

# 1948

January 8

REMODELING AT REX STUDIO

...Warren Pritchett of Buckhorn, who was in charge of the photo lab at Fort Leonard Wood during the war, was employed as darkroom technician last August, working mostly on wholesale roll film and photo postcard processing, which business is increasing monthly. Rex says that by the time the spring tourist business gets under way he expects to have to obtain more equipment and employ at least three more assistants.

MITCHELL OPTICAL NOW EMPLOYS 53

According to Mr. W. P. Mitchell of Mitchell Optical Company here, the company is now employing 53 people in the various departments of the factory with twelve more workers to be added the latter part of this week. Within a short time the factory will be employing 120 to 130 people from this vicinity with three shifts.



Ely N. Toops, Nadine's father, was a writer and photographer, among his many talents. He probably wrote the birthday party article above for the newspaper. The party picture did not make it into the paper but was found among his pictures a few years ago by his son Ronald. We can't match the names in the article to the party goers but thought that longtime residents might have some fun trying. Courtesy of Ron Toops.

They have received requests for their products from every country in the world and at present are sending their products to all countries with the exception of Japan and Germany. The company recently furnished the Traffic Enforcement Officers of the Lost Angeles Police Dept. with the Nite-Lite glasses.

RUTH NADINE TOOPS, 13, CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

Miss Nadine Toops, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Toops of the Pleasant Grove community, celebrated her thirteenth birthday with a party at her home Monday evening January 5th.

The evening was spent playing games and contests with prizes being awarded winners. Refreshments of sandwiches, cookies and soda pop were served to: Sammy Lee Hammock, Lloyd Ga, Chester Ga, Harold Woody, Donald Stewart, Lela June Gan, Fronia Mae Gan, Mary Louise Gan, Martha Gan, Sue Woody, Ella Mae Stewart and the Toops children, Nadine, Neline, Richard and Nelson.

January 15

MAXEY CAVE

...Ms. Margaret Tarbell, who is the owner of Maxey Cave, is planning some extensive improvements on the cave property in the near future. It is not to be commercialized but put in better order to accommodate the Sunday School and Church gatherings and tourist visitors that come to the cave. During the year 1939 over one thousand visitors were registered. A register has been kept since 1937 up to the last two years. *[The cave, with its very large opening, was popular with locals for outings, particularly Easter egg roastings, an activity now forgotten. Margaret Tarbell bought Maxey Cave in 1944. The cave did become commercialized in 1953 when it was operated as a show cave by F. L. Hammitt and Ken Sweet, who also operated Stark Caverns, a show cave near Eldon. They leased Maxey Cave and renamed it Inca Cave. It closed as a commercial enterprise in 1961. Margaret Tarbell Wehmeyer sold the cave to the Missouri Department of Conservation in 1980. For more about the cave, see Old Settlers Gazettes of 1987 and 2012. C. C. "Uncle Cummy" Smith, volunteer caretaker of the cave through the*

*Forties and until commercialization, wrote a series of eight articles about the cave in 1948. We have reprinted his serialization at the end of the News.]*

January 22

FIRE AT UNDERWOOD PLACE ON SQUARE LAST FRIDAY

Fire due to a defective flue did considerable damage to the W. A. Underwood property on the Square Friday of last week.

The property commonly called the Old Black Hotel is one of the oldest structures in town. The large building is vacant with the exception of two rooms in the back where the fire originated and was confined.

The fire had gained some headway before discovered and it was necessary to remove part of the roof and some of the siding. A family by the name of Gan were living in the rooms and suffered some loss due to water damage.

The building was partially covered by insurance.

