

1949

All of the following news of 1949 is from the Pulaski County Democrat. Ruth Long was owner (along with husband V. V., who was Waynesville Postmaster) and publisher but Ruth suffered several illnesses during the year. The editorial duties were fulfilled by son Douglas E. Long.

January 6

100 NATIONAL GUARD TO BE AT FORT WOOD JAN. 16- JAN. 23

One hundred National Guard officers and men will be at Fort Leonard Wood the week of 16th through January 23rd for a special training program. [Fort Leonard Wood was closed for regular army training but National Guard units from the Seventh Corps area used a portion of the fort for training. Most of the fort was leased to an Oklahoma cattle company as grazing land.]

BIG PINEY HOME ECONOMICS PERFECT PROGRAM FOR COMING YEAR

Miss Bertha Doubikin, Home Demonstration Agent for Pulaski County met with officers of the Big Piney Home Economics Club at the home of the president, Mrs. Herbert Chambers, at Big Piney last Thursday and completed the program and work for the coming year. We have a fuller program of good and helpful projects.

Query Resort Operators

The Division recently sent questionnaires to more than 200 resort, hotel and tourist court operators requesting certain information concerning the 1948 travel year in Missouri.

The respondents indicated that the number of visitors increased seven percent over last year, with dollar volume up ten percent. The length of the visitors' stay was about the same as 1947. Meal prices were up twelve percent, with the cost of lodging showing a four percent increase.

Only two operators, who returned the questionnaire, took a dim view of 1949 prospects, with all the rest expecting next year's business to range from 'good' to 'brightest ever'.

January 13

Open Discussion Meeting at Court House Friday Night

Landowners, fox hunters and giggers and other local sportsmen will hold an open discussion at the Court House in Waynesville, Friday night, Jan 14th at 7:30 o'clock pertaining to game and fish regulations.

Any and all interested parties are welcome to attend.

January 20

Sportsmen's Discussion Meeting Well Attended

The sportsmen's discussion meeting held at the court house here last Friday night was attended by about 200 people. Regulations concerning gigging and several other controversial matters were discussed by those present. It was decided that petitions would be drawn up for circulation generally to ask the Conservation Commission to lift the ban on gigging.

February 3

The Missouri Highway Program Deserves Support
Missouri fortunately

got off on the right foot with its first bond issue in 1921. It has kept the course ever since. The Centennial Road Law was a masterpiece. Among the sound principles it contains are:

1. Responsible central control of state highways.
2. Non-partisan administration.
3. Limitation of state mileage until primary roads could be finished.
4. A connected and maintained highway system.

The present State Constitution has strengthened our highway laws. We have won public confidence by the past record of the State Highway Commission.

February 10

Giggers Meet in Full Force At Courthouse Here

A record crowd of 300 strong jammed the auditorium of the courthouse to defend the sport that has so recently been denied us, the sport of gigging. We, as honest, hard working, red-blooded American citizens feel that we have our sport and that we are entitled to that sport just as surely as are the great group of sportsmen who quail hunt. Surely nobody would question the great sport of quail hunting. The deer hunter has sport, too, and nobody will question his right to that sport. There are many, many fox hunters throughout Missouri's rural populace. Surely they are entitled to their sport. Other groups hunt coon, others hunt rabbits, while another group fishes with plugs. These are all honorable legitimate sports and should be preserved. It has been proven that a man with a hobby or sport is a more useful citizen than a man having no sport. A great group of Pulaski County's most prominent farmers were in attendance and made speeches favoring the restoration of gigging in the Gasconade river. Among those talking were Emir Honsinger, Roy Laughlin, Henry Bailey, Whis Dye, Everett Pummill, Ewell Johnson, and Bryan Dye.

Since custom is 90% of the law, and since it has been the custom of this country down through the ages to practice gigging in our clear streams, we feel certain that it should and will continue to be one of our customs.

We feel the commission should not discriminate against one group of sportsmen and allow the others to carry on as before. However all have their places in life. We as farmers and landowners along the Gasconade River feel that we should be allowed to gig since we are busily engaged in the option of tilling the soil, trying to earn an honest living by the sweat of our brow if you please, while our city brethren are taking great floats down our rivers, using expensive tackle and all kinds of high powered bait and lures and catching untold numbers of game fish. This is the reason our rivers have become depleted with game fish.

We have about 80 petitions out now. Sign one if you haven't already. Or better still circulate one. We have plenty left. Our next meeting will be held at the courthouse in Waynesville Friday night, February 18. Watch for announcement in next week's paper.

J. W. LINDSEY, Chairman
LYLE G. COX, Clerk

The National Guard from Iowa and Nebraska are scheduled to train at Fort Wood.

February 17

BUY MUNGER-MOSS SANDWICH SHOP

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Thompson of Devil's Elbow have purchased the Munger-Moss Sandwich shop property at the Devil's Elbow bridge on old route 66 east of Waynesville.

The Munger-Moss barbecue stand was made nationally famous by the original owners, Mrs. and Mrs. Emmett Moss who have retired and now live in Rolla. Mrs. and Mrs. Thompson plan to re-open for the spring and summer season.



