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The Quarterly this year and for the '83-'84 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 record from Book #4, and Pemiscot County Cemetery Inscriptions, Vol. II, and Swamp Angel Songs 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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Walter C. Prater, 1876-1957
Maggie S. Prater, 1896-1956

Austin Presley, Feb 9, ??,-Jan. 29, 1944 (Stone broken on Birthdate)

William Price, Oct. 30, 1874-Aug 30, 1961
Suda Price, Sept 25, 1888-Mar 14, 1968

Wm. (Billy) Prince, 1874-1945

May (Granny) Prince, 1890-1968

Edna Prince, June 15, 1894-Sept 22, 1950

James Frank Pritchard, Nov 4, 1888-July 29, 1962
Sarah Gray Pritchard, Nov 24, 1890-
Thomas Carey, s.o. Frank & Gray Pritchard, Feb 10, 1934-Oct 23, 1948

Robert Willard Privett, June 2, 1888-Feb 18, 1961

Jennie L. Pruett, 1875-1955
James W. Pruett, 1868-1938

August E. Pujol, 1904-1954
Elizabeth L. Pujol, 1914-

Anna "Tennie" Pulley, Sept 18, 1860-Sept 20, 1953

Betty Jean Pulley, Aug 18, 1930-Mar 11, 1938

Malinda Pulley, 1860-1935

James Putnam, Aug 10, 1865-Feb 22, 1937

Lennie Marie Raines, May 14, 1892-Apr 16, 1955

Charles D. Ramsey, Missouri, Pvt U.S. Army, WW I, March 10, 1903--July 1, 1968

Martha Ellen Ramsey, Feb 21, 1871-Oct 31, 1937

Mattie May Ramsey, d.o. Jerrell A. Ramsey, Jan 31, 1958-Aug 17, 1958

Theodore T. Ransburg, Missouri, Pfc, 255th, Military Police, Co., WW I, Jan 21, 1890-Mar 26, 1964

Clara Helen Ransburg, Aug 17, 1860-Jan 25, 1930

Randall Ratliff, 1st Lt., USAF, 6th Fighter Sqdn., July 25, 1940-Jan 15, 1966, Awarded the Air Force Expeditionary Medal & the Air Medal.

Sarah Ready, 1866-
Rev. A.R. Ready, 1866-1941

Leslie T. Ready, 1907-1928 s.o. Mr. & Mrs. A.R. Ready

William R. Reeves, 1866-1960
Hettie Lee Reeves, 1881-1956

Hattie Gaither no dates with
Nettie Reeves
Rex Forrest Reeves any of these
James W. Gaither, 1853-1933
Harriet C. Gaither, 1854-1930

Lawrence A. Reichert, 1901-1962
Charles Reichert, Oct 8, 1873-June 29, 1923
Mary L. Reichert, Jan 17, 1881-June 25, 1936
Martin M. Reichert, Mar 27, 1914-Jan 25, 1928

Grover Clifford Resch, 1920-1936

Maggie Lee Rice, 1873-1953

Wiford S. Rice, 1866-1928

Wilmo E. Riggs, Missouri, Cpl 383 Inf 96 Inf Div WW II, Aug 7, 1919-
Aug 11, 1953 USM & OLC PH

Ezra Riggs, Aug 7, 1880-Jan 23, 1965
Docio Riggs, Aug 18, 1891-Oct 28, 1966

Linda Lee, d.o. Barney & Pauline Riggs, Sept 9, 1944-July 7, 1955

Jennie Riley, Feb 7, 1881-May 24, 1928
W.T. Riley, Oct 5, 1872-Feb 10, 1929

Charles Mack Risner, Aug 21, 1942-Aug 16, 1969

Meda Belle Risner, July 9, 1920-Dec 21, 1967

Wilborn Dale Risner, June 22, 1950-Apr 26, 1969

Carolyn M. Roberts, Apr 25, 1843-Dec 4, 1924

Benjamin Roberts, 1887-1950
Zera Ann Roberts, 1897-

Callie Robertson, Jan 29, 1880-Mar 26, 1965

Robertson

George Willis Robertson, SP/4, Hq & Hq Co, US Army Garrison, Korea,
Far East Command, Feb 20, 1934-Jan 10, 1963

Barbara J. Robertson, 1940-1947

Recia Lee, d.o. Brown & Fronie Robertson, June 14, 1930-May 25, 1931

Lane R. Rogers, Jan 3, 1943-Feb 5, 1962

Frank G. Rogers, Missouri, Sgt 455, AAF, Bomb, GP, WW II
Apr 19, 1925-Dec 25, 1944

Robert T. Rollings, Jan 11, 1872-Nov 23, 1943

Daphon Scott Rowland, Sept 27, 1910-Oct 14, 1957

Edward George Rowland, July 4, 1880-Feb 12, 1949

Christine Rowland, Mar 23, 1880-Nov 4, 1965

Hugh A. Russom, Jan 12, 1876-Nov 27, 1959

Nicky Ann Russom, Feb 26, 1886-May 31, 1961

Vernon Hugh Russom, Missouri, Pfc WW II, 366 Eng AVN BN,
Sept 18, 1923-Mar 2, 1958

Sam H. Rynes, 1879-1948

Boise Sawyer, Pvt USA WW I, May 28, 1896-May 14, 1954

Allie Arnold Sawyer, Dec 4, 1892-Nov 11, 1949

Janie Scott, 1872-1932

Charles S. Scott, 1859-1940

Glen Harold Sebree, July 28, 1938-May 14, 1961

Infant Shaeffer, s. o. Margaret & William, grandson of Rouse & Ida
Johnnon, May 13, 1948

Mayne Shaeffer, 1896--1948

Kathryn Fields Shaw, no dates

D.L. Shaw, 1870-1937

Emma Shaw, 1880-1923

Samuel Thomas Sherrell, 1870-1941

Annie Zeporah, 1867-1938

Dustin F. Sherrill, Dec. 29, 1893-May 17, 1958

Lallia J. Sherrill, May 13, 1904-

Bill Sherwood, 1899-1968

Lula M. Sherwood, 1875-1942

A.A. Dolph Sherwood, 1872-1960

Martha A. Shine, May 7, 1858-June 29, 1948

Allen Shull, Missouri, PFC, 381st Engr Combat Bn, WW II, Nov 1, 1925-
Sept 7, 1952

