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This Town— That World

SURPRISE!

For the first time, in 10, these 27 years this Seeker of the Keys has been running, or been run by, this newspaper, we this year haven't skipped a week of publication. Some will say, glancing at the thinness of this week's edition, that we almost skipped. But here we are, anyhow, making it 52 in a row.

Well, there were reasons for publishing this week. To begin with, Christmas came on Saturday, with New Year's naturally following on the same day of the week, and so our Thursday publication date really doesn't cut into our holiday too deeply. On top of that, every time we skip an issue it doubles the next week's circulation and we spend a good time never again.

Besides, in addition there's a good deal over and above that— we can't go fishin'.

Happy New Year to you, my one!

The only thing needed to make our New Year resolutions mean something is a little resoluteness.

SUGGESTED LAW

Our Thero-Oughta-Be-a-Law Department comes up with the idea that it should be mandatory that every parent match each dollar he spends over five on a child of his own at Christmas with a dollar for some child in need.

You doubtless have heard of the Reluctant Dragon. Well, I happen to know of a Reluctant Santa they dragged in on a pre-Christmas party, a few miles from here.

HOW ABOUT TRADER HORN?

Since our friend, "Dootney" Horn, has gone into the movie-making business, those jokers in the back end of this shop have dubbed him Cecil B. DE-HORN.

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FORM TO HELP GROWERS

Roebuck Aid Go To 25 Growing Strawberries in '55

Roebuck, the world's best mail order outlet, is going strawberry growing in Floyd county, but it is only as a good venture with 25 4-H boys and girls and their parents.

Under the plan proposed by the company, and accepted by the Floyd County 4-H Club Council, 25 4-H boys and girls will be given enough plants for a quarter acre of berries each. Fertilizers will be supplied free. The only requirement is that a parent of the 4-Hers grow a plot of his own of equal size.

Three other counties in this area selected by Sears, Roebuck for the strawberry growing program are Martin, Johnson and Hancock. A few counties also were picked for free strawberry plants and fertilizers in the Cumberland River area where rapid growth in growing strawberries has resulted under supervision of the University of Kentucky's Extension Service. A meet of berry growers and others will be held here Jan. 4 at 7 p.m. at the Municipal building, at which time R. L. Lickert, A. A. Williams and Wm. I. Farmer, all of the Extension Service, will discuss strawberry growing.

Another meet of framers of interest to strawberry growers will be held here Jan. 4 at 7 p.m. at the Municipal building, at which time R. L. Lickert, A. A. Williams and Wm. I. Farmer, all of the Extension Service, will discuss strawberry growing.

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Court House Happenings

WILLS FILED

Estelle Johnson vs. Wid Johnson; L. Hibbits, atty.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Wm. Williamson, 29, Drift, and Hamilton, 24, Martin; married Dec. 24 at Drift by Rev. Eugene Simpson. Allie 23, Ivis, Ky., and Louise 23, Ivis, Ky.; married at Drift Dec. 25 by the Rev. Rob. Martin. Wilmer Steffy and Fannin Warren Henry Taylor; Ruby Coleman, G. B. Turley and Avanel Shepherd. Hurd and Phyllis Jean James Everett Woods and Gene Hayden and Gene Collins.

POLIO VACCINE USE EXPECTED NEXT SPRING

1955 March of Dimes To Start In County First Day of Year

What could be the last big-scale drive for funds to carry on the fight against infantile paralysis will begin in Floyd county, as elsewhere over the nation, on New Year's day.

This 1955 March of Dimes could be the last big drive for funds if the Salk vaccine given extensive tests this year proves to be as effective in preventing polio as expected.

Drives in the future will be necessary, but funds after wide-scale immunization with the new vaccine will be needed mainly to provide care for old polio cases or for sufferers who have not received this preventive treatment, it was said here.

The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis expects to know the true story of the Salk vaccine's effectiveness next April. If tests show it gives the immunization expected, a nationwide immunization program will be launched with all children in the first grade and expectant mothers receiving three "shots" of the vaccine.

This program, if carried out, will cost the National Foundation \$9,000,000.

Jesse Elliott, of Betsy Layne, again is the Floyd March of Dimes chairman. He hopes to enlist the aid of schools and community leaders in every part of the county in a drive to exceed, if possible, the \$5,600 raised in the county during the 1954 fund drive.

Although Floyd county was one of the most fortunate in Kentucky this year, with only one established case of infantile paralysis, Floyd Chapter, National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, spent \$14,800 on patients from this county who had been stricken by the disease before 1954. Ray Howard, of Prestonsburg, said a check for \$3,600 was received by the Chapter only this week from the National Foundation.

"Without such help from the National Foundation the Chapter could not meet its obligations and afford for polio sufferers the treatment they deserve and must have," Howard commented.

This year national headquarters and the 3,100 local chapters over the nation have spent \$28,800,000 for aid to 74,000 old and new polio patients, and to this figure was added the huge cost of scientific research, education of doctors, nurse and others on the care of polio patients, financial assistance to patients and the cost of other work to meet the rising tide of polio.

The national goal for 1955 is \$64,000,000, and Kentucky will make an all-out attempt, to raise \$1,000,000 of that total.

Kentucky had a big part in the vaccine trials last spring when 7,500 children in Jefferson and Fayette counties participated in the tests to determine the Salk vaccine effectiveness.

Mrs. Polly Jane Case Succumbs to Paralysis; Rites Held at Honaker

Mrs. Polly Jane Case, 79, of Drift, died Monday at her home of a paralytic stroke. She had been ill about two months. She was the wife of John Morgan Case, who survives and had been a member of the Regular Baptist church for 44 years.

Besides her husband she is survived by the following sons and daughters: Andrew Case, of Blumoon, James Case, of Drift, Hassen Case, of Blumoon, Hershell Case, New London, O., J. B. Case, New London, O., Mrs. Jack Hall, of Honaker, Mrs. Pricie Kidd, of Honaker, and Mrs. Bill Branham, of Drift. A brother, Ran Damron and a sister, Mrs. Elsie Gunnells, both of Hellier, survive.

Funeral rites were conducted Tuesday at the Little Dove Church at Honaker, the Revs. Hershell Huff, Johnny Hall, and Bill Hall officiating. Burial followed in the family cemetery under the direction of Hall Bros. Funeral Home.

BABE DIES

Clifford Sammons, two-day-old son of Naamon and Birdie Robinson Sammons, of Arkansas Creek, died at noon, last Friday, at Our Lady of the Way hospital, Martin. Besides the parents she is survived by two sisters. Funeral services were conducted at home Christmas Day and burial followed in the family cemetery under the direction of Hall Bros. Funeral Home.

Farm Committee Meets To Set Up New Program

The Farm Advisory committee of the local Extension Service met in the county agent's office, Tuesday afternoon, to review accomplishments under this year's program and to set up goals for next year. All phases of next year's program were outlined.

Attending, besides County Agent O. E. Boggs, and Irvine C. Joseph, assistant agent, were Johnny Lafferty, Lewis Burchett, James Cramer, Clayborn Bailey, and the chairman, Henry P. Scalf. Added for emphasis on next year's program was a goal of 150 acres of strawberries.

PRINTER MAN INJURY VICTIM

Talmadge Robinson, 65, Dies Monday; Was Struck By Auto Last Wednesday

Multiple body and head injuries suffered last Wednesday afternoon when he was struck by an automobile on the Left Beaver Creek highway at Printer resulted Monday in the death at C. & O. hospital, Huntington, W. Va., of 65-year-old Talmadge Robinson, of Printer.

Robinson was hit, it was said, when he walked onto the highway in the path of an auto. No formal charge was lodged against the driver of the auto, whose name is unavailable.

Injuries of Robinson, a retired railroad section worker, consisted of a skull fracture, both legs broken and a fractured plevis. The accident took place in front of Ran Spurlock's store at Printer.

The victim was a son of Tom and Jane Crum Robinson. His wife, Sallie Robinson, died five years ago. Surviving are four daughters, Mrs. Mary Riffe, Columba, O., Mrs. Delphia Stephens, Martin, Miss Dixie Robinson, Printer, Mrs. Mae Edwards, Louisiana; two brothers, Sol Robinson, of McDowell, and Carl Robinson, of Banner, and one sister, Mrs. Rhoda Crisp, of Martin.

Funeral rites will be conducted Friday from the Methodist Church at Printer, the Rev. Estill Hughes officiating. Burial in the family cemetery at Printer will be directed by the Hall Brothers Funeral Home.

TWO CLAIMED IN CAR WRECK

Former P'burg Resident Is Driver of Death Car In Auto-Truck Collision

Funeral of James Burke, 15, of Disko, one of two youths fatally injured in the head-on collision of an auto and a truck three miles north of Akron, Ind., Dec. 18, were held last Wednesday at the Gilead Methodist church.

Also killed in the accident was Jerry Patrick, 19, of Paintsville. Jack Burke, 20, of Akron, the driver of the car, was reported doing well at Woodlawn hospital, where he was taken for treatment of injuries suffered in the crash. He was apparently not seriously hurt and was expected to leave the hospital last week.

The driver of the truck, Raleigh T. Sellers, 51, route 1, Etna Green, escaped injury in the wreck in which the Patrick youth was killed instantly and James Burke fatally hurt. Young Burke died in Woodlawn hospital about three hours after the mishap, which occurred at 5:30 p.m.

State Trooper Wayne Jordan, who investigated with Fulton county Deputy Sheriff Dee Holloway, said the youth, all cousins were headed south and the truck was going north when they collided.

Patrick, who was making his home in Akron with Jack Burke and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Den Burke, suffered head injuries and a skull fracture. James Burke sustained a skull fracture and a crushed chest.

The bodies of the two victims were removed to the Sheetz Funeral Home at Akron, and the body of the Patrick youth was shipped to Paintsville for burial.

James Burke was the son of Raymond and Leona (Harmon) Burke, of six miles southeast of Akron in the Disko community. He was born Nov. 1, 1939 at Bonanza, and moved to the Indiana area with his parents eight years ago. A freshman at Gilead high school he was a member of the high school band and the F. P. A. Survivors include his parents; two sisters, Velma and Bren-

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DRAFT CALLS CUT IN HALF

Is Promise for 1955 Made by Wilson; Only Air Force To Be Upped

Secretary of Defense Wilson said last week that, partly because of greater "opportunities for peace," the draft calls will be halved next year and the armed forces will be reduced by 403,000 men by June 1955.

The reduction will bring total strength down to 2,815,000 from the figure of 3,218,000 registered last month.

Wilson told a Pentagon news conference the decision to cut military man power was made "in the past few weeks . . . by the President after a review" of all factors.

The Secretary also announced that the First Marine Division will be returned from Korea to the West Coast as soon as shipping is assembled. It will be replaced by one of two Army divisions in Japan.

The Army, Navy and Marine Corps are all to be trimmed in the next 18 months. Only the Air Force will be increased in manpower.

WRECKS MAR SEASON CALM

Christmas Is Observed Quietly; Two Seriously Injured in Car Wrecks

Fair weather and, generally speaking, fairer behavior was the Floyd county story for Christmas. The county was free of violence, yet at least two persons were seriously hurt in Christmas day traffic accidents, and others suffered lesser hurts.

Most seriously hurt were Allen Bentley, 35, of Lackey, and Creed Prater, of Hueysville, both of whom are patients in Lexington hospitals.

Bentley had both legs and 11 ribs broken when his auto left Route 114 at Lackey, Christmas night, and plunged over a high embankment onto the railroad tracks. He was taken to St. Joseph's hospital, Lexington.

Prater suffered a skull fracture when a car driven by Romine Bentley, en route from Garrett to Maytown, hit the cliff at Midas, then collided with a deaf mute's car.

Romine Bentley and Leonard Prater, another occupant of the car, were quoted as saying they were almost asphyxiated by carbon monoxide and were near unconsciousness when the wreck occurred. They suffered lesser injuries.

Mrs. Monica Johnson, of Wheelwright, suffered a head laceration and shock Saturday when her auto, driven from a side street onto U. S. 23 here, was hit by a driven by Vernon Adkins. Mrs. Johnson left the Prestonsburg General hospital Wednesday. A Gibson boy riding with Adkins was cut about the face and was also treated at the hospital here.

Scout Charles Wiechers, Jr., Awarded



Scoutmaster Carsey Kidd presents Eagle award to Charles Wiechers, Jr., as Charles' parents look on.

Highlight of a recent Court of Honor, held in Prestonsburg, was the presentation of Scouting's highest award to Charles Wiechers, Charles, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wiechers, Sr., of Prestonsburg, became the fourth Scout in Troop 21 to receive the Eagle award.

Charles, who is better known to his friends as "Chuck", was presented the Eagle award at a Court of Honor held in the Presbyterian Church here. He was escorted before the Court of Honor by an Honor Guard of fellow Scouts. Chalmers Prazier, Advancement chairman for

MASONS PLAN ANNUAL FETE

Past Masters Banquet To Honor Hall, Others; Grand Master To Speak

John Wesley Hall, of Martin, grand senior warden, Grand Lodge of Kentucky Masons, who is destined to become grand master at the 1956 meeting of the Grand Lodge, will be special guest of honor of Zebulon lodge here when it holds its annual past masters' banquet on the evening of New Year's Day.

Mr. Hall is a past master of Zebulon lodge. Also to be honored are all past members of the lodge.

Principal speaker at the banquet, which will be held at the grade school cafeteria, will be Grand Master Earle W. Adams, of the Grand Lodge. Dr. R. M. Sirkle, of Prestonsburg, past grand master of the Grand Lodge, will preside as master of ceremonies. The address of welcome will be made by Alex H. Spradlin, of Prestonsburg, with E. E. Clark, of Ashland, making the response.

Recognition of visiting masters and past masters and the introduction of past masters of Zebulon lodge will be a part of the banquet program.

Following the banquet, recently elected or appointed officers of the lodge will be installed by Grand Master Adams. They are:

John R. Baldrige, Langley, master; Estill Howell, Prestonsburg, senior warden; Sam Ed King, Martin, junior warden; Thomas E. Horn, West Prestonsburg, senior deacon; Bill Allen, Martin, junior deacon; Delmas Saunders, Prestonsburg, secretary; W. J. May, Prestonsburg, treasurer; Charles C. Calhoun, Water Gap, tiler; W. E. Hunt, Prestonsburg, and W. G. Goff, Martin, stewards; Rev. John P. Carr, Martin, chaplain; G. H. Dingus, Martin, organist.

At the recent annual election of lodge officers Eugene Allen, of Allen, was appointed to serve a three-year term as trustee.

Former Middle-cr. Man Is Victim in Indiana; Last Rites Held Friday

Malone (May) England, 71, a former resident of this county, died in a veteran's hospital, at Fort Wayne, Indiana, Tuesday of last week. He was a victim of a heart condition from which he had suffered six years. Mr. England, a native of the Middle Creek section, this county, had resided in North Manchester, Ind., for the last 11 years. He was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Enoch England.

Surviving is his wife, Mrs. Eva Poe England, and the following sons: Gordon, of North Manchester, Elva, Lloyd and Johnny, all of Liberty Mills, Ind.

Funeral rites were conducted at 1 p.m. last Friday, at the Dotson Pentecostal Church, on Middle Creek, the Revs. Steve and Ellis Whitaker officiating. Burial followed in the Jack Arnett cemetery under the direction of Carter and Callihan Funeral Home.

Blaze Mars Yuletide For 80-Year-Old Man



"Uncle" Wilse Crum stands before fire-gutted home in West Prestonsburg.

"Uncle" Wilse Crum, of West Prestonsburg, has just had the worst Christmas of his 80 years. Fire rendered him homeless on Christmas Eve and left him only a few scattered household belongings.

"I had an awful Christmas, but I'm lucky to be alive," he said this week.

A new roof could be found, the kindness of neighbors offered him shelter and comfort, but gone were all the accumulations of more than half a century of married life—cherished mementoes of his wife who died last year, little things that dated back to when his children were toddlers about the house.

Neighbors talked of raising a fund to replace for the old man those things he needs to begin house-keeping all over again. But some of the things he cherished most are gone and are irreplaceable.

Time was when Uncle Wilse always had a funny story to tell, a joke to pass along, but he was in no such mood at this year's "glad season." Not that he was proclaiming his deep, personal loss to the world; he just wasn't feeling like he had at other Christmases, for things weren't as they used to be.

The fire broke out around 9 o'clock, the night before Christmas. Mr. Crum was asleep in a back room of the small home he rented from W. M. Greenwood, of Prestonsburg. His youngest son, Bill,

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Floyd Needy Receive \$45,184 in November, Barnes' Records Show

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 20 (Sp.) — Needy residents of Floyd county received \$45,184 in public assistance payments last month, according to Commissioner of Economic Security Vego E. Barnes.

The outlay included \$22,369 in old age assistance payments; \$25,576 to families of dependent children, and \$2,240 to the needy blind.

Total public assistance payments in the State were \$3,192,268 which included \$1,951,714 in old age assistance; \$1,135,189 for aid to dependent children, and \$105,365 to the needy blind.

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Most Lethal Type Pneumonia Claims 2 Lives in Huntington

Two deaths have resulted in 12 days in Huntington, W. Va., from a "killer" type of pneumonia not common since the World War I era. It was reported this week by Dr. Bruce H. Pollock, director of the Cabell-Huntington Health Department.

Without describing the "viral" type pneumonia as in epidemic stage, Dr. Pollock urged that every person who has a cold accompanied by chills and fever consult his physician immediately, since the disorder kills within a matter of hours after gaining headway.

On December 17, Charles Spanicci, 69, of 733 Third avenue was found dead. His wife was held in jail pending an autopsy, which revealed that death was from the recently rare type of pneumonia.

Oscar Blazer, 62, of 2823 Third avenue, taken to a Huntington

COAL SHOWS LOADING GAIN

Production Far Below 1953 Total But Recent Spurt Helping Record

Coal production in the field represented by the Big Sandy-Elkhorn Coal Operators Association, is recovering this fall and winter from the doldrums the industry was in last summer, according to the most recent report on mining activities.

The field on Dec. 18 had shipped 2,000,770 tons less coal than at the same time last year. This was a decrease of 16.76 per cent. Prior to Dec. 18, and the slump below last year's production was considerably higher, being as much as 21 per cent in late October.

As of the week ending Dec. 18, 198,663.8 cars averaging 50 tons each had been loaded by the operators represented by the Association. During the corresponding period last year 238,679.2 cars were loaded. In the week itself, however, there was an increase of 34,630 tons over the same week last year.

A sign of the renewed strength of the coal area here is the continued activity of the truck mine operations. They are ending the year with an increase of nearly 600 cars of 50 tons each over last year, according to the Dec. 18 report.

