

1945

FORT LEONARD WOOD

In the Beginning

January 4, 1945

Theater Reopens

The Gem Theater reopens on January 5 after being closed for a protracted time due to fire. The opening features are “Rosie the Riveter” and “Bride by Mistake.” Family nite on Tuesday features “Stagecoach” with John Wayne. Admission 10c & 30c including tax. — *Richland Mirror*

January 11

FOR SALE—20 acres, known as Gospel Ridge Tabernacle, consisting of 14 cabins, one and two rooms—all furnished. 365 ft. well on premises; on U. S. Highway 66—3 mi. East of Waynesville. Ed Roach Waynesville. [The cabin camps began posting “For Sale” signs, selling portable cabins, or closing as Fort Leonard Wood began winding down.]

January 18

City Council and Fire Dept. Move into New Building

Tuesday was moving day for the Mayor, R. O. DeWitt, and members



The Federal Works Agency awarded a grant of \$13,000 to Waynesville for the fire/police/city offices building, which cost \$20,000. The FWA existed from 1930 until 1949. It administered public works and construction projects. It appears that Dotson Sutton, Chief of Police of Waynesville, is standing in the doorway of the section that houses the two jail cells. Courtesy of the Pulaski County Historical Society.

of the City Council, City Clerk C. M. Dodd and Roy C. Wilson.

The Fire Department under Fire Chief Carl M. Brisch, who is also Constable of Cullen Township, moved.

Besides serving as City Hall and the Fire Department, the building also houses the City Jail.

The exterior is of red brick, modern throughout, all on one floor. The furnace room is also located to the rear on the first floor.

The building faces South and on the East is the City Hall offices with Council room and Ladies and Gents rest rooms. On the West is located the Fire Department where the fire truck is kept with hose-drying apparatus in the cupola of the building—then to the South is the commodious kitchen, modernly equipped with hot and cold running water all in white and to the side and rear of the kitchen are the two jail cells, the front being for men and the women's to the rear.

The grounds are being terraced and being made ready to sow grass seed.

The cells are each equipped with two wall cots or beds, pullman style. [The building now houses a church, activity center, and COAD.]

DEAR READERS

...Ladies of Pulaski County—I am not often given to “telling tales” on the men but if any of your husbands chanced to have business at the Courthouse in Waynesville last Friday afternoon you should have been here and visioned the rich brown rivers of tobacco juice all about the front door of the courthouse mingled with the oozy mud and I detected some of the same brown stains on the courthouse lobby floor.

There is nothing to compare with the contented placid look on a man's face when absorbed in chewing on a tobacco cud—and I suppose women who chew have the same expression.

RUTH LONG

February 1

The Blue Lines Bus Service of Waynesville bought the Holman Bus Lines at Lebanon and took possession January 15th.

Six schedules are operated out of Lebanon each day with six round trips from Lebanon to Fort Leonard Wood.

Thirty-five round trips are operated each day from Waynesville to Fort Leonard Wood—four round trips from Crocker to Fort Leonard Wood—and three round trips daily from Dixon to Fort Leonard Wood.

The Blue Line Bus Service includes Waynesville, Crocker and Dixon.

Forty persons are employed by the Bus Lines including office help, drivers and mechanics.

USO, which has sent touring shows to Fort Leonard Wood theaters for over three years, has now added a new feature to its entertainment program here. Every two weeks, USO now sends a stage troupe to the post's Regional Station Hospital for three days of performances before bed-patients, right in their hospital wards.— *Rolla Herald*

ICE MANUFACTURER TO CITY ON BUSINESS

Bennett Skaggs left Dixon last Thursday on a business trip to St. Louis. Mr. Skaggs owns one of

DEAR READERS

In this news recap of the beginning of Fort Leonard Wood, we also reprint excerpts from a column called “Dear Readers” written by Ruth Long, owner and publisher of the *Pulaski County Democrat*. Ruth and husband V. V. Long bought the *Democrat* in September of 1914. When V. V. Long secured the postmastership in November of 1933, he ceased active management of the paper. His wife Ruth became publisher and their son, Douglas E., editor and business manager until he entered the Army. Ruth wrote a weekly column called “Dear Readers.” News about neighbors and former county residents was interspersed with gems of local history. Ruth's column reports the emergence of Fort Leonard Wood but her account is a personal one of the boom years of World War II. She notes the changing landscape, expresses awe at the huge military effort and influx of people, while sometimes lamenting the change. We offer Ruth's personal perspective alongside the news articles, all of which are from the *Democrat*, except for the few noted otherwise.

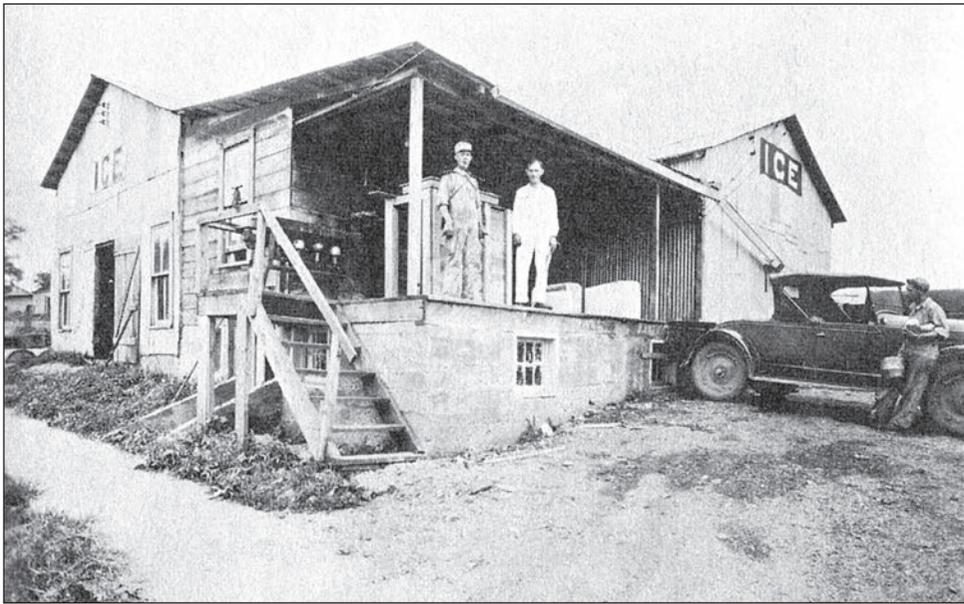
the biggest businesses in Pulaski County, which is the largest ice plant between Springfield and St. Louis. He furnishes most of the ice used at Fort Leonard Wood, and keeps Dixon and surrounding towns supplied at the same time.

The Dixon Ice Plant is modern and well equipped and the trucks that haul the ice from the plant are on the roads day and night all through the summer. While the demand is lighter in the winter, Mr. Skaggs continues to manufacture the ice which he stores for use during the summer when the demand exceeds the capacity of his plant.— *Dixon Pilot*

February 8

Dallas Wells Wounded in Action In Belgium Jan. 10

Dallas Wells of Hooker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Squire A. Wells of Hooker, has been slightly wounded in action



Bennett Skaggs built this early ice plant in 1926. A fire partially destroyed it in 1941 but it was immediately rebuilt and considerably enlarged for the Fort Leonard Wood business. The plant was still in operation in 1969, under the management of Fred Emmett, Skaggs' son-in-law. *Centennial Souvenir, Dixon, Missouri 1869-1969.*

in Belgium Jan. 10th, according to a message from the War Department Jan. 27th.

According to a letter written by Dallas to his parents, he was wounded in the left leg above the knee and is in a Paris, France, hospital where he will be confined some time.

Dallas was wounded in less than a month after he had left the States.

He attended the Waynesville High School.

Mrs. Lyllus Mae Burson of Cour-

tesy Court east of town bought out the interest of Harry V. Plattner of Kansas City February 3rd, consideration \$25,000.

The transaction included the Burson Cafe here and all equipment, Courtesy Court, a beautiful housing project, modern, and all the furnishings of the buildings.

Mr. and Mrs. Plattner of Kansas City and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Burson have been partners the past four years. The sale also includes land.

Mr. and Mrs. Burson now own all



Butler City was located just to the west of the Oakwood Service Station on Highway 66 and was originally owned by Bob Butler. It had the largest number of cabins in the area, more than two dozen. They varied in size and were portable. Walter McDonald, owner of Mac's Cleaners, bought the camp in March and fourteen of the cabins were moved to Cotter, Arkansas. McDonald remodeled and modernized the remaining cabins. Courtesy of The State Historical Society of Missouri.

the properties, jointly.

FOR SALE—One or all the cabins at Butler City.

February 15

Dear Readers

...Mr. and Mrs. Squire Wells of Hooker here Saturday hoping to find some means of communicating with their son Dallas, 20, wounded in action, unable to hear a word

from home. Dallas was wounded by shrapnel in the left leg above the knee and below the hip—in the counter-attack in the Belgian Bulge. He was first confined to a Paris hospital writing that he had not heard the English language in so long that he had practically forgotten it himself. He has been removed to a hospital in Normandy.