Dale J. Sides, Feb 24, 1929-Feb 28, 1931

Alvah A. Sides, 1870-1938
Hattie Sides, 1876-1938

Bertie Blanche Sides, Oct 18, 1904-Feb 24, 1931

Ira Elby Sides, Sept 9, 1898-June 22, 1935

Lula Belle Sides, 1906-1942

Leslie Sides, 1902-
Willis Sides, 1899-1960

George B. Simmons, Tennessee, PFC, 317th Field Arty, 81st Div.
WW I, Nov 19, 1894-May 3, 1961

Velma Mae Simmons, Sept 25, 1905-

Donny Paul Simmons, Apr 3, 1943-June 20, 1957

Albert Simpson, Missouri, Pvt. 65th Coast Arty, d. Aug 10, 1943

Charles Hershel Skaggs, Apr 7, 1888-Feb 12, 1950
Anna Belle Skaggs, May 31, 1894-Dec 13, 1952

Sanuel Skinner, Dec 3, 1860-Dec 24, 1934
Elizabeth Skinner, Sept 16, 1869-Jan 17, 1931
Bert Skinner, May 16, 1895-Feb 26, 1966

Anna Skineer, Oct 29, 1897

Minnie E. Slayton, Aug 24, 1891-Apr 14, 1955
Shelby T. Slayton, Mar 26, 1888-

Ruby Lee Smith, Jan 25, 1925-Oct 10, 1956

Arch Smith, 1882-1931

Hardy Stevens Smith, Nov 25, 1874-Dec 19, 1943
Inez Howard Smith, Oct 6, 1878-June 13, 1956

Mary Lucille Smith, Sept 2, 1927-Nov 12, 1964

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LOCAL NEWS - Copied from the Pemiscot Press, March 26, 1903

Captain Jesse Forrest is up from Tyler and whereabouts, to visit his wife and babies.

Mark Dorroh is in the city after a long absence. Some of the girls are making goo-goo eyes in consequence.

Judge Brasher is home from the legislature which has just closed an inglorious session in Jefferson City.

Rev. J.B. Wise, pastor of the Baptist Church at Osceola, Arkansas, passed through the city Wednesday going home.

Miss Daisy Larkin, who has been visiting her cousin, Miss McRae, the popular dress-maker, leaves today for her home at Dixon, Mann. Hers has been a delightful visit of eight months and our many friends will miss her.

The Bank of Pemiscot is putting a new roof on the Jackson Building which they bought of C.B. Faris recently. This is being done to stop a leak, and had Jackson done it two years ago, the leakage in his business would have been staunched perhaps, as it went straight up, we deduct that the earnings went via the attic.

We advised the Bigham and Huffman house that to make their displays complete, they should have a woman in those window displays of happy home furnishings. Today Albert Bigham advises us that they will comply with our advice, for soon they will have a double wedding, and as we saw Albert being measured for a suit, we believe him for once. Who, oh, who will be the window girls?

Rev. G.L. Leybrn is holding meeting each evening this week at the Presbyterian Church and will fill the pulpit Sunday morning. Many of our people are hearing him to their entire satisfaction and their soul's good.

SWAMP ANGEL SONGS

by Mayne Hanlett

THE SINGING

Jim and Kate gave out the singing
At their house on Sunday night,
And they gathered in the front room
All the folks for miles around;
Both the beds were sagged with people
Sitting close against the edge
So as not to crowd the babies
Tumbled on the other side.
By the table where the lamp stood
Sat the singing leader, turning
Pages of the treasured song book.
He rejected, "Rock of Ages",
Turned to others which he "do-ed."
"When the Roll is Called up Yonder"
And "The Old Account is Settled."
These he loved would start 'em off
In good trim for more to come.

In the other room the kitchen,
Sparkling couples sat on chairs.
Two can use one chair that's turned down
With a proper balance kept.
So they started off the singing
And the whole crowd soon joined in -
Songs of Zion, songs of praising,
Songs that made the rafters ring!
Till at ten when near exhausted
No more songs could well be sung
So the leader broke off singing
And the singers all went home.

Sparkling couples walked together,
Speaking low and moving slow.
Mothers gathered up the young'uns,
All the crying, sleepy ones,
Urged them to come on and wake up
Or they'd leave 'em there alone.
Lifted sleeping babes to carry
In their arms along the road,
Rarely passed them on to fathers
Though their shoulders sagged with weight.
Thus the singers all departed,
Pleased till next Sunday night.

BIOGRAPHY - LILLIAN (HUDGINGS) COLLINS

by Teresa Gallaher
and
Helen (Collins) Hughes

Lillian (Hudgings) Collins, second child of Mark Hugh Hudgings (Dr. M.H.) and Nellie Marie (O' KEEFE) Hudgings, born January 21, 1894 at 206 East Third Street, Caruthersville, Mo. The house is still standing next door to her present home. The birthplace home being built of rough walnut material, milled at the sawmill on First Street, Caruthersville, and square nails were used. The house is now about 95 years old. She moved to her present home with her parents and brother, when about two years of age, and this home built 86 years ago.

Her mother's maiden name was O' Keefe, born January 1, 1865 and died October 25, 1935. She claimed direct descendancy of Charles Carroll of Carrollton, signer of the Declaration of Independence, and her mother was a Carroll, married to Charles O' Keefe, church painter and decorator, she died when Nellie Marie was four, and her father brought her to the Sister's convent in Cape Girardeau, Mo. They raised her and taught her many useful things--to sew, make point lace handkerchiefs, and prepared her to teach school, her father having died in the meantime. (Lillian still has some of her point lace work she treasures highly).

Her mother married Mark Hugh Hudgings who was born November 19, 1864, Schuyler County, Mo. and died May 12, 1934, Caruthersville. They married while he was attending college at Cape Girardeau, they moved to St. Louis and he attended St. Louis University and Washington University obtaining his degree in Medicine and Surgery, (she has one of her mother's wedding invitations).

They moved to Cottonwood Point, Mo. after his internship in St. Louis, where he practiced medicine and her mother taught school. Her mother was a Catholic which was an oddity at that time in that area, there was no Catholic Church there, however; she did play the organ at the local church, until the shouting started and she would leave.

Her parents had two children--Thaoms Clay Hudgings, born 1886 in Cottonwood Point, served in World War I in the Marines, 5th and 6th Division, and was killed July 18, 1918 in service, having three citations for bravery. He is buried in the Catholic section of the Caruthersville Cemetery. The 1st American Legion Post was named Phillips-Hudgings, later changed to #88. He was married to Minnie Bell Brewer and had three children. Lillian and her husband, Walton M. Collins had two daughters, one died in infancy and Helen Elizabeth (Collins) Hughes.

