

MUSEUM MUSINGS

WESTON HISTORICAL MUSEUM

OCTOBER ~ NOVEMBER ~ DECEMBER 2014

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Annual Dinner Will Host One-Woman Show

The Weston Historical Museum's Annual Dinner is scheduled for Nov. 9th at 6:00 p.m. at Eventful. Cost will be \$30 per person and the entertainment for the evening will



be guest speaker Angela da Silva, Adjunct Professor of Black History at Lindenwood University in Defiance, Missouri.

Ms. da Silva will perform a half hour one-woman show, portraying a slave woman named "Lila". She details her life as a slave

child through her adulthood and eventual escape from slavery via the underground railroad.

Please make reservations early and send them to the Museum at P.O. Box 206, Weston, Mo. 64098.

The staff and Board members are looking forward to seeing all our members who can attend and enjoy a very special evening's program.

Help Needed In Identifying Whereabouts of Building

Several times, in our research on the business building in downtown Weston, we came across a reference saying that such-and-such a business was in the Murdock building. We were never able to determine which building that was. Recently we found an advertisement in a Weston Telephone book, dated, 1922, that indicated Dennis Cleaning was in the Murdock building.

We also know that J.W. Murdock was in Real Estate in Weston and he later sold half of his interest in the business to Foley in 1924. However, we still do not know which building in Weston was referred to as the Murdock building. Can anyone help us with this? If you know the answer for certain or are at least 99% certain, please call or stop by the museum with any information. Thank you for your help.

Team "Awesome" Regains Trivia Night Title



A smaller than usual group met for the museum's Trivia Night on Saturday, August 2nd in the Masonic Hall on Main street.

Five teams "duked" it out for the prize and the final tally of points gave the trophy to Team "Awesome." The team, consisting of Brad Bunge, Brian West, Dan West, Kate Elsea Jones, Susan Grinlinton, Connie Wilson and Gerald Shroyer, was led by Chris West.

A copy of this photograph and the "coveted" trophy are on display within the Weston Historical Museum for one and all to see.

Share Your Family Story and Secure the Museum's Future

Each family and individual, in Weston and the surrounding area, has a unique story all of their own. Sometimes this can be found in diaries, letters between family members, important papers, etc. Consider preserving these unique stories by sharing these papers and family records with the Weston Historical Museum. They will be safely stored and made available for future generations.

There is another way in which you can help the future of the museum; consider helping to expand the important mission of collecting, protecting and sharing Weston history for future generations through estate gifts and gifts of assets.

Hoy Family Descendants Visit; Donate to Museum



Pictured are (left to right): Jeanne Nickel, John Moore, Jay Moore and Doug Bogart.

On a beautiful fall day in late September, several descendants of the Hoy family of Platte County visited the Weston Historical Museum.

Met by Mrs. Ann Saugstad, the family members toured the Museum, which included displays containing Hoy family artifacts. They also reviewed information from the Hoy family files which had articles and pictures relating to the family.

The trip was planned by Doug Bogart of Kansas City, who has been a member of the Museum for several years. Other visitors were all related by blood or marriage. They included Jeanne and Gary Nickel of Rockwell, Texas; Jay Moore of Jefferson City; and John Moore of Mexico, Mo. Bogart and John Moore had just recently met.

In honor of his cousin, Frances Hornbuckle and her late husband, Roy, Mr. Bogart presented a sizeable donation to Mrs. Saugstad, which will be used for the restoration of the Weston Brewery painting.

As always, the officers and staff of the Museum greatly appreciate their generosity.

Looking for Something to Do?

Volunteers are always welcome on "Work Day Mondays," when we sort, file and label items. During the winter we also clean, refresh and change displays for the new season.

If interested call 386-4063 or 386-2977.

Vampires are Prowling . . .

(Taken from the July 20, 1951 issue of the local newspaper)

It would sound more impressive to say vampires were on the prowl, luring objects into their graves, but its just cesspools, cisterns etc., caving in from so much rain.

During the wet spell a lawn table at the Donald Spratt home was out in the backyard—and then it wasn't; an old cesspool had opened up and swallowed it.

