nine
 les but in reality there are no gables at all, but a series of sharply
 ited dormers, one for each window on the second floor, and these
 the house a distinctive look. The home has been extensively
 oded by Ray and Iris Smith who have furnished it with a fantastic
 ection of antiques including art glass lamps. Most of the lamps are
 dmade by Mr. Smith, who takes pride in having one in each window.



ONE OF FOUR SPINNING WHEELS is this beauty in the McSherry
 m home near Palestine. The family originally settled the land in 1838
 has retained ownership since, making the farm the oldest in
 ciusko Co. for length of ownership by the same family. The present
 ck house was begun in 1881 and has been added to by later
 erations. The style is typical of the early 1880s with corbeled eaves
 shallow curved window headings. Ceiling heights in upstairs rooms
 said to be 11 feet. (Houses of this period often have higher ceilings in
 stairs rooms than on the lower floor, possibly to offer better ven-
 tion on summer nights.) Bricks for the house were made near
 rsw and taken to the site by horse and wagon. A hanging lamp in the
 lor is an original fixture. Indians traveling from near Peru to the
 thwest often passed the farm. However, they were not around long
 ause of the treaties of the 1830s that deprived them of their hunting
 unds.

Methodist Church have agreed to
 provide bus service. The Cooks
 Chapel bus will leave the Mentone
 Town Hall at approximately 1 p.m.
 The courthouse will be the starting
 point for the Leesburg bus, which
 also will leave at 1. Both buses will
 discharge passengers at their
 individual starting points. The bus
 ride will cost \$1, the money going to
 the individual church.

Because seating is limited and
 each bus will make the route once,
 reservations should be made by
 calling 353-3742 or 353-4608.

Tour tickets are \$2. This includes
 visits to five private homes, the
 oldest county government building
 and the artifacts of an aviation
 pioneer. Entertainment and
 refreshments will be available.

War Mothers entertain vets

Eight members of Akron
 Mothers of World War II went to
 Ft. Wayne Tuesday where they
 served cookies and coffee at a
 party for hospitalized veterans.
 Music was provided by a Ft.
 Wayne square dance group, and
 the local chapter gave prizes and
 cash gifts totaling \$104.25.

Attending were Catherine Rudo,
 Mabel Alderfer, Cora Coplen,
 Annabelle Hammond, Arlene Cole,
 Beth Hopkins, Elizabeth Good and
 Esther Fenstermaker. Members
 who also furnished cookies but
 were unable to attend were Evelyn
 Huppert, Marjorie McColley, Ethel
 Whetstone and Alta Hudson.
 Volunteers from the local unit
 will sell poinsettias on October 7.

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tone, is one of the most carefully restored of the state's handsome old
 houses. Secluded at the end of a country lane on Fulton Co. Rd. 800E, the
 house, called Briarwood, was begun the first year after the end of the
 Civil War. Built in Italianate style, it is said to contain over a million
 bricks, which were made at the site. The building's woodwork and other
 materials except glass and hardware were also obtained locally. Most
 of the woodwork is poplar, except the stairs, which are cherry. There
 are 18 steps in the "bridal" stairway, so called because that was the
 accepted age for a young lady to marry if she did not want to face the
 threat of spinsterhood. Some furniture in the house came from the home
 of John Biddinger, an ancestor of Mrs. Hammer who is said to have
 inaugurated the Pony Express.

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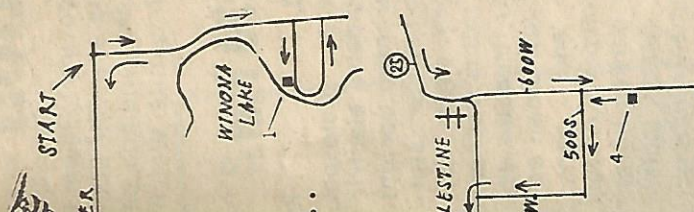
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THE WARSAW JAIL, at the corner of Indiana and Main streets, has been proposed by the Kosciusko Co. Historical Society for landmark status at the national level. It is an example of the Gothic Revival style of architecture. A lithograph in an 1879 county atlas held here by Sheriff John Hammersley shows the jail with lancet windows and embattled facade, its front yard enclosed by an iron fence. An architect from Chicago, who may have been inspired by the famous waterworks there, designed the building that has been carefully preserved. Notorious bank bandit John Dillinger reportedly broke into the jail on a spring night in 1934 in an attempt to steal weapons.

