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FORT LEONARD WOOD *In the Beginning*

January 10

John Wall sold the Pleasant Grove Cabin Camp and Service Station recently to Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Bell. Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Schuermann of Richland formerly owned the camp. [As Fort Leonard Wood wound down (11,000 men released in the previous December), many businesses changed hands or were simply closed.]

FOR SALE—8mm motion picture camera. See Mr. and Mrs. James Johnson, Buffalo Lick Camp.

Claude Morgan here bought the Pulaski County Abstract Books last week from Mrs. H. W. Rollins of Dixon who has owned them several years. Mrs. Stella Pike will continue to be the Abstracter.

NOTICE—Wagon Wheel Night Club and Liquor Stores, Junction 17-66, auction of fixtures/stock.



We know little about Buffalo Lick Camp, but according to descriptions, it must have been located a short distance southwest of Bell Haven, probably on the westbound side of Route 66. It was established in the early 1930s by Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Potts. They moved to Texas for a defense industry job and it was offered for sale in 1941. Mr. and Mrs. James Johnson owned it in 1946.



Pleasant Grove (original name of Buckhorn) Resort was established in the 1930s by S. Hamilton. Located on the east side of Roue 66, it offered a store, filling station, and five cabins that rented for \$1.00-\$1.50 a day. By 1940, it was owned by Rudy and Clara Schuermann who expanded it to at least eight cabins with private cooking facilities. The Schuermanns sold the camp to John Wall of Chicago, Illinois, in November of 1945. Wall sold the resort to Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Bell in January of 1946. The Bells renamed it Bell Haven. Ed Bell passed away in October of 1955. The cottages were still advertised for rent in the 1960s but now have been razed. The gasoline pumps at the store/house (top left) were removed and the service canopy was enclosed. A few cabins were standing as late as 2007 but all are now gone.

Filling station image (top left) courtesy of Skip Curtis. Resort photo (above) courtesy of John Bradbury.

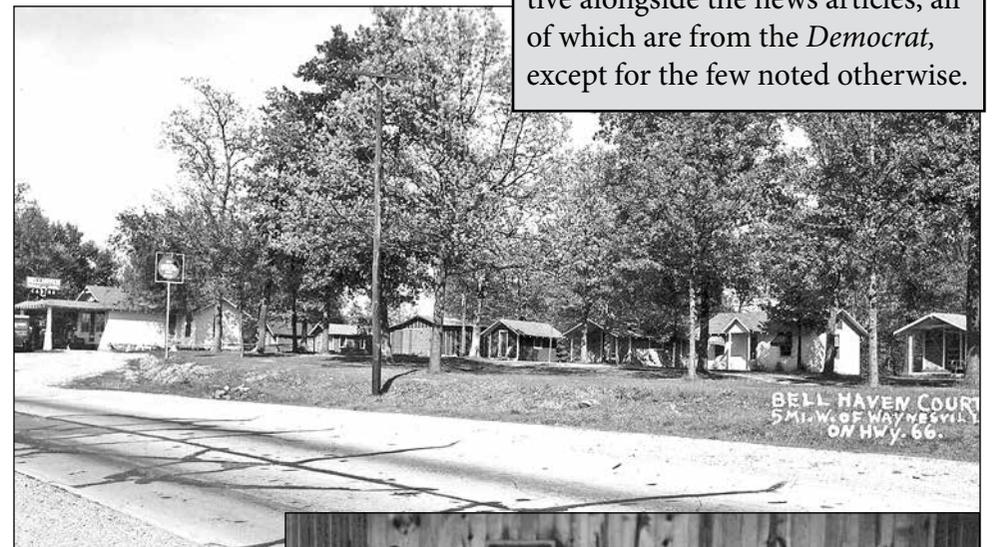
January 24

Verner and Paul Page, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Boss Page of Big Piney, have bought what is known as the Sneed Store at Big Piney from Mr. and Mrs. Bill Page, who have owned the store the past six months.

January 20th marked the first meeting of the new Methodist Church in the basement.

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.



January 24

Dr. Seth Barnes Director of Pulaski County Health Center

...The addition of a physician to the health program at this time gives Pulaski County a complete staff for its health department. The disease prevention program in the county will be further strengthened...

This county is fortunate to have a modern fully equipped health center, a full health department staff, and a new and complete county hospital.

Pulaski County Health Unit
Waynesville, Missouri

January 31

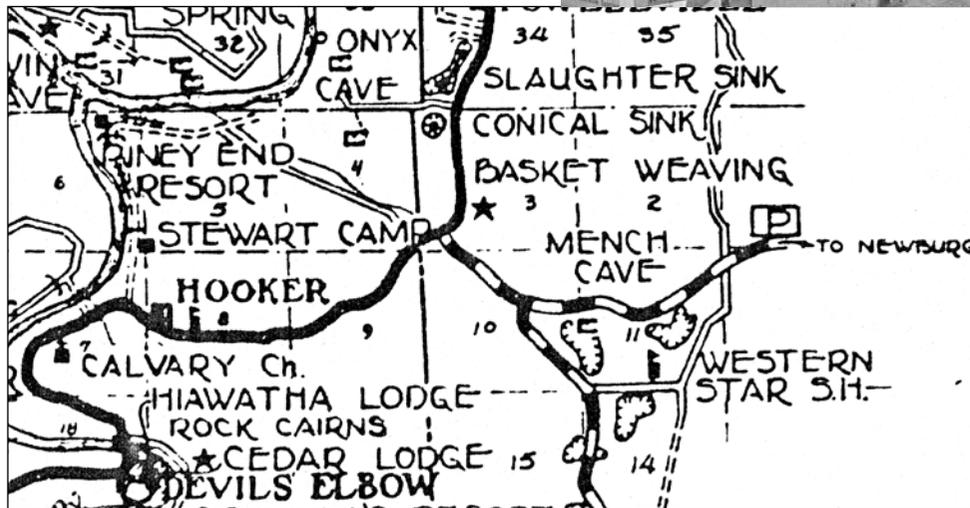
MASTER PLAN FOR WAYNESVILLE AIRPORT IN THE MAKING

A contour map of the proposed Waynesville airport has been furnished to the State Department of Development and Resources at Jefferson City and others are making a master plan, which will include the location of hangers and runways, Administration building and other departments.

The airport contains about 158 acres and is located on East Hill, known as the Ezra Gates place. [Today this land is occupied by East Schools and a sports field complex.]

February 28

The J. L. Hoops and Sons Funeral Home, with Mr. and Mrs. Paul



The starred location on the above small section of the 1935 WPA "Tourist Map of Pulaski County" marks the beginning of the area along Route 66 which became well-known to tourists for its basket weaving craftsmen. William F. Childers and son Henry Jasper were on the eastern end in Phelps County and Paul Becker, Clarence Wells, and George Miller plied their craft in the Hooker neighborhood.

Hoops in charge here, moved from the J. E. Dodds residence on Fort Hill Tuesday to the spacious home of Mrs. Mabel Rollins on the Public

Square here. This gives them one of the best locations in town as well as plenty of room.



Mac's Cleaners, owned by Walter McDonald, was located at the top of Waynesville Hill, dubbed Eastville by locals, later the location of Blocks 'n' Stuff Lumber and now occupied by a hair salon and kitchen/bath store. Above, unidentified employees in 1955. Below, pressing work in 1955.



Mr. and Mrs. George Miller of Hooker were shopping Saturday. They are making baskets now and like their job just fine.

S. A. Wells has been cutting wood at their new home at Hooker. He has a very nice place—store and filling station.

March 7

Walter MacDonald, operator of Mac's Cleaners in Eastville, has purchased Butler City and is planning several featured improvements there. The property is ideally located on the new 66 boulevard highway. [Butler City, located near Oakwood Service Station, was a camp of mostly one-room portable buildings occupied by construction workers and military personnel.]