Another night a cistern at the Clarence Brumley home decided to give up the ghost and slide in.

Last week the small dog owned by Mrs. Hazel Blum was standing in the back yard of her apartment when the ground under him gave way and he plunged some 12 feet for a watery swim. Clarence Brumley and Archie Dowdell came to his rescue with the aid of a ladder.

A cavern about 6 ft. wide and 8 ft. deep was discovered between the Chronicle Office and the MO. District Warehouse.

HALLOWE'EN SOCIAL

(From "The Weston Chronicle" dated Nov. 3, 1911)

The ladies of the Methodist church gave one of their delightful socials at Marr's hall Tuesday evening. One of the best literary programs ever given by home talent was enjoyed.

A sketch, "The Clever Matchmakers" by Gene Doppler, J.W. Coots, Misses Byrd Winburn, Ella Winburn, Helen Adkins; instrumental solos by Misses Irene Doran and Helen Adkins; three spooky readings by Weston's favorite Miss Hilda Doppler; vocal duet, Misses Rose and Hilda Kemmerer; piano duet by Misses Esther Thorn and Hilda Kemmerer; a farce by Misses Ella Winburn and Emily Hardesty; vocal solo by Miss Bess Bilby of St. Joseph who has studied in Europe added much to this program.

A candy booth did a thriving business. Two ghosts acted as ushers.

Altogether it was a very pleasant affair and another social success has been scored by the Methodist ladies.

Museum Recipient of Donated Documents

In this past year, the Weston Historical Museum has been the recipient of several documents. In an earlier newsletter we wrote of an original Civil War letter written by a young soldier who stayed in Weston for a short while. This was thanks to the auspices of William James Griffing.

In August we received a copy of a travelogue written in the early 1800s by a gentleman by the name of Henry Barricklow. He traveled through Weston, staying a while before going on further west. He talks a bit about Weston and names a few individuals from here. This travelogue comes to us from Ms. Tammy Silva who is the great granddaughter of the gentleman. She says the original diary can be seen at Baker University in Kansas.

In early September we received a book entitled "This Day We Marched Again" which is the Civil War Diary of Jacob Haas edited by Mark K. Christ. In the diary, Haas mentioned staying overnight in Weston and his impressions of the town. Rev. Terry Bruce, who was a pastor at Holy Trinity Catholic Church for a number of years, sent the book after reading it and seeing the reference. We, at the museum, are also looking into whether Jacob Haas might be an ancestor to the many Haases who, at one time, lived here in Weston.

Later in September we received another original letter, written by our own Dr. Thomas Beaumont to his brother, Jabez Beaumont. This letter comes to us through the auspices of Mr. Carl Volz by way of Mr. Griffing.

For those who wonder, Mr. Griffing has no real ties with Weston, but has visited here a few times. He has "a passion for antebellum and military history." He prefers, of course, primary materials such as letters and diaries.

A local man, Cliff Weiser, has donated a yellowed and fragile newspaper, The New York Tribune, dated December 1863. In it, there is much news of the Civil War and some of what was happening in Missouri at that time as pertains to the war.

Last, but not least, Ms. Denise Bradley of Warsaw, MO, has donated two old Weston Chronicle issues. One is dated in 1945, the other in 1948. The first one has large headlines about the end of WWII. Though in somewhat fragile condition, both are interesting to see and to read.

These two papers came from her parents, Neal Dow and Essie Houser who lived for many years in Platte City.

The museum wishes to thank each and every one of these individuals who donated the items and helped to add to the knowledge and understanding of our world, and our town.

Mill Changes

(An article from May 29, 1886)

To the old patrons of the Bee Creek Valley Mills and others, the undersigned would say that since purchasing the Packer Mills some time ago, he has been overhauling the same, adjusted the burrs and machinery preparatory for doing thoroughly first class work in custom grinding.

By strict attention to business and liberal dealing he expects to please everybody in both quantity and quality of flour.

The mill will run every day in the week. Parties coming to it will be waited on with promptness and dispatch. I shall try my level best to satisfy customers before they get away from the mill.