RUTH LONG



This is Courtesy Court in the 1940s. It was developed by Roy Burson and Harry V. Plattner just south of Highway 66 on Plattner Avenue in what is now St. Robert. They also owned the Burson Cafe, Blue Front Store, and Tut's Cafe, all located on the square in downtown Waynesville. Tut's Cafe was managed by Nelson "Tut" Royalty. The Bursons came to Waynesville in 1941 from Independence, Missouri, to find fortune during the Fort Leonard Wood boom. Plattner lived in Kansas City and invested in Burson's various enterprises. The large house at left was the Burson residence. It and several of the court's bungalows still exist on Plattner Avenue. Courtesy of the St. Robert Museum.

February 22

In having their son Ronald Wenger's address changed, Mrs. Emil Wenger of Licking writes that he was formerly in New Guinea but now somewhere in the Philippines. Ronald was born and reared in what was formerly the Bloodland community.

Soldiers here who believe they have been overcharged for merchandise or services may now file complaints with the Post Personal Affairs Officer, who will relay them to the OPA [Office of Price Administration] so that corrective action may be taken.

March 1

Blue Lines Bus Service here bought the Wichman Bus Service last week...Wichman served Richland, Swedeborg, Crocker, Waynesville, Iberia and Fort Leonard Wood.

March 8

M/M Emerson Storie have sold their grocery store at Buckorn to M/M Tom Beals and have bought a farm on Colley Hollow from M/M Ed Hathaway of Richland.

The house on the farm, two stories, was known in earlier days as "The California House," being a famous inn and on the road connecting St. Louis and Springfield.

The farm consists of 205 acres, and will be farmed this year by Clarence Crismon and Orville Phelps. Mr. and Mrs. John Crossland will live in

the home,

Mr. and Mrs. Storie will also probably be employed in defense work. [The Storie's farm house was not the original California House but was built on its footprint with the original floor plan.]

Mr. and Mrs. Squire Wells of Hooker are hearing frequently from their son Pvt. Dallas Wells, who is in England in a Hospital, being "wounded in action" Jan. 10th, suffering from a shrapnel wound in his left thigh which required five stitches. He expects to be about on crutches soon. He had received a radiogram of five words from his parents and that was all that had been heard from them.

March 15

DEAR READERS

For the first time in many a month, V. V. and I and Doug Jr., and Patty went on a picnic and wiener roast after 4:00 P. M., Saturday afternoon, practically in town—across the road from Camp Ground or Bell Cave where we discovered a small gravel bar surround on both sides by water from a small rivulet—perfect for roasting wieners, and no fire hazard—well, V. V. made the fire assisted by the children, while I sat in the car and looked about at the surrounding landscape. [Doug, Jr. and Patty are V. V. and Ruth Long's grandchildren. Doug Long, Jr. became a Circuit Court judge.]

Well, in the meantime, long green

branches had been cut from the trees, sharp ends cut with Doug Jr.'s Scout knife on which to impale the fat juicy wieners.

Each of us enjoyed our own wieners with which we drank ice-cold soda, took along for the occasion, with a mug of fresh mustard in which we "dunked" our wieners, served with crackers, potato chips, and cookies.

This Camp Ground Hollow—so named many years ago when people from miles around gathered here for a few weeks revival services in deep Summer, after the crops were "laid by" and before harvest.

They chose this spot for the cool,

sparkling spring water and grazing grounds in the valley. They came in covered wagons and cooked their meals by campfires, enjoyed religious worship day and night, and the fellowship and 'neighboring' with people far and near.

Now a concrete tank holds water from this never-failing spring for hogs and cattle owned by R. A. Bell here, but the water, overflowing, runs rill-like under a road culvert.

V. V. and the children dug some sassafras roots along the roadside and that night enjoyed sassafras tea—supposed to be very good for the blood during Spring of the year while the sap is running.

RUTH LONG



The opening to Campground Cave on Swedeborg Road is partially blocked by a fallen tree. The concrete stock watering tank mentioned by Ruth Long is still there at lower left. For more on Campground Cave and camp meetings, see the article "Old Time Religion" in the 2006 Old Settlers Gazette.



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A. S. McNeese, owner of the Tourist Inn here, called at this office Tuesday and ordered the Democrat sent to their son-in-law, Sgt. Hal V. Bartz now in Germany with the armed forces. Mrs. Bartz is making her home here with her parents [The Tourist Inn, aka Old Stagecoach Stop, was the site of Harold "Hal" and Sue McNeese Bartz's nuptials on September 4, 1942. They came from Elberon, Iowa, in 2002 to celebrate their 60th anniversary at the Old Stagecoach Stop.]

NEWSBITS FROM FT. LEONARD WOOD

The 70th Infantry Division, which left Fort Leonard Wood only a few months ago and is now fighting as a part of the U. S. Seventh Army on the southern end of the western front in Europe, made news last week by liberating 1,200 Allied prisoners of war in the Forbach area. Most of the prisoners were French, Polish and Russian, and had been

used by the Nazis as slave laborers. They were left behind because they were too ill to be of further use to the retreating Germans. The 70th is now apparently fighting alongside the post's 75th Division, which also is part of the Seventh Army. Farther north, the 8th Division, also stationed here at one time, was the third American division to enter the Rhine city of Cologne. Still another ex-Fort Leonard Wood division, the 6th, is still in action on Luzon, clearing Jap forces from the area east of Manila.

March 22

Woman Kicked by Mule

Mrs. Adrian Cundiff of near town was seriously hurt last week when she was kicked by a mule. We understand that was carrying a pitchfork which the animal kicked into her stomach. She was taken to Springfield Baptist Hospital.

She has been returned home and

we are glad to report her recovering nicely.— *Richland Mirror*

March 29

Charles Schlicht age about 75 years, was found unconscious at his home at Schlicht Springs near Crocker by neighbors, passed away at Lebanon hospital March 21st.

He was born in Rochester, New York, and came with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Schlicht, to Pulaski County where they settled at Schlicht Springs on the Gasconade River near Crocker, where milling was extensively engaged in, later developing a famous Summer Resort. Charles Schlicht was buried at Catholic cemetery in Lebanon.

Postmaster and Mrs. Elmer Barton of Hooker were in Waynesville on business Tuesday afternoon. They operate Valley View Store at Hooker and Mr. Barton reports that business is good. [While the other roadside

businesses on the old gravel Route 66 through Hooker disappeared by the time the new four-lane through Hooker Cut was completed in 1945, Elmer and Bertie Barton continued to operate the Valley View Store until its post office was discontinued to Arlington in 1955.]

DEAR READERS

One person, especially, in this community is vitally interested in what goes on in the Philippines— Mrs. Potentia Zeigenbein on Rt.2— her home was in Batangas, about 75 miles south of Manila. She sold her large land holdings there and came to this country many years ago after marrying a "soldier of fortune." They stayed in the Black Hotel here [now called the Old Stagecoach Stop] now owned by Mr. McNeese, where her husband sickened and died, leaving her with three children to rear— knowing nothing of the language and customs here—she set about



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learning all she could and now, past middle age, owns several hundred acres of land, acquired by thrift and hard work.

RUTH LONG

April 5
WAYNESVILLE GENERAL
HOSPITAL TO BE OPEN
TO PUBLIC SOON

BEST AND LATEST EQUIPMENT:
PAYROLL \$80,000 YEAR.

The Waynesville General Hospital will be open to the public soon according to latest information received by Dr. Clyde Miller here.

It has been built and equipped entirely by the government at a cost of \$250,000.00 and is probably the first of a number of such hospitals to be built throughout the country and the payroll is \$80,000.00 per year of which the government will pay the first year's salaries and each year will



The Waynesville General Hospital had an Open House on July 19, marking its official opening, although its first patient, Mrs. Eleanor Maddox of Richland, previously gave birth to a baby girl, attended by Dr. E. A. Oliver of Richland. Over 500 visitors inspected the new hospital. The Waynesville Band, under the direction of Cpl. Ernest Weidner, played at intervals during the festivities. Courtesy of Richard Elgin.

gradually cut that down until local facilities can take care of the finances.

It is a 46 bed hospital but in an emergency can take care of 80 patients. There are ten private rooms with bath, and maple furniture and beds equipped with inner-spring mattresses.

Adjacent to the hospital proper is a two-room tile laundry with the latest equipment.

The hospital has features most large hospitals don't have, two detention rooms for mental patients and a small isolation ward for patients with contagious diseases. Delivery room for OB patients, baby incubators, dining room and kitchen which contains built-in cabinets, completely equipped laboratory and refrigeration. Emergency room and two operating rooms. In fact, the latest and best that money can buy.



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It is sponsored by the Missouri State Board of Health who will be in charge of the business and book-keeping systems.

Miss Henrietta Kirschner is the Superintendent and her former home was Chillicothe and she has had many years of experience. There will be about fifty employees, eight registered nurses, X-Ray and Laboratory Technicians.

