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The Society meets the fourth Friday of each month, except for the month of December. There is a program presented at each meeting.

Each membership entitles you to receive the Quarterly four times a year--SUMMER, FALL, WINTER, SPRING (4 Issues). You may also, use the Archives Room in the Presbyterian Church Building which the Society maintains--however, access to the Archives Room is by contact to one of the Officers listed above--if you plan to visit the Archives you may want to contact one of them beforehand.

Queries are also published free in the Quarterly to members of the Society. Please send information to the Editor--Teresa Gallaher, R.R. 2, Box 975, Hayti, MO 63851.

A free book review will be given anyone who wants a book advertised, they must supply the Society with a free copy of the book to be placed in the Archives Room in the Presbyterian Church Building which the Society maintains.

Historical Societies and Genealogical Societies are invited to swap quarterlies with us. Their publications will also be placed in the Archives Room.

The Quarterly for this year and for the '87-'88 Historical Society Year will continue the same format: publishing for preservation essays submitted to the Society by residents or about residents of Pemiscot County. These will be supplemented by official records.

Some continuing articles for this year: Pemiscot County Marriage Records, Pemiscot County Cemetery Inscriptions, Vol. III, Caruthersville City Directory-1916, and etc.

The Index of Vol. XII is indexed on card file in the Archives Room. Historical Society members have access to Volume XII and all preceding volumes by contacting one of the officers, or a member of the Quarterly Staff.

The numbering of the pages in Volume XIII continues where Volume XII left off, be sure to save your copies to bin for future use. Any member who has no further use of their Quarterlies, the Society will accept them back for the Archives Room.

The authors of these essays have described to the fullest of their knowledge concerning the subject about which they have written. However, from time to time--there are others who can add to this information that has been published. Please fee free to send this to the editor as the Society wishes to collect and preserve information.

All efforts in publishing the Quarterly is volunteer.

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Cemetery Books are available from the Treasurer (address above)

We would like to hear from our members--what do you especially find of interest in our Quarterly?

Please help us increase our membership--wouldn't a membership be a lovely, thoughtful gift to someone you know who has roots in this area?

Society meetings are held at the Colonial Federal Savings and Loan Building (upstairs), 713 Ward Ave., Caruthersville. Come join us!

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LITTLE PRAIRIE CEMETERY - COPIED JUNE 18 THROUGH AUGUST 6, 1970

- 7 Van Lee Powell, MISSOURI PVT H INF, Oct 12, 1929  
7 Lida E. Powell, Nov 20, 1899 - May 22, 1900  
son of Byrd & Rosa Powell  
7 A. B. Powell, Feb. 20, 1871 - Oct 5, 1902  
7 Rosa L. Powell, Sept 18, 1872 - Oct 26, 1938  
7 Alma Blanch Powell, July 7, 1896 - Dec. 27, 1914  
  
7 Baby Powell, Aug 6, 1909 - Aug 14, 1909  
  
7 T. G. Powell, Apr 26, 1826 - Aug 28, 1902  
  
4 Martha Ann Prather, 1882 - 1952  
  
6 Cora Francis Pratt, Mar 27, 1882 - Dec. 31, 1942  
  
S Elbert Arnold Prewitt, Feb. 1, 1911-Aug. 22, 1912;  
son of J. B. & Katie  
  
6 John Boyd Prewitt, May 4, 1885 - May 30, 1968  
6 Katie Lee Prewitt, Sept. 18, 1889 - \_\_\_\_\_  
  
6 Ernest Ray, s.o. J.B. & Katie Prewitt, July 15, 1914-Dec. 24,  
1920  
  
5 Lewis Elmore Proctor, May 23, 1896 - Jan 10, 1962  
MISSOURI PVT GENERAL HOSPITAL 28, WORLD WAR I  
  
S W. A. Pullam, 1874 - 1943  
  
6 Annie Pearl Pullium, July 31, 1888 - Nov. 23, 1932  
  
6 Wess Pullium, Feb. 4, 1881 - Nov. 18, 1922  
  
7 Monita Putnam, d.o. May & J.C., May 21, 1930 -  
June 1, 1932  
  
S Samuel Rader, Nov 1910 - Oct 29, 1929  
S (a stone by this one that can't read)  
  
S Rube Ramsey, s.o. Sam & Susie, Nov. 13, 1912-June 10, 1915  
OR/AND  
S Ruby, d.o. Sam & Susie Ramsey, Nov. 13, 1912-June 10, 1915  
  
2 Bossie Mae Ramsey, Apr 26, 1887 - Feb 13, 1934

7 Eugene C. Randolph, Sept 29, 1856 - Feb. 21, 1919  
7 Althea Randolph, his wife, Jan. 27, 1861 - June 30, 1951  
7 Clyde I. Randolph, their son, June 18, 1885 - Feb. 24, 1899  
7 father Randolph, died June 13, 1907, age 80yrs 29 days  
7 mother Randolph, died Dec. 8, 1910, age 75yrs 2mos 27das  
  
8 D. P. (Port) Randolph, 1890 - 1951  
  
8 Wm. Nelson Rankin, Mar. 8, 1889 - \_\_\_\_\_  
8 Alice Rankin, Nov 16, 1886 - \_\_\_\_\_  
8 Dorothy Ann Rankin, Sept 25, 1925 - \_\_\_\_\_  
  
S Mac E. Rayner, July 31, 1886 - June 10, 1943  
S Katie Rayner, Feb. 11, 1886 - July 16, 1959  
S Harvey Evans Rayner, Apr 27, 1911 - Sept 28, 1911  
son of M.E. & Golden Rayner  
  
6 William B. Rayburn, Oct 1, 1867 - Jan. 13, 1944  
6 Georgia G. Rayburn, Dec. 24, 1875 - Aug. 19, 1963  
  
S Sennia Reagan, Jan. 2, 1876 - Dec. 30, 1921  
  
2 Nancy Ann Phipps Reardon, Aug 16, 1870 - May 7, 1961  
2 John A. Reardon, Jan 17, 1861 - May 8, 1927  
  
S Mary Reasoner, Oct 28, 1866 - May 6, 1927  
  
S J. A. Reaves, died Dec 30, 1917  
  
S Joe Reed, Feb. 15, 1875 - Aug 9, 1931  
S Annie Reed, Nov 22, 1885 - Dec. 1, 1957  
"Anson Josiah and his beloved wife Annie"  
  
C John S. Reed, CO. G. 2 TENN INF, SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR  
C Josiah Reed, Oct 19, 1834 - June 8, 1910  
  
1 Joseph W. Reed, Dec. 1, 1871 - Mar 11, 1915  
1 Mary Lula Reed, May 25, 1878 - Nov 27, 1947  
  
2 Roscoe Reed, Dec. 2, 1892 - Aug. 19, 1959  
TEXAS CPL CO B 126 ENGINEERS, WORLD WAR I  
  
7 Amanda Darnell Reed, Feb. 8, 1880 - May 12, 1914, mother  
7 Clyde Reed, April 1901 - Dec 19, 1902, s.o. (G.W.?) & M.E.  
7 Joseph J. Reed, s.o. G.W. & M.E., Sept. 27, 1902 - Dec. 27, 1903  
  
8 Frank J. Reed, Oct 17, 1904 - Apr 26, 1959  
MISSOURI PFC VII BOMB COMD AAF, WORLD WAR II

- 5 Everett Reeves, 1877 - 1966  
5 Erin Reeves, 1880 - 1969
- 6 Albert Reeves, 1910 - 1932
- 3 Beatrice Ann Reichert, 1910 - 1951
- 1 Senter Wilson Reiney, July 1, 1880 - July 8, 1931
- C Mary, d.o. E.G. & N.D. Reno, B & D Feb. 7, 1911  
C Edward Reno, CO.G. 2 TENNESSEE INF. SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR
- 2 Loreno C. Reno, 1906 - 1944  
2 J. W. "Zebb" Reno, 1902 - 1948
- 3 Edward A. Rosch, Dec 10, 1928 - Oct 30, 1950  
    "In memory of our son and brother"
- C Carey Parks Reynolds, May 22, 1895 - May 25, 1946  
    MISSOURI HOSP APP 1CL U.S. NAVY,  
C Pauline, d.o. C.S. & Lona Reynolds, age 13y 2m 11d  
    Jan. 19, 1898 - Nov 19, 1911
- 2 Sterling Price Reynolds, Nov 9, 1861 - Jan 13, 1968  
2 Eliza Bouldin Crews Reynolds, Oct 6, 1892- May 29, 1940  
2 Virginia Reynolds Joplin, May 12, 1890 - May 13, 1965
- 4 Edna Mae Rice, May 16, 1935 - July 4, 1965
- 4 William Rice, 1900 - 1955
- 6 Jennings Lawton, son of Robert & Addie Rice, 1901 - 1918
- 6 Robert I. Rice, Dec 19, 1874 - Sept 9, 1960  
6 Addie G. Rice, Dec. 15, 1875 - Aug 31, 1944
- 2 John H. Richards, Mar 8, 1892 - July 13, 1936  
    MISSOURI, WAGONER, 21 INF, 16 DIV
- 4 Robert Aroh Richards, July 31, 1890 - Apr 10, 1962  
    MISSOURI COOK 25 BALLOON CO., AIR SERVICE, WORLD WAR
- 6 Erbie L. Richards, Aug 24, 1897 - July 17, 1914
- 6 Bettie Sue Richards, . 1871 - 1934
- 6 Howard Donald, son of Charlie & Della Richardson  
    Dec. 1, 1913 - June 20, 1915