Come with your wheat and corn and be convinced of what I can and will do for you. Don't wait for your neighbor's report, but come right on and get for yourself the advantage of a good old fashion turnout.

I shall also always have on hand for sale good merchantable flour, meal and feedstuff. Prices reasonable. Your patronage is respectfully solicited.

C.V. Huhn, Successor to Packer Bros.

Corrections and Clarifications

In the Spring issue of this newsletter, we wrote that the friendship quilt was from the Sugar Creek Baptist Church but in reality, the ladies of the *Short* Creek Baptist Church made the lovely quilt that is on display in the museum. Our apologies to all.

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While the article about the "Fire in Farley", appearing in the Summer issue, was printed word for word from the archives, one only had to read the article to realize the fire was actually in Tracy.

After several people pointed this fact out to us, we checked the original article and found it was an error of the people at *The Weston Chronicle* in 1892.

The editor at the time was B. J. Bless, Sr.

## Bits and Pieces From Bertha's Morgue

October 20, 1911, *The Weston Chronicle* brought us this item: "Weston is to have another bank which will open for business Wednesday, Nov. 8; it will be a postal savings bank supervised by Postmaster J.H. Turner. This will be the first Government bank in Platte county."

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In that same issue we found this: "James Ireland, an old and respected citizen of near Farley, died at the home of his granddaughter, Mrs. E.F. Timberlake at De Kalb last Tuesday. The deceased was about 87 years old and his remains were taken to his old home at Farley for burial."

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July 31, 1925 we found this item: "The last of the many improvements scheduled around town by Mayor Waggoner is being put in this week in the laying of a new sidewalk from the end of the Miller property to the depot plaza. Mr. Waggoner is supervising the work and is using the City concrete mixer on the job."

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July 16, 1926 an item in the local paper read: "The resignation of H.S. Doppler, for the past five years Weston's City Clerk, was tendered July 12 and was accepted at the meeting of the City Council Monday night. Mayor Waggoner appointed Paul Waters to the position. Paul is a W.H.S. graduate, a capable and worthy young man, to succeed so efficient a Clerk as Mr. Doppler has been."

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On the evening of August 1, 1950, "Margaret Lu Moore entertained with a party for her grandmother, Mrs. Margaret Owens, who was celebrating her 79th birthday.

Guests were Mrs. Lyda Hillix, Miss Frankie Owens and Mrs. G.B. Moore. Margaret Lu baked the birthday cake which was served with ice cream."

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November 11, 1957 brought us this item: "The Fish fry sponsored by the O.E.S. chapter of Weston held Saturday evening was quite a success.

Over 85 pounds of fish were fried and served with delicious salad, hot coffee and pie. Mark Burns and Al Hasemeier were cooks."

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Dated June 23, 1944, "The neighbors on Blackhawk and Spring, between Blackhawk and Main

streets, have a series of wiener roasts every season to which all the folks, old and young go eagerly. This year the mosquitoes have made the gatherings too unhappy, so that the first of the season was held only this week."

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July 20, 1951, "Robert Kottman's Boy Scout troop gave him a surprise party and wiener roast Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Bless, and as a parting gift presented him with an engraved sterling silver identification bracelet.

Kottman leaves the 24th for induction into the Army"

Did You Know...

. . . that there was a group called the Acme lodge, No. 2438, Knights of Honor in Weston in June of 1894? They installed the following officers that month and year: J.M. Baker, Dictator; Job Robbins, V.D.; M. Schindler, Ass't D.; Dr. S.W. Coots, Chaplain; J.S. Hamm, Reporter; A. Schneider, F.R.; J.W. Ryan, Treasurer; W.A. Wood, Guide; Alex Murdock, Inner Guard; Lee Woods, Sentinel; and T.M. Mitchell, P.D. At this time Dr. W.J. Simpson was recommended to the grand lodge for D.D.G.D.

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. . . that Woodruff, Mo. boasted having a Lumber Yard in 1894? It was owned and run by Joseph Farrington.

