

# SHADBONNA

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By *LAMP'S GLOW*.....

## Underground to the Lakeshore

Written by  
Diane Blount - Adams

Desperate peoples fleeing slavery used the old lighthouse on the shore of Lake Michigan, just north of Michigan City, as their guide to Little Canada. Emerging from the nearly hidden trails of the woods into the duneland area, loose sand beneath weary legs, the last league on this route of their journey may have been less strenuous for those who walked and ran on hard earth all the way from Illinois or Missouri. Others were aided along the western length of Indiana, passing near Rensselaer, along the Ridge in the Grand Marsh.

The Great Lakes schooners, lumber barks, railroad, wagon and foot trails were means by which people crossed counties of northwest Indiana in a seemingly endless journey to Canada, out of the reaches of slavery.

All of the counties of far northwestern Indiana have tales of the Underground Railroad and the agents from their communities.

All these counties have one thing in common...the journey across the Grand Marsh to Lake Michigan, be that where Chicago stood on her shore, or to the Michigan border.

Agents in Lake, Porter, Jasper and LaPorte Counties were mostly instrumental in taking fleeing slaves to Chicago agents or to the actual railroad lines in Indiana where they were carried further north.

A Porter County station was Crisman Station where Highway 20 and Crisman Road intersect. Continued on page 5



From The Western Citizen, July, 1844

**LIBERTYLINE:** Locomotives, Clatson and Lundy, with their trains fitted up in best style of accommodation, will run regular trips during present season, between borders of Patriarchal Dominion and Libertyville, Upper Canada. Gentlemen and Ladies, who may wish to improve their health or circumstances, by a northern tour, are respectfully invited to give us their patronage. SEATS FREE, irrespective of color. 'Hide the outcasts-let the oppressed go free.' - Bible. For seats apply at any of the trap doors, or go to conductor of train. For special benefit of Pro-Slavery Police Officers, an extra heavy wagon for Texas will be furnished, whenever it may be necessary, in which they will be forwarded as dead freight, to the Valley of Rascals, always at the risk of the owners. J. CROSS, Proprietor

*NORTHWEST INDIANA HERO*.....

## Osborn of Clear Lake

*An 1817 abolitionist - publisher - pioneer from slavery*

Written by Diane Blount - Adams

Charles Osborn was organizer of the Tennessee Manumission and published *The Philanthropist*...the first anti-slavery paper in the United States...one of the first statements against slavery, even before Elizabeth Heyrick, in England, and William Lloyd Garrison, in America, announced their anti-slavery doctrine to the world.

Nowhere is it said that Charles Osborn assisted slaves in their flight to freedom through Ohio, Indiana or Michigan, all being states where Osborn resided at intervals during the mid-1800s, before his death at Clear Lake, near Westville, in 1850.

Nowhere is it written that Osborn's family hid slaves on their property.

Yet, if a fact is a statement to a man's beliefs, and if there are numerous facts to support those beliefs then the presumption is that Charles Osborn, traveling minister among the Society of Friends, would not have turned away a fugitive slave who knocked quietly at his door. Charles Osborn would have given of his home, his finances, his energies in order to see the man to freedom.

The *Underground Railroad* by Siebert, 1898, includes a listing by state of known agents. The



Courtesy of Porter County Historical Museum  
The gravestone of Charles Osborn is preserved at the Porter County Historical Museum, Valparaiso.

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# EDITOR'S TALES

## THE SUNRISE SERVICE

Every editor needs a skunk so the skunk can wake them in the middle of the night and the editor can get back to work on deadline. Not that I'm on deadline - but I can depend on my two pet skunks to wake me if I ever am because they wake me every night.

I believe in finding good in everything that happens to me so I'm using tonight's 12:43 a.m. wake-up call to write this column. I can't imagine why...I just feel inspired somehow.

I woke up laughing at 12:43 in the middle of the night. That's because I love my skunks. I don't have the heart to lock them up at night. It's when they play.

Geronimo, my youngest, recently learned to open the kitchen cupboards, which is what woke me. He rolls over onto his back and kicks the doors open with his rear legs....only the doors most often bounce on their hinges several times before they stay open. So how do you say.....THUMP.....Thump thump thump...thump thump...kick kick.....THUMP....Thump thump thump...thump thump.

And I woke up laughing, waiting for the jars to be rolled off onto the floor.