March 14

A.S.F.T.C. AT FORT LEONARD WOOD CLOSING SUNDAY, MARCH THE 31ST

March 31 has been set as the official closing date for the Army Service Forces Training Center here, Col. Robert G. Lovett, ASFTC chief, has announced. All training activity will cease on March 23 and final liquidation of all property and personnel records is scheduled to be completed within 45 days after the cessation of training. Fort Leonard Wood was still in the



Squire and Anna Wells' home and business, known as Wells Station on the original gravel Route 66 in Hooker, burned in September of 1945 (2020 Gazette "1945 News," page 25). They built a new store and home (far right) alongside the new divided four-lane Route 66, located on the east side of Hooker Cut. Sons Dallas and Sterling also built a garage and sold International Harvester trucks. Courtesy of Sherry Wells Ernst.

construction stage when the Engineer Replacement Training Center, later redesignated as the ASFTC, was activated in March 1941. Since that time the Center has trained over 170,000 engineer-soldiers as well as activated and trained various engineer units such as base depots, parts supply platoon, service units and dump truck companies. During its five-year history the Center's strength has varied considerably. In January 1945, less than 6,000 were in training, but last July at the peak of the redeployment program, more than 16,800 were so engaged. Last week, ASFTC's population was slightly more than 6,000. With the Center's inactivation and the departure of its troops, only the small number of "house-keeping" troops in Station Complement will be left as Fort Leonard Wood's military population.

March 21

TOWN OF ARLINGTON FOR SALE

The whole town of Arlington, Missouri, located some fifteen miles east of Waynesville, Mo., on Highway 66 has been offered for sale by the owner, Fred Pillman, which took him some thirty years to build and acquire.

The little village, which consists



Left Bluff top view of Arlington, ca. 1912, when Pillman's brick store (4) was built. Next to the store is the Arlington Hotel (3). The Pillman house sits on a hill (2). Along the railroad tracks are ties to be shipped (1). The building of Perry Andres, river outfitter, sits on the other side of the tracks (5).

Below Three of the identified structures still stand in Arlington today. Far left is the store. Next to the store is the Arlington Hotel, now a residence. At right is the nicely rehabbed Pillman house.



of nine houses, a hotel, Postoffice, stores and cabins is beautifully situated on both the Little Piney and Gasconade Rivers. The Frisco railroad also runs through the town.

The town's growth started with the log and railroad tie making industry that was a progressive enterprise at that time. More recently the town has served as a resort section for tourists due to its excellent location for fishing etc.

During the construction and through the peak periods of Fort Leonard Wood, Arlington helped ease the housing situation for this area.

Mr. Pillman and the Postmistress are the only residents of the village proper at the present time.

March 28

MEETING HERE LAST FRIDAY REGARDING PERMANENT POST AT FT. WOOD

Representatives of 20 communities met at the USO building in Waynesville last Friday and perfected an organization to promote the permanency of Fort Leonard Wood. There were 154 delegates...

April 4

\$10,000 is Paid For Arlington

Arlington, whose population at present is three persons, was purchased Tuesday by R. E. Carney, Rolla business man for \$10,000 at public auction.

The sale included 120 acres of land along the Little Piney and Gasconade Rivers, plus a brick store building, a 14 room hotel structure, a filling station and several houses and tourist cabins.

Mr. Carney plans to improve the property and make a summer resort out of it.

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April 11

St. Louis Star-Times

WAYNESVILLE'S BOOM DAYS ARE ENDING

WAYNESVILLE, MO., April 5— This is the story of a Missouri boom town whose boom days are ending.

Six years ago, Waynesville was a tiny hamlet by the highway, center of picturesque Pulaski County, home of 468 people.

Then, without warning, came construction gangs to build the sprawling, 86,000-acre Fort Leonard Wood, a major military installation which was to attract more than 300,000 troops and thousands of transplanted families to a startled Waynesville area.

This historic little community in the foothills of the Ozarks, lying only three miles from the camp gate, wasn't prepared for the unprecedented migration to its threshold, and for months was kept gasping for houses to accommodate its new citizens.

Tiny homes sprouted over the countryside and trailers hovered together in mobile communities. At the peak of the boom in 1942 and 1943, Waynesville leaped to a population of 12,000—nearly 30 times its pre-war census.

But today, most of the soldiers and their families have gone again, and Fort Leonard Wood has been reduced to an undisclosed troop strength. Latest word from Washington is that it will be maintained on a "stand-by" basis, with a small "housekeeping" force of military and civilian personnel.

With the fort's reduction in personnel, Waynesville has experienced a corresponding population drop. Its population now is estimated at about 2,500 and "vacancy" signs, unheard of in the war months of crowds and prosperity, are beginning to reappear. Hotel rooms, formerly at a premium, are easier to obtain.

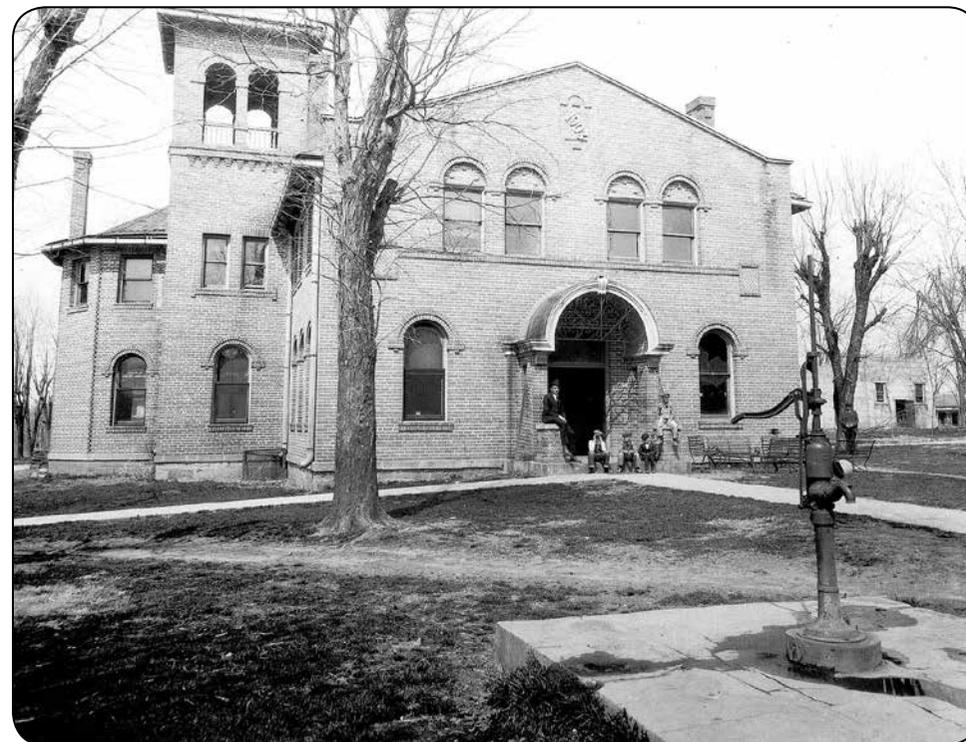
In West Waynesville, a residential addition where long waiting lists were the vogue not so long ago, a

sign, "apartment for rent," is in the window of one attractive bungalow, and in a row of five red-and-white houses, built especially to help accommodate the influx of new families, four are vacant.

Up the hill, a block or so, several fine brick bungalows, formerly occupied by military personnel, are vacant and for sale.

Yet Waynesville, most venerable of Pulaski County communities, is not a ghost town. Though the sea of khaki which once clogged the town square has disappeared, business still is good and the permanent residents of the community, mindful of its proud history and tradition, are determined to maintain for it the advantages which wartime proximity to a major military unit made possible.

An organization, representing Waynesville, St. Louis and 20 communities, has been formed to work for maintenance of Fort Leonard Wood as a permanent establishment for training the army and the Missouri National Guard.



Pulaski County's 1903 courthouse on the square in Waynesville and the old town pump in front. Courtesy Pulaski County Historical Society.



George C. Smith, president of the St. Louis Chamber of Commerce, is a member of the organization's board of directors.

The old town pump, now deserted and growing rusty, is a faint echo of the "antebellum" Waynesville, when

the town had no central water system. That came as one of the blessings of the boom, along with a sewage disposal system, two hospitals and a more adequate school system for the town's children.

