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The Quarterly this year and for the '82-'83 Historical Society Year will continue the same format: namely of publishing for preservation the essays submitted to the Society by residents or about residents of Pemiscot County. These will be supplemented by official records. The continuing articles

for this year--marriage records from Book #4, and Pemiscot County Cemetery Inscriptions, Vol. II. The Index of VIII is indexed on card file in the Archives Room. Historical Society members have access to Volume VIII by contacting one of the officers, and all Volumes preceding Volume VIII.

The numbering of pages in Volume VIII--continues where Volume VII left off. Be sure to save your copies to bind later on.

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

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SWAMP ANGEL SONGS

by Mayme Hamlett

THE PLAY PARTY

The play party was in full swing
As Joe and Marie approached the house.
They had come in a little late,
For Joe had to milk the cow
After he had come in from work.
From the house came the sound of stamping feet
As the crowd sang and walked through the actions of

Happy was the miller boy,
Lived by the mill;
Mill turned 'round with a right good will.
One hand upon the hopper and the other on the sack;
The girls go forward and the gents turn back.

Joe and Marie hastened to join in the fun.

"We're marching 'round the levee,"

They began, for somebody always wanted this game.

It was such a good chance to see who would choose whom.

Go forth and choose your lover;
Go forth and choose your lover;
Go forth and choose your lover,
For I have gained this day.

Then while the two stood alone in the center of the circle

The chant continued:

I measure my love to show you;
I measure my love to show you;
I measure my love to show you;
For I have gained this day.

Excitement mounted as the climax of the game approached;

This was the part of the game which gave zest to the whole party:

One kiss before I leave you;
One kiss before I leave you;
One kiss before I leave you,
For I have gained this day.

The games continued until early morning,

Then the young folks listened reluctantly
To one conscientious girl who who whispered,
"We better go. I bet Mr. and Mrs. Robinson are sleepy."
"Yep," the word went 'round, "Time to go,
We got to get up in the morning."

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Page 431, A.W. Fullerton, Caruthersville, Pen. Co. Mo., to L.A. Edmonson, Caruthersville, Pen. Co. Mo., at Caruthersville, Mo. by E.A. McKinney, Minister, 19 Sept 1905.

Page 432, Newt Landon, Micola, Pen. Co. Mo., to Mary Meadows, Covington, Pen. Co. Mo., at Gibson's School House, by C.B. Calvin, Minister of the Gospel. Sept 1905.

Page 432, T.D. Rhodes, Cooter, Pen. Co. Mo., to Vera Boswell, Cooter, Pen. Co. Mo., written assent of D. Boswell, father of said, Vera Boswell, at home of the bride, by John R. Kearney, Minister of the Gospel, 27 Aug 1905.

Page 433, L.F. Powers, Braggadocio, Pen. Co., Mo., to Maggie Bruce, Braggadocio, Pen. Co. Mo., verbal assent to G.F. Bruce, father of Maggie Bruce, at G.F. Bruce's house, by Frank R. Long, J.P., 24 Sept 1905.

Page 433, V.D. Laval, Cape Girardeau, Cape Girardeau Co. Mo., to Bessie May Ballard, Hayti, Pen. Co. Mo., at Hayti, by J.O. Willett, Minister of the Gospel, 23 Sept 1905.

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DEMOCRAT ARGUS, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1935

Dear Santa:

I am writing this letter to see if you have a microscope, a wood set, Buck Rogers watch, Flash Gordon siren pistol and a machine gun. Please bring me some nuts, candy and fruit. Please don't forget the poor people. You friend, Jimmie Pollock

Dear Santa:

I have been a good boy all year. Please bring me a microscope and police set, Buck Rogers watch and Flash Gordon siren pistol and a machine gun and lots of fruit, nuts and candy. Please Santa don't forget the poor people. Your friend, Emerson Smith, Jr.

Dear Santa:

I am writing you to tell you what I want for Xmas. I wish you would bring me an Uncle Wiggly, a fancy car, printing set, boy violin and anything for my father, mother, sister and brother. Please bring me some toys and bring the poor people lots of things. Your friend, Iris Smith. P.S. Tell every one I wish them a Merry Christmas.

Dear Santa:

I am a little boy five years old. I don't go to school but I will next year. I went to kindergarten this fall and I want you to remember my kindergarten teacher, Miss Mary Sprague and my Sunday School teacher, Miss Inez Lutten. Please bring me a bicycle, a top, some books, caps for my cap pistol, some boot pants to wear with my boots, accordion, skates, a tie, and candy, nuts and fireworks. Please don't forget my grandmother at Poplar Bluff. Your little friend, Billy Acuff.

OWEN VERNON WELLS

(Life story presented at the Pioneer Heritage Awards Program, Pemiscot County Historical Society, May 22, 1981)

Owen Vernon Wells was born August 29, 1894 at Cerra-Gorda, near the County Seat at Savannah, Tennessee, to Uriah Cuthbert Wells and Nannie Stanfield Wells.

His mother, Nannie Wells, died when he was about six years of age and at the early age of nine he moved from Tennessee to Steele, Missouri with his father, step-mother and grandmother, Mary Polk, with whom he and his brother, Mervin Wells, made their home until her death during World War I. His father engaged in farming and was a County Judge of Pemiscot County for a few years and was known as Judge Wells or "Uncle Bert". He, O.V. Wells, has MADE his home in and near Steele until this date, he is now 86 years of age.

During his teen age years and during his twenties he was a well known semi-pro base-ball player in this community and is remembered as a third base player by many, he is also known as "Little Man" to many since he is short in stature, or just called O.V., but to the younger generation, not only in his family but to his many friends, he is known as "Granddaddy Wells"

At the beginning of World War I he volunteered for the army and spent two years, most of this time overseas in France, serving at the St. Maheale and Argonne Fronts as a runner and carried messages to the front line and carried the message the day armistice was declared. During this time "gas" was used as a weapon and he was "gassed" and since that time has suffered from a cough that led to emphysema and his health is very poor at this time.

