SCHOOL AND INDUSTRY

Umapine School

The settlement at what was once known as Rocky or Gravelly Flats was named Vincent, after the early landowner who gave the land for the church, Joseph Vincent.

The land donated for the first school was given by Joseph Gallaghar, a squatter, on 160 acres near Umapine.

The first school in the community was begun in about 1882, and located on the west side of the present football field. The students next attended a school taught in the home of Fanny Wright.

Since the Old Dump School, (Pleasant View) was in use in 1874, it is safe to assume that this school was used by Umapine children.

From the information gathered, it appears that there were 2 or 3 one-room schools at Umapine before a 3-room school was constructed. Kyle McDaniel was principal of the first 3-room school constructed in the area.

Industry

The greater percentage of crops consisted of hay and grain. Dairying was also successful.

At one time the hay tonnage marketed from Umapine, at its peak, was approximately 5,000 tons, the grain 50,000 bushels, and dairy products, milk and cream, exceeded 120,000 lbs.

In the early 1900's Umapine had a barber shop, two creameries, one general store, a blacksmith shop, a lumber and hardware store and a cheese factory. In 1911 by the expansion of the postal system, Umapine received a post office.

Vincent Water Company

Vincent water development was started April 8, 1915 by Louis Hodgen who donated the land for the well. The first water system was a 30 foot wooden storage tank with a gravity flow located near the well.

When the land was sold to other people, there was trouble over the well. At that time, the land where the present well is located was donated by August Moroca. A new pressure pump system was installed.

On the first board was Louis Hodgen, Fred Baker, Art Smith, J. P. Caldwell, D. J. Kirk and W. F. Gentry.