

One hundred years ago the major news stories were about the Great War in Europe. Enlistments, draftees, and the continual efforts to raise money through bonds and other means filled the newspaper pages.

Dixon and Crocker continued to have problems with their electric light plants, while Richland's electric service was more dependable. While the northern part of the county was bathed in electric light at night, Waynesville, the county seat, remained in the dark.

Road improvement continued to gain momentum as automobile ownership continued to grow.

This year's news feature has a different structure than in years past. In addition to centennial news, we will for the next several years 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 Forties brought profound changes to Pulaski County.

1918

January 3

Crocker News

The electric light plant is again out of commission. By some manner some gravel got into the water pump and cut it out so badly as to put it into discard. As a consequence Crocker will be without lights until a new pump arrives and is installed. [The first light plants in the villages were off about as much as they were on. T. H. Turpin, who owned the ice and bottling works, generated the first electricity in Crocker. Richland and Dixon had light plants that worked intermittently. Waynesville had no such problem as it was always in the dark since it had no light plant.]

Another good effect of the war: The Missouri Pacific Railway Company has announced that it will distribute decayed ties to its employees and the public to be used as fuel

instead of burning in heaps along the right of way as has been the practice in the past. A vast quantity of good fuel has been ruthlessly destroyed by railway companies in the past which, if the public could have had access to it, would have been of great help to needy ones. There are many ways in which needless waste might be eliminated and this is one of them—may other railways follow the lead of the Mo. Pac.

January 10

The electric light plant is again running after a series of mishaps and users of electricity are duly thankful.

The road drag has proved its worth, even in winter. It has been used very effectively in removing snow from the public roads in this section of Missouri, and we believe it should be used continuously and consistently the year round.

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count; they represent money YOU save on purchases. J. L. Hoops & Co. It gives patrons a discount amounting to 2 per cent in cash or 1½ per cent in trade. [These dividends seem backwards but are as printed.]

January 24

The Yarhola Pipe Line Co. is unloading several cars of pipe here this week. Their force of men and mules are camped just north of town and the pipe is to be used in this vicinity. [The Yarhola pipeline runs from the Cushing fields in Oklahoma to refineries in Wood River, Illinois, a distance of 400 miles. It generally parallels the Frisco railroad tracks but several miles to the north. The completed 10-inch pipeline was bought by Shell Oil Company in 1919 to supply its largest refinery in Wood River.]

January 31

Added New Line

The progressive firm of J. L. Hoops & Co. have just added a fine line of

News and Views of 100 Years Ago 75 Years Ago

The newspapers of Pulaski County generally had fewer turnovers than last year. Ethel T. Meade was Owner and Publisher of the *Crocker News* with M. F. Meade Editor and Manager. They sold the paper in April to another couple. Charles Iden became Editor and Publisher and Josie M. Iden the Local Editor. The *Dixon Pilot* continued in the capable hands of A. Goforth. In December of 1917, R. T. Lemons bought the *Mirror* and became Proprietor and Publisher and remained so during 1918. V. V. Long, who took over the *Pulaski County Democrat* in 1914, continued at the helm of the county seat publication. However, a fire incinerated the newspapers from 1918 to late 1940 so none survive on microfilm.



coffins and caskets to their already large and up to date stock of general merchandise.

February 7

Crocker News

Did you know that the biggest preacher in Missouri resides in Crocker? He is Rev. W. D. Johnson and he tips the scale at 340 pounds.



W. D. "Dan" Johnson was a popular man in Pulaski. He was a preacher and served as Prosecuting Attorney, State Representative, and Crocker postmaster. Courtesy of Jan and Terry Primas.

Missouri is the only state in the Union employing ice cutters and cotton pickers.

Work is progressing fast on the I.O.O.F. building. Wm. Mitchell, bricklayer from Rolla came in Tuesday to begin the brickwork on the I.O.O.F. building here. [Mitchell also did the brickwork for the 1903 courthouse.]



Construction of the I.O.O.F. building on Main Street in Crocker began in 1918. Jan and Terry Primas.

Lee Baker and wife of Waynesville were here Tuesday on their way to St. Louis where they will spend a few days. Mr. Baker is getting plans and figuring on rebuilding his hotel.

February 8
Richland Mirror

During the last six months the growth of the United States army has been phenomenal, expanding from 407,000 officers and men to 1,239,000. To maintain this army will require billions of dollars, which must be supplied to the government from every source. Through the thrift propaganda and war savings plan every person in the United States can aid the United States in the financing of

this stupendous army.

The Thrift Stamps are sold for 25 cents each, and when the purchaser has accumulated 16 of these stamps he may go to his bank or trust company, or to a postoffice, and by paying 12 cents and turning in \$4 in stamps he can secure a \$5 Government War Savings Certificate Stamp due five years after Jan. 1, 1918. The difference between the purchase price of the certificate Stamp, i.e. \$4.12 and \$5, the face of the Certificate Stamp, is interest at the rate of 4 percent per annum compounded quarterly.