- 8 Janie E. Richardson, Jan 9, 1867 - May 3, 1950, mother
- 8 Arthur E. Richardson, June 22, 1904 - Jan 30, 1955
- 2 Ferdinand Wilson Riggs, Feb. 23, 1913 - July 4, 1915
- 2 Mary Alice Rives, June 30, 1873 - May 7, 1928
- 2 Earl H. Roach, Nov. 16, 1888 - Dec 17, 1956
- 3 Dr. Jesse Wright Robbins, 1882 - 1953
- C Estella B. Roberts, 1879 - 1960
- C E. Maury Roberts, 1874 - 1933
- 2 Ruel Franklin Roberts, Aug 7, 1900 - Mar 24, 1943
- 4 Henry W. Roberts, Dec. 27, 1874 - Aug 3, 1945
- 7 Sallie Cunningham Roberts, May 11, 1861 - Feb. 23, 1917
- 7 Franklin Davis Roberts, Dec. 25, 1855 - Feb. 18, 1918
- 7 Franklin Davis Roberts, Dec. 24, 1930  
MISSOURI PVT 139 INF 35 DIV
- S William A. Robertson, Aug 15, 1877 - Jan 2, 1929, woodmen
- 2 W. P. Robertson, May 22, 1876 - Nov. 14, 1936
- 2 Dollye E. Robertson, May 26, 1883 - Mar 21, 1945
- 6 George Leonard Robertson, Dec 12, 1857 - Mar 5, 1914, father
- 6 Lula Edna Robertson, Oct 12, 1858 - Apr 14, 1915, mother
- 6 Thelma I. Robertson, 1904 - 1962
- 6 William E. Robertson, July 30, 1875 - Sept. 27, 1930
- 6 Amy Belle, his wife, Oct 14, 1872 - Oct 9, 1923
- S Edwin Robinson, died Mar 26, 1903, age 23 years
- S Martha Ann Robinson, 1853 - 1904
- 1 Dr. W. S. Robinson, July 3, 1867 - June 15, 1919
- 1 Charles U, s.o. Dr. W.S. & F.A. Robinson  
July 8, 1900 - Aug 17, 1912
- C Maggie, d.o. B.E. Robinson, Jan. 5, 1870 - June 12, 1912  
42yrs 5mos 7das

INFORMATION FROM "PEMISCOT COUNTY, MISSOURI MARRIAGE RECORD 1882-1898."  
 Transcribed and Compiled by Mrs. Jeff Wade, Jr., R.R. 1, Box 66, Bragg City,  
 MO 63827. This book presented to the Pemiscot County Historical Society, in  
 memory of Timmy James by Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Wade, Jr. (For further information  
 about this book contact Mrs. Wade.)

- 1 296 Porter Fields (col) to Charity Stokes (col), 6 Feb 1891  
 1890 at bride's home 391
- 1 30 Michael Fisher to Mrs. E. E. Stancil, 6 Dec 1883 111  
 at office of Geo. W. Carleton
- 1 73 M/W. Fisher to Emma E. Stancil, 2 Aug 1885, at Fisher 12
- 1 79 W.N.C. Fisher to R. J. Hitice, 4 Oct 1885, 33  
 at res. of the minister; both of Butler Twp.
- 1 81 C. W. Fisher to Jennie Rone, 12 Nov 1885 12  
 at J. W. Fisher's
- 1 107 Michael Fisher to Mrs. Martha Rector of New Madrid, 12  
 16 Sept 1886 at M. Fisher's 12
- 1 195 M. Fisher to Mary J. Morgan, 2 Aug 1888 33  
 at res. of M. Fisher
- 1 223 Joseph Fisher to Lucy Wilbern, 21 Jan 1889 33  
 at res. of NESTE Hodge
- 1 402 Carroll Fisher to Minnie B. Thompson, 18 Dec 1892 33  
 at Jess Thompson's
- 1 429 William Fisher to Maggie Stanfield, 12 Sept 1893 33  
 at P. L. Lane's
- 2 20 G. E. Fisher to Cyntha Dunn, issued 27 Sept, filed 13 121  
 Oct 1894 (termite ate the date) at bride's mothers
- 2 33 Joe Fisher to Maggie Fisher, 16 Dec 1894, at Hue Smith 33
- 2 50 L. C. Fisher to Ellen Fisher, issued 22 Mch 1895 121  
 md. Mch 1895; filed 26 Apr; M. Fisher, father of L.C.;  
 md. at res. of M.B. Thompson
- 2 122 G. N. Fisher to Sibbie Barnett, 8 Apr 1896 at C'ville 50
- 2 195 R. M. Fisher to Ada Secoy un 18, 15 June 1897 131  
 at Caruthersville; P.A. Secoy, guardian of Ada
- 2 211 Milton Fisher to Sarah A. Mason un 18, 24 July 1897 —  
 at J.T. Hopkins, father of Sarah; md. by a M.G. name  
 not given



- 2 220 J. B. Fisher to Ida Damon, 12 Sept 1897, at Baptist Ch. 33
- 2 244 Robert L. Fisher to Rosie Skinner, 26 Dec 1897 35  
at Braggadocio
- 1 233 B. B. Fleming to S. E. Griffith un 18, 27 Mch 1889 49  
at Cooter; S. E. Sikes, mother of S.E. Griffith
- 1 135 Joseph S. Flood to Mattie Way, 15 May 1887 95  
at J. F. Hopkins'
- 1 412 James Flowers to Zada Way, 26 Feb 1893 at 8:00 p.m. 127
- 2 13 S.H.F. Flowers to Meda Macklin, 26 Aug 1894 13  
at house of T. J. Green
- 2 177 John Flowers to Mattie Pullam, 28 Mch 1897, at brides 34
- 1 77 William H. Foley to Mary F. Jones un 18, 13 Sept 1885 29  
at res. of John W. Jones, father of Mary
- 1 292 John T. Ford to Nannie C. Biggart, 30 July 1890 42  
at Cooter
- 2 20 H. I. Ford to Lewellen Garner, 7 Oct 1894 64  
at res of the justice of peace
- 2 78 W. H. Ford to Rosa James, 11 Nov 1895 at Covington 15
- 2 209 McCurgus Ford to Ada B. Alexander, 20 July 1897 111  
at E. G. Ranks
- 1 340 William Forsythe to Malinda Gray, 14 June 1891 57  
at the justice residence
- 1 163 John Foster to Miss Mollie Till un 18, 18 Dec 1887 33  
at res of M. Sanders; Mrs. Evie W. Dennis, mother bride
- 1 86 G. Fountaine to Rebecca Morgan, 24 Dec 1885 33  
at the residence of (????) Darnell's
- 1 181 A. C. Foust to Miss Cora Mix un 18, 12 May 1888 29  
at Gayoso Twp; Miss Mix has no parents/guardians
- 1 446 Thad Foust to Etta House, 21 Jan 1894 29  
at house of the justice of peace

CARUTHERSVILLE CITY DIRECTORY - 1916 (cont'd)

Wolf, Lee (Esther) c 1--407 E. 7th St--p 352  
Wolfson, Leon Clothing Store--215 Ward Ave  
Wolfson, L (Rebecca) c 5--710 Eastwood Ave--p 413  
Wolf-Wolfson Dry Goods Co--305=307 Ware Ave--p 125  
Woodard, Will (Georga)--303 E. 12th St  
Woods, Irene (col) c 2--506 E. 9th St  
Wright, J.A. (Emma) c 2--710 Ferguson Ave  
Wright, Will (John)--300 Carleton Ave--p 282

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Young, C.H. (Laura)--110 E. 8th St  
Young, Granvill (col Magnolia)--301 E. 14th St  
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of the productiveness of our soil, and these letters are no exception to the general rule in this county for good yields, for the reader will remember that last year was an exceedingly dry season throughout the entire corn belt, and cut our yield down considerably in this county.

**Climate** Southeast Missouri is noted for its mild and even climate. Located at the foot hills of the Ozark Mountains it has no tornadoes or hail storms. The winters are short, open and full of sunshine. The summers are long but the temperature seldom goes above one hundred. The average rainfall is 45 inches, and this is well distributed over the year. Good pure drinking water can be had from 25 to 75 feet and on account of this pure water, typhoid fever and other diseases which come from infected water are almost unknown in this county.