After returning to Steele and home from the war he married Ruby Pearl Lipscomb on October 3, 1919 and to this union they had seven children, Bert Owen, Melba Ella, Ryllis, Bayliss, Wilma Lucille, Vernon Wells, Jr. and Norma Louise. Ryllis and Bayliss died in infancy but the three daughters still live in Steele, Vernon Wells, Jr. living in Bartlett, Tennessee and the oldest son, Bert, died in 1973 with melanoma. His wife, Ruby, died of a heart attack in 1962 and since that time has made his

home with his youngest daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nicholas and they now reside at 118 Locust in Steele, Mo. He has eleven grandchildren and 13 great-grand children.

He farmed after returning to Steele from the war, living on the same farm until he retired and moved into town at the age of 65, but during these years of raising his family he would keep books at a gin during the fall and during the winter and summer months he worked in a grocery store.

He is a member of the Steele Church of Christ, a member of the Caruthersville American Legion Post, and is a charter member of the Steele Oddfellow Lodge No. 859, the only charter member living at this time. He was recording secretary for the lodge for 50 consecutive years and an active member until recently since his health prevents him from attending meetings even though he keeps up with the lodge work.

For the past ten years he has written the Lodge Notes and a local news column for the Steele Enterprise. He has always had a special interest in the people of this community and has always had a helping hand when needed.

His special interest from the time his children were in school has been the school activities and has always felt parent participation was needed. His special pleasure has always been in the local school young athletes. especially a fan of the basket-ball and baseball players from the time his own children participated, then he enjoyed his grandchildren and now his great grandchildren, and not only them, but keeps up with all the young people in their sports and even though he can no longer attend all the school games and functions he listens to all the games on the radio, he never fails to commend the players and their coaches and he has been privileged to have coaches and friends to come and ask him for advice.

His love for his fellowman is being reciprocated for his many friends, neighbors and loved ones are loyal in their love and concern for him now and doing all they can to make his last days as happy as possible for his health is very poor at this time.

Biography submitted by Mella Wells Poteet, his daughter, March 14, 1981.

NAMES OF PLACES IN SOUTHEAST MISSOURI, by Mayme L. Hamlett (cont'd)

Although they are perhaps the least exciting to the imagination of all the five classes, environmental names will interest the scientist. The native trees, the animals and fowls are fast disappearing, but in the place names remain traces of the once majestic forests and typical flora and fauna. As time goes on these features will become even more rare, but the record will remain.

Acorn Ridge, Beechwell, Cottonwood Point, Cotton Plant, Cuckleburr Slough, Long Cypress Branch, Sassafras Ridge, Sumac, Peach Orchard, White-oak, and Willowpole Bridge are a few of the 98 names indicating the flora.

The fauna of the southern section with its low, swampy land and many streams contrasts sharply the northern group. Duck Creek, Fish Lake, Goose Pond, Moccasin Hollow, Panther Swamp, and Possom Trot belong to the former; Deer Run, Doe Run, Buckhorn Creek, Otter Creek, and Castor River to the latter. Castor is French for beaver.

Names of minerals and soils include Copper Region, Granite Bend, Chalybeate, Saltpeter Cave, Silvermine, Gumbo, Bandy Ridge, and Black Island.

Of all names of this class the most interesting is Tin Mountain. There is no tin in the area, but in 1870 an Englishman named Stoker announced that he had found a large deposit in a mountain in Madison County. He interested some St. Louis business men, formed a company, bought the land, and sold shares. A community of 1,500 sprang up in a short time, and the company spent an estimated \$200,000 only to find there was no tin, so Tin Mountain is anathema to the many people who were gypped. There is no satisfactory explanation of the hoax.

Other environmental names refer to location, size, number, and shape, e.g., Chute 16, Fourteen Bend, Upper Cooter, Grassy Bayou, Dry Bayou, and Big Lake.

The fifth class is labeled either Subjective or Cultural names. Pleasant Valley, Harmony, New Hope, Liberty belong to this class. Concord is a good example from our county. Perhaps most interesting of this class are the Humorous or Mocking names given by the early settlers. To this group belong Pulltight, Shakerag, Cowskin, Needmore, Niggerwool Swamp, and Who'd-a-Though-It. The oxen and mules had to pull tight to get the wagons out of the deep mud holes so the community and school were called Pulltight. Mr. Charles G. Ross did not like this mockery so he named the school Maplewood.

There was a Shakerag in every county in the State. One explanation is that in rural communities when an itinerant preacher came by, preaching was announced by shaking a white cloth from the roof of the church

or school building. The story I found most acceptable for our Shakerag (Davis) was that men in logging camps, talking about dancing on Saturday night, said, "Let's go down to the corner and shake a rag."

There are two theories about Cowskin, one that when the settlers fled from the earthquakes, the cattle multiplied; and when new settlers came, they went into the woods, killed cows, skinned them, and left the skins hanging to dry, so that it was common experience to see cow skins in that region.

Dogskin is said to have been named by Braggadocio residents because an old hunter whose dogs were skin and bones frequented the area. These communities became known as Covington and Vicksburg.

Needmore, an early name for both Hayward and Nesbit, indicated that the store needed more supplies than they had. Niggerwool Swamp is descriptive of the swampy, grassy area where "grass is as thick as niggerwool". J.H. Morley is said to have originated the simile. The location of Who'd-a-Thought-It is vague, although at least three old timers knew the expression of surprise which gave rise to the name "Who would have thought anyone could live here?"