Sometimes I put him a pet carrier with his blankie so I can sleep, sometimes I get up and we chase each other around the house....laughing and sometimes I just write.

*Whip-poor-will.....*

# Coyotes Under Fire...Ours Next?

By Diane Blount - Adams

Dominion...to have dominion over the creatures of the earth, the fish of the sea, the birds of the air.

Sound familiar?

While this is not a journalistic sermon, consider the meaning of dominion. Reign...lordship...jurisdiction.

Does being master need to entail cruelty, destruction, acting as a supremacist instead of a gatekeeper. Regarding each person and beast as master...is that possible?

The Animal Damage Control, a little-known federal agency, killed more than 7,800,000 - that's 7.8 million - of America's wildlife between 1990 and 1994, including the 500,000 coyotes and 1,200 mountain lions that ADC intended to kill. Also destroyed 'accidentally' were non-targeted animals...35,074. The year of 1995 brought the destruction of 896,338 animals.

Rare and endangered species which are federally protected were also killed by the subsidies provided by taxpayers and which are used to fund ADC.



*Baby Sequoyah is napping in a vintage ladie's hat. He used to nap inside his raccoon puppet until he was too big to turn around. He also likes to nap in pillow cases if he can sleep on the pillow. Speaking of napping.... the sun really is coming up.*

Photo/story by Diane Blount - Adams

### Skunks bite

I baby talk my skunks. I held Geronimo on his back and looked into his bright, little black eyes as I teased him this morning.

"You're just a chubby baby skunk who's getting spoiled at 1:48 in the morning."

I leaned forward a little too far....perhaps because I was falling asleep. And I had a baby skunk hanging off my lower lip by his teeth. He didn't break the skin but it was definitely an eye-opener.

Just thought I'd share that with you. Go and hear veterinarian Dr. Reed's talks when he gives them at the Dunes Center. He talks about 'Don't Become A Wildlife Parent.' He can tell you more about these situations. Like why I haven't had a full night of sleep since the day I recuscitated Sequoia when he was a baby. But I'm not complaining, you just have to be aware.

It's almost summer. The sun is coming up ear-

lier every morning. Those who notice this most probably have an eastern window and the morning rays bathe their bedroom in sunlight.

I have an eastern window but I'm awake far before those yellow rays touch my face. This is because my skunks hold their 'sunrise service' as each is skipping and dancing around my bed with an end of my blanket in their teeth - much like a Fancy Shawl Dance.

They're singing, too, in chipmunk-like voices only I can hear at that still gray-blue hour.

*"Wake up. Wake up. It's happening....it's happening!! The sun is coming up!!"*

Of course, the sun isn't up yet. But these two skunks are like happy little vampires. They have to get the excitement out of the way because, more often than not, after the warm yellow rays kiss their furry faces Geronimo is off to their den behind the dresser and Sequoyah crawls in bed with me.



### Agency spends more \$\$\$ killing 'predators' than value of livestock 'protected'

Again, understand that ADC is a federal agency.

Swift foxes, gray wolves, bald eagles, golden eagles, lynxes, wolverines and black-footed ferrets were destroyed in the process of ADC's mission to kill pests plaguing ranchers in the western ranges. Though all the above are not federally protected, the sense of this article is not about which species is protected but the means of destruction and the alternatives.

The sense of this article is not about the cost to American taxpayers in order for the ranchers to obtain free pest control, though many of them are absentee ranchers.

'Pests' are being destroyed for ranchers, most of those ranchers wealthy enough to employ sound husbandry. Those pests are bobcats, foxes, bears, opossums, prairie dogs, beavers, ravens. And coyotes.

ADC spends more money on livestock protection than any of its other programs - more than half of the \$26,967,000 allotted the program in 1997. And again, note the livestock protection is

used basically by ranchers leasing government land at the lowest rates possible.

Hired guns... 'specialists' they are called...of this subsidiary of the Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service are in a war with wildlife. Weapons of ADC include steel traps, neck, body and leg snares which tighten as the animal



struggles to free itself, aerial gunning with 12-gauge autoloaders, gassing coyote pups in their dens and/or dragging them out with grappling hooks

and bashing their heads, using M-44s which are spring-activated ejector devices that fire cyanide into an animal's mouth, and livestock protection collars filled with poison.

When the Animal Damage Control Act was passed in 1931 it didn't take long before wolves and grizzlies were virtually extinct in the lower 48 states.