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February 17

PULASKI COUNTY SCOPPYWOP-
PUS HUNTERS ORGANIZED
**Hold First Successful Hunt
Big Piney, Pulaski County
February 5th**

An organization of Pulaski County and neighboring hunters was effected last January 15th at a meeting held at the home of Mr. Sam K. Long of Big Piney. Organization was decided upon when the fact was brought out that sometimes hunters were left to wait forever on some lonely hillside when some other Scopywoppus hunter had bagged the same animal or animals that the first man was waiting for. To avoid this happening any more it was decided at the meeting to organize and to hold organized hunts to avoid further unfortunate instances such as that recited above. Present at the first meeting were the following: Mr. Samuel K. Long, Mr. Robert D. Frame, Mr. Howard Dial, Mr. William Lane, Sergeant James Gay, U.S.A. (Ret'd) and Mssrs. Robert and Earl Keeton. The following officers were elected: Chief Bagholder, Mr. Sam K. Long; Chief Cook and Taster, Mr. William Lane; Assistant Bagholder, Mr. Howard Dial and Master of Jug Procurement, Sergt. James Gay. Trustees are the Messrs. Earl and Robert Keeton and Robert Frame. It was also decided at the meeting that further membership would be considered upon application but that no organized drive for such would be made.

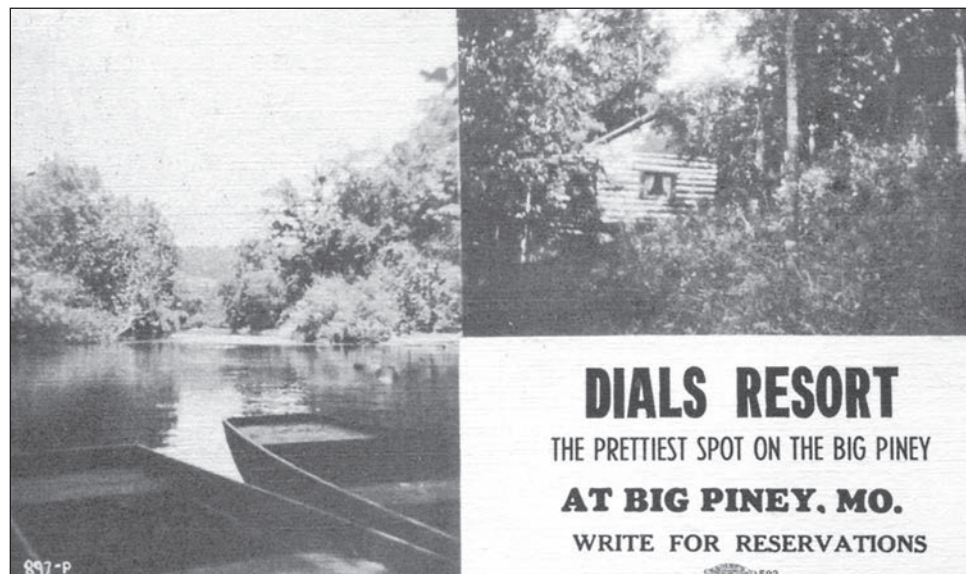
The first hunt of the new organization was held Feb. 3rd when Howard Dial's hound Buster was set on the trail of a Scopywoppus up the south side of Stillhouse Draw [located on the present grounds of Peck's Last Resort on the Big Piney River near Duke] and Mr. Long correctly estimated his position on the north side of the same draw and made the capture of a pair of prime Scopywoppuses together with 3 young ones, all of which were borne back to the meeting ground by Assis-



Emmett and Nelle Moss, the couple on the right, pose with an unidentified traveling couple. The Mosses sold their sandwich shop in 1945 to Pete and Jessie Hudson and retired to Rolla. The construction of the new four-lane section of Route 66 bypassed Devil's Elbow and traffic was drastically reduced. The Hudsons relocated on Route 66 to the east side of Lebanon. They retained the name of the business as it was quite well known. Paul and Nadean Thompson bought the old sandwich shop property in 1949. Not being able to use the original name, they renamed the business the Elbow Inn. Jan and Terry Primas.

tant Bagholder Mr. Dial [who lived nearby at Dial's Resort, which is now known as Wilderness Ridge Resort] and delivered to Mr. Lane [who had a general store in the nearby community of Duke] for preparation. It was decided that although there were no game laws governing size or bag limit that the 3 young should be freed for future sport and this was

done at once, while Mr. Lane proceeded with the dressing and cooking of the two adult Scopywoppuses. While this was going on, Sergt. Gay, acting in his official capacity, went up Stillhouse Draw a piece and set a jug on a stump with some coins under it and departed. He returned in a short time to find that the coins were gone and the jug filled with a



Dials Resort was located on the Big Piney River near Ross Bridge. It was owned by Mac and Jessie Dial. The resort had five cottages of two and three rooms. The log cabin pictured above was built in the mid-1930s and is still standing in good shape. Howard Dial, one of the Scopywoppus hunters, was the 33 year old son of Mac and Jessie Dial. Today the resort is known as Wilderness Ridge Resort. Jan and Terry Primas

clear but potent liquid.

While the two Scopywoppuses were being cooked Mr. Gay and the jug made the rounds several times and everybody went home happy when it was empty.

The two cooked Scopywoppuses are still hanging where Mr. Lane forgot them. [Although we live in the neighborhood, we have never hunted, nor even sighted, a Scopywoppus. Though you might doubt the veracity of this first hunt, the characters and locations were real.]

February 24

Damages to the Growth And Prosperity to the Town of Waynesville Upon The Loss of Highway 66

State Highway Department records show an average of 4500 Motor Vehicles over U. S. Highway 66 per day. Presuming the various cars, trucks and buses would hold an average 4 persons each, making a total of 18,000 persons through Waynesville each day and presuming only 10 percent of said traveling public stops somewhere in said town to purchase their various necessities, which would mean 1800 persons stopping in town each and every day and only spending the small sum of \$1.00 each would figure a total of \$1,800.00 per day or \$54,000.00 per month or the sum of \$648,000.00 per year.

Records show that tourists spend in Missouri an average of \$200,000,000.00 per year.

Folks, we had better wake up and lock the door before the horse is stolen.