*[Underwood's Place or the Old Black Hotel is now the Old Stagecoach Stop House Museum. There are several indications of fires still visible in the nearly 170-year-old Old Stagecoach Stop. It has survived a fire from*

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*Mitchell's Shooting Glasses—Waynesville, Missouri*

After the closing of the Waynesville USO in 1946, a group of Waynesville businessmen bought the building for the city, which formed the Waynesville Factory Committee to search for a longterm manufacturing tenant or buyer. Mitchell Optical Company of Kirkwood entered into a lease/purchase agreement with the city and began moving their equipment from Kirkwood to Waynesville in September of 1947. They made specialized shooting glasses, as well as grinding lenses for regular eyeglasses. *{For more details, see "News 1947" in the 2022 Old Settlers Gazette.}*



On the east side of the Bell Hotel, now Waynesville Memorial Funeral Chapel, was the Bell Cabin Camp. There were eight frame cabins built by Pershing Ell and Charles Talbot of Columbia, Missouri, in 1941. The cabins are gone but the fieldstone duplex used as an office and living quarters still stands.

*a lightning strike, flue fires, and numerous popping coals from the fireplaces.]*

February 28

#### CABIN CAMP CHANGES HANDS

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Bennett, who have owned the Bell Cabins in W. Waynesville the past year, have sold the camp to J. L. Crocker of Buffalo, Mo.

The camp consists of eight cabins and duplex stone house used for office and living quarters *[above]*.

Mr. and Mrs. Bennett and son Charles have moved to Joplin, Mo. *[Numerous businesses and properties*

*from the heyday of Fort Leonard Wood were still changing ownership or closing down.]*

March 4

#### STUDY INDIAN REMAINS AT THE BERRY CAVE

A group of 14 archaeologists and students from the University of Missouri Archaeological Society spent Saturday and Sunday investigating the Indian cultural remains in Berry Cave, about 15 miles southeast of Waynesville.

The expedition, led by Prof. Carl Chapman, Director of American

Archeology at the University and Prof. Jesse Wrench, President of the Missouri Archaeological Society, uncovered several interesting articles during their stay, including pottery and stone implements.

Earl Swanson accompanied the expedition as guide and advisor on the cave area. Before the University group departed, the members went to the Swanson home to examine his collection of Indian relics. Professors Wrench and Chapman were very much impressed with the quality of Mr. Swanson's display.

The group will probably return within a few weeks to complete their work in Berry Cave and to survey several other caves in the Waynesville area. *[Earl Swanson might have been the eldest son of Gilbert Swanson who owned Pike's Peak (aka Indian) Cave at the confluence of Roubidoux Creek and the Gasconade River. The Swansons probably had many artifacts from that cave, even though it had been potted for many decades.]*

#### CITY TO PURCHASE WATER AND SEWER SYSTEMS FROM FEDERAL WORKS ADM.

Representatives of the Federal Works Administration were here the first of the week meeting with the Waynesville Board of Aldermen in regard to sale of the water and the sewage systems for a sum of ten

thousand dollars.

The bid of the city has been forwarded for approval.

The city has been paying rent on the system to the FWA *[Federal Works Administration]* since the construction of the system, having expended about \$11 thousand for rental.

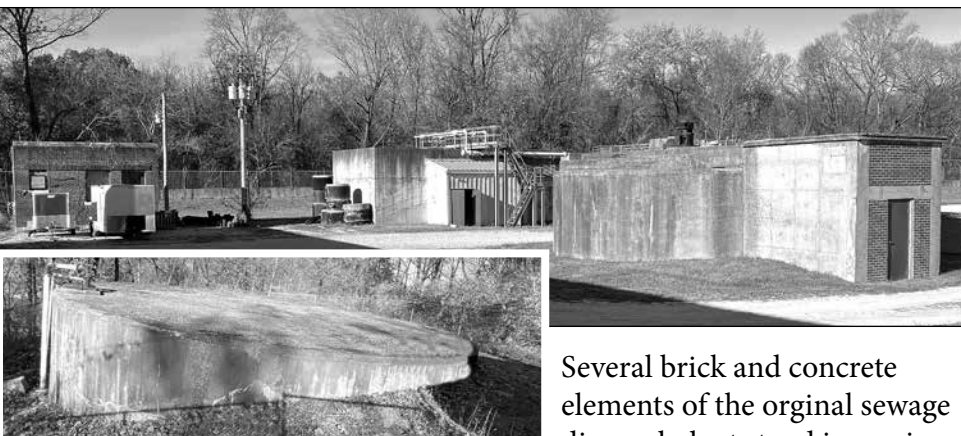
The system is one of the most complete and up-to-date in this section of the country.

