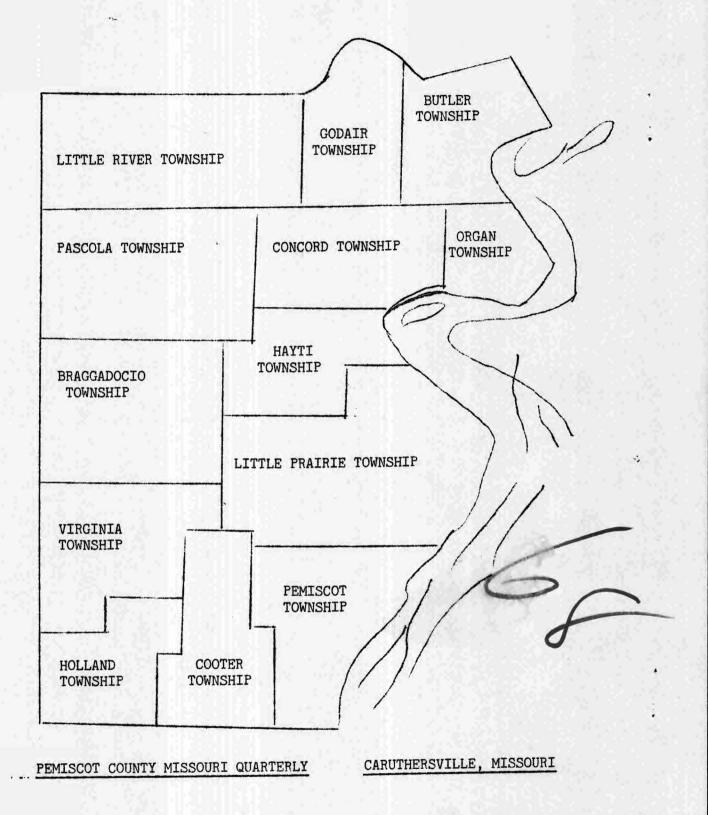
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Historical Societies and Genealogical Societies are invited to swap quarterlies with us. Their publications will also be placed in the Archives koom.

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 as 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 Cemezery Inscriptions, Vol. 11 and 111, and Swamp Angel Songs. The Index of UIII is indexed on card file in the Archives Room. Historical Society members have access to Volume VIII index by contacting one of the officers, and all Volumes preceding Volume VIII.

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The authors of 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

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"Are you going to quilt it in shells Or by the piece?" Mis Ford asked her neighbor, Sitting down at the foot of the quilting frame. "Oh. I thought in shells; This is just a quilt for cover - it ain't fancy." "Well, we can might near get it out this evenin' then. Me and Annie Brown got one out by ourselves last week. We was making it for the Polks That got burned out, and we hurried more'n usual. You know they lost everything they had, And them newcomers here. They go four little 'uns and she's -That way again. I tell you that scare Was bad for her. I bet it marks the child -You've got some mighty pretty pieces in this quilt And they've worked up pretty in this Star and Wreath pattern. I've got a lot pf pieces over to the house. The folks sent 'em from Kentucky and Tennessee Every time they get a new dress they send me a piece. So I can see what kind it is. I'm going to piece me a quilt This winter. I don't try to piece in summer; I don't never light the lamp at night. Seems like It takes so much coal oil and it makes the mosquitoes so bad. We had to build up a smoke last night they was so thick, And our mosquito nets are almost wore out. I tell John sometimes I get so aggravated I want to go back to Tennessee out of these mosquitoes, But he says there is money here and we can stand it?

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# MRS. HOMER A. (OMA LEE) SMITH

by Tracy Lee Smith, Granddaughter

MY MOM

(Life story presented at the Pioneer Heritage Awards Program, Pemiscot County Historical Society, May 1983).

Grandmother, "My Mom" and I have always been pals, very close in sharing our love, happiness, sadness, and our secrets together. When I was little, she told me stories of her life, wiich I would like to share with you.

Some of you in Pemiscot County and elsewhere will know her as Mrs. Homer A. Smith or Oma Lee, a wife, mother, grandmother, friend, writer, historian, pet, organizer, a creative and delightful tiny lady. She has made and continues to make quaint footsteps on her pace of time. The farm home is three miles south of Holland. She worked all over Pemiscot County in extension work and 4-H clubs. There were about 400 4-H club members. Perhaps, you were one of them or one of her Sunday School boys or girls whom she taught at Holland or Mozeley (Culbertson).

Oma Lee Smith, a tiny little girl was born August 24, 1907, at the home of R.E.L. (Bob) and Ora Smith in Oak Ridge Community near Cooter, Mo. Dr. Tom Cooper did not think she would live. He said to her grandmother, Sudie Fowler, "Here is a beautiful, tiny, blue-eyed baby, who is going to need a lot of bving care. You are a gifted nurse, it is up to you." There were no hospitals near, but with God's help and loving care, she did survive. By age three, she became a bouncing little girl with curls and ribbon bows. At four, she had diphtheria. Again, she almost did not make it. For some reason, God let her live. Children then had whooping cough, chicken pox, and measles. It always seemed that she had them the worst. She would almost choke to death.

She grew up very fond of her grandmother (like I love Mom today). Then at age forty-three, her grandmother passed away, leaving a sad little six year old girl just ready to start to school in a new community, where they had just moved in 1912. Her dad had bought the highest forty acres of land in the neighborhood. The past years, he had kept his eye on it while he was timber cutter with his brother, Hammie. They helped clear this swamp tip of the bootheel which was made into good farming land west of Oak Ridge. On this farm, Mom spent many happy childhood days, which is known today as "Culbertson". She made friends at school, but she missed her grandmother. She told me about the malaria fever that she had in summers. Fever so high that her teacher and others would help her Mother by sitting by her bedside all night. God stepped in again with helping hand.