Agents, some not even properly licensed to use the devices implemented in this warfare, often set M-44s too close to water sources, roads, other pathways...and without posting proper warnings.

Never mind the financial facts....the coalitions working to cut ADC's budget which would force ADC to take other measures.

Do consider the alternatives...especially since the pest problem for livestock has increased and ADC's effectiveness has decreased.

What was effective was that wolves naturally destroyed coyotes. But where are they now?

Proper husbandry might include employing ranch dogs such as komondors, Great Pyrenees, Anatolian shepherds. Llamas, donkeys and ostriches are also protection that has proven successful.

Neutering and spaying a surging population of coyotes sounds like a lot of work.

So does bashing the skulls of 700,000 coyote pups every spring. Especially when the fact is this only causes the female coyote to whelp earlier in the year and produce even more pups.

Write your senators at U.S. Senate, Washington, DC 20510...representatives at U.S. House of Reps., Washington, DC 20515. Or phone (202)224-3121. Express your opinion on the ADC program. The desire of Americans to protect their wildlife/environment means those phones will ring. We all have the minute these animals need.

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**NATIVE AMERICAN LEGEND .....**

# Chief Shadbonna

By Diane Blount - Adams

*Shadbonna...Shabonna...Shadbauney...Shabone... Sha-bau-nee...for every culture that came to American there began a new spelling of the name. The heroic peace chief of the Potawatomi is of a dynasty...a man who saved lives of his own people and the settlers of the Northwest Territory. And he lost the lives of his son and nephew.*

Chief Shadbonna and his wife, Canoku, often strode through Westchester Township on their way to visit Marie Bailly, Shadbonna's cousin, and her husband, Joseph.

Shadbonna's seminomadic custom was to travel the Grand Marsh of the Kankakee for the winter months, trapping and hunting with his family, often visiting Indian Village near where Hebron is today. No doubt, this placed him in close proximity to the Bailly family at the time of Joseph's death.

At the time of the funeral Shadbonna and Canoku sat silently all day then accompanied Marie to the grave where they stood as she prayed.

During warm seasons Shadbonna spent much of his time near Little and Big Indian Creeks in Paw Paw Grove and Shadbonna Grove, both in DeKalb County, Ill. A park and town were also named after him.

This Potawatomi chief had the gratitude and respect of many whites later in his life.

After his first battle, at the Thames where Tecumseh fell, Shadbonna understood firsthand the consequences of Indian tribes thwarting federal agents in attempts to move civilization onto Indian lands.

Shadbonna realized the imminent slaughter of his people, both by British and American governments. He knew there were no allies for the native Indian. The only salvation would be on his own compromised terms: to live in conjunction with the whites.

His later years were given to the cause of peace



Courtesy of Chicago Historical Society  
*The spelling of Shadbonna; An Historical Journal of Northwest Indiana is from pre-1900 writings of Frances Howe, granddaughter of Westchester Township's first settlers, the Baillys. Miss Howe was well-educated. The 'd' in Shadbonna seemed to have been enunciated.*

chief for three tribes...and ultimately for the benefit of white settlers destined to die at the hands of desperate Indians who wanted nothing but to remain in their homes...on the land they farmed and hunted.

### The Battles

Grandnephew of Ottawa Chief Pontiac, Shadbonna was born in 1775, after Pontiac's rebellion. The location of Shadbonna's birth is disputed...but must have been very near the Canadian-Ohio border on the Maumee River.

At age 25, he accompanied a hunting party to the Calumet Region of Potawatomi country where he married Canoku, daughter of principal Potawatomi Chief Spatke of the 1800-era Indian village, Chicago.

Shadbonna was later elected chief of the Potawatomis and admired by his people.

Tecumseh, brother of religious leader The Prophet, met with Shadbonna on his journey to unify the Indian nation. Along with contemporaries Main Poc, Senachewine, Topinbee, Waubensee, and mixed-bloods Alexander Robinson and Billy Caldwell, Shadbonna supported Tecumseh, becoming war chief to the Potawatomi and Ottawa and assisted in gathering 4,000 warriors, even from west of the Mississippi.

At the Battle of the Thames, Tecumseh was serving as brigadier general in the British Army. Caldwell, usually his second in command, was not at the location. When Tecumseh was killed, Shadbonna, next in command, called retreat of the sparse number of warriors who had followed Tecumseh and the British officer, Procter, to the Thames.