Local MDs comprise the hospital staff including Dr. C. Mallette of Crocker, Dr. A. J. Crider of Dixon, Dr. E. A. Oliver of Richland and Drs. Clyde Miller and C. A. Talbot of Waynesville.

The hospital belongs to Waynesville and is here for the use of the citizens and is not a charity hospital.

USO HERE REDUCES STAFF

The USO staff here has been reduced and three women have been ordered to report for duty elsewhere—Miss Phyllis Gates, of the YWCA, Miss Ruth Sunderland, Hostess and Miss Lois Fuzzell of the Travelers Aid.

The following are in charge—Major Thos. V. Gates, Director of the Institution for the Salvation Army and Mrs. Gates, who is a volunteer worker.

Miss Rachel Dawson in charge of Travelers Aid and Sam Kreider of the Jewish Welfare Board. *[This is another indication that things are winding down.]*

Dixon School News

Students who ride a bus have been asked to pay their bus fare for the remainder of the year so that the office accounts may be closed before the rush of last of school activities overtake us. Grade school tuition, music and other fees are also due.

The girls' ping-pong tournament ended with a surprise when Josephine Beydler, Freshman, defeated Dolores Gates, Senior.

— *Dixon Pilot*

May 24

Notice Property Owners of the City of Richland

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of your city have made plans to improve and blacktop all the streets of the City of Richland.

Said improvements will consist of grading, graveling, culverts installed, one coat of asphalt and one coat of crushed stone. Said cost of improvements as stated above, shall be computed at the rate of thirty cents per front foot to the property owners on each side of the street improved.

C. D. Caldwell, Mayor.

— *Richland Mirror*

April 12

Steps Being Made to Finish Paving the Square

At a recent meeting of the Waynesville Board of Aldermen the following order was made:

"To employ an engineer to survey the square on the North and East

side of the Court House which has not yet been paved and to file with the Board a blue print and to give estimate cost of paving same and if necessary the City will issue Special Tax Bills against the lots or pieces of ground abutting on the streets improved." *[Paving was completed on the west side of the square in November of 1942. The business owners on that side paid for the pavement of the lane abutting their property and the city paid for the lane abutting the courthouse square. Two property owners, Dorothy Brisch on the north side and Albert McNeese on the east side, refused to pay for the paving in front of their property. Thus, two-and-a-half years later, the city decided to finish the pavement and then give the recalcitrant owners a bill for the work done.]*

Farnham and Ballew Buy Waynesville Lumber

W. L. Farnham and his son, Gene, and Mart Ballew, have purchased the Waynesville Lumber Co. of the Meek interests of Lockwood, Mo.

Gene has purchased a home in Waynesville and has moved his family there. Mrs. Farnham is the former Maxine Ballew of Waynesville.

Invoicing of the Waynesville Company will begin Friday and according to young Farnham be concluded in two days.

The Farnham interests now own the lumber companies at

Iberia, Dixon, and Waynesville. The Waynesville Lumber Co. will continue under the old name and, according to Gene will continue the same high class service as that maintained by the Meeks.— *Dixon Pilot*

April 19

ROUBIDOUX FLOOD OVER

WEEK-END WORST SINCE 1915

Waynesville suffered its worst flood Friday April 13-15 when the swollen Roubidoux forced the evacuation of over ninety families from their homes in the Shockley and Bailey additions and in the Bell Cabin Camp in West Waynesville with estimated damage about \$27,000. *[The flood was five feet less than in 1915].*

The only damaged business house in Waynesville was the Ft. Wood Theatre, only the nine rear rows of seats being out of the water. *[There was \$3,500 in estimated damages.]*

NEWSBITS FROM FT. LEONARD WOOD

Fort Leonard Wood's 75th Infantry Division, the only army division ever activated in Missouri, last week continued its "sightseeing" tour of Europe as a part of the U. S. Ninth Army on the road to Berlin. The 75th now has fought with three U. S. Armies at widely-separated points on the western front. In December and January, the division took part in the "battle of the bulge" as a unit of the First Army, later moving south to join

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the Seventh Army in the Colmar area. From there the 75th moved to its present assignment, keeping up its reputation of being at the place where the fighting is toughest.

Highway Condition Bulletin
Pulaski County—near Hooker. Traffic carried over and around new construction; careful driving necessary. [The stretch of new four-lane pavement from the EZ Inn/Grandview area to the new concrete arch bridge over the Big Piney River was still under construction.]
Rts. E & H—Pulaski County—Military maneuvers in the Fort Leonard Wood area require the closing of Rt. E from Rt. 17 west four miles and Rt. H from junction with Rt. E north a distance of approximately three miles each day from 6:30 to 4:30 with the exception of Saturday and Sundays. Not recommended for use by strangers.

May 10

VICTORY IN EUROPE MAY 8, 1945

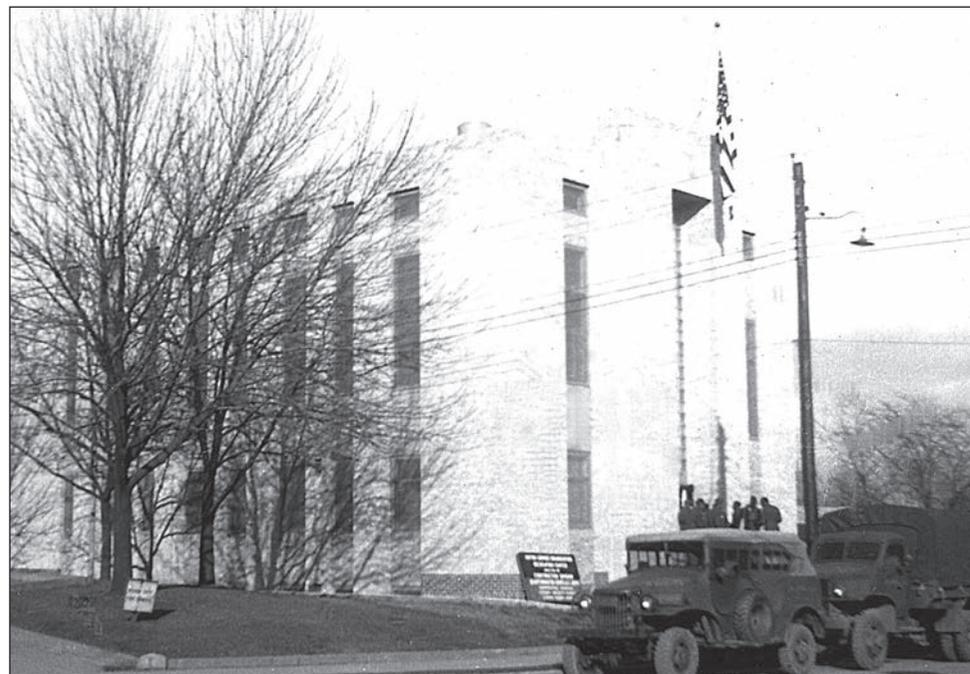
DEAR READERS

So Victory In Europe at last May 8th, 1945 celebrated here in a very quiet, sober manner, so much so that you might have thought it a

matter of indifference if you did not stop to think that Pulaski County has too many sons in the service of their country and that most of us all too exhausted to register very much feeling at all. [The Long's wounded son, Doug, is in the Army "somewhere in Germany," serving in the Third Army as a clerk with the 67th General Hospital.]

Special religious services at the USO Club here attended by a large crowd, in charge of the ministers of the town which included Rev. C. H. Sherman of the First Methodist Church, Rev. J. L. Bandy of the First Baptist Church, Rev. J. Merle Bandy, Associate Pastor, First Baptist Church and Rev. J. L. Hicks, Baptist Minister and Major Thos. V. Gates, Salvation Army and Director of the USO here. Congregational singing led by J. Merle Bandy and a Testimony meeting in charge of Major Gates.

One thing was missing—no tribute to our late, fallen leader, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, who not only led us through the Depression years but a casualty of this war, along with our other honored and heroic dead. His ideals for the peoples of the world will live on through the years.



The Rolla Negro USO building was constructed in 1942. USO services were curtailed beginning in 1945. The City of Rolla entered into a lease with option to purchase the building and site for a library. The building still stands at Ninth and Elm and is now part of a complex that is City Hall. Courtesy of Missouri S&T Archives, C. V. Mann Collection.

We will not have real Peace on Earth until all Nations of the globe lay aside their petty grievances (for it is the accumulation of the minor difficulties that make for the bigger difficulties that make for the bigger ones) and live together as Good Neighbors—and a Good Neighbor policy as advocated by our late President, has TO BE LIVED ON TO THE PACIFIC

RUTH LONG

LIONS CLUB FURNISHES EQUIPMENT FOR ROLLA PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Rolla Lions Club at its regular meeting on Thursday, May 3, voted to provide furniture and equipment costing approximately \$1,585.00 for the Rolla Free Public Library when it moves to its new quarters in the Colored USO Building obtained by the city from the Government.