**Schools** There are 44 school districts and 50 school houses in the county. The teachers are well prepared, as is evidenced by the number of Normal and University men engaged therein. Thirty-two of the teachers either hold

University or Normal Diplomas or Normal Certificates. The aim is to have efficient teachers in all schools, thereby improving the schools as rapidly as possible. And too now under the new law, we have already organized a rural high school and others will soon be organized, thus enabling the farm boy to acquire a high school education right at his home, in which place he receives a course in agriculture.

**Churches** Both Protestant and Catholic Churches are well represented in this county and a very high class of morals are produced. As an evidence of this fact, there are no saloons in this county save in the two larger cities; and, although they have tried to get in at other places, they have failed every time to obtain sufficient signers to their petitions.

**The Investor** Pemiscot County presents a splendid proposition for the development of its lands to this class of people, the investor who is not looking for a home, but for a place to invest his money where he will be certain of good returns on the same, can scarcely make a mistake in this county, if he will only use common ordinary sense in making his investments. The investor who desires a home and who has sufficient money to purchase the same can find a home here where he will have all the conveniences of his old home, such as rural delivery, graded roads, telephone, schools and churches, and at the same time make more money on his land than he could on his old home farm, and while he is doing this have his land increase in value several times the original cost.

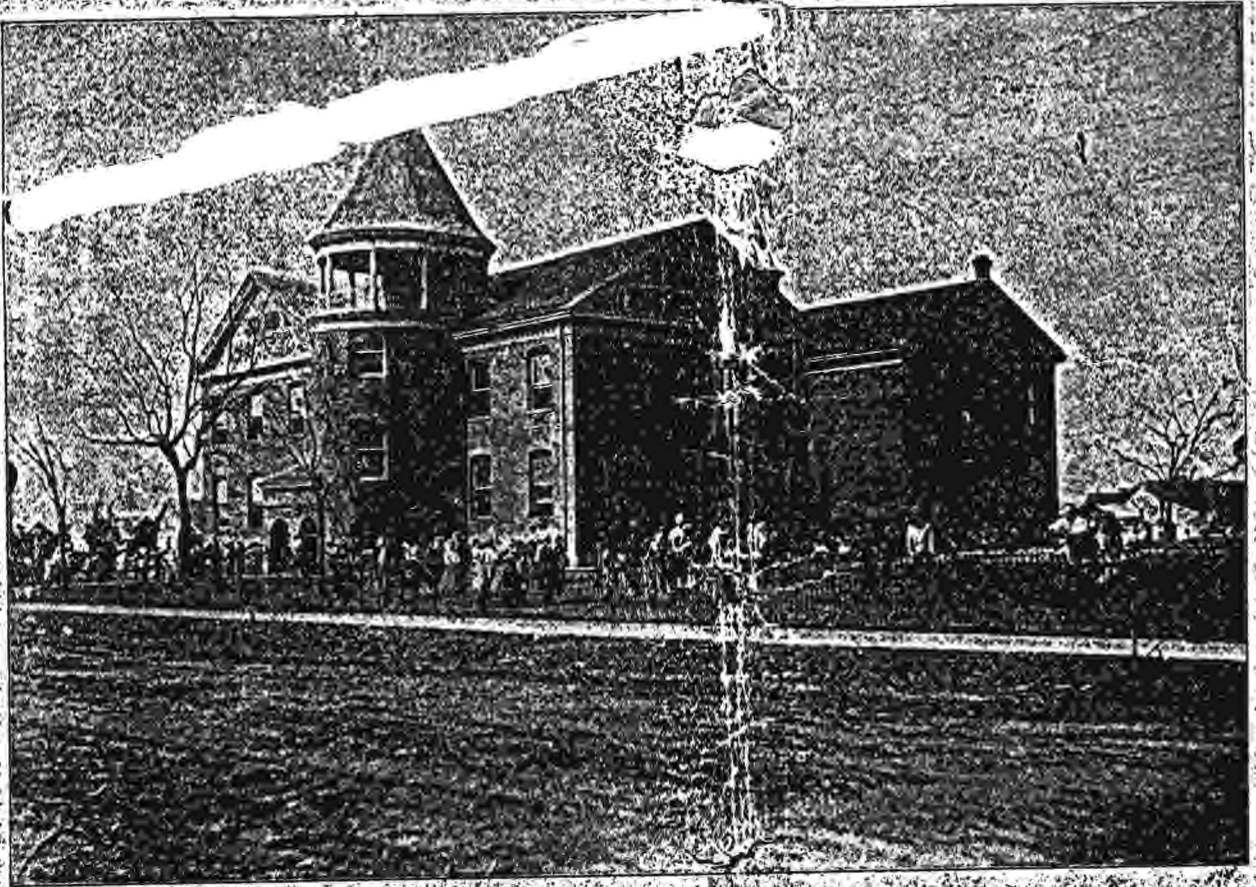


Rural School

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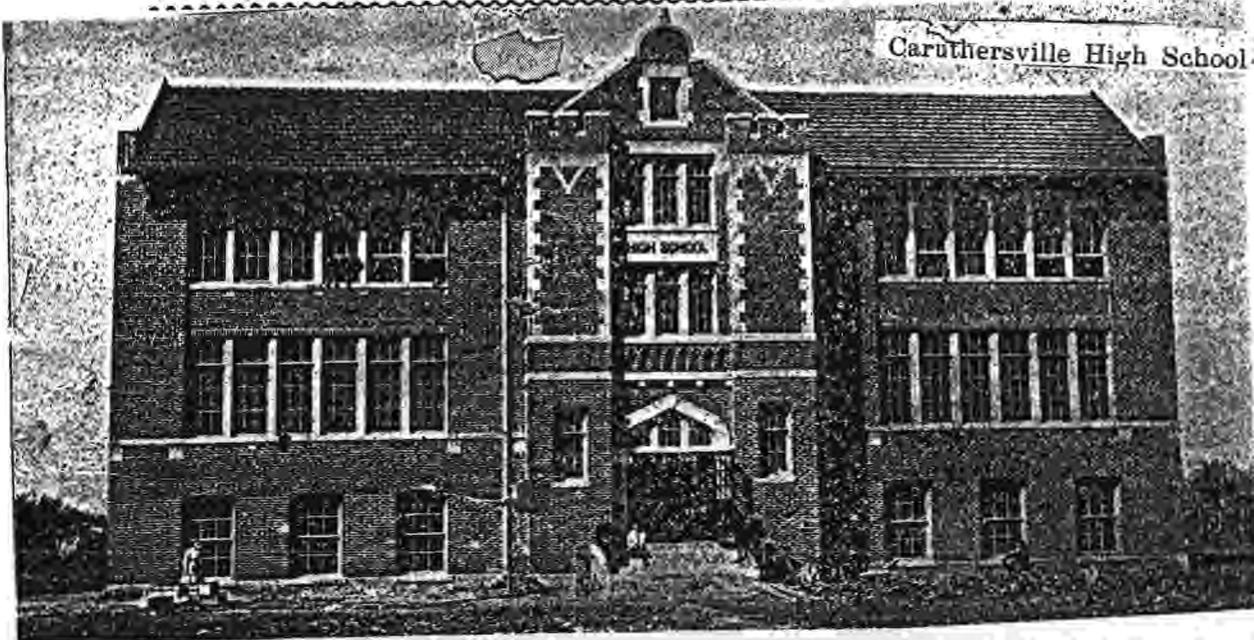
# PEMISCOT COUNTY

## SOUTHEAST MISSOURI



Caruthersville Grammar School

COMPLIMENTS OF  
Collins & Collins Land and Investment Co.  
CARUTHERSVILLE, MO. 1914



Caruthersville High School

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## SOUTHSIDE

- The original Southside building was constructed in 1949.
- The southeast wing was added in 1986.
- There are 19 classrooms on this campus.
- Southside has 1st-3rd grades and 230 students.
- 7th and 8th grade students attended Southside in 1949 when it was first built.
- 16 teachers are at Southside.
- Academic Super Stars who have B- or above are rewarded each quarter for this achievement.
- In 1947 the Caruthersville School board went through a condemnation procedure to obtain the land for the present Southside Campus and the Administration Building.

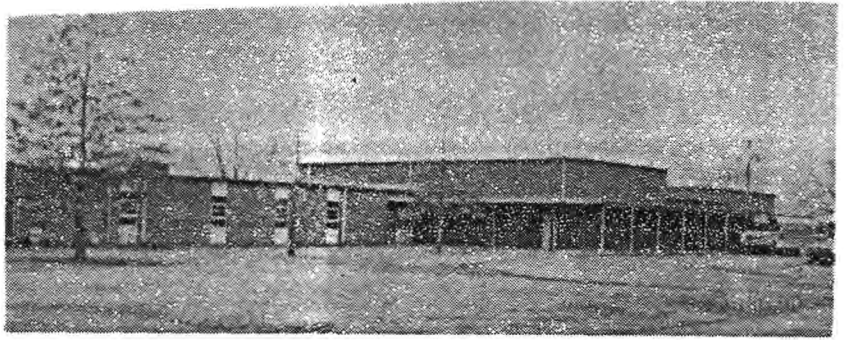


## HIGH SCHOOL

- There are 36 teachers at CHS.
- The first graduating class from CHS was in 1897 and had 4 members.
- In 1986- CHS graduated 111 seniors.
- 39 percent of our CHS graduates entered college over the past 5 years.
- 48 CHS seniors have received scholarships over the past years, estimated value of \$145,446.
- The average American College Test (ACT) score for 1986 was 18.8.
- The Girl's Junior Varsity H.S. Volleyball team was undefeated and Conference Champs in 1985-86.
- The CHS Football Team was Regional Champs and attended the State Playoffs in 1985-86.
- The CHS Baseball Team was District champs in 1983, 84, 85, and 86.
- They were in the State Quarter Finals in 1983, 84, and 86, and in the State Sectional Finals in 1985.