#### ROWLAND BELL TO OPERATE SINCLAIR SERVICE STATION

Rowland Bell took over management of the Sinclair Service Station in West Waynesville Monday March 1st, resigning his position with the State Merit System as a Social Worker in the county as of last Friday. *[Rowland Bell was Superintendent of Bloodland School when it was closed for the construction of Fort Leonard Wood. After a stint with the station, he left Waynesville and became Superintendent of Schools in Brentwood, Missouri, for 16 years, retiring in 1973.]*

#### COUNTY BUYS HEALTH CENTER BUILDING HERE

Pulaski County received notice the first of the month that the Federal Works Administration has accepted the county's offer of \$14,500 for the Health Center Bldg.



Several brick and concrete elements of the original sewage disposal plant stand in use in

Roubidoux Park. The cost in 1942 was projected to be \$169,000, paid for with a 100 percent cash grant from the federal government. A 750-foot deep well was drilled on the school grounds and the water was pumped up to a 99,000 gallon concrete reservoir (inset above) on Fort Hill. The water system was financed with a \$23,000 Waynesville bond sale and \$108,330 of federal money. The work was done by the WPA. Connections to both the water and sewage systems began in October of 1942.



The Safety Service Sinclair Station was a part of the Bell Hotel complex in West Waynesville, just across the Roubidoux Bridge on the north side of Highway 66. The building is now the location of Every Blooming Thing Flower Shop. Courtesy of Every Blooming Thing.



The Pulaski County Health Center opened November 1, 1942, on the northwest corner of the public square where the gazebo is now located. It was a two-story brick structure containing 19 rooms, two lobbies, four rest rooms and a large auditorium. The federal government built it at a cost of \$30,860. The county purchased it, along with some equipment, for \$14,500.

here. The County assumed charge and possession of the building as of March 1st.

The building is of brick, two stories, and houses offices of the County Physician, County Nurses, County Dental Officer, Sanitary Engineer and during the war housed the Red Cross offices.

Purchase price of \$14,500 included about two thirds of the equipment. Remaining equipment is the property of the State of Missouri.

THREE DEERS RELEASED IN THE NARROWS WEDNESDAY

Three yearling deers were brought into Waynesville Wednesday afternoon by the Missouri Conservation from the park at Ellington, Mo., in Reynolds County. The deer were released that afternoon at the Narrows on Moccasin Bend near Waynesville.

The three were the first of fifty deer that are to be released in this reservation within the next few days. *[The Narrows is the land inside of a*



Earl Bohannon built the above garage in 1920 with a spacious walkout (or drive-in) basement. Ownership passed to two gentlemen from Iberia by the name of Perkins and Law. Alf Clark operated a station and cafe in the building for several years in the mid-1940s. In March of 1948, George Long leased the building from the Iberians. Melvin Powers operated Powers Garage in the right side. Mrs. George Long and Mrs. Elmer Long opened Long's Cafe in May of that year as a 24-hour eatery. In December of 1948, Mrs. and Mrs. Elmer Long bought out the half-interest of the George Longs. Today the garage is doing business as Ed Wilson's Auto Works sans cafe.



*very sharp bend in the Gasconade River. Hard to believe now but deer sightings in Pulaski County were rare in the Forties.]*

GEO. LONG LEASES BLDG. FROM PERKINS & LAW

George Long has leased the garage building in west Waynesville from Perkins and Law of Iberia, and opened operation of the service station March 1st.

