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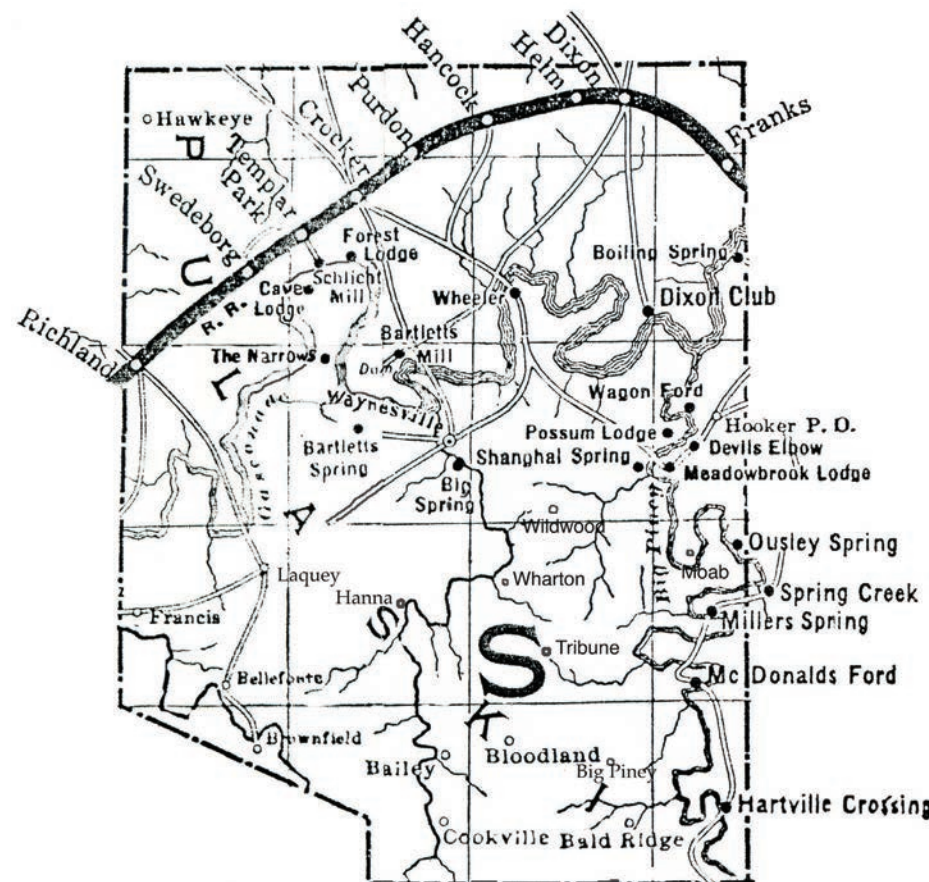
Crocker continued to have problems with its electric light plant, remaining in the dark all year. Richland's electric service was more dependable. Bennett Skaggs from Iberia upgraded his already dependable electric service in Dixon. Waynesville, the county seat, still did not have a municipal light plant. An ice storm in December 1924 knocked out most of the telephone service in the county for months.

The Centennial Road Law passed in 1921 and the subsequent 60 million dollar bond issue approved by the voters was aimed at getting (most) of Missouri "out of the mud." A considerable amount of work was done on Highway 14 (St. Louis to Springfield Road) in 1924 and continued improvement to state roads occurred during 1925.

Economic conditions and population growth were "steady."

# Pulaski News

compiled and edited by Terry Primas



## News and Views of 100 Years Ago 75 Years Ago

The newspapers of Pulaski County had one change of ownership in 1925. W. H. Woodhouse became Owner and Editor of the *Richland Mirror* in 1922, taking over from R. T. Lemons, who bought the paper in 1917. Woodhouse then sold the paper to H. S. Rittenhouse in November of 1923 who sold the paper in October of 1925 to P. W. Cole. Charles Iden was Editor and Publisher and Josie M. Iden the Local Editor of the *Crocker News*. The *Dixon Pilot* continued in the capable hands of Arundel Goforth, who billed the *Pilot* as the "Only Republican paper in Pulaski County". V. V. Long, who took over the *Pulaski County Democrat* in 1914, continued at the helm of the county seat publication. A 1940 fire incinerated the newspaper issues from 1918 to late 1940 and none survive on microfilm.

