

Newspapers were "The Dixon Headlight," "The Dixon Echo," and "The Dixon Progress." One went out of business and the others combined and later moved away...but in 1911, "The Dixon Pilot" was started and is still known by that name.

Early doctors in Dixon were: Dr. A.L. McGregor, H.L. VonGrempp, C.A. McCombs, D.P. Webster, W.B. Curtman, Dr. James McCully, Dr. A.J. Crider, Dr. Donley Gates and the current doctors: Dr. Benny Thomas and Dr. William Colyer, Dr. George Bailey is Dixon's current dentist.

Some early postmasters were A.H. Eaton, R.M. Lilly, Jim Elkins, W.C. Eldred, Hugh Murphy, and J.H. Imboden. The present postmaster is Virgial Mann.

Today a modern Post Office with large parking areas for carriers helps to speed up delivery.

Before 1914, the first electric lights were turned on in homes and streets for only a few hours each evening. In 1915, the first electric fan in Dixon was installed in the Masonic Hall. In 1920, the company of that year announced they would furnish services for ironing from 8 to 12 each Thursday morning.

Entertainment for early Dixonites came in the form of medicine shows, circuses, band concerts, pie and box suppers, picnics, carnivals, and private parties.

Early Dixon car owners were Alex McKinnon, H. R. Elkins, Joe Grempczynski, and more who drove models like the Reo, Hupmobile, Ford, Studebaker and many more. The first hearse, horse drawn was owned by Alex McKinnon. In 1924, he sold to Fred Gilbert who was assisted by his daughter Hazel and husband Maurice Scheirbaum. It was later sold to Jim and Ann Long.

The telephone company started out with a small board which later sold to W.A. Murphey and is now Allied Telephone Company.

Many Dixon boys served their country well and all wars were entered by our lads. Some did not return and many households were saddened by their losses.

In 1913, the downtown section from the Legion Hall to the corner burned to the ground. The bucket brigade turned out to help and young and old alike showed up to help.

Some of the businesses built back and quickly returned to their everyday livelihood, Joe Gilbert had a dry goods store, Earl Crane a variety store, Sease and Veasman drug, Grempezynski Dry Goods, Ashley Veasman hardware just to name a few.

The ice plant was built in 1926 by Bennett Skaggs. It was recently demolished. Mr. Skaggs owned the Dixon Light Plant in 1920.

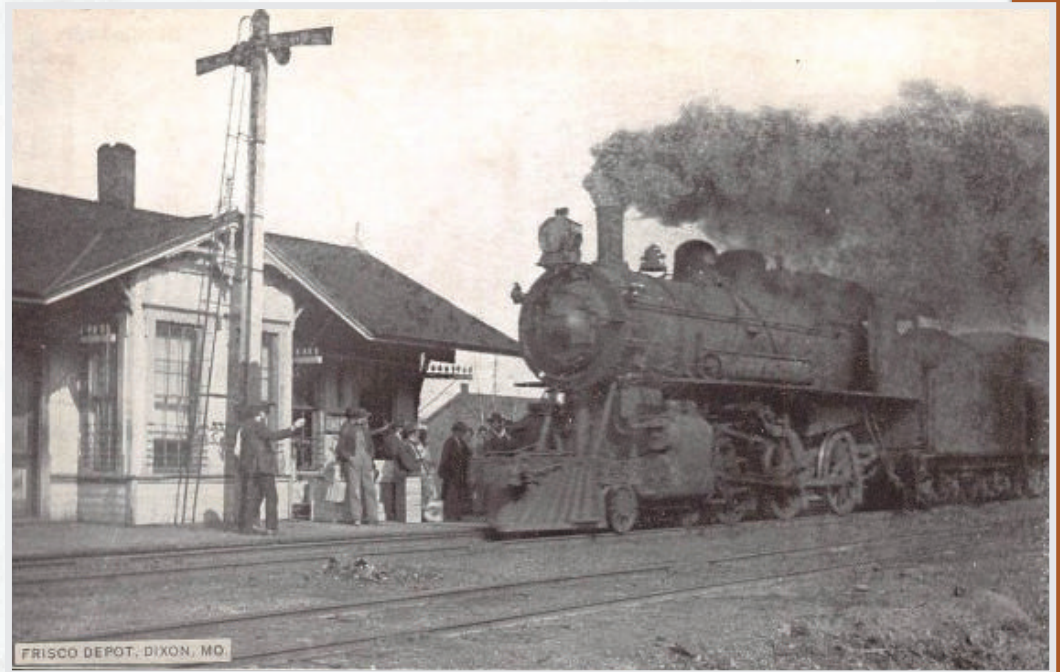
In the early days, three banks were located in Dixon, "The Bank of Dixon," "The People's Bank" and "State Bank" but in 1932 the Bank of Dixon and State Bank merged and still is called the

State Bank of Dixon.

Early citizens of Dixon include Samuel Hale, John F. Mitchell... The Goforth family, Scott Family, Warnols, Carter, Gilbert, Tibbs, Slones, Leisman, Veasman, Bryant, Christeson, Nulls, Samuel Helms, Crismon, Dette, Cain, McKinnons, Licks, Murphey's, Rollins, Sheltons and many more.

There have been many changes in businesses in the last 37 years, the Modern Electric Co-Op Gascosage, Clarks Drug, Dixon Floral Shop, Country Flower and Wedding Shop, Dixon Locker Plant, Supermarkets and more.

The schools feature sports, basketball, track, golf and tennis. The new Country Side Ball Park is doing well,



opened by Gene Hall.

Churches serve all faiths. Clubs in Dixon and organizations include the P.T.O. and C.T.A., W.P.F.A. plus Opti-Ms., Lions, Optimists, Happy Homemakers, Think and Do Wednesday and V.F.W.

The Brown Shoe Company provides jobs for many residents. Many downtown buildings in Dixon are getting face-lifts and even a modern indoor pool, restaurant, and sauna is being added to the old Clark's Drug Store location. Goodrich Gas Company of Crocker recently added a modern appliance store. Other businesses are opening up including a Donut Shop, so maybe our town will come to life again.

I'd like to name everyone, but if I forgot you, please forgive me. I urge all of the people of Dixon and the readers of this publication to attend the Old Settlers Day and relive some of your memories.

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