— Rolla Herald

May 24

Co. Superintendent J. C. Underwood Report on Rural Schools

All schools for the year 1944, '45 are now out with 72 eighth grade graduates from rural schools and 135 eighth grade graduates from town schools which is total of 207 eighth grade graduates.

All rural schools have employed teachers for the year 1945 and '46.

The following rural schools have been approved for transportation: 37, Buzzard Roost; 41, Cedar Grove; 42, Hilton; 43, Bellefonte; 57, Maze; 58, Hopewell and C-1, Dundas.

List of Teachers, Rural Schools, 1945-6

High Point, Miss Charlie Bullock.
Hancock, Mrs. Florence Hester and Mrs. Fay Goodman.
Fox Crossing, Mrs. Genova Courson.
Liberty, Mrs. Brumley.
Brown, Ellen Baker.
Hawkeye, Violet Meyers.
Hicks, Fred Burnett.
Lee, Miss Irene Gray.
Oaklawn, Lee Groce.
Bates, Miss Neva Ledbetter.
Miller, Mrs. Layard Cross.
Cowan, Miss Opal Wilson.
Hamilton, Mrs. Mabel VanLoon

Shepherd, Lorena Rollins.
Needmore, Miss Joy E. Hamilton
Sweet Home, Mrs. Mabel Citens.
Burnett, Mrs. Lillian Dawe.
Franks, Mr. Roy L. Bunch.
Pisgah, Miss Mae Grempczynski.
Lone Star, Faye Grempczynski
Hooker, Gladys Warnol and Miss Maxine Hammock.
Anderson, Margaret Anderson.
Steel bridge Mrs. Ruth Harrison.
Shockley, Miss Velma Hamilton.
Bear Ridge, Mrs. Olive Brown.
Shady Grove, Cora Roam.
Dublin, Miss Nathalee Clark.
Turkey Ridge, Mrs. Leola Anderson and Mrs. Joe Walker.
Moro, Ruby Moore.
Independence, Bessie Harris
Laquey, Miss Velma Long.
Prospect, Mrs. Tom Black.
Cave Spring, Ruby Howley.
Mt. Gibson, Mrs. Opal Storie.
Pleasant Grove, Ruth Hammock and Mrs. Ethel Jewell.
Pine Bluff, Miss Mary Williams.
Big Piney, Mrs. Clara Mae Dye.
Haley Bend, Miss Margret Hilderbrand.
Fairview, June Quesenberry.
J. C. Underwood,
Co. Supt. Of Schools

May 31

Newsbits from Ft. Leonard Wood

One soldier here who isn't too happy about the army's "point system" which requires 85 service points for discharge is Pvt. Arthur Jones of an engineer dump truck company. Jones has been in the army four years, served overseas 31 months and has one battle star. Three days more overseas service would have given him credit for another full month. But as things stand now—he has 84 points. Also not too happy about it all is Pvt. Benito Amaro, who came into the Army April 12. He has one point.

June 7

PULASKI COUNTY DAIRY NOW BEST EQUIPPED IN THIS SECTION

The Pulaski County Dairy at Hazelgreen is now the best equipped dairy in this entire section, having recently installed a new bottling and capping machine.

The dairy barn at Gascozark is the finest in this entire section and built to maintain the highest standards for cleanliness.

F. A. Jones and son own the dairy and operate in Pulaski County only.

Two Office Rooms for Rent in Wilson-Long building over the Greyhound Bus Terminal. If interested inquire of V. V. Long, owner, or inquire at the Democrat office.

June 14

DEAR READERS

As I have said before and which I will probably reiterate many, many times—if our street markers, together with the poles were up for all to see, we probably could have City Mail Delivery—also more sidewalks built. I have been informed that the markers and posts are here.

Why not put three street lights on the Roubidoux Bridge here in town that divides East and West Waynesville—two at each end and one in the middle?

It's the darkest spot in town—the most desolate—at night—by day a beautiful spot when the sun beats down or when drenched by raindrops.

We need more lights all over town and I don't want to hear anyone say—"There's a War On."

RUTH LONG

Newburg Flood Takes Four Lives

Friday, June 8, between 1 and 2:30 p.m., a flash flood or cloudburst hit Newburg, 20 miles east of Dixon, causing great damage to property and loss of life. It has been reported five lost their lives.

The known dead were killed when the house of Mayor S. L. Baker was crushed by the water rushing down the hill in such great force.

Six inches of rain pouring into the already soaked earth sent the little creek roaring out of its banks and through the town, carrying with it scores of homes and 50 or more automobiles parked in the Newburg business district. The business

district itself was almost destroyed.

All public utility service went out and the town's supply of drinking water shut off.

The Red Cross moved immediately to provide shelter for some 50 homeless families.

Troops from Fort Leonard Wood arrived with equipment, water, bedding and boats. Damage is estimated at \$700,000.

The known dead are Mrs. S. L. Baker, 50, wife of the mayor, and daughter, Bernadine Baker, 24, Mrs. Floyd Courson, 40, and her daughter, Darline, 6. Jo Ann Williams, 8, still is missing. Her sister, Ruth Williams, was rescued from a tree with some cuts and bruises.

It has been reported the telephone operator stuck to her post until the water got so deep she was compelled to leave. It is stated the water was up to her neck. In about 45 minutes the water had subsided.— *Dixon Pilot*

June 21

DEAR READERS

...Three towns in the County are

making great strides forward—Dixon already has some of its main streets blacktopped—Richland is making plans and may already have several finished and Waynesville—is making plans. The Bell Addition in West Waynesville, all blacktopped. On Fort Hill and in the main or older section most of them will probably be surfaced. Black top is the cheapest and most economical method and easy to renew worn spots.

The reason WHY we do not have enough lights in Waynesville is said to be that we can procure some of the materials but CANNOT others. WE NEED MORE LIGHTS—ALWAYS HAVE.

RUTH LONG

June 28

Pvt. Ely N. Toops, who has finished special training in Engineers Training Center at Ft. Belvoir, Va., arrived at his home near town the first of the week, accompanied by his family, who have been living near Ft. Belvoir since his induction last winter.

After his basic training he was sent



The two-story Wilson-Long building (1942) on the west side of the Waynesville square was owned by Roy Wilson and V. V. and Ruth Long. It provided space for the Greyhound Bus Line and the office and printing plant of the Pulaski County Democrat on the ground floor. There were offices upstairs that accommodated the Pulaski County Draft Board, Lytle Studios, Dru Pippin's insurance office, Dave Woodward who repaired watches, an optometrist, and a lawyer. It still stands on the west side of the square and is owned by attorney Deborah Hooper. The building on the left with the angular front was the post office (1941), now owned by David Lowe, attorney.



Pictured above is the hard working post office crew in the summer of 1942. By 1943, 5,000 citizens were receiving their mail through this post office. They are (l-r) Pearl Wilson, Sam Creasey, Arlo Brown, H. H. Holland, Chester Hardin, Burrell Davis, Byron Eldredge, and Victor V. (V. V.) Long, who was postmaster 1933-1957. Courtesy of the Pulaski County Historical Society.

to a special school where he learned the intricacies of off-set printing, his correct title now being photo-lithographer in combat engineers.

He and his family, including four children, will visit relatives in Oklahoma before they return here, then he will leave for Camp Beale, Ca.

Paving Being Finished About Square Here

The pavement is being finished about the Public or Court Square here, the preliminary work being done last week and now grading is going forward rapidly.

The unfinished portions now being paved are the East and North sides. The West was paved over three years ago. [The south side is Route 66, paved in 1930.]

The properties affected are: Guy Reed, A. S. McNeese, John C. Rollins, Sam T. Rollins and Mrs. Dorothy Brisch.

Wm V. Hensley is the Contractor.

It is expected that many streets will be black-topped.

Dallas Wells, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Wells of Hooker is enjoying a furlough at home. He was wounded in action in Germany recently but now taking treatments at a hospital in the States.

July 5

91 Flying Fortresses At Vichy Air Field

Ninety-one Flying Fortresses (B-17's) landed at Vichy Airfield last Friday night. They were manned by seven hundred men, officers and pilots. They came here from Tampa, Florida to avoid a hurricane that was sweeping in from the Gulf of Mexico and heading across Florida. According to dispatches, the storm crossed Florida on Sunday and headed up the Atlantic coast.

The Flying Fortresses left Vichy Field Monday to return to Florida.

During the week-end Rolla was crowded with airmen—all fine

looking fellows who seemed to enjoy the town. Many people visited the Vichy air field to take a look at the engines of destruction that have wrought such havoc in Germany and Japan.— *Dixon Pilot*

Black-topping Started

July 5th the contractors started black-topping the streets of Dixon. At this writing they have applied one coat of oil and one of crushed rock. The appearance of the streets has already been changed. When finished it will stop the dust for a while at least, and will make a great improvement in the looks of the city. HELM TIDINGS—The exciting event of the past week was the two days of draining the Helm pond after about 70 years as a water supply for the community. It will be greatly missed.