## 1925

January 1  
*Dixon Pilot*

### Buys First Parks

With his characteristic foresight of the future welfare of the people of Missouri, Governor [Arthur] Hyde [1921-1925], who has long been considering purchasing a number of state parks, has arranged to acquire for the state a number of desirable tracts of land, principally for recreation purposes for the public. Negotiations have been pending for some time and deals for the first two parks have been consummated at very reasonable figures. He has been ably assisted in the selection and purchases of the sites by Frank H. Wielandy, state game and fish commissioner. [Wielandy, while looking for park sites around the state, happened on a piece of property south of Dixon near Franks. He and his brother, Paul, bought the 360-acre

tract. Frank and Paul were partners in the Blackwell-Wielandy Book & Stationary Company in St. Louis. They named their Ozark retreat Blue Jay Farm after their popular Blue Jay writing tablets and school supplies. Blue Jay Farm now operates as a Bed & Breakfast, entrance on cover.]

The first deal was for Round Springs in Shannon county. Seventy-six acres surrounding the spring, fourteen miles from Eminence, was acquired for \$5,000. The spring will be used for a fish hatchery and the land for a game preserve. The spring has an average flow of nearly 15,000,000 gallons of water a day.

A twelve thousand acre tract near Salem, Dent County, has also been purchased for a state park, for which \$50,593 or \$4.50 per acre was paid. The land is forest, abounds in large springs and creeks. An additional two thousand acres adjoining is soon to be purchased and added to the park. The total cost will be about \$58,000. All varieties of game fish

and species of wild animals that can be propagated will be placed in this preserve, which may be reached by both railroad and state highway.

### *Crocker News* Still Captured

Sheriff Warren Wyrick, of Waynesville, began his official career by capturing a 20 gallon copper still, several quarts of finished liquor and a batch of stuff ready to boil off late Monday afternoon at the home of W. E. Somers southeast of Crocker.

Mr. Somers was arrested and taken to Waynesville with his illicit equipment and product where he waived preliminary hearing and was lodged in jail to await trial at the March term of court. We understand that the officers were given a tip Monday morning after several persons had enjoyed a spree on Saturday night. Somers, who came here from Nebraska, has three boys 4, 6, and 8 years old, who are being cared for under the direction of the juvenile

court, his wife having left him some months ago. His bond was fixed at \$1,500 which we understand he will not try to fill.

January 8  
*Dixon Pilot*

### Enforces Game Laws

If all state game and fish commissioners had been of the caliber of Frank H. Wielandy, the present commissioner, Missouri would today be the sportsman's paradise it was in pioneer days. Wielandy assumes that the present laws on the statute books relative to the protection and propagation of game and fish and wildlife in general, were enacted for no other purpose than to be enforced and he has seen to it that his deputies either enforced these laws or made room for men who would enforce them. This is indicated by records in the department's office in the state house which show that during the less than nine months he has been head of the department approximately 1700

arrests have been made for violations of the game and fish laws, with convictions running nearly ninety per cent.

This work has been done with nineteen regular deputies and fourteen special deputies. The work was done out of the usual appropriations for this department, and Commissioner Wielandy will go before the forthcoming legislature with more funds than any of his predecessors had done for many years past.

Contrast this record with that of Tim Birmingham, Democrat, who served as commissioner under Governor Gardner [1917-1921]. His records show that during his entire term of four years only 315 arrests were made for violations of the game and fish laws, with but 106 convictions, and not one penny was left of his appropriation or any other fund when he turned over the office to his successor.

Money from fines collected from violators of the game and fish laws go into the public school fund and are distributed in the districts where assessed. Money from the sale of licenses go into the state park fund. [A. Goforth, editor of the Crocker News was a staunch Republican. Frank Wielandy was a Republican, appointed by Republican Governor Arthur Hyde. Goforth was making the argument that Republicans en-

forced laws and were fiscally responsible.]

*Richland Mirror*

#### State Purchases More Parks

The state fish and game department has purchased another tract of 4,000 acres on which is located Big Spring, one of the largest springs in the Ozarks.

The land is about one-half mile south of Van Buren, Carter County, and was purchased at \$4 an acre.

The deal, however, is held up by the temporary injunction brought against the purchase of state parks.

There is also under consideration the purchase of the Bennett Springs tract in Laclede county.

January 15

*Crocker News*

#### Big Fur Shipment

Geo. Payne, local manager for the Payne Commission Co., was on the St. Louis market Monday with a shipment of furs totaling 3,004 pelts for which he received \$4, 221.00. There were 2,155 possum hides in the lot, the balance being coon, mink, muskrat, fox, skunk, civet, etc., the largest single shipment of furs ever going out of Crocker, and 15 trapping days yet to hear from.