February 14
Crocker News

John Schlicht Dead

John Schlicht, one of the oldest residents of Pulaski county who lived on the Gasconade river near Templar Park, suffered a stroke of paralysis Wednesday morning and passed away in the afternoon of the same day. We have been unable to learn the particulars concerning the funeral arrangements, but understand that the body will be taken to Lebanon for burial. Mr. Schlicht formerly conducted Schlicht's Mill and more recently a store on the place which is a widely known summer resort conducted by his son, Chas. Schlicht. [See picture next page.] WAYNESVILLE—John [Frank] Manes, clerk of the Pulaski County Circuit, has moved his family into the Black hotel property on the east side of the square.



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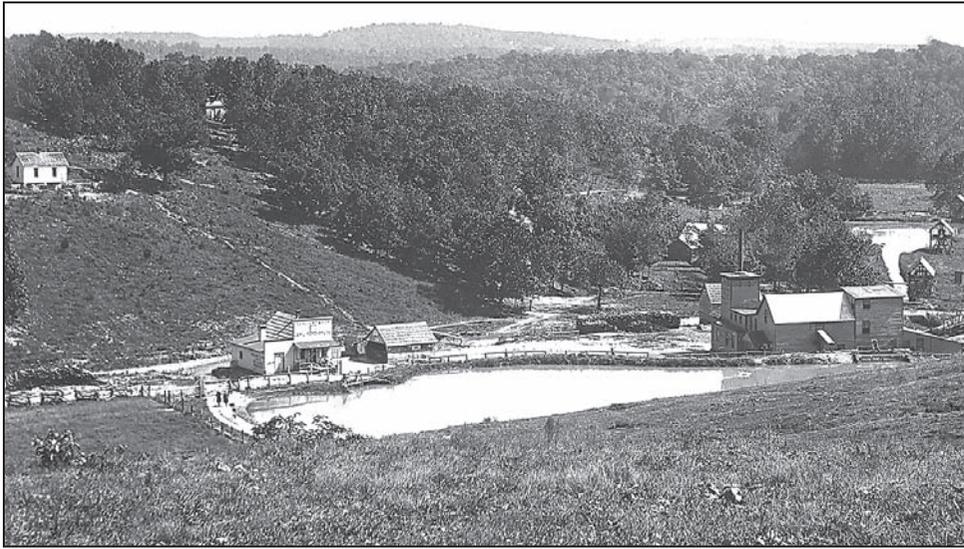
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John A. Schlicht immigrated to the United States from Germany in 1870 and was an eighth generation miller. He purchased the Gasconade Mill and 200 acres several miles south of Crocker in 1876. The farm had a spring (500,000 gallons/day) that became known for its healthful magnesia water for drinking. There were ponds for the young and the ladies to learn how to cast. The lodge had a large urban clientele. It was expanded and operated by John Schlicht's son, Charles, into the mid-1940s. For an excellent article on the resort, see the 2002 *Old Settlers Gazette*, "The Dixon Club and Schlicht Spring" by Lynn Morrow, which can be accessed on our website noted above. Picture courtesy of The State Historical Society—Rolla.

The ladies of the Red Cross, who have been using one of the front rooms on the ground floor of the Black hotel, have moved their quarters to an upper room in the same building.

Tomato Growers

Owing to high prices and war conditions we have decided to pay the growers at the rate of 75 cents per 100 pounds for this season's crop and we feel that by so doing all parties will get good returns for their land and labor.

H. L. Dalrymple

February 21

NEWS FROM THE HUB [*"Hub" was the nickname for the county seat of Waynesville*]*—*The Valentine social at the Court House Thursday evening given by the Baptist Sunday School was well attended and proved an enjoyable affair. Miss Virginia White was voted the most popular young lady present, and awarded a Signet ring. Our barber, J. F. Rayl, was voted the homeliest gentlemen present. We did not learn what the prize was, probably a package of beauty powder. We are informed that the net receipts

amounted to a trifle over \$17.00.

March 1

Richland Mirror

The hauling pipeline gang moved to Swedeborg Friday and the gang fastening the pipes together is with us.

Friday the price of Ford cars was advanced by nearly one hundred dollars so that now they sell for nearly five hundred dollars with the war tax added. A. A. Parsons & Sons received a car load last week and all but two were picked up by eager buyers just before the new price went into effect.