Pointing up the increased strength of the coal business is the slow reduction of the percentage decrease under last year. In late October the Big Sandy-Elkhorn field was 21.2 per cent under the corresponding 1953 figure. It dropped to 20.4 percent by Nov. 6. On Nov. 13 it was down to 19.8. The percentage of decrease was reduced each week until the latest report showed only 16.76 percent under last year.

Eight companies ended operations Dec. 18 with an increase over the same period last year. They are Stephens Elkhorn Coal Company, South East Coal Company's No. 2 and Big Chief mine and Caudill-

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WATERFIELD, WARD VIEWED FOR 2nd SPOT

Judge Combs' Candidacy For Governorship Held Certainty by Observers

In the minds of political observers over the state the race for the Kentucky Governorship definitely lies between Appellate Court Justice Bert T. Combs, of Prestonsburg and Lexington, and A. B. Chandler, of Versailles.

Now the conjecturing is mostly about who will run for the No. 2 spot, Lieutenant-Governor, and if they run, with whom.

Harry Lee Waterfield, of Clinton, onetime Democratic candidate for Governor, a former speaker of the House of Representatives and a weekly newspaper publisher, already is an avowed candidate for the second place on the Democratic ticket. So is Ollie W. Montgomery, of Campbellsville, a former state Senator, and now director of state audits. But neither has indicated with whom he will run.

And now the name of Henry Ward, state Commissioner of Conservation, is being tossed around as a probable candidate for Lieutenant-Governor. If he enters the election, he will do so only with the support of the state Administration of which he is a part.

Although Ward has many friends in this part of the state, Floyd county friends of Judge Combs, who are enthusiastically reading themselves for a rousing fight in his behalf, favor Waterfield as Combs' running-mate. This combination, they contend—both young (each 48 years old) but experienced, with strong ties in opposite ends of the state and Waterfield known all over the Commonwealth as a result of his gubernatorial campaign of a few years ago—would make a nigh-unbeatable team.

Besides, Waterfield has no close ties with any faction, and Judge Combs has no political scars.

A whole flock of others are mentioned as possible candidates.

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CLUB CLOSED BY SHERIFF

Collins' Action Follows Shooting at VFW Club, Wounding of Manager

The VFW Club at Lancer was closed Sunday by order of Sheriff Gorman Collins after the club manager, Tom Burga, had been slightly wounded by pistol fire late Saturday night.

Sheriff Collins did not state how long the ban on operation of the club will continue.

Burga, it was said, was shot by his brother-in-law, Bill Stumbo, of the Middle Creek road, shortly before midnight Saturday night, a dance was under way at the club. No charge has been lodged against Stumbo, and Burga is quoted as saying he will prosecute him.

When Stumbo drew a .32-caliber automatic pistol, Burga, who held the barrel of the weapon over his head, said, "At that moment the shot was fired, the bullet striking a minor flesh wound on the club manager's hip. He wrested the gun from Stumbo."

Burga received treatment at Prestonsburg General hospital then was dismissed to his home.

Normally followed influenza cases here this month, there was influenza which preceded the pneumonia, Dr. Pollock said.

A characteristic of the killer pneumonia which has been reported in Huntington is a hemorrhage from the infected area.

Patients run a fever of 103 or higher, they have a chill, a headache, are normally under intense treatment for seven days and require three weeks to recover.

The bacterial type pneumonia normally seen are much less severe and respond more readily to antibiotics and require shorter periods of recovery, Dr. Pollock added.

Dr. Pollock said antibiotics are used in treating viral pneumonia. The principal difference is that the viral type must be treated early and treated early is non-fatal or not extremely

TEA HONORS BRIDE-ELECT

Miss Mary Belle Layne was hostess to a tea on December 26 at her home on South Arnold avenue, honoring Miss Betsy Spurlock, bride-elect of Mr. Edgar Lambert, of Huntington, W. Va. From 4 until 6 p.m., friends of Miss Spurlock and Mr. Lambert called for tea. Receiving them at the door was Mrs. Paul Martin. The holiday motif of green and red was used effectively in the house decorations. Mrs. Ray Davis presided at the tea urn. Miss Julia Mayo May served eggnog. Miss Lorraine Fitzpatrick assisted Mrs. Layne during the reception hours.

DINNER FOR FAMILY

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Francis entertained to dinner Sunday evening at their home on Francis Court. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Francis, and Jack Francis.

ENTERTAIN FAMILY GROUP

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lemaster entertained their family group to dinner on Christmas. Covers were laid for Mr. and Mrs. Manis Conley, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis H. Conley, Jean and Barbara Conley, Mr. and Mrs. Lemaster, Kay and Tommie Jean.

CO-HOSTESSES TO TEA

Mrs. Herbert Salisbury and Mrs. Belvard Friend were co-hostesses to 75 friends last Sunday when they received at the Salisbury home on Central avenue from 3 until 6 p.m. Decorations of holly, spruce and red candles lent the setting for the hospitality. Assisting them in entertaining were Mesdames James Camica, Edward L. Leslie, Marguerite Thorpe, Jack Hyden, Wm. O. Goebel, Jr., Misses Barbara Jean May, Sarah Clay Stephens, Marion Salisbury, Charlotte Salisbury.

VISITING PARENTS IN INDIANA

Rev. and Mrs. Orville Pearson and son Ronnie left last Sunday for Jeffersonville, Indiana, to visit his parents. They will return here Saturday.

ENTERTAIN FAMILY GROUP

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Mellon entertained to dinner Christmas Day, members of her family. Place cards seated Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hatcher, Sammy D. Hatcher, Jimmy Hatcher, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Ward and son, Jerry, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Mellon.

DINNER GUESTS

Guests of Mrs. Jo M. Davidson to dinner this week included Mr. and Mrs. John E. Layne, Ashland, Mr. and Mrs. Garland H. Rice, Paintsville, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hobson, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert L. Ley.

COMMUNITY METHODIST

Harold W. Dorsey, Pastor
9:30 a.m. Morning worship — Holy Communion.
10:30 a.m., Sunday School.
Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., Prayer meeting.



Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Patton and daughter, Gail Lynn, of Logan, W. Va., have returned home after spending the holidays with Mrs. Patton's aunt, Mrs. Marie Johnson, of Riverside Drive.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Osborne are spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wood Meade, at Forest, Va.

Mrs. Mollie Johnson was hostess on Christmas day with a dinner. Covers were laid for Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Patton, Gail Lynn Patton, Joe W. Horn, and Mrs. Mollie Johnson.

Miss Lou Ann Richmond, of Inez, visited her aunt, Mrs. Ballard Osborne, of West Prestonsburg, and other relatives here last week.

Albert L. Hammond, of Columbus, O., spent Christmas here with his mother, Mrs. Bert L. Hammond. He returned to Columbus, Sunday.

Dr. and Mrs. A. J. Davidson spent several days recently visiting his sister, Mrs. Martha D. Carpenter, Mr. and Mrs. Vimont Layson at Millersburg, and Col. and Mrs. Ward Rees, at Carlisle.

Mrs. Elizabeth Goble, Robin and Mary Loretta of Louisville, spent the holidays here with Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Kendrick on Court street.

Mrs. Jenny Staten, of Mossy Bottom, was here Monday on business. She was the overnight guest of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Charles E. Friend.

Mrs. John Hale, Mrs. Earle T. Arnett, Mrs. Thomas Thompson and Mrs. Victor Hale went to Huntington Tuesday, shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Pieratt, Mr. and Mrs. James Nesbitt returned to Mt. Sterling this week after spending the holidays here with Mr. and Mrs. N. M. White.

Miss Hazel Hill went to Charlestown, Indiana, Wednesday to spend a few days with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis H. Conley and daughter, Barbara and Jeanne, came from Dayton, O., to spend Christmas week-end here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Manis Conley.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Salisbury and Mrs. Winnie F. Johns went to Mt. Sterling to spend Christmas Day with Dr. Robert Salisbury and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Francis and children spent the Christmas week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Hopkins at Carlisle.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert L. Ley were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Fox on Christmas Day in Huntington.

Mrs. Rhoda Barbour went to Huntington Sunday to spend a few days with her daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. John Webb, of Waverly, Ohio spent the week-end here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Hughes, on Highland avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Crawford spent the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Graham Porter here and Mr. and Mrs. William Crawford at David.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark G. Nichols returned Tuesday to their home at Webster Springs, W. Va., after spending the holiday week-end here with her mother, Mrs. Lyda D. Spradlin and family.

Miss Barbara Jane Hale went to Hazard Monday to spend the week-end with her college room mate, Miss Susan Daniel.

Mrs. John Scott Miller and Mrs. James Francis Miller, of Pikeville, were here last Thursday shopping and greeting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. George G. Alley went to Huntington, Christmas day, and enjoyed the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Hatcher.

Dr. and Mrs. Z. S. Dickerson, Jr. and children, Richard E. and Margaret Ann, of Florence, Alabama, spent the Christmas holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Z. S. Dickerson on North Lake Drive.

Mrs. F. G. McGuire, of Cedar Bluff, Va., is here visiting her sisters, Mrs. George Rorer and Mrs. Z. S. Dickerson.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Davidson are in Louisville this week visiting his mother, Mr. Al Housah, and Mr. Housah.

Miss Laura Virginia Roberts is spending the week in Hazard visiting Mrs. Anna Laura Boulas.

Mrs. Charles E. Sparrow, of Louisville, spent the week-end here with her daughter, Mrs. Herbert Salisbury, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Leake, of Cincinnati, O., were holiday guests of their daughter, Mrs. Kilmer Combs and family.

Mrs. H. C. Francis was dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Francis, Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Markin left Wednesday for their home in Rhode Island after a holiday visit here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Curt Homes.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Clarke were Christmas guests of their son, Dr. Wm. F. Francis and family at Coal Run, Saturday.

John Paul Francis is home on Navy leave from Baltimore, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Francis.

Mr. and Mrs. Hansford May and son, Stephen, returned to Louisville Monday after spending the week-end here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ensminger.

Mrs. Everett Sowards and Mrs. Jo M. Davidson were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Rice in Paintsville, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Astor Meade and children spent Sunday in Ashland visiting his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Combs and sons, of St. Louis, Mo., Dr. and Mrs. Fletcher Combs, of Lexington, are here this week visiting their mother, Mrs. B. F. Combs.

Mr. and Mrs. John R. Clarke, of St. Albans, W. Va., spent the holidays here with her mother, Mrs. Osa F. Ligon.

Mrs. J. O. Salyers, of Louisville, is here visiting her daughter, Mrs. Henry D. Fitzpatrick, Jr., and family.

Mrs. J. R. Hurt, of Washington, D. C., is here visiting Mrs. W. C. Rimmer during the holidays.

Dr. and Mrs. O. T. Stephens went to Louisville last week to spend a few days with their son, Dr. Raymond Stephens, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Hale and son and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Hale spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hale, of Lexington.

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BREAKFAST FOR SCOUT PATROL

Mrs. Herbert L. Ley entertained to breakfast Tuesday at her home on North Lake Drive honoring her Girl Scout Patrol and its leaders. Yuletide colors of red and green were carried out in the table decorations. Holly and red candles centered the table seating Mrs. E. D. Roberts, Mrs. Arnold Compton, Elizabeth Archer May, Sherry Sirkle, Joy Cyrus, Judy Allen, Martha May, Katherine Roberts, Polly ompton and Mrs. Ley.

MRS. HALE ENTERTAINS

Mrs. John Hale entertained with a turkey dinner Sunday at her home on Third Street. The house was decorated in the Christmas motif. Covers were laid for Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Holcomb and children, Martha and Jimmie, of Orange, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Holcomb, Pikeville, Dr. and Mrs. Earl T. Arnett and Earl, Jr., of Owingsville, Mr. and Mrs. Martha Lee May, Fred, Tom and Martin Douglas May, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Thompson, Gary and Johnnie Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Hale and Barbara Jane Hale.

HOSTESS TO TEA

Mrs. R. V. May, and daughter, Miss Julia Mayo May, entertained to tea on Tuesday from 3 until 6 p.m., at their home on Arnold avenue. The reception rooms and dining room were aglow with candlelight. The color scheme of red and green was carried out in decorations of pine, poinsettias and huge pine cones. The dining table covered with an Italian cut cloth was centered with a centerpiece of red roses, flanked by tall silver candelabrae holding red candles. Tea, cakes, nuts, candies and coffee were served from the table; eggnog from the tea wagon. Assisting the hostesses were Mesdames Burl Spurlock, Olga M. Latta, W. C. Rimmer, J. R. Hurt, George P. Archer, Belvard Friend, W. T. Archer, Wm. O. Gobel, Jr., Joe W. Burchett, Henry D. Fitzpatrick, Jr., Misses Barbara Jean May, Charlotte Salisbury, Marion Salisbury, Betsy Spurlock, Betty Jo Parker, Lida Margaret Spradlin, Martha Francis Archer, Patricia Pelfrey, Jackie Hensley, Mary Jo Shivel Judy Allen, Elizabeth Archer May, Mary Ann Daniels.

FAMILY DINNER

Mrs. Laura Davidson had her family group with her, Christmas Day, for dinner. Members present were Mr. and Mrs. Alex L. Davidson, Dr. and Mrs. A. J. Davidson, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. T. Roberts, Laura Virginia Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Shivel, Mary Jo Shivel, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Perry, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Fields.

LUNCHEON ON WEDNESDAY

Mrs. A. J. Davidson entertained to luncheon on Wednesday at her home on Highland avenue, having as her guests, Misses Julia Mayo May, Mary Jo Shivel, Patricia Pelfrey and Jackie Hensley.

HAS OPEN HOUSE

Miss Laura Virginia Roberts held open house on Monday evening at her home on Arnold avenue from 9 until midnight. Twenty-five friends were her guests for the evening.

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Mr. and Mrs. Foster Anderson of Westminster street announce the marriage of their daughter, Loretta, to Mr. Willis Charles Hammonds, of Columbus, Ohio. The marriage was solemnized by the Rev. Harold W. Dorsey at the First Methodist church here, Dec. 24.

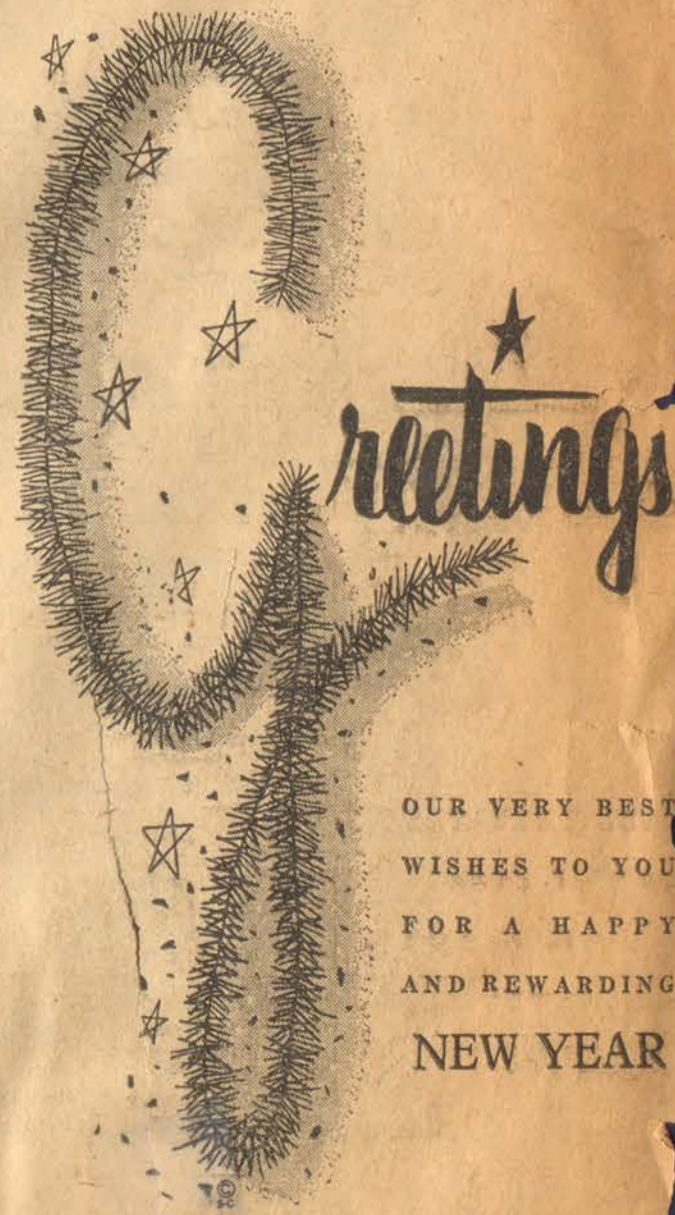
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WORKING RELATIONS GOOD UNDER STRIP MINE LAW

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 27 (Spl.) — Development of cooperative working relations with operators of coal strip mines has marked the first six months of administration of the new regulatory law by the Kentucky Strip Mining and Reclamation Commission, Henry Ward, chairman of the commission, reported today.

"The position of the great majority of the strip mine operators seems to be similar to that of one operator who stated to me that while he opposed the act he felt that an effort should be made to carry out its provisions if possible," Ward said.

Insofar as the commission knows, every operator now engaged in producing coal in Kentucky by strip mining has secured a permit and posted a bond for reclamation of the land affected, Ward added.

Permits have been issued by the commission to 75 operators, covering 1,293 acres. They have posted bonds totaling \$130,100 to guarantee that land affected by strip mining will be reclaimed, and have paid \$16,740 to the commission in fees, which is being used for the administration of the act.

Only one operator engaged in strip mining refused to apply for a permit, Ward said, and that firm has ceased operation. It was the Faymore Coal Company, of Cleveland, O., which had a mine in Perry county, but stopped mining October 19 when the commission insisted that it secure a permit. The commission was advised Dec. 21 by Assistant Attorney General Earle Powell that it has authority to take legal action against the company for refusing to secure a permit.

"Waterfield's present position, therefore, is too idealistic to last. As a candidate for lieutenant-governor, acceptable to both sides, he eventually would have to stand up and be counted for one or the other."

Vacationing in Florida, Judge Combs last week said he was "seriously considering the race for Governor," but has not made any definite announcement.

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mining and in reclaiming land for which no adequate solutions have yet been found," the chairman added. "What might have worked in Indiana or Ohio might not well work in Kentucky. Furthermore, we know that conditions vary within the state, because there are several different types of strip mining. We have taken the position that we will not insist that an operator carry out a reclamation plan which we do not have a reasonable right to feel is sound.

"As a result, we have gone slow in requiring completion of reclamation plans. Fortunately, our experience has been that many operators have gone ahead willingly with perfectly acceptable reclamation programs.

