

News and Views of 100 Years Ago

The newspapers of Pulaski County had several turnovers in proprietors during this period. George Lane turned over ownership of the *Pulaski County Democrat* to V. V. Long in the latter part of 1914. Long's involvement ceased when he became Waynesville's postmaster in 1933. A. Goforth published the *Crocker Star* but left to share the helm of the *Dixon Pilot* with co-publisher Miss Ona McCully. Ethel T. Meade was owner/publisher and M. F. Meade, editor, of the *Crocker News*. Educator George L. Cole was editor/publisher of the *Richland Mirror* until June, 1915, when W. M. Holmes became editor and then publisher in October. In December, R. T. Lemons bought the *Mirror* and became publisher.

Citizens were mostly concerned with infrastructure. They wanted dependable power and telephone service plus good roads for the increasing number of automobiles.

Pulaski News



News and Views of 75 Years Ago

In addition to centennial news, we will for the next several issues feature "news and views" from 75 years ago. The construction and operation of Fort Leonard Wood in the first half of the decade of the 1940s brought profound changes to Pulaski County. The county seat of Waynesville, numbering a little less than 400 persons at the beginning of the decade, was undergoing a transformation. The tranquil little Ozark mountain village was gone and with it the attendant lifeway. Changes brought a robust local economy and government grants for city water and sewage disposal, previously nonexistent, and for increased health care services. Local news items and opinion give us a look at the changing landscape and the alternating frustration and satisfaction of a changing lifestyle.

1917

January 19
Dixon Pilot

We are not able to get much tangible information as to the electric light plant resuming operations soon; however it seems likely that the plant will open under new management before very long. *[In these early days of electric lights, the oil lamps had to be kept at the ready. The light plant has not been operating for several months.]*

Pulaski County Democrat
BLOODLAND —A new telephone line is coming into Bloodland from the north with a plug board at F. B. Brown's store.

While working on the telephone

line last week, C. F. Rumbaugh had the misfortune to cut one of his toes off with the axe.

LOCAL ITEMS— Tess Degraffenreid, tie Inspector for the Hobart Lee Tie Co., of Springfield, who has been buying his ties here for some time, has been assigned a different and better territory. He will assume his new territory the first of March on the Upper Gasconade from here to Competition. He started over this new territory Monday to get familiar with the same.

FRANKS—Dorsie Boatman claims to be the champion rabbit catcher, commencing in the latter part of Oct., he has caught 85 rabbits and attended school almost every day.

February 9
Pulaski County Democrat
Why doesn't someone store away a

little ice for Waynesville? *[Crocker had a year round supply of ice from T. H. Turpin's Crystal Ice and Bottling Company. If you wanted ice in Waynesville, you still needed to cut it from frozen ponds in the winter and store it in packed sawdust partially underground for the warmer months.]*

February 23
Dixon Pilot

Light Plant Bankrupt.

Attorney J. R. Kirkham and other creditors of the Dixon Light & Power Co. have received notice that J. R. Abernathy has been adjudicated bankrupt, having filed his bankruptcy petition Feb. 21 in the U. S. District court at Cape Girardeau, where they should appear at a creditors' meeting March 3 to prove their claims and for the appointment of a Trustee.

Pulaski County Democrat

The Hawes good roads bill, which by the way, is the product of several minds, passed the house with a few minor amendments. This shows that this legislature is going to lift the state out of the mud and into the pike of Progress, despite reports to the contrary from the Republican press. *[Prompted by the passage of the Federal Aid Road Act of 1916, the Missouri Legislature passed the Hawes Law in 1917. The Hawes Law created a State Highway Board and revived the position of State Highway Engineer, which had been replaced by a State Road Commissioner in 1913. The Board and the Engineer were charged with the task of designating no less than 3,500 miles of "state roads." These roads, which accounted for approximately 7 percent of the total mileage of all*

the roads in the state, would be the roads in Missouri eligible for federal aid. The Hawes Law also created a permanent state road fund.]

March 1

Pulaski County Democrat

The Charcoal Kilns have raised the price of wood to \$2 a cord.

March 16

Dixon Pilot

75c Bushel for Pickles.