LAST WARNING to the various citizens, business men, property owners, taxpayers and voters get your harness on and all pull together to hold U. S. 66 through WAYNESVILLE.

Approximately 150 persons employed in Waynesville are directly or indirectly benefited by virtue of having 66 highway through town. [Waynesville had been a bottleneck on the two-lane highway since the construction of Fort Leonard Wood.]



This photograph of Shady Rest Resort is not very revealing but indicates screened porch cabins situated on a steep slope down to the Gasconade River. Courtesy of John Bradbury.

SHADY REST RESORT SOLD TO ST. LOUIS COUPLE

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hambee of Rt. 2, Dixon, sold their Shady Rest Resort and hotel this week to Mr. and Mrs. George Rebmann of St. Louis. The Rebmanns will take over the hotel immediately and the Hambees will move to their farm about a mile from the resort. The Shady Rest Resort is located one mile north of the Riddle Bridge, on the Gasconade River. Mr. Rebmann is a retired St. Louis fireman.

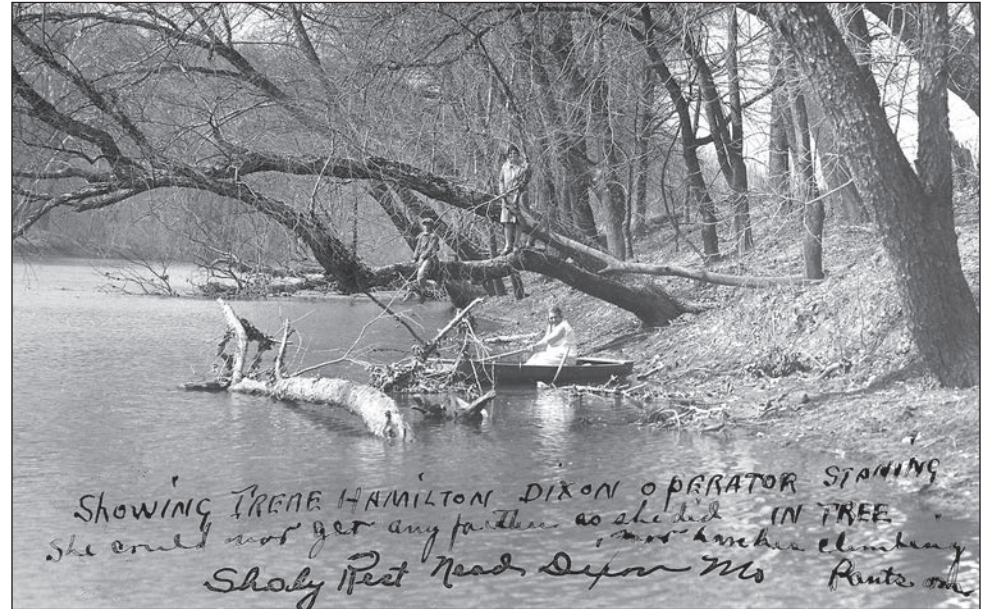
NEWS FROM MOCCASIN BEND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA PULASKI COUNTY

The other day the writer overheard the conversation of two of Pulaski County's old-timers. Seems they both had been reading the series of articles appearing in this newspaper on Moccasin Bend Wildlife Refuge. Their comment was very favorable and they commended the efforts of the landowners of the area and the Conservation Commission for endeavoring to restore to Pulaski County better wildlife that inhabited the area in years gone by.

They went on and recalled how they and their fathers could without any effort go hunting and return with turkey, deer or a large number of squirrels. They recalled the good

old days they and their neighbors would gather on the river when frozen over and gig great numbers of fish through the ice in just a few hours. They recalled the days when they could trap in a week on their own places as much fur as they can trap in a season now by using the entire neighborhood.

Of course they know that with the clearing of the land and the greater number of settlers moved in why this wildlife diminished very rapidly



This view at Shady Rest Resort is a bit more interesting. Three young people cavorted at the boat landing. Irene Hamilton, who is up a tree, apparently was the telephone operator in Dixon. John Bradbury.

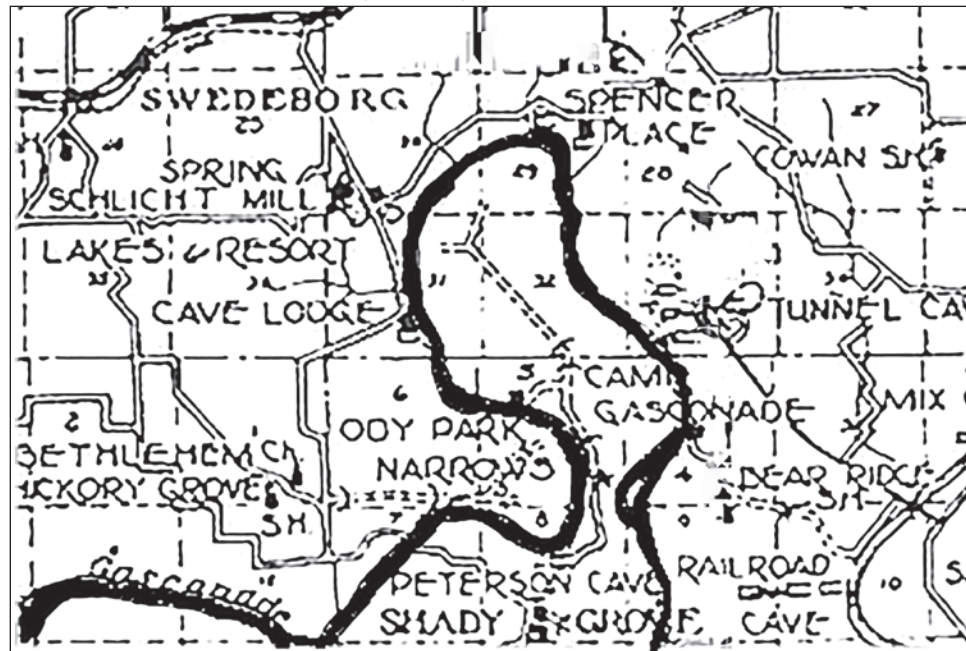
over the years. They also know that even under the most favorable conditions we can never build this wildlife back to the status of the good old days. They know this wildlife will become extinct unless the state of Missouri keeps men of good character and qualifications in charge of our wildlife. These men must have good foresight and courage to plan with nature to offset man's selfishness. They must be men free from political promises in order to resist