Lillian attended the local Catholic school until she was 11 then went to Los Angeles to school for two years. She stayed with close family friends, the Tom Sedgwick's who owned a hotel there. They had formerly lived in Caruthersville and owned an ice plant. Her father

thought it would be good for her health in California. After two years in California Lillian went to Visitation Convent, St. Louis, Mo. for four years. Her mother made her graduation dress of point lace (this dress later stolen from their home West Sixth Street).

She married Walton M. Collins, August 25, 1914, His father, Walton Collins, Sr. and family moved here from Greenville, Illinois. Walton and his father were in the real estate business, his mother was Lou Emma Skaggs Collins.

The most interesting detail of Lillian and Walton's wedding was that she went to St. Louis and he followed her and they got married without her parent's knowledge until after the fact. They were in the dog house for some time.

When they came back from St. Louis they lived at her parent's home and Walton worked at Cunningham's Store until January when they moved to a farm between Swift and Netherlands. This was a new experience for Lillian--having no conception of country living, carrying water to cook, wash, bathe, etc. beings the pump was placed convenient to the livestock. She learned how to cook for the hands, raise babies with "old wives tales remedies", until she could ride the mile to Swift to catch the train to bring her babies to her Papa the doctor. These experiences will always make her grateful for the conveniences of today.

When Walton became ill, and unable to continue to farm, they moved to 610 West Sixth Street, Caruthersville. He was Superintendent of Waterworks for several years and installed the first water meters in Caruthersville. All water meters were put in, until then water was \$2.00 per month.

Due to Walton's illness (eight years after her being out of school) she had to go to work. Charles G. Ross, County School Superintendent suggested she take the State exams. She received a first grade certificate and first taught at McCarty School for six years--a two room school and the other teacher was Pascal Kirkpatrick. She then taught at Carleton School for four years, a one room school, in fact they also lived at Carleton. The famous outdoor facility was in front of the house here, instead of the usual back of the house, and she taught in Braggadocio one year. She has many great memories of her teaching experiences in these schools, many of her pupils grew up to become adult friends.

She has been a life-long Catholic, and received all her education in Catholic schools and attributes much of her success in teaching to that fact. She belonged to her church Ladies Society--they were always busy with spiritual church work and money making projects (cooking dinners and the annual big barbecue). She belonged to the Local Garden Club for a time, and enjoyed growing roses and dahlias, she grew roses on the lot next to her home on West Sixth Street. Being civic minded

Lillian thinks every citizen should participate in elections, so for many years she served on the election boards, until age slowed her down.

After her husband's death, July 21, 1927, she began to help her father in his practice and overseeing the rental property--she learned a lot of new trades with renting houses--like painting, papering, carpentry, plumbing, electricity and cleaning lots and lots of other people's dirt, and she met many interesting people and has many friends today that she rented to back then.

She learned to drive a car when she was 16, and it was her Grandfather Garrett's car. It was something to even have a car to learn to drive then, her father had a Hupmobile, but used a bicycle or horse and buggy in bad weather for housecalls, and seemed like most of them were at night.

She just plain enjoyed growing up as she had great parents and a brother she adored, spending much of her time trailing Clay, and doing anything he dared her to do just to be in his favor--they spent a lot of time together as her mother helped her father, deliver babies, care for the sick, and many times with her sewing skills made shrouds.

Spending much time away at school she didn't have many duties at home, however, she loved to help Betsy, their cook, in the kitchen and made cakes at an early age.

She remembers some styles of clothing that caused quite a sensation when she was growing up--low neck lines, and the hobble skirt which was split about six inches in front. However, her brother and later her husband always kept their eye on her if she wore anything so daring.

The trips to Cape Girardeau to visit her brother's widow and family was always a joy to prepare and take. They would pack the car the night before, get up at dawn, travel a gravel road hoping to average 25 miles per hour, take 4 or 5 hours for the trip one way. These cars had no windows, and at least one child's cap or hat was lost on a trip from the wind at such an excessive rate of speed. They'd get there in time to eat with the family and then it was time to get ready to come back so they could get home before dark. It took days getting the goodies ready to take along--country ham and sausage (her father had smoked). They first started going in a Model T and advanced to a Model A.

Lillian feels fortunate in helping her daughter, Helen, to raise her son, Bob. So with this responsibility she did not get much opportunity to spoil him as most grandmothers do, she enjoyed mixing him mind. Helen at that time was working with Moore Insurance Agency and later the Caruthersville (Colonial) Savings and Loan every day. She retired March 1, 1981 after working 34 years and was rewarded with a retirement dinner, many gifts and a resolution by the Board of Directors for her integrity and loyalty thru the years--Lillian and Helen are now busy taking care of each other.

Bob and his wife, Janet, live in Jackson, Tennessee, they are successful in their profession and are a joy to both Helen and Lillian.

When asked who had the biggest effect on her life, other than family, Lillian feels that Fr. Pat Wissman, pastor of Sacred Heart Church, Caruthersville, 1971-80 has added much to her life with his interest in her and her family and this continuing friendship.

As Lillian looks back over these 88 years, she has had her ups and downs which is the story of most people's lives. She feels very blessed, however, to have lived most of them in a small community where she can share her joys and sorrows. To have her faith, family and friends is about all she could ever ask for.

This biography presented at the May 1982 Pemiscot County Historical Society Pioneer Heritage Awards Program.

LOCAL NEWS - Pemiscot Press March 26, 1903 cont'd.

We hear that Edwin Huffman of the Bigham and Huffman Furniture Co., had an exciting chase after a goose and a girl that went to church Sunday. We don't know whether the chase was after the goose or the girl--most likely the girl. See Edwin for particulars.

Robert Coppage was one of the many who enjoyed a ride on horseback on Sunday, while the sunshine was warm and nice. Others out for fun and fresh air were, J.R. Moore, Charles Dorroh, in a side saddle, Lawrence Hill in astride saddle and he ought to have a rocking horse, for he is so fat that he could hardly stick to a horse, and he wibble wobbled so that the horse could not stick in the street, but ambled down the street a la raccoon. Miss Kahle will bear witness to the sight was described above for she as particeps criminis.

If you want to know when the Pemiscot County Bank opens in the morning just watch Miss Mary K. Joplin's movements. When she enters the office and reaches for her hat pin Clell Tindle walks to the front, turns the "Bank Open" side of the placard to the front, Will Ward leans heavily upon the counter, gives a pumpkin pie grin and the business day begins.

INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM H.A. BOONE, TREAS. BRAGG CITY CHURCH OF CHRIST, BRAGG CITY, MO. January 1, 1971.