Thereafter, having witnessed the way British were using his people - and especially being disconcerted with Procter, who retreated from the Americans near Ohio, taking all the ammunition...leaving behind most of those 4,000 warriors who could have used their ally's ammunition, and possibly won the War of 1812.

October 5, 1813 - the day Tecumseh fell. The British dissension, and thus the American victory was too disheartening. The loss of the War of 1812, and Tecumseh, unifier of the Indian nation left them to contemplate their demise.

Thereafter, Shadbonna sided with Americans, as did many of his contemporaries, especially Caldwell and Robinson. He realized settlers were being used as pawns, sent out front of the government of their people to claim lands, being asked to pay for the land that the American government had not actually purchased to sell. He witnessed the slaughter of entire villages by that same government when the Indians attempted to unite as a nation against the movement of the whites.

Shadbonna knew the way the British used the Indians to wage their own war for land against the settling American government. The British had said that if they, themselves, did not utilize the services of the Indian tribes, then the American government would do so.

Foremost, his realization as a man who traveled the entire region of the Midwest, was that the Indians were 'surrounded.' Where could they turn? The only possible vision was American settlers and Indians side-by-side.

He did not take up arms against Americans again after the Battle of the Thames. He stood as practical peace chief for the Potawatomi, Ottawa and Chippewa tribes from then until 1834.

During the Winnebago War Shadbonna was the contemporary sent into Big Foot's camp to learn his intentions, and he was held prisoner. His own people began to call him 'White Man's Friend' in reproach.

Shadbonna's insight and warnings to the white settlers during Black Hawk's 'rebellion' brought him the hatred of many of his race which cost him the lives of his son and nephew after the Trail of Death.

Indians were removed to the west and received the same treatment by whites who despised and feared them. The reservation was established because there did not seem to be a way the Indians



Courtesy of Illinois State Museum  
*Often a visitor to Grand Marsh, Indian Village, NW Indiana, Chief Shadbonna saved lives of many. Sardonicallly named 'White Man's Friend' by Indians.*

Though Shadbonna had been given 200 acres in Illinois, in 1837 he traveled to Council Bluffs, Iowa to help his people adjust to the new country. There his son and nephew were killed by old enemies. He returned near to his old homes of Shabonna and Paw Paw Grove, Ill. where white settlers had built the first log homes in 1836.

The land reserved for him at the Prairie DuChien in 1829 was lost for him through 'fraud and force' and Shadbonna was left a man with no true home...no place to go.

White friends purchased 20 acres on the Illinois River near Seneca, Ill. where he and Canoku lived with their family.

Shadbonna died, at age 84, on July 17, 1859.



Courtesy of Chicago Historical Society  
*Shadbonna's wife, Canoku: Fat Woman*

Shadbonna died, at age 84, on July 17, 1859. He was buried with honors, in the city cemetery near Morris, Ill. His grave was marked by a large boulder. Canoku died November 30, 1864. She drowned at Mazon Creek near Morris.

Shadbonna...his name meant 'built like a bear.' Shadbonna...he is remembered for his 'manly and generous treatment' of the whites and blacks. His cause in life was that the new Americans and Indians could live together, sharing the land of his ancestors, which was the only way he could foresee his own people surviving.

Yet with the acculturation of the Indians, as their dependence upon white culture grew, the possibility of them remaining in the old Northwest Territory, namely Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, was diminished.

Shadbonna was well esteemed by the Indians of Lake and Porter County, he walked the roads of each township as they were established, befriending traders, settlers, tribes alike.

Shadbonna...Shabonier...Shadbonnay...Shabonney. His heart and strength distinguished this Ottawa blood-Potawatomi chief as friend. The lives he saved in Indiana, Michigan and Illinois were ancestors of those of us who have pioneer stock in our blood.

*Author's note: History is the breath of the living, un-touchable, never repeated. Though we attempt accuracy, there is nothing written that is an honest truth, except, of course to that writer. I have attempted accuracy in a short piece which could have been a novel. Reviewing 'facts' and memories gives an account of the life Shadbonna may have led, but so much, as always, is left to the weaving of several stories by many historians and authors into one. Any inaccuracies in actual facts are my own.*

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# Underground to the Lakeshore

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tersect. Burdette Smith built a frame home in 1857 for his family, though the purpose for which the man came to the area seems to be under an alias in order to be an agent supported by the Anti-Slavery League. Slaves were hid in the cellar of the Smith home then transported to the lakeshore where they were often picked up by a lumber bark. Mr. Smith and family disappeared after the Emancipation Proclamation.