Manager W. A. McGirr of the A. Braun Pickle station here announces that he will pay 75c per bushel for cucumbers during the coming season and is ready to contract for more acreage. At this price the growing of cucumbers should be very profitable. Seed furnished by the Company must be used, and they will insure best results.

March 23

Dixon Pilot

The Dixon Auto Co. received a [train]car of Maxwells this week and C. F. Sease and C. J. Kunz of Dixon and W. J. Mace of Crocker are now owners of new Maxwells from said car. [Autos are still novel enough that each sale was chronicled in the newspaper. The Maxwell seemed to be the car of choice in Dixon, where the county dealership was located. H. E. Rollins was the dealer and also President of the Bank of Dixon.]

Richland Mirror

3515 ties were bought in Richland last week which is not much above the usual weekly purchases since the first of the year. Open weather and good roads have made it possible, but this business will drop off materially now that crop times is at hand. According to the above figures about \$5000 worth of ties



Five large charcoal kilns were arrayed just west of Dixon along the railroad near Fox Crossing School House in 1917. Charcoal was loaded on railroad cars at the small Hancock depot. Courtesy of John Bradbury.

have been taken from the timber of the community since last fall.

Pulaski County Democrat

Local Items—The young men of our town are very anxious to organize a base ball team this spring. A little encouragement and financial assistance from the business men would no doubt assure us of a base ball team this season. We are all

aware of the fact that a base ball team not only furnishes amusement for a town and community but brings people to our town. All live towns have ball clubs. Are you in favor of the county seat being among the live ones?

My wife has refused to leave home, and I will not stand for any debts or trades that she contracts.—G. N. Farris

March 30

Pulaski County Democrat

**PROPOSED GRADED HIGHWAY
Intersecting Houston & Rolla Road
Near Edgar Springs.**

L. L. Freeman, H. M. Long and James Freeman, of Relfe, and John Pillman, Frank Graham, John N. Jones, Ben Pillman, Ben Wayman, John Shultz and Geo. and Marion Wayman, of Spring Creek,



Above left The H. E. Rollins home in Dixon ca. 1900. Rollins was born in Virginia and moved to a farm near Waynesville at the age of seven. He became a successful farmer and stockman and served as Circuit Clerk and Recorder 1894-1899. He moved to Dixon and bought the bank that later became the Bank of Dixon. He built this fine home one block west of city square. **Above right** The Rollins home in 2011 and still standing.



were here Tuesday in the interest of a proposed graded highway from Waynesville to the Houston & Rolla graded highway, via the Foster Ford on Big Piney, Spring Creek and Relfe intersecting said highway near Edgar Springs. The farmers along the proposed route thru Phelps county have subscribed half the amount of cash required to build the road from Edgar Spring to the Pulaski county line, and the county court will pay the other half.

The above mentioned good road enthusiasts were to interest the county court and the business men of our town in building the road from the Phelps county line to the Waynesville & Bloodland road on top of the County Farm hill, a distance of only 10 miles. While the court was not in session, Judges G. W. Gan and P. W. Peterson

discussed the proposition with the committee and informed them that their custom of dealing with the citizens of towns and communities that were sufficiently interested in the construction of a permanent highway to pay one half the expense, was that the county would pay the other half, which met with the hearty approval of all.

It was decided to build the road from the Phelps county line to Foster Ford [*this would be near the present East Gate to Fort Leonard Wood*] and survey out the most practical route from the ford to the Waynesville & Bloodland road. Then a committee will be appointed to raise sufficient funds by subscription to defray one half the expense of building the road.