The building was formerly occupied by Alf Clark who operated a station and cafe there the past several years. Melvin Powers operates the garage part of the building. The building is known as the Bo's Garage building as it was built by Mr. Earl Bohannon several years ago. *[On May 6, the paper announced the opening of Long's*

*Sandwich Shop, managed by Mrs. George Long and Mrs. Elmer Long.]*

March 11

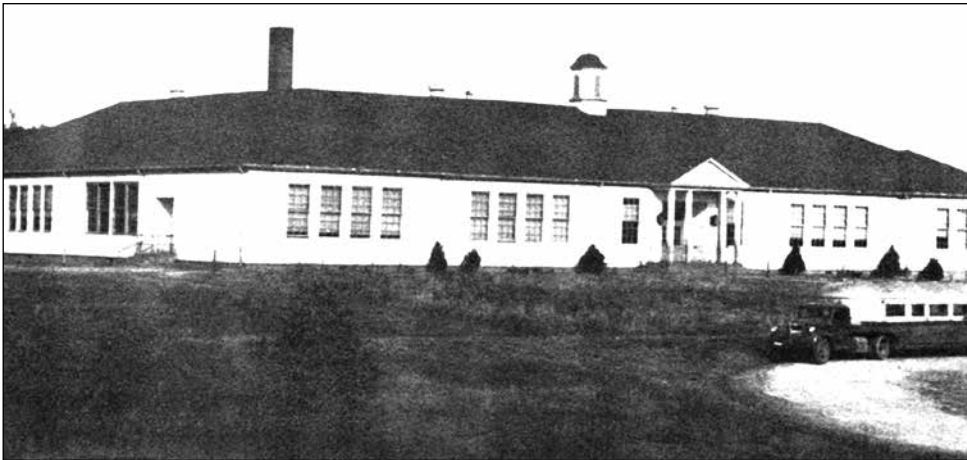
WAGON WHEEL CAFE AND SERVICE STATION SOLD TO MILFORD EGAN, ST. LOUIS

The Wagon Wheel Cafe, filling station and liquor store owned by J. D. Ethredge was sold last week to Milford Egan Sr. and Milford Jr. of St. Louis. They have taken over active management. The business is located three miles east of town on Highway 66 near junction of 17 and 66 entrance to Fort.

March 18

WAYNESVILLE BUYS TWO SCHOOL BUILDINGS

...The buildings were completed in October of 1942. The smaller of the



The school above was originally called West School, located on Fleetwood Drive. It now serves as the district's media center and administrative offices. The smaller building mentioned above, located behind the old middle school, previously provided administrative office space but was razed along with the middle school in 2019. The Pulaski County Justice Center (2020) now occupies the site.



two buildings is the high school vocational unit. It is of masonry construction and is 40 x 52 feet in size, with a shop on the ground floor and home economics and music rooms on the main floor.

The elementary unit is a U-shaped, one-story frame structure with asbestos shingle siding. It has 13 classrooms, office, activity room, lunch room and kitchen, clinic and toilet rooms. It has an overall frontage of 169 feet, 10 inches with two wings 121 feet and 10 inches

long. *[The two school buildings purchased by the Waynesville School District were built in 1942 as part of a \$203,850 school expansion funded by the federal government. Two other elementary school buildings were built as part of the expansion. A 15-room school built east of town never opened as a school. It was re-purposed in 1945 at a cost of \$250,000 to the federal government and became the Waynesville General Hospital. A 5-room building became the "colored school," which was*

*bought by the Pulaski County VFW in June of 1947.*

March 18

#### STATE SENATE VOTES 22-0 ON KEEPING WAYNESVILLE HOSPITAL TWO MORE YEARS

The Missouri Senate voted this week 22-0 for the state to maintain the operation of Waynesville General Hospital and the bill favoring the proposition now goes to the House for their approval.

May 13

#### CAVE LODGE SELLS TO ST. LOUIS HOTEL MAN

Mr. Otis A. Kelly, well-known hotel and cafeteria manager, recently purchased the Cave Lodge and