Braggadocio is thought by some to be a Personal name, a combination of Bragg and Docio, supposedly husband and wife; but Dr. Ramsay insists it is, like Gasconade, descriptive of the proud--even arrogant - early settlers.

There are those who say that if all records were lost except maps, the history of Missouri, or any State, could be reconstructed from the place names. Certainly, this essay has traced the history of the area through the languages spoken, the customs, and the people who have lived here.

DEMOCRAT ARGUS, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1935

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a cowboy suit, 2 packages of firecrackers, some roman cannons and candy, nuts and fruit. Please don't forget my sisters and brothers and mother and my daddy who is in the hospital. I am a little boy six years old. Your Pal, Billie Gillan. P.S. Santa, I have been very good all year.

Dear Santa:

I'm a little boy six years old. I want old Santa to bring me a cowboy suit, a tricycle, and a football, and lots of fruits and nuts. Don't forget my little sister, Peggy Lou. She is four years old. She wants a doll buggy, a table and chairs and some dishes. Yours truly, G.W. Fox.

Dear Santa:

I am a little boy six years old and am in the first grade. My teacher is Miss Edgerton. I have been a very good boy this year and now I'll tell you what I want for Christmas. I want an erector set, electric train, and a little car to ride in. I want some fruit, nuts, candies, firecrackers, and don't forget brother, dad, mother, sister, brother-in-law and Emory Eugene, and other kids. Your friend, Bobby Morgan.

Dear Santa Claus:

I want three things for Xmas. I want an electric iron, some fireworks and a bugle or a violin. I am nine years old and I am in the fourth grade. My teacher is Miss Kirkpatrick, and she said she wanted a lot of handkerchiefs, some boys and girls that would sit in their seats and some that wouldn't talk without permission. Please bring mother and daddy something too. Yours truly, Barbara Bloneyer.

DECEMBER 16, 1936

Dear Santa:

I am a little boy four years old and have been pretty good. Would like for you to bring me a tricycle, blackboard, leather helmet, football, drum, and lots of nuts, fruit and candy. Please don't forget my Aunt Verna. Billy Jack Davis.

DECEMBER 22-25, 1936

Dear Santa:

I am a little boy six years old and am in the first grade. I have been a good little boy and would like for you to bring me a wagon, blackboard, leather helmet, lots of fire crackers, nuts and fruit. Richard Lee Davis.

DECEMBER 9, 1936

Dear Santa:

I am a little girl seven years old and am going to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a diedee doll, a snow suit, cradle and some doll clothes, a blackboard, and my little sister wants a baby doll, a tricycle, nuts, candy, oranges and apples. Don't forget the other girls and boys. Your friends, Sue and Polly Hayden.

DECEMBER 18, 1934

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a truck with electric lights, and with a thing to roll boxes on it, and please include candy, fruits, nuts, and fireworks. Your little friend, Billie Cantrell.

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a football, a twenty-six bicycle, a sled, a hammer, a sack of tacks, a goat and a goat wagon. Your friend, Kirby van Ausdall.

ANOTHER LETTER TO SANTA, DECEMBER 23, 1924

(A young lady living less than a thousand miles from Caruthersville who is somewhat poetically inclined submitted the following for Santa's consideration, but was desirous that it should not appear in the same column with the letters of the little people. We hope Santa takes due notice.)

Dear Santa Claus,

Please hang on the tree
A nice looking man;
Yes, hang him there for me.

Hang him by his head,
Or hang him by his toes,
Just so he doesn't
Become indisposed.

I prefer brown eyes,
Although blue will do,
For I must not expect
Too much of you.

He must have a car
And lots of dough,
'Cause then, Dear Santa,
I could love him so.

Please don't forget,
I'll be waiting for you;
I'll be so disappointed,
If you don't come through.

E.L.D.

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L.A. Patterson

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Automobile Repairing and All Kinds of Machine Work
OVERLAND AUTOMOBILES
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Opposite Fenton Opera House

A Brief Historical Sletch
of the
HILLSMAN TAYLOR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

As an outgrowth of its study of Home Missions, the men-of-the-Church of the Kennett Presbyterian Church sponsored a tent meeting at Hillsman Taylor in August, 1932. The pastor of the Kennett church, Rev. J.E. Travis, called to his assistance Rev. J.E. Kerr, D.D. of Farmington. They, in turn, invited several pastors of nearby Methodist churches to assist. It became a joint meeting. While the immediate results were somewhat disappointing, the meeting served to impress the need for a church building and services, including a Sunday School. When the Methodist failed through the fall and winter of 1932-33 to take over the field as had been offered them, the Presbyterians renewed their interest in it. In the spring of 1933, the Presbyterian church of Kennett tendered to the community of Hillsman Taylor the material in a mission chapel which it owned in Kennett, provided funds could be secured for the erection and completion of the church building. This was accomplished chiefly through the Mo. State Life Insurance Co., which owned much of the land in the community of Hillsman Taylor. The three-room church building was completed early in June. On Sunday morning, June 11, 1933, Rev. J.E. Travis preached the first sermon in the church. Rev. Trigg A.M. Thomas, Synodical Evangelist, on the evening of the 11th, preached the first of a three-week series of sermons. At times the house was packed to its capacity of about two hundred and forty. Many attended from the Kennett church and aided greatly with the music. The heart of the community was deeply stirred and a splendid foundation was laid for the church of the future. On Sunday morning, June 18, a Sunday School was organized with 92 present. Mr. R.M. Tidwell was elected superintendent and Samuel Burdine, secretary and treasurer.

That the new Christian community might receive assistance in various ways from the Kennett church, instead of organizing a separate church at Hillsman Taylor, the session came out and, on the evening of July 5, received into the Kennett church the following:

By statement of membership elsewhere: R.M. Tidwell, William Sam Burdine and wife, Edward Morgan and wife, J.R. Hicks, F.M. Ostner and wife and son, Max Brown Ostner, Mrs. W.M. Richardson, Mrs. Russell Richardson, Mrs. Bart Richardson, Lee Robertson and wife, Jesse Robertson and wife and mother, Mrs. Martha Robertson.