She attended church and Sunday School at Hickory Grove School and enjoyed her new friends. Supt. Doran offered a book, "Prince of the House of David", to anyone who could repeat all the Golden text for the quarter. That was easy for her. After repeating them in order and place of Scripture, Mr. Doran said, "If you can do that, you can teach a class, the Juniors need a teacher," twenty-one boys and girls. So that was the beginning of her Sunday School teaching in 1919, when she was only twelve and she continued to do so for fifty-two years.

There, Mom grew up and married Homer A. Smith and raised her family, two fine sons, Homer, Jr. and Bobby Dewayne. They bought a farm within sight of her parent's home place. Thus, they became farmers, too, loving the till of the soil and God's beautiful nature around. They named their farm "Sutzus Farm" ((which means suits us). They all were active in community, county, and Plant-to-Prosper Programs.

The community received a new name "Culbertson" at the tip of the bootheel.

A Homemakers Club was organized to help improve the community. They had a large club house for community activities, which years later was given to the 4-H camp at Lake Wappapallo. She had served on the developing committee. She, herself, had been one of Pemiscot County's first 4-H Club members. In later years, she worked with extension staff and 4-H club boys and girls all over the county. She felt the need for older young people, so she organized the first Rural Youth Safety club, which received awards from General Motors and also from Farm Bureau Insurance Co. in Jefferson City.

All this time, she never neglected her family. The family worked together in clubs, church, farm work, home, family reunions, or whereever she was needed. Mom never learned to say "No" to any task. She always tried to do the best she could. She often said to us, "Remember the last two syllables of American are I CAN. Don't give up, keep trying."

Life was not easy. She worked hard. Her health was not good. Twice, doctors thought that she had cancer, they could not believe their test. She had several serious surgeries. She always said "We have to keep our faith all through life. We will have a few thorns along our pathway, so we can appreciate the roses."

Mom's magnificent mind walks back into the sleepy years, gathering from memories and stories that she has lived and those told to her in her growing years. What she does not remember, there is a chance she has written on the subject or has clipped and saved an article on the subject in her files.

Her family migrated from Indiana the Fowlgrs in 1875 and the Smiths from Tennessee in 1893.

Mom created the ""Enchanted Barn" for us grandchildren, Dale, Van and me. When the barn was no longer needed for harvest, the hay loft became a recreation room, the "corn crib and hall a museum, using artifacts of the sleeping past. Later, as we grew up, she gave some to the Caruthersville museum. She has helped to make all of our lives happy on the farm. We loved our "Enchanted Barn".

There is another story to Mom's life, it was ten busy years put in nursing Pop, Papa and Mama Smith in their later years of ill health, with the cooking, lawn, farm and business keeping her busy. No time for rest. But she kept her faith in God, that he would give her strength to care for them during illness til death. While they were so ill, she could not leave to attend church, she set up a special place in the

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home with religious symbols, a place of devotion where she or they could go to spend time with God.

In later years, she had a stroke while alone, She **s**aid, "God, I have always tasked for others. Now, I need your help. Please meet me halfway. I will do my best the other half." One side of her body would not move. Someway, she pulled herself from bed and tried to walk dragging limp foot and hand.

Later that day, I was with her. We always played games when together. I said, "Mom, let's play a game." She said, "I am sleepy." I said, "Mom, you never take a nap." I kept talking to her. The Doctor said that perhaps I kept her alert and from going into a coma.

A trip to Memphis hospital and back home, she was still dragging the foot and lifeless hand. With her faith in God, her will power to keep trying and not to give up to a wheelchair, she conceived the idea of laying the limp hand on the handle of a little push mower the foot could drag, giving her something to hold onto. So it was round and round the ."Sutzus Farm Home", she was enjoying God's beautiful world of sunshine, .birds singing, flowers blooming, beautiful trees and was thankful for things that money cannot buy, that are so important in life. Oma Lee walked her way back to health.

Now in 1983 at age seventy-five, she is active in church again, entertains her club which she helped organize sixty years ago and she enjoys her fmmily and friends.

There is just too much for me to tell in this short story.

Mom is one of those writers who may be found in the middle of the night with her pen when the idea strikes and others are fast asleep.

Her dreams haved come true this year while the snow awas on the ground she wrote a complete book about her life, ancestors and God's world about us. The Tip of the Golden Slipper heel from 1540 to 1983, Title "Look Back with Love of Yesterdays".

I am glad to call her "Mom". Hope you have known her, too.

# DEMOCRAT-ARGUS, Tuesday, February 6, 1940

AGED PHYSICIAN DIES SUDDENLY OF HEART ATTACK FRIDAY

Albert R. Conrad Stricken On Street Near Home--Had Practiced Here Forty Years

Funeral Services were conducted Sunday afternoon at 2:30 0' clock at the Methodist Church for Dr. Albert R. Conrad who died at his home at 601 Carleton Avenue Friday afternoon. Dr. Conrad suffered a heart attack while walking along the street near the northwest corner of Sixth Street and Carleton Avenue at 3:30 0' clock Friday afternoon. It has been reported that a short .time prior he walked to the Mississippi River to see the ice gorge that had formed at Gayosa Bend and thus perhaps had overtaxed his strength. He had just turned the corner on Carleton at Sixth when he fell, according to Fire Chief Victor Malloure who was walking down Carleton when Dr. Conrad was stricken. He died shortly after being carried to his home across the street.

The funeral services were conducted by the Rev. W.L. Meyer, assisted by the Rev. Elmer Peal, a long time friend of Dr. Conrad. Internment was in Little Prairie Cemetery.

Dr. Conrad was 76 years old and practiced medicine here for the past forty years, coming here December 24, 1899.