In his own brick hospital high on a bluff overlooking the serpentine Roubidoux River, 34-year-old Dr. R. O. DeWitt, mayor of the town [above, Mayor 1944-1948], spoke of Waynesville's past and of his hopes for its future.

"We feel that through the maintenance of Fort Leonard Wood as a permanent installation, with, perhaps, several thousand permanent troops on duty there, Waynesville can become stabilized as a larger and even better

community than it was before the war," he said.

"We are fighting to keep the gains we made during the war. At the present population and present valuation we can do that.

"Before the war, for instance, there was no hospital service here. Those who needed hospital care were forced to go either to Lebanon or Rolla. Now we have two hospitals, the General, with 36 beds, and mine, with 14 beds.

"Before the war, the square wasn't paved except for one side. Now, all business streets are paved. We have a good fire department and a county health center.

"We are trying to get an airport accepted by the Civil Aeronautics Authority. We have organized a Lions' Club, Chamber of Commerce, Boy Scout troops."

Crime has not been a serious problem during the war, Chief of Police A. D. Sutton told *The Star-Times*. Occasionally, military personnel would be arrested for minor cases of peace disturbance, but the jail cells are empty now.

"Waynesville isn't perfect," Sutton said, "but we haven't had much trouble. My idea for keeping peace is to keep trouble from starting. We have had no bad crime in the past two years."

Waynesville, bisected by busy Highway 66, had only a few stores before the boom began, and most were situated across the highway from the 40-year-old Pulaski County courthouse. As more troops came and new families moved in, merchants entered the lucrative business field and stores soon sprang up on the other three sides of the grassy square.

Now, some of those businesses are expected to move out again, but commercial properties still are difficult to rent.

However, Dallas E. Anderson, Kansas City photographer who has made pictures of Fort Leonard Wood groups, as well as individual portraits, said he soon will close his

studio in Waynesville and return to his former office. Anderson said others plan to leave the community since reduction of the fort has cut down business.

Whether Waynesville will maintain its present population or return to its former role as a quiet, contented hamlet apparently is dependent now upon the fort's future troop strength and its assignment as a training center. And officials at the fort itself haven't definite word on what will happen.

The number of troops now on duty there is restricted information. However, officials have announced that the Army Service Forces Training Center will leave camp after this week and it is known that many activities at the fort have been reduced drastically or discontinued.

The *Fort Wood News* ended its career with the March 15th issue,

according to an announcement in the *Pulaski County Democrat*. The news release said that publication was halted "due to the severe reduction in troop strength caused by the closing of the ASFTC."

Abandonment of the military establishment—which Waynesville people believe is not probable—would mean the virtual loss of a \$35,000,000 government investment. With labor and material costs up at the time of construction, expenses of establishing the fort jumped far above the original estimate of \$8,000,000.

Named for Gen. Leonard Wood, famous World War I statesman and soldier, the fort stretches for miles from Highway 66 up into what was once an Ozark wilderness. There are more than 1,600 buildings scattered over the area, 18 of which are post exchanges. There are 12 chapels for

worshippers of all creeds.

All but surrounded by Roubidoux Creek which winds down through the hills, Waynesville was platted in 1839 and named for "Mad Anthony" Wayne, Revolutionary War soldier and frontier fighter. Its county court, now housed in a picturesque brick building on the square, has been in existence for more than a century.

During the War Between the States, both Waynesville and Pulaski County were sympathetic with the South and a Confederate flag flew above the courthouse until June 7, 1862, when federal troops marched down the Old Wire Road and took over the town.

Nestled in a shady valley, surrounded by tree-dotted hills, Waynesville is in the center of an ideal resort area, its residents point out. It is on a major highway which cuts through the heart of the United

States from Chicago to the west coast.

Waynesville U. S. O. Still operating With No Notice of Closing To Date

The Waynesville USO which has served soldiers of Fort Leonard Wood for the past five years is still operating in a large way with no notice of closing as to date.

The Rolla USO closed Sunday night, March 24th and the Lebanon USO will close April 15th. The colored USO of Rolla and Lebanon have even closed for some time.

The Junction USO on Highway 17 east of Waynesville is also still open for soldiers and will continue operating until official notice.

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Permanent Post Committee met here Saturday to consider ways and means of encouraging expansion and continued use of the camp by the Army. The post is now on a stand-by basis by order of the War Department.

A return to peacetime arrangements is causing some concern among business men in southwest Missouri who have enjoyed a considerable trade as a result of the war establishments at Fort Leonard Wood, Camp Crowder and O'Reilly Hospital.

The meeting was called by J. Nean White president of the Rolla Chamber of Commerce and a member of the executive committee of the permanent post group, was attended by representatives from 28 communities.

While there is still considerable activity at the post, where several thousand workers are on duty, members of the group said they would continue to emphasize the value of the post's permanent facilities for the training and housing of troops in an effort to have it declared a permanent Army center.

**April 11, 1946
FT. WOOD PERMANENT,
COMMITTEE TOLD**

The Committee for a permanent post at Fort Leonard Wood met with Army officials at Omaha, Nebr., Tuesday, to seek information as to the disposition if any were to be made of the fort as a permanent post and to urge its retention.

Dr. Neal D. Williams of Waynesville, a member of the committee, reported yesterday that they were informed by General Livesay that Fort Leonard Wood would possibly remain in its present status for some time, with a housekeeper force of soldiers and civilian personnel but that the post was classed 1-A by the Army and it would certainly be kept...

**April 18
CITY PURCHASES PICK-UP FOR
CITY USE**

The City Council this week purchased a used Ford pick-up for use on the streets for clean-up purposes. The city plans to hire a man for full time work to collect the trash off the business district daily and to service the residential districts weekly. The plan to be used for the trash collection of residences, which does not include the garbage, is to be announced by the council at a later date. The truck was purchased from the Post Exchange at Fort Leonard Wood as Army surplus.

Dear Readers

[Ruth Long, owner of and columnist for the Pulaski County Democrat, suffered an illness and gave a first-hand account of staying in the Waynesville General Hospital, which opened July 19, 1945.]

You approach the hospital a mile away from the main business section of Waynesville by a winding hillside road, up-hill all the way and the hospital is built at the top of the hill on the site of what was known for years as the Jim Baker place, and for years the old home had been abandoned, minus doors and windows, a sad reminder of a former happy home and where V. V. and I formerly took hikes along with lunch, which we usually ate as we walked

The appearance of the building is that of any school building as it was built for a grade school and the first

view is of a bare hilltop, very poor rocky soil as most of our upland is here until it is built up but when you enter the building all that is changed and you are surprised at the cleanliness and beauty within.

The equipment, though, is what delights the Doctor, Surgeon and Nurses and is said to excel anything in the State and here you will find more registered nurses and nurses' aids per patient than in the larger hospitals.

The nursery is the most beautiful that I have seen and the wards are not as you would expect or as you have seen in other hospitals—the furnishings are in highly polished maple and the wards have the most beautiful views to be seen anywhere, if you are not too ill to enjoy it.

The rooms with private toilet are also furnished as the wards and the views from the rooms to the South



The Waynesville General Hospital opened in July of 1945. It was initially built to house an elementary school. Courtesy of Richard Elgin.




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and West are not so beautiful as those from the wards.

The large kitchen turns out delicious food and three expert cooks are employed. Of course the way the food tastes depends upon each individual taste and how ill you are. The first few days I was there the taste was as you would expect sawdust to taste but after I improved, so did the food.

As in any hospital the beds are high, and the mattresses hard, mainly for the convenience of the nurses and if the patient is very ill it does not matter if you are suspended between the floor and ceiling and I was told that the mattresses are hard to discourage bed sores—well, they ought to discourage them, for I can understand how hard it would be on a bed sore to have to put up with a hard mattress and when I would get particularly tired I would think of the Japs and how they slept on a hard floor with only a block of wood for a pillow.

I suffered no ill effects however and the good attention I received offset the high bed and hard mattress.

Another thing—our habits were changed entirely.

May 5

St. Louis Globe-Democrat
CONSERVATION AT FORT WOOD.