CHURCH NAME-Church of Christ

LOCATION - Bragg City

DATE ORGANIZED - September 3, 1944

CHARTER MEMBERS - L.V. Jones, Oscar Cottrell, Sammy Wilson, Floyd Howell, Alvie Shannon, Jim Estes, George Brook, Ralph Holt, Martha Brents, Phosie Gooden, Ruby Wilson, Kate Nelson, Mrs. R.B. Graham, Dorothy Cole and Lena Thompson.

FIRST MINISTER - Marcus Sexton

OTHER MINISTERS - Bob Lawyer, Vance Greenway, Adrian Maynard, Cecil Wilson, and Finis Caldwell, Albert Kinchen.

BUILDINGS - Tent, Store Building, Grist Mill remodeled and present location brick completed in 1964 with eight class rooms, one cry room, two bath rooms and Baptistry. PA System.

PRESENT MEMBERSHIP - 55.

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

By Frances Victoria Aquino Hiller

Program presented at August 1982 Historical Soceity Meeting.
Cont'd from October 1982 Quarterly.

When Mama and Mary came after work we ate hamburgers and our purses were replenished---probably another quarter. Mr. J.S. Wahl always gave us some fair money

Christmas was a gala time--not the modern merchant's holiday. We went to Greenwood, the grove of trees west of Zaida, to cut our red-berry tree. Strings of popcorn, cranberries and colored paper loops were the decorations. We hung our stockings behind the heating stove and Santa filled them with fruit. The girls always got dolls; my brother got "boy gifts". One year he got a goat wagon and harness as he already had the goat. I have in a shadowbox a miniature rolling pin and potato masher that Santa Claus brought me. We believed in Santa Claus until we were old enough to vote!!!

Easter always brought new clothes and Easter egg hunts. I recall going to Tom Markey's farm, south of the compress, where about 100 kids has an Easter egg hunt in the alfalfa.

A year round activity was getting up Larkin orders. Many kids had catalogues. The things we could order were endless and the bonus prizes were "out of this world".

The only playground we had was Little Prairie Cemeteru , aside from our own yards. In the spring we picked Johnny jump-ups and big blue.

violets. We were greatly intrigued by the rare and beautiful items that people put on graves. These included dishes, statues, toys of all kinds, and, as I now know, many valuable and antique items. Seemed that no one ever bothered them as they were sacred. We also pestered the lovers that used the two gazebos for their "sparking". Many folks walked to the cemetery on Sunday afternoon to take pictures if they did not go to see the "Kennett turn-around" (train) come in or see a Lee Line boat dock to take on and discharge cargo.

Our spiritual life was not neglected. My first Sunday School teacher was Virginia Reynolds. We attended the Baptist until the Christian Church was organized; my mother was a charter member. Much of our social life revolved around church activities. There were box suppers, tag days, weiner roasts, hayrides and parties. At parties we played spin the plate, thimble, thimble, heavy heavy hangs over your head and gossip (a game). World knowledge was gained through the teachings of Vashti Warden at Sunday School. A great believer in missions, she took us vicariously to many foreign lands through stories, drama, costumes, etc. Our teachers were W.C. Scott, Irene Aquino, Myrtle Grisham, Mrs. W.D. Hall, Lena Davis, Vashti Warden and Amanda Shepard. Some of the young people who attended were: Alvin and Rosie Alley, Antionetta, Frances, and Philip Aquino, Lucy Arnold, Lee Billetdeaux, Bob, Dorothy, Lucille, Mutt and Nick Buchanan, Dennis, Floyd, Henry, Hoyt and Raymond Cain, Edna Darnell, Annie Goodin, W.D. Hall, Cecil and Francis Hudspeth, Nellie Laster, A.D., Calvin and Delmas Martin, Louise Medlin, Edward Mulliniks, Alva and Lucille Nethery, Dorothy Pate, Bill, Roberta and Ruth Pollock, Milo Rogers and Lucille Smith.

Sunday afternoon entertainment was popping corn, pulling taffy or making fudge. With a hand-cracker, mama would crack pecans for us. She put a flatiron between her knees and with a hammer cracked walnuts hickory nuts and scalybarks. Once in a while Zula Stevens invited us to her house to create craft for us. She made us a hammock out of barrel staves.

Our favorite evening activity in the summer was catching lightning-bugs and putting them in bottles. I cannot remember why!! We had to be very careful not to mash one on our skin as it would cause a blister. I do not recall any blisters. Other games were checkers, dominoes, jacks, paper dolls, peck-top and marbles. I was pretty good match for my brother at marbles--"leggin'", "venture roundin'", "hard-down-knuckles", "kill me my man", "venture killin'", etc. Yes, we played for KEEPS.

Fall brought trips to the woods for the gathering of all kinds of nuts, 'possum grapes, pawpaws, persimmons and elderberries for wine and jelly. When the Prohibition Law came along, my grandmother sent F.J. under the house to draw the bungs from the casks and the Lemijohns of wine. (What a loss!). Mrs. Leora Sample contributed to our love for the great outdoors. Her "Sample Bayou", at Dry Bayou, was our wonderland. She hitched-up the mules to the wagon and took us deep in the woods. We explored, fished and hunted. Along with edibles, we got

mistletoe, cattails, wildflowers and yanquapins.

Mrs. M.E. Parks, a friend of my grandmother, often walked to our house on Nigger Lane, she brought her grandchildren, John, Frances, Marie and Helen. Mrs. Herndon brought her daughter, Irene, and Mrs. Etherly brought her granddaughter, "Tooger" (Mildred) Landon. It was a great treat to have kids from "up town" come to play with us.

Our Uncle Shelley was a good-looking gay young blade who missed no opportunities to court Sal Pike when he was home from the boat trips. They went buggy riding in the evenings and on Sunday afternoons. On Saturday nights, accompanied by my mother and Aunt Mary, they went to Little River, the name given to the area between Hayti and Kennett. There was a club house there where dances were held Saturday nights. Much of this area was a wooded swampland abounding in coon, 'possums, deer, squirrels, and other animals. Often wild game graced our table after the Saturday night visit to the club house.

Much of food was from the garden and orchard. We canned, made jelly and preserves, smoked, dried and pickled. At mealtimes everyone had to be there with his hands washed and his hair combed. At the table, children were seen and not heard. No food was wasted. The left-overs were put in the safe, the warming compartment of the wood-burning range or left on the table for the next meal. We rarely had ice except to make ice-cream. After the meal, some of the left-overs, was covered with a table-cover. As we always had a cow, we had sweet milk, buttermilk, butter and snearcase. We raised our own chickens for eggs and meat. We raised hogs for meat and occasionally butchered a goat.