He was born in Portageville, Mo., November 24, 1863, and was graduated in medicine from Vanderbilt University. He returned to his home town to practice and then moved to Bertrand, Mo., later locating in Caruthersville.

Active in affairs of the Methodist Church, he was a member of the Board of Trustees at the time of his death.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Alba Williams Conrad, and two sons, W.H. Conrad of Dallas, Texas, and Alfred Bland Conrad of Bristol, Pa.

Honorary pallbearers included the physicians of Caruthersville, Drs. G.W. Phipps, C.W. Brown, J.B. Luten, J.R. Pinion, P.J. Aquino, C.F. Cain, C.C. Castles, F.R. Adkins, S.C. Neff, F.L. Ogilvie, D.D. Pinion, Harry Baker, C.O. DeHoff, H.M. Hoffman, G.C. Bishop, Delbert Bishop and Messrs. J.C. Hawkins, J.W. Green, C.G. Shepard, and J.W. Sawyer, Sr.

Active pallbearers were N.C. Hawkins, W.B. Bernard, Bob 'Hawkins, Victor' Malloure, J.J. Gallian, and R.L. Tinsley.

Copied from a special edition of the Democrat-Argus dedicated to boosting emiscot County, Southeast Missouri and its environs. November 15, 1940.

# PROFESSOR JOHN L. JAMES HEADS BRAGGADOCIO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Braggadocio--Braggadocio Public Schools with a faculty of 16 and an enrollment of 525 is headed by Prof. John L. James as Superintendent. He has been in charge here nearly 10 years and formerly lived at Caruthersville. The school operates three busses, between 63 and 64% of the school enrollment being safely transported. More class room is needed, it is found also there is a great need for a Gymnasium. Grades run from 1 thru the 12th. Commercial work is also conducted, and Home Economics will come as soon as a place is provided for it, assurances are given. Braggadocio School Band with 35 pieces is acknowledged to be one of the best in the county. Efficient education work is carried on at Braggadocio Public Schools, and the public is to be genuinely congratulated.

#### Continued-November 15, 1940

# W.H. (HENRY) BURGESS, NATIVE ARKANSA, SUCCEEDING IN MISSOURI

Hayward--The Butler Township of Pemiscot County is fortunate in its many good citizens, among whom are W.H. (Henry) Burgess and his splendid family composed of himself and wife, Mrs. Jessie Burgess and the following children: Coleman (Mrs. Learon); Mrs. Dora Ward; Talmadge (Mrs. Jewell); Yvon; Mrs. Theolene Spencer, Miss Geraldine and Miss Alma Jean. Parents: H.L. and Mrs. Mary Jane Burgess, both deceased. Parents of Mrs. Burgess: George and Mrs. Mary Boon, both dead. Mr. Burgess is a native of Picket, Ark., he having established himself in Missouri in 1892. His wife is a native of this place. The Burgess general store and service station operated here is the popular meeting place for friends and customers from thruout the Butler Township and elsewhere it is disclosed. Mr. Burgess owns 57 acres and a half-interest in another tract of 140 acres, the land being grown to general crops and live stock. General merchandise, featuring groceries are carried at his store, which was opened in 1935. Mr. Burgess has served 18 years as a school director. He was a constable in other years, and at all times he is found on the side of every constructive program for the good of his community and its people. Active in civic and religious efforts. Mr. LBurgess and all of his family are proud to be counted on the side that is for the good of the community as a whole, and all of them, as are their friends, are boosters especially for better roads thruout this part of Pemiscot County. The Burgess deserves your patronage, and its cowner appreciates your trade. There are the following grandchildren in the Burgess family: Patricia Ann and Augie Burgess; Juanita Margaret and Dale Heitman; Rondell and Robert Henry Ward. Fisher, Needmore and Hayward children of Mrs. Daisy Heitman, who passed away in 1932 constitute the other members of the family circle.

#### Continued-November 15, 1940

THEO. KLINKHARDT OPERATES LARGEST DAIRY IN THIS PART OF THE STATE

Hayti--Theodore Klinkhardt (Mrs. Louise); Joe (Mrs. Irene); Mrs. Louise Smalley (of Illinois); Walter (Mrs. Clara); and Miss Trea is the owner and operator of the largest individual dairy plant in this part of Southeast Missouri, it is revealed. He carries an average of 35 cows and heifers, milking an averaege of 21 cows. His milk product is credited with carrying more cream than any other similar product in this sector. Klinkhardt milk products are distributed both in Hayti and Caruthersville, where you are also invited to call on your favorite grocer for a supply of same. In addition to his modern dairy located southwest of Hayti, Mr. Klinkardt also operates a 160 acre farm, grown to general crops and live stock. He makes from 1 to 12 bales of cotton per acre, records show, his total cotton yields being about 60 . bales annually in addition to all other general crops. He established his dairy in 1934, conducting both a whlesale and retail business. A proud distinction with Mr. and Mrs. Klinkhardt is the fact that their son, Walter, qualified for participation yesterday at Kansas City, Mo., in the nation wide 4-H Club Contest for the farmer. He was the only qualified contestant from Pemiscot County and one of eight representing the entire state of Missouri. Mr. Klinkhardt stands for general progress throughout this area, where his father was one of its pioneers.

Parents: Joseph and Mrs. Anna Klinkhardt, both dead. Parents of Mrs. Klinkhardt: Phillip Hehner, deceased, and Mrs. Hehner, living. Mr. Klinkhardt is a native of Hecker, Ill., and his wife a native of Mascoutah, Ill. They came to Missouri in 1912, locating on their present property in 1916. The Klickhardts are good citizens and their friends and the public congratulate them on their continued success and good service.

(Taken from the front page of the Democrat-Argus, Friday, September 19, 1941).