On confession and baptism: Mrs. R.M. Tidwell, Mrs. Edward Tidwell, and three children of R.M. Tidwell, Lessie, Virginia, Richard; Helen Morgan, Pauline Hicks, Emogene Robertson, Grace Owen.

Eighteen were thus received on statement of membership elsewhere and nine on confession of faith. Four persons in the community had already been received into the Kennett church, Mrs. Richard Burdine, Mr. and Mrs. A.A. Owen, and Miss Ruth Whyte.

On November 19, 1933, the following officers were elected at a congregational meeting of the Kennett church, held at Hillsman Taylor: Messrs. A.A. Owen and R.M. Tidwell, as ruling elders; Messrs F.M. Ostner, J.R. Hicks, Edward Morgan, deacons. Two weeks later they were ordained and installed by Rev. J.E. Travis with the assistance of the Kennett session.

At its spring meeting of 1934, the Presbytery of Potosi authorized the Home Mission Committee, acting as a commission, to organize a separate church at Hillsman Taylor, "If the way be clear". It was ascertained that such organization would be agreeable both to the Kennett church and to the community. On the evening of April 27, 1934, this commission, composed of Reverends W.J. Gammon, G.L. Washburn, C.H. Morton, and J.E. Travis, and Ruling Elder O.S. Harrison, formally organized the Hillsman Taylor Presbyterian Church, transferring the membership at their request to the new organization. They also transferred the officers as they had been so recently chosen by the same constituency.

This organization was effected during a six-day meeting, conducted by Rev. J.E. Travis in his new capacity as Pastor-at-Large of Potosi Presbytery. During this meeting, the session was regularly convened and reconvened, as occasion required. R.M. Tidwell was chosen Clerk of the Session. The following were received into the church: Mrs. Clemie Petty by letter from a Baptist Church in Arkansas; on confession and baptism, Charlie Sullivan and wife, Ruby, Margaret Williams, Lettie Irene Hicks.

On April 29, the following infants were baptized: Dorothy May Morgan, Frank Donald Morgan, Jackie Ray Sullivan, Larry Allen Tidwell, Virdie Tidwell, Hilda Tidwell, Linnie Tidwell. (cont'd Jan. 1933)

PEMISCOT ARGUS - March 19, 1919

ALDERMAN DANIEL STATES POSITION

Mr. Editor:

"Give the devil his dues." and "Render unto Caesar things that are Caesars."

The Forty-Nine Shows are a disgrace to our city. I as councilman have opposed them from the beginning and will continue to do so as I am a citizen, let alone alderman.

The matter was thrashed out at a special meeting Friday night. I was for a license of \$500.00 per week, or a prohibitive one. The rest of the council wanted to let them run on \$100.00 per week with the exception of Schmidt and Dorsey.

I say they should not run at all, but finally agreed to make it \$150.00 per week with Schmidt, Dorsey and Shaw agreeing. This was put on the table by one or two councilmen.

I am making these statements so as to put myself straight in answer to an article in the Argus of March 13.

J.L. Daniel

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Some person from Chute Sixteen, signing no name, sent up some news items this week that we could not use. She mentioned two farmers by name who, she alleged, were frequent attendants at the "Forty-Nine" shows in Caruthersville while their wives had the wood to split and carry in and the hogs to feed. All correspondents must sign their real names to their letters every week.

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JUDGE JOS. M. BRASHER

The subject of this sketch was born March 22, 1851, in Tennessee and is the son of John L. and Martha Davis Brasher. His education was obtained in public schools. He early engaged in farming, and in 1872 came to Peniscot County, locating near Cottonwood Point, where, by industry and thrift he soon acquired a fine farm of 320 acres, which he still owns. Being public-spirited and progressive he took an active part in the civic and political life of the community. For many years he was a valued member of the school board. Was elected justice of the peace in 1878, serving four years. In 1882 was elected judge of probate, serving four years.

Then chosen to the legislature, where he made a record pleasing to his constituents. In 1898 was elected district judge of the county court, and in 1906 elected presiding judge, serving four years, when he was again named for the office of probate judge, and elected for four years November 8, 1910. In all of these positions the judge has shown himself a careful, impartial and courteous official.

In 1875 Judge Brasher married Mrs. Mary S. Pate of Cottonwood Point, a daughter of Judge Jesse Huffman. Four children, three daughters, and a son, have blessed the union. They reside in Caruthersville. Judge Brasher is prominent in fraternal orders, being a Mason, Woodman and Red Man. He is a member of the Baptist Church, a life-long democrat, and a man whose genial manners and kind impulses have made him friends wherever he is known.

THE CARUTHERSVILLE MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION

by Reverend Paul Currie,
First Presbyterian Church
Written 1971

The Caruthersville Ministerial Association was organized approximately 20 years ago by a group of Caruthersville ministers who were interested in cooperating across denominational lines in spiritual and moral matters and in ministering to the needs of the people. Although we have no records dating back to the organization, we do know that the Reverend Floyd Brower, who was the pastor of the Eastwood Memorial Methodist Church, and the Reverend James M. Blanton, who was the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, were the charter members and were instrumental in the organization of the Ministerial Association.

