

# DARRTOWN WEBSITE *Newsletter*

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**New content**  
*at the Darrtown website*

**Click the links in this newsletter  
to see new items posted at the Darrtown website.**

Heads up! Most links in this newsletter open pages on the Darrtown website. Once the web page opens, you may need to scroll to find the new topic.

For convenience, many of the Darrtown web pages include **a list of "Quick Links."** Each Quick Link connects to an item further down the page.

Look for the Quick Links icon.



Quick Links  
will save you time!

## **Another Walter Alston news article discovered**

The Darrtown website has multiple articles about the village's most publicized resident, Walter Alston. Recently, an Internet search uncovered a heretofore unknown sports column that appeared in a July 1974 edition of the San Bernardino Sun. To see this item, visit the [Pro Career](#) page and **then click the "Quick Link"** to *"The Man Nobody Knows."*



## **L. A. Miller organized Butler Co. teachers in 1901**

Darrtown resident, Lewis Miller was recognized in the 1901 Marietta (Ohio) Daily Leader newspaper for starting a teachers' protective association. See: ["A Good Movement"](#)

## Better Livestock Assn. plans 1919 farm show



To see the original resource, visit the [Hoosier State Chronicles](#).

**FARM SHOW PLANNED.**  
OXFORD, O., Nov. 20.—The Better Live Stock association, of **Darttown**, a village five miles east of here, is planning a horse, cattle, hog, poultry and corn show for Christmas week. There will be two classes shown—pure bred and grade bred stock. The entries will be open to all, and no entrance fees will be charged. A fine lot of premiums will be offered for first and second in each class. The officers of the association are: President, Joseph N. Herron; secretary, Arthur Harris; treasurer, Charles Krebs.

## 1865 Dayton (OH) newspaper reports Darttown double murder

The Darttown website has previously included three newspaper accounts of the Irwin murders. See a **recently discovered fourth story** at the ["Murder Times Two" page](#) and **then click the Quick Link** to the Dayton Empire story.



To see the original resource, visit [Chronicling America](#).

**BE FOREWARNED:** The 1865 newspaper account of the murder scene is **GRAPHIC** - compared to today's standards.

## 1885 Sidney (OH) newspaper recounts Schneider murder case

To see this item, visit the ["1884 Murder"](#) page and **then click the "Quick Link"** to the Sidney newspaper article.

## Darttown's H. D. Kyger featured in Australian newspaper



The 1919 Sydney Arrow (a newspaper in New South Wales, Australia) described the exploits of Darttown's H. D. Kyger and his famous trotter, Kit Curry. Visit the [Kyger family](#) page and **then click the "Quick Link"** to scroll to the Australian newspaper article.





## Well, this is puzzling...

Records show that Earl Huber bought the Hitching Post from Pauline and Wm. Wiley in 1949. Yet, a recently discovered newspaper clipping shows that Earl Huber sought a beer license in the name of the Hitching Post in 1944. See [1944 news item](#).

## Murder victim "stoned"

Internet research has turned up another murder in Darrtown. This one occurred in 1866 at an unnamed tavern. See more about this tragic incident at: [1866 Murder](#).



## Race track becomes a corn field

For 50 years, a field just east of Darrtown, on the north side of Scott Road, served as the site of the Kyger horse racing track. Alas, the era of the Kyger stables closed in 1918, when the track was plowed for corn. See more about this story at the [Kyger family page](#) and **then click the Quick Link** to the cornfield story.

## More info found about the creation of the Darrtown Pike

An 1836 edition of the Richmond Palladium included information about the formation of the company that constructed the roadway from Hamilton/Rossville through Darrtown, Morning Sun, and Fairhaven to Richmond, Indiana.



See the minutes of a Commissioners' meeting at: [1836 Turnpike Meeting](#).

# NEWSPAPERS PRINTED IN HOT AIR BALLOON ABOVE WESTERN BUTLER COUNTY FLOAT TO EARTH

*COPIES DROPPED NEAR WOODS STATION*

NEWS SHEETS TELL  
HOW FARMERS  
NEAR DARRTOWN  
FIRED RIFLES AT  
THE AIRCRAFT

This story appeared in the  
Bryan Daily Eagle and Pilot  
newspaper in Bryan, Texas,  
on July 1, 1909.

The  
balloon  
eventually  
landed in  
Indiana.

The full story appears at  
[Community Events.](#)

Look for the  
Quick Links icon  
and click  
**"Newspaper  
Printed in  
Sky."**







Yes, it is true. Much like today's convenience stores, small grocery stores in the 20th century sold gasoline. In Darrtown, both the Dees and the Wyckoff stores sold gas. Recently, an ad popped up for [Pure Oil gasoline at the Wyckoff store.](#)

*Sad note...*

We recently learned of the passing of Lester Baumann. His obituary appears at the Darrtown website on the [Individuals \(A-C\)](#) page. You may also read some of Lester's memories of Darrtown at [Recollections of Lester Baumann](#).



Please contact the Darrtown webmaster, if you have any knowledge of **Captain T. D. Westfall, retired, USN.**

A recently discovered Internet item reports that Capt. Westfall "*was born in Darrtown, Ohio, attended elementary and high school and was then admitted to Annapolis, from which he graduated in 1914.*"

Please, if you can, help us clarify Capt. Westfall's connection to Darrtown.

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