

One Room School House

Although a thing of the past, the one room school house still resides in a fond place in the heart of those who attended one. These rural centers of learning have faded from the scene, but the Old Settlers' Gazette some years ago happened upon a newspaper article in the Pulaski County Democrat in 1902 that listed Pulaski County schools, teachers, and monthly salaries. A reprinting here of the list not only recalls the names of the schools, mostly of the one room variety, but also identifies our turn-of-the-century educators.

Ralph Hutcheson (Black Gnat) \$32.50, Sam Rollins (Waymire) \$30.00, Jason Stebbins (Hawkeye) \$30.00, Robert Green (Crocker) \$45.00, Effie Phillips (Democrat Ridge) \$30, G. W. Phillips (Bayou) \$40.00, Joseph Coogan (Rolling Heath) \$25.00, George L. Cole (Dixon) \$70.00, W. A. Underwood (Racket) \$23.00, John Ichord (Hopewell) \$20.00, L. J. Gladden (Fairview) \$30.00, Harley Manes (Dublin) \$22.50, Lela Case (Shepherd) \$22.50, W. A. Russell (Dyers) \$30.00, Columbus Christeson (Mossy Springs) \$25.00, Hattie Brambley (Pleasant Grove) \$20.00, Lucy Frock (Swedeborg) \$25.00, Olive King (Hilton) \$20.00, Dora B. Miller (Dixon) \$30.00, Ida Anderson (Shockley) \$25.00, Lizzie Parsons (Lewis) \$27.50, Vesta Lumpkin (Waynesville) \$25.00, W. A. Lumpkin (Waynesville) \$50.00, Bertha Allen (Pisgah) \$30.00, Ida Russell (Franks) \$30.00, Bert Sewell (Burnett) \$30.00, George Johnson (Low Gap) \$20.00, Clara Thornsberry (Miller) \$25.00, Will Ichord (Baldrige) \$20.00, Enoch Matthews (Needmore) \$27.50, William Wood (Mount Salem) \$25.00, S. B. Sneed (Baldrige) \$25.00, Sallie Bradford (Union) \$25.00, Mila York (Moro Castle) \$20.00, Edwin Bryant (High Point) \$25.00, Roy Porter (Kelso) \$27.50, C. W. Steward (Bates) \$25.00, Harley Dye (Mays) \$22.00, Alvah Pippin (Hazel Green) \$25.00, Vivia Anderson (Fox Crossing) \$18.00, William Hess (Cave Springs) \$25.00, Walter Allen (Cross Roads) \$25.00, Lester Bailey (Lone Star) \$30.00, Robert Gray (Cowan) \$30.00, Maggie Thompson (Swedeborg) \$23.00, William Mitchell (Bear Ridge) \$28.00, O. B. Vaughan (Bailey) \$30.00, S. J. Creasy (Swedeborg) \$27.00, A. A. Decker (Brown) \$45.00, David Hand (Dixon) \$30.00, Mattie Patrick (Black Bird) \$25.00, Grace Zumwalt (Eureka) \$20.00, Marion Vaught (Davis) \$29.00, Will La Fever (Palace) \$25.00, Rosco Harrison (Oklahoma) \$30.00, Leona Bracket (Riverdale) \$25.00, George Zumwalt (Buzzard Roost) \$28.75, William C. Black (Hickory Grove) \$30.00, Harry G. Sewell (Hooker) \$33.50, Gus Whittington (Independence) \$35.00,

D. D. Greenstreet (Hamilton) \$30.00, and Frank Manes (Center Point) \$20.00.

These teachers and 16 other people attended the Pulaski County Teach-

ers' Institute in July of 1902. Those listed as looking for a school at which to teach were Cloa Davis, Charlie Case, John Zumwalt, Hattie Mitchell, Edith Hobbs, Charlie Wheeler, Ernest

Christeson, Seba Baker, Livella Breeden, Etta Adkinson, Jennie E. Bailey, James Lane, Lela Davis, Francis M. Gove, Mae Kerr, and Phena Long.

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incorporated as a village May 18, 1911, and as a city of the fourth class November, 1912.