March 7

Crocker News

NEWS FROM THE HUB—We are informed that the two Banks of Waynesville have consolidated and will do business in the future as one institution in the building now occupied by the Bank of Waynesville. A. W. Burchard [*president of the Spring City Bank*] will be president of the consolidated institution. L. B. Bell, brother of Prosecuting Attorney R. A. Bell, and former president of The Farmers Bank of

Harrison, Ark., will be cashier. S. T. Rollins, former cashier of the Bank of Waynesville, will engage in the livestock business and J. A. Clark, former cashier of The Spring City Bank will fly for Uncle Sam.

March 15

Richland Mirror

Richland has more than a thousand people and it is seldom that more than a "handful" attend church at any of the four churches in Richland on any one Sunday. Where are the rest of us?

March 21

Crocker News

NEWS FROM THE HUB—Waynesville is crowded with visitors this week who are here for the March term of Circuit Court.

The case of State of Missouri vs Jenks Starling of Cowetta, Okla., who is charged with being one of the quartette who robbed the Bank of Waynesville last June, is the most important case on the docket. The witnesses who are here for the case are: For the state W. L. Robbins, Okmulgee, Okla., T. A. Collier, McAlisterville, Okla., Dr. M. L. Ingrahm Monet, Mr. Hooker of Pulaski County and Thomas Burchard of this city. The witnesses for the defense are Mrs. Jenks Starling, wife of the accused, Cowetta, Okla., Mesdames E. C. Bradley and Ray F. Parson, Miss Vera Minor, C. B. Reece, E. C. Bradley, R. E. Bohannon, Bush Murphy, A. E. Burgson, all of Sapulpa, Okla. Prosecuting Attorney Bell will be assisted by H. O. Eldredge of this city and State Senator Frank Farris of Rolla. The legal line up for the defense are Rowland Johnson of this city, A. W. Curry, Lebanon and T. B. Taylor of McAlisterville, Okla. The case will be tried Wednesday.

[*Last page news item, apparently written just after the trial of Starling on Wednesday and published in Thursday's paper.*]

Sheriff Lee Baker received a telegram Tuesday from the Sheriff of Glenrose, Tex., requesting information concerning the trial of J. J.

Starling, who was convicted in the recent term of court of having assisted in the bank robbery here last June. Starling is wanted in the Texas town on the charge of helping rob a bank there a short time after the robbery of the bank here.

March 28

A New Dentist

Dr. Jas. Titterington, who has been practicing dentistry in this city for some time, has sold his business and equipment to Dr. F. W. Brownfield, formerly of Waynesville but more recently of Chicago, who took charge of the business Monday. Dr. Brownfield comes well recommended and is a pleasant gentleman to meet. Dr. Titterington expects to be called to the colors soon.

NEWS FROM THE HUB—J. J. Starling, the bank robber, received a sentence of twenty years in the penitentiary and was taken to that institution Friday night by Sheriff Lee Baker, assisted by Tim Sullivan, Chief of the Frisco Secret Service Bureau. A pathetic object throughout the trial, and especially when the verdict was read and sentence was pronounced was the wife of Starling whose only fault seemed to be that she had cast her pearls to swine and was reaping the awful harvest. She frankly told those who conversed with her that her married life had brought her only sorrow. This should be a warning to young women everywhere, that they cannot reform an outlaw or make a man a desperate vagabond, by marrying him. Young women should always look up, instead of down for an object on which to place their affections. Although Jenks Starling is but 36 years of age this is his seventh sentence in a penal institution and the sad comment of his wife was, "When this is over I don't know what will be next."

March 29

Richland Mirror

E. M. Dresser has sold his blacksmith shop to Fred Manes who took charge Tuesday. Mr. Dresser will

devote his time to auto repair work.

Starling, the Waynesville bank robber, was given a twenty year prison sentence in circuit court at the county seat last week.

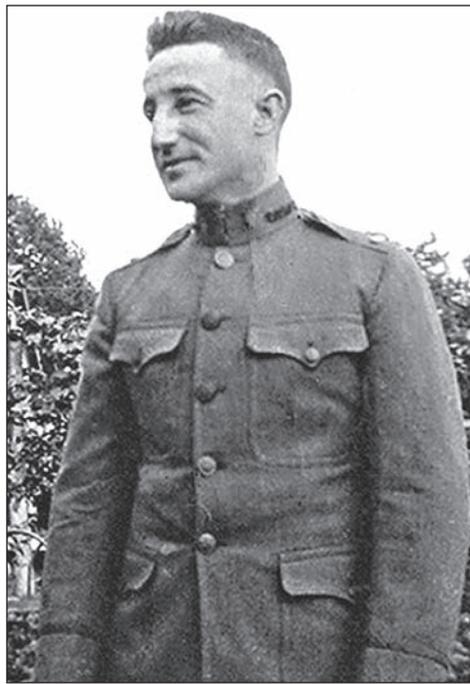
April 5

Dr. James Titterington was up from Crocker this week. He has sold his dental business there and is now awaiting the government's call to service. He already has his commission as a dental surgeon for the army.