"The commission hopes to be able to conduct some experiments with an area which has not been reclaimed. We have been negotiating to secure permission to conduct these experiments on a tract of land fronting on U. S. Highway 62 in western Kentucky, where the public would have an excellent opportunity to see and judge what can be done."

Ward's comments were contained in a special report prepared for members of the General Assembly. He concluded with this statement:

"I think it is fair to say that cooperation between the operators and the commission has been unusually fine, considering the fight which you will recall was waged over enactment of this legislation at the 1954 session of the General Assembly.

"The commission feels that since all other operators complied with the law willingly that we should not permit one firm to escape the obligations of the law," Ward said. "It would be highly unfair to allow one competitor to get away with such an action."

The commission was organized last July 1 with the naming of Orville Chinn, who has been director of the Division of Flood Control and Water Usage, as the executive director. Two field representatives were named to work closely with the operators. They are Brucker Miller, Madisonville, who served western Kentucky, and Herbert Ross, Ashland, who is assigned to eastern Kentucky.

Ward said that the commission adopted the policy at the outset of working closely with the operators to determine reasonable and practicable reclamation programs, and to that end has held several meetings with them.

"We recognized that there are many problems involved in strip mining and in reclaiming land for which no adequate solutions have yet been found," the chairman added.

A-2c Anna B. Pinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Mason, of Calvin, and a granddaughter of Dr. M. M. Collins, of Lackey, was chosen as the outstanding Airman of the 3310th Transportation Squadron, Scott Air Force Base, Belleville, Illinois for the month of September 1954.

Joseph F. Hunker, Colonel, US AF, Commander presenting Airman Pinson with this honor said, quote "To achieve this honor you have demonstrated the traits of an above-average Airman, excellent in efficiency, character, neatness and military bearing. The traits you have demonstrated reflect great credit upon yourself and the United States Air Force. A copy of this presentation will be filed in your Personal Records Group." Marshall E. Bailey, Major USAF, Commander added to the presentation, quote "I concur basic presentation and add my congratulations."

Airman Pinson has also received considerable recognition during her service of the past eighteen months in the Air Force. During her three months basic indoctrination course at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, she was a member of the honor flight for two months. Anna received an outstanding score in golf, having taken the runner-up trophy in June, 1953, at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. On July 20, 1953, she won the championship trophy which was presented in a formal ceremony by First Lt. Harriet C. Lockhart, Commander, 3743rd WTS. Airman Pinson shot a 67 for championship over P. J. Beeve, of Provo, Utah, with a 79.

On August 8, 1953, Airman Pinson was chosen as one of the 21 WAF honor guards to serve with 20 Air Police and 21 Wing Headquarters Squadron NCO's, at Lowry Air Force Base, Denver, Colorado, to welcome President and Mrs. Eisenhower on their arrival for a four weeks Colorado vacation.

Kenton county homemakers are planning a hooked rug project, 248 rug needles having been ordered.

Sammy M. Hunter, 80, Victim in Huntington; Burial in Bays Cemetery

Sammy M. Hunter, of Lancer, died at St. Mary's hospital, Huntington, Monday at 12:45 a.m. He was a victim of cancer. He was a farmer and had been a member of the Methodist church for 60 years.

Mr. Hunter was a son of the late Joseph and Jimmie Osborne Hunter. His wife, Mrs. Christie Bays Hunter, survives. Surviving also are the following children: Claude Hunter, of Lancer, Mrs. Melvina Price, of Prestonsburg, Mrs. Jimmie Webb and Mrs. Gladys Brewer, both of Auxier. Funeral rites were conducted Wednesday, at 1 p.m., from the home, the Revs. Will Horn and Paris Music officiating. Burial followed in the Bays cemetery on Bays branch under the direction of Carter and Callihan Funeral Home.

NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE

A "watch service" will be held, beginning at 7:30 p.m., Friday at the Little Paint Church of God. It was announced this week by the pastor, the Rev. Roy Benton.

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THE TIMES hopes there will not for long be any doubt about Bert Thomas' decision to make the race for Governor. Let it be affirmative, absolute—and so.

One of Eastern Kentucky may be expected naturally to support one of our own for a gubernatorial candidate. But this newspaper insists it is not bound by geographical considerations when it declares, Judge Combs will make Kentucky a good Governor, and so endeavor to aim for that high post of trust.

Representative of Clay county and honored resident of Floyd's has all the attributes of mind and heart and all the toughness of moral fiber to do the Herculean labor that awaits every man who undertakes that thankless task at Frankfort.

A brilliant student of the law—he attained highest honors in the subject at the University of Kentucky,—he is the youngest justice before the Court of Appeals in the history of the state, and there he has made an outstanding record. He has served as Commonwealth's Attorney of the city-First judicial district, during World War II a member of the military tribunal which conducted the momentous trial of Japanese war criminals in Manila.

His steady advancement in the legal profession toward places of high honor have come not because of any consuming ambition on his part but because Bert Combs believes in doing a job well and because he does so well that his work commands the attention of his peers.

As plain, common citizen, Judge Combs is a personable man whose unassuming nature, neighborliness and charitable attitude toward others naturally attracts the loyalty of all who know him. He gives one the impression at all times that he has his feet firmly planted on the ground, that here is a substantial citizen, without frills, who is one of the common people and who is perfectly satisfied with his lot regardless of how high it may climb.

The present state administration has its critics—as Administration has had?—and it has made mistakes as others before it have made; but it chooses to support Judge Combs for Governor because it not only will bring toward a man of people but will also be a Kentucky service in electing a Governor who has the resiliency of a steel spring, the steadfastness of a rock, the ability and the will to serve every section of the commonwealth.

Under the Source

The U. S. Corps of Engineers trained to consider properly evaluate data arguments produced at hearings, may be decided to consider the much of the opposition to canalization of the Sandy river.

Individuals opposing waterway at the time were representing corporations, some of which were far removed from the river as they are in most instances from the Big Sandy. Their testimony was considered solely in effort to protect the interests of their companies.

Disregarding future benefits to accrue from other increased movements of materials, the railroads saw only a loss of revenue from reduced coal shipments by rail. The river docks in Kenova and Huntington viewed canalization with alarm because it would remove the advantage in transportation revenue, since they no longer would have their present commanding advantage in transportation costs. Thus was provided all the excuse needed for them to oppose improvement of the river.

An example of some of this opposition is seen in that supplied by a representative of the largest producer of high volatile coal in the state of West Virginia. Reasons for this opposition were such as these:

Their mines are not located on the Big Sandy. They own and operate a river dock at Huntington.

They are in a position as ideal as positions can be under present coal-producing conditions. They have no competition from Eastern Kentucky coal by barge shipment directly from the mines to points on the Ohio river.

Testimony submitted by the opposition at the Pikeville hearing also claimed that some of the large steam power-producing plants on the Ohio river already have entered into long-term contracts for the coal they will use, thus trying to insert the argument that canalization would not open up this market to Big Sandy coal. What they did not tell, however, is the fact that these contracts will have expired before the Big Sandy can possibly be canalized, and that the Big Sandy could break into that business on new contracts that will of necessity be executed later.

Also mentioned by the opposition at the hearing was the point that some of the large operators and land companies which own large tracts of coal in the Elkhorn field were taking a neutral position on canalization. But what they carefully refrained from telling was this:

There is no doubt as to what these large operators and owners of coal lands would do if they were favored with lowered transportation costs such as canalization would provide. Forgetting all neutrality, they would jump in, begin expanding present facilities and at once open up new mines to tap the almost unlimited reserves of both high and low grade Elkhorn coals.

In short, we of the Big Sandy valley are fighting for what we should have, while the opposition is fighting to keep what it already has.

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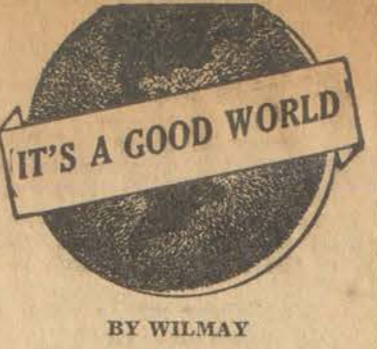
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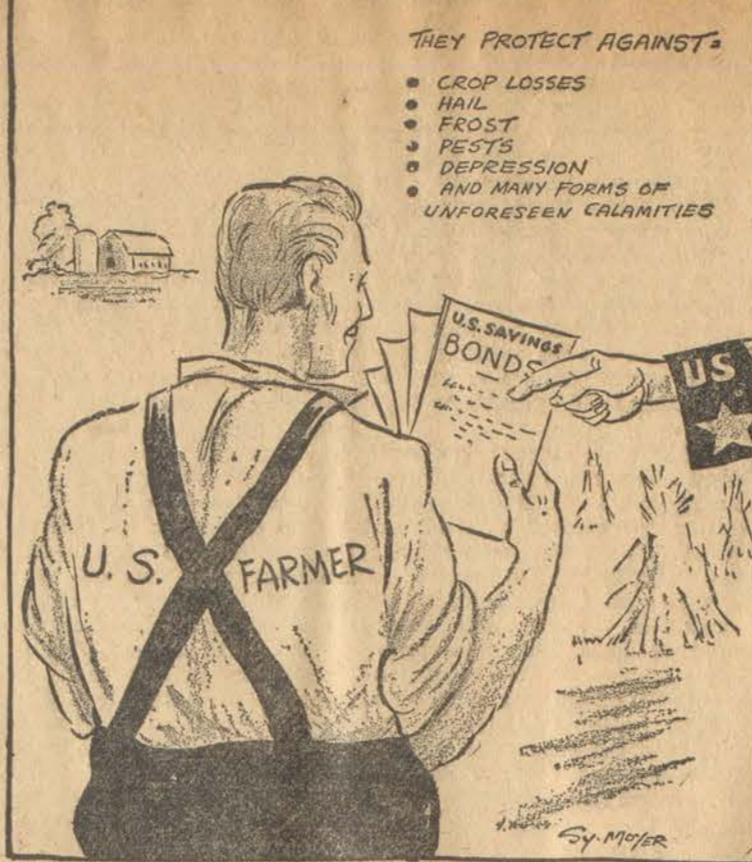
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FLINT LOCK KENTUCKY RIFLE HELPED CONQUER THE WEST

By Lee Stewart (In Rowan County News)

The westerner armed with a rifle had a decided advantage over the Indian armed with bow and arrow, lance or a very low-grade musket. The flint lock Kentucky rifle was a powerful and deadly weapon in the hands of an expert. But it had one obvious weakness. When you fired it took time to reload.

You had to put that charge of powder into the barrel, get linen patch ready, ram it down with the ball and prime your pan, to say nothing of having to reverse the barrel for the stock in order to aim again and live.

Try to visualize going through such a procedure while pursued by Indians and you get some idea of the importance of this problem to the pioneer. However, Louis Wetzel, one of the famous fighters of his day, gained such facility at loading his rifle on the run, that the Indians had their own name for him.

"His Gun - Is - Always - Loaded," they called him, after a few unfortunate encounters.

That Kentucky rifle was a great gun. Audubon, the famous naturalist, was present when a man gave a demonstration of "barking of squirrels." The demonstrator wiped his gun, measured the powder, patched the ball, and sent the charge home with a hickory rod. He then picked a spot on a tree below his quarry. When he fired, his ball hit the spot and the concussion killed the squirrel without "blowing it to pieces."

The man, who gave this particular demonstration to Audubon, was Daniel Boone. But the practice was a fairly common one among the early day sharpshooters.

The idea of a breach-loading flint lock wasn't exactly new, even in the days of the Kentucky rifle. Patrick Ferguson planned one that would shoot three bullets a minute. He went to Egg, the famous London gunsmith and the two put their heads together. The result was something way ahead of its day in a rifle. With a turn of the trigger guard, the breech plug dropped

far enough so that a ball could be inserted into the bore, above a charge of powder you didn't have to measure. Then the pan was primed, the piece cocked, and you were ready to fire. They gave a demonstration before British officers and fired six shots in a single minute.

The history of the West might have been different if we had adopted the breech-loading rifle at an earlier date. A copy of the patent issued to the Honorable James Puckle on May 15, 1718, claims that he had a "portable gun or machine that discharges so often and so many bullets, and can be so quickly loaded as renders it next to impossible to carry any ship by boarding."

Actually what was wrong with all of these ideas? Nothing, at least from viewpoint of building such a gun. The drawback was the flint lock system. If other barrels were to be discharged, either one at a time or simultaneously, a chain of priming had to be ignited from the first flash, or the cumbersome mechanism had to be rotated around the primed pan.

The invention of percussion cap changed the entire nature of the rifle. And the history of the West changed with it, for as soon as the pioneer had in his possession a rifle that shot more than one bullet without reloading, his advantage over the Indian increased tremendously.

To illustrate: Dr. Powell, a noted plainsman of the Old West, armed with a repeating Winchester rifle, was once chased by some Indians. Dr. Powell sought cover. When he fired once, the Indians gave a yell and charged him, thinking he only had one shot gun as they had never seen or heard of repeating rifles. They were amazed that he was able to shoot so many times, and they retreated when they found out that something that was not known by them was happening.

The Winchester rifle and the Colts revolver civilized the West.

BIBLE QUIZ
 By A. F. BARKER
 (508 Euclid Ave., Bristol, Va.)

Can anyone be happy and not work? What rewards come from honest labor and hard work? For these answers check your Bible references.

- When was work first appointed to man? To Adam who was "to dress and keep the Garden of Eden." (Genesis 2:15)
- What is given in the "Ten Commandments" about work? "Six days shalt thou labor and do all thy work." (Deuteronomy 5:15)
- What was one reason for the success of Hezekiah? "He threw himself wholeheartedly into his work." (IICorinthians 31:21)
- Why did repair on the temple progress favorably during Josiah's reign? "The men and their overseers worked faithfully."
- Why did the Tekoites not get along well in their works of repair? "They put not their necks to the work of their Lord." (Nehemiah 3:5)
- In what way does a laboring man get more than the rich? "The sleep of a laboring man is sweet, whether he eat much or little; but the abundance of the rich will not suffer him to sleep." (Ecclesiastes 5:12)
- What wisdom do we find in the ant? "Having no guide, overseer, or ruler, provideth her meat in summer and gathereth her food in the harvest." (Proverbs 6:7-8)
- What is said in Proverbs 31:27 about an industrious wife? "She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness."

PICKED UP IN PASSING

By James Taylor Adams

TRADITION OF TREES

Many of our native trees have superstitions woven around them, setting them apart from other members of the forest.

The Judas Tree, locally known as the Redbud, we are told was once the most lofty tree on earth. But, according to tradition, Judas, after betraying Jesus for thirty pieces of silver, repented of his act and went out, hung himself on a lofty tree which immediately withered, its limbs became twisted and gnarled, and since then it has never grown beyond the bush tree stage and is noted for its misshapen limbs. We are also told that the red blooms of this tree represents the blood of the Christ.

Then take the sycamore. Look about. You'll seldom find a sycamore that isn't hollow. Many of our oldtimers believe most sincerely that Methuselah lived out his nine hundred years in a hollow sycamore.

When I was five or six I heard one of my aunts tell the story. I gathered from her telling of the tale that she was quoting from the Bible. She said, "Methuselah had lived three hundred years in a hollow sycamore tree when the Lord said, 'Arise, Methuselah, and build thyself a house! You have six hundred more years to live.' And Methuselah said, 'Lord, if I don't have more than that to live it would be poorly worth my while to build a house.'"

It is believed by many, that the Almighty ordered all sycamores to be hollow to furnish shelter for homeless mankind after his interview with Methuselah.

Then there is the superstition about sassafras. My father would go

through any brush and logs he was preparing to burn when cleaning up newground, and gather all the sassafras limbs and twigs. He would not burn a scrap of sassafras wood for anything. And he was only one of hundreds, here in the Cumberland, who held to the belief that it was bad luck to burn sassafras.

There are people in my neighborhood who wouldn't let you plant a red cedar on their land for any amount, and they are just as determined to preserve any red cedar that has sprung up on their property from seed.

One oldish farmer round a little cedar growing in a fence corner. He nursed it along; and it was up about shoulder high; just about right for a Christmas tree—which it turned out to be in some unknown front room. This old fellow was so shocked he found his cedar had been chopped off level with the ground that he spoiled his own Yuletide and made things miserable for all his family, trying to find the tree. But he failed in his search and, some say, he has never been the same man again.

SPORTS AFIELD

By TED KESTING

If you spend much time at all with small boats you will, sooner or later, as surely as taxes, fall overboard. The wise sportsman will be prepared for it.

There are many ways to greatly reduce your chances of joining the ranks of unwilling bathers. First of all, paint your decks. Varnish may give your ship the sleek look, but it has no place underfoot. There are a number of so-called nonskid paints on the market and all of them are useful.

Some commercial men throw sand on the wet paint. This is excellent, if you don't mind wearing through your clothes and surrendering vast areas of skin in the event of a spill.

The best footwear is hobnail boots. Unfortunately, most captains take a dim view of these. Rubber soles are the next best thing. Boots in winter and sneakers in the summer. Again, there are the nonskid varieties. Zack Taylor, whose article on boating safety appeared recently in Sports Afield magazine, says that he prefers bare rubber worn smooth. But don't forget that water is a natural lubricant of rubber.

There is nothing that beats the time worn sea adage, "One hand for you and one hand for the ship." This is a primary rule. But the grab rails of many boats are deplorable. Tiny varnished wood splinters or slim chromium strips are pretty, but they are too meager to hang your life on.

Even worse, you often find great stretches unprotected where you have to leave one rail and lunge desperately for the next. The commercial men use inch pipe—a welcome flimsy and every foot of it is braced.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FROM A FORGOTTEN FRIEND
 Editor, The Floyd County Times:

Please print the letter I am sending. As the letter states, the debt was made about 36 years ago and forgotten by Artie and myself, but after he reminded us we remembered it.

There are so many mean happenings printed in the paper, I couldn't resist seeing this really good Christian letter in print.

To the writer of the letter, if you see this in the paper, all is forgiven and I was glad to hear from a true Christian.

Mrs. Artie Gayheart.

The letter to Mr. Gayheart follows, in part:

"My attention has been called to a debt that I owe you for board, which I made to you in the days of my youth, 36 years ago, more or less, and I don't believe that you ever called my attention to this matter. So this I call a sin of neglect. Now I am asking you to forgive me for this act. The best of my memory it was \$6.00.

Now I will try to refresh your memory. It was when a railroad switch was put in at Eastern, near the mouth of Goose Creek, where I worked a week. I believe, now, Dan Shepherd and Henderson Shepherd boarded with you at the same time I did. I hope this will bring it to your remembrance. If not, then I hope you will accept it being so, for I have no doubt about it. Now you will find enclosed \$10.00 to settle this old, old account which was due long ago.