The first school building was erected in 1870 and stood near where the Ozark hotel now stands. It was a small one room log building

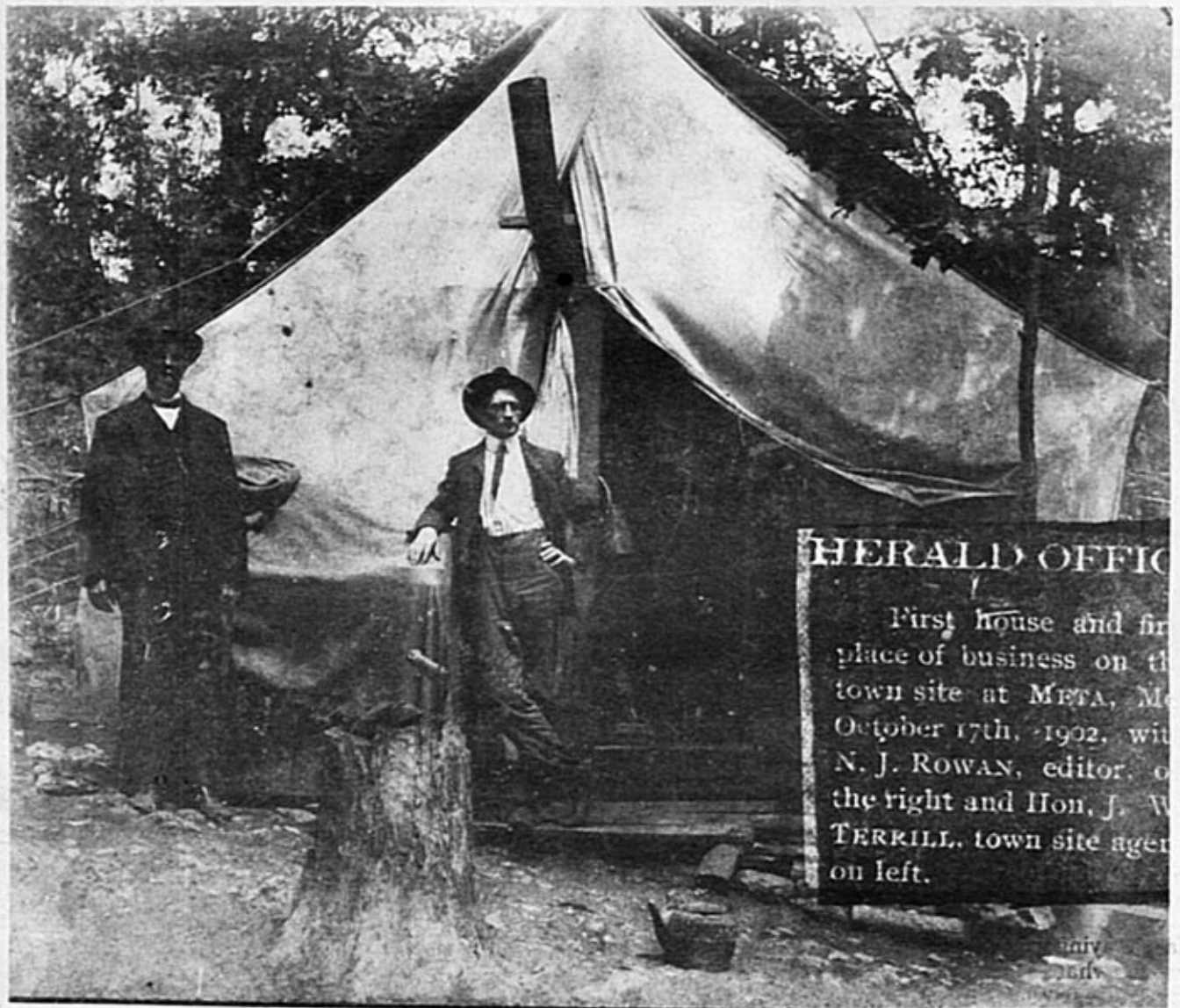
and school was in session about four months of each year. A few years later a two room frame building was constructed in the northeast corner of where the cemetery now is.

Until some 40 or 50 years ago there were no church buildings in

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Crocker, meetings being held in brush arbors or log cabins, but as the town grew the people realized the need for churches. The Presbyterian was built first...the Christian was second...and the Baptist (followed).

Meta, Missouri



META, MISSOURI Sign proclaims the tent to be the "Herald Office. First house and first place of business on the town site of Meta, Mo., October 17th, 1902, with N.J. Rowan, editor, on the right and Hon. J.W. Terrill, town site agent on left." Courtesy of Historical Society of Maries County.