pressure groups who narrow-mindedly think that the wildlife will last forever. These men must pass intelligent laws to protect the greatest number of people from losing their greatest heritage, Wildlife. It has always been known the conservation laws are fine for the other fellow, but not the selfish individual.

We think that we can safely say that the farmer, townsman or city dweller who have broadminded principles recognize the need for a strict enforcement of game laws and in some cases enactment of new ones. They recognize the need of long range planning for wildlife, both for protection and ways of increasing it.

We think that the Conservation Commission has taken a far reaching plan in establishing wildlife refuges in various parts of the state. This will help retain as well as restore the various types of game which inhabited the state in "The Good Old Days."

We think that if a refuge were established in each of the 114 Missouri counties and stocked with wildlife adapted to each area that the yield would then be sufficient to allow everybody a fair share, as this wildlife would migrate. These refuges should be of permanent nature and conservation laws rigidly enforced



The Gasconade River forms an eight mile loop south of Crocker, bringing the river to within 1,000 feet of where the loop begins. This is the area known as Moccasin Bend which became a Wildlife Management Area in 1947. For more on the Bend's geology and history, see Dan Slais's article "The History and Legends of the Moccasin Bend of the Gasconade River" in the 2005 *Old Settlers Gazette*.

to prevent any molestation of the wildlife from any source.

In these areas the state could establish conservation practices of all kinds and these practices could then be used as examples to everybody anywhere who might be interested. Ponds, lakes, cover, fire control, strip cropping, rotation, erosion, forestry planting and terracing are just a few examples of what could be practiced and be of benefit to the wildlife.

A large number of uninformed people believe that wildlife can be restored to any area by raising it domestically and then releasing it. This is far from true. It has been known for some time that most of wildlife must multiply by itself under natural conditions if they increase at all. Artificial or domestic raising of wildlife in most cases has proven that they do not have the stamina to exist in the wild.

We of Pulaski County's refuge are willing to cooperate with the Commission in helping to plan the future preservation of game, fish and all wildlife. Let us all help the Commission and Mother Nature by being broadminded. Just do as the two old-timers did the other day and reflect on the Good Old Days.

March 3

JOHN BEAUFORD TO ADDRESS GIGGERS HERE

A record crowd was in attendance at the last giggers meeting. The crowd was estimated at 500. The in-

terest and crowds have grown until the court house auditorium will no longer hold them. Therefore our next meeting will be held in the high school gymnasium. We expect at least a thousand giggers present. We had at our last meeting the Rev. Paul Bennett of Phelps County who made the address of the evening a stimulating speech with oratory such as is seldom heard in these parts. We have a number of outstanding speakers for the coming meeting. Among those to address the group

will be the Hon. John Beauford of Ellington, son of ex-Senator Carter Beauford. Mr Beauford is President of a Current River giggers league. Rev. Paul Bennett and also Rev. Andy Shepherd will address our next meeting. All are outstanding speakers. Phelps, Laclede and other counties will be represented and are coming in with our organization. Dr. C. A. Smith will represent Laclede County. The next meeting will be held in Waynesville Friday night, March 4. A grand time is expected.

Be present without fail!!

March 10

GIGGERS OF PULASKI COUNTY ORGANIZE

The recent giggers meeting was an outstanding success in that there were at least 500 persons present and representatives present from Phelps, Reynolds, Iron, Texas, Miller, Laclede, Carter, and Pulaski Counties. After speeches by Len Bradford, Andy Shepherd, John Beauford, and Paul Bennett an election of officers was held. The organization's name is "Ozark Rough Fish Giggers Association." The following officers and directors were elected: J. W. Lindsey, President; Lyle G. Cox, Secretary-Treasurer, and one director from each of Pulaski Counties six townships. Doyle Stokes, Tavern; Fred Sanders, Piney; Clarence Berry, Roubidoux; Andy Shepherd, Union; Emir Honsinger, Liberty; and Sterling J. Rollins, Cullen.

Membership cards are being printed at this time. The price of a membership card is \$1 per year and is certain to be money well spent. The purpose of our organization is to secure the same rights and privileges for rough fish giggers as fly, live bait, and plug fishermen now enjoy.

Oakwood Village Cafe, formerly known as Tut's Cafe II, is now under new management. The cafe located just east of Waynesville on highway 66 is one of the most modern



Above is Tut's Cafe No.2, one mile east of Waynesville on Route 66. The original Tut's Cafe was on the north side of the square in the middle of the block. Both were owned by Floyd Mooney, and managed by Nelson "Tut" Royalty. Tut was dubbed "chef deluxe" by the *Pulaski County Democrat*. He left Waynesville in 1948 when he bought the Model Cafe, a large restaurant in Columbia. He returned in 1951.

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HIGHWAY COMMISSION WILL INVESTIGATE POSSIBILITY OF 66 THROUGH WAYNESVILLE

We were informed by Rep. T. A. Shockley Wednesday that the Missouri State Highway Commission had acted very favorable in regard to 66 highway being run through the city of Waynesville.