It is difficult to understand the Army haste to reduce Fort Leonard Wood to a standby basis with a reported complement of 100 "housekeeping" troops and limited civilian personnel. So small a force cannot keep the 49,000-man cantonment in tiptop shape. And this is a camp which was selected by the Army because of its central location, favorable climate, highway connections and other military factors: at a construction cost, a Truman Committee witness said, of \$35,000,000.

Granting the Army is throttled by inflicting demobilization

and appropriation proposals in Washington, it is taking the easiest and not the best way at Fort Leonard Wood. The money and material poured into the camp are worth a measure of peacetime conservation. American resources cannot duplicate them indefinitely.

...Most advisable, if Fort Leonard Wood has the high strategic value attached to it in 1940, would be an announcement of its employment by the Army or reserves to an extent which justifies a good upkeep job. If it has no military values, it should be turned over to another agency for new development into a positive asset.

May 9

GASCOZARK HILLS RESORT SOLD RECENTLY TO ST. LOUIS COUPLE

Mrs. Frank A. Jones, Sr., recently sold her Ozark Hills Resort on the Gasconade River near Hazelgreen to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bussen of St. Louis.

This resort, which is completely

modern, includes six cottages with Main Lodge and Recreation or Game Room and includes approximately 25 acres.

This popular resort has been in operation several years until the recent war years but they are expecting a big business this year.

PULASKI COUNTY DAIRY SOLD TO SPRINGDALE ARK. DAIRYMAN

The Pulaski County Dairy of Hazelgreen, a partnership owned by Mrs. Frank A. Jones, Sr., and son Frank A. Jones, Jr., was recently sold to a Mr. Galyen, a Springdale, Ark., dairyman and a graduate of Missouri University, College of Agriculture.

The Dairy has been operating since 1943 and produced only Grade A milk and dairy products.

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See the article "Frank A. Jones and Gascozark" in the 2007 Old Settlers Gazette for more history and views about the development of the complex.

May 16
DECORATION DAY SERVICES AT
BIG PINEY, MO

On the 25th of May there will be a "working" at the Big Piney Cemetery.

There will be redecoration services at Big Piney, Mo., on May 30, 1946.

Brother Charles Roach will hold services.

May 23

Dear Readers

I was the guest of Mrs. Frank A. Jones, Sr., who came in for me Thursday morning (she is a lucky woman—able to drive her own car and go and come when she chooses).

We enjoyed the motor trip very much and such is the atmosphere at the ranch that I felt that I could rest there indefinitely and there was also the indefinable air of perfect hospitality.

Her son, Frank Jr., and wife and their two sons Frank III

and Timothy and Mrs. Lavonne Rubattan make up the household.

The main ranch house and home is a mammoth one of native creosoted logs and chinking of white lime and the rooms so spacious that my first sensation was of space—nothing cramped, the living room so large that you need an inter-communication system from every angle, mammoth fireplace of native stone dominated the room and the walls are practically all casement windows, the house situated atop a bluff overlooking miles of Gasconade River bottom, the river flowing immediately below the house and they're able to look across their broad fields and valleys.

You get this same view from not only the living room but the immense screen-in front porch and here I could sit indefinitely and never tire of the view. She pointed out to me the beautiful Elam farm upriver, belonging to Mr. and Mrs.

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Joe Elam and occupied by their son Jesse and family.

Everything we did was unhurried and leisurely and then came the delightful luncheon prepared by Mrs. Rubattan and Mrs. Jones Jr., the former being a noted cook and really enjoys the preparation of food. We had breaded pork chops, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, applesauce, lettuce and tomato salad, delicious home made rolls, preserves, anything you wanted to drink and I had tea as usual and the dessert—called a fruit pie—graham cracker crust in which Mrs. Rubattan used honey and the filling of fresh strawberries, bananas and peaches molded in gelatin with whipped cream, beautiful to look at but better to eat and many other delicious foods. We lingered leisurely over the meal.

Mrs. Jones' bedroom could contain two ordinary rooms with private bath and here, too, are

cement windows everywhere and as elsewhere in the house, the views are breath-taking.

In the afternoon we (Mrs. Jones and I) drove across the river to view that part of the farm, then back across the river and saw the fishing lodge built of logs on the river bank,



After selling the resort and dairy operation, Mrs. Jones retained the log house, original barn, and outbuildings. The large living room that Mrs. Long describes is in the foreground, protruding from the main log house, nicknamed "The Mansion." Courtesy of Jason Jones.

belonging to Circuit Clerk and Mrs. Mart Ballew here, then to Gascozark Hills Resort, that she recently sold to Mr. and Mrs. Bussen of St. Louis who are now in charge. Six modern cottages here and the Main Lodge each with large fireplaces of native stone, beautiful grounds and

views then we drove to the hilltop swimming pool and here you are entranced with the panorama before you.

We then went to the large dairy barn, where everything is done on a large scale but too late to watch them use the electric milking machines.

Before we went to the dairy barn, however, we saw that V. V. and our grandson Doug Jr. had come for me and my visit was terminated for this time.

I must tell you about Mrs. Jones' two young grandsons—Frank III, who was suffering from a severe case of tonsillitis and Timothy the youngest—they make a handsome pair and helped make my visit still more enjoyable and Frank decided that he wanted me to live with them and fixed the housing problem in his own way—that he and Timothy each had a bed and another large bed in their room would be mine...



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May 30

Stand-By Basis for U.S.O.

As of June 1st the Waynesville USO club will be placed on a stand by basis. This means that the building and the furniture will be left intact. Roy C. Wilson was appointed by FWA [Federal Works Agency] and USO officials as custodian of the building.

The club will reopen if there is a need for it when troops are again stationed at Fort Leonard Wood.

Decoration Day Services at Idumea Preaching at 11:00, Basket dinner at noon.

Waynesville Library moved from the USO to City Hall. Over 2000 volumes. Mary Bob Gladden, Chairman of Volunteer Services, in charge.

JAMES LONG & BOB PREWETT BUY TOMMY DIXON CAFE AT DEVILS ELBOW

James Long and Bob Prewett have bought the Tommy Dixon Cafe at Devil's Elbow and have now taken possession.

Dixon plans to take a rest and vacation.

James and Bob are both discharged overseas veterans.

Sam T. Rollins property [on the north side of the square] now occupied by the Paul Hoops and the J. L. Hoops and Sons Funeral Home.

June 6

Spend Decoration Day at Rockwell Cemetery

Mrs Fred Brisch and daughter, Mrs. Florine Barclay and daughter Joan and three others of the Brownfield community spent



This Kodak snapshot shows the Devil's Elbow Cafe circa 1940. Built by Dwight Rench in 1930, it was operated by C O. McCoy during the construction of Fort Leonard Wood. Tommy Dixon operated it for a short time post-war and sold it to veterans James Long and Bob Prewett. Their ownership lasted less than four years. The native rock building was nicknamed "The Alamo" by locals. Courtesy of Carol Santhof.

Decoration Day at the Rockwell Cemetery on the Fort Leonard Wood military reservation.

Warren Pritchett of Richland and Miss Betty Stewart of here were united in marriage Sunday.

June 13

"Man of the Elbow," a Tennessee walking horse owned by C. O. McCoy of Devil's Elbow, took the blue ribbon at the Rolla Horse Show over "Headman" owned by Lewis Benson of Union. Mr. Benson's horse was the only horse that defeated "Man of the Elbow" at the St. James Horse Show. Enoch Miller of Dixon rode Mr. McCoy's horse in both shows.

Dear Readers

The weather [very hot] brings to my mind very forcibly the need for a Recreation Park here in Waynesville for our young people, especially a wading pool for the youngsters and large swimming pool for the others and in addition tennis, badminton, croquet and shuffleboard courts and I know of no better location than the vacant lots belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Ottber Prewett here formerly the property of the J. R. Burchard heirs—location is ideal—close in—both level ground and hillside, which would make the cost less when it came to building a swimming pool—the proposition would be a paying one, too, and it goes without saying that the



The Waynesville USO on the corner of School Street and Highway 17 North. The school is visible in the background. The building opened in March of 1942. Courtesy of John Bradbury.