Membership in the Association is open to all clergymen living or serving in the Caruthersville area. Up until about 1964 or '65 neither the Catholic priest, nor negro ministers were members of the Association. At that time, it was unanimously approved to invite the Catholic priest, Fr. Wallace Ellinger, and all negro ministers to participate in the Association and they readily accepted. The members of the Association at the present time are:

The Rev. Kenneth Engle of the Wesleyan Church, President,
Father William Stanton of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Vice President,
The Rev. Steward Reed of the Nazarene Church Secretary-Treasurer,
The Rev. Reggie Spooner of the Church of God,
The Rev. Bill Griffin of the Christian Church,
The Rev. Jim Malone of the New Hope Baptist Church,
The Rev. Marvin Niblack of the Eastwood Memorial United Methodist Church,
The Rev. Paul Currie of the First Presbyterian Church,
The Rev. Harold Wilder of the First Baptist Church,
The Rev. John Bell of the Assembly of God Church,
The Rev. G.L. Gladney of the 12th Street Baptist Church.

Also, although the past two Church of Christ ministers would not consider themselves as official members of the group, they have participated in most of the work of the Association.

The Ministerial Association meets monthly at different churches to enjoy Christian fellowship and to transact business of the Association. The regular work of the Association includes such matters as planning community-wide worship services at Thanksgiving and Easter, scheduling the

weekly radio devotional over Station KCRV, and establishing some broad principles for these devotionals, planning the community Christmas Basket Program to help the needy, and carrying out a year-round material aid program to the needy. (Under the material aid program, one minister is assigned the responsibility for a month of approving and dispensing funds for grocery orders, fuel, medicine, etc.).

Among the most outstanding achievements of the Association in recent years are the extensive Christmas Basket Program through which approximately 250 families or 1,000 persons are given food, toys, etc. at Christmas; the systematic year-round material aid program which helps hundreds of families; the organization of the Caruthersville group of Alcoholics Anonymous; and a strong stand for the goals of the Fair Elections Committee. Perhaps the most important achievement of the Ministerial Association is the promotion of friendship, trust and respect among the clergymen and a spirit of Christian love and cooperation among the churches of Caruthersville.

DEMOCRAT ARGUS - December 23, 1924

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Presbyterian Church, Thursday, Dec. 25, 7:30 p.m.

Organ and Violin Prelude--Misses Bloker

Invocation--Rev. DeBolt

Silent Night--Choir

Christmas Floats--Bell--Introduced by Clarissa Long, Dorothy Berry,
Grace Eleanor DeBolt

Tree--Introduced by Edna Long, Chas. David Ridgely.

Stockings--Introduced by Cynthia Robinson, Lee Woodard Farrow, W.V. Robinson, Jr., Joseph Entwistle.

Toys--Introduced by Pauline Hamra, Tom Collins, Jr., Jno. Mc. Van Auldall

Santa Claus--Introduced by James Wilson, Morrell DeReign, Jr., Robert Phillips, Thurman DeBakey, Virginia Nell Litzelfelner, Barbara Faris, Babe Martin, Mary Fisher, Anna Marie Portlock, Helen Hamra.

Hark! I Hear The Angels Sing--Primary and Intermediate Departments.

The Christmas Story--Elzie Lester, Ruth Rankin, Jno. Sullivan, Hazel De Bakey, Harold Fisher, Eleanor DeBolt.

What Shall Little Children Bring?--Primary and Intermediate Departments.

Why Do Bells At Christmas Ring?--Primary and Intermediate Departments.

Story--Marguerite Bloker--Teller, Mrs. Wheller's and Miss Scivally's Classes

The Night Before Christmas--Rachel Bloker, Reader, Mary Merhle, Mother; Warner Shields Byars, Father; Joe Curtis, Santa Claus; Misses Browning and Lacey's Classes, Children.

Announcements--Supt. Bloker.

Joy To The World--Choir

Presentation of Gifts.

D.A.- SDecember 23, 1924

Miss Jessie Ridgely entertained a number of her schoolmate friends at her home on Carleton Avenue last evening at a party at which dancing and games were the principal diversions. A Christmas tree was a feature of the occasion, from which small gifts were distributed to the guests and the house was beautifully decorated in a manner becoming the holiday occasion. Probably 30 boys and girls were guests and everyone had a most enjoyable evening.

STEELE ENTERPRISE - September 6, 1979

EMMA COTNER HAWKINS BELL

My mother (Emma Cotner Hawkins Bell) is so precious to me, just a little history of her life.

She lives in Steele, is very kind to everyone she meets. Her motto is helping others.

She is the mother of four children, three living. She attends First Baptist Church in Steele. She loves the songs, "Sweet By and By", and "Old Rugged Cross."

I can remember when she sang them around the house when I was a child. She loves working in her flowers and likes a pretty lawn.

She was born in Steele on September 11, 1902 to William Cotner and Lillie M. Wall. Being the oldest child, she had to help with the work in

the house and field. She had five sisters, only two living, and three brothers, none living.

The family once lived northeast of Steele, near Highway 61 on a farm they called the company place. A train called Old Pide ran in front of their house.

The first school she attended was Pull Tight. First teacher in Steele was Mr. Broderick. Going to school, she had to walk on planks because the ground was so wet. She can remember when the street of Steele was planks.

She had an uncle (Dick Walls) that ran a restaurant in Steele.

Moving to Oak Ridge in Douglas district with her parents on a farm she attended school and church there.

Willie and Elizabeth Wall were her grandparents. She has a friend, Mrs. Lois Cooper, who remembers her grandparents.

Elizabeth Wall passed away while living on Mr. Fisk's place by Highway 61, close to the old Mosley school, which is torn down now.

Mother met dad, Emy E. Hawkins, for the first time when she was very young. They met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, who had lived up the lane from them. He lived in Blytheville and was bringing his brother, Delailiyeh Hawkins, to Oak Ridge to see his girl friend, Elizabeth Taylor, who later became his wife. She was still living, the last time I heard, and was in Byhalia, Miss.

Mother and Dad were married at Caruthersville, Mo., on the 15th day of April 1918. Dad was a World War I vet. After his discharge, they lived in Blytheville. Dad worked at Chicago Mill. All the children were born in Blytheville.

