



Rhodes Community Park in February of 1983.

which lies directly east of the above original park, from the West Marshall School District. This property was needed for the ball program and to enlarge the park. All in the community dug deep into their pockets and donated enough money to purchase the ground and build a twenty by forty foot shelter house. All labor was donated in the raising of this building.

Also in 1971, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Trowbridge purchased the school buildings and donated the following playground equipment; jungle gym, swing set, teeter totters, slide and basketball boards from the inside of the gym, to the park.

Everybody's Everythings', which was a youth group in town, donated enough money to pour a concrete basketball court. There was also other donations such as; bicycle rack, Tom Borton; a picnic table, D and P Lumber; Flag Pole, Marvin Gibbs; playground-equipment and etc, Ball Association; two jumping animals, Community Betterment Committee; slide, Bi-Centennial Committee; and many hours of free labor by the people of the community.

Memorial gifts were received from; Chris Oxley, scoreboard; Maynard Jackson, two picnic tables and Paul Trowbridge, lights for the ball field.

All in all we have a very impressive park, one which our young children can play in all year round and is also a park which everyone in our community is and should be, very proud of.

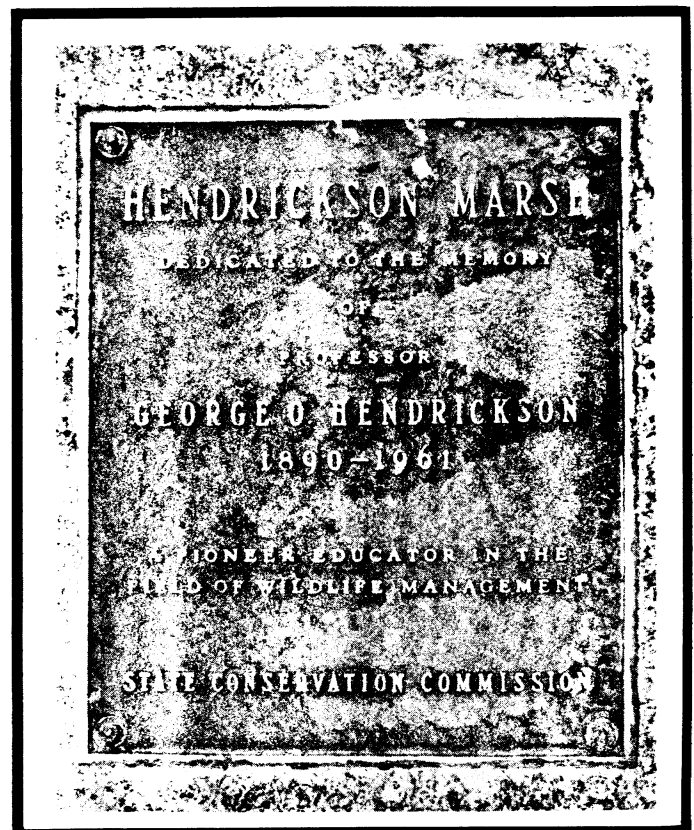
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Hendrickson Marsh

The marsh area is located in a relatively flat basin surrounded by moderately rolling uplands on the Marshall-Story County line two miles west of Rhodes. Well-known in the history of Story County, the area is commonly referred to as the old Kimberly Marsh. For years and years the area had been too wet to farm, although old timers can remember when wild hay grew abundantly in the marsh and was harvested.

The Iowa Conservation Commission purchased the land in the mid-1960's. Funding for land acquisition and development came from Pittman-Robertson funds (federal excise taxes on sporting arms and ammunition) and Iowa hunting license fees. A large earthen dam with concrete spillway and stoplog control structure was constructed on the extreme east end of the area in the fall of 1968. This created an impoundment area of approximately 250 acres at optimum water level. The total land and water area in state ownership is 601 acres at the present time.

The area was named in honor of the late Dr. George O. Hendrickson, a professor of fish and wildlife management of Iowa State University. Dr. Hendrickson was among the first in the country to teach courses in wildlife management. A dedication plaque is imbedded in a granite boulder near the north parking lot on the county line road. Dedication ceremonies in honor of Dr. Hendrickson took place on June 13, 1970.