Our present HS building was constructed in 1924 at a cost of \$139,537.  
The estimated cost to construct CHS today is \$2,000,000.  
Three classrooms were added in 1986.  
There are 38 classrooms on the campus.



## WESTSIDE

- The original Westside building was constructed in 1956.

- The southeast wing was added in 1974, and the Lee Rood School was torn down.

- The southwest wing was built in 1977.

- Presently 850 students attend Westside Elementary in Kindergarten through 6th grade.

- There are 50 classrooms on this campus.

52 teachers are educators at Westside.

An average of 20 students, 4-6th grades, have an A- or above in all academic subjects each quarter.

- Westside School hosted the First Elementary School Variety Show in 1981-82.

# SCHOOLS

## WASHINGTON JUNIOR HIGH

- There are 19 teachers at Washington Junior High School.

- 295 students in 7th and 8th grades attend Junior High.

- The school was renamed Washington Junior High School in 1985.

- The first Honor Society was formed in 1984.

- A Student Council was organized in 1985.

- Accelerated Math and English are offered in this curriculum.

- The advanced English Class began a newspaper in 1985-86 "The Paw Print."

- Four of the 7th grade students qualified to participate in Duke Universities Talent Identification Program in 1985-86.

- The J.H. has basketball, track, volleyball, and football teams.

- The J.H. girls have formed a pre tennis team.



Washington Junior High was constructed in 1930. The south building was renovated in 1985. There are 19 classrooms on this campus.

90TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, CARUTHERSVILLE  
FEBRUARY 15, 1987 (by Jessie Markey)

February 15, 1987 was a great day in the life of the First Baptist Church of Caruthersville, MO. The congregation celebrated the 90th anniversary of the organization of their church. Special services were held, former ministers returned as well as former members. A delicious covered dish meal was served at the noon hour for some 500 persons.

The First Baptist Church of Caruthersville, MO was organized February 14, 1897 with 16 charter members. (Names not available).

Miss Virgie Bennett (later Mrs. W.B. Hall, mother of Miss Garnet Hall) said the small group met in the Citizen's Trust Bank at Third and Ward Avenue until the church building was completed in late 1901. It is likely that Judge B.B. Sanders, an officer of the bank, his wife and daughter were members of this early group.

With interest growing and membership increasing the group called a minister, Rev. N.B. Grover 1897. His ministry was followed by Rev. Allen; Rev. T.J. Duvall, Rev. J.O. Willett, Rev. Sanders, Rev. Church, Rev S.C. Reed, and again in 1911-13 Rev. J.O. Willett was recalled. Rev. W.H. Setzer 1916-1920; Rev. D.K. Foster 1920-1945; Dr. S.G. Shepard, 1953-1955; Rev. Guy D. Magee 1955-1959; and Rev. Howard Ray, 1959-1967. Rev. Ira P. Singleton the present minister came to the church in 1974.

A number of former members of the church who were influenced to enter the ministry, have been licensed and/or ordained by First Baptist Church. They are: Rev. Luther Williams, Rev. Bobby Shands, Rev. Orville Hooker, Rev. Joe Acuff, Dr. David Keith (in a special category), Rev. Kenny Bruce, Rev. Dennis Ball, and Rev. David Lewelling.

Rev. D.K. with his out-going personality, charm and extraordinary ability as a speaker was exactly what the church and community needed. His 25 years of service saw the church go forward in all areas.

The church welcomed Senator Harry S. Truman and later President Truman at many of their Sunday morning services during Rev. Foster's pastorate.

The Foster sons: Lowell, Welton, Waymon and W.H. "Dub" all graduated from Caruthersville High School. "Dub" an excellent basketball player put Caruthersville on the map in athletics.



Dr. Sam Shepard came in 1953 and stayed two years before going to the Foreign Mission Field in Portugal. He was followed by Rev. Guy Magee, and Rev. Howard Ray. The present minister, Rev. Ira Singleton came to the church in 1974.

A list of deacons who served with dignity and Christian fervor and helped move the church forward included: John W. Asher, M. Brent, Dr. G.C. Bishop, F.H. Blomeyer, W.L. Cantrell, Chas. Dorroh, Harold S. Jones, Gage Knight, A.P. Kersey, Dr. J.B. Luten, Earl J. Long, Roscoe M. Pierce, Clarence Posey, Chas. G. Ross, Judge B.B. Sanders, T. Ben Turnbaugh and later J.F. "Pat" Patterson.

Sunday School was graded and there were many good teachers: Namely-- Miss Nelle Lee Dorroh, Mrs. Virgie Bennett Hall, Mrs. Earl J. Long, Mrs. J.B. Luten, Mrs. Clyde Lonon, Mrs. Chas. G. Ross, Mrs. J.L. James, Mrs. John W. Asher, Mrs. H.H. Brown, Mrs. Ernest A. Long, Mrs. R.M. Pierce, Mrs. H.F. (Anna) Fricke, (mother of Mrs. John S. White) and Miss Jewel Williams.

Earl J. Long, Chas G. Ross, Harold S. Jones, R.M. Pierce and J.F. "Pat" Patterson served as superintendent of Sunday School at various times.

There was an active Ladies Aid Society many years. This group was the money-making group of the church. They served suppers, banquets, and had a food booth at the fair each fall. I remember my mother, Mrs. Fred Williams, making chocolate pies each day for the Fair Booth. Prime movers in this group were Mrs. J.W. McCloskey, Mrs. John Gaddy, Mrs. F.H. Blomeyer, Mrs. G.C. Bishop, Mrs. W.B. Hitchcock and Mrs. A.P. Kersey.

In 1940 the group was disbanded as the church voted to discontinue all money-making projects.

The W.M.U. (Womans' Missionary Union) came to the forefront about this time. Mrs. J.L. James, Mrs. John W. Asher and Mrs. Gage Knight were leaders. Interested young people were Mary Lea Dycus Bailey, Katie Earnhart, Mrs. H.H. (Grace) Pigmon and Jessie Markey.

This group quilted a number of quilts for the Baptist Old Folks Home Ironton, MO. The home sold the quilts and used the money for the benefit of the home. Mrs. Iva Landon, mother of Mrs. C.E. Hooker helped with this project.

The programs on missions--foreign, home and state, educated the membership to the needs and mission offerings increased.

The young people were well organized. A large group attended B.Y.P.U. (Baptist Young Peoples Union). Nelle Lee Dorroh directed the group. Jewel Williams was very active. She served as president of the local group, Director of the New Madrid Associational BYPU and held offices in the state organization.

The church did not neglect music. There was an adult choir, young peoples choir and a male quartet of note. The quartet sang for churches and revivals over the area. The quartet was composed of three Longs and one Medlin. Namely; C.G. Long and sons, LaBlond and George and Walter Medlin, father of Mrs. Hardy Privett.

Pianists who served were Allie Pierce, Green Bowman, Gussie Bennett, and Mrs. Chester Stephens. An organ was purchased in the 1950's and Mrs. R.M. Pierce (Katie Lou) had charge of the music for all services. In the summer of 1957 Jane Ellen Markey played the organ for the evening services until she left for college.

Dedicated, godly Christian people have always been found in the membership of the church and under such leadership the church has been able to serve God and the community for 90 years.

"We are glad we are a part of the Family of God" and glad we are a part of the past and will be part of the future of the First Baptist Church of Caruthersville.

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First Baptist Church  
Caruthersville, Missouri  
February 15, 1987

Ira Singleton.....Pastor  
Terry Clark.....Minister of Music  
Doug Boyd.....Minister of Youth

-Morning Worship-

Organ Prelude Mrs. Marilyn Boyd  
Call to Worship "Alleluia to the Lord" Choir  
\*"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" 40  
Invocation Keith Jean  
Prayer Response "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord" Choir  
Welcome of Guests and Announcements Pastor  
\*"The Family of God" (See words below)  
Special Music Doug & Peggy Boyd and  
Rob & Kelley Burg  
Greetings Luther Williams and Others  
\*"Standing on the Promises" 335  
Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings  
Special Music "No Other Master" Choir  
Message Dr. Sam Shepard  
\*"O Happy Day" 457  
Benediction  
Organ Postlude Mrs. Marilyn Boyd

POT-LUCK LUNCH 12:00 NOON

SINGSPIRATION 1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Solos, Quartets, Congregational Favorites, Etc.