The people of our town and along the proposed route are anxious for this road to be built and will

no doubt subscribe liberally to the same. [*We include this rather lengthy new item to show how county roads came into existence. Citizens of communities or neighborhoods raised money for half of the cost and petitioned the county court to construct and pay the other half.*]

Pulaski County Medical Society Physician's Fee Bill

Office visit, 50c to \$1. Where medicines are furnished they will be charged for at reasonable rates. Visits in town, \$1.50, in town at night \$2.00, night time shall include the time from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. All night work will be charged for at one and one half times the day rates. Ordinary visits to the country will be charged for as follows: One mile or less \$2, mileage in day time, for each subsequent mile or less 75c,

mileage at night \$1, consultation \$10. Detention over ordinary times \$1 per hour, extra member of family \$1, stop calls on the road \$1.50. Normal visit in town \$10, in country \$10 plus amount of visit to that place. Complicated, difficult, prolonged or instrumental labors extra charges. —Members: [Drs.] Rayl, Mallette, Oliver, Howlett, Murphy, M. F & L. E. Rolens, McCulley, Orrick, Tice, Talbot, Sell, Ross, Ragan, Titterington.

April 20

Pulaski County Democrat **Light Plant Sold at \$1,195.**

The Dixon Light and Power Co. plant was sold at the front door of the City Hall Saturday by Atty. J. R. Kirkham under terms of a mortgage held by the Peoples Bank. Though there were four bidders, none seemed eager to obtain title



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to the property and the same was knocked off to the highest bidder, at \$1,195, the purchaser being A. M. Tinsley of the Missouri Public Utilities Co.

We are told electric lights will be probably be turned on in Dixon within about a week's time, and hope that will be the case—but do not expect it.

Our information is that a new engine will have to be installed.

It was surprising that men of electrical experience placed so low a value on the plant. *[Dixon has been without electric lights for four months.]*

April 26

Pulaski County Democrat

A. J. Woodin, of Crocker, who was recently arrested on a charge of boot-legging, and gave bond for his appearance at the September term of Circuit Court, went down

to Springfield Tuesday of last week. Suspecting that his trip was not one of pleasure alone, officers met the train coming in late that night and when he alighted from the train his suitcase was found to contain 51 pint bottles of whiskey. It was confiscated despite the protests of the owner. His bondsmen decid-



Dixon's first light plant, ca. 1915. *Dixon Centennial Souvenir Booklet 1969.*

ed to turn him over to the sheriff, and he attempted to make his get-away. However, by the use of the telephone, he was headed off at Tusculumbia by the sheriff of Miller county. Sheriff Baker brought him on to this place, where he will remain in jail awaiting trial at the September term of court.

Tom and Bert Burchard traded a Chevrolet automobile to Harry Wright, traveling salesman for the Lebanon Wholesale Grocery Co., this week for some mining stock. *[Some salesman.]*

..STATEMENT...

I have been requested by the Honorable, The Attorney General of the United States, to give publicity to the following statement:

No German alien enemy in this country, who has not hitherto been implicated in plots against the United States, need have any fear of action by the Department of Justice so long as he obeys the following warning: Obey the Law; keep your mouth shut. Respectfully,

Francis M. Wilson

United States Attorney.

[The United States was at war as of April 6, 1917, though not reflected

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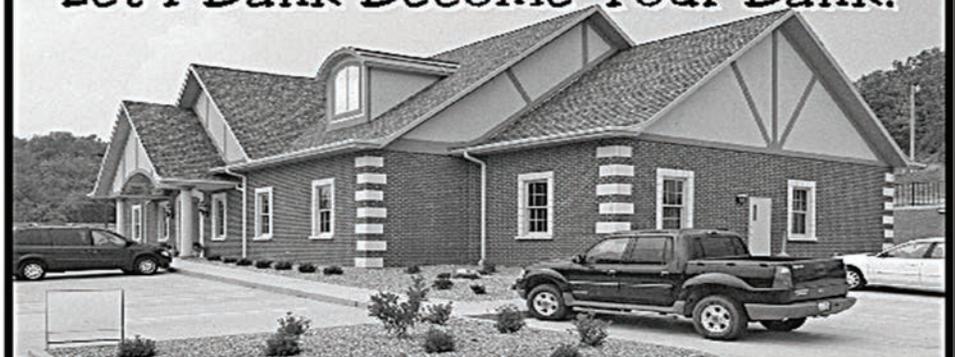
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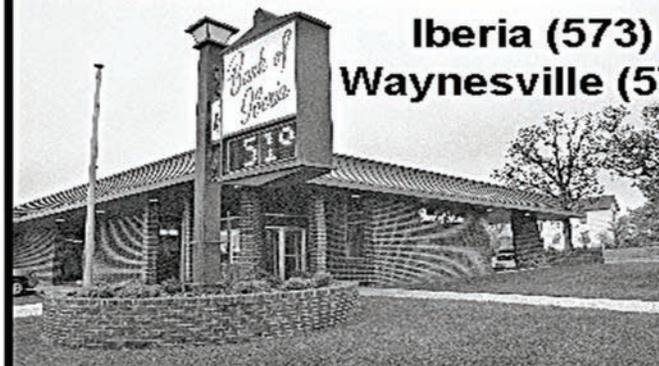
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much in this summary of the news. We glean mostly local items that we think are of some interest and variety. The Democrat reported on the war through syndicated boilerplate. Nativism was certainly on the rise, implicit in the foregoing statement. Missouri had a large German-America population, particularly in the St. Louis area, but also in the northern Ozarks. There was not a great deal of nativistic and xenophobic rhetoric or incidents in local items.]