When dad passed away, he lived at Oak Ridge, with mailing address, Steele, Mo. Rural Route One. He died January 17, 1945.

Have a nice birthday, mother. Your daughter, Jannette Pierce, 1548 Addis Road, Box 165, Holly Michigan 48442.

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NICK FRIDERICH - Caruthersville's Reliable and Popular Baker.

Mr. Friderich is the genial proprietor of one of the most important industries in our city, that of a first-class bakery, which every day turns out to our people the best bread that experience, flour and knowledge of art can produce. Among the specialities are the superior ten-cent loaves, famed for their lightness and flavor. Then there is the popular "Mother's Loaf" at five cents, besides cakes, pastry and other delicacies of the oven. Mr. Friderich's bakery is a modern, up-to-date establishment, equipped to produce just as fine bread as can be baked. No further need to send away for excellent bread, for Mr. Friderich is able at all times to furnish you a most superior, wholesome article. He is one of our enterprising business men, who enjoys the esteem of the community.

WENISCOT LAND AND COOPERAGE COMPANY-An Important and Extensive Industrial Enterprise Located at Caruthersville, Mo.

This is one of the mammoth industrial establishments of our city well worthy of special mention. It was established in 1896, and manufactures staves, turning out on an average of 75,000 staves daily. The plant covers 15 acres and has a capacity of two cars of staves per day.

One hundred and twenty-five men are employed the year round, some of them earn as much as \$5.00 per day. The company owns large areas of real estate, and are extensive dealers in the same, selling to actual settlers their cut-over lands at a very low figure, which enables purchasers in a few years to become owners of fine productive farms. The home offices are at Fremont, Ohio, but the local management is in the hands of E.W. Shade and C.F. Bloker, two gentlemen of wide experience and high executive ability.

FROM THE PARISH NEWS

Carrying News and Information regarding the work in the Weniscot Larger Parish of the Methodist Church, Poplar Bluff District-St. Louis Conference. Special Issue, July 1950

HOLLAND METHODIST CHURCH

According to the memory of two of its first members, Miss Maggie Barber and Mrs. Alice Jenkins, the Holland Methodist Church was organized either

in 1916 or 1917 by Rev. S.J. Newsone, who was its first pastor. A Sunday School was organized at the same time with Mr. J.L. Crenshaw serving as the Superintendent.

During the first two years, meetings were held in Bailey's Show Hall. In 1920 services were held in the Baptist Church on Sunday afternoons. Then for about one year the Methodists met in the old public school building. Following this period, again in the old school building in 1921 and 1922.

After the church ceases to function in 1922, the members with others organized a Sunday School in 1923 at the Mosely school building, located about three miles south of Holland.

In the year of 1925, Mrs. C.E. Fisk, Mrs. Sally Edwards, H.J. Doran and Mrs. Alice Jenkins succeeded in collecting sufficient funds (\$300.00) to make a down payment in the purchase of the old school building and grounds which were to cost \$1,000.00. After a long and arduous effort the plot and building were paid for in full.

The following year, 1926, Reverend H.J. Doran, assisted by Rev. Hugh O. Isbell then pastor at Steele, Mo. reorganized the church after H.P. Crow informed them that they could maintain their church organization with a minimum of seven members which was the total available at that time.

The reorganized church worshipped without interruption in the old school building until the present brick building located on Highway 61 was completed in 1940.

Reverend H.S. Holly was pastor during the erection of the building. At the time of dedication, April 12, 1942, the membership was fifty-seven. Bishop J. Calvin Broomfield, Rev. E.H. O' Rear, district superintendent, and Rev. J. Arthur Brown, pastor, took part in the dedication services.

The new building has four class rooms, an electric organ and nine stained glass windows given by: Mr. and Mrs. W.I. Meers and family; Mr. and Mrs. P.A. Coleman; Mr. and Mrs. Noble Capehart and family; Mr. and Mrs. P.H. Cooper and family; Mr. and Mrs. L. Berry and Kenneth; Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Holly and son; Mr. and Mrs. Gideon Crews; Mr. and Mrs. James E. Cohoon; Mr. and Mrs. A.D. Scott and Mr. and Mrs. Voris Workman.

On Mother's Day, May 11, 1947 there was a program of dedication at which time Mr. and Mrs. L. Berry presented the Carillonic Bells to the church "To the glory of God and to the loving memory of Mrs. Fannie Coleman", mother of Mrs. Berry.

In 1949, the Women's Society of Christian Service was organized, with twelve charter members.

Several additions have been made to the new church. A canopy over the front door was given by Mr. and Mrs. L. Berry. A church marker was

placed on the front lawn; hymnal racks were installed from funds left from the Wesleyan Service Guild which no longer functions. In June the following new furniture was given: communion table by Mr. and Mrs. C.C. Adams for their son, John; lectern by Kenneth Berry; pulpit by Mr. and Mrs. Noble Capehart; chairs, Mrs. H.L. Reynolds and Mr. and Mrs. R.E.L. Smith; and flower stands by Mr. and Mrs. Honer Smith and family.

Mrs. W.I. Myers, Sr., Mrs. W.A. Oates, Jr., Mrs. C.C. Adams, and Mrs. Charles Cohoon have served as church organist.

The pastors who served the Holland Methodist Church during its history are S.J. Newsome, C.S. Coherly, C.T. Barton, C.N. Gaines, Hugh O. Isbell, G.R. Ellis, H.W. Doss, M.A. Massey, H.S. Holley, and the present pastor, Rev. Marvin Niblack, who has served for the past eight years.