As kids on a the little three acre farm, our chores were not too many or too difficult. My brother had to keep the woodbox full and the stove water reservoir full. We had to carry the water from the pump that was up by the cemetery. We helped grandma cut rags for rugs to be taken to Mrs. Cantrell who had a loom. We had beautiful throw rugs on the bare wooden floors. My sister and I were taught to sew, crochet, and embroider. We knit socks and caps with face masks for the Red Cross for soldiers of World War I. Our gowns and undershirts had crocheted yokes that we made. The barrels for wash water had to be kept full. The water had to be broken with slackline to make it soft enough to use. The homemade lye soap did not lather too well. The clothes were soaked over night, then came the rub board session followed by boiling in the big iron kettle, rinsing, bluing and starching. Mama and Aunt Mary did the washing. The girls helped with the ironing. You have heard of the man who had his first dollar. After 60 years Philip still had his first dollar. He earned it by cutting sunflowers for the hogs for one week.

Our style of dress was quite chic! We wore black or white ribbed stockings and high-topped shoes. Mama made most of our clothes, and she said, and I know it is true, we were the two best dressed girls in

town. She burned the midnight oil to do it by the light of kerosene lamps using a treadle sewing machine. We were decked out in lace, rick-rack, piping, soutache braid, frills and furbelows. We wore muslin "drawers" buttoned on to a party waist. Of course there was lace or ruffles on the bottom of the legs. As we became big girls we graduated to black sateen bloomers. Our hair was worn in braids with bright bows. Saturday was shampoo days and hair was rolled up on kid curlers or rags so we would have curls on Sunday. Really, the curls looked more like elongated corkscrews! Mama made brother's shirts and pants. My father had taught her much about fine tailoring.

Then came the time when the little farm was too much for the women folk. In 1916 we moved to town. Mary bought the Lee Carrigan property at 1010 Ward Avenue for \$2200.00. Electric lights were a real treat. The first item of construction was indoor plumbing. Here now, and in the next year or so, we had a new set of neighborhood kids. Within a radius of two blocks:

Clara, "Toodle" and "Doodle" (Laura and Lelia) Green
Marshall, Ray, Russell, "Couger" (Louis) and "Tacky" (Clifford) Dudley
"Jaybird" (Fred), Maggie, Hazel, Bob and "Hickey" (Jesse) Pierce
Mary K., Lee, Alice and "Dink" Whitson
Irene, Gladys and "Skinny" (Geneva) Wallace
Ruth, Sadie and Jessie Williams
Nellie Marie, Harry Carleton, and Mary Frances Hillard
Frances, Inez and Alice Luten
Ray, Laura Belle and Anna Lee Shepard
Lois and Bethel Secoy
Ouida and Herbert Blair
Everett and Margaret Argo
Mildred and "Nemo" (F.B.) Eastwood
Loyd and Nina Woods
May and Lenuel Medlin
Nettie and Bill Acuff
Bill and Genevieve Corbett
Carnie and Lena Self
Grace and Tipton Babcock
Evelyn McGinnis
Goeffrey Allen
Harold White
Ollie Wilson
Fayette Lowry and later his precious little brother, David
George Phipps
Muschell Hamra
Shelley Stiles
Ruby Patterson
Nida Morgan
"Snap" (Carroll) Bennett

Of these, four died as children--Harold White, Maggie Pierce, Mildred Eastwood and Mary Frances Hillard. "Tootsie" Dones, who lived a little

farther away, frequently came to play with us. She usually had a nickel with which she bought a watermelon from the wagon. We "busted" it on the spot and had a feast--if unchilled watermelon can be a feast!

When these kids, the most unsophisticated ones, gathered in the schoolyard in the evening for a game of run-sheep-run--what great fun! There being very few concrete sidewalks, the school offered a great place to skate. We played kick-the-block hopscotch and whip-popper. Our home was a gathering place as Philip had a pony and buggy. We had a circus in the hall, of course using the pony. (Mama found out about that many years later). After our grandmother died in 1911 we were unsupervised after school and in the summer--but believe me, we know our limitations. Deprivations and "peach tree switch applications" were not spared when necessary.

My brother's best playmate, who lived across the street, was George Phipps. He was the prettiest little boy in town--at least my sister and I thought so. He was a few years younger than we but it was fun to hold him and kiss him. He would go home crying and tell his mama, but he would always come back--I guess for more! Ward Avenue was a dirt road and very dusty. The dust fogged from the heavy horse and buggy traffic. In the evening George and Philip would sprinkle the street to settle the dust. One evening they sprinkled the very precise and sophisticated Mr. and Mrs. B.A. Junper. It was very funny but the "peach tree treatment" was applied.

Our musical opportunities were not neglected. Antionetta started voice and piano from the Catholic Sisters when she started to school. We both took piano lessons from Miss Lillian Luten. Miss Haswell and Miss Pauline Wolfson. Pauline used our home and piano in exchange for our lessons. Philip and I took violin lessons. Sometimes we played at church but in the long run our musical accomplishments were a complete wash-out. Who wouldn't rather be playing numble-peg, jumping double-Dutch or playing shinny down Ward Avenue with a tin can and spokes from Cos Little's spoke mill then practicing the piano?

Sometimes in summer we had vacations out of town. Philip visited Uncle Dan Aquino in Hickman, Kentucky. My sister and I visited Martha Reynolds in Hayti; we frequently visited Myrtle and Lola Burnett and Mr. and Mrs. Hans Doerner in Steele.

We were kept healthy with the use of jimsonweed and fatmeat poultices. On bee stings we used a mud pack but the earth had to be mixed with spit. We had to drink sassafras tea to cleanse the blood, and, all people who cared for the well-being of the family, burned sulphur on the heating stove to kill germs.

When Sam Hayes and J.S. Wahl opened the Caruthersville Natatorium at the N.E. corner of E. 5th Street and Ferguson, Irene Aquino and Mary Shoptaw sold tickets and checked valuables. Mrs. Viola Nevil

worked there too. We kids spent much time in the pool (we had free passes). The 3 Aquino kids, Leo Thompson and Josephine Juda were strictly smart-alec exhibitionists. We knew we were good swimmers and divers and played to the gallery. I never felt that I could do anything better than anyone else but SWIM.