As a servant of God, I am made to believe that this act is the Lord's doing. Now let me ask you—Are you a Christian? If not, let me call your attention to the book of 'Isaiah, Chapter 55, verse 6 and Genesis 6:3, Luke 13: 24-25. But I hope when this letter reaches you it will find you already at peace with God and your life hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life shall appear then shall ye also appear with Him in glory (Col. 3:3-4). I warn by the word of God, for people to flee from the wrath of God, to the ark of safety which is only found in Jesus Christ, our Lord, for we are living in perilous times.

"May the Good Lord bless you and all your house in the saving knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

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BARKLEY, VERSUS TRADITION

Incoming Senator Barkley of Paducah is almost certain to retain a lot of his seniority and prestige, so Democratic leaders feel up here. However, Congress has many traditions which may put the chips on the other shoulder.

As Vice President, Mr. Barkley had one of the finest suites of rooms available for his office. Where he'll roost in the Senate Office Building this time is anyone's guess—with a lot of guessing going on.

Senator Earle C. Clements (D-Morganfield, Ky.) said he knew that Mr. Barkley was well aware of the treatment he may receive. As far as an office is concerned, Sen. Clements indicated that the elderly statesman might be sorely lacking for space. Asked if the basement might be utilized, Clements said things weren't that bad yet.

Mr. Barkley will probably wind up in a cubby-hole up on the fourth floor. Senator Clements' office is on the second floor.

"OTHER WAYS OUT"

"This road," said the sign, "was the first one used by the early settlers to get out of this mountain valley." I looked up the mere trail and saw how difficult it must have been, and how long a task, to drive a yoke of oxen or two mules over that steep mountain trail to the only junction with a more important road to civilization. And, yes, for years and years, almost a century, that road was the only way for a hundred families or so. And home in that retired mountain valley must have been as dear to these early settlers as it is to us later ones, wherever we live. Now it is a matter of minutes with our modern highway ways to penetrate this mountain retreat, to drive over its gravel roads, even, and return to the settlements. The pathetic little remnant of a road never tempts any one except some curious hiker, who might want to see how far people used to have to go to get anywhere. As time goes by, even the traces of this early road will be effaced with big pine trees growing up where the ruts used to be. Future generations will probably not bother themselves to wonder how the pioneers came or went from the beautiful mountain valley.

As I have so often said in this column, nothing intrigues me more than going to places that used to have importance, in days before modern traffic or modern industry took over. In my immediate part of the state are many of the deserted villages that a modern Gray could wax eloquent about, villages that were once prominent river towns, rolling warehouses, even locked-up locks, weed-grown fence roads to the riverside—there they are, like the weeds and wild animals over the grave of Nimrod. Here was a prominent road that brought loads of crossties to the river and took away equally heavy loads of flour and sugar and coffee, to be sold at country stores miles away from the

river. Here in this ruin was touched business that touched the whole world: tobacco shipped to Europe, sugar brought in quantities undreamed of from Central America itself to this little boardland and distributed to the outlying settlements in the hills. Why, right at the site where you are now stopping, looking sadly at the ruins of the day, the showboat anchor here hundreds of people catch a glimpse of the life of shows and happy days of the hill above the lock is the site of the great old house of the merchant who made money when the steamboat came when the river, now so dead, was a highway to the world. Why, you could see clear to New Orleans its own wanderlust had no itself and your money had spent, you could take Panama, cross the isthmus, and then catch California or for Cathay.

In another part of the state is the ruined dam of a great mill, run by a good-sized creek. The dam is a busy place, where the stream had been from miles around, in a few streams, came in and corn, and other things drawn wagons with saw for nearly two miles that vated land and open road winds, incapable of anything more modern wagon, and not too seasons for that. Often along this ancient road of its former importance civilization that was water-turned mills any Long ago there were of rocks that unnumbered have dislodged and

HEALTH NOTES

By John M. Stumbo, Sanitary Inspector

If you plan going into the restaurant business, or any other handling establishment, certain specifications must be met. Suppose you are going to build a Drive In, or a restaurant. If so, the following procedure must be followed.

First: before you start building, you must draw or have drawn a complete set of blue prints, or floor plans of the restaurant. These plans must be submitted in triplicate with dimensions at least 11 inches by 17 inches. At the same time the floor plan is submitted, you must also submit a riser diagram of all the plumbing to be installed in the restaurant, and a plot diagram showing the waste disposal, septic tank and drainfield. A percolation test must be made on the soil that is to be used as a drainfield.

Second: these plans must be submitted to the Floyd County Health Department for our approval. Then the three copies of the blueprints are forwarded to the State Department of Health where they are finally approved or disapproved. If the plans are approved, two copies are returned to our office and we retain one copy and one copy is returned to you. Then, and only then, can you begin construction.

Third: The proposed restaurant must have the following conditions:

- The floors must be constructed of such material as to be smooth and free of cracks. The kitchen floor must be covered from wall to wall with an impervious material.
- The walls and ceilings must be smooth and painted a light color.
- The doors and windows must be screened during fly season.
- The entire building must be adequately lighted. There must be at least 10 ft. candles of light in the food preparation area.
- All rooms and heaters, including the gas side arm, hot water heater, and cook stoves, must be vented to the outside air.
- All bathrooms must be vented to the outside air.
- There must be an adequate and safe supply of water in the restaurant.
- There must be a three-compartment sink with hot and cold running water at the spigot. The sink must be properly trapped and have no leaks.
- You must have a sink in the kitchen area proper for soap and sanitary towels to be provided.
- There must be a number of metal garbage cans with tight fitting lids.
- All liquid waste must be disposed of in the ground, or city sewer.
- There must be adequate refrigeration.
- The cook stove or grill must be vented. This can best be done by hood and exhaust fan combination.
- If an outdoor privy is to be used this privy must be built in compliance with the state standard of a sanitary type privy.

TIDBITS OF KENTUCKY FOLKLORE
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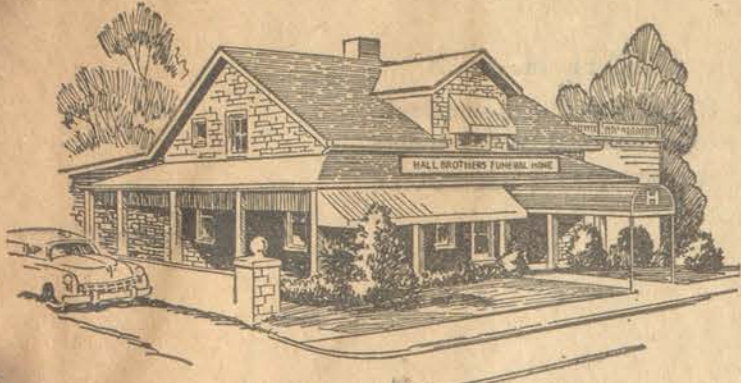
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ALPHORETTA

Mrs. Ray Church and daughter Anita spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. James Ward and son.

Mr. and Mrs. Gardez Dings and daughters, Peggy Jo, Marybelle and Deborah, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. N. O. Allen and family.

Mrs. Margie England, baby daughter, Evelyn Denise, have returned home from Beaver Valley hospital. Mother and daughter are doing fine.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hondel and daughter, Teresa, of Justice, W. Va., were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ward and sons through the holidays.

Mrs. Sarah Ratliff and Monroe Ousley attended the birthday party in honor of their brother, Hoodley Ousley on Caney Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Layne, of Ohio, were visiting home-folks through the holidays. Mr. Layne, Edd Moore, Gladys Moore and Paul Turner returned to Ohio Sunday. Mr. Moore plans to move to Ohio soon.

Sgt. Harris Commended By Superior Officers For Outstanding Work

Fort Campbell, Ky.—Sergeant George Harris of Garrett, Kentucky, was recently commended by his superior officers for his outstanding performance to the Company.

Sgt. Harris is well-known in the Battalion for being a good judge of character and being able to get the best working performances out of the men in his platoon. He is currently the platoon sergeant of the 1st Platoon. He is currently assigned to Company B, 645th Engineer Battalion stationed at Fort Campbell.

Sgt. Harris entered the Army September 8, 1950, and completed his army basic training at Fort Knox, Ky. He previously saw duty in Europe and Korea.

His decorations include the National Defense Service Medal, Good National Defense Service Medal, Good National Ribbon, United Nations Service Medal, and the Korean Service Ribbon with two battle stars.

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BETSY LAYNE

CLUB HAS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Betsy Layne Woman's Club held its annual Christmas party, Thursday night, December 16, at the home of Mrs. O. J. Williams, with Miss Alice Williams as co-hostess.

Mrs. T. J. Chandler, program leader, opened the party with a short outline of the true meaning of Christmas, pointing out that we have drifted away from the real meaning, and that we should endeavor to keep Christ in Christmas. Mrs. Beecher Hardwick gave a review of Peter Marshall's sermon, "Let's Keep Christmas", which is more pertinent now than when it was first delivered. This sermon stressed the fact that we should not let the crowd rush Christmas out of our hearts where it belongs and that we will not spend or observe Christmas but we will keep it. Next Mrs. Chandler played a recording of "Away in a Manger". Mrs. E. P. Davis read the poem, "The Spirit of Christmas". Mrs. Glenn Blackburn then read a poem by Edgar A. Guest with the theme that Christmas comes but once a year. The next feature of the program was a musical reading by Mrs. O. J. Williams, telling the story of how "Silent Night" came to be written. Mrs. Chandler told the Christmas story from the Bible, and then played the recording of "O, Little Town of Bethlehem." The program was ended by Mrs. Chandler reading the poem, "There Will Always Be a Christmas."

A social hour followed the program, with games and secret sisters being revealed in an exchange of gifts. Prizes were awarded Mrs. Beecher Hardwick and Mrs. E. P. Davis for having the highest scores in the games. Another feature of the social hour was the awarding of a door prize to Mrs. Edward Lykins, whose name was drawn by Master Johnny Stewart. Each member attempted to guess her secret sister and those failing were penalized a small sum which was placed in the flower fund.

A brief business session was held, with Mrs. Lykins presiding. The club received a letter of thanks from Mrs. A. T. King for money sent by the club for 10 canteen boxes for patients at the Ft. Thomas Veteran's hospital. The club voted to distribute stuffed animals to a needy family.

A salad plate in keeping with the holiday season was served the following: Mesdames Edward Lykins, T. J. Chandler, W. P. Howell, Beecher Hardwick, Glenn Blackburn, E. P. Davis, C. H. Dickerson, and the hostesses Mrs. Williams and Miss Alice Williams.

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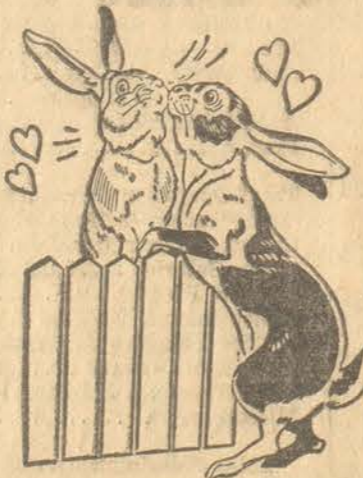
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da, both at home, and his maternal grandfather, James Harmon.

Jack Burke was graduated from Prestonsburg high school with the class of 1953. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Den Burke, formerly resided here.

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Garrett Man Whose Wife Was Wreck Victim, Dies After Two-Month Illness

Alonzo Napier, 59 years old, of Garrett, whose wife, Mrs. Ila Perkins Napier, was killed in a truck-car collision last July on the Buffalo road to Dewey Lake, died Monday at the Beaver Valley hospital, Martin, after a two-month illness of heart disease. He was a merchant and retired miner.

A native of Knott county, Mr. Napier was a son of Patrick and Linda Hays Napier. He is survived by four sons and seven daughters: Claude and Vernon Napier, both of Dayton, O., Gregory Edwin and Elmer Napier, both of Garrett, Mrs. C. J. Brown, Baysville, O., Mrs. Hawley Conley, Prestonsburg, Mrs. Gladys Bauer and Mrs. Pauline Carrier, both of Lima, O., Mrs. Erma Gayheart, of Eastern, Mrs. Anita Baldrige, of Garrett, and Mrs. Glenna Skaggs, of Indiana. He also leaves three sisters, Mrs. Chester Mullins and Mrs. Irvin Coburn, both of Stroh, Ind., and Mrs. Rebecca Bingham, of Lancer.

His funeral was conducted today (Thursday) from the Garrett Methodist Church, the Revs. Green Allen and Ed Howard officiating. Burial in the family cemetery on Troublesome Creek in Knott county, was under direction of the Hall Brothers Funeral Home.

FIRST CHILDREN ARE TWINS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Silas DeRossett, of Water Gap, their first children, twin girls, born Dec. 23, at the Paintsville hospital. They have been named Sarah Elizabeth and Betty Caroline.

A new hybrid corn grown by R. L. Salyer in Magoffin county yielded 124 bushels an acre.

Richard Hicks, 48, Dies From a Heart Condition After Four-Year Illness

Richard Hicks, 48, of Garrett, died at the Prestonsburg General hospital, at 5:45 a.m., Christmas Day. A heart ailment was given as the cause of death. He had been ill four years. He was a former miner and was a member of the Regular Baptist church.

Mr. Hicks was a son of the late John A. Hicks, former magistrate of this county, and Lizzie Gunnell Hicks. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Stella Ford Hicks.

Three children, S/Sgt. Ruial Hicks, of the Marine corps, Camp Lejeune, N. C., and Eddie and Sonny Hicks, both of Garrett, survive. Surviving also are the following brothers and sisters: Joe and R. H., both of Wayland, Mrs. Milton Trusty, of Garrett, Mrs. Alpha Schell, of Chicago, Miss Mae and Jay Hicks, both of Garrett, and Mrs. Nova Bussey, of David.

Funeral rites were conducted Monday, at the Stonecoal Baptist church, the Revs. M. C. Wright and W. B. Akers officiating. Burial followed in the Melvin Allen cemetery at Eastern under the direction of Hall Bros. Funeral Home.

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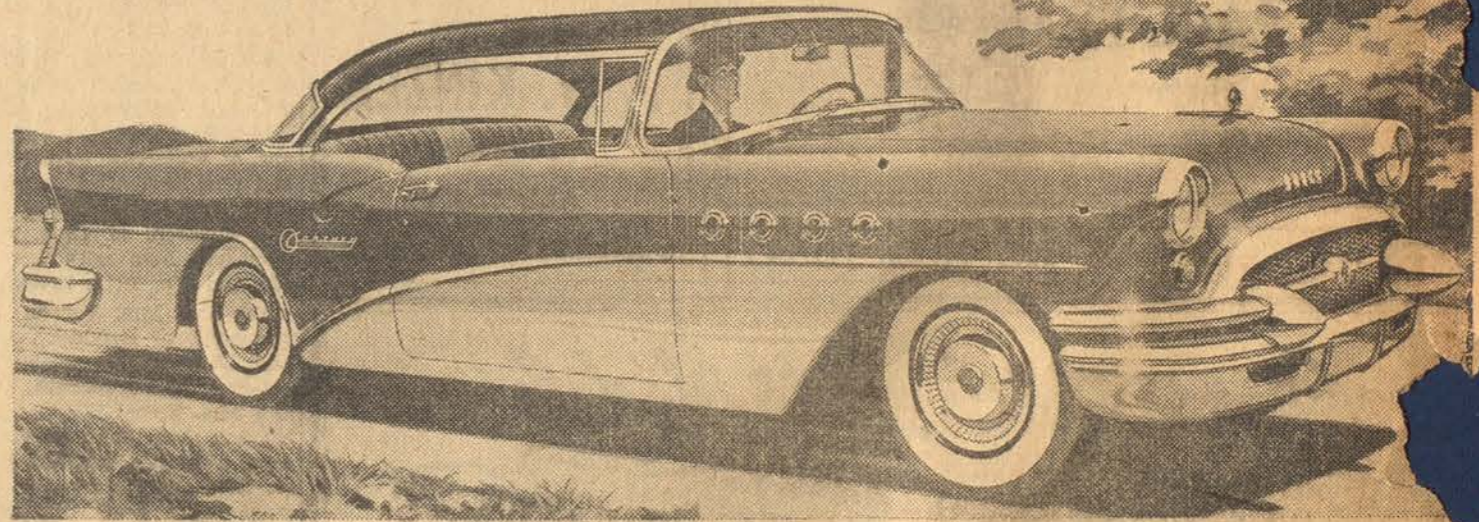
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Friends and relatives who called were: Mr. and Mrs. Kendall Moore, of Eastern; Bill Osborne, of Ohio; Mrs. Willard Hicks and family; Mrs. Hillard Hicks, of Langley; Miss Ada Jane Hicks and Miss Herma Hensley, of Louisville.

Mrs. Osborne, who is 77, also has 39 grandchildren who could not attend the reunion.

LACKEY

Sgt. and Mrs. Clifford Reed are announcing the birth of their first child, a son, born December 23 at a Charleston, W. Va., hospital. The babe has been named Randal James. Mrs. Reed is the former Garmie Casendorph, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Casendorph.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Combs announce the birth of their first child, a daughter at Stumbo hospital, Lackey, December 26. The babe has been named Shella Gay. Mrs. Combs is the former Greta Bayes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bayes.

A brick silo costing less than \$300 was built on the farm of Raymond Williams in Bath county and filled with cane and corn.

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ALLEN

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Laferty had as Christmas dinner guests Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Gray and sons, Frank Gordon Gray and Jimmy Delano Gray, Mr. and Mrs. Galloway Laferty and daughters, Klora and Rita, Mr. and Mrs. Palmer Crisp, Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Laferty and son, Bennie Lynwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Bingham had as their guests through the week-end Mr. and Mrs. George Bingham and children, of Louisville.

Miss Barbara Sue Allen, of the University of Kentucky, is spending the holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Allen.

Miss Wanda Boyd of the Danville School for the Deaf, is here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Don Boyd.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Preston had as Christmas dinner guests Miss Mikell Preston, a student at Eastern State College who is home for the holidays, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Brackett, of Richmond, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Crisp and daughters, Thursa Ruth and Margaret Raye, on Sunday Mrs. Preston and John David, Mikell, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Brackett and Mr. and Mrs. Crisp and daughters visited Mrs. Preston's brother in Huntington.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Frazier had for Christmas guests Mrs. Everett Tackett and children, Sandra, Judith Carol and Edward Gene, of Martin, Mrs. Gerald Baker, Ashland, Mr. and Mrs. David Louder and son, Donald Ray, of Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Louder spent Christmas night with Mrs. Gertrude Louder, of Augusta, Ky. Mrs. Baker accompanied them to Ashland on their way there.

A/2c Billy Holbrook, of Keesler Field, Biloxi, Miss., is spending a leave here with his grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Frazier.

Darnell Salyers, of Virginia, is here for the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Salyers.

