

Rev. Huse returns from mission trip



One of seven wonders

On a recent mission trip to India, the Rev. Joseph D. Huse (pictured) visited the Taj Mahal. While most of his trip was spent working with Baptist church partners, he did have the opportunity to visit one of the seven wonders of the world. The white marble tomb is a symbol of the undying love of a mogul king for his wife. Built over 350 years ago, the Taj Mahal required the physical labor of 20,000 workers, and artisans 22 years to complete. The marble is inlaid with semi-precious stones and carved designs. The complex around the Taj Mahal includes a mosque, a grand palace and well-kept gardens with three-shaded walks. Photo provided

Joseph D. Huse of Flora participated from April 9-26 in a mission trip to India. The majority of his time was spent in North East India working with Baptist Church partners in mission.

Rev. Huse was a keynote speaker and workshop presenter at the Council of Baptist Churches of North East India Annual meeting in Diphu, Assam. During the three-day event, he addressed the delegates during two worship services and conducted a workshop on relational evangelism. The conference theme was "Bearing Much Fruit."

During his travel, Rev. Huse made official visits to the Eastern Theological College, the Nagaland Baptist Church Convention in Kohema, Nagaland's state capitol, and a Christian hospital in Jorhat.

The second week of his mission was spent at the Pastor's Training Conference, sponsored by the Manipur Baptist Convention in Imphal. He was the featured speaker to open the conference and taught six workshop sessions. On Sunday morning, he preached through an interpreter, at a Tadhou Tribal Village church in Metburg, Manipur.

During his trip, Rev. Huse

visited a national wildlife preserve and observed one-horn rhinoceros, horn deer and water buffalo from his mount on an Indian elephant. He said his stay at a resort hotel in Kaziranga was a pleasant over-night retreat from the heat, crowded cities, and abject poverty.

Rev. Huse has returned with a story to share and mission projects to complete as the partnership with the churches of NE India continues through a relationship with the International Ministries of the American Baptist Churches USA.

Opera house plans unveiled

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Werling

Delphi Preservation Society's annual meeting will be May 17 at the Wabash & Erie Canal Interpretive Center at 7 p.m. The program is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

Dr. Greg Norman will present the 2006 Recognition Award for an outstanding historic structure in Delphi. DPS president Anita Werling will reveal plans for the Lathrop-Ruffing Opera House and Assion-Ruffing City Hall restoration.

The preservation society was formed in 1994, the year in which it acquired two-thirds of the building located on Washington Street on the east-

side of the courthouse square. Since that time, renovations have focused on cleaning away debris and roof stabilization due to decades of water damage.

The organization contracted with KJG Architecture to create schematic designs, interior elevations and drawings, all of which will be unveiled at the meeting.

Werling said that the Opera House Design Committee plans to divide construction into phases, the first phase being the facade or exterior of the building. The board received grants of \$4,000 from Carroll County Community Foundation and \$1,500 from REMC Operation Round-Up to match funds for an \$18,000 grant from the U.S. Dept. of the Interior, National Park Services Historic Preservation Fund administered by the Indiana DNR, Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology. Additional construction phases will focus on

the interior of the building and the opera house. Those plans will require significant fundraising efforts.

"We hope to seat 180 people in the intimate environment of the Opera House, where the acoustics are unbelievable," Werling said. "We'll maintain the historic look of the opera house but with modern theater-lighting and sound technology. It's going to be a challenge, but the designs are pretty exciting!"

Among the history to be preserved is the backstage 1880s Venetian water scene painting surrounded by autographs of former actors. The signature tradition is likely to continue.

"The historic opera house and stage will once again resound with the sounds of laughter, music, drama, and applause," Werling concluded.

For information contact Werling at (765) 564-2169 or awerling@delhipreservationsociety.org.



Five generations

Pictured l-r are Claudia Brown of Bringhurst, great-grandmother; Roberta Eller of Bringhurst, holding her great-great-grandson, Brady Comer; Terry Van Zile of Burlington, grandmother; and Christy Shepherd of Burlington, mother. Photo provided

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Looking Back

From the files of Hoosier Democrat, Delphi Journal, Journal-Citizen and Carroll County Comet. Photo provided by Carroll County Historical Museum.

10 YEARS AGO

Flora Utility Office has been expanded and occupants have moved into their new offices. Separate offices have been made for the four employees who previously shared one office.

Half of what was the Fireside Room now contains the offices. The Fireside Room has been pared down, but is still large enough to accommodate small groups of 60 or less, including the weekly Rotary lunches.

Flora has under construction a new well, bringing the total to three. The new 75-foot well will be capable of pumping 1,000 gallons of water a

minute through a 12-inch pipe, while the older ones pump 500 and 600 gallons per minute and are 50 and 52 feet deep. The water plant can filter 450 gallons a minute, but in the event of a major fire, the plant could be bypassed, allowing firefighters to fill trucks faster.

25 YEARS AGO

Carroll County Commissioners increased the rates at the county home (Carroll Manor) at their regular meeting.

Effective July 1 the rates will be increased from \$250 to \$300 per person per month.

Dr. Randall Armstrong has purchased the optometry practice of Dr. Goodwin in Delphi, effective May 15.

Dr. Edward Landston has been installed president of the Indiana Academy of Family Physicians.

Dennis Horn of Indianapolis, who lived in the Delphi community until going to college, assumed ownership of Jackson-Strawn Funeral Home in Delphi. The business has been renamed Horn funeral Home.

50 YEARS AGO

A .10 kite attracted more attention than a circus parade for a while here Monday afternoon.

John Dean Sanderson was unaware that any sensation was being created. But when the object was first sighted, high in the sky, there was much speculation as to what the weaving, bobbing object might be. Definite, serious answers ranging from helicopters, weather balloon and bird to flying saucer and some thought it might be a kite or a box kite but few believed that a kite could be so high.

John Dean had made the purchase of the .10 T kite and a .25 ball of twine that afternoon. He added a second ball then started the kite skyward near his Front street home. The energetic kite went up to



George Poe & Sarah Anna (Annie) Rohrbaugh McDowell, Carroll County, 1900

the end of the estimated 1,100 feet of string. He began to rewind but as he turned to comment to a companion the kite lurched and pulled the string from his hand.

The kite hurtled across town getting caught up several times along the way and then breaking loose again. It finally came down on the John Shephard porch roof where it was retrieved by John Dean and his father. The kite now adorns a wall of his room as a reminder of the day business stood still as the populace was alerted.

75 YEARS AGO

A car load of gypsies stopped about two o'clock Monday afternoon at the home of F.C. Hartsock, three miles west of Delphi on state road 39 and robbed him of \$43.

Deputy sheriff Ralph Hill responded to the call from the Harstock home taking with him Frank Houser. When they arrived at the scene of the robbery the automobile with its passengers had disappeared. The officers drove all over the nearby vicinity but failed to come in contact with them.

100 YEARS AGO

The Wabash railroad has granted the Rockfield Co-operative Elevator Company a lease on a piece of ground adjoining their tracks and the company expects to erect a large elevator this summer. A large number of farmers in that vicinity are interested in the proposition and farmers in other localities will watch the outcome of the plan with great interest.

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