Now, some items to show the cost of LIVING then:

The most frightening event of my young life was in 1919 when Dr. Phipps sent me to the Lucy Brinkley Hospital in Memphis for an appendectomy. My mother took me down on the train; we rode in a taxi to the hospital, my first taxi ride. Room fee at the hospital for 14 days was \$23.50, blood \$3.00, operating room \$10.00, urinalysis \$3.00, anesthetic \$5.00 making a total of \$44.50.

In 1918 Philip had his tonsils removed at St. Francis Hospital in Cape Girardeau. The bill for one day's stay in the hospital was \$11.25.

Now a few items to show the cost of DYING then:

The paid bill for the burial of my father January 11, 1908 reads: "PEOPLES FRUNITURE COMPANY, A.C. LaForge, President Dealers in all kinds of furniture, stoves, carpets and window shades

UNDERTAKER AND EMBALMER

To Casket and box-----	\$90.00
Robe-----	15.00
Washing and laying out-----	5.00
Hoes (as spelled on bill)-----	.25
Grave digging (as spelled)-----	2.00
Hearse and horses-----	10.00
Shaving-----	5.00
	<u>\$127.25</u>
Additional charge for ½ lot-----	22.50
Total charges-----	<u>\$149.75</u>

The burial fee went up in 1917. The burial of my grandmother was \$204.00 including a vault. Mrs. A.C. LaForge, director and embalmer in charge.

And on up! In 1933 the total bill for the burial of my Uncle Shelley Shoptaw was \$315.19 including a vault. H.S. Smith Director and Embalmer.

September 1982. Life has moved on for me these 76 years. There was one alternative and I did not wish that! Maybe, until this age, I was partly oblivious to some of my blessings. I had a happy childhood. As children, my sister, brother and I were blessed with love

and care and most certainly we were not deprived. I owe this to my mother, Aunt Mary Shoptaw, Grandma Shoptaw and the many people with whom I had contact. Under-privileged children are not those without material blessings but those without love, care training and attention. We all made God-loving, God-serving adults with strong minds in strong bodies.

MAYBE, they were the good old days and sufficient for THEN, but I do not want to go back to the rubboard, palm leaf fans and a "Chic Sales" with the Sears catalogue.

Unlike the Missouri mule, I have pride of ancestry, but like the Missouri mule, I have no hope of posterity. Maybe I have helped the kid of someone else along the way, if not, my life has been mispent.

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LOCAL BOY WINS FIRST IN ESSAY CONTEST

Allan Cunningham, sophomore in the local high school, is the winner of the Hinchey History Essay Contest for Southeast Missouri, according to the list of winners in the literary events published in Saturday's issue of the Cape Girardeau Southeast Missourian. The essays were to contain 500 words and be about the history of the county in which the contestant lived. Allan is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clint Cunningham, on Ward Avenue, and is an ardent history student, especially of this county and southeast district. The paper contains history of local interest and thru the permission of Allan we are publishing it in full. The essay follows:

HISTORY OF PEMISCOT COUNTY

"Peniscot" an Indian name meaning "thin or liquid mud" was explored by DeSoto in 1541. Tradition gives his burial place as one mile below Caruthersville. It was included in New Madrid District from 1789-1813, 1813-1848, or New Madrid County. Peniscot County was created in 1851.

The population in 1799 was 95, in 1803, 103. During the earthquake in 1812, everyone left but Col. Walker and Coleman. Col. Walker later caused Peniscot to be included in Missouri instead of Arkansas. The population in 1850, 300; 1861, 500; 1923, 24,635;

The early settlers were: John H. Walker, Sanford Jackson, J.E. McFarland, John Stancil and Jonathan Scott.

In 1816, the "General Pike" was the first steamboat to pass up the river as far as Little Prairie and was the chief method of travel and
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and transportation until Houck's railroad in 1894.

It furnished Confederate Companies C. G. H. and K of the Civil War.

In 1852 a levee was built from Gayosa to Caruthersville, by Franklin Cunningham. Irish labor, wheel barrows and spades were used. In 1863, the Confederate Commander cut the levee and flooded the land to keep out the Union Army at New Madrid.

The first Court House, a 16 x 20 frame building was erected at Gayosa. It was used until 1873, when it was sold to Major Carlton. The second Court House was built in 1882 but burned with all its contents. A new Court House was built in Caruthersville in 1924.

The first Circuit Court was organized, October 25, 1862, by Judge H. Harrison Hough.

Peniscot was represented by New Madrid County until 1856. The early state representatives were: Rober E. Claud, 1860-64; James A. McFarland, 1866-67; Jesse Huff, 1868-70; John P. Stancil, 1870-74; S.H. Steele, 1874-76; H.M. Darnall, 1876-78; and G.W. Carlton, 1878-86. G.W. Carlton served as U.S. Senator from 1861-65.

The settlements in Peniscot County were made at Little Prairie, 1749 by Francis LeSieur, Gayosa in 1854 by James McFarland and Sanford Jackson. Named in honor of a Spanish Governor. Caruthersville in 1857 by G.W. Bushey and Col. Walker. Named in honor of Samuel Caruthers.

The early settlers of Little Prairie and County were: Francis LeSeur, Jean Baptiste, Barasloux, George and John Muelle, Joseph Boyne, Lewis St. Aubin and Peter Nabbase.

The list of the first County officers were:

Clerk of Circuit Court, Theodore Case, 1852-62
Clerk of County Court, George W. Carlton, 1855-62
Sheriff, Robert Stewart, 1851-55
Recorder of Land, G.W. Bushey
Towns r-founded since the Civil War: Hayti, 1898, Pascola, 1894,
Holland, 1871, Steele, 1899.

COTTONWOOD POINE METHODIST CHURCH

(Taken from the Parish News special issue July 1960 Poplar Bluff District, St. Louis Conference.)

The first Methodist Church at Cottonwood Point was organized in a one room school house. Services were held in it several years. In 1885,

a new church was built on the old church ground over on the river. Uncle Jim Huffman was the one who helped to get the building started. One night before the building was started the preacher asked who would donate \$50 toward a new building. Susan Brasher says, "I will" then S.S. Pate, Sam Wagster, Dave Huffman and others--so most of the money was raised for the new building that night. The attendance then was a hundred or more. Everyone went to church - even the saloon keepers closed their places of business and went to church. The charter members were Uncle Jim Huffman, Frank Huffman, Evie Huffman, Susan Brasher, Missouri Huffman, Dave Huffman, Middie Huffman, and Thad Powell.