January 29

Given Two Years

W. E. Somers, of southeast of



Above is the club house at Huber's on the Gasconade Resort owned by Charles N. Huber at Jerome in 1908 when it was named the Jerome Hunting and Fishing

Club. By 1925, there were also a number of cottages renting for \$3.00 per day. The State Historical Society of Missouri, John F. Bradbury, Jr. Postcard Collection.

Crocker, pled guilty on a liquor charge at a special term of Circuit Court held at Waynesville Thursday of last week and was sentenced by Judge W. E. Barton to serve two years in the state penitentiary. He was taken to Jefferson City Friday to be "dressed in." [Seems to be a particularly harsh sentence compared to similar violations of the Volstead Act in the area.]

*Dixon Pilot*

#### Girl Escapades

It is becoming somewhat common to read in the newspapers of girls who break loose in some escapade. Some of them put on men's clothes and work for a considerable time in some man's job. Bobbed hair and flapper bandits are often heard from. Two girls were arrested the other day at Syracuse, New York, to which place they had ridden on an engine tender.

Yet when you consider all the millions of young women and girls in this country, it is perhaps remarkable, in these days when women are "Emancipated," that so few are doing these eccentric or dangerous things. The vast majority are using their new found freedom with common sense, and bring to make good along the lines which human wisdom suggests.

If the young men were playing as straight as the girls are, there would

be much less reason for uneasiness as to present day methods of training.—*Springfield Republican*.

February 5

*Dixon Pilot*

#### Andres Bought Huber Place

Mr. and Mrs. J. Tilden Andres of Jerome were Dixon business visitors last Saturday.

Mr. Andres has purchased the C. N. Huber summer resort at Jerome and will add the same to the large resort he has been conducting.

The Huber place is a fine piece of resort property, and being located adjacent to and in front of the J. T. Andres resort, makes a magnificent addition to same.

Mr. and Mrs. Andres are pioneer Jerome resort people, who have been able to handle many more people each season than any other Jerome resort, yet each season have had to turn away many applicants for accommodations at their popular place, and by the new purchase they hope to be able to handle all the business that comes their way during the coming season at least, and if need be will build more cottages for future business, as they now have more room for expansion along that line.

The Andres do not only cater to city folks, but extend the same courtesy and efficient service to patron-

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age from Dixon people and those from other nearby sections. Their hotel and resort has been a favorite place with Dixonites in past seasons and no doubt will continue to command a large part of Dixon business in their line.

Mr. and Mrs. Andres intend to lay out a good croquet ground and also add a tennis court among the improvements for their big summer resort.

The Hubers, we understand, go to Valley Park.

February 12  
Crocker News  
**New Bridge**

The County contracted last week with a St. Louis firm for the construction of a bridge across the Gasconade at Lundstrom Ford in Liberty Township, at a cost of \$8,100. The old bridge across the Roubidoux at Waynesville, which was replaced by

a modern concrete bridge [in 1923], will be used and a new 60-foot steel span will be added.

March 5  
*Richland Mirror*

Quite a number of our citizens heard President Coolidge's inaugural address over the various radios in Richland Wednesday. They also heard the applauding. [This was the 35<sup>th</sup> inauguration of a president and the first to be broadcast on radio.]

March 12  
*Dixon Pilot*

All Southwest Missouri rejoices that the state succeeded in securing Bennett's Spring in Dallas county as a state park. This is one of the great springs of the world and its purchase was timely because it is unlikely that the state would ever have even able to own it had the option taken last year by Frank H.

Wielandy while state game and fish commissioner, which was good only until March 1st, been permitted to expire. The park is to be paid for out of fees collected from fishing and hunting licenses.

March 19  
Crocker News

*Telephone Service Probable*

Perry D. War, of St. Louis, has taken over the stock of the Ozark Telephone System (our local system) and would give us first class service provided that the patrons would consent to an advance in rates as follows: business phones \$2.20 per month, residence phones \$1.50, 4-party residence phones \$1.25 and rural phones 50c per month [which were 10-party lines].

Crocker has been without telephone service since the 17th of December when our lines went down under a load of ice.

April 9  
*Richland Mirror*

The Mirror force were pleased Wednesday afternoon to hear the tinkle of the telephone bell. Mr. Noe informs us that in a few days he hopes to have enough phones connected to put an operator at the switchboard. It has been almost four months that we have been without our phones and to have them again will sure make us more appreciative of them than ever.