July 12

DEAR READERS

Now that the rest of the Public Square here is being paved and the

work progressing nicely, all of us native Waynesvillians will wake up some fine morning to find that we are living on EASY street or some such other—some of us have already noted that we are living on real streets now, at least as far as markers go—the first one to go up, officially, I am told is the one marking the street I live on, Benton, either a street or an avenue—it would sound more “uptown” to call it avenue, then the street running parallel that corners the Rev. J. L. Hicks home is named School street, also the street whereon our accommodating Constable Carl M. Brisch lives and who HIMSELF placed the marker one day early in last week.

Other markers have been put up but I have not seen them—I would not have known this marker had been placed but was so informed by V. V.

Many months ago the equipment was purchased by the local Lions



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Club but because of the local labor situation the job was a long time being finished. [These were the first street signs to appear in Waynesville and some renaming was done. Benton Street had previously been called Maple Street and School Street was known as Third Street. It was found that some streets did not have a name, just a general description as to location, and that there were also duplicate street names. The city council had to resolve these problems.]

Now if all the streets could be black-topped we could look about and find many, many more things to do to make a more beautiful, a cleaner town.

For the first time in two years V. V. and I decided to visit Fort Leonard Wood July 4th and see if many changes had taken place since then—we went to what is known as the Housing Area, but the Fort Leonard Wood Supt. of Mails John King and wife were not at home and driving about we could not locate several families among over 900 housing units there, only 38 are now vacant—a new community building of concrete block construction is being built—a children’s playground with many swings, but no trees—all out in the open.

We drove the Fort proper and found everything about as usual, though not as busy as before

Christmas last year. There are over 2,000 civilian employees at Ft. Wood at present.

I have before me a “fake” drawing of the town of Waynesville as it was supposed to be during the Civil War, shows men on horses and tents and what are supposed to be wooden barracks and an occasional cedar tree and looking toward the Eastern hills you would think they were a range of mountains and I am positive they could not have been worn down as they are now during that length of time.

Waynesville is very much a pre-

Civil War town and at one time quite flourishing, I am told.

Lt. Col. S. C. Judge of Saint Louis makes frequent visits to Waynesville and has told me several times that his grandfather was a “printer’s devil” in Waynesville before the Civil War.

This drawing shows the purported camp of the 5th (formerly 13th) Regiment Cavalry, M.S.M. (whatever that last is). [That last stands for Missouri State Militia.]

RUTH LONG

Dams Should Produce Power
Pulaski County will organize for

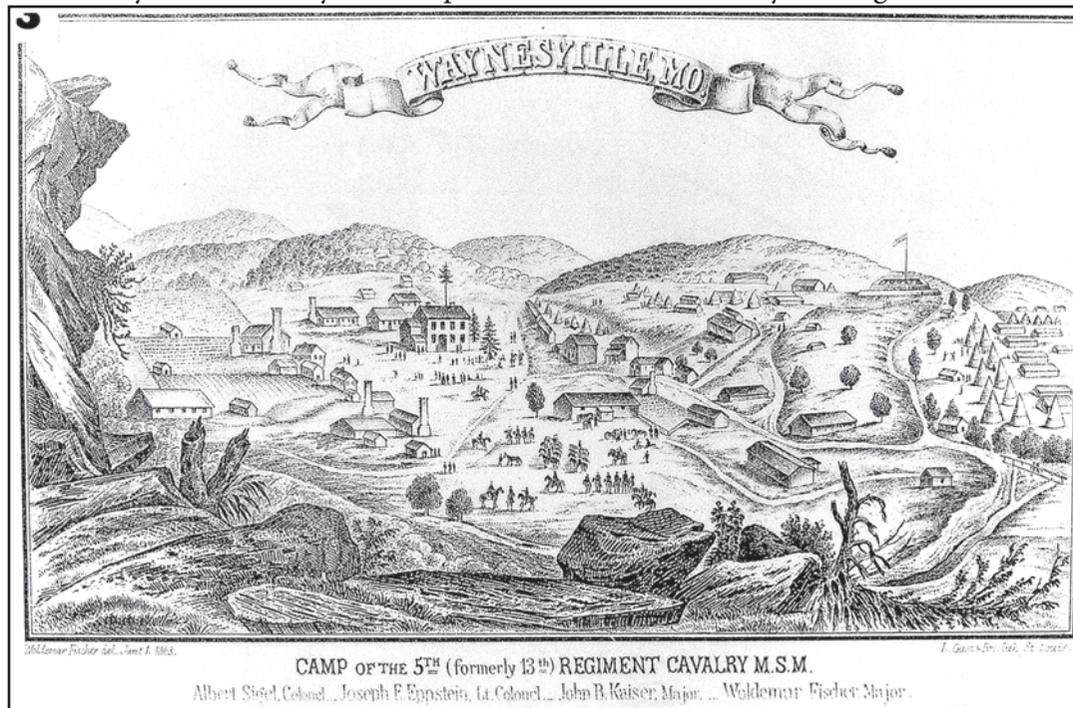
its fight to secure production dams at Arlington and Richland, along with the flood control features that have been proposed for these dam sites. It has been estimated that power could be produced at approximately 1/4c per kilowatt hour, which would mean much in the way of reduced power rates for the county.

Other communities have become interested and have organized committees to promote a plan for the production of power.

Frank J. Bates of the Geological Survey stationed at Rolla, will be the principal speaker at a mass meeting to be held in the USO Club at Waynesville on Wednesday evening, July 18, at 8 p.m.

This meeting is of importance to every person in Pulaski County and all are urged to be present, to present a united front on behalf of power production and flood relief.

The Lions Club at Waynesville is sponsoring this important gathering to which the public is invited.— *Richland Mirror* [Dams on the Gasconade River at Arlington and near Richland had been proposed since the early 1930s. The promise of flood control, cheap electricity, and tourism was kept alive well into the 1950s with studies and congressional proposals but the hope finally faded away.]



CAMP OF THE 5TH (formerly 13TH) REGIMENT CAVALRY M.S.M.

Albert Siegel, Colonel... Joseph F. Epstein, Lt. Colonel... John B. Kaiser, Major... Woldemar Fischer, Major.

This is the “fake” Civil War drawing to which Mrs. Long refers to in her column. We have published it numerous times and there is nothing fake about it. It was drawn in 1863 by Major Woldemar Fischer of the 5th M.S.M. It shows the Union fort on the hill immediately south of the town. The court house is a bit left of center. There is a much better rendition of the drawing available to view in the Old Stagecoach Stop House Museum.

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July 19

NEWSBITS FROM FT. LEONARD WOOD

“Sunny Jim” Bottomley, star first baseman of the St. Louis Cardinals of 20 years ago [1922-1932] and one of the most popular baseball figures of all time, will come to the post to umpire the St. Louis Cardinals-Fort Leonard Wood All-Stars game July 23. Bottomley is now a gentleman farmer near Bourbon, MO.

August 2

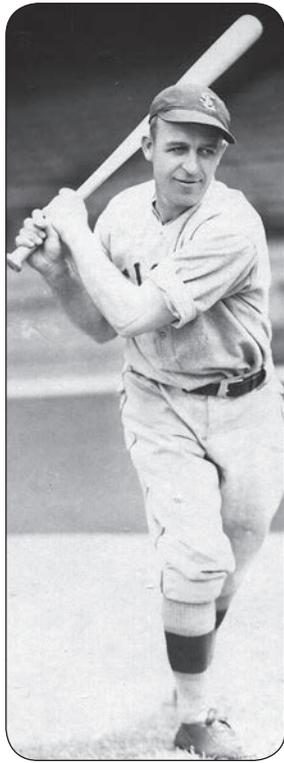
An estimated 10,000 soldier baseball fans last Wednesday saw the World Champion St. Louis Cardinals defeat the Fort Leonard Wood All Stars, 3 to 0, in a suspenseful thrill-packed contest in which the champs were forced to bear down all the way to hold the G. I. team in check. Harry Gumbert, former Cardinal pitcher, who is now a soldier in the Army Service Forces Training Center here, was on the mound for the post team and limited the slugging Redbirds to 10 hits scattered over six innings. Brilliant fielding play by the Cardinals deprived the all-stars of several opportunities to take the lead, while in like manner the local team's defense was so tight that the Cards led by only one run for seven innings. [This was the third annual Cards game at Fort Leonard Wood.]

Over 500 Visitors at Waynesville General Hospital Sunday

Over 500 visitors inspected the beautiful new Waynesville General Hospital Sunday at Open House.

The Waynesville Band under the direction of Cpl. Ernest Weidner played at intervals.

Dr. James Head of the State Health Department at Jefferson City was in attendance as well as others from over the State and practically all



from Pulaski County, which included Dr. C Mallette of Crocker, Dr. E. A. Oliver of Richland and Dr. C. Miller of Waynesville.

Miss Dempsey of Springfield, Mo., is the Superintendent.

Mrs. May Elizabeth Robertson of Waynesville is Secretary.