Eleven years later a storm almost destroyed the building. Rev. Cooksie was pastor at the time; he was helping to repair the church when he fell from a scaffold and died in a few days. Rev. Richmond, took his place, 1887 to 1889. J.B. Griffin was assistant pastor from 1887 to 1888 and George Adams 1889-90.

On the northeast side of the church was a stone pillar in the center of this pillar was a gallon jug, a brick slid over it to conceal it. It was in this jar that the people dropped their nickels and pennies for missionaries. A missionary came once each year and took the money out. The Methodist Churches were sending missionaries to China then.

Some of the early members of the church who are known to most of us are: Susan Brasher, Henry Grayson, Susan Wiseman, Mollie Flippo, Lou Ann Bader Howell, Annie Pate, Jane Bader, Mattie Powell, Mary Brasher Curtis. Teresa Bader McClanahan, Alice Watson, Zura Huffman, Mrs. J.A. Combs, and Mr. J.A. Combs, Wagster Hicks, Earnest Pate, E.E. Watson, Mrs. Dee Pate, Mrs. Ollie Baker, Sadie Finley, Frank Flippo, Oscar Powell, Felix Powell, Mrs. J. Finley, Harry Pate, Ruth Powell and Mrs. Eva Watson Lossing. These members are grandparents and parents of the men and women, boys and girls who are helping to carry the church on today.

In the 1917 the river began to cave, and the church had to be moved. It was moved to a town called Brasherville (now Cottonwood Point) where it still stands today. Mr. J.N. Brasher gave a lot and the people bought one. M.W. Duncan was the pastor at this time.

In 1920, Rev. S.W. Maynard was pastor. For some reason, the church shut its doors, and every one attended the Baptist Church. The Methodist Church was used for a band practice house. In 1925, Glen Finley got to work had the church cleaned out and walked over the country asked for eggs, chickens, money or anything anyone would give to help get the church started back. She was successful Rev. Stafford was sent as pastor. Mr. Jim Bob Morris was elected church school superintendent, and Mr. Charlie Kyle, secretary. This same year Misses Ruth and Leugenia Young, and their adopted sister, Minnie Eddington moved to this community, the former two to teach school. They were faithful workers, giving of their time, talent and possessions for about twenty years. In the year 1925 and 26, about forty members came into the church by letter and profession of faith. Most of these are still active in the church today. They are: Mrs. Francis Smith, Lotties Smith Pate, Homer Blagburn, Mrs. Bill Howard, Mr. and Mrs. Paris McMurry, Fronnie Robinson, Theodore Taylor, and others.

Some of the pastors since have been: S.I. Young, Charles Young, Revs. Woods, Holt, Wagner, Margraves, Ezell and Miss Leugenia Young.

During these later years the church almost fell in. It was so cold and uncomfortable, the congregation had to hug the stove and the pastor had to preach with his coat on. Some members who came in the church under the above pastors are Mrs. Vaden Leachenett, Welma Alexander, Pauline Freeman, Clyde Smith Culp, and Mrs. Violet Powell.

In 1939, a Ladies' Aid was organized and went to work to help remodel the church. They gave plays, pie suppers, rummage sales, served hot lunches for WPA hands, pieced and quilted quilts and sold them. Finally they raised seven hundred dollars. In 1940, the church was remodeled, the roof lowered, and a new roof put on, wall board was used for the interior, and the entrance changed to where it is now. On Father's Day of 1940, we held services for the first time after the remodeling. The day was observed with regular services in the morning, dinner at noon, and singing in the afternoon. Rev. Volker was pastor.

Miss Lugenia Young was pastor for about four years. While she was pastor Martha Mae Powell, Johnnie Sue Culp, Delph Dee Pate, John Joe

Turnbow, Martha Turnbow, Bobby Reno, Delores Hundhausen, and Mrs. Arden Speight came into the church on profession of faith. When Miss Lougenia gave up the pastorate, Rev. Niblack held a revival, at which time, Mrs. Reno, Mrs. Mamie Finley, Mrs. Clara Mae Battles, and Sue Baker came into the church. Most of those have been faithful members and workers for the past nine years. Mrs. Delph Dee Pate Abbott has been the pianist.

In 1947, Rev. Brower was sent to the church. It has prospered under his direction. The membership has increased, some improvements have been made. A new floor has been laid, runners on the isles, chancel curtain. The money was given by the church school and the ladies through projects.

The church school is doing a wonderful work. The attendance runs from 65 to 100. We have about 30 faithful members in the MYF under the direction of Mrs. Felix Powell and Mrs. Harry Pate. Mrs. Francis Pate served as church school superintendent for four years. Mrs. Arden Speight is now superintendent and doing a godd job.

We take no credit for what has been done for the church. We give God all the credit. Without Him, we could have done nothing. We are praying that the young people will keep the church going and that its service to the community will be strengthened.

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Sarah Richardson Brooks and James Frank Brooks came from Tennessee to the Steele area in approximately 1875. They had eight children: Dee, Jadie, Keturah, Almeda, Lueller, twins Sam and Dora, and Emery. All of them lived in this area, and some of the descendants still do. Keturah married Will Reid and they had six children: Frank, Lois, Fred, Clay, Carl, and Affie. All lived in the Cooter area. Carl's son, Dalma, is executive vice president of the Bank of Steele. The older son, Larry, is in real estate. Affie married Doyle Lamb, and she and her daughters-Anna and Myra-still live in Cooter. All of Keturah's children are deceased with the exception of Affie and Frank. Mary Jo Fullerton is the daughter of Lois Reed, and she lives in this area.

Almeda married Dr. Thomas C. Cooper and had two sons, Lawrence Cooper and Paul Cooper. She died at an early age, and Dr. Cooper remarried and raised two sons.

Lawrence also became a doctor and his younger brother Paul was the local druggist for many years in Cooter. He still spends part of each year in Cooter, the remaining months are spent in Florida. Dr. Lawrence was the only doctor in this area for many years and delivered over 2,000 babies during his years of practice. He married Ethel McCann and they had one son who also became a doctor but lost his life during World War II. Dr. Lawrence is deceased. Paul and wife Vera had two daughters, one of them, Vera still lives in this area.

Dora married J. Ham Smith, and they had three children. Homer, Marcella and Deward. The eldest son, Homer, married Lala Frame, and they had two children John and Betty both of whom live in this area. Marcella married Cleo Garrett, and they had two sons, Howard and Robert. The oldest, Robert (Bob), and his wife and daughters live in Steele. Howard lives in Monroe, La. Deward married Mary Frances Taylor and was killed in action December 16, 1944, in the Battle of the Bulge in Belgium. Marcella still lives in Steele. J. Ham was sheriff of Pemiscot County in the late '20's and early 30's as well as being a farmer. J. Ham died in December, 1939, and Dora died in October 5, 1971.