May 3

Pulaski County Democrat

LOCAL ITEMS—The town board is having the point of the bluff blasted off at the corner of the bluff down near the creek, where the road turns toward the big spring [Roubidou Spring], also all of the ledges of rock along this road to the town limits, connecting up with

the Waynesville & Bloodland inter county-seat highway that will be graded as soon as the county's road machinery is put in good repair [Superior Road]. The blasting along the big spring bluff by the county has been completed, also the concrete fill and wall around the spring which makes about a 20 foot road-bed all around the spring with a three foot concrete balustrade. This is the most complete job of road work ever built in Pulaski county. We heartily congratulate the county court for their good judgment in making a perfect road out of the most dangerous stretch of road in the county. [See photo next page.]

May 10

Pulaski County Democrat

LOCAL ITEMS—If we are going to whip Germany we will have to do something besides sing and wear

flags in our buttonholes.

The home garden is especially important this year in view of high prices and the national food shortage. Every family should produce enough vegetables for home consumption.

We have been forced to call in some recruits on the *Democrat* force this week owing to James Bostick, former compositor of this office, enlisting in the United States Navy Sunday. The position will be held for James Bostick until he passes the final examination.

The question is very often asked these days if the government will send soldiers to Europe. The chances are most decidedly that it will do so. There may be American troops in France now, for the government does not announce such events in advance, and very often after they have occurred. Germany is not

whipped yet by any means. There are many battles to be fought and hundreds of thousands of lives must be lost before peace follows. The war is likely to go on for at least another year. There would be no use in this country raising an army of 1,000,000 men for use at home, because they are not needed here.

Chas. Dawe, of Dixon, an employee of the Dixon Canning Factory, was a county seat visitor Tuesday. While here he informed us that the Dixon factory would begin canning strawberries within the next few days. [See photo on page 12.]

Cliff and Emmett Hancock were lucky enough to find a bee tree last Saturday and they invited in some of the neighbors to help cut the tree. They secured the bees and a small amount of honey. [For a honey of an article on wild bees and

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finding trees, see "Beelining" in the 2006 Old Settlers Gazette.]

May 17

Pulaski County Democrat

EVENING SHADE—Considerable interest is being shown over the Evening Shade to Palace road by the citizens of two counties and persons interested are endeavoring to tell the County Court at Waynesville just how badly the road is needed. Texas county citizens recently helped to sprout out the Pulaski county end of the road and Pulaski expects to return the favor.

TO THE PUBLIC

There are all kinds of reports going over the country about things that I had said concerning the war between the United States and Germany, and that I had even threatened to raise a mob and kill women and children. It is true that I am a German by birth, but I am an American citizen, and as loyal to my country as any man. I don't deny that I took sides with Germa-

ny when she was at war with the other nations of Europe but when our own country got into it I was for the U. S. All I have is here and my interests are here.

Some person or persons have started these tales to try to injure me, and I will just say that there is not one word of truth in what they are telling.

"The Stars and Stripes" forever. Long may they wave o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

Fred Gaede,
Bloodland, Mo.