Rep. Shockley attended the regular meeting of the Commission in Jefferson City Tuesday and said they would investigate the possibilities and proposition offered by Waynesville. *[A plan to alleviate bumper to bumper traffic in Waynesville but keep the route through town was proposed as early as 1941, when congestion was at its peak during the construction of Fort Leonard Wood.*

According to the Pulaski County Democrat, May, 1941, "As proposed the new 22 foot 2-lane pavement will branch off the present highway east of here about one mile, come down across the valley along the side of the opposite hill to run just back of the stores about 100 to 150 feet. A new bridge across the Roubidoux will be 150 feet south of the present Roubidoux bridge; crossing the creek the new road will take out the major portions of the buildings on the left side of the present slab, i.e. Roubidoux Gardens [present Head Shed], the Owl Cafe & Garage, Wayne Keeth and Mrs. C. M. Dean residence properties [Spanish Church], the Clark Service Station

[AireServe] and Teeter Garage, etc. Intersection on the west side will be at the H. L. Mitchell barn [present Middle School]. The new pavement will carry only east-bound traffic and the old "66" will carry west bound only. Connecting lanes will be built to accommodate north-south traffic through the entire town. Some of the present streets will be closed for short distances and possibly new ones opened."

This four-lane route through town would have put the row of businesses on the south side of the square in the median of Route 66. Too bad the novel approach did not materialize. It would have been an unusual feature on the road.]

7,000,000 Fish Reared and Released In State In 1948

Springfield—A. George Morris, supervisor of fish hatcheries for the Missouri Conservation Commission, said today that over seven million fish were reared and released in the state during 1948, two million of which went to 2,780 farm ponds.

March 17

1,431 DEER KILLED IN 1948
Jefferson City—Final estimates of the 1948 deer kill by counties was made this week, placing the total bag of buck for the year at 1,431 There were 20,646 deer tag hold-

ers. The estimated kill for 1947 was placed at 1,386. Taney County led with a "take" of 160 bucks.

[We pointed out in the last issue of the Old Settlers Gazette that deer were seldom seen in Pulaski County in the 1940s. Fifty deer were released in the Moccasin Bend Wildlife Management Area in 1948. There was no deer hunting season in Pulaski County in 1949. For comparison, there were 193,669 deer harvested statewide during the 2023 firearms season of which 2,700 were killed in Pulaski County. From "seldom seen" to thousands is a remarkable comeback.]

FOX HUNTERS TO MEET AT COURT HOUSE FRI. NIGHT

The Pulaski County Fox Hunters Association will hold their annual meeting in the Court House Friday night March 25 at 7:30.

They are inviting the Coon Hunters to join their association this year. They plan a program of cooperation with the land owners and Conservation Commission. All hunters are invited to attend.

LESLIE SMITH, E. E. COX

April 28

GUARD UNIT AT FORT LEONARD WOOD ACTIVE

Contrary to public opinion that Fort Leonard Wood is a deserted

ghost camp, a little investigation would reveal that considerable activity is taking place there, and a large portion of it has to do with the National Guard.

The offices of the United States Property and Disbursing Office of the Missouri National guard is located at the Fort . The USP&DO supervises the accounting, supply, procurement and dispensing of all federal monies used by the National Guard in this state.

There are about 25 persons working in the office, 20 in the warehouse and 50 in the maintenance shops.

Most of the people live on the post in the old housing area and are on the United States payroll. The USP&DO is the only one on active Army duty (Army status).

May 5

United Telephone's new switch-board users will no longer have to ring the operator for a connection. There will be no more party line service and each customer will be on his own direct line connection.

May 12

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Morgan and son Bill visited in Hallsville, Mo. Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Morgan. They were accompanied to Jefferson City by Mrs. Kenneth E. Mitchell and son Johnny, who spent

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The Normandy consisted of a service station, cafe, and hotel on ten acres of land. It was built in the 1930s in Buckhorn along the westbound side of Route 66. On the left is the hostelry end of the building while the cafe occupied the north end. It was owned by Mrs. C. J. Funke. Courtesy of Judy McMurtrey.

the day with Mrs. Faye Mitchell and other relatives.

May 26
GIGGERS MEETING

There will be a sportsmen's meeting at the Court House in Waynes-

ville Tuesday night, May 31.

As a special feature there will be a Polish musician present who can play a number of musical instruments and is really a banjo wizard. He will play a number of pieces. He will play some for you about 5

o'clock in the afternoon in the Court House yard. He is visiting Rev. Paul Bennett and on his way to teach music in a religious school. He is probably the greatest musician that will ever come to this Ozark town

and we owe Rev. Paul Bennett a vote of thanks for bringing him here.

Rev. Bennett will be on the program, also Bob Badger of Rolla. Come all. Bring the women and children to hear this good program.



Reverend Paul Bennett (standing) was born in Laclede County on the family's spring and mill grounds, sold to the state in 1924 for a state park and fish hatchery. Paul entered the ministry at the age of 19 and billed himself as "the fishing, coon hunting preacher of the Ozarks." Courtesy of Dick Elgin.



After two decades of holding tent revivals and speaking around the area, Bennett built his New Victory Tabernacle in 1945, conveniently located on the grounds behind his cabin camp, gas station, and restaurant. He packed them in for ten-day camp meetings and fed them, too. Courtesy of John Bradbury.