THE FAMILY OF GOD

I'm so glad I'm a part of the family of God  
I've been washed in the fountain cleansed by  
His blood  
Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod  
For I'm part of the family, the family of God

- Afternoon Worship -  
2:00 P.M.

"Victory in Jesus" 475  
Invocation Rev. David Lewelling  
"Faith of Our Fathers" 143  
Welcome of Guests Pastor  
Greetings Dr. W.H. "Dub" Foster  
Letters and Other Communications Pastor  
Special Music Grover Paul Neal and Terry Clark  
Greetings Rev. David Lewelling and Others  
\*"Amazing Grace" (Fellowship Hymn) 165  
Solo "A Mighty Fortress" (Medley) Beth Singleton  
Message "DOING OUR HOMEWORK" Rev. Howard Ray  
Luke 24:47  
Closing Remarks Pastor  
\*"Blest Be the Tie" 256  
Organ Postlude

OUR RECORD FROM LAST SUNDAY

Undesignated Offerings	\$3,634.30
Designated Funds:	
Anniversary Offerings	\$ 1.00
Special Rio Mission Project	25.00
Building Fund	55.00
RAs Fund	5.00
Memorials	257.50
Choir Fund	20.00
Total Designated	\$ 363.50
Total Deposited	\$3,997.80

THE CHURCH OFFICES WILL BE  
CLOSED ON MONDAY,  
Feb. 16th



## “The Mound”

There is one spot in Pemiscot County where a centennial celebration could have been held many centennials ago—The Indian Mound. Next to Ol' Man River, undoubtedly The Mound is the most familiar landmark to Pemiscovians of this, and all preceding generations. What native does not recall this familiar legacy of a lost race? What visitor has not eyed it curiously while traveling along Cottonwood Road, which deferentially changes its course to sweep around The Mound, leaving it intact and unspoiled, about four miles southwest of Caruthersville.

The ancient race that is commonly known as the Mound Builders has long since disappeared but it left behind many of these laborously constructed earthen hillocks in the Mississippi Valley. Our Mound is one of the largest of these. It must have been a thing of curiosity to many generations of white men for the finding of ancient French coins on the site would indicate early European visitors, most likely during Spanish and French ownership of the territory.

The site of the Mound was acquired by the State of Missouri from the United States by patents issued in 1856 and 1866 and the first individuals to own the property were William B. Goble and Burrell Hill. These gentlemen paid a total of \$300.00 for 240 acres! Successive owners were Wyatt and Martha Mooring, Granville and Caroline Hayes, James R. Edsall and Green F. Anderson. Among Mr. Anderson's survivors are his daughters, Minnie Anderson (Mrs. O. C. Stanley) and Ada Anderson (Mrs. C. E. Murphy). Mrs. Stanley now lives just north of The Mound and Mrs. Murphy is a resident of Caruthersville.

Strangely, while The Mound looms high above the surrounding countryside its summit is five feet less than the elevation at the Maple Cemetery in Caruthersville, a fact which tends to disprove the common theory that the mound was built as a refuge from high water.

Some desultory exploration and excavation has taken place in the past and a number of pottery vessels and other artifacts have been removed and are in scattered hands. Recently, a scientific exploration was commenced by the Archaeological Department of the University of Missouri, assisted by the Missouri Archaeological Society. This has not been completed by any means but preliminary findings at The

Mound and at several other sites in the county have given rise to the theory that there was an extensive pre-Columbian, or Indian, civilization in the area and that The Mound was its capital and the likely seat of its government, and religious center. Further examination is expected to confirm this. A smaller burial mound southeast of the large mound has yielded for study more than seventy-five burials made approximately five hundred years ago.

Built of our good Pemiscot County earth, The Mound has stood for centuries to witness the progress of the county. Protected, it will stand for many more centuries. May we hope that the spirits of those first Pemiscovians who built it will see improvement in the future to match all that has come since they left The Mound.

### INDIAN MOUND

The Indian Mound, Pemiscot County, Missouri, is located on the line between Section 36, in Township 18 North of Range 12 East, and Section 31, in Township 18 North, of Range 13 East, approximately 1.6 miles South of the town of Game (Stubtown).

Section 36-18-12 was patented by the United States to the State of Missouri by Patent No. 3, dated August 22, 1856.

Section 31-18-13 was patented by the United States to the State of Missouri by Patent No. 8, dated July 26, 1866.

The State of Missouri patented Section 36-18-12 to Pemiscot County, Missouri, on November 1, 1875.

The State of Missouri patented Section 31-18-13 to Pemiscot County, Missouri, on December 24, 1876.

The Southwest Quarter of Section 31-18-13, containing a part of the Mound was entered by William B. Goble on January 30th, 1857, by certificate of Entry No. 480 for \$200.00 for the 160 acres.

The North Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 36-18-12, containing a part of the Mound, was entered by Burrell Hill on April 2nd, 1855, by certificate of Entry No. 185, reciting a consideration of \$100.00 for the 80 acres.

On January 6, 1860, Burrell Hill and wife sold a small tract in the NE¼ of SE¼ of 36-18-12 to Wyatt Mooring, and on September 6, 1872, the Hills sold to James R. Edsall another small tract adjoining the Mooring tract that adjoined the Mound.

On February 28, 1859, William B. Goble and wife sold their interest in the SW¼ of 31-18-13 to Wyatt Mooring.

On July 15, 1869, Wyatt Mooring and Martha Mooring, his wife, sold their lands acquired from Goble and Hill to Caroline Hayes.

On August 31, 1871, Granville M. Hayes and Caroline Hayes, his wife, sold said land to James R. Edsall, who had been the purchaser of the tract from Burrell Hill in 1872, shown above.

Between November 4, 1871, an April 3, 1877, James R. Edsall died, and the lands he owned were sold to Green Anderson.

In 1885, the administrator of James R. Edsall's estate made a deed to John A. Cunningham, who thereupon, through his next friend, Franklin Cunningham, brought suit in ejectment against Green F. Anderson for said lands. This suit was decided in favor of Green Anderson.

Green F. Anderson died on the 23rd day of June, 1905, intestate, and according to the papers in the Probate Court, left as his heirs, the following persons:

- Susan C. Anderson, his wife;
- George W. Anderson, a son;
- Cora E. Anderson, a daughter;
- Minnie L. Anderson (now Minnie Stanley) a daughter;
- Goah W. Anderson; a son;
- Ada M. Anderson, (now Mrs. C. E. "Pat" Murphy), daughter.

Note: According to the topographic maps furnished by the U.S.G.S., the altitude of the Mound is 270 feet above sea level. The altitude of Maple (Smith's) Cemetery is 275 feet above sea level.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 1923

## Ross Again Candidate For Superintendent

County Superintendent Chas. G. Ross is through these columns this week announcing himself as candidate to succeed himself as Superintendent of schools in Pemiscot county, to be passed upon at the school elections in April.

Mr. Ross has been at the head of the county's school system for almost a dozen years and by reason of his activities in this line he is known to almost every man, woman and child in the county. He is not a native of Pemiscot, but has been a resident here since his boyhood days—almost twenty years—and is one of the sterling characters which mark the high class of citizenship for which our county is noted.

He secured his education in the rural and high schools of the country and in the Cape Girardeau College, adding to this by special training in correspondence courses and a very close application to the business of his office, which is within itself educational. By training and experience he is exceptionally well fitted for the post which he holds and for which he is asking again.

Thrown on his own resources at the age of fifteen, Mr. Ross was obliged to work his way through school and vacations always found him employed, sometimes as a farm hand, sometimes as a timber cutter and at other times working at a sawmill or other public works. When he had sufficiently qualified himself and attained proper years he engaged in the profession of teaching and with the exception of a single year his teaching experience has been confined within the county—at Wardell.

For the past eleven and one-half years he has held the position of County Superintendent, having first been appointed to serve part of a term and being re-elected to the position several times since. During his tenure some idea of the educational progress of the county may be obtained from the following facts and figures furnished from his office:

The number of teachers in the county has increased from 82 to 174.

The total number of days of school attendance per year in the county has increased from 280,441 to 831,030. And it should be remembered that the population of the county during this period has been less than 50 per cent.

Well equipped and modern school houses have replaced old school buildings in every part of the county and other items of progress too numerous to mention have been recorded, so that from an educational standpoint, Pemiscot County now ranks well up toward the top of the list of the counties of Missouri.

Endeavoring always to lend a helping hand to the school directors and teachers in their efforts toward securing better schools and larger opportunities for the boys and girls of Pemiscot County, Mr. Ross has been a prominent figure in the remarkable educational revolution that has been wrought in Pemiscot County during the last decade. He keeps in close touch with every educational interest in the county and his whole heart in his work.