"Whiskey is a good thing in its place," says a judge of the supreme court of Mississippi in an official opinion. "There is nothing like it for preserving a man when he is dead. If you want to keep a dead man, put him in whiskey; if you want to kill a live man put whiskey in him."

May 24

Dixon Pilot

A home newspaper seems little appreciated in Dixon especially by

most business men. Pilot has run about as long on hopes of better business as it can without said business materializing, and, although it was cut to half size a few months ago, unless there is an immediate improvement in the advertising patronage the paper will either be suspended or reduced to half its present size.

Richland Mirror

In order to fortify ourselves against increase cost of production and the proposed advance in postal rates on newspapers as a war measure, we thought it wise to reduce the size of the Mirror for a time unless local advertisers come to our rescue and use our space in a way that will be profitable to both us and them. No paper can thrive without advertising patronage. All that makes better papers in St. Louis than in Richland is included in this one word, patronage.

The Republic Concrete Silo Co. has arranged for the immediate construction of six concrete silos in this part of the country. The

cement has been purchased of the Richland Lumber yard and will require more than a thousand sacks of cement. The following are the men who are building the silos: W. J. Sell, Waynesville; F. H. Wright and Joe Holdren, Richland; Harley Dye, Hanna; and Joe Elam and W. M. Hawkins, Hazlegreen. [Silos did not appear in Pulaski County until 1913 and those were wooden ones manufactured by the Indiana Silo Co. Ensilage was quickly adopted by Pulaski farmers. Concrete silos came into use in the latter part of 1916. They required little or no maintenance and far outlasted wooden silos. Some still stand on abandoned farm sites.]

June 15

Crocker News

A Mineral Strike.

H. C. Gerdom of Swedeborg, president of the Queen Mining Co., was in Crocker this week and showed us some very rich cuttings taken from the drill hole near Templar Park. The dirt is apparently rich with jack and lead was



Group of eleven visitors to the Big Spring (Roubidoux), ca. 1900, prior to the improvement of the road or any concrete retaining wall work. Courtesy of Jan and Terry Primas.



On May 30, two cyclones swept through northern Texas County. The two twisters were only 5-6 miles apart and one came within a quarter of a mile of the center of Licking. At the last minute, it veered northward and west through timbered country (above). Six citizens were killed and at least 20 were injured. Both tornadoes passed from Texas into Dent County and beyond, leaving death and destruction in their wake. Courtesy of Jan and Terry Primas.

uncovered at a depth of 50 feet and is about 12 feet in thickness. It is planned to sink a shaft in the near future and if the dirt shows up as rich as indicated the mine will no doubt be a bonanza. The company has several thousand acres under lease near Crocker and expects to proceed at once with drilling on other tracts. *[Jack is the colloquial for zinc ore, commonly found in association with lead.]*

June 28

Pulaski County Democrat
**YEGGMEN BLOW BANK
OF WAYNESVILLE SAFE
CITIZENS KEPT BACK BY
THE ROBBERS' FIRE.**

[For a complete account of the robbery, see the comprehensive article after this news section, page 16.]

Old Settlers Picnic

We have been requested to announce that Waynesville's annual 2 days picnic will be held this year on Friday and Saturday the 27th and 28th of July. Citizens of the county and all former residents have for the past few years looked forward to this annual gathering. Each year

the attendance has been larger, and the occasion has been a success in every respect. The committee on entertainment, this year, will put forth a more strenuous effort than ever before, to make the two days a pleasure to all who attend. Make up your mind now to come to the county seat, July 27th and 28th. Don't try to stay away—bring the whole family and come on, everybody will be here. *[Make your plans to attend this event—one hundred years later.]*

Six automobile loads of Tusculumbia, Miller county's citizens, motored over here Friday morning to see the big spring, at the edge of town and spent the day. They spread their dinners on the court house lawn. *[They probably visited the scene of the crime, too. Quite a few Pulaski Countians visited Waynesville to view the damage to the bank as a result of the robbery.]*

July 19

Pulaski County Democrat
Some Road Law

All chauffeurs should have a chauffeurs license whether they own a car or not, if he operates for

hire. All cars should display two lighted lamps in front and one in the rear, during the period from one half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise.

