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On June 4, 2021 THE FORT lost a long-time member and supporter with the death of **Roger "Peely" Payne** at his home in Lexington surrounded by his loving family. He farmed and for years carried the mail for his hometown. After his retirement he opened a free pool hall called "The Man Cave" on Main just 4 doors east of THE FORT where Lexington fellows gathered daily. We often heard the laughter and comments from his pool hall, proving his outreach was a tremendous success.

Our building on Main Street in Lexington is open to the public, so the volunteers of THE FORT- Lexington Genealogical and Historical Society- are ready and available to help you. We **check our email daily**, so send requests to thefortoflex@aol.com

Several years ago one of our volunteers excitedly reported that **Loren Scurlock** had been sorting and organizing at his Lexington home and had a large donation of Scurlock Family items to bring to THE FORT. The next week fire sparked at the Scurlock home and his donation went up in flames! The Scurlock name has been associated with Pleasant Hill history for generations. Loren was born in 1935 to Earl and Cora Brown Scurlock and was 85 at death on June 22. Legion Honors for the former Marine were held graveside at Pleasant Hill Cemetery.



Other Lexingtonians To Remember:

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| June Lane McCord, 93, died on May 3rd | Connie Buzzard Patton, 74, died on May 24 |
| William "Bill" Joyce, 89, died May 29 | Rosemary Mahon Joyce, 84, died June 16 |
| Robert Liable, 55, died June 8 | Vauna May Smith, 87, died June 12 |

100 YEARS AGO

MAY 25, 1921

...could be reprinted today as a current article...some things never change!

OLD FLOWERS COME BACK.

Grandmother's Favorites Are Popular Again as Fashion's Cycle Moves.

There are fashions in many things besides clothes. One finds fashions in words and phrases, fashions in conversation, compliments and epithets in walking, in architecture, in furniture, in medicine and in a great number of things.

There are fashions in flowers and now there is a revival of the older floral styles. New houses are built in the style of house of two hundred and three hundred years ago. Furniture is made in the patterns of chais and tables and sofas of the long ago. And more men and women are talking to-day of grandma's favorite flower and grandma's flower garden than have touched in such themes for many years.

The world is being brightened by flowers that were held in high esteem a century or centuries ago, but which had lost caste or lost vogue with fashion makers and florists, and suffered a long period of neglect. But they are coming back. Such old-fashioned things as bachelor's buttons, fuchsias, geraniums, phlox, sweetwilliams, pansies, hollyhocks, honeysuckle, syringa, lilac, pinks, snowballs, bridal wreath, sweet shrubs, verberna, heliotrope, argeratum or painter's brush, marigold and calendula daffodils, larkspur and mignonette are popular.

These are some of the older flowers that are coming back in public favor. They have kept themselves alive for generations by blooming in the back yards and even the front yards of unpretentious people, and they have led a more or less humdrum life in the gardens of houses that set far back in the country. But they are coming now into the flossiest of gardens in the cities and are lending their beautiful bloom to those big-style country homes which are called "villas" and "estates." —Washington Star.



A photo plaque and 3 October Glory trees have been placed in **Freemont Cemetery** in section 10 Funks Grove Township as a memorial to 12-year groundskeeper **Darrell Cameron**. One of the oldest cemeteries in central Illinois, Freemont is between Heyworth and McLean on 50 N Road. Supervisor Trish Tilton hopes to make further restorations in the old cemetery, just as supervisor Keith Winterland is doing for **Lawndale Cemetery** near Lexington. Keith recently asked us to look for a photo of old Lawndale Church in hopes of using it on a new cemetery sign in the NE corner of section 8 of Lawndale Township. Pontiac Granite is helping him with the sign, so it should be a good one!!

Don't forget all the electronic updates that are still ongoing for Graceland, Gridley, Pennell Pleasant Hill, Lexington, and many other McLean County cemeteries by our volunteers on **Find A Grave** website. As this tool becomes more popular, our goal is to make it more accurate, too! You can help by making edits for family members when you see a mistake.

If you are old enough to remember the **TWO WHEELS RESTAURANT** on the hill overlooking the Mackinaw River (also known as Carolyn's or The Hilltop) at Lexington on old Route 66 in the 50's, you might be able to help us with information about **Toby and Wilma Davidson** who ran the TWO WHEELS, the DELCO at Towanda, and their elaborate nightclub DAVIDSON'S RESTAURANT in Bloomington. Granddaughter Jacki is hoping to commemorate Toby's many talents on his Saxophone, with his bands, concerts, and restaurant adventures through his years in central Illinois. Their location in Bloomington was described as: "the corner of Belt Line and Towanda Avenue"....which does not exist today. Their place was near today's SW corner of Veterans Parkway and Vernon Ave. Back then, it was "out in the country across from General Electric."

If you have memories of **Toby, Wilma, Johnny or Vicki** and their life adventure that you would like to share, just send us the story in an email and we will be happy to pass it on to Jacki, who is Vicki's daughter.

Toby Davidson
DANCE
Eureka College Gym
Friday, night, Nov. 22
SPONSORED BY
American Legion
POST 466
Toby Davidson
and his Orchestra
Advance tickets, \$1.00, tax included
At Door \$1.25 Tax included
Advance tickets on sale at Michael's
Sweet Shop and Eureka College
office
8:30 p. m.