He submits his record to the voters of Pemiscot County and if they believe that he has been faithful in the discharge of the trusts heretofore conferred upon him, he asks re-election at their hands at the Annual School Elections next April.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 1928

## COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT BACK HOME AND AT WORK

County Superintendent of Schools Harold S. Jones, after an absence from his office of several months spent largely in a hospital and at his former home at Portland, Tenn., returned last week and is again on the job. He was operated on for appendicitis. The first operation was not a success and it was necessary to operate two more times. Recuperation was slow and although Mr. Jones is attending to the duties of his office, he is not yet a strong man. But at the rate of progress he is making, he expects to be back to normal in a short time.

## Hayden Hangs Up Record

J. R. Hayden, associated for a little more than a year with the Metropolitan Insurance Company in this city, received a well appreciated New Year greeting a day or so ago in the form of a telegram from the district superintendent at Poplar Bluff congratulating him upon the fact that he had headed the list of agents in this district in the writing of new business during the year just closed in the ordinary policies. Inasmuch as there are thirty-three agents within the territory and by reason of the further fact that this was Hayden's first complete year with the company, he is entirely pardonable in feeling a bit proud of his record, especially considering that he also ranks third in the writing of industrial policies for the year.

Mr. Hayden was formerly with the Citizens Trust Company here, remaining with that establishment steadily for eight years. He left them about a year and a half ago to go with the Metropolitan people, ~~and for no reason that he was unmarried~~, their experience being that married men stay with them better and do not leave readily after the period of training which any man should have in almost any new line of work. But his record with the Citizens Trust was convincing that he does not change about easily from pillar to post and results show that their confidence in Hayden has not been misplaced—and it now seems that he will not be put to the necessity of marrying in order to hold his place. It is our private opinion, however, that he might be open to engagements should there be any of the fair sex of a similar frame of mind.

Roscoe also was notified that he would be expected to attend a conference of managers and assistant managers of the company, on next Saturday, the 6th inst., at Poplar Bluff, which will close with a big banquet, with all expenses, traveling and otherwise, paid by the company, in partial recognition of his valued service to the company.

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## A Record in Sunday School Attendance

We believe that our very good friend, Henry Peter Thweatt, proprietor of the West End Grocery on Sixth street, is deserving of the prize this year for regular attendance at Sunday School. Last Sunday was "the end of a perfect year" with him, when he put in his usual appearance at the Presbyterian Sunday School, making his fifty-third successive Sunday in 1922—every one—not a single miss during the whole twelve months.

Not only did he have this exceptional record during 1922, but for the past six years Mr. Thweatt has missed only six Sundays from attendance at such service. Not every time has he been in Sunday School in this city, but if not here he has attended wherever he has happened to be on the Sabbath, so that he has kept his average up just the same.

We believe this is a record for Caruthersville and for Pemiscot county, and we doubt not that it beats 99.9 per cent of the population of the whole southeast section.

## SUEPRISE PARTY

A number of ladies, friends of Mrs. Marshal Reeves, gave her a surprise party last evening by all gathering at her home on seventh street. It was Mrs. Reeves' birthday, and was indeed a surprise to her, for she was preparing to retire when the crowd arrived, as she was not feeling well, but when they knocked on the door, all rushed in dressed as timid young ladies in short skirts, and their hair adorned in pretty ribbons. Mrs. Reeves soon forgot she had been sick, and immediately joined in with the bunch, and brought out a dress of her youngest daughter and put it on to look in harmony with the rest of the girls, and a merry time was had. The hostess received several gifts, among them being a baby fooler, and other little gifts to create a laugh. Refreshments were served rather late in the evening, after which the guests left for home.

## METHODIST SUNDAY SCHOOL

Christmas Eve night the Methodist Sunday School gave their usual annual Christmas tree. There was a very large attendance, requiring the opening of the Sunday school rooms to accommodate the crowd. An excellent program was rendered, after which three hundred and fifty presents were distributed to the persons there.

The annual report of said Sunday school for 1922 shows the greatest attendance and Sunday school spirit in its history. The average attendance for the entire year was 258, and the average collection per Sunday was \$15.54, there being \$828.84 collected during the year.

A spirited contest is now going on between the Golds and the Silvers, in which the Golds have been leading from the beginning of the contest until the last Sunday in the old year. They were on a tie in Sunday School attendance, but the Silvers out-stripped them in church attendance. John Riggs is Captain of the Silvers, and Mrs. Mathews is Captain of the Golds. The Silvers had a caucus Sunday and it may be expected that the Golds will have to put on some extra force and energy if they maintain their lead. The contest is to extend for three months, and at the end of which time the losers banquet the winners.

## Meadows-Goodin

Miss Pauline Meadows and Cleo Goodin surprised their friends yesterday by being married about seven o'clock by Rev. Foster at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Foster. The young folks have been sweethearts for several months, and the wedding, was not entirely a surprise after all, but was not looked for just now anyway. The bride is the courteous saleslady at the Keeps-Fresh Bakery, and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Meadows of this city. Mr. Goodin was born in Caruthersville, and is well known as an industrious and deserving young man. He is at present employed with the Item Biscuit Company of Memphis, and makes Southeast Missouri his territory. The couple will continue to make this city their home, for the present anyway, and will live with the groom's parents on Carleton avenue. They both have the best wishes of their many friends, together with The Democrat-Argus, for a happy and prosperous journey through life.

# PEMISCOT COUNTY CHRONOLOGY

Major Happenings of 1936 as Recorded in Files of  
The Democrat-Argus

Oct. 16—Ninth District Convention of the Federated Women's Clubs in Missouri is held in Caruthersville.

Oct. 16—The B. Frank Craddock Canning Factory in this city begins operations, canning about 300 cases of beans during the first two days.

Oct. 20—Rust cotton picker is demonstrated on the Rowland and VanAusdall plantation near Netherlands.

Oct. 21—Federal government's allotments toward Public Works Administration in Pemiscot county reached the sum of \$124,028 for non-Federal public improvements.

Oct. 21—Clients of Old Age Assistance in this county are notified of \$2 increase per month in pension payments.

Oct. 22—Lon Chaney "unmasks" the Masked Marvel (Johnny Larue) at the Legion wrestling arena here but loses the match.

Oct. 29—A heavy frost, the first one of the winter, is reported.

Nov. 3—The WPA sewer project on Bushey avenue and east to Franklin avenue near the Frisco railroad here is completed.

Nov. 3—Roosevelt carries forty-six states in Democratic landslide that resulted in a majority of 4000 Democratic votes in Pemiscot county.

Nov. 8—The Pemiscot County American Legion Post entertains the "Fourteenth District" in an Armistice Day celebration. Announcement is made that the Southeast Missouri district has 1600 active members and is working toward a goal of 2000 to 2500 members.

Nov. 10—Prosecuting Attorney R. W. Hawkins opens drive against roadhouses and dance halls operating "Outside the Law".

Nov. 11—County Red Cross Roll

Nov. 23—The South End Boosters Club is organized in this city.

Nov. 30—Main business thoroughfares in Caruthersville are decorated for the Christmas holidays.

Nov. 30—County agent announces that Pemiscot county cotton farmers can boost their annual income \$250,000 by using pure staple seed.

Dec. 1—Rehabilitation collections under J. J. Richardson here lead the district, a survey reveals.

Dec. 1—State report shows that Pemiscot county corn averages 25 bushels an acre.

Dec. 2—Four Cub dens for boys of pre-Scout age are organized in this city.

Dec. 5—Six prisoners escape from the county jail after cutting away two iron bars.

Dec. 7—American Legion Post gives annual slum supper at the Armory Hall here.

Dec. 7—City council adds two patrolmen to the city police force.

Dec. 8—A \$1000 improvement project on the grandstand at the American Legion fairgrounds in this city is begun.

Dec. 8—Final cotton report places production in U. S. at 12,407,000 bales, the largest since 1932 when the government's policy of restricted production came into effect.

Dec. 9—Cooter and Concord districts obtain full quotas allotted in annual Red Cross drive.

Dec. 10—Forty "Green Hands" of Future Farmers of America organization in Pemiscot county are initiated here.

Dec. 11—Plans are discussed by golf enthusiasts of this city and Hayti of organizing a country club.

Dec. 12—Announcement is made that King Cotton brings \$21,000,000 to Southeast Missouri this year.

Dec. 18—State officials announce that motor vehicle users in Missouri pay nearly a billion dollars in motor taxes in 1935.

Dec. 19—Plans for country club abandoned. Local golfers will use Gwin course under slightly different system.

Dec. 22—Fire Chief Victor Maloure issues warning against "Red" Christmas.

Dec. 29—Seven holiday fires keep local department busy.

(The End)

## PASCOLA

We are sorry to hear of Mrs. Daisy Marshall's baby being sick.

Bug Shaffer of St. Louis was called here Thursday on account of the death of his half-sister, Miss Lillie Maude Shaffer of Kennett. He remained over-night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Scott of Pascola, and returned home Friday.

Pearlie Fields visited in the home of Gertrude McKnight Saturday night.

Rev. Paul Beasley and family visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Scott Sunday.