Richland Puts on Amusement Ban

Richland, Pulaski County, is the first town in the United States, so far as is known, to prohibit the production of theatrical plays, motion picture films, and other forms of amusement for the period of the war.

The city council of Richland at the regular weekly meeting Friday



First Lt. James Titterington in Belgium, 1918. Dr. Titterington, age 26, served overseas from May 1918 until May 1919. The dentist owned the Old Stagecoach Stop 1936-1941. Courtesy of William Smith.

night voted an ordinance providing that until peace is declared between the allies and Germany there shall be shown in Richland no form of amusement with the exception of patriotic meetings where no admission is charged.

The move was made out of patriotic motive, as the fathers said, with a world war raging, the extra earnings should be invested in war savings stamps and liberty bonds.—*Springfield Republican*.

April 11

Crocker News

John L. Sullivan, once famous prize fighter, is dead. Having all but surrendered to drink and its dire effects, he faced about and vanquished his most sinister enemy and became a valiant fighter in the ranks aligned against the liquor traffic. And so passes another champion of the cause of prohibition, but the ranks

are not depleted by his death. There are hundreds now working for the abolition of liquor where there were dozens when John L. Sullivan put his strength into the fight. [See page 5 for an image of Sullivan.]

April 19

Dixon Pilot

The pipeline work in this section seems to be practically wound up. The last pipe has been hauled out to the line and the camp paraphernalia and teams transferred to Conway.

April 25

Crocker News

Large Crowd at Richland

A large number of people from Crocker and vicinity went to Richland last Friday to see the special train loaded with war relics from the battle fields of Europe. We understand that 125 tickets were sold at

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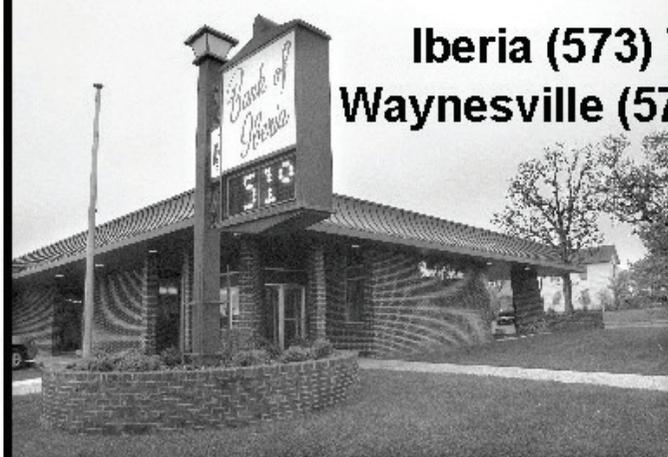
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the Crocker depot and those who were in attendance estimate the crowd at Richland as somewhere near 3,000. The day was cold and rainy and the returning train was late, getting here about 6 a. m.

NEWS FROM THE HUB—Tess De-graffenreid, the tie man, is availing himself of the present high waters to float all ties above Waynesville spring down to the spring, where they will be spiked together and rafted down the Roubidoux and Gasconade rivers to the loading point at Jerome.

May 2

A party composed of the following spent Thursday night at the Baker Hotel, leaving Friday for Camp Funston where they went to report for duty in answer to a draft call: Ralph and Lester Newberry, Robert Henson and P. R. Patterson, all of Richland; Roy Tyre, Abo; Fred Greet,

Crocker; E. Eldredge and Frank Christeson (colored), Waynesville were also called to report for duty at Camp Funston last Friday. Camp Funston is commanded by General Leonard Wood.

NEWS FROM THE HUB—Mrs. George Lane and son, George, will go to Excelsior Springs Thursday to visit her husband, who has been there for the past two months for the benefit of his health. Mr. Lane is said to be greatly improved and hopes to be able to accompany his wife and son home at the end of their visit.

May 9

The County Court has received notice that the State Highway Engineer has approved two roads running through Pulaski County and the state is ready to pay half of the expenses of improving them. The two roads are: From Richland

through Swedeborg, Crocker, and Dixon to Vienna and the road from Tuscumbia [to become State Route 133] through Ulman, Iberia, Crocker and Waynesville to Houston [SR 17]. The State Highway Commissioner urges that work be begun on these two roads at once and the County Court, now in session, will make an order to that effect.

NEWS FROM THE HUB—Tess De-graffenreid regrets the loss of 4000 ties during the high water of Sunday and Sunday night.

May 10

Dixon Pilot

A U. S. Marshal was here today and pulled some of our people up "on the carpet" for unloyal utterances they are said to have made. It appears hard for a few fellows to be true to their Country and the Government that is protecting them and

furnishing them their freedom. The time has come at last, we are glad to say, when Uncle Sam will furnish at least temporary bondage to those who can't longer appreciate liberty. We understand there are a few men in the Franks neighborhood also on whom Uncle has his weather eye.