OAK RIDGE METHODIST CHURCH

In the year of 1912, a long frame building stood on the site which is now Oak Ridge Methodist Church. In those days it was a union church and ministers of all denominations preached there. However, in the year 1912 the first Methodist revival was held, with Rev. J.C. Montgomery, Sr. doing the preaching.

In 1936 the old building was torn down and the site purchased for the building of a new church. Rev. Herman Wagner was pastor at the time. Rev. Wagner gave not only of his time, but also his labor toward completion of the new building.

Some of the pastors who have served since 1912 are: Rev. Fallon, Rev. Woolverton, Maynard and Young.

When Rev. Wagner was appointed to another church, Rev. Volker was sent to us. In 1943 Miss Leugenia Young became our pastor. I think mention should be made of the fact that Miss Gener was pressed into service because of the shortage of ministers; but we have always considered her one of the ablest and most loved ministers we have ever had.

Our church had been blessed with the presence of Miss Arline Tyler for the past two years. She has done a magnificent job and has become dear to the hearts of all of us.

The history of Oak Ridge church would not be complete without the mention of our church school superintendent. M.B. Cooper has been Bible teacher here for thirty-five years and superintendent for almost that long. In all those years the only thing that kept him a way was sickness or other trouble. He has given loyal support to all our pastors and has always lived by the Golden Rule. This was not meant to be a testimonial for any one, but I do not think anyone who has served one people, one community, and one God, so long as has M.B. Cooper can ever be praised too highly.

Maybe your writer is a little prejudiced for she is his daughter.

Last, but far from least, we come to our present Rev. Mrrvin Niblack. I doubt if any of us fully realize how lucky we are to have a pastor of Rev. Niblack's ability. Our attendance and membership has increased since he has been with us. If we can always be so fortunate as to have a pastor as able as he, we will in time fill all our Oak Ridge Methodist Church. (cont'd Jan. 83 Quarterly)

THE AQUINO KIDS' 'FOLKS, FRIENDS AND FUN AS CHILDREN

by Frances Victoria Aquino Miller

Program presented at August 1982 Historical Society Meeting.

The purpose of this writing is not to relate the history of my life, but for whatever use it may be in knowing who I knew, some of the things that I did, things I owned and how we managed the first few years of my life. Some of the people that I mention were my contacts that in some manner may have influenced my life. The paucity of details regarding travel, education, profession, successes, failures and follies is intentional. I only wish to depict the trend of the times. It is not my intention to have continuity--merely isolated facts and incidents. Nor will you find it a great literary success!

There are about 294 people mentioned, partly for whatever benefit it will serve for the geneological aspect for the archives of the local historical society.

In Grayville, Illinois, my grandfather, Joseph Atherton Shoptaw, proposed to my grandmother, Frances Hester Litton, by letter, soon after his honorable discharge from Illinois Infantry Volunteers of the Union Army. They were married on Valentine's Day in 1869. He was 27 years old and she was 15. To them were born 12 children. I have in my possession the discharge papers, the proposal letter, the marriage license and a pension voucher for \$18.00 for services from 10/4/1898 to 1/4/1899 from the U.S. Pension Agency of Chicago for Joseph Shoptaw.

Grandpa Shoptaw was a timber scaler by profession. He died in Grayville Illinois in December 1898. His eldest son, Elmer, followed in his footsteps as a timber scaler. Seeking new territory, he came to Cottonwood Point, Missouri to follow his trade. Here he married Georgia Forsyth.

To them were born Joe, Floy Frances and Lola Jane.

This move to Missouri, with its apparent opportunities, influenced my grandmother to move to Caruthersville. With her five children, Mellie, Irene, Leslie, Mary and Shelley, and their household goods, they went by wagon to Cairo, Illinois. Here they and their household possessions were loaded on a Mississippi River barge and came downstream to Caruthersville.

Grandma opened a restaurant at 304 Ward Avenue, the present site of the Philip Hamra Store. Among her first customers were Drs. J.B. Luten and M.B. Heddricks. Another customer was Leonardo Antonio Aquino, a naturalized citizen, who a few years before had migrated from Monopoli, Italy. Leo had received the usual education in Italy and in 1895 was registered in the electoral political list of the community. He, one of 12 children also, chose to come America. After a few years in New York and St. Louis, he came to Caruthersville to open a tailor shop, the trade that he, his father and two brothers had followed in Italy. The tailor shop was located upstairs at 307 Ward Avenue. In 1903 he married Thursa Irene Shoptaw. Their home was at the northwest corner of E. 6th Street and Eastwood Avenue. Their neighbors were James and Mollie LaDuke, Blisha and Callie Farrow, R.R. and Rachel Ballard, Tom and Lecra Sample and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stiles. To Leo and Irene were born Antionetta Angelina, Frances Victoria, and Joseph Philip. Leo was deceased January 11, 1908 at the age of 33, a victim of leakage of the heart. The three children that he left were 4 years, 2 years and 4 months.

My father was a devout Catholic. His father's brother belonged to the priesthood in Rome. I have in my possession a financial statement issued by the Catholic Church:

SUBSCRIPTION FOR NEW SCHOOL July 1, 1906

Cost of school building-----	\$2968.34
Furniture-----	220.00
Total expenditure for building-----	3188.34
Total subscription for new school-----	1890.35
Total indebtedness for school-----	1297.99

Respectfully Submitted

The Pastor

They are 92 contributors, both Catholic and Protettants--possibly some neither--in the amount of \$1890.35. They are listed according to amount given which range from \$175 to \$1.00.