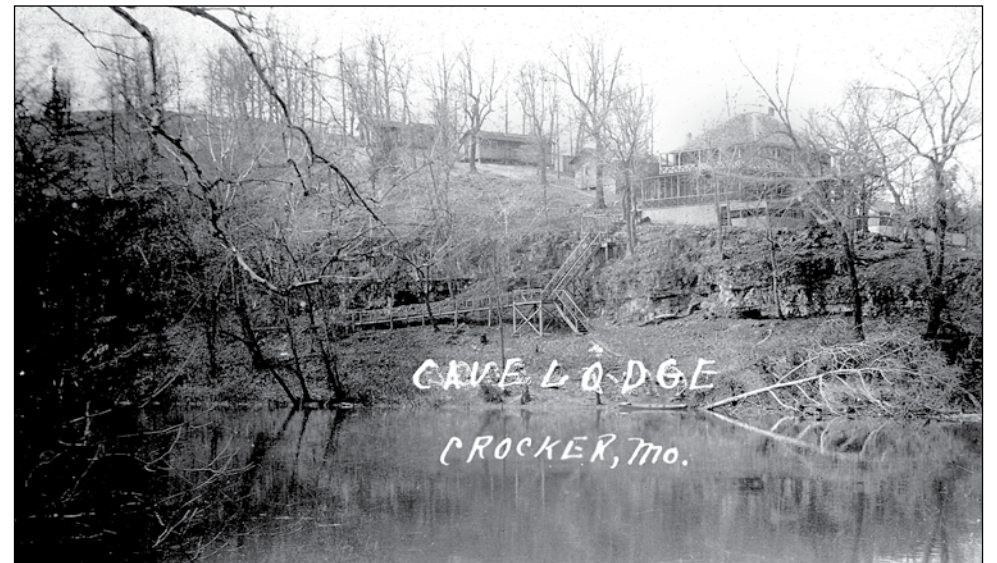
twenty-four acres from Mr. and Mrs. Ted English. The sale was handled by the Floyd Davis Realty Company, St. Louis, Missouri, who represented both parties.

Mr. Kelly is not only a member of the St. Louis Kiwanis Club and St. Louis Advertising Club, but is a director on the board of the International Hotel Sales Managers Association. Next Saturday, he will address a meeting of that organization in Jefferson City, Missouri.

Mr. Kelly is planning on rebuilding or remodeling practically all the buildings at Cave Lodge. The Cave itself will be made into a recreation room for cards, dancing and other forms of amusement. He is putting



May 6—R. E. Riggs (above), owner and operator of the Texaco Service Station and Store on Highway 66 about 8 miles west of Waynesville, died of a heart attack at 62 years. Those were the days when a service station attendant and owner dressed in a uniform representing their affiliated oil company. They also pumped your gas and checked your oil and tires. Courtesy of John Bradbury.



Joel Lane and his wife Sebina opened the main building of the Cave Hotel in 1912. It was subsequently owned by Marion Laws and then George Eber-sole before Harry V. and Lona English bought it in 1918. Son Ted and wife continued its operation after his parents died until they sold it in 1948. For a history of the hotel and owners, see the 2013 *Old Settlers Gazette*.

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Cave Lodge has been established for over thirty years and will cater to not only its former patrons from Kansas City, Springfield, and St. Louis, but many new patrons will be added through Mr. Kelly's connections in St. Louis and the hotel and resort industries.

Mr. Kelly, at present, is promotion manager at the Sheraton-Claridge Hotel in St. Louis.

May 20

STATE OFFER REJECTED ON  
GENERAL HOSPITAL

After two years of negotiations, the state board of health and the Federal Works Agency are more than \$10,000 apart on the selling price of the government-built county hospital building, and if they do not get together at once, FWA proposes to advertise the facility for sale to the highest bidder without consideration of the priority to public bodies.

FT. WOOD AREA BEING  
STOCKED WITH CATTLE

The Jarboe Commission Company of Tulsa, Oklahoma, which leased forty thousand acres of land from the government of the Fort Leonard Wood area to be used for grazing purposes of beef cattle have already put around three hundred and fifty head of beef cattle on the range.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Reddell and

their family which consists of four children, two boys and two girls, are now located on the old Roy Laughlin place in the Fort area with Mr. Reddell as foreman of the herders and his two sons working as his assistants.

The Reddells have been with the Jarboe Ranchers for a number of years coming to Waynesville from Minieola, Kansas, where they worked on the Denton Ranch of twenty thousand acres. Prior to that they were at Ramona, Oklahoma, on the Ellingwood ranch. Both of the above ranches are owned by the Jarboe brothers, Joe and Walter.