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. . . that Thomas J. Carson advertised in *The Weston Chronicle* dated June 22, 1894? He was an auctioneer in Camden Point who specialized in the sale of farm stock.

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. . . that Bob Hope, comedian and actor, recognized Weston in a radio show? According to the March 28, 1947 issue of the local newspaper, Hope mentioned the swelling of the funds for the cancer drive through contributions from people in small towns as well as in the larger cities. "It is grand that all these folks should be represented in these drives—New York, Chicago, Denver, and Weston, Mo." said Hope. This all came about through the urging of Miss Betty Collison, a Weston native, who was working in the same office, in California, as Glen Wheaton, script writer for Bob Hope and *The Hit Parade* among others. It was also noted that Betty had gotten Hope to mention Weston another time and that Frank Sinatra was also credited as mentioning our little town at one time.

WESTON HISTORICAL MUSEUM

# Annual Dinner Meeting

Sunday, November 9th \* 6:00 pm



**EVENTFUL**  
AT LOCUST GROVE

25180 County Rd JJ - Weston, Mo.

## The Program

Angela da Silva, An Adjunct Professor of Black History  
at Lindenwood University  
presents her one-woman show exploring the life of one  
woman living through slavery in the early days  
of the United States.



**Dinner Reservations are \$30 per person. Cash Bar.**

*Deadline for reservations is November 1st.*

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## RESERVATION FORM

Please mail this form to:

*Weston Historical Museum, P.O. Box 266, Weston, MO 64098*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Reservations \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

# Weston Historical Museum Members

October 2014

## LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

Jerry Adams  
 Robert and Delores Baker  
 William E. Baskett  
 Earl and Dot Benner  
 Douglas W. Bogart  
 Bethene Breen  
 Jimmie and Lola Burrow  
 William (Bill) Carson  
 Mrs. Richard Cray  
 Vivian Beck Dissette  
 Jeff and Janet Elsea  
 Richard Felling  
 Jeff and Pat Gaskill  
 Sally Gaskill and Massimo Ossi  
 Mitzie Hall  
 Virginia Hall \*  
 Suzy Hardesty  
 Mr. and Mrs. William Hart  
 Debbie Hay  
 Donald and Susanne Head  
 Frances Hornbuckle  
 Floyd and Susan Hudson  
 Owen "Bub" R. Hull  
 Owens "Lee" Hull, Jr.  
 Walt (Sandy) and Joan Humphrey  
 Louise Harpst Jackson  
 Jana Collision Johnson  
 Charles M. Johnston  
 Judith Pettit Juergens  
 Kenneth Juergens  
 Dr. and Mrs. Ray Kirk  
 Ray and Edna Kirk  
 Mrs. Kenneth Kisker  
 Cynthia S. Hudson Lake  
 James K. Layton  
 Floyd and Connie Liberty  
 Mrs. Elmer Lindsey  
 Luellen Malley  
 Mike and Ruth Marr  
 David McKinney and Helen Benzinger  
 Dr. Saundra McMillan  
 Charlotte V. Miller  
 Art and Susan Nagel  
 Robert F. and Ann S. Niemann  
 Haroldine Nisbet  
 Bill and Jean Ohlhausen  
 Bret and Carla Ohlhausen  
 Drs. Ward and Deb Ohlhausen  
 Phil and Mary Pattison  
 Sue Phillips  
 Dr. and Mrs. Elbert Pirtle  
 Robert L. Rutherford  
 Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Smith  
 Louis and Pam Smither  
 Norma Lee Stephen  
 Bill and Francie Stoner  
 Peggy and Rogers Strickland  
 Joan Murphy Keogh Taloff  
 Patricia G. Thomas  
 Mrs. Paul Toy  
 Jared P. Welch

Chris and Marsha West  
 Fred and Linda Whisman  
 Paul R. Whitters  
 Margaret Theo Wilson

## BENEFACTOR

Clay and Lennie Bauske  
 Carl and Kacey Felling  
 Dennis and Barb Fulk  
 Larry and Carol Lintner  
 Dennis and Ann Saugstad