HISTORIC RECORDS TO BE PLACED IN CHURCH STEP VAULT

Cottonwood Church Announces Ceremony Sunday, With District Superintendent Present

Copies of the Methodist Church records and history dating back to 1880 when the church was first organized, will be placed in a vault in a ceremony which will be held at the recently remodeled Methodist Church at Cottonwood Point at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, September 21.

The vault which will hold the records was prepared for them

in the concrete steps of the building at the time it was remodeled. These records will include the names of all pastors and a complete roll of the membership from 1880 to 1941.

Former members are especially invited to attend this service. The Rev. E.H.Orear, district superintendent, will be in charge of the service and will deliver an address.

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(Taken from The Democrat-Argus, Friday, October 9, 1936--Esther M. Greer, F.W.P. Writer)

JOHN HARDEMAN WALKER, WHO PROVIDED MISSOURI WITH A "HEEL"

A man who is responsible for adding 700,000 acres to a state, an addition representing some of the most fertile land in the United States, is certainly a man to be honored and remembered in the annals of that section. Such is the bid to fame of John Hardeman Walker, the man who altered the shape of Missouri by tacking a "heel" onto it. Just how he contrived to do it is not on record, but this fact does not discredit the other and more important one--that he accomplished the seemingly impossible for Misoouri.

When the time came to carve our state's boundaries out of the wilderness, the memorial of the citizens of what was then Missouri Territory proposed to embrace within the new state all the territory situated between parallel 36 degrees and 30 minutes and parallel 40 degrees, north latitude, with the Mississippi River as a boundary on the east and the Osage on the west. In defense of these boundaries, the memoralists thought them to be "the most reasonable and proper that can be devised."

As for the northern extremity, it was to be a line nearly corresponding with the northern limits of the Territory of Illinois. And for a southern boundary the memorialists agreed that an extension of the line dividing the states of Virginia and North Carolina, Tennessee and Kentucky would suffice.

#### RESENTED EXCLUSION FROM NEW STATE

That is what they thought but others differed. Various objections were raised to these boundary lines, most vehement of which came from those settlers residing south of parallel 36 degrees . and 30 minutes. They had been excluded from the new state and resented the fact for several reasons.

Being left out of Missouri meant being joined up with the Territory of Arkansas, a section that was not near statehood-- in fact, it did not become a state until sixteen years later. The advantages of state government over territorial government are obvious, accounting for the wish to be included in Missouri.

It is little wonder then that when the Territorial Legislature met in November, 1818, representatives and members from the region south of New Madrid should bring forward the boundary in question. It was of vital interest to them in more ways than one, and, like the wayfarer turned from the door, they demanded entrance and were not denied. They argued for an extension of the proposed new state's limits to include the districts below New Madrid as far as the 36th parallel of latitude. Nothing short of this would satisfy them.

Not only did the "excluded" members plead this case but they found champions also among those from elsewhere who were of the opinion that so long as they were carving out a new state they might as well make it as large as possible and include the greatest number of its population.

700,000 Acres Added to Missouri

It was at this time that John Hardeman Walker came to the front as a giant of the situation, championing the proposition with a determination that made it impossible for the cause to fail. He was one of the earliest settlers' around Little Prairie (now Caruthersville) and had accumulated large holdings of land in that section, the future worth of which (so it seemed at that time) rested largely on whether it was to be included in Missouri or to remain a territorial holding.

John Hardeman Walker's faith in the new country had never been shaken, not even by the 1811-1812 earthquake. A most courageous pioneer, he was one of the few settlers who "stuck" the quakes through. He had fearlessly faced and conquered the Indian hazards, as well as all the other dangers accompanying pioneer life.

Having all these conquered, Walker was not one to stop when a new obstacle lifted its head. His vigourous agitation for a revision of the proposed boundaries never slackened until he won his point. In this respect he was probably aided by other representatives, but the main power was Walker, head and shoulders ahead of all others in vigilance. John Scott, the Territorial delegate, and others in Washington over whom Walker exerted influence contributed a share to the successful results.

Winning by perseverance, John Hardeman Walker and his cohorts had the satisfaction in 1820 seeing Congress fix the southern boundary of Missouri "from the Mississippi llel 36 degrees to the Ste. Francis River, thence in the middle of the main channel to parallel 36 degrees and 30 minutes, and thence west, etc." And in this way did Missouri come by the "heel".

### HARDEMAN CHAMPIONS CAUSE

The man to whom Missouri is indebted for 700,000 acres of fine alluvial soil lies at rest in the old churchyard of Caruthersville's Methodist Church on some of the very land for the inclusion of which he fought with a diligence that never waned. Tombstones all around have crumbled into decay, but his, like the indefatigable spirit of the man it commemorates defies the wreckage of time.

History, in general, and Pemiscot and Dunklin counties in particular should feel greatly indebted and highly honored to have had within its pale a builder so tireless as John Hardeman Walker, the man who tacked a "heel" onto our state. Nor did his services end there. Under the new statehood he served as sheriff in 1821-1822 and later was one of the judges of Pemiscot's county court. For many years he was that county's most prominent and influential citizen and one of Missouri's notable builders.

Moreover, the settlements in question were made about the same time as the other Missouri first settlements, and practically the same population, and were engaged in the same general industries. Their trade and associations in general, to say nothing of family ties and other social intercourse had been with Missouri to the north, linking these lower settlements with New Madrid, Cape Girardeau, Ste. Genevieve, and St. Louis.

To the west of them there was little or nothing to serve as an inducement for the lower Missouri section to want to be aligned with Arkansas. West of the St. Francis River loomed a blank--so the early settlers persistently clung to incorporation within Missouri, the new state about to be formed.