Misses Ella Faye and Octavia Hayes, of Georgetown College are spending the holidays here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hershell Hayes.

Among those from out of town attending the funeral of Jack Gray, Friday, were, W. H. Potter and George Smith, of Paintsville, C. H. Brown, of Louisa, J. F. Brodt, and C. G. Hayes, of Pikeville, C. H. Potter, of Shelbyana, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Laferty and son, David, Mrs. Paul Patton, of Garrett, P. D. Laferty, of Camargo, Ky.

Attending the funeral of Mrs. Alice Warrix from out of town recently were Mrs. Bob McGuire, of Catlettsburg, Jack Moore, of Newark, Ohio, Virgil Porter, of Cincinnati, Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Laferty, of Camargo, Mrs. Elsa Smith, of Louisville, Theo Warrix, of Breathitt county.

Mrs. Omer Howell has returned to her home in Florida after attending the funeral here of her mother. She was accompanied by her nieces, Bonnie and Margaret Lynn Porter, who will make their home with her.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Gray, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Laferty were business visitors in Mt. Sterling, Tuesday.

Mrs. Alex Derossset and son Bryant, of Watergap, were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Earl Allen, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Spurlock, and children, of Ohio, spent the week-end here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Felix Crisp.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Salisbury and sons, of Sandusky, Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Malkeums and children, of Portsmouth, Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Rice, of Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. John Rice and children, of Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rice and children, of Prestonsburg, were here Christmas day visiting W. L. Rice.

A/2c Paul Baldrige, of Keesler Air Force Base, Biloxi, Miss., is spending a leave here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Baldrige.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bradley and children, of Auburn, Ind., Jack Gray, Jr. and children, of Walbridge, Ohio, returned to their home Friday afternoon after attending the funeral of Mr. Gray's and Mrs. Bradley's father, Jack Gray, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. George Snodgrass had as dinner guests, Christmas, Mr. and Mrs. Ewing Snodgrass and son, Billy, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Snodgrass, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Heyl, of Ashland, Mr. and Mrs. John Snodgrass and daughter, of Allen, Lowell Hughes and Bobby Daniels, of Prestonsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Kinzer and sons, Terry Gene and Jerry Dean, spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Miller, Sr., in Lima, Ohio.

Billy Pat Malone is spending the holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Malone. He is a student at Kentucky Military Institute, Lyndon, Ky.

Mrs. Dutch Branham has returned to her home at Sloan after spending several months with her sons, Harry and Sam Branham, and their families at Cracker.

Mrs. Joe Hale has been removed from the Beaver Valley hospital. Her condition is improved.

Fred Workman underwent surgery at St. Mary's hospital, Huntington, last week. He is reported in fair condition.

Mrs. Ruth Ann Porter has returned to Fremont, Ohio, after attending the funeral of her mother, Mrs. Alice Warrix.

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FOR RENT—Large fireproof storeroom in Martin Theatre. Call 3238, Martin, Ky. 9-9-1f.

FOR SALE—Gas range. Good condition. Eddie Worland, Phone 4483, Prestonsburg. 12-2-1f.

FOR RENT—4-room house, automatic gas heat, lights, water and bath. Call 5301, Prestonsburg. 12-9-1f.

FOR SALE—One antique cherry corner cupboard. Excellent condition. Phone 2116, Prestonsburg, Ky. 10-16-1f.

FOR SALE—1952 Rollohome 27-foot house trailer; modern conveniences. Dolores May, Phone 7342, Prestonsburg. 12-22-3f.

FOR SALE—2 houses, corner of Graham and Highland Ave. Both for \$9,000. Wesley Howard, Prestonsburg. 12-23-2f.

FOR SALE—125 acres virgin timber; also 500 bushels yellow corn. Wayne Hale, Royalton, Ky. 12-23-2f-pd.

FOR RENT—Store building, opposite courthouse, Byron Nunnery, Phone 5661, Prestonsburg. 12-30-1f.

FOR SALE—Country hams, Paul Francis, Prestonsburg, Ky. 12-30-4f.

FOR SALE—Five-room house, 40 acres. Good water. Orchard. On Auxier Road. See Worth Music, Phone 5891, Cliff, Ky. 12-30-3f-pd.

FOR RENT—Six-room house, also two and three-room furnished apartments. T. E. Neeley, Phone 3031, Prestonsburg, Ky. 12-30-1f.

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AUDIT--PRESTONSBURG GAS & WATER SYSTEM

NAT H. HAGER

Certified Public Accountant
Second National Bank Building

PAINTSVILLE, KENTUCKY

December 14, 1954

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Prestonsburg Gas & Water System
Prestonsburg, Kentucky

Gentlemen:

We have examined the books and records of the Prestonsburg Gas and Prestonsburg Water Systems for the fiscal year ended September 30, 1954. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and included such tests and verification of the records as deemed appropriate in the circumstances, except that we did not confirm Accounts Receivable or verify the existence of inventories of supplies and maintenance parts.

Since the Fixed Assets valuation was qualified in previous year's audit and current year's valuation being based on estimate, we are unable to express an independent accountant's opinion of overall fairness of representations contained in the attached financial statement. In all other respects our examination indicated that the statements are based on accounts which are maintained in accordance with generally accepted accounting practices applied on a basis consistent with that of preceding year.

Respectfully submitted,

NAT H. HAGER

Certified Public Accountant

**MUNICIPALITY OWNED
PRESTONSBURG GAS & WATER SYSTEM**
Prestonsburg, Kentucky

FINANCIAL CONDITION
September 30, 1954

	GAS SYSTEM		WATER WORKS	
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Cash	\$ 4,251.78		\$ 20,872.16	
Accounts Receivable	1,565.53	\$ 5,817.31	2,850.18	\$ 23,722.34
Fixed Assets				
Plant, Equipment, Lines & Meters	96,751.23		219,623.68	
Less: Reserve for depreciation	30,064.83	66,686.40	59,389.46	160,234.22
Land		21,285.07		
Other Assets				
Due from City of Prestonsburg	18,686.72		2,517.53	
Due from Prestonsburg Water	18,280.03			
Bonds—Prestonsburg Gas		36,966.75		18,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS		\$130,755.53		\$130,755.53
LIABILITIES				
Current Liabilities				
Accounts payable	1,542.50			
Notes payable	5,500.00			
Contracts payable			525.00	
Customers deposits	3,272.00		3,609.50	
Accrued taxes	60.85		115.26	
Accrued Bond interest		10,375.35	691.80	4.94
Deferred Liabilities				
Bonds payable	18,000.00		104,000.00	
Due Prestonsburg Gas System		18,000.00	18,280.03	122,280.03
SURPLUS				
Appropriated—				
Bond Interest & Redemption Fund—Sewer			1,085.50	
Bond Interest & Redemption Fund—Water			3,704.35	
Plant Replacements & Additions			7,694.66	
Unclaimed Meter deposits			92.63	12.57
Unappropriated		102,380.18		67,122.34
TOTAL LIABILITIES & SURPLUS		\$130,755.53		\$130,755.53

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
October 1, 1954 to September 30, 1954

	GAS SYSTEM	WATER WORKS
Operating Income		
Sales	\$ 77,837.29	\$ 4,940.00
Less Gas purchased	41,951.50	
Gross Operating Income	35,885.79	
Operating Expenses		
Operation & Maintenance—		
Salaries—Operating	4,211.25	4,135.00
Maintenance—Labor	2,383.87	839.88
—Supplies	1,665.28	1,846.07
Auto & Travel expense	429.24	428.24
Power		1,902.37
Total Operation & Maintenance	8,689.64	
Administrative & General—		
Commissioner's per-diem	165.00	165.00
Office Salaries	3,523.75	3,408.00
Legal & Professional	125.00	125.00
Office Rent & Utilities	444.58	453.53
Office Supplies & Postage	480.79	446.30
Freight & Drayage	30.20	73.78
Bond Premium & Insurance	985.34	516.76
Miscellaneous	36.95	100.00
Total Administrative & General	5,791.61	
Total Operating Expenses	14,481.25	
Net Operating Income (before depreciation)	21,404.54	
Depreciation	3,808.14	
Net Operating Income	17,596.40	
Other Income		
Sewer		17,596.40
Other Deductions		
Interest on Meter Deposit	225.13	232.88
Interest on Bonds—Water		3,080.00
Interest on Bond—Sewer		645.97
Interest on Notes payable	310.92	
Bonds Service Charge		536.05
151.25		
NET INCOME (to surplus)		\$17,060.35

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THURSDAY

PRESTONSBURG, KENTUCKY

DECEMBER 30, 1954

This Town— That World

SURPRISE!

For the first time, in 10, these 27 years this Seeker of the Keys has been running, or been run by, this newspaper, we this year haven't skipped a week of publication. Some will say, glancing at the thinness of this week's edition, that we almost skipped. But here we are, anyhow, making it 52 in a row.

Well, there were reasons for publishing this week. To begin with, Christmas came on Saturday, with New Year's naturally following on the same day of the week, and so our Thursday publication date really doesn't cut into our holiday too deeply. On top of that, every time we skip an issue it doubles the next week's circulation and we spend a good time never again.

Besides, in addition there's a good deal over and above all that— we can't go fishin'.

Happy New Year to you, my one!

The only thing needed to make New Year resolutions mean something is a little resoluteness.

SUGGESTED LAW

Our Thero-Oughta-Be-a-Law Department comes up with the idea that it should be mandatory that every parent match each dollar he spends over five on a child of his own at Christmas with a dollar for some child in need.

You doubtless have heard of the Reluctant Dragon. Well, I happen to know of a Reluctant Santa they dragged in on a pre-Christmas party, a few miles from here.

HOW ABOUT TRADER HORN?

Since our friend, "Dootney" Horn, has gone into the movie-making business, those jokers in the back end of this shop have dubbed him Cecil B. DE-HORN.

(See Story No. 4, Page 8)

FORM TO HELP GROWERS

Roebuck Aid Go To 25 Growing Strawberries in '55

Roebuck, the world's best mail order outlet, is going strawberry growing in Floyd county, but it is only as a good venture with 25 4-H boys and girls and their parents.

Under the plan proposed by the company, and accepted by the county 4-H Club Council, 25 4-H boys and girls will be given enough plants for a quarter acre of berries each. Fertilizers will be supplied free. The only requirement is that a parent of the boys grow a plot of his own of equal size.

Three other counties in this area selected by Sears, Roebuck for the strawberry growing program are Martin, Johnson and Hancock. A few counties also were picked for free strawberry plants and fertilizers in the Cumberland River area where rapid growth in growing strawberries has resulted under supervision of the University of Kentucky's Extension Service. A meet of berry growers and others will be held here Jan. 4 at 7 p.m. at the Municipal building, at which time R. L. Lickert, A. A. Williams and Wm. I. Farmer, all of the Extension Service, will discuss strawberry growing.

Another meet of framers of interest to strawberry growers will be held here Jan. 4 at 7 p.m. at the Municipal building, at which time R. L. Lickert, A. A. Williams and Wm. I. Farmer, all of the Extension Service, will discuss strawberry growing.

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Court House Happenings

ESTELLE FILED
Estelle Johnson vs. Wid Johnson; L. Hibbits, atty.

MARRIAGE LICENSES
G. Williamson, 29, Drift, and Hamilton, 24, Martin; married Dec. 24 at Drift by Rev. Eugene Simpson. Allie 23, Ivis, Ky., and Louise 23, Ivis, Ky., married at Drift Dec. 25 by the Rev. Rob. Martin. Wilmer Steffy and Fannin Warren Henry Taylor, Ruby Coleman, G. B. Turley and Avanel Shepherd. Hurd and Phyllis Jean James Everett Woods and Gene Hayden and Gene Collins.

POLIO VACCINE USE EXPECTED NEXT SPRING

1955 March of Dimes To Start In County First Day of Year

What could be the last big-scale drive for funds to carry on the fight against infantile paralysis will begin in Floyd county, as elsewhere over the nation, on New Year's day.

This 1955 March of Dimes could be the last big drive for funds if the Salk vaccine given extensive tests this year proves to be as effective in preventing polio as expected.

Drives in the future will be necessary, but funds after wide-scale immunization with the new vaccine will be needed mainly to provide care for old polio cases or for sufferers who have not received this preventive treatment, it was said here.

The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis expects to know the true story of the Salk vaccine's effectiveness next April. If tests show it gives the immunization expected, a nationwide immunization program will be launched with all children in the first grade and expectant mothers receiving three "shots" of the vaccine.

This program, if carried out, will cost the National Foundation \$9,000,000.

Jesse Elliott, of Betsy Layne, again is the Floyd March of Dimes chairman. He hopes to enlist the aid of schools and community leaders in every part of the county in a drive to exceed, if possible, the \$5,600 raised in the county during the 1954 fund drive.

Although Floyd county was one of the most fortunate in Kentucky this year, with only one established case of infantile paralysis, Floyd Chapter, National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, spent \$14,800 on patients from this county who had been stricken by the disease before 1954. Ray Howard, of Prestonsburg, said a check for \$3,600 was received by the Chapter only this week from the National Foundation.

"Without such help from the National Foundation the Chapter could not meet its obligations and afford for polio sufferers the treatment they deserve and must have," Howard commented.

This year national headquarters and the 3,100 local chapters over the nation have spent \$28,800,000 for aid to 74,000 old and new polio patients, and to this figure was added the huge cost of scientific research, education of doctors, nurse and others on the care of polio patients, financial assistance to patients and the cost of other work to meet the rising tide of polio.

The national goal for 1955 is \$64,000,000, and Kentucky will make an all-out attempt, to raise \$1,000,000 of that total.

Kentucky had a big part in the vaccine trials last spring when 7,500 children in Jefferson and Fayette counties participated in the tests to determine the Salk vaccine effectiveness.

Mrs. Polly Jane Case Succumbs to Paralysis; Rites Held at Honaker

Mrs. Polly Jane Case, 79, of Drift, died Monday at her home of a paralytic stroke. She had been ill about two months. She was the wife of John Morgan Case, who survives and had been a member of the Regular Baptist church for 44 years.

Besides her husband she is survived by the following sons and daughters: Andrew Case, of Blumoon, James Case, of Drift, Hassen Case, of Blumoon, Hershell Case, New London, O., J. B. Case, New London, O., Mrs. Jack Hall, of Honaker, Mrs. Pricie Kidd, of Honaker, and Mrs. Bill Branham, of Drift. A brother, Ran Damron and a sister, Mrs. Elsie Gunnells, both of Hellier, survive.

Funeral rites were conducted Tuesday at the Little Dove Church at Honaker, the Revs. Hershell Huff, Johnny Hall, and Bill Hall officiating. Burial followed in the family cemetery under the direction of Hall Bros. Funeral Home.

BABE DIES

Clifford Sammons, two-day-old son of Naamon and Birdie Robinson Sammons, of Arkansas Creek, died at noon, last Friday, at Our Lady of the Way hospital, Martin. Besides the parents she is survived by two sisters. Funeral services were conducted at home Christmas Day and burial followed in the family cemetery under the direction of Hall Bros. Funeral Home.

Farm Committee Meets To Set Up New Program

The Farm Advisory committee of the local Extension Service met in the county agent's office, Tuesday afternoon, to review accomplishments under this year's program and to set up goals for next year. All phases of next year's program were outlined.

Attending, besides County Agent O. E. Boggs, and Irvine C. Joseph, assistant agent, were Johnny Lafferty, Lewis Burchett, James Cramer, Clayborn Bailey, and the chairman, Henry P. Scalf. Added for emphasis on next year's program was a goal of 150 acres of strawberries.

PRINTER MAN INJURY VICTIM

Talmadge Robinson, 65, Dies Monday; Was Struck By Auto Last Wednesday

Multiple body and head injuries suffered last Wednesday afternoon when he was struck by an automobile on the Left Beaver Creek highway at Printer resulted Monday in the death at C. & O. hospital, Huntington, W. Va., of 65-year-old Talmadge Robinson, of Printer.

Robinson was hit, it was said, when he walked onto the highway in the path of an auto. No formal charge was lodged against the driver of the auto, whose name is unavailable.

Injuries of Robinson, a retired railroad section worker, consisted of a skull fracture, both legs broken and a fractured plevis. The accident took place in front of Ran Spurlock's store at Printer.

The victim was a son of Tom and Jane Crum Robinson. His wife, Sallie Robinson, died five years ago. Surviving are four daughters, Mrs. Mary Riffe, Columba, O., Mrs. Delphia Stephens, Martin, Miss Dixie Robinson, Printer, Mrs. Mae Edwards, Louisiana; two brothers, Sol Robinson, of McDowell, and Carl Robinson, of Banner, and one sister, Mrs. Rhoda Crisp, of Martin.

Funeral rites will be conducted Friday from the Methodist Church at Printer, the Rev. Estill Hughes officiating. Burial in the family cemetery at Printer will be directed by the Hall Brothers Funeral Home.

TWO CLAIMED IN CAR WRECK

Former P'burg Resident Is Driver of Death Car In Auto-Truck Collision

Funeral of James Burke, 15, of Disko, one of two youths fatally injured in the head-on collision of an auto and a truck three miles north of Akron, Ind., Dec. 18, were held last Wednesday at the Gilead Methodist church.

Also killed in the accident was Jerry Patrick, 19, of Paintsville. Jack Burke, 20, of Akron, the driver of the car, was reported doing well at Woodlawn hospital, where he was taken for treatment of injuries suffered in the crash. He was apparently not seriously hurt and was expected to leave the hospital last week.

The driver of the truck, Raleigh T. Sellers, 51, route 1, Etna Green, escaped injury in the wreck in which the Patrick youth was killed instantly and James Burke fatally hurt. Young Burke died in Woodlawn hospital about three hours after the mishap, which occurred at 5:30 p.m.

State Trooper Wayne Jordan, who investigated with Fulton county Deputy Sheriff Dee Holloway, said the youth, all cousins were headed south and the truck was going north when they collided.

Patrick, who was making his home in Akron with Jack Burke and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Den Burke, suffered head injuries and a skull fracture. James Burke sustained a skull fracture and a crushed chest.

The bodies of the two victims were removed to the Sheetz Funeral Home at Akron, and the body of the Patrick youth was shipped to Paintsville for burial.

James Burke was the son of Raymond and Leona (Harmon) Burke, of six miles southeast of Akron in the Disko community. He was born Nov. 1, 1939 at Bonanza, and moved to the Indiana area with his parents eight years ago. A freshman at Gilead high school he was a member of the high school band and the F. P. A. Survivors include his parents; two sisters, Velma and Bren-

(See Story No. 2, Page 5)

DRAFT CALLS CUT IN HALF

Is Promise for 1955 Made by Wilson; Only Air Force To Be Upped

Secretary of Defense Wilson said last week that, partly because of greater "opportunities for peace," the draft calls will be halved next year and the armed forces will be reduced by 403,000 men by June 1955.