## PATRON

Jerry and Dorthi Blair  
 Michael Bless  
 Michael and Cyndee Bohaty  
 Bill Cecil  
 Kenneth and Kay Clemens  
 Butch and Judy Davis  
 Pat and Cathy Egan  
 Dorothy Emery  
 Charles and Barbara Gatschet  
 Stefanie Arnold Glusac  
 Jean Hartley  
 Hatchery House B & B  
 Brent and Trish Hudson  
 Jeff and Kate Hull  
 Larry and Jan Jabara  
 Pat Jesaitis and Nancy Day  
 David and Thea Knox  
 Roger and Susan Lindley  
 R. Alan Macy  
 Reece and Nichols  
 Jack and Kate Parsons  
 Snow Creek  
 Sandra Taylor  
 Ted and Connie Wilson

## FAMILY

Robert Baker  
 Glenn and Pat Benner  
 Mel and Jeanne Branef  
 Mike and Joyce Burch  
 Bob and Janice Chenoweth  
 Larry and Ruth Mary Clemens  
 J.P. and Helen Coldren  
 Tom and Cecilia Credille and Family  
 Scott and Heidi L. Curry  
 Mr. and Mrs. Baldy Darnay  
 Scott and Mary Davin and Family  
 John and Sandy Dowd  
 Walt and Kate Dowd  
 Ed and Pat Farrand  
 Stephen Folck Family  
 Orville and Glenda Fulk  
 Catha Hall, Ron Hansman and Gemma  
 Larry and Brenda Hamby  
 Chris Hiatt Family  
 Bruce and Susan Huffman  
 Robert and Janet Kerns  
 David, Kim and Coy Kirby  
 Robert and Fay Kottman

Eric and Diane Marr and Family  
 Charles and Beverly McConnell  
 Sylvia J. Miller  
 Paul Norman and Family  
 Ron and Jean Novotny  
 Jay and Vanessa Nower  
 Pat O'Malley  
 Robert O'Neill  
 Pacific Breeze  
 John Price and Liz Marr and Family  
 John and Julia Pasley  
 Joe and Lyn Pepper  
 Harvey and Joyce Priddy  
 Mort and Zelda Reeber  
 Lee and Becky Robertson  
 Clyde and Sigrid Rowland  
 Ross and Betty Shenkner  
 Kyle and Joan Stephenson  
 Allen and Bonnie Stewart  
 Keith and Marie Stutterheim  
 William and Carla Sutton  
 L.R. and Sue Vaughn  
 Dan Verbeck and Sylvia Stucky  
 The Vineyards Restaurant  
 Dan and Peggy Wainscott and Family  
 Larry and Gertrude Woodring

## INDIVIDUAL

T.J. Beach  
 Cindy Bond  
 Joyce Bramble  
 Myrtle Lee Burns  
 Frederick J. Chiaventone  
 Margaret Cockrill  
 Grace Cogan  
 Barbara Diment  
 Dorothy A. Donnelly  
 Margaret Engeman  
 Susan Grinlinton  
 Kristina Fulk  
 Mary Hayworth  
 Frances M. Shenkner Hite  
 Nancy B. Honerkamp  
 Mary Ramsay Johnston  
 June Kisker  
 Verna Kowertz  
 Carolyn A. Larsen  
 Robert D. Leonard, Jr.  
 Sharon Lyons  
 Janet S. Marriott  
 Earl Miller  
 Sylvia J. Miller  
 Cathy Murdock  
 Barbara Nissen  
 Louise O'Neill  
 Judy M. Peterson  
 Clyde Poignard  
 Pat Stampfel  
 Joyce Taylor  
 James W. Van Amburg  
 Lee Wilhite  
 Mary Sue Winneke

## **FIRE!**

### **Schneider & Son's Grocery Store in Ruins**

*(This item came from the Dec. 4, 1896 issue of The Weston Chronicle. As with Tracy, Farley, Iatan and other towns around, fire was a terribly destructive force to be feared and a constant threat.)*

Last Sunday night the grocery store of Schneider & Son, on Main Street was discovered to be on fire. When first noticed it was 10:45 and smoke was already coming out of the second story windows. The origin of the fire is not known but it started near the writing desk. Our volunteer fire company responded quickly to the fire alarm and the force pump was brought into action, and just as the boys were getting control of the fire some powder and coal oil exploded shattering the plate glass front into the crowd on Main street and the glass in the rear into the crowd in the alley where Julius Rumpel and his men were doing effective work with his force pump. This gave the fire an extra start and that entire block, with its magnificent structures, seemed doomed, but the boys worked all the harder and by daylight the fire was subdued.