CAMP MEETING

Paul Bennett Cafe and Camp Ground
Doolittle, Mo. on U. S. 66 - 7 Miles West of Rolla
JULY 8-18, 1949

Great Preachers and Singers

- **Joey**, the banjo wizard from Chicago. Masterful playing of instruments valued at more than \$3000.
- **Rev. Andy Sheppard**, the old fashioned country Baptist preacher of Waynesville, Friday night, July 8, at 8 p. m.
- **Tommy**, 14-year-old boy preacher from Lebanon. Saturday night, July 9
- **Rev. Wilson Davis**, Sunday night.
- **Mother Bennett**, the mother of Paul Bennett, will preach the First Sunday morning.
- **Rev. Bill Dowell**, Springfield, Mo., will preach the First Sunday afternoon.

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June 2, 1949

Legislative Letter

from T. A. Shockley, Rep.

...I also received some favorable "grapevine" information that we may be able to keep Highway 66 on the old route through Waynesville, providing, of course, if the right-of-way can be obtained at a fair and reasonable amount.

June 9, 1949

William Brisch, local business man, purchased the Silver Star night club building located east of Waynesville on 66 highway at a trustee's sale at the Court House. *[Brisch also owned the O. K. Garage in West Waynesville and was very involved in community affairs.]*

June 23, 1949

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I wish it clearly understood that I am not a gangster or racketeer, nor have I ever been associated with one, irregardless of who may spread such gossip.

My father was on the police force in St. Louis for 32 years and my cousin is present treasurer of the City of St. Louis. I think my record

cleaner than the people who are willing to spread this sort of malicious gossip.

We are here to stay like the polar wave.

JAMES EGAN

[This is an unusual item in the newspaper. What talk in town precipitated it, we do not know. In the early part of the century, there was a notorious gang of criminals in St. Louis known as Egan's Rats, headed by Thomas Egan. James Egan was a St. Louis labor organizer when he came to the Painters' Union Picnic in May of 1941 in Devils Elbow to present Dwight Rench of the Elbow with a new 8 cylinder, 165 horsepower, maroon Buick. Rench was the Business Representative of the Painters' Union and had grown the membership from

13 to 1200, largely as a result of the construction of Fort Leonard Wood. Egan later moved to Pulaski County and had a native stone home on Route 66 in what is now St. Robert. He had several businesses, including a garage, towing service, trailer court, sand and gravel hauling, and a cab company. His association with gangsters may have been in name only.

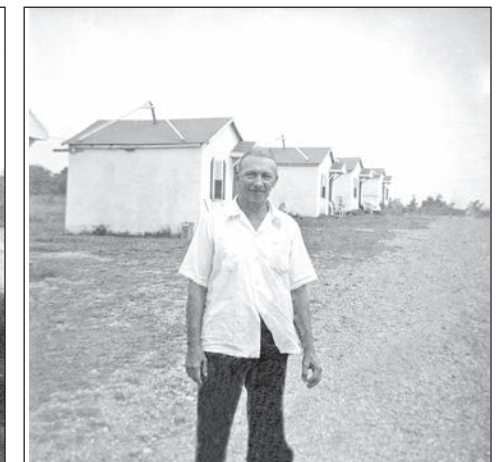
June 30

Illinoisans Buy the Ideal Cafe Here

Mr. and Mrs Fred Sanderson of Denver, Colo. and formerly of this city sold the Ideal Cafe and cabins Wednesday to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sindler of Chicago, Illinois, who plan to open for business around August 1.



William Brisch enlarged and renovated the Silver Star Nite Club, located near the present Mercy Clinic. Through the 1950s and early 1960s, it was the nicest local facility with a 250-seat dining room. Courtesy of John Bradbury.



The original Ideal Court with 12 tourist cabins was built in 1936 and was located across Route 66 from the present Crawford Heating and Cooling in St. Robert. Robert and Sophie Sindler and three children came to Pulaski County from Chicago in 1949 and renamed the business Sindler's Cabin City & Cafe. Robert, nicknamed "Pop," installed neon tubes on the cabin roofs which could be seen at night in Hazelgreen. For more of the family and business story, see *2018 Old Settlers Gazette*, page 61. Courtesy of Mike Sindler.

Mack Wilkerson
Pulaski County Treasurer



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July 14, 1949

BEGIN WORK ON NEW VOCATIONAL BUILDING AT CROCKER LAST WEEK

Work was started this past week clearing the ground on the Crocker School property for the new Vocational Agriculture building.

About two week ago Crocker school patrons voted a \$11,000.00 bond issue for construction of the vocational plant that will house the agriculture classes and school cafeteria. The new structure will be brick and tile and is to be erected where the school cafeteria building was located.

BENTLEY BALDRIDGE OF LINN CREEK LEASES TUT'S CAFE FROM FLOYD MOONEY

Bentley Baldrige of Linn Creek has leased Tut's Cafe in Waynesville from Floyd Mooney, owner of the cafe.

Mr. Baldrige, a restaurant man of many years experience, comes to

Waynesville from Caffeyville where he was in business.

He served as an officer in the Army in World War II. During the war he acted as sparring partner for Champion Joe Louis and accompanied him on many trips over the U.S. During 1934 he was amateur heavy weight champion of Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, and Oklahoma.

Attend Road Meeting in Jeff City

Several Waynesville men were in Jefferson City Tuesday conferring with highway officials in regard to the status of Highway 66 through Waynesville. They were: T. A. Allen, Roy C. Wilson, Claude Rigsby and Wm. Brisch.

Local Happenings

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Tarbell and daughters Margaret and Shirley and son Dale of Kansas City came down for a couple of days visit at Maxey Cave and Devil's Elbow. Mr. Tarbell

is making arrangements to move to the Elbow and make it his future home. Miss Margaret is moving to Maxey Cave to look after her place there.