The reduction will bring total strength down to 2,815,000 from the figure of 3,218,000 registered last month.

Wilson told a Pentagon news conference the decision to cut military man power was made "in the past few weeks . . . by the President after a review" of all factors.

The Secretary also announced that the First Marine Division will be returned from Korea to the West Coast as soon as shipping is assembled. It will be replaced by one of two Army divisions in Japan.

The Army, Navy and Marine Corps are all to be trimmed in the next 18 months. Only the Air Force will be increased in manpower.

WRECKS MAR SEASON CALM

Christmas Is Observed Quietly; Two Seriously Injured in Car Wrecks

Fair weather and, generally speaking, fairer behavior was the Floyd county story for Christmas. The county was free of violence, yet at least two persons were seriously hurt in Christmas day traffic accidents, and others suffered lesser hurts.

Most seriously hurt were Allen Bentley, 35, of Lackey, and Creed Prater, of Hueysville, both of whom are patients in Lexington hospitals.

Bentley had both legs and 11 ribs broken when his auto left Route 114 at Lackey, Christmas night, and plunged over a high embankment onto the railroad tracks. He was taken to St. Joseph's hospital, Lexington.

Prater suffered a skull fracture when a car driven by Romine Bentley, en route from Garrett to Maytown, hit the cliff at Midas, then collided with a deaf mute's car.

Romine Bentley and Leonard Prater, another occupant of the car, were quoted as saying they were almost asphyxiated by carbon monoxide and were near unconsciousness when the wreck occurred. They suffered lesser injuries.

Mrs. Monica Johnson, of Wheelwright, suffered a head laceration and shock Saturday when her auto, driven from a side street onto U. S. 23 here, was hit by a driven by Vernon Adkins. Mrs. Johnson left the Prestonsburg General hospital Wednesday. A Gibson boy riding with Adkins was cut about the face and was also treated at the hospital here.

Scout Charles Wiechers, Jr., Awarded



Scoutmaster Carsey Kidd presents Eagle award to Charles Wiechers, Jr., as Charles' parents look on.

Highlight of a recent Court of Honor, held in Prestonsburg, was the presentation of Scouting's highest award to Charles Wiechers, Charles, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wiechers, Sr., of Prestonsburg, became the fourth Scout in Troop 21 to receive the Eagle award.

Charles, who is better known to his friends as "Chuck", was presented the Eagle award at a Court of Honor held in the Presbyterian Church here. He was escorted before the Court of Honor by an Honor Guard of fellow Scouts. Chalmers Prazier, Advancement chairman for

MASONS PLAN ANNUAL FETE

Past Masters Banquet To Honor Hall, Others; Grand Master To Speak

John Wesley Hall, of Martin, grand senior warden, Grand Lodge of Kentucky Masons, who is destined to become grand master at the 1956 meeting of the Grand Lodge, will be special guest of honor of Zebulon lodge here when it holds its annual past masters' banquet on the evening of New Year's Day.

Mr. Hall is a past master of Zebulon lodge. Also to be honored are all past members of the lodge.

Principal speaker at the banquet, which will be held at the grade school cafeteria, will be Grand Master Earle W. Adams, of the Grand Lodge. Dr. R. M. Sirkle, of Prestonsburg, past grand master of the Grand Lodge, will preside as master of ceremonies. The address of welcome will be made by Alex H. Spradlin, of Prestonsburg, with E. E. Clark, of Ashland, making the response.

Recognition of visiting masters and past masters and the introduction of past masters of Zebulon lodge will be a part of the banquet program.

Following the banquet, recently elected or appointed officers of the lodge will be installed by Grand Master Adams. They are:

John R. Baldrige, Langley, master; Estill Howell, Prestonsburg, senior warden; Sam Ed King, Martin, junior warden; Thomas E. Horn, West Prestonsburg, senior deacon; Bill Allen, Martin, junior deacon; Delmas Saunders, Prestonsburg, secretary; W. J. May, Prestonsburg, treasurer; Charles C. Calhoun, Water Gap, tiler; W. E. Hunt, Prestonsburg, and W. G. Goff, Martin, stewards; Rev. John P. Carr, Martin, chaplain; G. H. Dingus, Martin, organist.

At the recent annual election of lodge officers Eugene Allen, of Allen, was appointed to serve a three-year term as trustee.

Former Middle-cr. Man Is Victim in Indiana; Last Rites Held Friday

Malone (May) England, 71, a former resident of this county, died in a veteran's hospital, at Fort Wayne, Indiana, Tuesday of last week. He was a victim of a heart condition from which he had suffered six years. Mr. England, a native of the Middle Creek section, this county, had resided in North Manchester, Ind., for the last 11 years. He was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Enoch England.

Surviving is his wife, Mrs. Eva Poe England, and the following sons: Gordon, of North Manchester, Elva, Lloyd and Johnny, all of Liberty Mills, Ind.

Funeral rites were conducted at 1 p.m. last Friday, at the Dotson Pentecostal Church, on Middle Creek, the Revs. Steve and Ellis Whittaker officiating. Burial followed in the Jack Arnett cemetery under the direction of Carter and Callihan Funeral Home.

Blaze Mars Yuletide For 80-Year-Old Man



"Uncle" Wilse Crum stands before fire-gutted home in West Prestonsburg.

"Uncle" Wilse Crum, of West Prestonsburg, has just had the worst Christmas of his 80 years. Fire rendered him homeless on Christmas Eve and left him only a few scattered household belongings.

"I had an awful Christmas, but I'm lucky to be alive," he said this week.

A new roof could be found, the kindness of neighbors offered him shelter and comfort, but gone were all the accumulations of more than half a century of married life—cherished mementoes of his wife who died last year, little things that dated back to when his children were toddlers about the house.

Neighbors talked of raising a fund to replace for the old man those things he needs to begin house-keeping all over again. But some of the things he cherished most are gone and are irreplaceable.

Time was when Uncle Wilse always had a funny story to tell, a joke to pass along, but he was in no such mood at this year's "glad season." Not that he was proclaiming his deep, personal loss to the world; he just wasn't feeling like he had at other Christmases, for things weren't as they used to be.

The fire broke out around 9 o'clock, the night before Christmas. Mr. Crum was asleep in a back room of the small home he rented from W. M. Greenwood, of Prestonsburg. His youngest son, Bill,

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Floyd Needy Receive \$45,184 in November, Barnes' Records Show

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 20 (Sp.) — Needy residents of Floyd county received \$45,184 in public assistance payments last month, according to Commissioner of Economic Security Vego E. Barnes.

The outlay included \$22,369 in old age assistance payments; \$25,576 to families of dependent children, and \$2,240 to the needy blind.

Total public assistance payments in the State were \$3,192,268 which included \$1,951,714 in old age assistance; \$1,135,189 for aid to dependent children, and \$105,365 to the needy blind.

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Most Lethal Type Pneumonia Claims 2 Lives in Huntington

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Without describing the "viral" type pneumonia as in epidemic stage, Dr. Pollock urged that every person who has a cold accompanied by chills and fever consult his physician immediately, since the disorder kills within a matter of hours after gaining headway.

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COAL SHOWS LOADING GAIN

Production Far Below 1953 Total But Recent Spurt Helping Record

Coal production in the field represented by the Big Sandy-Elkhorn Coal Operators Association, is recovering this fall and winter from the doldrums the industry was in last summer, according to the most recent report on mining activities.

The field on Dec. 18 had shipped 2,000,770 tons less coal than at the same time last year. This was a decrease of 16.76 per cent. Prior to Dec. 18, and the slump below last year's production was considerably higher, being as much as 21 per cent in late October.

As of the week ending Dec. 18, 198,663.3 cars averaging 50 tons each had been loaded by the operators represented by the Association. During the corresponding period last year 238,679.2 cars were loaded. In the week itself, however, there was an increase of 34,630 tons over the same week last year.

A sign of the renewed strength of the coal area here is the continued activity of the truck mine operations. They are ending the year with an increase of nearly 600 cars of 50 tons each over last year, according to the Dec. 18 report.

Pointing up the increased strength of the coal business is the slow reduction of the percentage decrease under last year. In late October the Big Sandy-Elkhorn field was 21.2 percent under the corresponding 1953 figure. It dropped to 20.4 percent by Nov. 6. On Nov. 13 it was down to 19.8. The percentage of decrease was reduced each week until the latest report showed only 16.76 percent under last year.

Eight companies ended operations Dec. 18 with an increase over the same period last year. They are Stephens Elkhorn Coal Company, South East Coal Company's No. 2 and Big Chief mine and Caudill-

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WATERFIELD, WARD VIEWED FOR 2nd SPOT

Judge Combs' Candidacy For Governorship Held Certainty by Observers

In the minds of political observers over the state the race for the Kentucky Governorship definitely lies between Appellate Court Justice Bert T. Combs, of Prestonsburg and Lexington, and A. B. Chandler, of Versailles.

Now the conjecturing is mostly about who will run for the No. 2 spot, Lieutenant-Governor, and if they run, with whom.

Harry Lee Waterfield, of Clinton, onetime Democratic candidate for Governor, a former speaker of the House of Representatives and a weekly newspaper publisher, already is an avowed candidate for the second place on the Democratic ticket. So is Ollie W. Montgomery, of Campbellsville, a former state Senator, and now director of state audits. But neither has indicated with whom he will run.

And now the name of Henry Ward, state Commissioner of Conservation, is being tossed around as a probable candidate for Lieutenant-Governor. If he enters the election, he will do so only with the support of the state Administration of which he is a part.

Although Ward has many friends in this part of the state, Floyd county friends of Judge Combs, who are enthusiastically reading themselves for a rousing fight in his behalf, favor Waterfield as Combs' running-mate. This combination, they contend—both young (each 43 years old) but experienced, with strong ties in opposite ends of the state and Waterfield known all over the Commonwealth as a result of his gubernatorial campaign of a few years ago—would make a nigh-unbeatable team.

Besides, Waterfield has no close ties with any faction, and Judge Combs has no political scars.

A whole flock of others are mentioned as possible candidates.

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CLUB CLOSED BY SHERIFF

Collins' Action Follows Shooting at VFW Club, Wounding of Manager

The VFW Club at Lancer was closed Sunday by order of Sheriff Gorman Collins after the club manager, Tom Burga, had been slightly wounded by pistol fire late Saturday night.

Sheriff Collins did not state how long the ban on operation of the club will continue.

Burga, it was said, was shot by his brother-in-law, Bill Stumbo, of the Middle Creek road, shortly before midnight Saturday night, a dance was under way at the club. No charge has been lodged against Stumbo, and Burga is quoted as saying he will prosecute him.

When Stumbo drew a .32-caliber automatic pistol, Burga, who held the barrel of the weapon over his head, witnesses said. At that moment the shot was fired, the bullet striking a minor flesh wound on the club manager's hip. He wrested the gun from Stumbo.

Burga received treatment at Prestonsburg General hospital then was dismissed to his home.

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TEA HONORS BRIDE-ELECT

Miss Mary Belle Layne was hostess to a tea on December 26 at her home on South Arnold avenue, honoring Miss Betsy Spurlock, bride-elect of Mr. Edgar Lambert, of Huntington, W. Va. From 4 until 6 p.m., friends of Miss Spurlock and Mr. Lambert called for tea. Receiving them at the door was Mrs. Paul Martin. The holiday motif of green and red was used effectively in the house decorations. Mrs. Ray Davis presided at the tea urn. Miss Julia Mayo May served eggnog. Miss Lorraine Fitzpatrick assisted Mrs. Layne during the reception hours.

DINNER FOR FAMILY

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Francis entertained to dinner Sunday evening at their home on Francis Court. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Francis, and Jack Francis.

ENTERTAIN FAMILY GROUP

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lemaster entertained their family group to dinner on Christmas. Covers were laid for Mr. and Mrs. Manis Conley, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis H. Conley, Jean and Barbara Conley, Mr. and Mrs. Lemaster, Kay and Tommie Jean.

CO-HOSTESSES TO TEA

Mrs. Herbert Salisbury and Mrs. Belvard Friend were co-hostesses to 75 friends last Sunday when they received at the Salisbury home on Central avenue from 3 until 6 p.m. Decorations of holly, spruce and red candles lent the setting for the hospitality. Assisting them in entertaining were Mesdames James Camica, Edward L. Leslie, Marguerite Thorpe, Jack Hyden, Wm. O. Goebel, Jr., Misses Barbara Jean May, Sarah Clay Stephens, Marion Salisbury, Charlotte Salisbury.

VISITING PARENTS IN INDIANA

Rev. and Mrs. Orville Pearson and son Ronnie left last Sunday for Jeffersonville, Indiana, to visit his parents. They will return here Saturday.

ENTERTAIN FAMILY GROUP

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Mellon entertained to dinner Christmas Day, members of her family. Place cards seated Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hatcher, Sammy D. Hatcher, Jimmy Hatcher, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Ward and son, Jerry, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Mellon.

DINNER GUESTS

Guests of Mrs. Jo M. Davidson to dinner this week included Mr. and Mrs. John E. Layne, Ashland, Mr. and Mrs. Garland H. Rice, Paintsville, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hobson, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert L. Ley.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Patton and daughter, Gail Lynn, of Logan, W. Va., have returned home after spending the holidays with Mrs. Patton's aunt, Mrs. Marie Johnson, of Riverside Drive.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Osborne are spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wood Meade, at Forest, Va.

Mrs. Mollie Johnson was hostess on Christmas day with a dinner. Covers were laid for Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Patton, Gail Lynn Patton, Joe W. Horn, and Mrs. Mollie Johnson.

Miss Lou Ann Richmond, of Inez, visited her aunt, Mrs. Ballard Osborne, of West Prestonsburg, and other relatives here last week.

Albert L. Hammond, of Columbus, O., spent Christmas here with his mother, Mrs. Bert L. Hammond. He returned to Columbus, Sunday.

Dr. and Mrs. A. J. Davidson spent several days recently visiting his sister, Mrs. Martha D. Carpenter, Mr. and Mrs. Vimont Layson at Millersburg, and Col. and Mrs. Ward Rees, at Carlisle.

Mrs. Elizabeth Goble, Robin and Mary Loretta of Louisville, spent the holidays here with Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Kendrick on Court street.

Mrs. Jenny Staten, of Mossy Bottom, was here Monday on business. She was the overnight guest of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Charles E. Friend.

Mrs. John Hale, Mrs. Earle T. Arnett, Mrs. Thomas Thompson and Mrs. Victor Hale went to Huntington Tuesday, shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Pieratt, Mr. and Mrs. James Nesbitt returned to Mt. Sterling this week after spending the holidays here with Mr. and Mrs. N. M. White.

Miss Hazel Hill went to Charlestown, Indiana, Wednesday to spend a few days with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis H. Conley and daughter, Barbara and Jeanne, came from Dayton, O., to spend Christmas week-end here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Manis Conley.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Salisbury and Mrs. Winnie F. Johns went to Mt. Sterling to spend Christmas Day with Dr. Robert Salisbury and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Francis and children spent the Christmas week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Hopkins at Carlisle.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert L. Ley were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Fox on Christmas Day in Huntington.

Mrs. Rhoda Barbour went to Huntington Sunday to spend a few days with her daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. John Webb, of Waverly, Ohio spent the week-end here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Hughes, on Highland avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Crawford spent the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Graham Porter here and Mr. and Mrs. William Crawford at David.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark G. Nichols returned Tuesday to their home at Webster Springs, W. Va., after spending the holiday week-end here with her mother, Mrs. Lyda D. Spradlin and family.

Miss Barbara Jane Hale went to Hazard Monday to spend the week-end with her college room mate, Miss Susan Daniel.

Mrs. John Scott Miller and Mrs. James Francis Miller, of Pikeville, were here last Thursday shopping and greeting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. George G. Alley went to Huntington, Christmas day, and enjoyed the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Hatcher.

Dr. and Mrs. Z. S. Dickerson, Jr. and children, Richard E. and Margaret Ann, of Florence, Alabama, spent the Christmas holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Z. S. Dickerson on North Lake Drive.

Mrs. F. G. McGuire, of Cedar Bluff, Va., is here visiting her sisters, Mrs. George Rorer and Mrs. Z. S. Dickerson.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Davidson are in Louisville this week visiting his mother, Mr. Al Housah, and Mr. Housah.

Miss Laura Virginia Roberts is spending the week in Hazard visiting Mrs. Anna Laura Boulas.

Mrs. Charles E. Sparrow, of Louisville, spent the week-end here with her daughter, Mrs. Herbert Salisbury, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Leake, of Cincinnati, O., were holiday guests of their daughter, Mrs. Kilmer Combs and family.

Mrs. H. C. Francis was dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Francis, Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Markin left Wednesday for their home in Rhode Island after a holiday visit here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Curt Homes.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Clarke were Christmas guests of their son, Dr. Wm. F. Francis and family at Coal Run, Saturday.

John Paul Francis is home on Navy leave from Baltimore, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Francis.

Mr. and Mrs. Hansford May and son, Stephen, returned to Louisville Monday after spending the week-end here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ensminger.

Mrs. Everett Sowards and Mrs. Jo M. Davidson were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Rice in Paintsville, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Astor Meade and children spent Sunday in Ashland visiting his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Combs and sons, of St. Louis, Mo., Dr. and Mrs. Fletcher Combs, of Lexington, are here this week visiting their mother, Mrs. B. F. Combs.

Mr. and Mrs. John R. Clarke, of St. Albans, W. Va., spent the holidays here with her mother, Mrs. Osa F. Ligon.

Mrs. J. O. Salyers, of Louisville, is here visiting her daughter, Mrs. Henry D. Fitzpatrick, Jr., and family.

Mrs. J. R. Hurt, of Washington, D. C., is here visiting Mrs. W. C. Rimmer during the holidays.

Dr. and Mrs. O. T. Stephens went to Louisville last week to spend a few days with their son, Dr. Raymond Stephens, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Hale and son and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Hale spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hale, of Lexington.