MIRRORS OF THE PAST (From Files of The Democrat-Argus) September 15, 1903

Our public school commenced yesterday with the following teachers: Room No. 1, Mae Gerber; 52; No. 2, Alice Cardwell, 40; No. 3, Mattie Brooks, 37; No. 4 Mollie Houston, 40; No. 5 Emma Gardner, 36; No. 6, Katherine Bolton, 50; No. 7, Ethel West, 36; No. 8, Kate Robertson, 36; High School, 70, May Bolton, Principal; Florence O' Donoghue, Grace Jones, Assist ants in the high school; Lee W. Rood, Supt. 397 scholars.

### TAKEN FROM THE DEMOCRAT-ARGUS-Friday, October 13, 1944

SENATOR TRUMAN HONORED GUEST HERE FOR 2 DAYS

Speaks at Fairground Following Reception Saturday Afternoon -- Donnelly also guest

As has been his custom for a good many years U.S. Senator Harry Truman, Democratic nominee for Vice President, arrived in this city last Satunday around noon to be the guest of the American Legion Fair Association and the principal speaker , at the fair. He was en route to New Orleans to deliver a speech Monday night and from there was routed to the west coast for further public appearances in the campaign.

A pot-luncheon and reception, under auspices of the Women's Democratic Club of this county, was held for the Senator in the late afternoon at the large new Armory building on West Third Street, which was attended by 500 on more people, many from some distance away and most of the local guests bringing various and varying articles of food. Plenty of food was on hand for the crowd, with many of the number personally meeting Senator Truman for the first time.

The gathering was altogether informal, with no set program of entertainment other than a concert played by the Wardell High School Band, which also played prior to the speaking program at the fairground that night. Present in addition to Senator Truman were the Hon. Phil Donnelly, Democratic nominee for Covernor of Missouri, the Hon. Orville Zimmerman of Kepneti, present Congressmen and again the nominee of the Democratic Party; the Hon. Dan Joslyn of Charleston, Democratic Nominee for reelection as State Senator from this district; also numerous county candidates and party leaders.

Several of these notables were introduced by Burley Chism of Hayti and all merely acknowledged the introduction with the exception of Atty. Jas. M. Reeves, chairman of the County Central Committee. Mr. Reeves talked only briefly, however, giving a sort of "pep" talk to party workers, particularly with reference to voting a straight party ticket. "I would not help a candidate on the opposition ticket,", he said, "when I know that that candidate's whole efforts are directed to defeating every'd man and woman on my ticket."

Following the reception the visiting candidates went to the Fairgrounds where all appeared on the platform and where Mr. Truman delivered the principal speech. Mr. Reeves presented Congressman Zimmerman, who spoke briefly and then presented Senator Truman. At the close of his speech Mr. Truman presented Mr. Donnelly, who spoke for a few minutes.

21 42 Senator Truman remained over night and until the races at the fairgounds were practically concluded next day before driving to Memphis to

entrain for New Orleans, mixing and mingling with the people on the fairground during the afternoon. Sunday morning he was the guest of Mayor W.D. Byrd in attending the Methodist Sunday School and making a Bible talk to the Men's Class, of which Mr. Byrd is president. Later he attended services at the Baptist Church, whose pastor, the Rev. D.K. Foster, has been a close personal friend of the Senator for many years. He was the minister's guest in his home for noon dinner that day, also.

The text of Senator Truman's speech will be found on Page 2 of this newspaper today.

### SENATOR, TRUMAN HONORED GUEST HERE FOR 2 DAYS

Following the text of Senator Harry S. Truman's address on his 11th visit to the American Legion Fair, at Caruthersville, last Saturday, October 7th.

Ladies and Gentlemen and my friends of Southeast Missouri:

This is my llth visit to Caruthersville on the occasion of the American Legion Fair, and I hope it will be my privilege to make it at least eleven more.

I was here in 1937 and discussed with you the situation then developing in the world and reminded you of the effort which President Wilson had made to create a League of Nations to keep the peace. This speech, if you remember, was brought about by the fact that in 1931 Japan had gone into Manchuria , breaking all the treaties to which it was a party. Italy had gone into Ethiopia under almost exactly the same conditions, and Hitler was threatening at that time to go into Foland, which he did two years later. Just a few days after this Fair closed President Roosevelt made a speech in Chicago, in which he warned the country that the dictators of Europe were preparing to plunge the world into war, and that under those conditions there would be no opportunity for the United States to remain out of the conflict, because there was no chance for us to be isolated from a conflict of the magnitude then pending. Nor would netrality laws prevent our becoming entangled in a world-wide conflict.

He was called at that time a "war monger" by a large section of the Press, the pacifists and the isolationists. He began then to make an effort to build up the defense of this country and in every instance he was hampered by the isolationists and the Republican minority in the two houses of Congress. That minority voted against increase of airplane production; voted against Lend Lease; voted against conscription.

Just recently an effort has been made by the two leaders of the Republican Party in this campaign to make it appear that the country was unprepared because the President didn't make an effort soon enough to get us prepared. They have made garbled quotations from that speech of October 5th, 1937, to which I have referred, in an endeavor to make that appear as a fact. They have left words and sentences out of their proper context and have deliberately misrepresented the facts, which were stated in that great speech. Now, I consider this the lowest form of political chicanery, and I am very sure that the American people cannot be fooled by any such form of dishonesty.

The candidate for Vice-President on the Republican ticket has been endeavoring to show that because I was chairman of an investigating committee for the United States Senate, that I have made an attempt to impeach the administration in its conduct of the war. That committee, whose proper name was the Committee to Investigate the National Defense Program, and whose name was shortened to the Truman Committee, was created by the Democratic majority of the United States Senate. It consisted of seven Democrats and three Republicans til 1942, when another Republican was added to take the place of a Democrat who failed to come back to the Senate, an since that time it has consisted of six Democrats and four Republicans. That committee had a mandate from the Democratic majority of the Senate to investigate the National Defense Program. The Committee had the approval of the President of the United States, Frnnklin Delano Roosevelt. That committee honestly and conscientiously investigated the National Defense Program, pointed out errors which were being made, and in a program as great as the one which we had to organize, mistakes were bound to occur. When those mistakes were pointed out by the Special Committee and remedies suggested, those remedies were immediately instituted.