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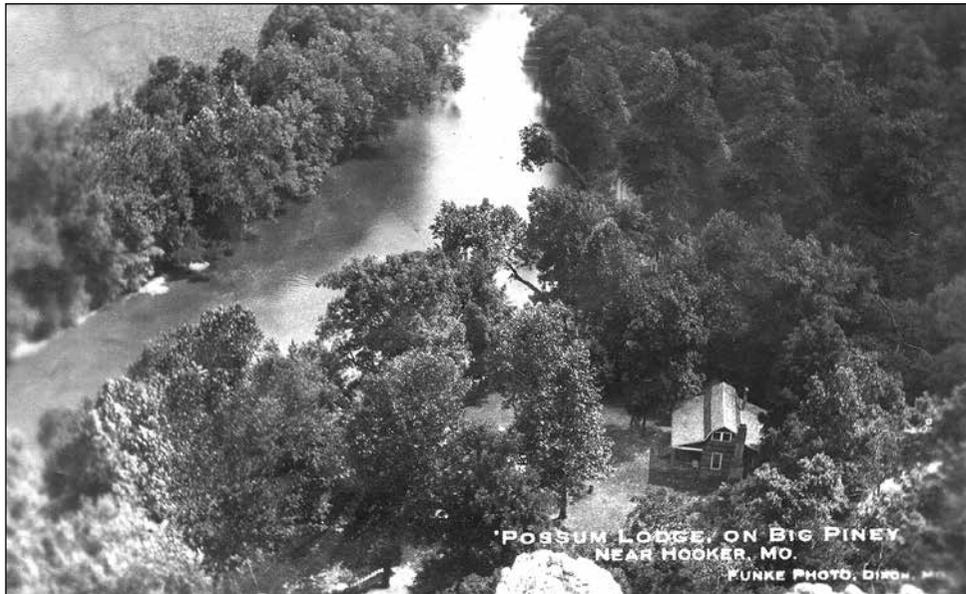
Thank you for the opportunity to serve the people of Pulaski county as Prosecuting Attorney.

place would have to be properly supervised.

Mr. Prewett is a young and ambitious businessman—what do you say, Mr. Prewett, to investigating this project? *[Mrs. Long was usually out in front with community betterment ideas.]*

June 27

George Perkins of Possum Lodge on the Big Piney River east of Waynesville was in this office Tuesday advancing their Democrat subscription and attending to business. They lost one of their cabins last week by fire of unknown determined origin. The cabin was occupied by a party from St. Louis but not in the cabin at the time of the fire.



Possum Lodge was located on the lower Big Piney River, a little less than two miles from its junction with the Gasconade. The resort was operated by Wilbur and Henryetta Burness for 30 years. When Wilbur passed away in June of 1942, Henryetta sold the resort to Mr. and Mrs George Perkins, who hailed from St. Clair, Missouri.



New Bloodland School District Formed To Be South of Palace In Texas County

A few school districts have merged and formed what is known as the Bloodland school district and will be built in Texas County south of Palace.

The new building will contain four rooms and will be built as soon as possible.

The Board of Education is as follows: Leland Pippin, John Helton, Ches Helton, Ernest Vaughan, C. W. McLaughlin and Homer Manes.

July 4, 1946

All Public Gatherings Banned in Lebanon

All public meetings have even banned in Lebanon with nine cases

of infantile paralysis reported for June, none of them serious however, the ages ranging from six months to thirty-nine years.

Dr. John Williams of the State Health Department is in Lebanon taking the necessary steps to help combat the disease.

35th Guard Division to be Re-activated and Train at Ft. Wood

The famed 35th Division of the National Guard will be re-activated according to announcements by Missouri and Kansas adjutant generals and they plan to give Missouri 8845 officers and men in the new division and Kansas 4002 and of the 44 officers who will command the division Kansas will have 15 and Missouri 29.

It is not expected that the 35th will be strong enough to take over military duties before the beginning of 1947.

State Guard troops will get field training at Fort Leonard Wood through this month (July) and August.

Renter in the Wilson-Long Building

Prosecuting Attorney Horace T. Robinson has moved his office from the Talbot building into the Wilson-Long building last week.

This building houses the Greyhound Bus Station, Lytle and Anderson Studios, Blue Line Bus Service, Dr. Wm. R. Lytle, Physician and Surgeon, Dru L. Pippin, Insurance Agent, and the office of the Draft Board. *[The building also housed the Pulaski County Democrat office and printing plant.]*

Butler City

Mr. and Mrs. Walter McDonald who recently bought Butler City east of town are busy remodeling and modernizing the cabins.

Fourteen of the cottages were removed to Cotter, Ark., recently. *[Cotter is on the White River and probably was expecting a boom with the planned construction of nearby Bull Shoals Dam.]*

WILL PAY \$2.00 per stick for basket timber, delivered. Write me and I will look your timber over. C. T. Wells, Hooker, Mo.

July 11, 1946

Three Cases Poliomyelitis in Pulaski County; Health Department Checks All Suspected Cases

The Health Department working with all physicians and hospitals, has checked all suspected cases of Infantile Paralysis in the county. The following cases have been reported:

1. Richard Lee Hutton, age 19 months, address Richland, onset of illness about May 3.

2. Allen Elder, age 42 years, deceased, address Richland Rt., onset about June 23.

3. Mrs. Walter Hammock, age not given, address Richland, onset about June 27.

Though two of these cases live about two city blocks apart in Richland, no direct contacts between the families has been established. No connection between these cases and the Lebanon cases have been noted.

In gathering information on these cases it was noted by the Health Department there were large numbers of flies and insects in the vicinity of each case. Also, each home harboring a case of Infantile Paralysis had an old type insanitary pit privy, located only a few feet from their kitchens.

Outbreaks of poliomyelitis consistently occur most frequently in summer months. Droplet infection from coughing and sneezing and crowds is lowest during the summer months while infection from fly and other insect borne disease is at its highest.

The virus causing poliomyelitis has been isolated from body secretions and from body discharges.

DDT spraying on a large scale by the U. S. Public Health Service and state and local health departments appears to be most effective in checking the spread of these diseases. No new cases

have been reported from Lebanon since wholesale spraying of that community was undertaken.

The most effective permanent control measure appears to be the proper disposal of body discharges. Communities with good sewage disposal systems and country districts having sanitary privies appear to be least frequently visited.

Explosion (propane) at Tut's Cafe in the Brisch Building owned by Dorothy Brisch of Kirkwood, Floyd Mooney co-owner of Tut's. Adkins Refrigeration and Appliance Company in other part of building. Butane gas truck exploded; Tut's cafe is a shambles with the interior completely ruined and the co-owner, Floyd Mooney, is unable to estimate his loss at this time. Adkins Refrigeration occupying the other part of the building was damaged by smoke and water and some fire loss.

July 18

County Health Dept. Reports on Polio

Poliomyelitis will be a threat in this district until cold weather. The Health Department is checking reports of a large prevalence of Infantile Paralysis through Kansas, Colorado and other states. The practice of sending children out of the communities in which cases have occurred to avoid exposure is not justified.

In districts in which Infantile

Paralysis cases are occurring the cases are very scattered. The most recent cases in this county have occurred at widely scattered farmhouses in different sections of the county.

This is an exceptionally hot summer and insects are very prevalent. The most effective measure as recommended by the United States Health Service is the proper disposal of sewage, garbage, trash, barnyard manure, or any material that may breed insects. DDT spraying is practiced at all places where cases are occurring and is strongly recommended.