The Jarboes plan to have around five thousand cattle on the area here within a short time. They have been buying cattle from local people for the past few weeks and some of the cattle are being brought in from Texarkana, Texas.

We understand the lease on the land can be revoked within a three hours notice with a thirty day notice to evacuate the acreage in case that the area should be needed by the government. The land leased joins the land of the Mark Twain National Forest of around 50,000 acres that the cattle can be grazed in.

Fort Leonard Wood territory, comprised of 90,000 acres of land, is one of the largest military posts in the United States. Two rivers and numerous springs make an adequate supply of water for the cattle.

The Commission Company has built a corral at the Bloodland School house and the cattle are unloaded and sprayed and branded



Herman and Jodie Paulette pose in front of their cafe, which was located to the east of the present Big O Tires store. The Paulettes operated Jodie's Cafe from 1944 to 1973. The cafe was open 24 hours every day, served 6,000 biscuits a week, and provided an adequate dance floor in the rear of the cafe. Cocktails and the T-Bone Special for \$1.35 were available in the adjacent Elbow Room.

with the ranch brand bar-o-bar before being released in the area.

More herders and their families will move into the area as more cattle are brought in.

The Jarboe brothers are familiar with this section of the state as Joe is a graduate of the Rolla School of Mines. Joe Jarboe's home is in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Walter lives in Parson, Kansas.

With the acquisition of nearly half of the acreage in the military reservation by the firm, it will create the largest cattle ranch in the Ozarks and one of the few devoted strictly to the raising of beef. *[For a reminiscence about the cattle ranching on Fort Leonard Wood, see "Roundup on Fort Leonard Wood"*

*by Bob and Dormalee Morgan in the 2010 Old Settlers Gazette.]*

JODY'S CAFE UNDER NEW  
MANAGEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Minoare now presently managing Jody's Cafe east of Waynesville. Mr. and Mrs. E. Paulette, who have been managing it for their son Herman, left for Mountain Home, Arkansas, last week where they will be with Herman and his family for some time.

June 10

WORK ON WAYNESVILLE AIRPARK  
AHEAD OF SCHEDULE

The airpark is located across from the Ideal Cafe and located near the place where the E. H. Gates home



Left Heating the branding irons. Center Branding a cow with smoke rising from hide. Right Cow with bar-o-bar brand on side.

Kodak pictures of branding on Fort Leonard Wood courtesy of Bob and Dormalee Morgan.

formerly stood. Construction is moving along rapidly.

### July 8 WAYNESVILLE MEMORIAL AIRPARK LEASED TO ST. LOUISIANS

Arrangements were discussed at the regular meeting of the City aldermen for the leasing of Waynesville Memorial Airpark to two St. Louisians for the operation of and the maintenance of the airport for the next five years with the option of renewing the lease if agreeable to both parties...

[Waynesville's eastern city limit is at Highway F on the south side of Route 66. There lies a large expanse of flat ground stretching southwestward. Today, you see soccer and baseball fields. On May 27, 1947, the citizens of Waynesville, by a vote of 285 to 123, gave approval for the

issuance of \$25,000 in bonds toward construction of a municipal airport on this plateau. The total estimated cost of the airport was \$69,000, the balance coming from \$10,000 in state funds and \$35,000 from federal agencies.

Dru Pippin and Roy Wilson purchased 130+ acres that straddled Route 66 from an investment company at the end of the World War II for less than two thousand dollars. They deeded the small portion on the north side to the city to be used as a city cemetery for no cost. The remaining acreage on the south side they sold to the city for five thousand dollars to be used for the construction of the Waynesville Memorial Airport.]

August 19  
WAYNESVILLE SCOUT TROOP ENJOYS  
STEAK FRY AT PIKES PEAK CAVE  
Some forty young people of



The large opening to Pikes Peak Cave (aka Indian and Kraft Cave) had food stands in front and a dance floor behind in the large first room.

Waynesville, members of the Waynesville girl and boy scout troops, enjoyed a steak fry at the Gilbert Swanson resort at Pikes Peak Cave Tuesday evening of this week.