Other Porter County families acknowledged as agents were those of Ben Crisman, Crisman Village, and Norman Tanner, Liberty Township.

The trail through the county was from the Kankakee to Moss Lake at Preston Place, then along Trader's Creek to The Ridge to the station in Liberty Township where slaves were kept until there were enough to transport to the Quaker settlement past Hungry Hollow in the east, and again to Tall Oaks. The man said to take care of the assembled fleeing men and women was Norman Tanner.

In Westchester Township the proprietor of Green's Tavern at Tremont, Mr. Green, is noted as a Connecticut Yankee who hid slaves then sent them in the direction of freedom.

Another prominent agent was Henry Hageman, founder of what is now Porter, in Westchester Township. Hageman was a Democrat until the Civil War, in which he became a Republican, mostly radical. He is, in theory though without proof (as so many are) said to have been an agent of the Underground Railroad. He settled on Waverly Road north of Calumet, now Chesterton, in 1834. At Mineral Springs Road, in 1852, the Michigan Central Railroad which was said to be a 'freedom carrier' - as were the Michigan Southern and Northern Indiana Railroads - came through his property. How long and just what his activity as an agent was is vague.

A freed slave, a mulatto man named Landy Gavin, settled just northwest of Hageman's property in 1835. Gavin had purchased his freedom. He lived there for two years before moving on to

Michigan City and again moving, perhaps to Canada. But after Gavin left Westchester Township, it is interesting to know that several black families also lived where he had first located, sometimes in a group settlement.

In Porter County, coming from Jasper County, the line to a station crossed the Kankakee at Baum's Bridge and came along the eastern edge of Valparaiso. Here was another fork, either to Chesterton, Tremont or Crisman stations.

Jasper County, especially Barkley Township near Rensselaer, was where the Freedom Train carried people from along the southwestern Indiana line to the fork of Chicago or Duneland, some of those first being guided to the home of publisher Zalma Eastman, in Lowell.

Old-timers called 100 West in Jasper County Canada Lane. The road follows the old Indian Trail that was from the glacial moraines. The trail was high with good springs and timber. North of The Ridge was the Grand Marsh. W.K. Parkinson is said to have been a teenager when he settled the area with his family. He helped slaves go into the Grand Marsh, some on their way to Baum's Bridge Crossing, where they were considered to be safe thereafter. The activity of this abolitionist family brought Southern sympathizers to burn the

Parkinson barn two times and attempt to burn the home.

The Sigler home in Hebron is said to have been a next stop. And the home of Dr. Henry Palmer in Merrillville. Palmer's home has a tunnel beneath the house which runs outward and is thought to be a place where



slaves were hid.

Again, there was a fork from Merrillville, either Chicago or east.

If the fleeing slaves were guided to Chicago they were often taken to men such as the free black man John Jones, who forwarded them on to Dr. C.V. Dyer, Deacon Philo Carpenter, Pinkerton, Collins, Crandall, and many others. All of these agents usually sent the people in their trust with Captain Blank on *The Illinois*, a ship which ran between Chicago and Detroit.

At the dock on the far shore Captain Blank always unceremoniously dumped his 'trespassers' and cursed them - then he went back for more freedom-seekers..

Those not taken to Chicago were guided along routes at Carr's Beach, the Devil's Punch Bowl, near the mouth of the Burn's Ditch, or at Hohman's

Bridge near Hammond.

Freedom-seekers waited at these stations until signaled. Then they were most often picked up by a lumber bark which cruised the lakeshore. This lumber bark also stopped in Porter and LaPorte Counties, assembling enough people to make the trip across to Detroit and then into Canada. Until the passengers were assembled the captain picked up and delivered freight. When enough freedom-seekers were on board the lumber bark became what it was...a ship of strength and speed...and soared straightway across Lake Michigan to the land of freedom.

LaPorte County has recorded several agents and homes as part of the Underground Railroad. A forerunner of the abolitionist's was Charles Osborn of Jackson Township, who was the first publisher of complete emancipation material. (See *Osborn of Clear Lake*, this issue.) Other families named as agents in the Westville - Wanatah area were Jonathan and Azariah Williams, Perrin and Frank Scarborough, William Barnard, Lemuel Maulsby, Herbert Williams and sons.