Dr. E. A. Oliver of Richland had the first patient, Mrs. Eleanor Maddox of Richland.

Mrs. John Hill of Fort Leonard Wood is also a patient and many others whose names we failed to receive.

Fourth Army Headquarters at Ft. Leonard Wood

Due to the redeployment program, civilian workers are urgently needed at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. Capt. Roy D. Herold, Chief or Civilian Personnel, has announced the expected early arrival of the 8th Division and the Headquarters of the 4th Army will create several hundred vacancies. Positions are currently vacant for both skilled and unskilled workers, male and

female. Most urgently needed are auto mechanics, carpenters, stenographers, typists, laundry workers, and laborers.

Dormitory rooms are available for workers who are single, at a cost of \$8.00 to \$15.00 per month. Furnished and unfurnished housing units are available for workers with families. Meals may be obtained at various places on the Post. Moving picture theaters, bowling alleys, and the Community Center in the Housing Area provide wholesome recreation.

Chas. Ray has ordered his Democrat changed from Hooker to Lawton, Okla.

Attention drug stores and photographers

I am anxious to locate the Drug Store or Photographer where film was taken to be developed by my son, Sgt. Nath F. Roberts who was stationed at Fort Leonard Wood last Summer—was sent overseas and killed in action in France Jan. 7th. I am anxious to find these films, if possible. Will pay for developing and prints. Please help me.

Mrs. Warren Roberts,
Emmett, Idaho,
c o W.P.R.R.



Charley Ray finally gave up his cabin camp, souvenir shop, and gas station in Hooker on old Route 66 when the four-lane went through his back yard. The new pavement carried tourist traffic at 50 mph past his business. Charley went to Oklahoma. Courtesy of Jan and Terry Primas.

August 9

Leonard Coates here bought what is known as the Old Bank Building on Main Street last week from Pulaski County who bought the building several years ago to serve as office for the County. Many improvements are being planned for the building.

Highway Construction Along U. S. 66 East Of Waynesville

Work is progressing slowly along U. S. 66 east of Waynesville.

This project includes the deepest rock cut ever undertaken in the State beginning at Sunset Rest near the Devil's Elbow Bridge and extends seven miles to the Western Phelps County line and to consist of four lanes.

August 16

VICTORY OVER JAPAN AUGUST 14

August 23

DEAR READERS

Ft. Leonard Wood is a very busy place now, filled to capacity with troops of which the Eighth Division is only a part.

Hundreds of servicemen on streets each evening now and the wives and families have taken every available room and apartment here and the very limited number of homes.

Outside of restaurants and eating establishments, probably the busiest place in town is the Greyhound Bus Terminal, along with the Blue Bus Line, buses are constantly on the move, day and night and very little disturbance.

I noted several carrying quart bottles wrapped in paper sacks Saturday but these were mostly for those leaving on buses and in comparison to the numbers on our streets last Saturday night there were very few who got “out of bounds.”

August 30

DEAR READERS

...It is a beautiful sight to see—all our public square paved—then along North Street from Baker Hotel to City Hall, new pavement and new sidewalks. Beside the above

mentioned the paving includes the properties of Dale Bradford, W. L. Burchard, B. A. Prewett, Mary L. Christeson, then from City Hall—T. A. Shockley, R. L. Judkins, H. M Dye, H. H. Christeson and the Baker Hotel. It is to be hoped that all streets, especially those joining the Public square will be paved or black-topped before the snow flies.

RUTH LONG



Wells Station, located a short distance past the Hooker Church, was one of the first tourist businesses on the original gravel Route 66. There were at least three cabins, a grocery, and souvenir shop. Squire and Anna Wells established one of the first businesses in Hooker on the original Route 66. After the fire in 1945 that destroyed the complex, the family moved to the new four-lane, east of Hooker Cut. Sons Dallas and Sterling established a garage and wrecker business while selling native building stone. Father Squire reestablished his grocery business and youngest son Harold built a small motel. Courtesy of Jan and Terry Primas.

September 6
**SQUIRE WELLS PROPERTY AT
 HOOKER DESTROYED
 BY FIRE TUESDAY**

The Squire Wells property at Hooker was destroyed by fire Tuesday afternoon thought to have originated by a gasoline stove in one of the cottages.

The property included a service station, general store, living quarters in the rear occupied by the family, also a novelty shop.

Mr. and Mrs. Wells were away from home at the time and what little was saved was carried out by neighbors.

Rolla Herald
**Workers Wanted At
 Fort Leonard Wood**

Mr. Faulkner, Civil Service Secretary at the Post Office in Rolla announces that the Representative, United States Civil Service Commission, Post Headquarters Annex, Civilian Personnel Branch, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, is seeking applicants for employment at Ft.

Wood in the following capacities, Marker (Trainee), 45¢ an hour; Washman (Trainee), 61¢ an hour; and Waitress (in hospital), 56¢ an hour. Time and a half is allowed for duty in excess of 40 hours a week. For the position of Waitress in hospitals, persons entitled to Veteran Preference must be considered before all other persons.

September 13
DEAR READERS
 ...I have been aware of the condition of our streets—and who hasn't—Waste paper eddying about, blown at will—especially on the street

with the following business houses—Greyhound Bus Office—Cohn's Jewelry—Democrat Office, U.S. Postoffice, Wayne Theater, Dodd's General Store, Walt Beach's Jewelry Store, Yankee Hot Dog Stand and City Drug Store.

I informed Mr. Bradford and Mr. Jones that V. V. had used a hose and washed off the streets in front of Democrat office, Cohn's Jewelry and Postoffice the day before—there are so many people using this street and no one to take care of—City Marshal A. D. Sutton has purchased a Trash Container and placed it conveniently on this street and all

business houses are asked to co-operate and place their trash in this can for disposal.

There is only one hitch to this idea of the business houses concerns taking care of the waste paper and refuse that accumulates along the business row—it would take several men on the job continually to keep even a semblance of order—as for myself I rarely have time to stick my head out of the office, to say nothing of cleaning trash.

This is a matter for the City Council and the Mayor. I really feel humiliated over the matter—Don't you Waynesville?

September 20
**Fire Destroys Silver Star Night Club
 East of Town on U. S. 66**

Fort Leonard Wood is now operating on a 40-hour week, the same schedule as was used before the outbreak of the war...During the critical phase of the war the post was on a 54-hour week, later reduced to 48 and only a few weeks ago cut to 44.

September 27
DEAR READERS
 ...Sunday afternoon V. V. and I drove along U. S. 66 east...viewed remains of Silver Star Night Club... Beginning at Sunset Rest we entered what is called the deepest cut on any Missouri Highway—through towering wall of sandstone—engineers thought this would be limestone

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that could be used in road-building which by a perverse trick of nature turned out to be sandstone and this day dripped water continually and from this cut we emerged onto a highway deliberately filched from a treacherous creek that has washed out sections of this roadbed while being graded and here are gorgeous views that will be more beautiful as fall advances and here the highway deliberately divides two high hills that I have always called Twin Hills, so very alike they are—shaped almost identically alike.

More paving is being done immediately west of E-Z Inn, connecting with the new bridge across Big Piney thence through the deep cut.

We planned to drive to Hooker and see what the fire had done to the Squire Wells property but the highway was closed.

At Powellville we turned back home then drove as far as the Nor-

mandy west on U. S. 66 and this building is reminiscent of the Middle Ages—we viewed the ruins of what had once been cabins until fire



The 90-foot Hooker Cut was the deepest road cut in Missouri and the first section of Route 66 to feature a four-lane with a median strip. The stretch was built to relieve the Fort Leonard Wood traffic congestion on the narrow original route but not totally completed until after the war was over. Courtesy of Richard Elgin.

had destroyed three of them belonging to Herbert Fry and wife [Sears Cabins] who are rebuilding them.

RUTH LONG

October 4

Dixon Pilot

Crocker News Bought by Zevely Co.

This week, ownership of the Crocker News passes from the hands of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Iden, who have edited it for the past 28 years, to Ida M. Zevely and Wm L. Zevely, who for the past almost three years, have owned and edited the Dixon Pilot.

It is planned to re-open the newspaper plant at Dixon as soon as possible and to print both the Dixon and Crocker papers here, at the same time, maintaining complete news office and job printing facilities in Crocker, too.

A pressman from the Company in St. Louis was in Dixon Sunday making a survey of the Babcock press here, and he expects to have it ready to roll within the next month. A Linotype machine will be

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Pulaski County people are among the finest in the land, and in no other place, is the friendliness and hospitality found here, exceeded, and it is all too seldom equaled. This is one of the coming sections of the central west. Fort Leonard Wood, we hope and believe, will continue as an army post, and if the proposed Gasconade River dams are power dams, then this county will become a recreation and resort area, almost without peer.

However, whether these good things come to pass or not, Pulaski County is a good County. It and the people have been good to us, and we will try to reciprocate by giving you good weekly newspapers in which the news will be printed fairly and impartially—always in such a way we hope as will reflect not only credit upon our readers, but upon ourselves as well.