The Brown Shoe Co., and the Hamilton-Brown Shoe Co., and the International Shoe Co., all of St. Louis, have been awarded large contracts for army shoes. The quartermaster general's department awarded contracts for the manufacture of 3,500,000 pairs of metallic-fastened service shoes for overseas work, the average price being \$7.75 per pair.

May 23

Crocker News

Harold Bell Wright, the novelist who was either made famous by the Ozarks or made the Ozarks famous,

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(we can't remember which) is living in a tent on the desert a few miles from Tucson, Ariz. Incidentally he is making \$100,000 a year by his writing.

NEWS FROM THE HUB—The consolidation of the two Waynesville banks was effected last week, and they are now doing business as one institution under the name of Bank of Waynesville, in the Bank of Waynesville building. The active officers are: A. W. Burchard president, L. B. Bell cashier, B. W. Hickman assistant cashier.

May 30

Pistol Shots at Night

At a late hour Tuesday evening pistol shots rang out in our peaceful village to mark the passing of an alleged bootlegger who had been in town for several days with a woman and a bull dog as companions. Suspicions were aroused concerning the business of the bunch and their room was searched, resulting in the discovery of contraband whiskey, so we are told. Sheriff Lee Baker was, of course, on the job. But when his quarry was sighted it refused to halt and the shots added speed to his flight. His present whereabouts are unknown.

June 6

NEWS FROM THE HUB—Everybody come to the Red Cross sale at the Hub next Saturday. A pitcher which brought over a hundred dollars at Crocker, last Saturday, is to be sold again at the Waynesville sale. [*Auctions and pie suppers abounded with proceeds going to the Red Cross.*]

June 13

W. W. Ellis, of St. Louis, president of the Missouri State Fish Commission, arrived here this morning and went over to Cave Lodge. He stated while here that they were considering stocking the Gasconade with fish.

NEWS FROM THE HUB—The Red Cross Sale in Waynesville last Saturday was a great success and brought the sum for Waynesville district up to \$4375.00...A towel which

was found in the auto deserted by the gang who robbed the Bank of Waynesville last June, sold for \$540. The pitcher which sold at Crocker for \$125, sold here for \$233.

June 14

Dixon Pilot

Warning to Auto Drivers.

Section 5, Motor Vehicles

Ordinance of Dixon:

Speed—No person shall drive a motor vehicle or motor bicycle upon any public street or alley in this city at a greater speed than is reasonable and proper, having regard to the traffic and the use of the way, or so as to endanger the life or limb or injure the property of any person. If the rate of speed of any motor vehicle or motor bicycle operated upon any public street or alley in this city when the same is passing through the closely built up business portions exceed eight (8) miles an hour; and if the rate of speed of any motor vehicle or motor bicycle operated on any street or alley in this city outside the closely built up business portions exceed ten (10) miles per hour or if the rate of speed of a motor vehicle operated on any street or alley in this city in going around a corner or curve in the street where the operator's view of the street traffic is obstructed, exceed six (6) miles an hour, such rate of speed shall be prima facie evidence that the person operating such motor vehicle or motor bicycle is running at a rate of speed greater than is reasonable, having regard to the traffic and the use of the streets and alleys, or so as to endanger the life or limb or injure the property of any person.

Any person violating any of the provisions of this section, shall, upon conviction be fined in a sum not less that \$3 or more than \$35 for each and every offense.

June 18

Richland Mirror

The pipeline gangs met over near Swedeborg Friday and the pipe is now all laid from Oklahoma to St.

Louis except for a few miles down near St. Louis. It is reported that a pump station is to be put in some place between Swedeborg and Richland.

June 20

Missouri-isms

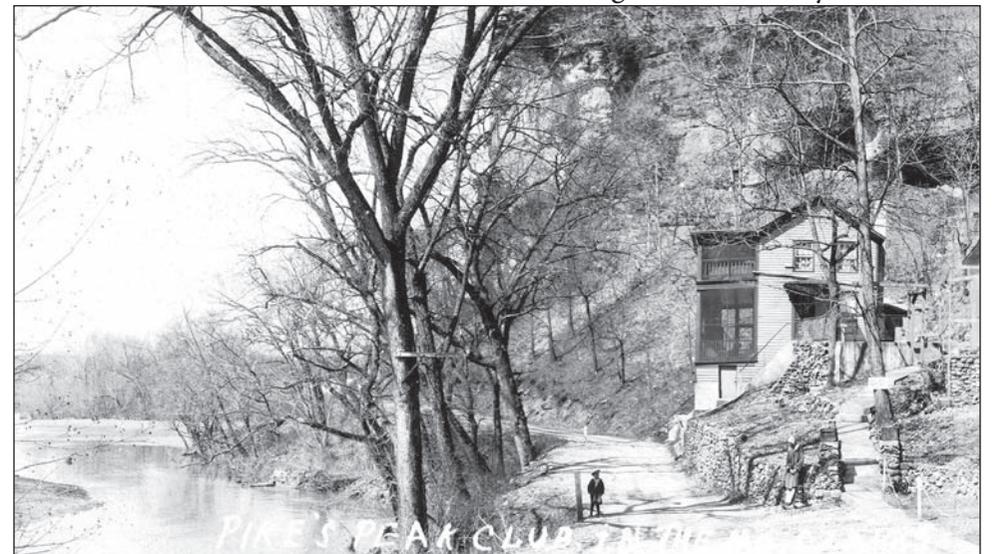
Missouri is the first saddle-horse state in the whole world—winning in 1917 the international horse honors from Kentucky and all other state and interstate competitors.