Near Michigan City and LaPorte the agents were Daniel Low on Johnson Road, the Scotchman named Russel and Polaski King, Dr. Abraham Teegarden, Ludlow and Orville Buck of LaPorte. Also noted was Elias Taylor of Michigan City.

Michigan City had a settlement known as the Miller Addition or Canada Neighborhood. Here black freed slaves and fugitive slaves lived. They were the station for those who made their way through the Underground Railroad trail, following the light of the lighthouse to the shore.

Escaping slaves would reach the shores near this neighborhood and look out at Lake Michigan.

"Is this Canada?" they asked, time after time. "Is this Canada?"

Almost. Almost there.

See *Melting Pot of the Freedom Train*, this issue, pg 7.

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## Osborn of Clear Lake

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listing includes that on Oct. 21, 1843 Suzanna Shugart, Josiah Osborn, Hanna and Stephen Bogue were disowned, either for their slavery activities or for joining the Society of Anti-Slavery Friends. Nov. 4, 1843 Hanna Osborn was disowned - same reason, along with Elizabeth and Sarah Bogue. Dec. 2, 1843 Zacharia Shugart was disowned. And Jan. 6 the Society of Friends disowned William Bogue and Charles Osborn.

All were Quakers living on Young's Prairie in Cass County, Michigan.

A statement was made by Pamela Thomas for *Michigan History Magazine* where she says, "Through my marriage to Dr. Thomas, I became connected with the Underground Railroad. About the year 1843 a Mr. Cross stopped with us. He was arrang-

ing for safe and speedy conveyance for fugitives from slavery to Canada. This was the Underground Railroad. Our house was to be a station. Zachariah Shugart, a Quaker on Young's Prairie in Cass County was to bring the cargoes here and my husband was to have them taken to Mr. Erastus Hussey, a Quaker in Battle Creek."

The Osborn home was just south of the Shugart home. Fugitive slaves were hid there and in Shugart's shed.

One mile south of the creek was the Odell Mill, where son of Charles, Josiah, called for assistance to save the freedom of eleven runaway slaves who had been captured by the 13 Kentucky Raiders. Josiah Osborn also had a mill where three slaves were captured.

Osborn's paper, *The Philanthropist*, which was published first on August 29, 1817 in Mount Pleasant, Ohio, was devoted to peace, morality, temperance and crushing the

burden of slavery. During the fourteen months of weekly publication slavery was touched upon 80 to 90 times.

The fact is noted that at the time of the publication William Lloyd Garrison was merely nine-years-old. When Garrison finally took the podium and placed his beliefs on the presses, he was one of the first to claim Charles Osborn as 'the father of all us abolitionists.'

Osborn was deeply against gradual emancipation, calling for the complete overthrow of American slavery.

Even before his publication, at the home of his father-in-law, Osborn was one who took the lead in organizing the Tennessee Manumission Society, with the object of complete and immediate emancipation of slaves, the mission being moral rather than political.

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# NATIVE HERBAGE

By Niki at The Garden Depot

Natural remedies for bothersome bugs

The strong odors of most essential oils extracted from trees, shrubs, grasses, flowers, repel bugs. Peppermint oil, lavender, citronella, geranium, eucalyptus repel insects. Guatemalan lemon grass and cedar works on ticks and fleas. The oils for your skin may be purchased or you might make your own using sweet almond as a base.

Bites can be dangerous or just annoying, de-

pending on the bug and the person.

If stung by a bee, first remove the stinger. Baking soda paste, or even meat-tenderizer will help with the itch and pain. Aloe vera gel helps with healing, as does olive oil, leek, crushed parsley, ground comfrey, marigold, St. John's wort, wild marjoram oil.

Homeopathic remedies are often used, available off the shelf. One is from marsh tea and the other is

*apis mellifica*, which is derived from the honeybee.

Homeopathic remedies bring healing results when given in smaller doses, making the body create a natural defense.

Use only a few drops of an oil or homeopathic remedy.

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The men, women, children who fled for their right to freedom...from the lives they were being forced to live in subjection, and where most were in physical and emotional misery, many also in spiritual misery...those people were of all races and cultural background.