All persons who operate a Motor Vehicle should on passing a team or other animals on the road, use the greatest degree of care so that all accidents will be avoided if possible and when the vehicles are about to pass one another each are entitled to one-half of the road if both sides are passable.

When any such person so operating a Motor Vehicle shall overtake any such horse, animal or any other vehicle, the rider or driver of such horse, animal or other vehicle shall as soon as practicable turn aside to the right so as to give a free passage on the left hand side, this means if there is no free passage by giving one-half the road then they shall

give ALL the road, provided the horse vehicle can safely do so.

You will note that the law gives Motor Vehicles priority to the road over the horse or any other vehicle on account of being more speedier and their owners or operators having to pay license in order to operate the same. *[Transportation is in transition.]*

July 26

Pulaski County Democrat

BLOODLAND—E. E. Deaton hauled a load of silo staves from Crocker the last of the week. *[Wooden silos are still being erected.]*

COOKVILLE—James Cook of Tulsa, Okla. reports a raise in his wages to \$5 per day. He says there is lots of work at \$3 per day.

Geo. Myers is delivering pictures this week. He is not as fat as usual. He has actually been working this summer.



Dixon Canning Company was one of the early factories There was also a canning factory at Helm and the Star Canning Company Co. at Hancock, both west of Dixon on the railroad. *Dixon Centennial Souvenir Booklet 1969.*

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August 16

Pulaski County Democrat

61 OF PULASKI COUNTY'S QUOTA ARE NOW CHOSEN

Thirty to be Examined Today Out of Which 10 Must be Selected Or Another Call Will be Made to Fill County's Quota

101 Men Exempted or Discharged by local Board

Out of the 209 men examined by the [draft] board, 101 have been rejected or discharged and 61 have been certified as having passed examination and not exempted. Ten more men are needed to fill quota.

Richland Business Block Suffers Fire

Four business houses in the town of Richland, Mo., burned early Monday morning. The fire alarm was sounded about 5:30 a. m. to which the entire citizenship responded and a desperate effort was put forth to smother the flames, but the fire spread rapidly over the frame buildings.

The fire started from a defective furnace in the bakery shop. The bakery, shoe shop, printing office and a vacant building were burned. The J. L. Cunningham brick building was next but it was saved. A very small amount of the contents of the burned buildings were saved.

We have been informed that only \$900 insurance was carried on the destroyed property and this was carried by R. T. Lemons on the Richland Mirror office.

County Court Proceedings

The court contracted the County Farm to H. Pummill for a term of 4 years for \$252.50 per year. Mr. Pummill will receive \$10 per month for board and clothing of each inmate on the farm.

Ordered by the court that a reward of \$100 each be offered for the capture and conviction of the

robbers of the Bank of Waynesville.

\$1000 applied on the expense of grading the Waynesville-Bloodland road.

Ordered by the court that the fee for boarding prisoners in county jail be changed from 50 cents per day to 75 cents per day.

Byron E. Miles exempted from road work for a term of 17 years. LOCAL ITEMS—Mrs. Ellen Decker visited here this week with her mother, Mrs. Salsman, who makes her home here with her daughter, Mrs. Frank Manes. Mrs. Frank Manes and little daughter, Pauline, visited relatives at Swedeborg from Saturday until Monday [see photo

below].

Dixon Pilot

The pickle plant is now receiving quite a lot of cucumbers.

The canning factory, under the management of Charlie Dawe, commenced operations last week—packing tomatoes. Many cans of apples have also been put up this week.

August 30

Pulaski County Democrat

LOCAL ITEMS—Attorney Fred L. Scott and family who have been running the Black Hotel here [aka Old Stagecoach Stop] the past few months, will move to Dixon Saturday, where they will run the Frisco



The Frank Manes family, ca. 1910. In front is Ernestine (Tine) Manes holding daughter Pauline. On her left is her mother, Mrs. Salsman. In back, left, is Frank Manes and to his left is daughter Stella. A third daughter, Mary Roberta, called by all Mary Bob, was born in 1917 while the family was living at the Old Stagecoach Stop and Frank was Circuit Clerk and Recorder. Courtesy of Mary Bob Barb.