April 25  
Crocker News

**Fire at Bloodland**

A store and mill owned by F. B. Brown at Bloodland totally destroyed Saturday night. \$1,000 loss, no insurance.

April 30  
Crocker News

**May Get Lights**

Samuel Clifton Danner, of Doniphan, was in Crocker Saturday



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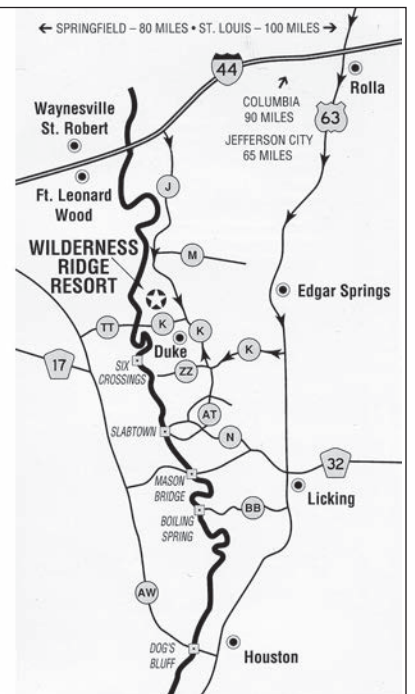
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with the idea of installing an up-to-date electric light plant here. Mr. Danner recently sold a light plant at Doniphan and should he decide to locate here will begin to take the necessary steps in the near future. We want lights and hope his decision is favorable. *[Crocker has not had electric lights since its light plant burned in 1922.]*

May 7  
Dixon Pilot

**Renewing Phone System**

The Ozarks Telephone system, which has been reported sold several times during the last few years, has at last been sold to real telephone people—Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Bursmeyer from Webster Groves, who in a business-like way are rebuilding the lines that were destroyed by the December ice storm and putting everything in order as rapidly as possible with a view to normal phone service over city

phones by the latter part of this month, possibly the middle.

They are making their headquarters at Crocker at present and are overhauling the system there and at Waynesville, as well as in Dixon.



Pulaski County experienced a destructive ice storm on December 17, 1924. Pictures, such as the one above, were taken of the memorable natural event. Telephone lines were down in all of the villages.

*Richland Mirror*  
**SHERIFF WYRICK CAPTURES  
40-GALLON STILL**

Sheriff J. W. Wyrick received a tip on Sunday that there was a still near Richland and with his deputy, Sam

Saying of Waynesville, was soon on the trail. They hunted Monday and until some time Monday night when it was discovered on Hugo Strom's land where it corners with Chas. Anderson's land out six miles north of Richland. The Sheriff and his deputy watched alternately, sleeping on leaves and eating out of paper sacks until the capture about midnight Wednesday.

Early Wednesday morning Sheriff Wyrick went to Mr. Strom whom he had known for a long time and told him that he had discovered a still on his land but that he didn't think that Mr. Strom knew of its existence. He also told him that a government official had been sent for and that he had better have Chas. Anderson remove his still or it might cause Mr. Strom trouble. Mr. Anderson was notified by Mr. Strom and promised to move it Wednesday night.

Everything was going as the Sheriff



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had planned and he and his deputy lay in waiting until Mr. Anderson had it loaded in the wagon when they made the arrest and brought man, wagon and still to Richland about 2 o'clock Thursday morning.

At this writing (Thursday morning) the Prosecuting Attorney has been sent for and Mr. Anderson will be given a preliminary hearing.

Sheriff Wyrick is working faithfully to rid the county of bootlegging and says if the citizens will only give their assistance and when they know of any such going on will notify him he will follow on the trail until it is discovered.

It is up to the citizens of Richland to cooperate with the Sheriff and lend every assistance in ridding the town and county of bootlegging.

The still will be taken to Waynesville and destroyed.

#### Parson Lodge Opening Sunday, May 17

The Parson Lodge will have their opening on Sunday, May 17 with a chicken dinner. Price 50c. Dinner served from 11:30 until 2 o'clock. If possible send reservations for number to be served.

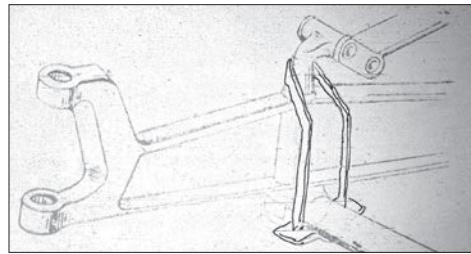
Mrs. Parsons, Hazelgreen, Mo.