The latest verified cases report are: Charles Snodgrass, deceased, age 11, Waynesville, Mo.; Wanda

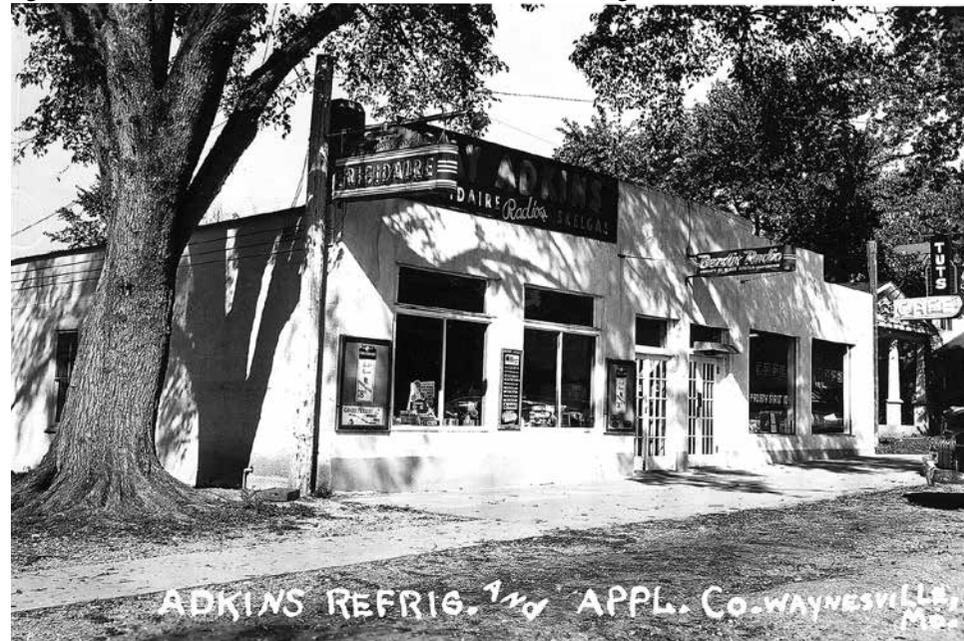
Lee Humphreys, age 9 months, Hazelgreen, Mo.; Violet Wilson, age 16 years, Hazelgreen, Mo. (working in Laquey, Mo.); Thomas Allen, age 8, Crocker, Missouri.

REBUILDING AND REDECORATING BRISCH BUILDING

Mrs. Dorothy Brisch of Kirkwood is rebuilding her business building located on the north part of the public square here that was partially wrecked by a gas explosion and fire...new roof, steel girders and interior will be rebuilt...Tut's Cafe and Atkins Refrigeration and Appliance Company will reoccupy.

Dear Readers

Writing a few words to you



Dorothy Brisch's building on the north side of the square provided business space for Adkin's Refrigeration and Appliance store on the left and Tut's Cafe on the right. Courtesy of John Bradbury.

this Sunday night after another churchless day, because of the fear of polio, and my friends, "it is much better to be safe than sorry" to quote an old 'saying' which is as good today as any day—this is a dreaded disease, mainly of childhood and you never know whom or when it may strike although the hot weather months are the worst.

This is the first time, to my knowledge, that Pulaski County has been hit by this disease but it is said that at least 80 percent of the people have it at one time or another although in such light form that it is not detected, then again, it will strike in a deadly and menacing way—as a snake strikes.

Parents should see to it that all children twelve years of age and under and I would say all those in their teens, keep off the streets, or at any point where several congregate, to be on the safe side or at least to be relatively safe.

There is no known preventive and there is very little that can be done for the victims. To place the life of any child or person in jeopardy by several meeting together is, to my way of thinking, criminal.

...V. V. and I in conversation while we lunched today (Monday) and he remarked "these certainly are troublesome times—take for instance this polio epidemic."

"Well, when have we ever had anything but perilous times—I am not a fatalist, but there is always

Sue RAPONE
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something coming along—if it isn't one thing it's another. Of course, this is the first time that we have ever had to consider polio—we have always thought of it as a far-off dread, that could not ever touch us—but again we have found that we have been mistaken all along and that the deadly and crippling fangs of this disease has come home to us, has touched us where we live. The miracle of it, is that we did not have a deadly epidemic of disease when Ft. Leonard Wood was in the building—when we were without water and sewer—now we have one of the best sanitary systems to be found anywhere.

Here I want to extend my appreciation to our health authorities—principally our Sanitary Engineer, Jesse Barlow, who has worked tirelessly spraying places where flies, the known carrier of this disease, congregate—on garbage,

outdoor toilets, etc.

I made a special trip to see him this morning (Monday) to ask him to spray our place—not that I think it is so filthy, but to be on the safe side, to take every precaution—and many others requested that he do the same to their premises.

In spite of the fact that he was very tired after a trip to Crocker where he had been called to spray alleys, etc., he took it upon himself to see after this needed precaution—and, too, he does this of his own free will, for it is not in his line of duty.

Remember what our Sanitary Engineer, County Health Physician, Dr. Seth Barnes, and Louise McClintock, Registered Nurse, do is to safeguard your health and that of your children and grandchildren—that is not a time to be “rugged individualists” but to work in cooperation with each other, including the Health Officers—it is

the least we can do.

August 1

Jackie Walters, age six months, was stricken with a light attack of infantile paralysis at Courtesy Court. The baby eats and sleeps well and plays but does not have the use of one leg. She is in a St. Louis hospital.

Douglas Stutler, 7-year -old son of Mr. and Mrs. Clark Stutler is improving following a light attack of polio several weeks ago. He has been up for some time plays, eats and sleeps well, but the muscle in one leg is still affected. [Clark Stutler was the Waynesville Schools superintendent.]

Ernest Christeson with two others bought the Mankato Business College in Minnesota-worked there for 30 years. [We published the “Autobiography of Ernest L. Christeson” as a three-part serial in

the 2018-2020 Old Settlers Gazette. It is a good story of a boy growing up on Roubidoux Creek in rural Pulaski County and becoming successful in the education and business world. It is available online on our web site.]

DDT should Not Be Sprayed on Edible Garbage

DDT should not be sprayed on garbage that is to be used as feed for hogs. DDT is poison and there is danger of causing toxic effect on animals eating the garbage.

The best method of controlling flies and odors around garbage cans are:

1. After garbage cans are emptied, clean thoroughly with hot water.
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August 8

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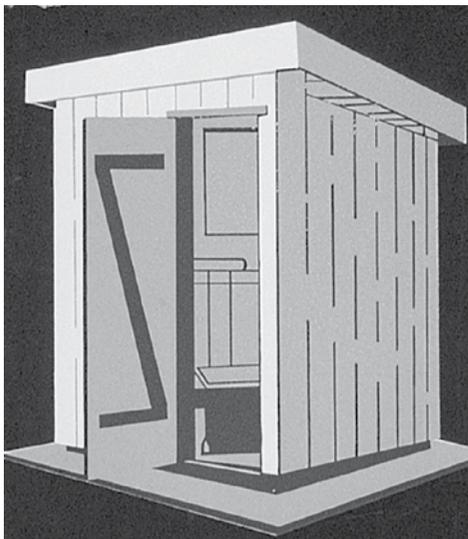
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Dear Readers

July, with all of its heat and drouth—with its very seldom fine days, but one occasionally, nonetheless, has gone, but will be remembered from this time on as the month in which Polio, or infantile paralysis struck Pulaski County, for the first time in its history, in an almost epidemic form, but the peak of the disease has probably passed, or we hope it has.

The disease is veiled in mystery, and while it is not recommended by the medical profession to congregate in crowds, especially children (although adults may be stricken, as the case of the late President Roosevelt) and also in the way that cases occur in remote spots, as to the city, where children far moved from where others so affected, were stricken, and in no case in the county has more than one in a family taken the disease.

Until this year I experienced no dread of it—it did not remotely occur to me that there would even



The WPA sanitary privy was 4x5 feet, set on a precast concrete pad over a six-foot hole lined with lumber or concrete. It had a square pot with lid positioned in a back corner and a screened ventilation pipe.

be a possibility that it could happen and I am sure that most of you felt as I did.