The Indian, at times slaves to the French and to the new colonists most often took their own lives and the lives of their families instead of being slaves. Yet many Indians who had been enslaved crossed through the invisible wall along the phantom line of the Underground Railroad, making tracks with the black people and the white people who strove forward.

Europeans, people of the northern countries, were stolen from their homes, too. White-skinned men, women and children were falsely accused or sentenced to prisons and brought to the slave-holders in America where they were in servitude along with those in the prisons who were held for debts or crimes.

The race, religion and culture of those in bondage were not distinguished any more than the race, religion or culture of those who assisted with escape.

The time frame of the flight to freedom encompasses those who first attempted to find their way home up until the Emancipation Proclamation of 1863, and even thereafter.

Most prominent as station masters along the Underground Railroad were the blacks, both free, freed men and fugitive slaves. Also, assisting greatly were the Indians who gave food, shelter, clothing, protection and direction as they met fleeing slaves in forests and along rivers.

A few Quakers were effective in assisting the flight to freedom, and some gave former slaves land to farm for a few years, always near the Quaker communities. Other religious groups involved are the Episcopal Methodist, Wesleyan Methodist, the Dunkers, the Unitarians, the Roman Catholics, the Covenanters, and the Jews.

Very often a town speaks of the lawyer or doctor who was a station master or agent of the Underground Railroad, while the names of those with more common positions are unknown.

Acknowledgement of all these men and women who came forward to freedom, and those who were there to help them find their safe path...this acknowledgement is what gives our communities within this nation a unity that often has not been declared or understood. DBA

## Osborn of Clear Lake

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But slave holders in North Carolina and Tennessee aligned with the cause...and the policy of the Manumission Society was manipulated to include colonization, a condition Osborn spoke against.

Osborn pledged in his youth to work for the freedom of all the beings of America caught in slavery - not only the black but the Indian and European were brought to the new colonies in bondage.

Osborn never faltered from his path, with every step, every move carrying him along a course not always visible to the eye...as the cause of the Underground Railroad was not apparent to those who attempted to find the tracks across this land.

While others accepted the idea of colonization and gradual emancipation, Osborn strove through state after state, crossing into Canada and to European countries, all the while declaring, "Emancipation was thrown into the cradle of colonization, there to be rocked and kept quiet until the last slave holder should become willing to send his human chattels to the colony."

Gradual emancipa-

tion is said to have been the grand stumbling block of philanthropy, the colossal falsehood of the generation. It draped over the abomination of slavery and debauched the judgement of the country. It darkened the air, palsied the public conscience and balked all efforts looking to immediate emancipation.

Osborn fought this as he traveled as minister of Friends and lectured, as he published his papers, as he wrote for other documents.

By 1826 there were 81 societies represented for the abolition of slavery at the Baltimore convention...71 societies being from the slave states. In 1827 the societies counted 130... 106 in the south. The greatest numbers were from states Osborn traveled most frequently.

Though Osborn walked with the cause of his youth, the tone of America's argument both for and against emancipation began to shake foundations in the late 1830s. By 1840 the Society of Friends would not accept the doctrine and took a stand against abolitionists, and forbade the joining of anti-slavery societies and the use of meeting houses for anti-slavery lectures. He and like-minded Friends

stood as transgressors in the Society.

Though he pleaded at the Indiana assembly, where he resided, in a speech of much power and full of pathos and tenderness his petition was disregarded and he and others were considered disobedient. If their 'conduct' continued they would be disowned.

Osborn faced the choice of religious rulings against following what he believed...he knew...that God proclaimed into his conscience, which was the

freedom of all men.

He moved his family to Michigan where his son Josiah lived. Within two years the Society of Friends in Cass County had disqualified Charles, Hannah and Josiah, along with other Friends who were involved with harboring fugitive slaves and leading in the assistance of captured slaves.

The Anti-Slavery Friends in the area organized then. Whether organized before or after being disowned is unclear.

In 1846 Charles Osborn moved his family back to Indiana. They

settled in Jackson Township at the western edge of Clear Lake. There he was a member of the Clear Lake Monthly Meeting of Anti-Slavery Friends.

Osborn died two years later in 1850, after contention brought government to the ruling of the Fugitive Slave Law. Standings he took all his life seemed to have the rein on freedom tightening further.