#### May 14, 1925 Crocker News

**RADIUS ROD CLAMP FACTORY A NEW LOCAL INSTITUTION**  
Ford Car Accessory Invented and Manufacture by Crocker Citizen is a Market Success and Finds Ready Sale  
Mert C. Skaggs, until recently of the Crocker Garage, has perfected an invention which is of great value to Ford car owners consisting of a radius rod clamp which successfully and permanently eliminates all radius rod trouble at the axle connection. The illustration below gives a clear idea of how the clamp is installed. This clamp prevents the radius rod from coming down should it break at the axle connection, the weak point, and braces the axle in correct position, making the car more easy to control and prevents "wheel-wobble". It is almost

invisible when installed and adds much to the safety of driving.

Mr. Skaggs has installed machinery for making the clamps, including bending and threading machines, painting vats, etc. and is able to turn out several hundred clamps in a day. Under the name of the Skaggs Manufacturing Co., he is marketing the clamps through a number of jobbing houses and they are meeting with an increasing demand. The clamp has been thoroughly tested for months by home people and has never failed to deliver full service, and it seems quite probable that the plant will have to greatly increase its productive capacity soon.



There are in Missouri 114 counties, 1,297 townships, 324 cities, 83 towns, and 305 villages, according to the census of 1920.

June 4

*Richland Mirror*

#### Dr. Lavega Tice Dead

On Thursday night, May 28, 1925, Dr. LaVega Tice passed away at his home in Waynesville after a lingering illness of typhoid fever, aged 67 years.

Dr. Tice came to Waynesville from Sedalia, Mo., some 45 years ago and has since then practiced his profession in Waynesville and vicinity and a host of sorrowing friends are left who feel that it will be a long time before his place can be taken as a physician and friend at their fire-sides.

He was married in 1884 to Miss Mabel Bates of Pulaski county who with one son Dr. A. L. Tice of Crocker and one daughter, Mrs. Mabel Burchard of Willow Spring, Mo., survive. There are also two sisters

living.

On account of his wide acquaintance and such a large crowd present, the funeral service was conducted on the Court House lawn by his pastor Rev. J. L. Hicks of the Baptist church there.

June 11

#### BRIDGE AT MAYS FORD

The new concrete bridge across the Gasconade at May's Ford is rapidly nearing completion. A large number drove out from Richland Sunday to see how it was progressing and several crossed in their cars even if it was a little rough going. E. A. Steckel was the first to cross in his car Saturday evening.

Work of placing gravel on the rock foundation to get ready for the concrete top commenced Monday; also a car load of cement was hauled out from Richland Monday.

The trade territory this bridge will open up will mean considerable to Richland.

June 25

#### BRIDGE AT MAYS FORD COMPLETED

The new low water bridge at Mays Ford has been completed and approved by the county highway engineer and accepted by the county

court. This is quite an achievement and one of which this part of Pulaski county should be proud. It will not only be of great advantage to all residents on the other side of the river but will add very materially to Richland a trading point for that section. It is also most likely that a new mail route will be established out of Richland to cover that neighborhood. The bridge is a good one and from appearances will endure. It is a step in the right direction and one that many other localities where crossing over creeks and rivers place them in something of an isolated district will do well to go and see and take it as a lesson and profit by its pattern and commence the building of other crossings which will allow them to reach their markets and their churches, regardless of streams except at times of overflow.

The promoters and builders of this bridge are to be congratulated and should feel proud of their work. It is without a doubt money and labor well spent.

The Mirror extends its congratulation to citizens of Turkey Ridge in having such an outlet and to Richland in the opening up of a valuable trace territory.

C. J. Seeburger last week installed



The completed 285-foot long low water bridge at May's Ford was a community effort, led by E. A. Steckel, owner of Ozark Springs Resort and developer of Turkey Ridge. More than half of the projected \$2,242.60 cost was paid by neighborhood subscription with the county paying the rest. The State Historical Society of Missouri, John F. Bradbury, Jr. Postcard Collection.

a new 12 foot Walrus fountain in his drug store. It is equipped with a Frigidaire unit, Sunkist orange extractor, Arnold electric mixer of the latest type and keeps all drinks ice cold and ice can be frozen when necessary. This is the only one of the kind between St. Louis and Springfield at the present time. *[The Walrus Manufacturing Company of Decatur, Illinois, was a Midwest leader in the first half of the 20th century in building and installing soda fountains when they were such a popular addition to drug stores. After World War II, bottled carbonated soft drinks slowly killed the soda fountain business.]*



Charles J. Seeburger's drug store in Richland, 1928. The State Historical Society of Missouri, John F. Bradbury, Jr. Postcard Collection.

carried out. The Richland Band dispersed music during the day.