Missouri won more blue ribbons and prizes in 1917 on live stock and held more successful public stock shows and sales of pure-bred high grade livestock than any other of the states and topped the great fat stock markets oftener.

Missouri is the third state for pork production, having in 1917 more hogs on hand than the total of 22 other states, and is 13th in sheep and 6th in grand total number of all kinds of live stock.

Missouri has more apple trees than any other state in the Union, and the Missouri apple is first in flavor and quality, compared to the apples and other fruits of every nation.

Missouri is becoming a dairy state and will soon be the first in the Union. It is the home of the premier Jersey herd, winning the largest state and national total of blue ribbons in 1917.



B. F. "Sam" Scott began building a clubhouse in 1902 at the confluence of Roubidoux Creek and the Gasconade, just below the double opening to Indian Cave. It opened for guests in June of 1903 and was managed by a gentleman by the name of Juergens. In 1916, Dr. George E. Krapf of Chicago leased the clubhouse for a year. Courtesy of Jan and Terry Primas.

June 27

Pipeline Work Finished

The Yarhola Pipeline Co. has finished its work in this section and the camps near Crocker removed all their equipment to Crocker where it was stored in the Rowden building. This company has employed a large number of men in the work of constructing the pipe line and the merchants and other business men of the town have materially benefited by their presence.

July 4

Dr. Geo. E. Krapf and daughter, Miss Lillian, and Mr. Kraus and son Ralph, toured from St. Louis to the Pikes Peak Club House, on the Crocker-Waynesville road, in their Ford car last Thursday. They came by way of the Ozark Highway and found the going pretty rough. They left St. Louis at five in the morning and arrived at the club house at 12 that evening. Miss Krapf expects to spend the summer at Pike's Peak.

July 6

Dixon Pilot

Private parties have purchased the electric light outfit and sold the engine to the Iberia Roller Mills. A good, new engine is to be purchased and the plant put in working condition again, and the city will be at

liberty to buy it.

Dixon Market Report

Eggs	26c	Turkeys	27c
Hens	20c	Ducks	16c
Broilers ...	21c	Hides	13c
Roosters .	17c	Old Butter ...	25c
Geese ...	8c	Butter fat ...	43c
Wool	63c		

August 8

Crocker News

A Big Fish

A yellow catfish weighing 50 pounds and measuring 4 ft. 2 in., was caught early Wednesday morning in the Gasconade by R. H. Hawkins aided by his son Preston. The fish had been seen in the river on other occasions and the cause of his capture was his attempt to swallow a monster snapping turtle which had lodged in the throat of the big fish. When the fish was sighted Mr. Hawkins hurried to the spot and plunged into the water, succeeding in landing the monster with his hands after a long struggle.

Having attempted to swallow the turtle without success the fish had evidently tired itself out in an effort to disgorge the turtle which had become fastened in the throat, and so was not in good fighting trim. John Vanloon, who lives near the camp was present and says this is the largest catch he has seen. A strap was

placed through the jaw of the fish by which it "lariatied" in the river with a chain.

August 15

Medford Crews purchased a new buggy last Friday from Mr. W. E. Burchard. *[People still buying buggies in this age of the automobile. There are two accounts of horse and buggy accidents in this week's paper. One driver was surprised by a train at a railroad crossing and the team was killed. Another accident involved a team frightened by an automobile; the driver was injured when the runaway team and hack plunged into a ditch.]*

August 23

Dixon Pilot

Gasoline is now selling here at forty cents a gallon. It has been so scarce, or the demand has been so great for some time, that the Government asked merchants to conserve its use by cutting out the greater part of their auto delivery service; however there seems to be an abundance of it to burn in pleasure rides. Gallons of it are wasted that way here every day.

August 29

Crocker News

The Crocker Mercantile & Supply Co. is installing a gasoline filling station in front of their store for the

convenience of their patrons. The filling station formerly was owned by W. J. Mace.