Joe Michell	Welsh D.	Wheatly, G.
Wm. Ward	Burch, Tom	Ward, Mrs. W.
Fitzmaurice, M.	Huffman, Edwin	Ahern, Mrs. Kate
Ferguson, Frank	McCarty, St.	Blanchard, Ezra
Hudgings, Dr. Hugh	Rayburn, Mr. & Mrs.	Bradshaw, J.S.
H.C. Schult	Tinsley, J.O.	Brasher, J.M.
Schulte, Rev. W.	Pollock, Mrs. Fannie	Carter, Herbert
Tindle, 'Clai	Phillips, Butler	Crawford, G.C.
Goodrich, Charles	Avis, Frank	Fitzmaurice, Mrs. M.
Reynolds and Crews	Burch, Henry	Franklin, J.A.
Scoggins, Mrs. Al	Brideewood, W.	Fisher, John S.
Alvey, Mrs. Len	Coleman, Parker	Garrett, Judge H.C.
Coppedge, George	Carlisle, W.	Holly, C.W.
Cunningham, J.A.	Conrad, Dr.	Kelly, J.B.
Cunningham Brothers	Elder, Dick	LaForge, A.C.
Langdon, Ed	Fitzhugh, Mrs. L.	McClanshan, Jas.
McFarland, Harvey	Green, Dennis	McElvain, J.M.
Pike, R.W.	Garrett, Henry	McKay, B.A.
Stubblefield, Mac	Little, Joseph	McFarland, John
Wahl, J.	Pollock, Milo	McClure, Miss Sarah
Wilks, Mrs. M.	Rood, Lee W.	McCoy, Mrs. Emma
Haller, Miss Lillian	Tistadt, Chas. A.	Martin, D.
Morrish, W.H.	Oliver, Arthur	Parks, John
Mills, Edw.	Perry, R.D.	Powell, J.H.
Reed, Joe	Schult, Mrs. H.	Scott, J.F.
Shields, Chas. W.	Wilson, J.B.	Ward, R.L.
White, R.K.	Kelly, Bill	Crowe, Dr.
Campbell, Mrs. W.	Hatfield, Loyd	McCarthy, Mrs.
Martin. J.T.	Pollock, Willa	Hatfield, Mrs.
Johnson, Tom	Fowler, Misses	Hatfield, R.R.

R.M. Greenwell donated labor and team for hauling material, excavating and landscaping.

About 1906 my grandmother operated a boarding house at the present site of the First State Bank parking lot, then later at 306 Walker. This was known as "The Cunningham House" as it was owned by the Cunningham Brothers and was directly behind their store. Dr. Steele and family lived on the southside--this included the Myrick family, Mr. and Mrs. and children, Mary, Carrie, George and Eugene "Dink". Dr. Hudgens lived across the street. (Mrs. Hudgens was my sister's godmother after she was christened in the Catholic Church). I recall the names of three of the boarders and roomers, Jim; Brewington, Tom and Ed Jennings.

Grandma bought the acreage that is now known as the Pike property that is at the southeast corner of HiWay U and Playground Road. She, my mother, Aunt Mary, Uncle Shelley, and the three Aquino kids moved there. Playground Road was then called "Nigger Lane" and HiWay U was "The Big

Road". The surface was silica and about the finest road in the area. Nigger Lane was noted for A.J. Faris and Sons little store full of goodies and 1¢ candy.

We all walked to school carrying our lunch bucket or sack and our books in a satchel that was made of striped bed-ticking. Some prejudices then too! The public school kids were pup-lickers and the Catholic kids were cat-lickers! But, we had no real problems. The school kids were-- Pollocks--"Skeeter", Ruth, Roberta and Bill who lived in the Pecan Grove, Rose "Pie" and R.C. "Goat" Powell, Bailey, Charlie and Mary Brooks, Shirley Sides and Mildred Elliott. They all lived on The Big Road. On the walk to school they were joined by the Will Gallian kids--Gladys, Brooksie and Sherman, Barksdales--Basil, Hubie, Tinsey, Pearl, Morton, Fannie and Johnnie Gilkey, R.M. Greenwell's kids--Virgil, Clayburn, Flora, Agnes, LaVonia, Sullivan "Skinny", the Joe Reed kids but they usually went in the wagon, Hazel & "Buster" Wiles. (Buster made it in the movies). In winter, when we got away from home, we rolled up our long-handled underwear that had been so carefully folded around our ankles when we dressed, then we pulled our black ribbed stockings up again. Believe me, long-johns were pulled down again before we went home!

My Uncle Shelley got a job plying the Mississippi on Lee Line Boats. My mother and Aunt Mary worked in town. They drove a horse and buggy. "Dollie" was left either in a livery stable or hitched to a hitching-post on Walker Avenue until time to go home in the evening. Aunt Mary worked for J.S. Wahl Bottling Company, the present site of George Phipp's home. Jimmy McCully was the chief soda-water bottler. Leon and Hiran Bullock ("Bully" and "Buffalo") gave the kids free rides on the hand-pulled elevator. Virgie Campbell worked in the office with Mary. My mother worked for Lee Wolf, the New York Store, in the alteration department. The clerks at the store were Grace Van Cleve, Nettie Alexander, Maud Thompson, Eula Adams, and Laura Askew. Mama received \$30.00 per month. Hours were from 8 in the morning until 6 in the afternoon but Saturday's leaving time was 10 p.m.

For many months the theatre ran a serial on Thursday night. The Diamond in the Sky. One kid went with my aunt in the buggy. He had to remember the details to relate to the others. We had to know how the hero got out of the quicksand, or raging waters, or the viper pit where he was left last Thursday!

Once a year Ringling Brothers or Barnum and Bailey circus came to town. The long parade down Ward Avenue was something to behold whether or not you got to go under the tent. My brother and other boys carried water for the elephants in exchange for a free pass.

Then in the fall was the Peniscot County Fair. This was the crowning event of the year with the 5¢ rides, games of chance, horse races, exhibits, etc. We couldn't save our money as there had been no allowance to save. We were given 50¢ on children's day when kids got in the gate free and that was good for many thrills. (cont'd Jan '83 Quarterly)