Due to the condition of the weather the Pentecosts were unable to hold their regular Saturday night meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Bryson, who have been working at Flint, Mich., are visiting in the home of his mother, Mrs. Sadie Bryson of Pascola.

Ralph Montgomery, who has been away for six years, was visiting Mrs. Sadie Bryson.

Mrs. Gertrude Harden's baby has pneumonia.

Mrs. Becker Walker spent Sunday with her daughter, Iva.

The Pascola school closed Friday on account of high water.

The railroad company has been making preparations for refugees who have been coming to Pascola.

Mrs. Earl Back had the misfortune of having her chimney fall down today.

Seems as though the young folks are enjoying this ice and cold weather, the way they are skating around town.

## STEELE NEWS

Misses Elizabeth Huey and Virgie Travis were hostesses to a miscellaneous bridal shower for Mrs. Tom Burns, who was before her recent marriage Miss Rosie Wright, at the home of Mrs. T. E. Brigance Thursday evening when there were 25 guests.

Miss Anna Marie Millner left last week to spend six months with relatives in Tuscaloosa, Ala. She was accompanied there by Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Cook and children, who will visit there and in Florida for several weeks. During their absence Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Kersey will occupy the Cook home.

**Urges Members to be Present**

Mrs. A. L. Freytag, president of the Belle H. Bennett Missionary Society of the Methodist Church, urges all members to be present at the missionary meeting Tuesday night, February 2nd, which will be held at her home. She will be assisted by Mrs. Arthur Storms and Miss Swan Naylor, co-hostesses. An important meeting is planned, among other things some activity as to aiding in the local present relief work.

**Baptist Ladies Meet**

Mrs. Charles G. Ross entertained the Ladies Aid Society of the Baptist Church at her home Thursday afternoon with an attendance of twelve members. Mrs. Charles Gaddy read the devotional and Mrs. Roscoe Pierce, Bible study leader, gave the second study on the book, "Life of Jesus", which the Society now is using.

Refreshments were not served by the hostess, the amount involved being placed in the treasury instead and the organization in turn gave a substantial sum to be used in local relief work in caring for the flood sufferers.

**Bible Course Begun**

As a part of their program for which they receive credit in their church standard of attainments the Bible Study Class of the Presbyterian Sunday School met at the home of Mrs. Morrell DeReign Thursday to begin a 5-hour course on the book, "The Book of Genesis", Thursday. They met at 2 o'clock and the review lasted until 4 o'clock, thus giving them a credit of 2 hours thus far in the course.

Mrs. DeReign brought out many enlightening points which she had gained from supplementary matter and otherwise points which were most instructive. The other three hours of the course will be given in a day spending to complete it or perhaps in two afternoon meetings, some time in the future.

**Founders Day Observed**

The local chapter, DM, of the P. E. O. Sisterhood observed their founders day program Monday afternoon when they met at the home of Mrs. Paul Horner, with an attendance of eighteen members.

The program was impressive as presented by Mrs. N. C. Hawkins, the program leader, who told of the origin of the Society and why the day is observed, stating that to its large membership throughout the United States it is as important a day to commemorate as would be any similar occasion with any other organization.

A candle-lighting service was employed and a short biography was given of the life of each of the seven women who established the P. E. O.

The hostess served a delightful luncheon after the program, which consisted of chicken salad, fruit jello, hot rolls and butter, jelly and coffee.

**To Make Quilts for Refugees**

The Philathea Class of the Methodist Church, taught by Mrs. N. C. Hawkins, is planning to do a needed benevolent work during the next few weeks, that is, to make quilts for the refugees to take home with them, many of whom will not have bed covers when they return to their homes. They are requesting that the public cooperate with them by donating scraps, small or large sizes or quantities, and they will gladly call for them. Call Mrs. Lynn Smith and she will either come or send for the materials donated. The class will meet at 1:30 Wednesday (tomorrow) at the home of Mrs. Smith to begin this work.

**Make Progress on Quilt Project**

Beginning their project of making quilts for local refugees from the high water the Philathea Class of the Methodist Sunday School, of which Mrs. N. C. Hawkins is teacher, met at the home of Mrs. Lynn Smith Wednesday afternoon. They made rapid progress during the afternoon, beginning with several designs and color combinations and plan to meet again soon to continue the work. Mrs. Smith served light refreshments, a hot beverage, with cookies and candy.

**Entertains Missionary Society**

Mrs. A. L. Freytag and Miss Swan Naylor entertained the Belle H. Bennett Missionary Society last Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Freytag on West Eighth street, with a fair attendance, sev-

eral members of the city. Mrs. Freytag presided over a business session, in which several matters were discussed, one of which was aiding an aged negro Methodist minister who is in active church work here, having been sent

by the conference some time ago. Mrs. Tom Simpson had charge of the program "Health Work in Wesley Houses and Mission Centers", applying both to foreign and home missions, and was assisted by Misses Edith Tilman and Laura Belle Shepard. She also had charge of the worship and meditation period. Rev. Mr. Meyer was present and gave a summary of the fine work of the Red Cross here and of the good Christian people of the church, with especial reference to the emergency hospitals established at the Methodist and Presbyterian churches to care for the sick and ailing among the flood refugees.

During a brief social hour the hostesses served light refreshments

**Presbyterian Circle Meets**

Mrs. Chris Mahrle entertained Presbyterian Circle No. 2, of which Mrs. W. V. Robinson is chairman, Thursday afternoon, a nice attendance being present. Mrs. Morrell DeReign had charge of the devotional and gave the study from the "Book of Genesis". The program was omitted on account of the leader being out of the city. During a business session plans were discussed as to means of assisting during the flood relief work here. The hostess served angel food cake, topped with strawberries and whipped cream, and coffee.



# Counties Are Part of Missouri

## Why Dunklin and Pemiscot

(By Bud Dingwriter)

I was born and reared in Missouri and spent most of my life in Dunklin and Pemiscot counties, which are in that peninsula of Missouri which extends into Arkansas, commonly called Missouri's heel, and it looks like a heel when you look on the map.

I have heard various and sundry reasons given why those two counties were carved out of Arkansas and put in Missouri, but none of the reasons I had heard seemed feasible. Last fall, while I was in Columbia, Mo., for a few weeks, I had occasion to go to the Public Library to look up a small matter of history, and since I had always wanted to know why Dunklin and Pemiscot counties were put in Missouri, I decided while at the library to look up some history on that subject also. Chief among the reasons I had heard was that, when the surveyors were running the line between Missouri and Arkansas they roomed and boarded with a prominent widow who owned much property, both real and personal. One day the surveyors came in and informed this widow that the line between Missouri and Arkansas would cut her off and leave her in Arkansas. She registered a vigorous protest, giving as a reason that it was so unhealthy in Arkansas because of the mosquitoes and malaria that she did not want to live in Arkansas. I have heard many other similar reasons given, but they all seemed to me to be more or less a joke on Arkansas, which state seems to be the butt of so many jokes.

### History Replete With Facts

When I informed the librarian of my wish to gather data on the reason for Dunklin and Pemiscot counties being put in Missouri instead of Arkansas, she suggested that I get M. S. Davis' small history of Dunklin County and perhaps it would shed some light on the subject. When I found the history I felt disappointed. I was most sure I could get nothing from it about the matter, for it was a very small history, not much bigger than the old McGuffey second reader. Well I was agreeably surprised. It was chock full of information about Dunklin county and it was boiled down so that you did not have to read a whole book to find what you wanted. It was written and published only a short time

after Dunklin county was established, hence there was not so very much history made of that county at that time, so it could not be very large. Here is what it says about why Dunklin and Pemiscot counties were carved out of Arkansas, and it sounds reasonable:

When Dunklin county was organized, Missouri had already been made a state, while Arkansas was still a territory. The laws of a state at that time afforded one more protection in every way than did the laws of a territory. Three towns south of St. Louis had long since been established, viz., Ste. Genevieve, New Madrid and Cape Girardeau. A large highway had been built from St. Louis south along the river or near the river, to Memphis, Tenn. Large settlements had been made along the highway from St. Louis as far south as what was then Gayoso, the county seat of Pemiscot county until it caved into the Mississippi River. Much wealth was accumulated by many of the farmers and stockraisers along the highway and the river. These farmers shipped their cotton, grain and livestock by boat to St. Louis, Mo., where they found a good market. In the Arkansas Territory there was much lawlessness; cattle and hog thieves were in abundance and the officers of the law did not seem overly anxious to arrest and punish them, thus the large stock raisers in that state had but little protection. At this time there were many prosperous pioneers along the Mississippi below the main line between Arkansas and Missouri, whose interests were linked with the settlements of the north by ties commercial as well as social, and they felt that, as their position was so far in advance of other portions of Arkansas Territory and as that Territory was so lax about enforcing

the laws, they were entitled to all the privileges, protection and immunities which is offered by a State government.

