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Years later, two player's jersey on that championship team had their numbers retired by the Dixon school so that no other player will be able to wear that number. John Brown's number 50 jersey was retired as well as Paul Hauck's number 20 jersey. John Brown's college number 50 jersey was retired by the University of Missouri on March 9, 2019, exactly 50 years and one day after Dixon's basketball team won the state championship on March 8, 1969.

Don and Mary Anderson operated the Andy's Family Room restaurant. During the basketball season, they hung several poster boards with booster messages on the walls of the diner so people could sign their name. Andy's also had pool tables, pinball machines, arcade games and a jukebox. Every week, they gave a free meal to the person who had the high score on the pinball machines. I won several times and always ordered Mary's delicious chicken and dumplings.

Dad renovated several buildings in Dixon. I was never good at the hammer and nail thing and I think dad probably knew it. I probably would have mashed my fingers flat or sawed off an arm. However, I did help to move something, hold up a board, or deliver a tool he needed. Dad renovated the old theatre building in Dixon. Dad and mom operated a live country music show in the building during the 1970s. Harland Ellis and others performed shows on weekends while mom and dad took admissions and operated the concessions.

Mom used the Juicyburger recipe she learned as a teenager when she worked at the original Trudy and Susie Drive-In in 1955. A Juicyburger is made from 2 lb. of loose meat hamburger, ¾ cup ketchup, ½ cup water, 1 tbs. chili powder, 1 tbs. Worcestershire, 1 large onion, 1 tbs. Mustard, salt and pepper. Harold and Gladys Elkins created the recipe used at the drive-in they built that was named the Trudy and Susie Drive-In, named after their daughters. The Trudy and Susie Drive-In was located south of Dixon at the Highway 28 and "O" Highway junction. Harold sold the drive-in to his sister Lena and Doc Harrom. Years later, Arnold Bassett and Herb Colley separately owned and operated the snackette at different times.

Colley's Snackette served hamburgers, French Fries, and other fast food. They had a pair of Seeburg 100 Wall-O-Matic jukeboxes mounted on the east and west outside walls. People waiting to be served could choose one of the hits of the day to play over the speaker system strung in the gravel parking lot. Speakers were also mounted in the playground area behind the snackette. I remember playing on the swings and hearing Roger Miller sing Chug-A-Lug and Do-Wacka-Do over those speakers. Colley's served a 64 oz. "Monster Shake" that was a sure brain-freeze waiting to happen. I only ordered it one time at the hefty price of \$1. Every 4th of July, a fireworks stand would be set up in the parking lot selling Black Cat fireworks.

Later, dad removed the theatre seats and renovated the upstairs into a living space for our family. Downstairs, mom sold clothing at a store they named Beydler's Econo-Mart. The theatre building later became Brandt's and is now home of the Dixon Weather Service.

These are just a few of my memories of growing up in Dixon but there are many more...from playing basketball at Hauck's Court to baseball games at the Khoury League Park. Family reunions at the city park and watching the Ozark Opry perform live under the park pavilion. Running home from school in time to watch Dark Shadows on a snowy, TV signal. Sledding in the snow with my brothers and sister and our friends. Skipping rocks across the Davis' pond behind our house. Heading down to Jones Creek to swim while avoiding the water moccasins with their heads darting out of snake holes along the rocks and mud banks. Picking wild blackberries and watching mom cook them into jam. I can only hope that you have as many fond memories of growing up in your hometown as I do. V.B.



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