That committee made some thirty-odd reports while I was its chairman and every year it had to ask for the necessary appropriation to pay the expenses of its endeavors. n every instance the President was consulted and wholeheartedly approved what that committee was doing. It is rather unbecoming of me to say it, but since the opposition had decided to put that committee into politics, it is my opinion that there was never a special committee of the Congress which came more nearly meeting the wholehearted approval of every branch of the government and the American people than that one. It has been credited with saving billions of dollars of the taxpayers' money. It has been credited with saving countless lives in it discovery of faulty equipment, which was being made by dishonest contractors. It was a job that was absolutely necessary to be done. That committee established a precedent for never in its history of the country has an investigating committee been authorized to make its investigations while the program was in progress.

The same approach to the reports and the recommendations of that committee has been followed in the quotations from the speech of the President of the United States of October 5th, 1937. The reports and recommendations have been garbled and have been made to appear as partisan criticisms of the Administration, when in fact the efforts of that committee were in cooperation with the administration, and for the welfare and benefit of the fighting men of this country.

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I don't believe the American people can be fooled by any such demagoguery and chicanery I believe they appreciate that this Administration, the Administration of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, has carried on the most successful war efforts that the world has ever seen. I know that under the leadership of the President we passed from a pacifist nation to the most powerful and well-equipped war-like nation in the history of the world. The best answer to such claims is that we have made the prophecy of Benito Mussolini that country could never be prepared, a mis-stateent this of facts.

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A State of If you remember, a certain Japanese admiral by the name of Yamamoto made the statement that he would occupy the White House in Washington and tell the citizens of the United States what they could and could not do. That gentleman no longer exists. He committed suicide after the Battle of Midway. Hitler made the statement that there was so much confusion in the aims, and views of the citizens of the United States that we could never fight a successful war. He now spends his time in an armored train, parked in the railway tunnels of Germany in Germany at night, to prevent himself from being blown to bits by the most powerful Air Force the world has ever seen, created by the production effort of those same people who he stated could never fight a successful war. Poor old Mussolini has left the balcony at Rome and now spend his time under the bed in Berlin. Letter aug have In the Area Area

We are winning this war! We are winning this war because of the leadership under the President. The war is not yet won. It is my opinion, as I have stated time and time again, that it would be a very . serious and dangerous matter to take a chance on creating distrust with our Allies by placing an inexperienced leader at the helm of the government of the United States at this time. But, much more important than that, and that's of vital importance right now is the winning of the peace.

In 1920 this great country of ours failed to assume the responsibility which Almighty God intended it to assume. The isolationists gained control of the government under Warren G. Harding. Those same isolationist are still alive in the Republican party and they are making every effort, by every means at their command and by methods which will not stand the light of day, to obtain control of the government again. I don't think that we, as citizens of this country, can afford to take the chance.

We must this time make a peace that will stand, so we won't have to send our grandsons to do again what our sons are now doing, and wjat we thought we did twenty five years ago.

(50 Years-The old Pemiscot County Fair Association was purchased by the American Legion Fair Association in 1934).

DETAILS OF AMERICAN LEGION FAIR WELL TAKEN CARE OF BY PROMINENT PEMICCOT BUSINESS MEN; OCT. 1-5 DATES (Taken from The Democrat-Argus-Tuesday, September 16, 1941)

Each Official has a Job and Does It Well--Fair operates on No-Profit Basis

Not the sole reason but one principal reason why the American Legion Fair has been so successful during the years it has operated here may be found in the character and personality of the men who are behind it. Naturally a great deal depends upon a number of fortuitous circumstances--the weather, the kind of entertainments furnished, the cooperation of the People whose attendance and interest make it a success; yet without the right kind of people managing and directing an institution of this sort none of these things are likely to be found "right" in the long run--excepting that by the grace of providence

It was back in 1934, after the old Pemiscot County Fair Association found such hard going through lean years that it was seriously considering "throwing up the sponge" and letting the fairground revert to agricultural purposes, that the local Legion post stepped into the breach, obligated itself for thousands of dollars and took over the physical properties lock, stock and barrel and the responsibility of putting on the annual Fair. At that time the official heads of the undertaking were chosen as follows: E.E. Simpson of Hayti, president; Harry Malloure and R.C. Mulliniks of this city, secretary and treasurer respectively. Since that time the president of the group has changed from time to time, but so efficient were the other two officers found to be that they have served without change from that day to this.

This year the officers of the Fair Association are: Jas. T. Ahern, president (who is now serving his third year). Jack Dowdy, vice-president; Harry E. Malloure, secretary; Robt. C. Mulliniks, treasurer; and J.R. Hutchison, Jas. M. Reeves and Floyd C. Wilks, directors. Last--and one of the most important--George Gray of Vienna, Ill., is serving and for years has served as general manager.

From an attendance totaling around 15,000 in the days of the old Pemiscot County Fair Association, attendance has grown to approximately 50,000 in 1940 and this is expected to continue to expand each succeeding year if physical capacity will permit such continued growth. During these years not one penny of the proceeds from the Fair has gone into the pocket of a single individual connected with it nor into the treasury of the American Legion post. Instead all funds over and above necessary operating expenses have gone to pay off the original indebtedness (now pretty well taken care of) and into improvement of the physical properties.