Notwithstanding the extreme heat everyone seemed to be having a good time. The young folks enjoyed themselves in water sports while the older ones visited with old friends.

July 30

*Dixon Pilot*

#### Two Holdups at Crocker.

A Mr. Skaggs was held up at Crocker Tuesday and robbed of a little over three dollars in cash. The robbery took place just outside of Crocker, when the two men forced Mr. Skaggs to sign a check for \$25. One of the holdup men held a gun on Skaggs while the other went to town to cash the check. However, he was unsuccessful in his attempt to get it cashed, so he returned to his companion and gave Mr. Skaggs back his check, and the two outlaws escaped.

While Sheriff Wyrick was here on business Wednesday, he received a message to come to Crocker at once, that another holdup had been committed.

News office on Commercial Street and have begun the erection of a new building 30x70 feet with basement in which to house their factory. M. C. Skaggs plans a garage and filling station in connection with the factory when the building is completed.

*[There was no publication of the Richland Mirror during August, 1925, as publisher H. S. Rittenhouse and his wife went to Los Angeles to visit his "aged and feeble father." He was unable to find competent help to issue the paper in his absence.]*



FISH-DAM BRIDGE, NEAR DIXON, MO.  
Steel Bridge, 350 feet span over Gasconade River.

The Steel Bridge over the Gasconade on Highway 28 south of Dixon was also known as Fish-Dam Bridge. A short distance downstream from the bridge was the Dixon Hunting and Fishing Club open to all Dixonites. It had a club house and several cabins. Lots were also available upstream at the Riverside development. The location did not become a resort mecca and the Dixon Club faded, too.

August 20

*Dixon Pilot*

#### The Coming Resort

The Steel Bridge section of the Gasconade is rapidly becoming one of the most popular and frequented outing places, especially on Sundays, we know of. Some of our people have summer buildings near the bridge, others own building sites and still others are buying, and well they may, as the best locations go first and will soon all be in private hands. Yet there are some nice lots to be had among those offered by G. W. Shelton and Judge Veasman.

There is a spirit of co-operation prevailing among Dixon people in connection with the Steel Bridge place that, if nurtured a little, will establish and develop one of the most favored river resorts in the Ozarks. This spirit is much more in evidence along the banks of the river there now than at the much older and larger place at Jerome.

The Steel Bridge place is one of the most accessible in the Ozarks, being located on either side of State Highway No. 28, which is mighty fine driving to and from Dixon, and intersects the splendid new State Highway No. 14, a very few miles beyond the river. There probably is no better choice swimming

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July 9

*Richland Mirror*

#### PICNIC AT OZARK SPRINGS

A large crowd was in attendance at the Ozark Springs picnic and Mays Ford bridge dedication on the Fourth.

The program as advertised was

August 6

*Crocker News*

#### Clamp Factory to Build

The Skaggs Manufacturing Co., maker of Ford Radius Rod Clamps, has purchased lots just north of the

place than the eddy spanned by the bridge and our people are flocking thereto in great numbers, where our boys recently erected commodious changing rooms for bathers.

The fishing, hunting, etc., seems to be as good up and down the river in the vicinity of the Bridge as at any other point on the river, and to take it all in all we know no place on the Gasconade that equals the Steel Bridge location, where motor boats are being placed this week for the accommodation of visitors at a most nominal charge. A nice ride may be had up and down the eddy on a fast motor boat for ten cents. Other attractions will undoubtedly come ere long.

September 3

*Richland Mirror*

### **Ozark Pipe Line Corporation Building Large Pump Station**

Citizens of Richland and surrounding community are greatly pleased over a new project now being pushed about two miles northwest of Richland.

The above concern is building one of several pumping stations which means lots of employment for local help which will last for about a year. After that time and when the plant is in operation there will be 12 to 15 men working eight hour shifts in daily attendance at the plant. Payroll will run about twenty-two hundred dollars a month.

September 24

*Dixon Pilot*

### **By Their Votes Ye Shall know Them.**

The proposition to build a \$30,000 High School here was nicely put over at the special election for that purpose Tuesday by a vote of nearly 2½ to 1, and thus by their votes our people show they stand squarely for the upbuilding and advancement intellectually, morally and otherwise of the Dixon community and for the protection of Dixon's good name.

The vote probably was the largest ever polled at a special election here, when 225 of our citizens registered for progress to 109 against the prop-

osition, a majority of 148, and a total vote of 364.