Hotel. Dr. W. J. Sell has rented the hotel property for a private residence and professional office and expects to move into the property within the next few weeks.

September 6

Pulaski County Democrat

All Roads Must be Marked

The State Highway Department, in calling attention to the various provisions of the new road laws, insists that section 65, page 464, Session Laws 1917, must be complied with by all road overseers in the State. The section referred to is given therewith in full:

“Every overseer shall erect and maintain at every road fork or road crossing in his district that would likely mislead, a finger board, containing a legible inscription, directing the way and noting the distance to the next important place on the road, for which he may be allowed not to exceed \$1.00, to be paid out of the road fund of the district.”

There are few counties in Missouri in which the roads are properly marked, and it would be gratifying to our people to have this county become one of the first to fully comply with section of the law.

LOCAL ITEMS—The water-melon market has been glutted here the past week at a cent per pound.

Attorney W. D. Johnson, of Crocker, was here yesterday by request of Frank H. Farris, Assistant District Attorney for the Frisco R. R., and secured a continuance in the Dr. Krapf replevin suit in Justice J. W. Wheeler's court. Dr. Krapf, of St. Louis, had a barrel of beer shipped to Crocker and when he called for it to take it to his club house known as Pikes Peak club house near this place, the freight agent would not deliver the beer to him. He secured R. L. Johnston, of this place, to

represent him in the matter and they replevied the barrel of beer. The case will probably be tried here Tuesday. [Replevin or claim and delivery (sometimes called revendication) is a lawsuit that enables a person to get back personal property taken wrongfully or unlawfully, pending a final determination by a court of law, and get compensation for resulting losses.]

September 13

Pulaski County Democrat

LOCAL ITEMS—Dr. W. J. Sell moved back to town from his farm into the Black Hotel Tuesday.

Mrs. E. M. Black announces a public sale of her household goods on Saturday the 22nd after which time she expects to make her home with her daughter, Mrs. W. H. Christeson, of Dixon. [Mrs. Eliza M. Black owned the Black Hotel, aka Old Stagecoach Stop.]

Dixon Pilot

Big Business at Pickle Plant

Fifteen hundred bushels of dill pickles have thus far been shipped from the local pickle station this season and more are being pickled, besides 3500 bushels of other pickles are salted down.

The cucumbers are paid for on delivery at the station at the rate of 75c a bushel, which is \$1.50 per 100

pounds and several have received more than \$100 for the product of an acre. Numerous wagon loads amount to \$10 to \$14.

A 90,000-pound car of salt was received at the plant a few days ago.

September 20

Pulaski County Democrat

LOCAL ITEMS—A great number of the farmers of Pulaski county are busy this week filling their silos.

James Bostick, who has been a compositor in this office the past year, has resigned his position to go to Norman, Okla., where he has a lucrative position with the Norman Times. Miss Ada Locker has ac-

cepted the position as compositor in this office and assumed her new duties Tuesday morning.

Chas. F. Roach, Deputy State Game and Fish Commissioner, of Newburg, was here Monday checking up the hunting and fishing licenses issued by the county clerk. He was disappointed in the fact that so few licenses had been issued and informed us that he would not be so lenient with the violators of the Game law as he had been in the past.

Quite a number of Pulaski county's citizens contemplate attending the State fair at Sedalia next week. The automobiles and graded roads

have made it possible for citizens of our county to attend this 17 year-old State affair that heretofore meant absolutely nothing to us.

October 5

Dixon Pilot

The Richland Mirror, we are pleased to note, has resumed publication. A town can't remain in the progressive class without a good home paper, and the Mirror just had to be resurrected in spite of recent damage to the plant by fire.

November 2

Dixon Pilot

Cain & Hilton have installed an electric light plant for their own use, and the O. T. Garage is the only place in Dixon that is lighted by electricity, the general plant having been dead nearly a year.