September 13

Richland Mirror

A big warplane flew over this section last Friday morning. It carried two soldiers and passed over Hazelgreen and landed in a field near Stoutland to get gasoline. It was flying little less than a mile high and could have been seen from this place plainly, but no one here saw it. J. W. Armstrong who was plowing on his farm in Camden county saw it, as did Joe Elam of Hazelgreen and most everybody at Stoutland went out to see the big fighting machine when it landed. They were going from Memphis to Kansas City.

September 19

Crocker News

Curfew Notice

In accordance with an ordinance

passed by the board of aldermen all boys under sixteen years of age must be at home after nine o'clock at night and this is to notify all parties concerned that the ice plant whistle will blow one long blast at nine o'clock each night as a warning to those who may be upon the streets at that hour. This ordinance will be strictly enforced on and after Saturday night, Sept 21.

J. H. Johnson, Mayor.

German newspapers are regaling their readers with tales of bombardment of United States cities by German U-boats but our coast cities continue to take their nightly rest undisturbed and pursue their daily grind of business without a tremor of fear.

September 20

Richland Mirror

BAND TRAINED BY SOUSA TO VISIT RICHLAND

A detachment of the Great Lakes Naval Training Station Band of



Early filling stations, before they had dedicated buildings and essentially a pump or two, were installed at the curb in front of a store. The Sinclair pumps at right are a typical example. This view is on Grand Avenue, the main business street in Houston, Missouri, in the late 1930s. They appear to be in front of the Chevrolet dealer. The nation's first "drive-in" gasoline station was built in St. Louis in 1909. Courtesy of Jan and Terry Primas.

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which Lieut. John Philip Sousa, the "March King," is director, will visit Richland on Saturday, October 5, in the forenoon.

The band will consist of thirty trained musicians, and a concert will be given during the stay in the city, which will necessarily be brief, inasmuch as the Liberty Loan Organization for the Eighth Reserve District, under whose auspices the tour is being made, is seeking to have as many points visited as possible.

The success of the Great Lakes Bands on their tours during the Third Liberty Loan Campaign was remarkable, and there is an insistent demand for its return.

The band is scheduled to arrive here at 1:53 o'clock p. m. and will probably leave with [train] No. 3.

This announcement it is expected will result in a large crowd from the surrounding country and neighboring cities visiting Richland on the date of the concert.

Dixon Pilot

EXHIBIT TRAIN TO VISIT DIXON Many War Trophies and Materials to Be Shown Here at an Early Date.

A special U. S. Liberty Loan War Exhibit train stocked with many war trophies from the battle fields of France and materials of war will visit Dixon on Friday, Oct. 11.

The train is to come under the auspices of the Liberty Loan Organization of the eighth Federal Reserve District and will not only be an object of great interest, but will aid materially in the sale of Fourth Liberty Loan Bonds. Soldiers and sailors will accompany the train to explain and demonstrate the war material and one or more soldiers of the allies who have served at the front will be present and relate their experiences. An official will be in charge and civilian speakers and bond salesmen will be one of the party.

The train is scheduled to arrive here at 12:30 p. m. and remain until 2:30. As much territory is to be visited, it cannot remain longer than the

time allotted to this city.

It is expected that the visit of the exhibit train to Dixon will bring to our city many people from neighboring towns.

October 10

Crocker News

School Closed Indefinitely

Owing to the prevalence of Spanish Influenza the Crocker Public Schools closed Thursday morning for an indefinite period. There will be no church services or other public gatherings until the disease is checked and people are urged to keep their children off the streets in order to prevent serious conditions arising.

Once or twice a year (in war times) a new one is needed. It isn't economy to do without or buy an inferior grade, so it pays to go to J. L. Hoops & Co. when you need a new corset and ask for the Kabo.

October 17

Do not Come to Washington Now

Washington, D. C., Oct. 11.

Washington is suffering from an unprecedented epidemic of Influenza.

The city is crowded to its capacity and the disease seems to be exceedingly difficult to control. The authorities here are doing everything in their power and they hope soon to have it under their control.

I feel it my duty to give this warning to the young people of my district who have accepted, or may accept positions in Washington.

Very respectfully,

Thos. L. Rubey [*Representative*]

October 24

Crocker to Have Lights

We are glad to be able to say that the obstacles standing between our town and the electric lights have been removed and the near future promises to see the service resumed. The owners of the plant have had a series of misfortunes which have discouraged them to a great extent and with the coal situation growing more and more serious the plant had been forced to suspend operations some days ago. At a called meeting of representative business men which was held Wednesday morning at W. E. Burchard's hardware store T. H. Turpin and Frank

Copp, representing the Electric Ice & Bottling Co., stated that in order to resume service it would be necessary to find a cheaper and more easily [acquired] fuel and to also increase the rates for lights.