Ida E. Zevely,
Wm. L. Zevely

October 11

USO Camp Shows were organized at the request of military authorities in Nov. 1941. Since the USO Camp Shows have entertained 114,000,000 servicemen at home and abroad. The work is supported entirely by the American people through their contributions to the National War Fund, to which the Missouri War

Chest is affiliated.— *Richland Mirror*

October 18

The Social Security Office, that until recently occupied rooms in what is known as the Old Bank building here, has moved into the Witness Room in the Circuit Court room upstairs in the Courthouse.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Coates who own the building plan to move into the upper story soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Allen have sold the Recreation Arcade here and the new owners, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Paulette took possession last week and the business will be known as Jodie's Arcade.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen have been in

business here the past five years and have about completed a new modern brick business building near their home on 66 in West Waynesville.

October 25

Mrs. Emerson Storie Improving After Fall Into Well

Mrs. Emerson Storie of Colley Hollow is improving here at the home of her parents, County Clerk and Mrs. H. M. Dye after a narrow escape from death when she fell into a well on their lawn Wednesday forenoon, Oct. 17th.

She had gone to the well to draw water by a rope and does not remember anything about what happened.



Herman and Jody Paulette bought the Recreation Parlor from Tom Allen and his wife. The Paulette's already owned Jodie's Cafe, located "two miles east of Waynesville on the south side of Route 66." That stretch was not yet known as St. Robert. This Wide World photo is the only record we have of the Recreation Parlor. Seems to us its location must have been between the square and the Roubidoux bridge where the gas stations and a few houses were located. The caption reads "The Soldiers Come to Town...Five miles to the southeast of Waynesville, Mo., is Fort Leonard Wood, built in 1941. In just one bewildering year, Waynesville exploded from a quiet community of 468 placid citizens to a bustling welter of 5,000 persons. Since Waynesville is the largest town of any size (Springfield, the next large population center, is almost 100 miles away) the fort soldiers drift into the Ozarks community to seek diversion, and here are some finding none too exciting moments at an unpretentious recreation parlor on a Waynesville street." Courtesy of Jan and Terry Primas.

When she regained consciousness the water was about her shoulders and somehow remembering her two month old son, alone in the house, she managed to get out and hail a passer-by who brought her to Waynesville General Hospital here suffering from head injuries and bruises about the body.

The baby stayed here with her mother, Mrs. H. M. Dye.

DEAR READERS

The absence of church bells ringing in Waynesville on Sundays gives me a decided feeling of nostalgia and I was among many who advocated the discontinuance of the bell when the Baptists built a new building in 1936 but continued

to enjoy hearing the Methodist bell ring out each Lord's Day morning and evening but they, too, have discontinued its use.

Several years ago when they would sometimes ring at the same time they made medley of dissonant sound but when they would ring following the other a delightful cadence resulted, each bell had decidedly different tones.

The school here also discontinued bells when the latest building was built, during the Great Depression—by the WPA.

Local Dealer Sees New Chevrolet

W. C. Payne, Chevrolet dealer at Richland, Mo., returned from St. Louis today where he attended a preview of the new 1946 Chevrolet at the company's zone headquarters.

He was reluctant to discuss the mechanical and style features of the new car, but by his eager attitude it was apparent he expected the formal announcement and public showing of the car to be at an early date.

Mr. Payne said he and other dealers in the area were confident that the 1946 Chevrolet will maintain the record of top volume sales, which Chevrolet reached in 10 of the last 11 years of

automobile production, to meet the unprecedented pent-up demand for new cars.

Following the same policy as in former years, the new Chevrolet will be displayed simultaneously in dealers' showrooms throughout the country, Payne said.

Radio and local newspaper announcements will be made, telling when prospective customers may see the new car for the first time.

These announcements are expected to be good news to motorists and to dealers alike.

Through the war period, car owners have been forced to get along with their old automobiles. At the same time dealers have expended every effort to service these cars, and to keep them rolling for the duration.

Mr. Payne stressed car care, with the warning that motorists should not expect the 1946 Chevrolet to be available in great quantities immediately. The supply to dealers will increase as production in the Chevrolet plants permits.

— *Richland Mirror*

November 15

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Scheurmann sold the Pleasant Grove Cabin and Trailer Camp last week to John Wall of Chicago, Ill., who is now in possession.

The property consists of ten acres, six cabins and a Service Station.

The Scheurmann's would have

lived there three years this coming March.

They moved to Richland the first of the week and he plans to retire.

November 22

Fort Leonard Wood is winding down, as is the Army and the 8th Infantry Division, processing 250 men daily (high 317) for return to civilian life.

54 percent more deer harvested in 1945 three day hunt than in the 1944 two-day season, the first since 1937 when only 108 bucks killed. 15 deer killed in Phelps, no season in Pulaski.

November 29

Paul C. Thompson of Devils Elbow was in this office Tuesday afternoon and ordered the Democrat. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson own the property on the Big Piney River formerly known as the Edna Hilliard place. He was formerly employed at Fort Leonard Wood.

DEAR READERS

In 1903 when the present courthouse was being built here—so I am told—42 years ago—the brick was fired in a kiln not far from where the Disposal Plant is now, and the clay and sand was found nearby and so, my friends, that is where the brick was made that you see now in our present courthouse and Bill Mitchell of Rolla (don't know if he is deceased) but it was his company that laid the brick for our fireplace when

we built our house in 1918.

While I am on the history of Waynesville, and now that the Methodists are building a handsome new church building, I will start at the beginning as it was told to me—the land on which the Methodist building and parsonage now stands was deeded to them by Col. E. G. Williams many years ago, a Civil War veteran who lost his leg in battle (Confederate) and who served Pulaski County as County Clerk for 40 years and a step-grandfather of W. L. Burchard here, Tom Burchard and Bert Burchard and Mrs. John Rollins of Springfield.

He subscribed to all the daily papers in this section and also he and his wife lived across the street from the Livery Stable, in Waynesville a popular business—and as there was no stock law, his wife interrupted him often, to drive the horses away from her flowers, and he, becoming tired of the job, had an eight foot wire fence erected about the premises with iron posts so that he could enjoy reading the newspapers in peace.

At one time while running for re-election he stayed with his friend John White (still living) in Richland who operated a hotel and who, one day, started to introduce him to a prospective voter and Col. Ed remarked—"I'm not making any new friends and scratching off a lot of the old ones."

In 1901 when there was a severe

drouth in this section he was instrumental in having the County Court order a car load of seed corn to pass out to Pulaski County Farmers.

He married the widow Bostick, mother of Jim Bostick of Crocker and Mrs. J. R. Burchard here, both deceased, who was a devout Methodist and although he did not belong to any church, he attended church along with his wife.

I am telling you this to tell you that the Methodists are now erecting a beautiful new modern building here, the exterior of brick, under the pastorate of Rev. C. H. Sherman and a beautiful building, too. Modern in every detail.

There is a memorial window in the old building given to the church many years ago by John J. Clark and wife—he was a prominent Waynesville business man—many years deceased—and this window, I am told, will be placed in the new building, directly back of the pulpit.

RUTH LONG

December 6

Dallas Wells, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Wells of Hooker expects to be a civilian soon. He was wounded in action in France and since returning home has been at Fort Leonard Wood, part of the time in a hospital.

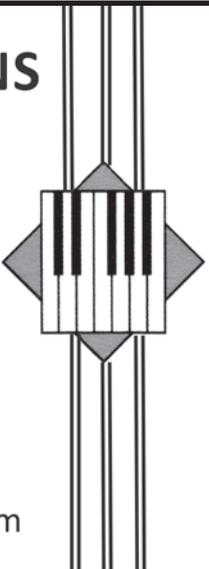
Fort Leonard Wood releases 11,000 men, also 56 WACs, representing 26 per cent of the WAC population on the post.

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German prisoners of war interned here, in a campaign conducted voluntarily among themselves, have collected \$65,609.91 to be used for the welfare of children in war-torn Europe. This figure approximates a month's total wages of all the prisoners, earned at the rate of 80 cents per day. Posters and speeches made by the prisoners were used to encourage contributions to the drive. The collection, which was forwarded to the International Red Cross, was accompanied by a letter from the prisoners saying that the money was to be used "for the benefit of the hungry children of Europe regardless of the children's race, creed or nationality." [See last year's Gazette for an in-depth article about the history and archaeology of the German POW Camp at Fort Leonard Wood.]

December 13

DEAR READERS

...There continues to be a scarcity of soap and the vitally needed washing powders and I am sure that women knowing the need for used fats will save all they can and turn them in to grocery stores.

The scarcity of soap & washing powders has been the means of many women in Pulaski County, making home-made soap with lye (concentrated and in cans) but when I was growing up I can remember my mother and grandmother each Spring making lye by pouring water over wood ashes saved carefully and kept dry placing in a barrel and pouring water through and when run into what was called a "hopper" came out as lye, then a fire was built outside and into a large iron kettle went the lye and saved fat, old meat, etc., which when boiled a certain length of time made a liquid soap a deep brown color and as heavy as thick molasses. This was the early Spring ritual making enough soap to do throughout the year.