And during these years the barns have practically all been rebuilt--and of steel; an all-new steel and concrete grandstand has been erected; the old wooden race-track fence has been replaced with a new chain and link steel wire fence; a new floral hall constructed; hundreds of comfortable chairs for the grandstand bought; scores of lesser improvements accomplished. Although the Association suffered the loss of the old wooden grandstand by fire two years ago, the group took it in stride and despite many obstacles had the new and modern fireproof grandstand completed and ready by the time it was needed.

Some years ago it was concluded that harness races were not of the great interest to patrons of the Fair, so a change in this respect was instituted. Now only running races are to be seen and the result of this change of policy has been to attract many of the best horses in the central and southern United States here. Lovers of good horseflesh acknowledge that the racing program at this Fair tops all others in this section of the country and continued and continuous improvements in the track work to provide some of the fastest performances seen anywhere.

Another contributing factor to the Fair's success has been the entertainment furnished on the midway under the direction of Sol's Liberty Shows. Sol has "wintered" here with his shows for the past eight or ten years and he always shows up each season with something new, novel and different in the way of entertainment and amusement for the people, from the tots to the grownups. He has furnished this fun and frolic for patrons ever since the organization of the American Legion Fair and never yet has failed to please either management or the people.

Addition of a Horse .Show to other attractions of the Big Event a year ago has served to bring numerous people from outlying points who are interested in blooded stock and this part of the program this year, its second presentation, bids fair to be "bigger and better" than the last. This show comes on the first night, Wednesday, Oct. 1, and a large number of fast steppers have been booked for this night.

Cooperation with educational interests, showing of the resources of the county and this section, various and sundry

features of the fair which are too numerous to mention, have gone into the making of the American Legion Fair here a Missouri event which is considered by many as second only to the Missouri State Fair.

And back of and underlying the whole procedure is the class and character of the official personnel, the men at the head of the organization who took on a Herculean task seven years ago without the least knowledge of methods and plans involved, but who have labored early and late and have acquired an understanding of it which is second to none in any Fair Association in Missouri. These boys have convinced the people of this county and section of their devotion to a community enterprise which is typical of our American boys who learned the great lesson in unselfishness and devotion to country and to fellow Americans when they went overseas almost two decades ago to fight the battles of a threatened world.

THE DEMOCRAT-ARGUS, Friday, October 9, 1936

COMPLETING AND PRESERVING STATE'S OFFICIAL RECORD S Force of 67 now Engaged Collecting Historical Data in Missouri

St. Louis, Mo ., Oct. 12.-- The work of re=classifyning feleral records in Missouri, begun last April, is now more than half completed, according to an announcement by Robert K. Ryland, state director for the National Emergency Council.

The purpose of the survey is to preserve legislative, executive judicial and other records of the national government, calculated to prove important in the future, Ryland explained.

Beginning with the original staff of 25 persons, with funds supplied by the Works Program Administration, and a supervisory staff provided by The National Archives, the personnel has now been increased to 67 persons. Offices have been established in Kansas City, St. Joseph, Springfield and Jefferson City, with state headquarters in St. Louis.

Information is obtained as to the frequency with which records are used and as to whether or not they are essential for the transaction of current business of the particular office. In the past six months the survy has completed the examination of more than 235 federal offices in Missouri nad Ryland estimated there are approximately 200 more federal offices to be surveyed. Already the survey has covered more than 35,000 linear feet of records. Records of no current use, but determined as important for the future, will be sent to Washington for preservation for posterity in the new National Archives Building, Ryland added. The Missouri survey is under the direction of Dr. Ralph P. Bieber of Washington University.

## THE DEMOCRAT-ARGUS, March 23, 1915

Among the last bills passed by the Legislature was one creating the Thirty-eighth Judicial Circuit out of the counties of New Madrid and Pemiscot. This will require the appointment of a judge for this new circuit and there are several candidates--three from this county and one from New Madrid. The Governor being a man who is known to stick to his friends, the Democrat does not feel that it would be hard to name the new judge.

#### March 30, 1915

#### MCCARTY LEADS

The following appeared in the St. Louis Republic of Sunday under a Jefferson City date:

Early in April Gov. Major will sign the bill creating the Thirtyeighth judicial circuit of the counties of New Madrid and Pemiscot. There are several applicants for the new judgeship. It is believed here that Sterling H. McCarty of Caruthersville stands the best chance.

McCarty represented Pemiscot County in the Forty-sixth and Fortyseventh general assemblies and served eight years as Judge of Probate : Court. He is a graduate of the law department of Washington University and served as a volunteer during the Spanish-American War.

### April 2, 1915

STERLING H. M'CARTY LANDS THE JUDGSHIP

Of New 38th Judicial Circuit Received Notice .of Appointment Last Night

Hon. Sterling H. McCarty(pictured)

The above is a fairly correct likeness of our new Circuit Judge, Hon. S.H. McCarty. Nothing that the Democrat might say can add to the fame or reputation of the Judge, as he has been before the public of this section for years--first as a school teacher, then in rapid succession as a lawyer, judge of Probate Court and State Representative. In all of these positions he made a success and there isn't any doubt but that he will add new lustre to his name as a Circuit Judge. He is a graduate of the Annapolis Naval Academy, and also the law department of Washington University and a Spanish war veteran and a bachelor. The Democrat hastens to extend congratualtions.

#### April 6, 1915

#### Town and County News

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It is said on good authority that the Bank of Tyler, Tyler, Mo., would soon liquidate its business and retire. This move is occasioned by the closing of all business at Tyler, caused by the closind down of the Tyler Land and Timber Company's immense plant at that place owing to financial entanglements of J.E. Franklin and the Bankers Trust Company. It is said the Bank of Steele will take over the business of the Bank of Tyler, and that its assets are more than enough to take care of all liabilities.