### Walker and LeSieur Act

Prominent among these pioneers was John Hardiman Walker, who owned large tracts of land in Dunklin and Pemiscot counties and had almost unlimited numbers of all kinds of livestock. Naturally he was desirous of state protection. Walker was a fine citizen and very influential both politically and financially. Col. Walker, Godfrey LeSieur and many other influential citizens who were cut off from Missouri, by exerting their influence with friends in Washington, soon succeeded in having the original bill amended and the line lowered to the parallel of 36. Thus Dunklin and Pemiscot counties were carved out of Arkansas permanently.

That little history of Dunklin county showed some other very interesting facts, viz., that in 1885 the County Court appointed George Mott in behalf of Dunklin county to make a deed or deeds to 100,000 acres of low or swamp lands to the Cairo and Fulton R. R. Co. These deeds were supposed to be for the purpose of encouraging the building of that road from Poplar Bluff, Mo., via Dexter and LaForge, thence to Cairo, Ill. The Civil War began before the road was completed, but they did get the right-of-way cut from Poplar Bluff to LaForge. After the war the Missouri Pacific built the road on the old route as far as Dexter, Mo., thence to Cairo, via Sikeston and Charleston, which made a much shorter route.

### Kennett Had Many Names

Another interesting fact the little history shows is that the city of Kennett, which is the county seat of Dunklin county, was given three names before it found a name its citizens wanted. The story is as follows:

Kennett is on a rather high, rich, sandy ridge. The Indians recognized its advantages in times of floods and one Indian chief, Chilletacaux, had used the ground where Kennett now stands for his village for many years. Chilletacaux was a good man who gave no trouble to the whites and was well liked and very influential among the other Indians, chiefs included. He had built his village out of small logs or poles.

but because he was fond of cats and dogs he left several large cracks between the logs of his own home for the cats and dogs to go in and out. It is said that his place, swarmed with them. A man by the name of Moore bought Chilletacaux village, and through respect to that good chief named the town after him. The name Chilletacaux being so hard to spell and equally hard to pronounce, the citizens soon decided to ask the Postmaster General to give the town another name. They called a meeting of the citizens and decided on an easy name to spell and to pronounce. They asked that the town be called Butler. Their request was granted, but that name proved to be a greater boomerang than did Chilletacaux. Butler county joining Dunklin on the northeast, the name Butler confused the railway postal clerks and they sent most of the mail for Butler to Poplar Bluff, the county seat of Butler County, and sometimes it would lay in that office a week or more before being sent on to Butler in Dunklin county. It was thought at first that that condition would soon stop, but instead it grew worse until the citizens could stand it no longer and they again called a meeting and agreed upon the name Kennett, naming it after one of their beloved citizens, many of whose descendants still live in Dunklin county. They asked the Postmaster General to name the town Kennett, and he did.  
Campbell, Mo., Jan. 28.

A visit to the National Guard Armory, where more than 125 refugees are housed, a representative of this paper mingled among them and inquired as to what they could be reasonably sure of finding of their worldly belongings when the mighty waters subsided.

Among those from Black Island are Mr. and Mrs. Sam Boone who lived in a rather low spot and when the water began rising, moved to higher ground . . . land which was not covered in the '27 flood. But the water came on and again they moved, finally moving into the home of her parents, from which place they were picked up Monday morning. They report no loss of stock but all their furniture probably will be washed away by the time of their return, the water being more than 3 feet in the house when they left and rapidly rising.

## Interviews from the Homeless

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Cowan with their eight children watched the waters of the Mississippi slowly but steadily rise about them for about two weeks. Scaffolding was done as had been done in the past and the family thought very little of the chance that they would have to move out entirely. But the day came when stove-wood and food were no longer available as the water covered everything about them. Mr. Cowan "nabbed" floating logs and cut them into fire wood on the front porch. His mother, Mrs. H. Cowan, was called for by her daughter, Mrs. Albert Morrison, before the water became so alarming, and she with her son-in-law and daughter were carried out Monday. These families report the loss of no stock. Cats and dogs were left in the buildings in the attics of the homes.

A tractor was used to pull an improvised raft—that is, it was used after the raft had been pulled by the men folk of the neighborhood to a place where the tractor could run, in bringing out five families from the north of Wardell. The men waded, swam and crawled, dragging the raft after them until they could hitch onto the tractor. No stock in this vicinity has been reported lost, although two or three cows and a mule and horse or two, together with a few hogs, are still marooned with no food, it was reported by M. C. Flemming.

When the water had reached the top of the bedstead in the home of Mrs. Dan Sauls and two children, Mrs. Sauls and the kiddies took refuge on the bed. They were rescued a few hours later. Mrs. Sauls says she was more than ready to leave had she had a boat and some one to run it. The rescue boat drove through the door and picked them off the bed.

Rain and surface water forced a number of families to flee their homes in the Wardell community. Among them are Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Motley and two children who live six miles northeast of that town. No stock was lost.

Mr. and Mrs. George Ashmore and seven children, living three miles northwest of Wardell, were rescued when the surface water from the Flag Lake region surrounded their home to a depth of nearly two feet. One of the little girls, about 7 or 8 years old, says she wishes she had her two cats that were left at home . . . she didn't have anything to play with while staying at her improvised home on higher grounds.

The farm of W. N. Farnsworth is located on one of the highest spots in the Fourteen Bend neighborhood, and it was to this place they many head of livestock were driven. No water approached this knoll in '27, but 1937 has brought water to the upper part of the fence posts on his place. His large barn was the refuge of 17 persons who could no longer stay in their own homes as the water rose. None of the stock brought there has been lost by drowning, some of it having been swum for more than 2 miles in the icy waters of Big Muddy.

You've often heard of "pigs in the parlor", well, this time it's "pigs in the kitchen". Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Evans were fortunate in getting all their stock to higher ground before it was too late, except a 300 pound pig that couldn't move quite fast that the "liddle" fellow was driven up the steps (the house is about four feet off the ground) into the kitchen where he was given food to last him for several days. Mr. Evans says the water gets high enough to bother him on the floor. These good people have three children.

## Mirrors of the Past

(From Files of Democrat-Argus)

### THIRTY-FIVE YEARS AGO January 28, 1902

R. M. Crisel, Wednesday made himself author of an innovation in Southeast Missouri which by his performance proves the unquestionable and practical truth of successful drainage of the swamp lands. He lives at Como, some distance west of New Madrid, on the Cotton Belt Ry., the other side of the great Little River swamps that have recently undergone a system of drainage work, the main channel of the river having been confined to a ditch, dug by dredge boats, which is 40 feet wide and 8 feet deep. He started from Como to New Madrid last Wednesday on a mule and made the trip over dry ground (ground where heretofore 1 to 5 feet of water stood the whole year round) except the crossing of the main channel of Little River which he forded about 150 yards below the railroad crossing near Waring, in which he says he found a good sandy bottom and shoal water. Three years ago this would have been an impossible feat, and Mr. Crisel has thus blazed the way for road construction over the overflow lands of Little River and is the first man to abandon railroads or the primeval facilities of canoe transportation and demonstrate the advantages of drainage.

### TWENTY YEARS AGO January 26, 1917

The largest mortgage ever filed for recording in this county was placed with Recorder J. W. Green this week by Virg'l McKay of Kennett. It involves a consideration of \$385,000 and covers a tract of land in the west part of this county, comprising 12,835 acres.

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Under the provisions of the Webb-Kenyon law, whose validity is upheld by a Supreme Court decision, shipment of liquor into the state of Arkansas is forbidden, the order taking effect Wednesday.

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Mrs. C. W. Pemberton, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Henry Garrett, for a few days, left yesterday morning to return to her home at Sparta, Ill.

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S. W. Sharp of near Steele was in Caruthersville Thursday. Mr. Sharp was formerly a teacher in the county, but has been engaged for the past several months as soliciting agent for the Springfield Business College.

### TEN YEARS AGO January 28, 1927

The number of cotton bales ginned in Pemiscot county as of January 16, 1927, falls more than 3000 bales under the number at the corresponding date last year, the figures at the respective periods being 66,262 and 69,914. This is attributed in part to prevailing weather conditions and in part to prevalent low prices.

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The first meeting of those persons who are interested in doing work in night school will be held Thursday evening at the high school.

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Effective Feb. 1, H. C. May will again be associated with the East Arkansas Lumber Company as local manager, a place which he held for perhaps two years up to about a year ago. Since that time he organized and has been running a sand and gravel business here, and he will continue to look after this business also, he states.

## Cheerful Poem

The birdies will come in the spring,  
Tra-la;  
Soon they will be on the wing,  
Tra-la.  
Then we'll be in clover,  
Our troubles all over,  
So join in the chorus and sing,  
\*Oh, yeah?

—O. Dobyusea.

## QUERY

Seeking any information on my grandfather EARNEST BRUCE, who died about June 1914 in Pemiscot Co. He married DONA BRUCE c.1910-1914. Their son Wm. Edgar Ray Bruce was born 17 April 1914 in Tyler, MO. Ethelene Bruce White, 1905 East Vine Ext., Union City, TN 38261.

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