

PHILLIP A. DEETER

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On Sunday morning, May 7, about 35 of the former neighbors, friends and relatives of Phillip A. Deeter journeyed westward in autos and buggies to the beautiful old country residence of the Dan Flory estate, west of Newtown, which is the present abode of Mr. and Mrs. Deeter, having the tip from the good wife and son that Phillip had reached the 63rd mile stone of life on the previous day. But to throw off the suspicion the next day was deemed just as proper and was sure enough, for Phillip was not expecting any company and was unprepared, being in his bare feet and work clothes, enjoying the cool and shady porches with a big 10 cent cigar rolling enough smoke to indicate a big steam tractor.

Knowing that preparation for such a family would not be expected the good cooks of the crowd prepared well filled baskets to take along, and to describe the contents of each would be impossible, but to say - chicken, ham, beef loaf, taters and gravy, jams and jells, pies and cakes galore with salads to taste and butter to match would be putting it mild, with plenty for all and some to spare and to show that ample justice was done and that all were life sized, a journey to the big farm scales of the Fairbank make gave a total net weight of the bunch of 5000 pounds.

A trip to the snake reserve where Phillip is raising water moccasins on the shares, failed in the sight expected and great was the disappointment especially of the ladies, for the cunning reptiles would not respond to the call of their charmer.

To say that the day was enjoyed and well spent can only be declared by those present, which were as follows: Mr. and Mrs. M.S. Deeter and daughter, Leona Tribby of Crawfordsville; Mr. and Mrs. Vivian Rogers and son, Millard of Danville, Illinois; Mr. and Mrs. Garner Hormel, Mr. and Mrs. J.G. Galey; Dr. and Mrs. J.W. Dickerson and grandson, John William Dickerson; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Deeter;

Mr. and Mrs. John Stevens; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mo (fold in newspaper) and daughter, and Glen and Billy and G. Meharry, daughters ? and Lois, sons Clare and Hugh; Mrs. Nancy Gott; Messrs. Harry Gardiner and Allen W. Meharry; Misses Florence and Annie V. Meharry and Mrs. Carrie Bowman all of Wingate. Mr. Deeter received several useful presents.

After a much needed rest on the shady porch from the long strolls over the farm, viewing the crops and livestock, the company departed homeward as the sun was nearing the horizon, wishing Phillip an dhis wife many happy returns of the day ... a guest

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