October 1

*Richland Mirror*

### **BAD WASHOUT**

The recent high water in the Gasconade did considerable damage at Mays Ford by washing out the approach to the low water bridge making that road impassable at that point. About 60 feet of the approach was cut out by the current making it impossible for rigs of any kind to cross. It makes hardship on the citizens across the river as well as Richland and repairs should be made at the earliest possible moment. It is to be hoped that those in authority will take the matter up at once.

Some damage was also done to farm land by caving of the river bank.

October 15

*Richland Mirror*

### **THIS PAPER FOR SALE.**

We are offering the Mirror for sale to any responsible party who wishes to become the owner, not because we are dissatisfied, or not making a good living, or do not like this country, but because it is not only our desire but we consider it our duty to go to Los Angeles to make the declining years of our old and feeble father easier and more contented. He is now living alone with no human companion and much in need of his only child.

We are firm believers in the future of this section. We like the people here and the beautiful country which surrounds Richland and we regret the necessity of offering the Mirror for sale, but duty calls.

Richland is the best town in Pulaski County, has a population of more than 1,000, has a fully accredited high school, has a new \$40,000 school building, the finest in this part of the Ozarks, has an unusually large trade territory and is a wonderful trading and shipping point. It is a town where anyone should feel proud to make their home. Good churches and as fine people as can be found anywhere.

The Mirror office is by far the best equipped printing office in Pulaski County and has the only linotype in the county. It has a large subscription list, good advertising patronage and an unusually large job business.

We will sell worth the money on splendid terms.

November 12, 1925

*Crocker News*

### **County Agent Resigns**

Marshall, Mo. November 8—

D. L. Pippin, county agent since February, 1923, has resigned and will go to his home near Waynesville, where he will manage a large farm owned by his family. The farm will be conducted on the incorporated plan, in connection with a large summer resort on the Gasconade River.—*Globe Democrat*

### **Farm Census for Pulaski County**

Number of farms	1,510
Farm owners	1,112
Farm acreage	207,041

December 3

*Richland Mirror*

### **THE MIRROR SOLD**

It is with sorrow that we announce the sale of the Mirror on December 1 to Mr. P. W. Cole of Independence, Mo., who at once took possession.

Miss Violet Huckaby will be editor and manager. Miss Huckaby has been with the Mirror for the past year and is well known to almost all Richland citizens. She is a fine young lady and will no doubt keep the paper up to its present standard and as she becomes used to the "harness" even make it a paper of higher standard.

For a little more than two years we have visited our readers weekly and have tried to make the paper worthwhile. We feel that we know every one of you and are proud of the Mirror subscription list.

We wish to thank our fine corps of correspondents, the best in Pulaski county, for their faithfulness in chronicling the events in their respective communities each week.

We feel they have helped to make the Mirror a better paper.

During our ownership of the Mirror we have endeavored to work for the interest of Richland, Pulaski county and the Ozarks and we believe the same policy will be continued in the future...

H. S. Rittenhouse

Laura M. Rittenhouse

*[One of the hallmarks of a small town weekly paper were the correspondents from other towns, villages, and traditional neighborhoods in the county near the newspaper. Pulaski's weekly newspapers [Richland Mirror, Dixon Pilot, Pulaski County Democrat, Crocker News, and Richland Mirror] each had their stable of local correspondents. The correspondents' reports were usually who was visiting who and who was sick with what. Some correspondents were less than reliable. The Richland Mirror's correspondents are notable for their large number, which also gives us identifications of the neighborhoods a century ago. Following is a list of the correspondents sending news items to the Mirror. If you are a longtime Pulaski resident, see how many of the villages/neighborhoods in Richland's trade area that you recognize. They are: Bellefont, Deans Creek, Dublin, Eaton, Fairview, Hanna, Hazelgreen, Independence, Mt. View, Mont Rose, Pleasant Knoll, Stoutland, Swedeborg, Turkey Ridge, Wair Chapel, and, of course, Richland.]*

In assuming management of the Mirror we shall make no rash promises but will endeavor to keep the paper up to the present high standard.

It shall be the aim of the Mirror to do all possible to prove the interest of Richland and Pulaski county.

We hope to continue to merit the patronage of the advertisers, subscribers and job patrons.

We ask all to co-operate with us in giving our readers a good newsy paper.

We shall try to merit your support and kindly ask your support.

Violet Huckaby.