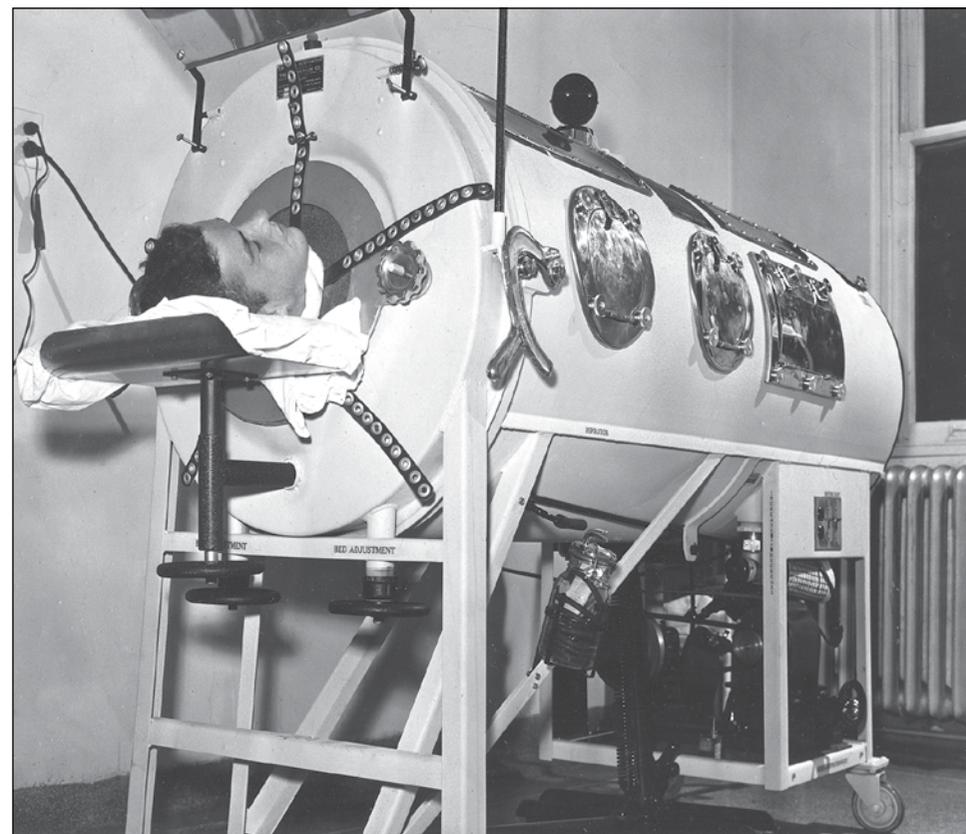
Some doctors hold to the theory that at least 80 per cent of the people have been attacked at some time although in a very light form.

Webster defines it thus—"an acute disease usually attacking young children, but sometimes adults, caused by inflammation of the white matter of the spinal cord as it joins the medulla oblongata of the brain; it is characterized by motor paralysis and atrophy of the muscles, and when not fatal, often results in deformity."

At least vigilance cannot be relaxed regarding the welfare of children at this time...

...Too don't believe every rumor you may have heard regarding the rejuvenation of Fort Leonard Wood—Troops of the National guard left last Saturday after only spending a few days—and not many at that. They only train once a year.

Each day more men are being "laid off."



The tank respirator, popularly known as the iron lung, was used in early stages of polio when the chest and diaphragm muscles were paralyzed. In the 1930s, the respirator cost \$1,500, which was the average price of a house. In 1959, there were 1,200 people using an iron lung in the U. S. and by 2004, there were only 39.

If and when troops are going to be trained, then this section would be glad to see the facilities at the Post used—talking with Arch Williams, Chief of the Police force there—he does not foresee Army training being done there for some time.

August 15, 1946 IRON LUNG AT GENERAL HOSPITAL HERE

Only Twenty-Four in State
An Iron Lung was received at Waynesville General Hospital here one day last week from the Infantile Paralysis Foundation in Washington, D. C.

Generally associated with infantile paralysis cases this wonder machine is also used in other cases of paralysis, in simple terms, an automatic breathing machine—if the patient is unable to breath the machine breathes for him.

In case of power failure, the machine is operated by hand.

Cylindrical in shape, the body is placed in the cylinder part, with only the head outside, a collar of

sponge rubber about the neck.

If necessary, eight patients can be cared for in Isolation in General Hospital here.

FOR SALE—fifteen-room frame hotel and eight cabins, all furnished—east side of square. A. S. McNeese, owner, Box 316, Waynesville, Mo.

August 29, 1946 State Guard At Fort Wood Monday Until Today (Thursday)

About 900 members of the Second Missouri Infantry (State guard) arrived at Fort Leonard Wood Sunday afternoon and left today (Thursday) where they trained in marksmanship, and used the area formerly occupied by the 28th Infantry of the Eighth Division.

Members of this unit are from Joplin, Neosho, Webb City, Monett, Mt. Vernon and Springfield.

Kindergarten In Waynesville

Any children between the ages of four and a half and five and a half are eligible to attend kindergarten.

Superintendent of Schools Clark D. Stutler has requested that mothers of children of kindergarten age, who want their children enrolled report to this office for a meeting on Friday, Aug. 30th at 10 a.m.

Mrs. Maxwell E. Becker who has recently come to Waynesville to live has offered to be the teacher but requests that the mothers be willing to cooperate with the program to be carried on. Mrs. Becker states that the general aims of the kindergarten are fourfold:

1. To help the child to make a successful adjustment between home and school life.
2. To provide opportunities for the child to acquire "readiness" for the educational program of the Elementary School.
3. To aid the individual child to learn to study, to work, and to play as a member of a group.
4. To guide the child in his mental,

physical, emotional, social and aesthetic growth.

Fort Wood Furniture Store Completely Re-Decorated

Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Lynch, owners of the Fort Wood Furniture Store on U. S. Highway 66 east of town, are completely re-decorating and remodeling their store.

The remodeling will give them plenty of space to display their stock.

September 12, 1946

Effective October 1, 1946 subscription rates of the Pulaski County Democrat will be \$2.00 a year in Pulaski and adjoining counties, \$3.00 a year anywhere else. Until that date our subscription price will remain \$1.50 in county and \$2.00 elsewhere.

Dear Readers

Finally, the evil day that we had put off until it could be delayed no longer, came, when last week you noted in your Democrat that the subscription rate had been raised—the raise should have come in 1941—but we kept hoping that it would not have to be —newsprint has advanced in price until we can no longer publish an eight page, all home print paper, at the old price—the latest raise was \$7.00 per ton and we use a ton about every five or six weeks.

One thing is certain, if you pay at the rate of \$1.50 per year in county

and \$2.00 outside for a four page paper, then most certainly an eight page paper is worth double and we do not want to cut the size of the paper—we want to add to it, if possible.

From time to time many of our subscribers have told me they did not see how we could possibly publish this paper at the former rate—and frankly, we have been going behind.

This is Bill Morgan's first year in school, only son of the Claude Morgan's here, and the first day his father, manlike, decided that he should go alone—now the usual custom is for mothers to accompany their offspring to the hall of learning, to see that the child or children are treated as they should be—to see that they get the proper seats and seatmates, to cling to their hand, to give them fond pats of

encouragement—to see after their general welfare—and the episode usually ends up with the child crying, and the mother on the verge of tears.

The very idea of "Willie" or "Susie" leaving the delights of home for the "give and take" of the public school, is heartrending, especially to mothers (you see I remember this memorable occasion).

Well, Bill left, alone, for school with his mother "in a dither" as was natural—and when lunchtime came, Bill duly arrived, proudly and somewhat boastfully—and asked how he liked school, emphatically replied—"I don't like it—we did not get to play long enough."

Further information from him elicited, "there sure were a lot of 'sissies' in school today."

"Sissies, what do you mean?" queried his mother—Well," he replied, "there sure were a lot of kids there with their mothers."

September 19

Improvements in Waynesville

Many improvements are being made in Waynesville and among the major ones are the streets, many to be black-topped soon which includes the street running North from the Square in front of the first Baptist Church [North Benton Street] and also the one running east and west, on which the High School is located, although present plans do not include this street.

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A. S. McNEESE, Owner.

TERMS CASH: No property to be removed until settled for.

COL. BOB FULLER, Crocker, Mo.

Col. Tony Thornton, Rt. 5, Springfield, PHONES: 1544M or 9204J1, AUCTIONEERS.

BE SURE TO ATTEND THIS SALE

With the fort closing, Albert Spencer and Lulu McNeese decided to sell the Tourist Hotel (Old Stagecoach Stop). After several weeks on the market and no buyers, they decided to have an auction.