The troops were accompanied by their scout leaders and assistants. Following the meal the group enjoyed touring the cave and playing games.

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## AIRPORT DEDICATION

Lieutenant Colonel Edward S. B. Walker, Wing Inspector General at Scott Air Force Base, Illinois, will be the principal speaker for the dedication of the Waynesville, Missouri, Memorial Airport on Sunday, October 3, 1948.

Danny Willis is internationally known as a parachute jumper, parachute rigger, and instructor.

Jack Bishop "the know-how man of aviation" has the well earned reputation of being respected and provides precision aerobatics.

William Ross, St. Louis, noted aerialist trapeze performer, will perform suspended on a rope ladder below aircraft.

October 7

## THOUSANDS ATTEND AIRPORT DEDICATION CEREMONIES HERE

## Two-Day Event Huge Success

With ideal fall weather prevailing, thousands of people from all over the state literally poured into Waynesville Saturday and Sunday to attend the two-day program and Dedication ceremony for Waynesville's \$70,000 Memorial Airport, the first in the state to be completed under the provisions of the State Memorial Act.

The dedication ceremony held on Sunday afternoon culminated two days of festivities highlighted by a series of contests, aerial demonstrations and entertainment specialties.

The issuance of \$25,000 in bonds

for the airport was approved two years ago by the Waynesville voters. The state of Missouri, under the Memorial Airport Act, provided an additional \$10,000 and the Federal Government gave \$35,000 for the development of the airport.

The airport, Missouri's finest Class One Airport, is beautifully situated 3/4 mile east of Waynesville on Highway 66 adjoining the Waynesville General Hospital grounds with a view of the surrounding country

over Missouri and other states were registered. This number was considerably higher by Sunday with airport officials figuring that they had registered 165 planes from Missouri, Arkansas, Kansas, Oklahoma, Illinois, and Iowa for the two-day activities. At one time Sunday there were 135 private planes lining the airport field.

Saturday's events included a ribbon-cutting contest, won by D. C. Jones of Kansas City, first and

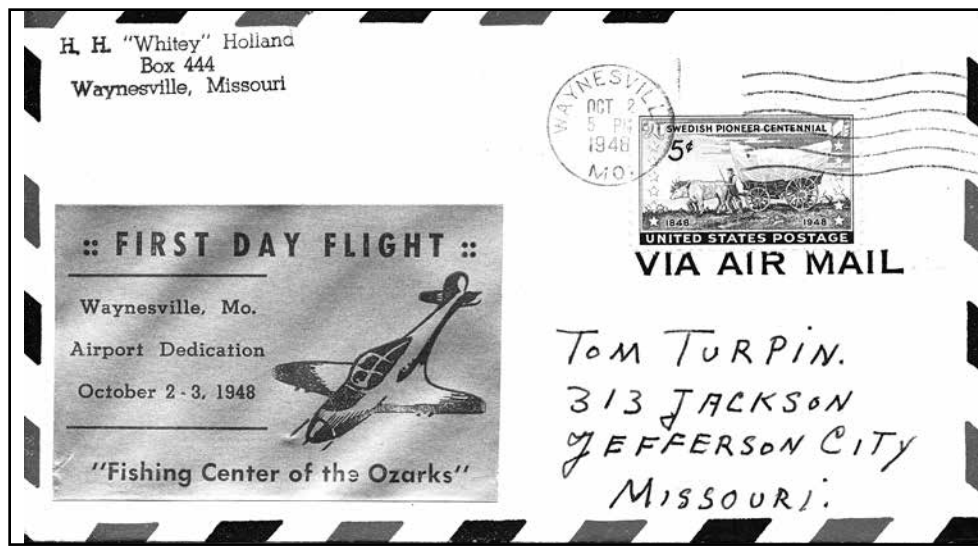
Sunday's program started off with a breakfast at the Pippin Place for members of the Missouri Aviation Operators and Ozark Flying Breakfast Club members.