April 6, 1915

#### A CORRECTION

Braggadocio, Mo., March 29, 1915 To The Democrat:

In reply to the neighborhood gossip which was printed in the Argus March 25, 1915, about the East Braggadocio school entertainment.

The Hall and McCreary;s Educational Book Co., from which the plays were ordered said that the plays were popular, of highest merit and nothing in anyway objectional.

The hints that were printed about the program being unclean and not uplifting were given by a person who did not go to the entertainment but printed just hearsays. Instead of two pupils being in the plays, there were nine and the teachers also.

The money was divided up equally among the players, but the teacher's money has been spent for the school and the money that was made at the other entertainment was spent for Supplementary Readers for the pupils.

Bessie Orton, Teacher H. Bryant, Pres., school board W.T. Pendergrass, Director J.G. Grinstead, Director.

#### THE DEMOCRAT-ARGUS, March 16, 1915

#### Town and County News

F.R. Gadd and several other higher officials of the Wisconsin Lumber Co., arrived yesterday morning from Chicago, and after spending a short while in this city continued on to Deering, where they have business connected with the new stave and hoop mill to be erected at ' Converse. Work on this new mill will be pushed as rapidly as possible, and when completed it is said the mill will give employment to about 100 men.

## May 26, 1915

W.H. Rives and family, who have been occupying the Peattie residence on Carleton avenue, and which was recently sold to H.J. Hart, will remove to Deering, and make that little city their future home, Mr. Rives, being superintendent of the Deering Southwestern Railway. The family has made many friends during their short stay here who regret to see them leave, and who will always welcome them back.

### April 2, 1915

The name of "Converse" a station on the Deering Southwestern Railway south of Deering, has been changed to "Rives", we suppose in honor of the popular superintendent of that road. Rives is destined to come into some prominence in the near future, as that is the place where the stave and hoop plant is to be located.

#### THE DEMOCRAT-ARGUS, April 20, 1915

#### CIVIC LEAGUE NOTES

The Civic League has been to an expense of over \$15 for stationary and stamps, has mailed out 382 letters and have had only 21 responses in its efforts to improve and beautify Little Prairie cemetery. Several have said they would contribute, but the weeks go by and nothing is received from them.

We hear many deplore the fact of the burning over of the cemetery recently, the stones blackened and shrubs were killed, and yet when we are making every effort to prevent these conditions we do not get the help we should from the public. It may be many years, perhaps never, before this matter is again taken up. Some say form a Cemetery Association. We say by all means do it, if in that way you can accomplish better results. The League is more than willing it should be done. We have nothing to gain, only that the home of our dead may be as beautiful as those you tell us about way back yonder, and that we are has

#### civilized as they are in other places.

Of what use is it for a few to keep their lots in good condition if they are surrounded by an acre of weeds. Some people have the impression we would beautify one grave and not another. We work for all the people, and unless we can put all the lots in shape so a lawn mover can be used and the grass cut often, the driveways raised in the center, and in time we would outline the driveways with a privet hedge and plant flowering shrubs in some parts of the cemetery. Many wonderful improvements could be made but it seems as if our people don't care to have it done.

Herewith is published the list of names and amounts of contributions to April 20rh, for the improvement of the cemetery.

Clyde Farrow	\$2.00	R.B. West	\$2.00
Lawrence Crocker	2.00	J.M. Snow	-2.00
J.O. Willett	2.00	Charles Pierce	5.00
C.O. Gill	2.00	Katie Kading	2.00
C.B. Faris	2.00	Rachel Ballard	2.00
J.F. Gordin	2.00	J.B. Luten	2.00
J.C. Faris	5.00	W.A. Green	2.00
J.W. Watkins	2.00	M.B. Crider	2.00
S.S. Markey	4.00	N.O. Mitzhell	4.00
P.T. Muniford	2.00	S.T. Lippard	1.00
F.J. Cunningham	5.00	Wm. A. Joplin	4.00

We again urge upon all the people to send in their contributions so the work may be begun and the grass kept cut. Shrubs and such things will how have to be put out this fall, but there is yet time for some planting.

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## QUERY

Searching for information on my grandfather, Wash P. Lafferty, he married Ina Ann Davis, December 7, 1893 in Douglas County, MO. Believed to have moved somewhere near or in Pemiscot Cuunty after 1893. Believed to have later moved to Oklahoma and died somewhere around 1924 or 1925.

Searching for the name of his father and mother.

Any information appreciated write: Mrs. T.M. Bennett, 422 Reiff Avenue, Searcy, Arkansas 72143.

# QUERY

George Darnell Felts born February 7, 1863, Dunklin County, Missouri. His mother was Caroline Hutto Felts, also known as Mrs. N.C. Felts, who died May 16, 1905, age 72, Hayti. Desire the first name of father of George Darnell Felts and any other information about him, his brothers, sisters, or descendants. Also searching for information on the brothers, sisters and parents of Caroline Hutto Felts. Will exchange information. Please write Janet Felts, 430 N. Harrison Street, Rushville, Indiana 46173.

I would like to know about the graveyard at Mosley School. I know it was a small one. Jannetta Pierce, 1548 Addis Road, Holly, MI 48442.

# QUERY

Working on McCollum genealogy. Want to locate any descendants of (1) Clint and Ollie (Deathridge) Ashley (2) Cora (Ashley) and "Buck" Shaw. Clint and Cora Ashley were twins born 1882 the children of George W. and Elizabeth "Betty" McCollum) Ashley of Humphreys County (Bakerville), Tennessee. Both Clint, Cora and families lived in or near Hayti and Caruthersville in the early 1900's. They have been reported to have died and have been buried in Pemiscot County. Please contact Monroe Stewart, 111 Masonic Avenue, Monroe, LA 71203.