SCHOOL MEETING NOTICE TO FORM AN ENLARGED SCHOOL DISTRICT

In accordance with the provision of Senate Bill No. 307, enacted by the 64th General Assembly, notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of the proposed enlarged school district Reorganized No 1, Dixon Area; No. 2, Crocker Area; No. 3, Swedeborg Area; No. 4, Richland Area; No. 5, Laquey Area; No 6, Waynesville Area; No. 7, Big Piney Area, County of Pulaski, State of Missouri, that a school election will be held at the following designated voting place or places: Dixon, No. 1; Crocker, No. 2; Swedeborg, No. 3; Richland, No. 4; Laquey, No. 5; Waynesville, No. 6; Big Piney, No. 7, in said proposed enlarged school

districts, on Tuesday, the 9th day of August, 1949, polls opening at 6 a.m. and closing at 7 p.m., to vote upon the proposition:

To form enlarged school district which include the following existing school districts:

R-1, Dixon, Hancock, Hamilton, Fox Crossing, High Point, Franks, Pisgah, Lone Star, Gaddy, Shephard, Needmore, Burnett, Mungy.

R-2, Crocker, Brown , Bates, Cowan, Sweet Home, Bear Ridge, Miller, Liberty.

R-3, Swedeborg, Dublin, Lee, Oaklawn, Hawkeye, Hicks.

R-4, Richland, Buzzard Roost, Moro, Mt Satchel, Prairie Creek, Hazelgreen, Pleasant Knoll, Fairview, Oakview, O'Halloran, Elm Grove, Skin Heel.

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R-7, Big Piney, Haley Bend, Pine Bluff, Hopewell.

Done this 14th day of July, 1949.
Wm Shelden, President,
County Board of Education
J. C. Underwood, Secretary,
County Board of Education

July 28, 1949

Maxey Cave Place has a population of about 20. Margaret Tarbell has moved to Pulaski from Kansas City and is improving cave property.

August 4, 1949
TELEVISION COMES TO
WAYNESVILLE

E. N. Toops, local radio man and his family enjoyed seeing the Cardinal-Brooklyn baseball game last Sunday afternoon and evening over their television set installed by Mr.

Toops. Their home is five miles southwest of Waynesville on 66. They reported a fair picture of the afternoon game and an excellent picture of the night game. He used two FM aeriels. He feels that with the proper t-v aeriels that residents of Waynesville and vicinity can have good radio T-V.

August 11
SCHOOL ENLARGEMENT VOTE
CARRIES IN WAYNESVILLE,
RICHLAND, AND LAQUEY
Fails at Crocker, Dixon, Swedeborg
and Big Piney

In an election conducted throughout Pulaski County Tuesday three school districts voted to enlarge districts. Four others voted not to enlarge theirs

At Dixon the vote was 395 against and 48 for.

In Crocker the enlargement was beaten 182 to 117.

Richland carried the proposition 335 to 104. Laquey voted for and 94 against.

In Waynesville the vote was 186 for, 68 opposed. Hooker was 18 for and 46 against. Combined vote is 204 for and 114 opposed

Big Piney turned down enlargement 29 to 26.

Those districts in which enlargement did not carry must hold another election within two years according to state law and may if the people so desire within one year from date of this past election.

September 1
82 To Lose Jobs
at Fort Leonard Wood

82 civilian employees at Fort Leonard Wood will be fired under the budget slashing plan of Defense Secretary Louis Johnson as was announced Wednesday, August 24, in Washington, D.C.

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September 15
Waynesville Schools Enrollment
to 520

The present enrollment in the Waynesville High and Elementary schools now stands at approximately 520. Of this number 142 are in high school, 122 in Junior High and 254 in the elementary grades in the West School.

September 22

Dear Readers...

Mary A. Heurer sold Shanghai Springs to Clyde Colliers who sold to A. B. Cantwell of K. C. Story is that an Indian Chief by the name of Shanghai used vegetable colors to paint his picture on the overhanging cliff, hence another name for the (Blue) spring but to me the name Shanghai denotes Chinese origin and I am skeptical and from Missouri, if that means anything. Dr. Heurer had grounds planted to all varieties of shrubbery and flowers

hardy to this region and the landscaping fitted the natural setting.

RUTH LONG

[After suffering most of the year with several afflictions, Ruth was back with her weekly column.]

October 6

Oak Park Cabins Sold to Chicago Couple

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Swaney from Dixon, Illinois, sold their Oak Park Tourist Court last week to Mr. and Mrs. James R. Bullock of Chicago, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Swaney recently closed the court and moved to Illinois where he has been employed the past year. The camp is located at the junction of old 66 and the dual lane east of Waynesville.

November 17

Devil's Elbow News

Mr. E. D. Tarbell and daughter Margaret went to Kansas City the first of the week where he went to



The Oak Park Cabins were originally called the E-Z Inn, built in the early 1930s by a couple from Chicago named Ernie and Zada. In addition to the house/store/filling station stone building, there were four native stone cabins. Ernie and Zada sold it to the Swaney's in 1949, who renamed it Oak Park. The cabin court had a succession of owners through the next two decades and the stone cabins were razed in 2020, replaced with mobile homes. The store building remains as the Grandview Apartments, located on Highway Z across from Judy's Place. Jan and Terry Primas.

Why should you vote for Bryan Gibbs for Pulaski County Sheriff August 6th?

I have been in Law Enforcement since 2009. Currently, I am the Detective Sergeant of the Pulaski County Sheriff's Department. Being a member of the department gives me an insight as to where I see improvements should be made. I also have an understanding of how each area should operate and what is required to be run properly. As your Sheriff, those changes will be implemented and maintained.

Fiscal responsibility is crucial and I will ensure that the taxpayer's money is not misused or wasted.