Sam married Lennie Russell, and they had two daughters, Nina and Ruby, both living in California. Nina married Archie Richardson from Holland.

The other children of Sarah and Frank married and moved away at a fairly young age and their descendants live in other states.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Goodspeed's "History of Southeast Missouri" published in 1888, says James Franklin Brooks, Jr., was born in Henderson County, TN, November 9, 1832, one of six children born to Midget and Rebecca O'Neal Brooks, who were born in East Tennessee in 1799 and 1802, respectively and died in Missouri in 1874 and 1871, respectively. They moved to West Tennessee in 1824 and to Missouri in 1856.

QUERY

Seeking information on John E. Moore b. July 1852 (?) TN Married first wife unknown. Second wife—Etta Watson, b. Jan. 1867 KY. married? Father of Etta unknown, mother—Elizabeth Watson b. April 1820. Father, mother and wife of John E. Moore from Ohio. Children: Clarence Sidney—14 Jul 1882, Dassell, Meeker d. 6 Apr 1948 McGill, Nev., Myreen Prince born 15 Feb 1913 b. Washington UT died 19 Feb 1980, St. George UT., Clyde Moore b. May 1886 Minn., Edward and Edwin (twins) Dec 1887, Minn., Ethel, July 1891 Minn., Blanche, July 1894, Minn., Charles, April 1897, Minn., Aprl. Apr 1901 Minn. Lived Dassell, Meeker Co. Minn. Also, Fawn Lake Township, owned a farm 1900-1905, possibly moved to Moreland, Lincoln Co. KY. Contact: Shirley Moore Jacobsen, 70953 De Loraine St., Walnut, California 91789.

January 15, 1915 -Civic League Annual Report (cont'd from Jan. 1933)

The League at their own expense, fitted the lunch room with tables, oil cloth for same and curtains, furnished \$10. worth of oil for schools room floors, purchased and paid for the planting of 42 trees, solicited cinders and had them hauled and placed for walks and a line-up square, donated \$5.00 worth of cooking supplies to the Domestic Science Class, and last but not least, rolled-up their sleeves and with buckets and mops, and unashamed, did janitor service, that the children might go to school in the wholesome surroundings they are entitled to. At the colored school the building was repaired, chimney built, rooms enlarged and water provided. Plans were laid to inaugurate Medical Inspection for the good of the children. The services of our physicians were to be solicited and the matter managed by the League at no expense to any one. This undertaking has not been accomplished, but we have not given up hopes yet of having this inspection. When parents realize the advantage it would be to their children we feel sure they will earnestly ask the co-operation of the School Board and League.

Later on the bill board evil menaced us but, by prompt work and private remonstrance, was done away with.

The Frisco Railroad Company was requested to place gongs at all their up-town crossings and agreed to do so, as soon as the work of raising their tracks was accomplished, which will probably be this spring.

At the solicitation of the League two State Food and Drug Inspectors made an inspection of our city. This inspection lasted four days. 59 places were visited, and 37 written notices to screen and do special clean-up work were left, the majority of which were complied with. Three members of the League accompanied the Inspectors each day. All places grading over 90% were issued "White Cards", 20 in all, and placed on the "White List" prepared by the League. This inspection greatly improved the conditions of groceries, meat markets, and hotels, and has been the means of securing for us better conditions at our dairies.

Quite a good deal of time was spent in investigating the source of the typhoid infection, but nothing definite was ascertained. All summer we worked to have offensive places cleaned, weeds cut, trash removed from alleys, and garbage hauled away.

We have secured a 40 year lease upon building site, hoping to erect a building containing auditorium, library and rest rooms, but owing to the stress of financial conditions, we have deferred this until another year.

Many people have been especially kind, and of much assistance in our various needs, and few indeed have failed to respond when called upon. Our physicians have given professional advice, lawyers legal advice, merchants financial assistance; factories have donated cinders, transfer companies hauling, picture shows ran slides free and the Dixie Airdome gave

us a benefit. The base ball management gave us two benefits, at which the Bottling Works donated the soda water and coco-cola sold. The Mayor and Council have stood by us manfully, the school board has willingly listened to our suggestions and every one of the newspapers have been as loyal, enthusiastic and helpful as possible.

At present our plans for the coming year include the Depot Park, more flowers and beautiful yards, town sanitation, a revision of the White List, improvement work at the Cemetery, good water, more paved streets and shade trees, and uniform parkings of four feet along the walks. Even if it is only a rickety fence removed or a tree planted, it is a beginning; true they are small but it is really the small things that count. We believe in our town; in its progress and its improvement. We believe that the arousing of an interest in civic improvement is the duty which every citizen has taken upon himself. We are congratulated on every hand for the strides we have made in civic betterment. We are setting the example and attracting people to our midst by the spirit of cooperation our citizens have shown. Let this be a plea for the Civic League and for your support of the same. We need you—you need us. Virginia Reynolds, Secretary.

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TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS

Will Michie, a good farmer of the Covington neighborhood, was in town yesterday on business.

Miss Sue Addie Tipton left Thursday for a six-weeks visit at Dyersburg and neighboring towns.

Miss Julia Epstein, an accomplished young lady of Rochester, N.Y. is in this city as the guest of her sister, Mrs. Eli Shanski.

Jin Minton has been kept in the house a few days on account of a malarial attack. He only thrives and grows healthy while in the styx.

Men treat each other every day--buy automobiles, take pleasure trips, have late suppers, but just can't afford the small tax necessary for good water and sewers.

Sid Michie, the Micola merchant attended to business in this city Wednesday afternoon.

Dr. J.H. Williams, a large land owner in this section, and who lives in St. Louis, spent Wednesday in this city.

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PIONEER HERITAGE AWARDS

The Pioneer Heritage Awards will be featured at the May 27, 1983 Society meeting. Persons whose life histories that will be read have contributed in some exceptional way to community and social betterment.

The following persons will receive a Certificate of Honor from the Pemiscot County Historical Society:

Lavonia Greenwell Latimer

Oma Lee Smith

Erna Boswell Richardson

Mamie Fowler Harrell

The Awards Committee: Mrs. J.T. Markey, Chairman; Mrs. J.T. Martin, and Mrs. Carolyn Newton.

Thess life histories will appear in the coming year '83-'84 Pemiscot County Historical Society Quarterly--July 1983, Ocotber 1983, January 1984 and April 1984.