When the explosion occurred several dozen persons were injured from flying glass. Among those injured we noticed Michael Trudersheim, John Weisser, Arthur Kelly, A. Schneider, A.V. Schneider, Willie Riley, Dr. Simpson, C. Moosman, George Sebus, A.F. Walruff, William Wood, Jacob Brill, E.W. Railey, J.W. Coburn, G. A. How, William Rumpel, Julius Rumpel, Carl Schweizer, Ben Price, Marian Mann and Melville Kelly. There were also several colored persons hurt whose names we failed to learn.

The loss to Schneider & Son is about \$10,000, including stock and building. This is partly covered by the insurance of \$5,000.

The books and valuables in the firm's safe were uninjured.

(Note: Most of those injured were the firefighters.)

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If any of our readers knows the exact location of this store in 1896, the Museum staff would be appreciate notification. Older newspapers often announced relocations as "The jewelry store moved into the old Doppler building," without stating an address or street. As one can imagine, "the old Doppler building" could have been one of three or four different sites.

Remember the Nostalgia Store When Shopping

Don't cringe, but there are only 60 or so shopping days until Christmas. Have you made out your list yet?

When doing so, please remember the Museum's Nostalgia Store. It's a one-stop shop for all the bibliophiles in your family.

We have local authors like Louis Smither, Stephanie Rotterman, Carolyn Larsen, Sandy Miller and T.J. Beach, plus copies of several local interest books. We also offer a few gently-read books for those on a budget.

Paper dolls, coloring books and note cards of several designs are available as well.

New this year is Bill Graham's CD "West Missouri Ramble". As many of you know, Bill is a freelance columnist who contributed for many years to *The Kansas City Star*, and currently works for the Missouri Department of Conservation as a writer for it's magazine. In his spare time, Bill and his group perform in the area and are annual guests at Weston's Applefest.

So check us out this season! We are open from 1-4 Tuesday through Saturday, and 1:30 to 4:30 on Sundays.

Former Weston Boy Injured in Vietnam

(This article came from "The Weston Chronicle," dated November 17, 1967)

William E. (Bucky) Henderson was injured this past week while on duty in Vietnam. Henderson, with a supply outfit, had his vehicle struck by a mine and received neck injuries.

Henderson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Henderson of Rushville and a brother of Mrs. Jerry Hawks of Weston. He is also a graduate of the West Platte H. S. with the class of '64.

Young Henderson's condition is not considered critical.

Two weeks earlier the local newspaper gave the information that Henderson had been promoted to Army specialist on October 3rd near Pleiku, Vietnam. Henderson entered the Army in February of 1966.



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*Please Remember to
Send in Reservations
for the Annual Dinner!
See Page 5 for Details.*

? **Mystery Corner**

In the Spring issue of *Museum Musings*, we had a photograph of four ladies; in recent weeks we learned their correct identifications thanks to Marion Monahan. They are, left to right, her great-grandmother, Ella Laveda Matthews Anderson; her grandmother, Judy Esther Anderson Stolder; her mother Hazel Stolder Campess; and her sister, Sharon Campess. Our thanks to Marion for the help.

The ladies pictured in the Summer issue of the newsletter were Mrs. Wanda Rees, Mrs. Kathleen Carter, Mrs. Pauline Horseman, Mrs. Meda Brooks, Mrs. Mabel Hill and, in front, the short lady was Mrs. Ruth Bless. Many people called



in the correct identifications, others knew most of them.

The photographs of these two young women were given by the Marr family. Unfortunately they were unfamiliar to them.

Does anyone in our readership recognize them? If so, please contact us at 816-386-2977.