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#### WAYNESVILLE, MO., PROGRESSIVE TOWN

Waynesville, the county seat of Pulaski County, was founded in 1834 and is one of the oldest towns in the state. It is well located on the banks of Roubidoux creek amid beautiful scenery and fertile land. The court house is a modern brick structure and is easily accessible to the entire county, as state highways Nos. 14 and 17 intersect here. The town has a population of 300.

Waynesville has two churches, the Missionary Baptist and Methodist South. Both denominations have good and substantial buildings and maintain Sunday services half time, but the good citizens look well to the moral education of the young people.

Waynesville has the following fraternal organizations: Masonic and Odd Fellows, both orders meet in the I.O.O.F. building, as the Masonic hall burned about two years ago and has not been rebuilt.

The High school of Waynesville is a fine institution with six efficient teachers, where a four-year course is given to the coming men and women of America. Wm. Mabry, superintendent, is a fine young man and is well qualified for the great task of instructing the youth of Waynesville.

Waynesville has business houses all around the public square, where every kind of commodity can be found that is needed by the thrifty farmers that surround the town.

It would be impossible to name each and every business, suffice to say that the businessmen are cordial Ozarkers and are ever ready to give a good word or cheerful smile to their many customers.

Waynesville supports two garages where gas and oil is dispensed and work on repairs can be had on any machine.

Two hotels are needed in Waynesville to feed the traveling public [*Black and Baker hotels*] besides the many cafes and during court week in Waynesville the rooming capacity is crowded.

There are four general stores where dry goods and groceries are dispensed to the public.

One hardware store where everything in the line of hardware that the public may need is handled.

One bank which is the Gibraltar of the town and has withstood the storm of all the reverses that have come along. Mr. Sam Rollins, one of Pulaski county's staunchest citizens and a man that has been reared in the county is at the helm of the bank and sees that things are safe and secure.

Waynesville supports an up-to-date drug store where one can obtain any kind of medicine that may be needed for the human system.

There is one exclusive grocery store and meat market where fresh meats are cut to order that the good people can have the best roasts for Sunday dinner.

Many of the citizens are supplied with radios so they keep in touch with the outside world, besides most of them take the daily papers.

It would not be fair not to mention J. B. Christenson [*Christeson*],

the gentleman who was kind enough to give the data in regard to Waynesville, who has been in business here for the past 45 years, and is hale and hearty and has a large business in the dry goods and groceries, also undertaking supplies. Mr. Christenson [1858-1926] is one of the oldest residents of Waynesville and a product of the county and has been honored by the citizens of the county by being elected county treasurer four different terms [1885-1890 and 1897-1900]. Mr. Christenson points with pride to a large elm tree that stands just south of the store that has come up and grown to the enormous size of three feet in diameter and forms a shade over 100 feet of ground near his store, and is a fine specimen of the wood that grows in the Ozarks. No one has a lack of timber for many kinds are found from the finest of walnut for veneering to the heavy oak for building around Waynesville on the hill ground or the valleys.

Waynesville supports an up-to-date filling station where gas and oil can be had besides at the garages. The gentlemen that operate it are courteous and give the very best of service.

Waynesville supports a modern hotel where one can have all the modern conveniences of the large city and yet view the varied scenery of the Ozarks. This hotel is known by tourists on Highway No. 14 as the Bell hotel and is located on the edge

of Waynesville.

Waynesville is situated in a large cove in Roubidoux creek with lofty hills on three sides of the little town where one may have a view of nature and yet live in town with the clear waters of the creek flowing alongside the beautiful little town. There is also a beautiful spring flowing from beneath the mountain range that supports the water supply of this old and historic town on the old government trail leading from Springfield to St. Louis and the government used to haul with four to six mule teams over this very trail leading from civilization to the western wilds of Kansas and other western points.

Waynesville has a nice postoffice with a jovial postmaster, who is ever ready to answer the many questions asked each day in regard to mail and other subjects of vital importance. Mr. Davis is a retired farmer, but makes an excellent postmaster that the town is proud of and keeps the office neat and clean and a pleasant place to go.

Waynesville supports the regular routine of blacksmith shops, where any and all kinds of repair work can be done at a small cost to the consumer and where the farmers of the surrounding country can have their repair work done.

Waynesville also has her quota of medical men who are versed in the use of medicines and are very ready to help those who may be in need of a physician.

Waynesville has no railroad, but promises many opportunities on account of its location in regard to highway and good farming land nearby and it is only a question of time until it will be one of the meccas of the great Ozarks and only a short drive from the queen city of the Ozarks, known everywhere in the southwest as Springfield, Mo.