Some of his contemporaries were able to see more of the outcome and some had died even before Osborn; Levi Coffin, Benjamin Lundy, Will-

iam Lloyd Garrison, James Birney, Charles Hammond, DeWitt Clinton and Elijah Lovejoy.

If only Osborn could have known the Emancipation Proclamation of 1863. If he had known that between those years...1850 to 1863...there would be more fugitive slaves crossing to freedom than had prior, he would have realized the justice he pioneered had been taken to heart by Americans, both black and white, both free and in bondage, as they held out their hands in the dark of the night.

## Hidden Lake Legend



Potawatomi who came to Indian Village in hunting parties often hid their women and children behind the tall rushes which concealed Hidden Lake when they were in danger of battle.

The lake was spring fed, not part of the Kankakee River, therefore not on the canoe route. Where Hidden Lake faced land was a dense forest.

Before dawn one summer, just after the Potawatomi braves left for hunting, nine canoes of Iroquois warriors paddles silently past Indian Village. A scout was sent back to the village before they implemented their attack. The scout returned with news that the warriors were gone so the Iroquois chose a place to wait for their return, planning to attack before they reached the village. As the Iroquois searched they found the hidden lake behind the rushes.

Women of the village realized there was an attack imminent and took their children to the Kankakee edge where they slipped into the river

and swam to the rushes by the lake. They crossed the ridge of land between the lake and river, walking into the hands of their enemies.

The Iroquois band tied the women and children, carrying all of them in their canoes up river toward the South Bend portage where the main body of their war party waited.

A small boy had been left behind at Hidden Lake and the Potawatomi braves were informed of the abductions.

Nine braves crossed country to Big Water, the Indian name for English Lake, and lay in wait until the Iroquois canoes were in the channel. The Iroquois were killed, Potawatomi families united.

The gathering at Indian Village disbanded out of caution of the Iroquois war party coming in retaliation. The Potawatomi went back to their summer camps at Clear Lake, Lake Station, the shores of Lake Michigan and Wiggins Point. Hidden Lake was still safe for hiding from raiding war parties.

by Diane Blount - Adams

Hidden Lake was known to be just inside of the Jasper County border on the Kankakee, west of the Hebron area. The names of the other lakes mentioned above are given names by settlers, not the Indian names. This story was told by Blinking Eyes, the Younger, Pokagon, Black Partridge, and Shadbonna.

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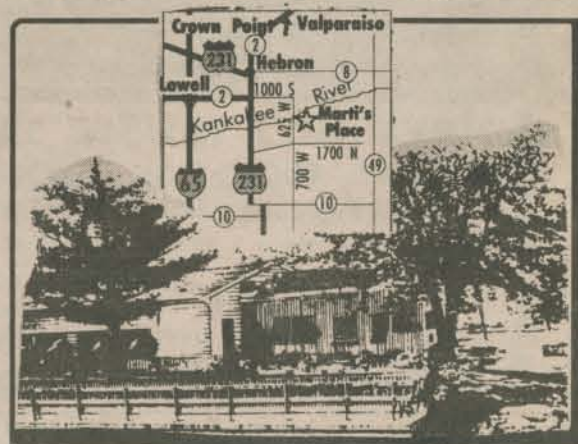
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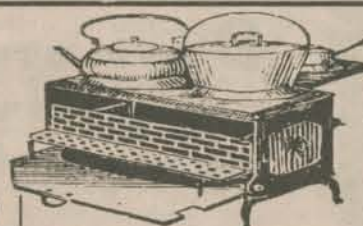


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#### ROASTED SUMMER VEGETABLES

- 4 unpeeled potatoes, cut into 2-in. chunks
- 1 medium red onion, cut in 6 wedges
- 3 T vegetable oil
- salt
- 2 bunches baby carrots,
- 1/2 pound baby pattypan squash or yellow straightneck squash, cut in chunks, bite-size
- 1/2 pound green beans
- 2 large red peppers, cut in 2-in. chunks
- 2 large yellow peppers, cut in 2-in. chunks
- 1 T fresh minced thyme
- 1/2 t coarse black pepper
- 1 large lemon, thinly sliced



1. Preheat oven to 425°F. In large pan toss potatoes & onion w oil & 1/2 t salt. Roast 15 min.
2. Add vegetables, 1/2 lemon slices and 1 t salt. Roast 45 min. longer, turning vegetables twice, they will become golden and tender.
3. Arrange on platter and garnish with remaining lemon slices.

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