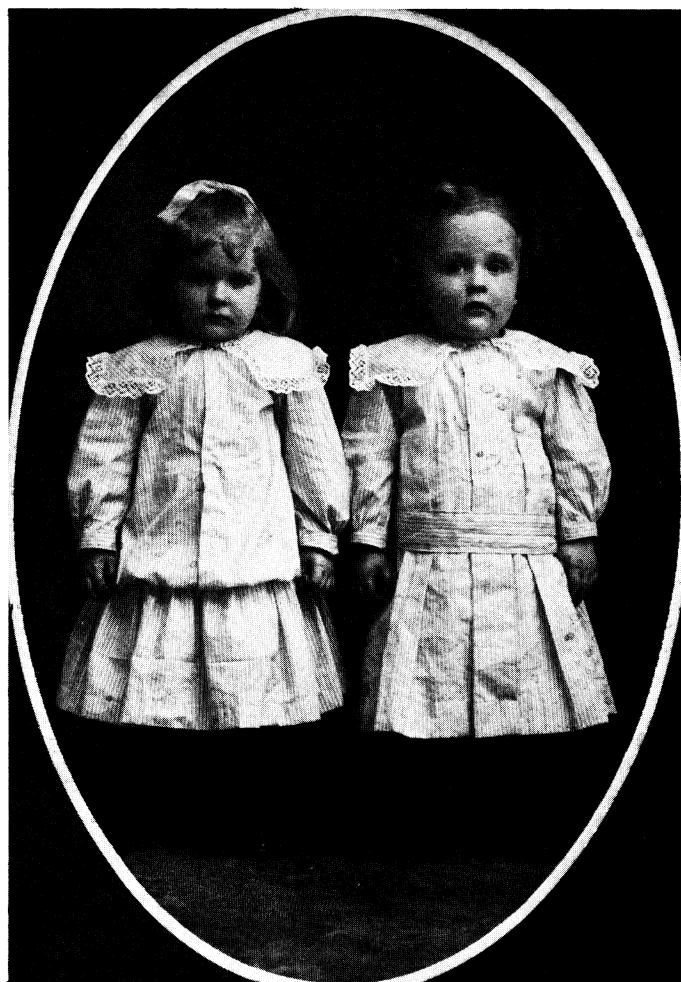
Primary management of the area is directed at waterfowl and upland game. Best hunting results can usually be realized later in the season after the opening rush has tapered off. Good duck hunting can be found on the west portions of the area, but in recent years Hendrickson Marsh has become better known for its excellent goose hunting. Excellent pheasant hunting is also found on the area in and around the grasslands and cropfields.

Although the water depth is usually too shallow to support a good population of game fish, the area does offer good fishing for bullheads and other rough fish in some years.

Hendrickson Marsh, with its great variety of marsh, open water, grasslands, cropfields and shrub plantings, offers excellent observation opportunities for many different species of non-game wildlife. Great blue herons, marsh hawks, tree swallows, goldfinches, bobolinks, mourning doves, killdeer and eastern kingbirds are just some of the species that can be observed in the area at various times of the year. Large concentrations of snow geese stop on their northward migration in the spring and sometimes stay in the area for two weeks or more.

College students, local school groups and others use the area frequently for nature study, especially in the spring and summer months. There are currently five parking areas, two boat ramps and two access roads available to the public. Whether you hunt, fish, hike, canoe, watch birds or study nature, Hendrickson Marsh has something of interest for you.

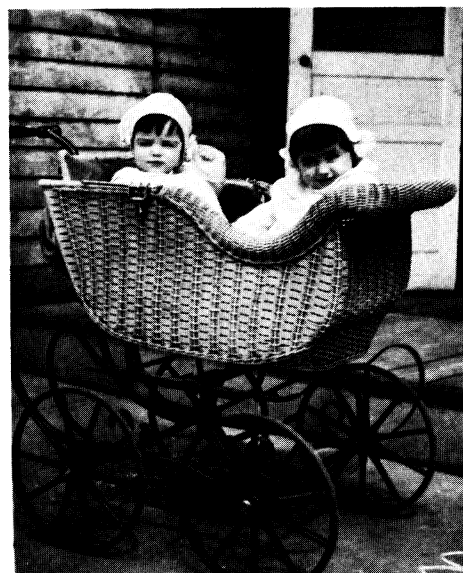
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Schoppe Twins - from the left; Gertrude Gibbs and Harold Schoppe.



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Malloy Twins - from the left; Leo and Lauraine.