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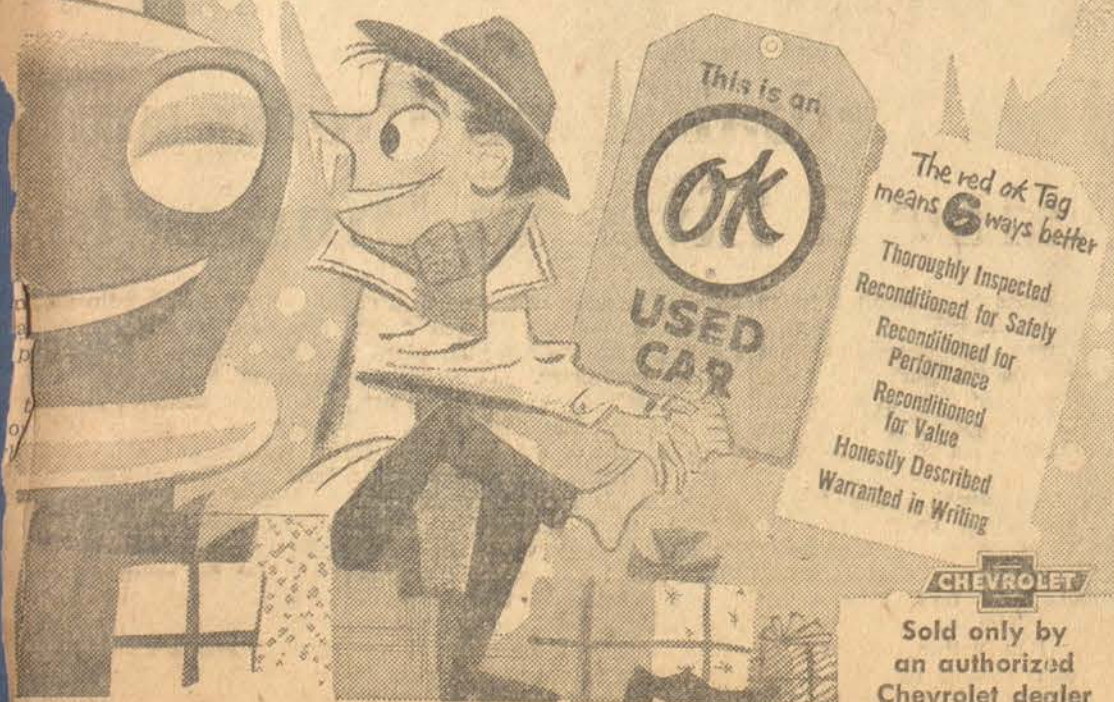
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BREAKFAST FOR SCOUT PATROL

Mrs. Herbert L. Ley entertained to breakfast Tuesday at her home on North Lake Drive honoring her Girl Scout Patrol and its leaders. Yuletide colors of red and green were carried out in the table decorations. Holly and red candles centered the table seating Mrs. E. D. Roberts, Mrs. Arnold Compton, Elizabeth Archer May, Sherry Sirkle, Joy Cyrus, Judy Allen, Martha May, Katherine Roberts, Polly ompton and Mrs. Ley.

MRS. HALE ENTERTAINS

Mrs. John Hale entertained with a turkey dinner Sunday at her home on Third Street. The house was decorated in the Christmas motif. Covers were laid for Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Holcomb and children, Martha and Jimmie, of Orange, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Holcomb, Pikeville, Dr. and Mrs. Earl T. Arnett and Earl, Jr., of Owingsville, Mr. and Mrs. Martha Lee May, Fred, Tom and Martin Douglas May, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Thompson, Gary and Johnnie Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Hale and Barbara Jane Hale.

HOSTESS TO TEA

Mrs. R. V. May, and daughter, Miss Julia Mayo May, entertained to tea on Tuesday from 3 until 6 p.m., at their home on Arnold avenue. The reception rooms and dining room were aglow with candlelight. The color scheme of red and green was carried out in decorations of pine, poinsettias and huge pine cones. The dining table covered with an Italian cut cloth was centered with a centerpiece of red roses, flanked by tall silver candelabrae holding red candles. Tea, cakes, nuts, candies and coffee were served from the table; eggnog from the tea wagon. Assisting the hostesses were Mesdames Burl Spurlock, Olga M. Latta, W. C. Rimmer, J. R. Hurt, George P. Archer, Belvard Friend, W. T. Archer, Wm. O. Gobel, Jr., Joe W. Burchett, Henry D. Fitzpatrick, Jr., Misses Barbara Jean May, Charlotte Salisbury, Marion Salisbury, Betsy Spurlock, Betty Jo Parker, Lida Margaret Spradlin, Martha Francis Archer, Patricia Pelfrey, Jackie Hensley, Mary Jo Shivel Judy Allen, Elizabeth Archer May, Mary Ann Daniels.

FAMILY DINNER

Mrs. Laura Davidson had her family group with her, Christmas Day, for dinner. Members present were Mr. and Mrs. Alex L. Davidson, Dr. and Mrs. A. J. Davidson, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. T. Roberts, Laura Virginia Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Shivel, Mary Jo Shivel, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Perry, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Fields.

LUNCHEON ON WEDNESDAY

Mrs. A. J. Davidson entertained to luncheon on Wednesday at her home on Highland avenue, having as her guests, Misses Julia Mayo May, Mary Jo Shivel, Patricia Pelfrey and Jackie Hensley.

HAS OPEN HOUSE

Miss Laura Virginia Roberts held open house on Monday evening at her home on Arnold avenue from 9 until midnight. Twenty-five friends were her guests for the evening.

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Hobbrook Baptist Mission 11:15 a.m.
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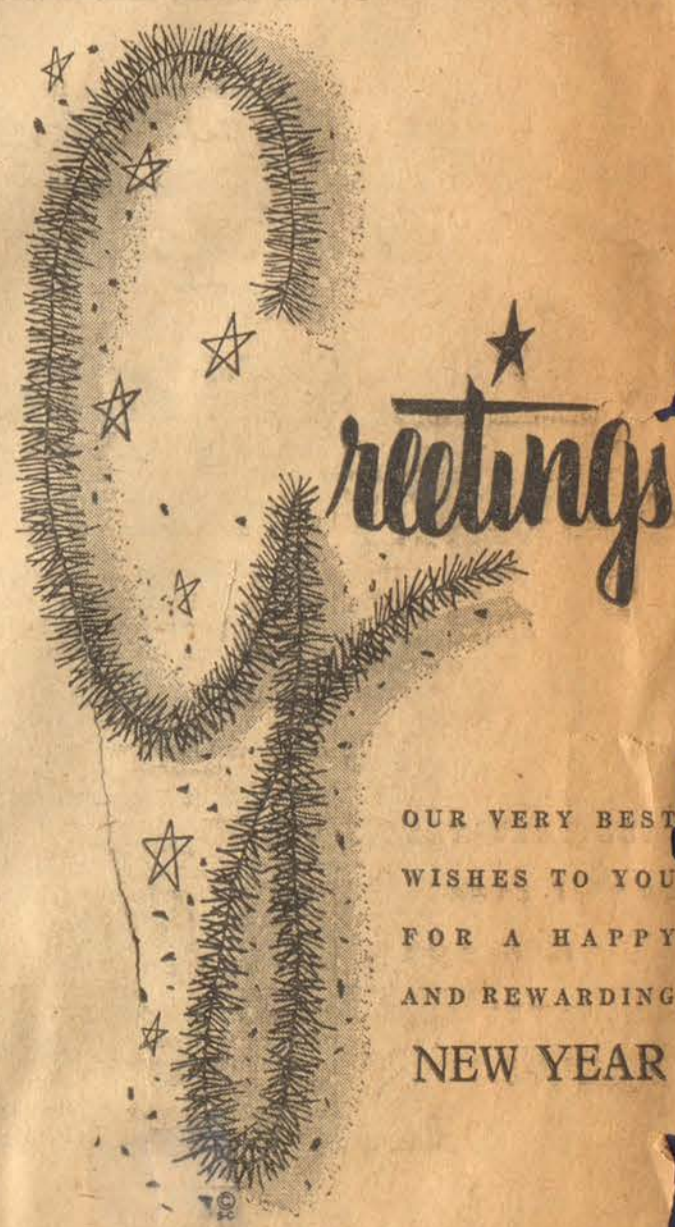
Mr. and Mrs. Foster Anderson of Westminster street announce the marriage of their daughter, Loretta, to Mr. Willis Charles Hammonds, of Columbus, Ohio. The marriage was solemnized by the Rev. Harold W. Dorsey at the First Methodist church here, Dec. 24.

Riddle Stout of Carroll county said he was so well pleased with 11B burley that he is planning to grow six to 10 acres next year.

MR. POWERS CRITICALLY ILL
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WORKING RELATIONS GOOD UNDER STRIP MINE LAW

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 27 (Spl.) — Development of cooperative working relations with operators of coal strip mines has marked the first six months of administration of the new regulatory law by the Kentucky Strip Mining and Reclamation Commission, Henry Ward, chairman of the commission, reported today.

"The position of the great majority of the strip mine operators seems to be similar to that of one operator who stated to me that while he opposed the act he felt that an effort should be made to carry out its provisions if possible," Ward said.

Insofar as the commission knows, every operator now engaged in producing coal in Kentucky by strip mining has secured a permit and posted a bond for reclamation of the land affected, Ward added.

Permits have been issued by the commission to 75 operators, covering 1,293 acres. They have posted bonds totaling \$130,100 to guarantee that land affected by strip mining will be reclaimed, and have paid \$16,740 to the commission in fees, which is being used for the administration of the act.

Only one operator engaged in strip mining refused to apply for a permit, Ward said, and that firm has ceased operation. It was the Faymore Coal Company, of Cleveland, O., which had a mine in Perry county, but stopped mining October 19 when the commission insisted that it secure a permit. The commission was advised Dec. 21 by Assistant Attorney General Earle Powell that it has authority to take legal action against the company for refusing to secure a permit.

"Waterfield's present position, therefore, is too idealistic to last. As a candidate for lieutenant-governor, acceptable to both sides, he eventually would have to stand up and be counted for one or the other."

Vacationing in Florida, Judge Combs last week said he was "seriously considering the race for Governor," but has not made any definite announcement.

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mining and in reclaiming land for which no adequate solutions have yet been found," the chairman added. "What might have worked in Indiana or Ohio might not well work in Kentucky. Furthermore, we know that conditions vary within the state, because there are several different types of strip mining. We have taken the position that we will not insist that an operator carry out a reclamation plan which we do not have a reasonable right to feel is sound.

"As a result, we have gone slow in requiring completion of reclamation plans. Fortunately, our experience has been that many operators have gone ahead willingly with perfectly acceptable reclamation programs.

"The commission hopes to be able to conduct some experiments with an area which has not been reclaimed. We have been negotiating to secure permission to conduct these experiments on a tract of land fronting on U. S. Highway 62 in western Kentucky, where the public would have an excellent opportunity to see and judge what can be done."

"Ward's comments were contained in a special report prepared for members of the General Assembly. He concluded with this statement:

"I think it is fair to say that cooperation between the operators and the commission has been unusually fine, considering the fight which you will recall was waged over enactment of this legislation at the 1954 session of the General Assembly."

Ward said that the commission adopted the policy at the outset of working closely with the operators to determine reasonable and practicable reclamation programs, and to that end has held several meetings with them.

"We recognized that there are many problems involved in strip mining and in reclaiming land for which no adequate solutions have yet been found," the chairman added.

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A/2c Anna B. Pinson Is Airman of Month

A-2c Anna B. Pinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Mason, of Calvin, and a granddaughter of Dr. M. M. Collins, of Lackey, was chosen as the outstanding Airman of the 3310th Transportation Squadron, Scott Air Force Base, Belleville, Illinois for the month of September 1954.

Joseph F. Hunker, Colonel, US AF, Commander presenting Airman Pinson with this honor said, quote "To achieve this honor you have demonstrated the traits of an above-average Airman, excellent in efficiency, character, neatness and military bearing. The traits you have demonstrated reflect great credit upon yourself and the United States Air Force. A copy of this presentation will be filed in your Personal Records Group." Marshall E. Bailey, Major USAF, Commander added to the presentation, quote "I concur basic presentation and add my congratulations."

Airman Pinson has also received considerable recognition during her service of the past eighteen months in the Air Force. During her three months basic indoctrination course at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, she was a member of the honor flight for two months. Anna received an outstanding score in golf, having taken the runner-up trophy in June, 1953, at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. On July 20, 1953, she won the championship trophy which was presented in a formal ceremony by First Lt. Harriet C. Lockhart, Commander, 3743rd WTS. Airman Pinson shot a 67 for championship over P. J. Beeve, of Provo, Utah, with a 79.

On August 8, 1953, Airman Pinson was chosen as one of the 21 WAF honor guards to serve with 20 Air Police and 21 Wing Headquarters Squadron NCO's, at Lowry Air Force Base, Denver, Colorado, to welcome President and Mrs. Eisenhower on their arrival for a four weeks Colorado vacation.

Kenton county homemakers are planning a hooked rug project, 248 rug needles having been ordered.

Sammy M. Hunter, 80, Victim in Huntington; Burial in Bays Cemetery

Sammy M. Hunter, of Lancer, died at St. Mary's hospital, Huntington, Monday at 12:45 a.m. He was a victim of cancer. He was a farmer and had been a member of the Methodist church for 60 years.

Mr. Hunter was a son of the late Joseph and Jemima Osborne Hunter. His wife, Mrs. Christie Bays Hunter, survives. Surviving also are the following children: Claude Hunter, of Lancer, Mrs. Josephine Wells, of Lancer, Mrs. Melvina Price, of Prestonsburg, Mrs. Jemima Webb and Mrs. Gladys Brewer, both of Auxier. Funeral rites were conducted Wednesday, at 1 p.m., from the home, the Revs. Will Horn and Paris Music officiating. Burial followed in the Bays cemetery on Bays branch under the direction of Carter and Callihan Funeral Home.

NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE

A "watch service" will be held, beginning at 7:30 p.m., Friday at the Little Paint Church of God. It was announced this week by the pastor, the Rev. Roy Benton.

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Combs for Governor

THE TIMES hopes there will not for long be any doubt about Bert Thomas' decision to make the race for Governor. Let it be affirmative, absolute—and so.

One of Eastern Kentucky may be expected naturally to support one of our own for a gubernatorial candidate. But this newspaper insists it is not bound by geographical considerations when it declares, Judge Combs will make Kentucky a good Governor, and so endeavor to aim for that high post of trust.

Representative of Clay county and honored resident of Floyd's has all the attributes of mind and heart and all the toughness of moral fiber to do the Herculean labor that awaits every man who undertakes that thankless task at Frankfort.

A brilliant student of the law—he attained highest honors in the subject at the University of Kentucky,—he is the youngest justice before the Court of Appeals in the history of the state, and there he has made an outstanding record. He has served as Commonwealth's Attorney of the city-First judicial district, during World War II a member of the military tribunal which convicted the momentous trial of Japanese war criminals in Manila.

His steady advancement in the legal profession toward places of high honor have come not because of any consuming ambition on his part but because Bert Thomas believes in doing a job well and because he does so well that his work commands the attention of his peers.

As plain, common citizen, Judge Combs is a personable man whose unassuming nature, neighborliness and charitable attitude toward others naturally attracts the loyalty of all who touch this true insight into nature. He gives one the impression at all times that he has his feet firmly planted on the ground, that here is a substantial citizen, without frills, who is one of the common people and who is perfectly satisfied with his lot regardless of how high he may climb.

The present state administration has its critics—as Administration has had?—and it has made mistakes as others before made mistakes; but it chooses to support Combs for Governor to maintain it not only winning toward a man of people but will also be Kentucky a service in being to elect a Governor who has the resiliency of a steel, the steadfastness of a rock, the ability and the will to serve every section of the commonwealth.

Under the Source

The U. S. Corps of Engineers trained to consider properly evaluate data arguments produced at hearings, may be decided to consider the much of the opposition heard at Pikeville, to canalization of the Sandy river.

Individuals opposing waterway at the time were representing corporations, some of which are far removed by the fact they are in the midst of the Big Sandy. Their testimony should be considered solely in effort to protect the interests of their companies.

Disregarding future benefits to accrue from other increased movements of materials, the railroads saw only a loss of revenue from reduced coal shipments by rail. The river docks in Kenova and Huntington viewed canalization with alarm because it would remove the advantage in transportation revenue, since they no longer would have their present commanding advantage in transportation costs. Thus was provided all the excuse needed for them to oppose improvement of the river.

An example of some of this opposition is seen in that supplied by a representative of the largest producer of high volatile coal in the state of West Virginia. Reasons for this opposition were such as these:

Their mines are not located on the Big Sandy. They own and operate a river dock at Huntington.

They are in a position as ideal as positions can be under present coal-producing conditions. They have no competition from Eastern Kentucky coal by barge shipment directly from the mines to points on the Ohio river.

Testimony submitted by the opposition at the Pikeville hearing also claimed that some of the large steam power-producing plants on the Ohio river already have entered into long-term contracts for the coal they will use, thus trying to insert the argument that canalization would not open up this market to Big Sandy coal. What they did not tell, however, is the fact that these contracts will have expired before the Big Sandy can possibly be canalized, and that the Big Sandy could break into that business on new contracts that will of necessity be executed later.

Also mentioned by the opposition at the hearing was the point that some of the large operators and land companies which own large tracts of coal in the Elkhorn field were taking a neutral position on canalization. But what they carefully refrained from telling was this:

There is no doubt as to what these large operators and owners of coal lands would do if they were favored with lowered transportation costs such as canalization would provide. Forgetting all neutrality, they would jump in, begin expanding present facilities and at once open up new mines to tap the almost unlimited reserves of both high and low grade Elkhorn coals.

In short, we of the Big Sandy valley are fighting for what we should have, while the opposition is fighting to keep what it already has.

And it was good to see Dr. Joe T. Hyden again, for the first time in months. He is one of the boss' favorite cousins. Everyone is glad that he and Dixie decided to locate in Floyd county and not go back to Oregon to live. They have a perfect family, incidentally. Two boys and then two girls. What more could one want?

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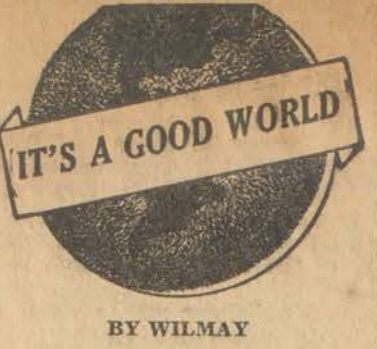
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BY WILMAY

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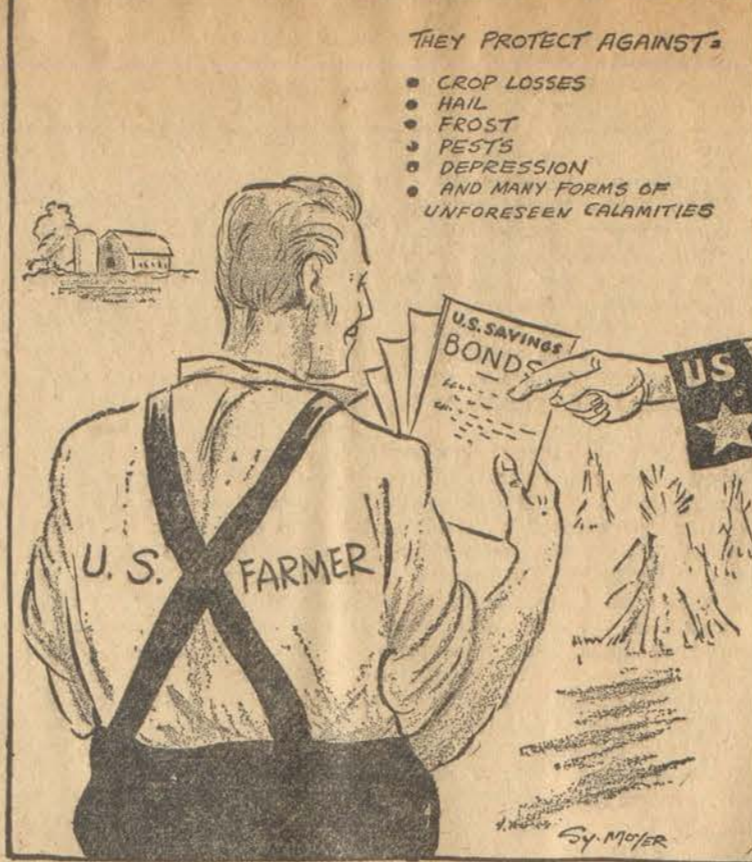
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Protection, Mr. Farmer!