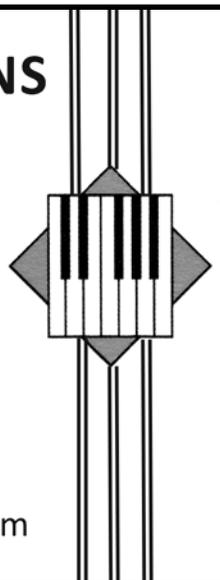
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- "W. H. Croaker," the Waynesville Hill frog
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- And More

*I hope you enjoy
this edition of the
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**Thank you for allowing me
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Also to be improved and black-topped is the street in front of the first Methodist Church [North Lynn Street].

September 26, 1946

Dear Readers

There are new sidewalks and curbing in front of the Long home [on North Benton Street across from the Baptist Church].

...Now School Street—the street that goes directly in front of the High School here is also being graded for black-topping—new walks being laid, which all connect with Highway 17 in front of the Clarence Hensley residence, also the USO building.

The street in front of the First Methodist Church [Lynn] will also be black-topped—so you can see that most of our main thoroughfares will be hard-surfaced and I am glad to report to you that the street that goes to the General Hospital here is also going to get another coating of black-top and this is badly needed.

Incidentally, I mention that General Hospital is so full that beds are being placed in every available spot—extra beds in what was private rooms—to try to take care of the patients from this section.

October 3, 1946

**Large Crowd Attend McNeese Sale
Mrs. W. A. Underwood Buys Property**

A large crowd attended the sale of the McNeese property here last Saturday, consisting of the hotel property of 15 rooms and three other buildings.

The property was bought by Mrs. W. A. Underwood of the Gasconade community and will continue to operate as formerly for the time being.

The two lots on which the property was located are 74x150 feet and 58x78 feet, one of the lots fronting east side of Public square and the other highway 17.

**Burson & Plattner Distributors
For New Tucker Automobile**

Messrs. Roy Burson and H. V. Plattner have assumed the distributorship for the new Tucker Torpedo automobile for 106 counties surrounding and the city of Kansas City, and have established a business office in Kansas City. Pulaski County is included in the counties in their distributorship.

The Tucker Torpedo is a radically different car, with engine of airplane type in the rear of the auto, has three headlamps, and built to cruise at 100 miles per hour. [Roy Burson,

originally from St. Joseph, and H. V. Plattner, Kansas City, began an entrepreneurial partnership in Waynesville during the boom of 1941 with ventures in real estate, restaurants, and housing (Courtesy Court). Plattner stayed in Kansas City and Burson managed the local business enterprises, which were very successful. However, the Tucker dealership was not, through no fault of their own. The Tucker auto works in Chicago produced only 51 rear-engine Tucker Torpedos before speeding into bankruptcy.



October 3, 1946

**CORNER STONE TO BE LAID
AT NEW METHODIST CHURCH
HERE SUNDAY**

Special services will mark the laying of the corner stone at the First Methodist Church here Sunday afternoon, Oct. 6th at 2:30 p.m.

Sunday morning and evening Worship will be the last time Rev.

C. H. Sherman will preach as the regular Pastor.

He is retiring from the ministry, mainly because of a severe neuralgic condition of the face.

They own a home at Mountain Home, Ark., where they will probably live.

The Shermans have made many friends in Pulaski County during their 3 years here.

It was through his efforts that the church is now housed in a beautiful brick House of Worship.

November 7
ABOUT TOWN

By Landon Laird

Between 1909 and 1915, Tommy Dixon fought 264 prize fights. He was a crack featherweight and met such champions as Abe Attell and Johnny Kilbane. He was a boxing instructor overseas in World War I and later taught glovecraft at the Kansas City Athletic Club and the University of Kansas.

He also was a boxing instructor at Ft. Leonard Wood in World War II, then bought a restaurant at Devil's Elbow, Mo. He sold the place after running it for eleven months and is back on the local scene with the candid explanation:

“There was too much fighting for



The Waynesville Consolidated School building in 1946 housed the high school and later became the junior high (1960s) and then the middle school (early 1980s). The image above now is certainly an historic photograph as there is no sign now that the school ever existed. The grounds are now occupied by the Pulaski County Sheriff's Department.



The new brick Methodist Church on Lynn Street in Waynesville in 1946. It is now the Korean Baptist Church.

me at Devil's Elbow. Those natives down there were always feuding and they played too rough for Tommy. I never thought I would run away from a fight, but the number of fights there got me down."

Devil's Elbow is in Pulaski County, between Rolla and Ft. Leonard Wood.

Tommy would hold square dances in his place every Saturday night, kept a diary of proceedings, and his records show that on one Saturday night there were four fights inside and seven outside.

"There were three sure signs if free-for-alls were in the offing," he continued. "The first sign was if my soft drinks were selling faster than my beer. That meant that the folks were spiking the soft drinks. The second sign was if the empty soft drink bottles or beer bottles disappeared from the tables before we could gather them in. That indicated the men were sticking the bottles in their pockets. The third sign was if the crowds came from different parts of the hills. You knew they would get into it before the evening was over."

Dixon said he counted 100 fights in his place in the eleven months he ran it, and when he made protests to his patrons, they told him they had fought in there before he came to town and would

fight in there after he left.

"Four or five of them chose me for themselves on different nights, and, by golly, I got licked a couple of times," he confessed.

—From *Kansas City Times*,
September 7, 1946.

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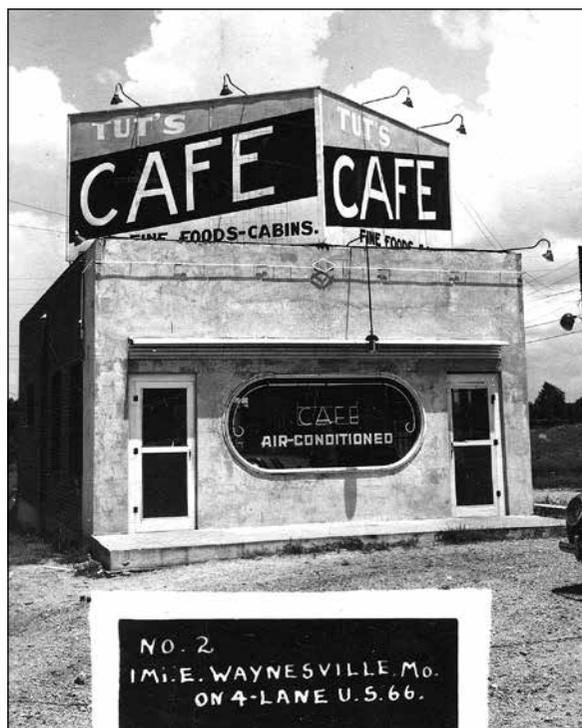
ON U. S. 66—OAKWOOD

SERVICE STATION

November 28, 1946

Dear Readers

Saturday morning and afternoon V. V. and Roy Atkison fished along the Big Piney River in the Fort Leonard Wood Military Reservation—first to the concrete



arch bridge and dam on the Big Piney at what is known as the Foster Ford—no luck.

Now above this bridge are two good bridges of wooden structure.

Then they wended their way, upriver to what was formerly known as Rocky Ford, across the river being what was formerly known as the Monroe Ramsey farm [now the golf course], where cattle were grazing but no sign of the old two-story home—the Ramsey's now live in Southeast Missouri near Neeleyville.

The practically new home of the Chas. Ramsey's still stands and in good condition, close by the river—and here is the Intake, where all the water for Ft. Wood was pumped [still is]—then they drove upriver farther, in the Atkison pickup truck to the upper end of the Ramsey place (this side of the river) to what was formerly known as Old River—said to be the former bed of the Big Piney many, many, many years ago before the course was changed and to a farm known as the Null farm which is above that of the farm formerly owned by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Christeson, now living near Fulton, Mo.

All about are water mains and sewage disposal plants and

the Rolling Heath Schoolhouse is now the meeting place for the Ft. Leonard Wood American Legion.

The whole of the Fort Leonard Wood Military Reservation is closed to hunting and they saw deer and coon tracks all along the river.

At Rocky Ford one of the Guards examined their truck, thoroughly.



The concrete block Rolling Heath School was built in 1911 by John and Warren Wyrick of Waynesville. It has been restored and still stands on the west side of the Big Piney River.

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