

# The day gypsies came through Monroe County

Considering the amount of to-do they caused, you would have thought the Russians were coming.

On a night in June of 1899, the tranquility of Bloomington was shattered by a report that a band of gypsies had crossed the county line and were headed north. Reported the Bloomington Telephone, "About 9:30 last night Chief Johns received a message from Harrodsburg stating that the gang had arrived and were about to take the town."

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## Looking back

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CALLING themselves Syrian gypsies, the group consisted of 15 wagons carrying 50 men, women and children (Back page, col. 3, this sec.)