The crowd for the Sunday afternoon Dedication program and show has been estimated at around seven or eight thousand people. A crowd of three thousand or more jammed the space in front of the airport's administration building and hundreds more watched from cars lining Highway 66 for over a mile at the north edge of the 'port. Others were watching from the General Hospital road and scattered over the territory around the field.

No mishaps were reported, however a Fort Leonard Wood crash truck, three ambulances and three air ambulances were standing by. No highway accidents were reported although the traffic was heavy but was handled efficiently by the Highway Patrol and local officers.

The crowd for the afternoon program began arriving long before noon and milled around patiently under the cloudless sky waiting for the program which was delayed by a half hour to begin. A cool breeze directly down the 2,500 foot runway made you keep the coats buttoned until mid-afternoon.

Included in the dedication ceremonies were short talks by Mayor Carl O. Anderson of Waynesville, Congressman Parke Banta, Barker Young, Macon, Missouri, contractor



that is unexcelled. The port includes a 2,700 foot all-weather macadam east-west runway and administration building that includes modern facilities for transient pilots. The airport was described by pilots and visitors as being handsome and convenient.

Most of Saturday was spent registering private pilots that began arriving early that day and by five that afternoon 72 pilots from all

Raymond Law, Eldon, second, and a spot landing contest, won by Bruce Crocker, first, and Ralph Clark, second.

A trout fishing derby on the Roubidoux River was also held with 80 anglers registering for the two days. Charles Geuff of St. Louis taking the prize for catching the largest trout that measured seventeen inches long and weighed one pound and fourteen ounces.

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and builder of the airport, and Lt. Col. Edward Walker, Wing Inspector General at Scott Field Air Base, Ill.

The state patrol's plane-to-car demonstration, relayed through the airport loud speaker, was just getting underway when it was drowned out by eight low-flying National Guard F-51s.

Those planes, together with more than a score of Marine ships and three Air Force B-29s, gave the crowd its biggest thrill.

Johnny Gartrell, a Kansas City private pilot whose hobby is emceeing air shows, had enough lung power left to match the roar of the military planes as they swept over the field, despite the fact he had chattered incessantly since early morning.

The afternoon activities were climaxed by aerobatics performed by Jack Bishop, of Kansas City, a member of the Jackson County sheriff's air squadron and a precision parachute jump by Danny Willis, also of Kansas City.



Above Officials of the Flying Service and Army arrive.  
Below The crowd gathers for the dedication.



Above The opening program begins with introductions.  
Below State officials refuel for return trip to Jeff City.



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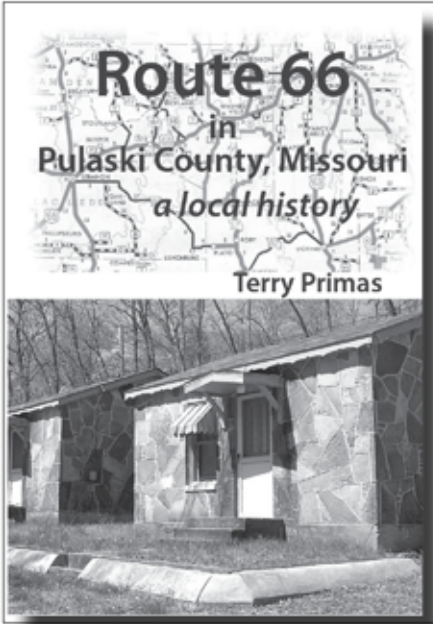
**1948 Waynesville School Board**

**Top (l-r) Claude Rigsby, Albert Decker, Clarence Hensley.**  
**Bottom Orville Laughlin, Roy Wilson, Hugh Cochran**  
from *The Tige* 1948, Waynesville yearbook

These gentlemen had the task of managing the contracting school district during the postwar years. Enrollment decreased rapidly after the closing of Fort Leonard Wood. There were 23 students in the senior class in 1948 after 28 graduates in 1947. Graduates hit a high mark in 1945 with 43. The faculty numbered 23 for all grades in 1945 but was pared to 14 in 1948. The high school in Swedeborg closed in 1948.



Superintendent Cecil Elliott



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