RUTH LONG

A Year of Loss

Pulaski County lost several prominent citizens during 1945. These five citizens made an impact on county history in several ways. We have edited their local obituaries and added a few comments.

DR. BLAND NIXON PIPPIN

Dr. Bland Nixon Pippin died at the Barnes Hospital in St. Louis early Saturday morning, July 7th, 1945, after a serious illness of a year's duration. Dr. Pippin was born October 3rd, 1874 on a farm on Roubidoux Creek. At the age of seven his mother and father died and he was taken into the home of the late William L. Bradford and Niah Bradford who raised him as though he was their own.

He attended the Mt. Gibson rural grade school and later the Waynesville Academy at Waynesville before attending the University of Missouri for two years. He then entered the dental school of Washington University in St. Louis and was graduated with honors with the degree of D.M.D. in the year 1900.

On May 31, 1898, he was united in marriage with Nancy May Vaughan and to this union two children were born, Dru L. Pippin of Waynesville and Mrs. Charles D. Eckert of St. Louis who with the widow survive him.

He was 70 years, 9 months and 4 days old at the time of his death. [William Bradford instilled in Pippin a love for the Ozarks. Dr. Pippin purchased Solomon Bartlett's mill on the Gasconade River a few miles from Waynesville in 1911, built a

new native stone club house in 1914, and began developing the site into the famous Pippin Place Resort (see "Pippin Place" in the 2001 Old Settlers Gazette).

He was particularly noted for his teaching at Washington University



in St. Louis where he and his wife spent most of the year.]

COL. SAM T. ROLLINS PASSED AWAY LAST FRIDAY

Col. Samuel Tilden Rollins was born on the old Rollins homestead in Pulaski County Missouri on the 13th day of November, 1876 and departed this life at his residence in Waynesville, Missouri the 13th day of July, 1945 at the age of 68 years and 8 months. He was the son of James M. Rollins and Sarah J. Rollins and the youngest of a family of nine children, five brothers and three sisters—Harrison E. Rollins, Martin E. Rollins, Thomas M. Rollins John C. Rollins and Ransom R. Rollins, and Emily Rollins Barlow, Theodocia Rollins Pippin, and Ida B. Rollins Morgan, all deceased, except John C. Rollins of Waynesville and Ransom R. Rollins of Winona, Missouri.

His entire life was spent in Pulaski County and he was commonly known to his many friends and acquaintances as "Sam T."

In 1895 he married Cora Manes, who died in November, 1943 and on April 1, 1944 he married Mabel M. Henson.

He had no children, but reared four orphan children—Harry McDonald, Viola McDonald, Beatrice McDonald and Gene Caquelard.

His education was obtained in the Public Schools of Pulaski County and at the University of Missouri at Columbia, after which he taught several terms of school in this County, and later engaged in banking, farming and stock raising. In 1903 he helped organize the first bank in Waynesville and was elected its Cashier and from that time he served in many capacities in the banking business, being President of Waynesville Security Bank at the time of his death, always actively connected with the bank until a



short time ago when his health broke.

In his busy life he found time to take a leading part in civic and governmental affairs for the improvement of roads, school, city, county and all community projects, giving of his means as well as time. He was a Colonel on the staff of Governor Donnelly and attended and took part in the Inaugural Ceremonies in January of this year.

He is survived by his wife, Mabel M. Rollins; one stepson, Drury E. Henson; two brothers, John C. Rollins and Ransom R. Rollins and other relatives and many friends.

DR. CHARLES A. TALBOT SUCCUMBS TO BRAIN HEMORRHAGE TUES. MORNING IN PRYOR, OKLAHOMA

Dr. Charles A. Talbot, 65, Waynesville's leading physician for over thirty-five years passed away Tuesday morning, July 31st at 8:30 a.m. from a brain hemorrhage at Pryor, Okla., as he and his wife were

enroute home from a two week vacation and rest for his health.

He had been a sufferer from asthma the past few years but his condition was not

considered critical.

He was born in Eastern Missouri, the son of Dr. and Mrs. Isham Talbot, Feb. 14th, 1880 but spent his early boyhood near St. Joseph, Mo.

He graduated in Medicine from Northwestern University, Chicago, Ill., and commenced the practice of his profession there, where he was united in marriage to Golda Freeman and to this union two sons, Charles and Paul, were born.

Later Mrs. Talbot passed away and



shortly after, Paul, the baby, died.

He was united in marriage again to Pearl Fugitt Bradford and to this union one son, Lt. Blake S. Talbot, was born.

Early in life he united with the Presbyterian Church and remained a faithful member until the end.

His epitaph is written in deeds—he was a friend to all with whom he came in contact—not too dark or stormy to answer the call of the sick and the dying regardless of monetary considerations.

He was always to be found working to the best interests of the town and community—always ready to listen to the many personal problems of his friends and patients.

He stood high in the Medical profession as an expert diagnostician—a member of the Masonic Lodge.

He is survived by his widow Pearl Talbot; two sons, Charles of Shelbyville, County Agent of Shelby County, Lt. (Dr.) Blake S. Talbot of the U. S. Navy now at Miami, Fla.; a foster son, Dale Bradford, of Waynesville; one granddaughter Charla Talbot; one sister Mrs. J. T. Hood of Geneseo, Ill.

One brother Wallace preceded him several years ago.

...Burial will be in Waynesville Memorial park.

LAST RITES FOR DR E. A. OLIVER
AT RICHLAND TUESDAY
Dr. Everett Allen Oliver,

prominent Pulaski County physician since 1902 and resident of Richland since that time passed away at the age of 72 years at his home in Richland Saturday morning, Oct. 6th.

He was born in Stoutland, Mo., in 1873 and at the age of 18 entered a School of Pharmacy then entered Medical School at Washington University in St. Louis from which he graduated in 1902.

In this year he was united in marriage to Miss Helen Lannigan, a graduate nurse and they immediately located in Richland where assisted by Mrs. Oliver they operated a hospital and later it was changed to the Richland Hotel.

One son Francis was born who survives, also one grandson George Allen Oliver, attending Washington University School of Medicine.

Mrs. Oliver passed away in January 1944 and in January 1945 he was united in marriage to Alma Wall, who survives him.

Last rites were conducted Tuesday afternoon from the Richland Methodist Church by Rev. Jesse O. Brown, Pastor of the Baptist Church, assisted by the Stoutland Methodist Pastor and the Methodist Pastor at Richland.

FRANK A. JONES PASSES AWAY
MONDAY, NOV. 5

Frank Allison Jones was born Sept. 8th, 1889, at Goodrich, Kansas. Passed away after a short illness at

Waynesville, Mo., Nov. 5th, 1945, at the age of 56 years, 1 mo., and 28 days. He was the son of Timothy H. Jones and Elizabeth Jones, early pioneers in Kansas where he was raised to manhood.

May the 27th, 1912, he was united in marriage with Ila Marie Palmer of Garnett, Kansas. To this union one son was born. He served in the First World War after which he was with the Shell Oil Col, as Supt. of Automotive Transportation for several years. In 1933 he retired from the oil business and moved onto his Gasconade Ranch at Hazelgreen, Mo., where he resided until his death. He was a member of the American Legion and a 32nd Degree Mason.

He is survived by his wife and son, Frank A., Jr., two grandsons, three sisters: Mrs. Alice Tyler and Mrs. Opal E. Monroe of Columbus, Kansas, and Mrs. Iris E. Singleton of New York City; two brothers, Robt. L. of Humbolt, Kansas and Harry R. of Joliet, Ill. One brother Wayne D. preceded him in death.

He was active in public affairs and his friends were legion.

He was President of the REA for Pulaski County and an active member of the Waynesville Lions Club and interested in all county and civic affairs.

So now, Frank, goodbye, for a little while. We bury your body here,



for your great soul has gone away and though we cannot understand why, now, we know instinctively that sometime, somewhere, and some way, we shall have you again to know better and love longer.

Funeral services were held in the Methodist Church in Richland, Mo.,

Wednesday p.m., 2:30 by Rev. C. H. Sherman, Pastor of the Methodist Church in Waynesville, assisted by Rev. Branstetter of the Richland Church.

Pall bearers were: Lloyd Murphy, R. L. Judkins, Mart Ballew, Ellis Dodds, Arthur Hartzog, and Roy C. Wilson.

Interment in Richland Cemetery under the direction of the Hoops Funeral Home of Waynesville.

[Frank A. Jones started his Gascozark Hereford Farm in southwestern Pulaski County in the early 1930s. He then established the Pulaski County Dairy, an important local milk processor during World War II. He also realized his long-held dream "to build and operate a resort of the type he had so often wished for but never found" when he established the Gascozark Hills Resort. He also established the Gascozark Farmers Exchange on Highway 66, finishing the exterior with native stone in 1935. See "Frank A. Jones and Gascozark" in the 2007 Old Settlers Gazette.]

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