December 7

Dixon Pilot

Red Cross Seals

The seal for 1917 is the most attractive issued by the Red Cross. It is printed in red and green and is warranted to stick and to carry. Superintendent Yelton of Dixon and other school superintendents and principals and teachers of rural schools in Pulaski county will be amply supplied with printed matter pertaining to the prevention and



Above is the Arts Building on the State Fair Grounds at Sedalia. According to the *Pilot*, "More than \$3,000,000 working capital is involved each year in putting on the Missouri State Fair. The grounds and buildings represent an investment of more than \$1,000,000 and live stock and machinery and other exhibits run the total of working capital involved in to far in excess of three millions of dollars." Courtesy of Jan and Terry Primas.

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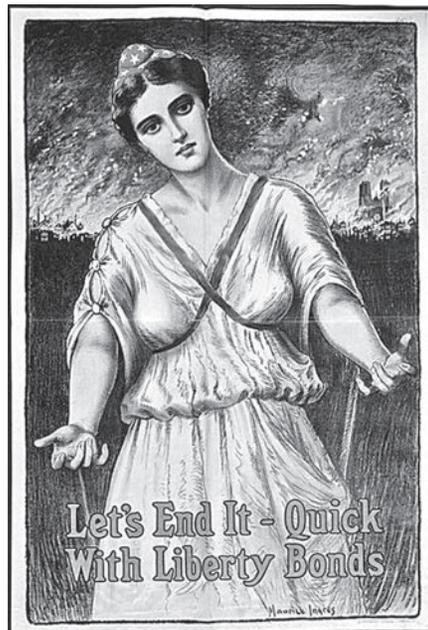
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cure of tuberculosis and with seals to be sold by school children.

In sell-

ing the seals they are battling for their lives and for their country. They are doing their bit in the war, and who buys them will be doing his. The sale will continue until New Year's. Seal courtesy of Jan and Terry Primas.



Courtesy of the Library of Congress.

Why We Are At War

Germany has forced America, as it has forced practically the entire world, to defend itself by arms. We are fighting this war because Germany made war upon us. America is a peaceful Nation; we have no lust for conquest, no desire for annexation of territory; we are defending ourselves against Germany because the Imperial German Government entered upon a program which meant the destruction of all American institutions.

When we finally recognized that Germany was waging war upon us we had seen more than 225 American, among them many women and children, killed by German submarines; hospital ships had been sunk and unfortified towns had been bombed and bombarded.

Medals had been struck in honor of the sinking of the Lusitania, the murderous act by which so many of our men, women and children lost their lives. German officials had treated the United States, a neutral nation, as an enemy. Strikes were organized in this country, plants were blown up, pro-German publications were founded and subsidized, and hatred of America was systematically sought to be inculcated among our foreign-born inhabitants. Every effort was made to involve us in trouble with Mexico and Japan. Our repeated protests were met with promises and explanations which were little better than insults.

The Imperial German Government finally proclaimed the unrestricted destruction of neutral ships upon the high

seas. It was the notification to the United States that our people were no longer sovereign, and that if they would sail the seas in safety we must conform to conditions laid down by a government that defied international law, humanity, and elemental morality.

A policy of terrorism has been systematically applied by the Imperial German Government since the outbreak of the European war. Treaties that stood in the way of German militaristic plans have been disregarded, women and children have been treated with undescrivable brutality, the noblest works of art have been destroyed, and prisoners have been abused and maltreated and civilian populations massacred and deported.

This is why America has gone into this war in defense of American honor and American rights. To have done anything else would have been to surrender our sovereignty, and we would have been forced in the end to fight a conscienceless and rapacious military autocracy—an autocracy which is in this war avowedly for indemnities, aggrandizement, and the control of the world. Our success means that our children and our children's children will be able to enjoy peace.

Buy a liberty bond, get behind your government, and shorten this war. This is your fight. Our men are giving their lives, you are only asked to lend your money. There should be at least one Liberty Bond in every home. There is no better test of your Americanism.

—Pulaski County Democrat, September 27



This new Ford agency in Licking, north of the present Fox Funeral Home, endeavored to fill the increasing demand for automobiles. The man on the far right is Emory Lewis, mechanic. To his right is Eckels Thomas, owner, and on his right is Bill Cameron. Others are unidentified. Courtesy of the Texas County Art and History Museum, Licking.



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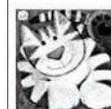
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