I will grow the staff with qualified and well-trained personnel and maintain them with an improved retention program.

On-going training and expanded specialized training will be offered and implemented.

Working with all agencies in Pulaski County to provide strong interagency support for our citizens.

I will lead the charge to clean up our beautiful county by apprehending those who bring drugs into our community and those who sell them; those who go after our children, both physically and on the internet, and those who threaten our peace and safety.

And most importantly, as your Sheriff, I am going to restore the public's trust by accountability and true transparency by creating a committee of peers and citizens to foster progress with the department.



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dismount his telescope which he will bring to his place here. Mr. Tarbell is a well known astronomer and has one of the largest telescopes in Kansas City, it being 12 inches in diameter and the dome housing is about 20 feet across.

December 15
MAXEY CAVE LEASED TO
SPRINGFIELD MAN

Last week a deal was completed by which Maxey Cave was leased to some parties which expect to develop it into an up-to-date recreation center. Miss Margaret Tarbell who has owned it for several years leased the cave, which will be known as Spirit Cave for a long term of years. Surveying for lights, road, etc. have already begun and it will be pushed rapidly as soon as the preliminary work is completed. Miss Margaret retains her cabins and home site on the hill above the cave and may do

some more building in the future. Formal opening will be sometime about August 1, 1950. Mr. Frank C. Thomas of Springfield, Mo., mining engineer, is promoter.

December 29
NOTICE TO THE PEOPLE
OF WAYNESVILLE

I have requested and been granted a hearing before the Highway Commission of Missouri, relative to the relocation of U. S. Highway 66 from a point east of Waynesville to a point west of Waynesville. The hearing will be in the hearing room of the Commission at Jefferson City, Missouri, on Tuesday, January 10, 1950 at 1:30 P.M. We want as many as possible to go to this hearing. Both the proponents and the opponents may be heard. We understand there are some people in or near Waynesville that favor the change in location, and if that is true you are

welcome to be there and be heard. I am sure there are many people in Waynesville that want to know just who you are.

There will be at least one bus and many cars to take those that want to go and all persons desiring to attend said hearing in favor of keeping the road in Waynesville should contact the undersigned and transportation will be furnished free of charge. Of course those that want the road to go south of Waynesville will have to furnish their own transportation. I feel that there are several people in and near Waynesville that are politically sore at me, and for that reason they refuse to be for us. It is equally true there are some people in and near Waynesville that I do not love personally, politically, or otherwise, but in a time like this we should be big enough to get in and fight for what we know will save our little city and the nice business many of

our people receive from the people traveling through Waynesville. Fort Leonard Wood took the great part of our trade territory. Now if we stand by and let the Highway Commission take our road business, property values, in my opinion, will decrease fifty per cent in Waynesville and many people who now live here and enjoy a good business will starve out and have to locate elsewhere. We are going to make the fight of our lives before the Commission. If we lose then we will fight any and every other way we can think of. The people who pay taxes to build roads should enjoy some business from them if they desire and should at least have the right of entrance to said super road they propose to build for the rich people, trucks and buses to speed through our state.
Respectfully
Tom A. Shockley, Representative.



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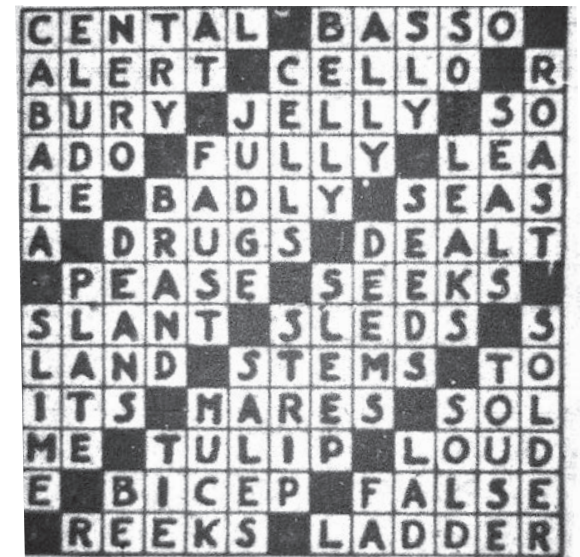

1953 NON-PRO NATIONAL CHAMPIONS
FORT LEONARD WOOD (MISSOURI) HILLTOPPERS

Front Row: Keith Schmidt, c; Bob McKees, 2b; Pete Vitale, rf; Whitey Herzog, cf; Dick Gray, 3b; Tom Taylor, 1b; and Ed Kasko, ss. Back Row: Walter Babcock, p; William Black, p; Richard Campbell, Mgr., inf; Jim Depalo, p; Russ Swingle, p; Vince Magi, lf; Dean Ehlers, 1b; Pete Burnside, p; Ed Staab, p; and Guy Reese, p. Kneeling: Bat Boys—Charles Cooper and Bud Johnson.

We were saving this picture for the 1953 news recap feature in the 2028 *Old Settlers Gazette*. However, the death of Dorrel Norman Elvert “Whitey” Herzog on April 15 of this year prompted early publication. Whitey Herzog, in the middle of the kneeling players above, was the manager of the St. Louis Cardinals from 1980-1990. While playing Triple A minor league baseball with Kansas City, he was drafted during the Korean War in 1953. That same year, he

married his New Athens, Illinois, high school sweetheart Mary Lou Sinn. While stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, he played baseball for the Hilltoppers, the post’s baseball team. Also pictured are two other players who played professionally: Pete Vitale (minor league) and Eddie Kasko (Cardinals, Astros, and Red Sox). Whitey managed the Cardinals to three National League pennants and one World Series championship. He was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame.

Answers to crossword puzzle on page 15.



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