In order to do this they had decided to arrange for the installation of an oil burning engine, provided the people of the town gave them assurance that the increase in rates would be acceptable. The business men present unanimously agreed that electric lights must be had and arrangements were practically perfected at the meeting to secure the purchase of the new engine and it was also agreed that the new rate should be adopted as follows: The minimum rates for lights should be \$2.00 per month in business houses and residences and the meter rate shall be 20 cents per kilowatt instead of 15 cents as heretofore.

Crocker cannot afford to be without electric lights and none should object to the increased rates. Everyone knows that the price of everything else has increased greatly in the past year or more and the company is entitled to and justified in every way in asking the increased rate.

November 1

Richland Mirror

W. B. Carroll and wife are across the river making molasses this week and they tell us that they are selling for over a dollar a gallon.

November 14

Crocker News

World War Ended

**Armistice Signed, Kaiser Wilhelm Abdicated—Biggest Conflict in All History Brings Victory to the Allies
Germany is Done.**

With the signing of the armistice Monday morning the great world war came to an end bringing victory to the Allied nations who were fighting for the democracy of the world. Thus ends a long period of stress and bloodshed which has wracked the world as it was never wracked before, but the end has come—and



This is John Phillip Sousa (1854-1932). He played in and then directed the United States Marine Band. Sousa was also a composer, primarily of marches. His "Stars and Stripes Forever" is a staple of military bands. He left the Marines and organized a civilian touring band. At the beginning of World War I, Sousa was commissioned a lieutenant commander and conducted the Illinois Naval Reserve Band, above. Courtesy of the Library of Congress.

with it a glorious victory for right and humanity. Over a hundred billion dollars have been burned, blown and eaten up during this war.

Thirty-three million men have been called to war and 16,000,000 have been maimed and gassed.

Revolutions have swept three of the great belligerent nations.

Emperors have been toppled from their thrones.

German supremacy so long boasted is no more—if it ever did exist.

The news of the signing of the armistice was received with rejoicing throughout the country and joyous celebrations have been held in almost every community. Crocker held an impromptu celebration Tuesday night by shooting anvils, guns and fireworks, and singing and shouting about a great bonfire in the public street.

Pipeline Bursted

The oil pipe line which was recently completed through this section bursted Tuesday about two miles northwest of town. A stream of oil flowed from the break for several hours, resulting in considerable loss before the break could be repaired.

December 6
Crocker News

SWEDEBORG—Everyone is keeping shy of Swedeborg now. There are fifteen cases of influenza there.

The revival meeting will begin at Swedeborg Sunday night. Everyone



The news item on the previous page that it was molasses-making time prompted us to reprint one of our favorite photographs. It was shot by Charles Elliot Gill (1869-1962) who lived on a farm east of Salem in Dent County. Gill was one of those first generation self-taught amateur photographers. He captured images of life in the northern Ozarks. The picture of making molasses was captured on a glass plate. Courtesy of the Missouri State Archives.

come and try to make it interesting. *[Both items written by the same correspondent.]*

December 12

Three Airplanes

Just after noon Saturday three large airplanes were sighted in the eastern sky headed west. The word was quickly passed around and people were soon craning their necks and watching the birdmen in passage over the town. The sight was something big for many of those who watched them pass over.

December 20
Richland Mirror

There is more flu now in Richland

than at any previous time but most of the cases are not serious.

School was closed here Wednesday noon because of the flu and will not re-open at least until December 30.

December 20
Dixon Pilot

Light Plant to Resume.

Chris Veasman, Dixon's leading "public utility man," who has done enough work the past year in connection with Liberty Bond, Y.M.C.A. and other war work campaigns and on the draft board to wear out two or three ordinary men, saying nothing about looking after his own business, which undoubtedly

ly has been much neglected, and the fact that his youngest son has been dangerously ill for some time, has somehow found time to work up a deal to sell the Dixon electric light plant to a man that will come and run it like it ought to be run.

Mr. Veasman is selling the plant outright to D. A. McMullen of Hancock, who we are assured knows his business and is made out of the right kind of stuff, and who is in St. Louis now arranging for a large steam boiler, having already contracted for a suitable engine.

The starting of the plant, however, is contingent upon the using of the light service by at least eighty per cent of the householders, and in this connection Mr. Veasman is circulating a petition and obtaining signatures of those who desire lights, and is meeting with a rather hearty response so far.

While light plants more everywhere have considerably raised the rates for lights, Mr. McMullen proposes to furnish the service at the same old rate formerly in effect here—15c per Kw., etc. The lights are to be on till 11 p. m., then off till 4 a. m. when they go on till sun-up, except Sundays.

The City is to use 26 street lights, as before.

If four-fifths of the householders want the plant to resume operations, and we believe they do, now is the time to come to the front and put the list over the top.

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