FLINT LOCK KENTUCKY RIFLE HELPED CONQUER THE WEST

By Lee Stewart (In Rowan County News)

The westerner armed with a rifle had a decided advantage over the Indian armed with bow and arrow, lance or a very low-grade musket. The flint lock Kentucky rifle was a powerful and deadly weapon in the hands of an expert. But it had one obvious weakness. When you fired it took time to reload.

You had to put that charge of powder into the barrel, get linen patch ready, ram it down with the ball and prime your pan, to say nothing of having to reverse the barrel for the stock in order to aim again and live.

Try to visualize going through such a procedure while pursued by Indians and you get some idea of the importance of this problem to the pioneer. However, Louis Wetzel, one of the famous fighters of his day, gained such facility at loading his rifle on the run, that the Indians had their own name for him.

"His Gun - Is - Always - Loaded," they called him, after a few unfortunate encounters.

That Kentucky rifle was a great gun. Audubon, the famous naturalist, was present when a man gave a demonstration of "barking of squirrels." The demonstrator wiped his gun, measured the powder, patched the ball, and sent the charge home with a hickory rod. He then picked a spot on a tree below his quarry. When he fired, his ball hit the spot and the concussion killed the squirrel without "blowing it to pieces."

The man, who gave this particular demonstration to Audubon, was Daniel Boone. But the practice was a fairly common one among the early day sharpshooters.

The idea of a breach-loading flint lock wasn't exactly new, even in the days of the Kentucky rifle. Patrick Ferguson planned one that would shoot three bullets a minute. He went to Egg, the famous London gunsmith and the two put their heads together. The result was something way ahead of its day in a rifle. With a turn of the trigger guard, the breech plug dropped

far enough so that a ball could be inserted into the bore, above a charge of powder you didn't have to measure. Then the pan was primed, the piece cocked, and you were ready to fire. They gave a demonstration before British officers and fired six shots in a single minute.

The history of the West might have been different if we had adopted the breech-loading rifle at an earlier date. A copy of the patent issued to the Honorable James Puckle on May 15, 1718, claims that he had a "portable gun or machine that discharges so often and so many bullets, and can be so quickly loaded as renders it next to impossible to carry any ship by boarding."

Actually what was wrong with all of these ideas? Nothing, at least from viewpoint of building such a gun. The drawback was the flint lock system. If other barrels were to be discharged, either one at a time or simultaneously, a chain of priming had to be ignited from the first flash, or the cumbersome mechanism had to be rotated around the primed pan.

The invention of percussion cap changed the entire nature of the rifle. And the history of the West changed with it, for as soon as the pioneer had in his possession a rifle that shot more than one bullet without reloading, his advantage over the Indian increased tremendously.

To illustrate: Dr. Powell, a noted plainsman of the Old West, armed with a repeating Winchester rifle, was once chased by some Indians. Dr. Powell sought cover. When he fired once, the Indians gave a yell and charged him, thinking he only had one shot gun as they had never seen or heard of repeating rifles. They were amazed that he was able to shoot so many times, and they retreated when they found out that something that was not known by them was happening.

The Winchester rifle and the Colts revolver civilized the West.

BIBLE QUIZ
 By A. F. BARKER
 (508 Euclid Ave., Bristol, Va.)

Can anyone be happy and not work? What rewards come from honest labor and hard work? For these answers check your Bible references.

- When was work first appointed to man? To Adam who was "to dress and keep the Garden of Eden." (Genesis 2:15)
- What is given in the "Ten Commandments" about work? "Six days shalt thou labor and do all thy work." (Deuteronomy 5:15)
- What was one reason for the success of Hezekiah? "He threw himself wholeheartedly into his work." (I Chronicles 31:21)
- Why did repair on the temple progress favorably during Josiah's reign? "The men and their overseers worked faithfully."
- Why did the Tekoites not get along well in their works of repair? "They put not their necks to the work of their Lord." (Nehemiah 3:5)
- In what way does a laboring man get more than the rich? "The sleep of a laboring man is sweet, whether he eat much or little; but the abundance of the rich will not suffer him to sleep." (Ecclesiastes 5:12)
- What wisdom do we find in the ant? "Having no guide, overseer, or ruler, provideth her meat in summer and gathereth her food in the harvest." (Proverbs 6:7-8)
- What is said in Proverbs 31:27 about an industrious wife? "She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness."

PICKED UP IN PASSING

By James Taylor Adams

TRADITION OF TREES

Many of our native trees have superstitions woven around them, setting them apart from other members of the forest.

The Judas Tree, locally known as the Redbud, we are told was once the most lofty tree on earth. But, according to tradition, Judas, after betraying Jesus for thirty pieces of silver, repented of his act and went out, hung himself on a lofty tree which immediately withered, its limbs became twisted and gnarled, and since then it has never grown beyond the bush tree stage and is noted for its misshapen limbs. We are also told that the red blooms of this tree represents the blood of the Christ.

Then take the sycamore. Look about. You'll seldom find a sycamore that isn't hollow. Many of our oldtimers believe most sincerely that Methuselah lived out his nine hundred years in a hollow sycamore.

When I was five or six I heard one of my aunts tell the story. I gathered from her telling of the tale that she was quoting from the Bible. She said, "Methuselah had lived three hundred years in a hollow sycamore tree when the Lord said, 'Arise, Methuselah, and build thyself a house! You have six hundred more years to live.' And Methuselah said, 'Lord, if I don't have more than that to live it would be poorly worth my while to build a house.'"

It is believed by many, that the Almighty ordered all sycamores to be hollow to furnish shelter for homeless mankind after his interview with Methuselah.

Then there is the superstition about sassafras. My father would go

through any brush and logs he was preparing to burn when cleaning up newground, and gather all the sassafras limbs and twigs. He would not burn a scrap of sassafras wood for anything. And he was only one of hundreds, here in the Cumberland, who held to the belief that it was bad luck to burn sassafras.

There are people in my neighborhood who wouldn't let you plant a red cedar on their land for any amount, and they are just as determined to preserve any red cedar that has sprung up on their property from seed.

One oldish farmer round a little cedar growing in a fence corner. He nursed it along; and it was up about shoulder high; just about right for a Christmas tree—which it turned out to be in some unknown front room. This old fellow was so shocked he found his cedar had been chopped off level with the ground that he spoiled his own Yuletide and made things miserable for all his family, trying to find the tree. But he failed in his search and, some say, he has never been the same man again.

SPORTS AFIELD

By TED KESTING

If you spend much time at all with small boats you will, sooner or later, as surely as taxes, fall overboard. The wise sportsman will be prepared for it.

There are many ways to greatly reduce your chances of joining the ranks of unwilling bathers. First of all, paint your decks. Varnish may give your ship the sleek look, but it has no place underfoot. There are a number of so-called nonskid paints on the market and all of them are useful.

Some commercial men throw sand on the wet paint. This is excellent, if you don't mind wearing through your clothes and surrendering vast areas of skin in the event of a spill.

The best footwear is hobnail boots. Unfortunately, most captains take a dim view of these. Rubber soles are the next best thing. Boots in winter and sneakers in the summer. Again, there are the nonskid varieties. Zack Taylor, whose article on boating safety appeared recently in Sports Afield magazine, says that he prefers bare rubber worn smooth. But don't forget that water is a natural lubricant of rubber.

There is nothing that beats the time worn sea adage, "One hand for you and one hand for the ship." This is a primary rule. But the grab rails of many boats are deplorable. Tiny varnished wood splinters or slim chromium strips are pretty, but they are too meager to hang your life on.

Even worse, you often find great stretches unprotected where you have to leave one rail and lunge desperately for the next. The commercial men use inch pipe—a welcome flimsy and every foot of it is braced.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FROM A FORGOTTEN FRIEND
 Editor, The Floyd County Times:

Please print the letter I am sending. As the letter states, the debt was made about 36 years ago and forgotten by Artie and myself, but after he reminded us we remembered it.

There are so many mean happenings printed in the paper, I couldn't resist seeing this really good Christian letter in print.

To the writer of the letter, if you see this in the paper, all is forgiven and I was glad to hear from a true Christian.

Mrs. Artie Gayheart.

The letter to Mr. Gayheart follows, in part:

"My attention has been called to a debt that I owe you for board, which I made to you in the days of my youth, 36 years ago, more or less, and I don't believe that you ever called my attention to this matter. So this I call a sin of neglect. Now I am asking you to forgive me for this act. The best of my memory it was \$6.00.

Now I will try to refresh your memory. It was when a railroad switch was put in at Eastern, near the mouth of Goose Creek, where I worked a week. I believe, now, Dan Shepherd and Henderson Shepherd boarded with you at the same time I did. I hope this will bring it to your remembrance. If not, then I hope you will accept it being so, for I have no doubt about it. Now you will find enclosed \$10.00 to settle this old, old account which was due long ago.

As a servant of God, I am made to believe that this act is the Lord's doing. Now let me ask you—Are you a Christian? If not, let me call your attention to the book of 'Isaiah, Chapter 55, verse 6 and Genesis 6:3, Luke 13: 24-25. But I hope when this letter reaches you it will find you already at peace with God and your life hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life shall appear then shall we also appear with Him in glory (Col. 3:3-4). I warn by the word of God, for people to flee from the wrath of God, to the ark of safety which is only found in Jesus Christ, our Lord, for we are living in perilous times.

"May the Good Lord bless you and all your house in the saving knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

A Christian Soldier
 Gunlock, Ky.

BARKLEY, VERSUS TRADITION

Incoming Senator Barkley of Paducah is almost certain to retain a lot of his seniority and prestige, so Democratic leaders feel up here. However, Congress has many traditions which may put the chips on the other shoulder.

As Vice President, Mr. Barkley had one of the finest suites of rooms available for his office. Where he'll roost in the Senate Office Building this time is anyone's guess—with a lot of guessing going on.

Senator Earle C. Clements (D-Morganfield, Ky.) said he knew that Mr. Barkley was well aware of the treatment he may receive. As far as an office is concerned, Sen. Clements indicated that the elderly statesman might be sorely lacking for space. Asked if the basement might be utilized, Clements said things weren't that bad yet.

Mr. Barkley will probably wind up in a cubby-hole up on the fourth floor. Senator Clements' office is on the second floor.

TIDBITS OF KENTUCKY FOLKLORE
 By GORDON WILSON, Ph.D.
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"OTHER WAYS OUT"

"This road," said the sign, "was the first one used by the early settlers to get out of this mountain valley." I looked up the mere trail and saw how difficult it must have been, and how long a task, to drive a yoke of oxen or two mules over that steep mountain trail to the only junction with a more important road to civilization. And, yes, for years and years, almost a century, that road was the only way for a hundred families or so. And home in that retired mountain valley must have been as dear to these early settlers as it is to us later ones, wherever we live. Now it is a matter of minutes with our modern highways to penetrate this mountain retreat, to drive over its gravel roads, even, and return to the settlements. The pathetic little remnant of a road never tempts any one except some curious hiker, who might want to see how far people used to have to go to get anywhere. As time goes by, even the traces of this early road will be effaced with big pine trees growing up where the ruts used to be. Future generations will probably not bother themselves to wonder how the pioneers came or went from the beautiful mountain valley.

As I have so often said in this column, nothing intrigues me more than going to places that used to have importance, in days before modern traffic or modern industry took over. In my immediate part of the state are many of the deserted villages that a modern Gray could wax eloquent about, villages that were once prominent river towns, rolling warehouses, even locked-up locks, weed-grown fence roads to the riverside—there they are, like the weeds and wild animals over the grave of Nimrod. Here was a prominent road that brought loads of crossties to the river and took away equally heavy loads of flour and sugar and coffee, to be sold at country stores miles away from the

HEALTH NOTES

By John M. Stumbo, Sanitary

If you plan going into the restaurant business, or any other handling establishment, certain specifications must be met. Suppose you are going to build a Drive In, or a restaurant. If so, the following procedure must be followed.

First: before you start building, you must draw or have drawn a complete set of blue prints, or floor plans of the restaurant. These plans must be submitted in triplicate with dimensions at least 11 inches by 17 inches. At the same time the floor plan is submitted, you must also submit a riser diagram of all the plumbing to be installed in the restaurant, and a plot diagram showing the waste disposal, septic tank and drainfield. A percolation test must be made on the soil that is to be used as a drainfield.

Second: these plans must be submitted to the Floyd County Health Department for our approval. Then the three copies of the blueprints are forwarded to the State Department of Health where they are finally approved or disapproved. If the plans are approved, two copies are returned to our office and we retain one copy and one copy is returned to you. Then, and only then, can you begin construction.

Third: The proposed restaurant must have the following conditions:

- The floors must be constructed of such material as to be smooth and free of cracks. The kitchen floor must be covered from wall to wall with an impervious material.
- The walls and ceilings must be smooth and painted a light color.
- The doors and windows must be screened during fly season.
- The entire building must be adequately lighted. There must be at least 10 ft. candles of light in the food preparation area.
- All rooms and heaters, including the gas side arm, hot water heater, and cook stoves, must be vented to the outside air.
- All bathrooms must be vented to the outside air.
- There must be an adequate and safe supply of water in the restaurant.
- There must be a three-compartment sink with hot and cold running water at the spigot. The sink must be properly trapped and have no leaks.
- You must have a sink in the kitchen area proper for soap and sanitary towels to be provided.
- There must be a number of metal garbage cans with tight fitting lids.
- All liquid waste must be disposed of in the ground, or city sewer.
- There must be adequate refrigeration.
- The cook stove or grill must be vented. This can best be done by hood and exhaust fan combination.
- If an outdoor privy is to be used this privy must be built in compliance with the state standard of a sanitary type privy.

Even worse, you often find great stretches unprotected where you have to leave one rail and lunge desperately for the next. The commercial men use inch pipe—a welcome flimsy and every foot of it is braced.

As a servant of God, I am made to believe that this act is the Lord's doing. Now let me ask you—Are you a Christian? If not, let me call your attention to the book of 'Isaiah, Chapter 55, verse 6 and Genesis 6:3, Luke 13: 24-25. But I hope when this letter reaches you it will find you already at peace with God and your life hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life shall appear then shall we also appear with Him in glory (Col. 3:3-4). I warn by the word of God, for people to flee from the wrath of God, to the ark of safety which is only found in Jesus Christ, our Lord, for we are living in perilous times.

"May the Good Lord bless you and all your house in the saving knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

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Incoming Senator Barkley of Paducah is almost certain to retain a lot of his seniority and prestige, so Democratic leaders feel up here. However, Congress has many traditions which may put the chips on the other shoulder.

As Vice President, Mr. Barkley had one of the finest suites of rooms available for his office. Where he'll roost in the Senate Office Building this time is anyone's guess—with a lot of guessing going on.

Senator Earle C. Clements (D-Morganfield, Ky.) said he knew that Mr. Barkley was well aware of the treatment he may receive. As far as an office is concerned, Sen. Clements indicated that the elderly statesman might be sorely lacking for space. Asked if the basement might be utilized, Clements said things weren't that bad yet.

Mr. Barkley will probably wind up in a cubby-hole up on the fourth floor. Senator Clements' office is on the second floor.

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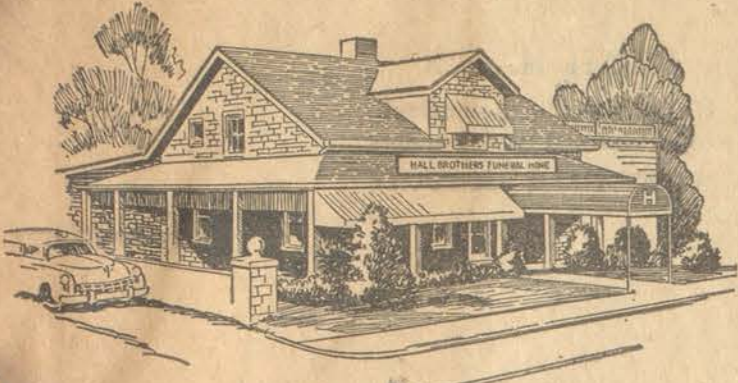
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ALPHORETTA

Mrs. Ray Church and daughter Anita spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. James Ward and son.

Mr. and Mrs. Gardez Dings and daughters, Peggy Jo, Marybelle and Deborah, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. N. O. Allen and family.

Mrs. Margie England, baby daughter, Evelyn Denise, have returned home from Beaver Valley hospital. Mother and daughter are doing fine.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hondel and daughter, Teresa, of Justice, W. Va., were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ward and sons through the holidays.

Mrs. Sarah Ratliff and Monroe Ousley attended the birthday party in honor of their brother, Hoodley Ousley on Caney Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Layne, of Ohio, were visiting home-folks through the holidays. Mr. Layne, Edd Moore, Gladys Moore and Paul Turner returned to Ohio Sunday. Mr. Moore plans to move to Ohio soon.

Sgt. Harris Commended For Superior Officers By Outstanding Work

Fort Campbell, Ky.—Sergeant George Harris of Garrett, Kentucky, was recently commended by his superior officers for his outstanding performance to the Company.

Sgt. Harris is well-known in the Battalion for being a good judge of character and being able to get the best working performances out of the men in his platoon. He is currently the platoon sergeant of the 1st Platoon. He is currently assigned to Company B, 645th Engineer Battalion stationed at Fort Campbell.

Sgt. Harris entered the Army September 8, 1950, and completed his army basic training at Fort Knox, Ky. He previously saw duty in Europe and Korea.

His decorations include the National Defense Service Medal, Good National Defense Service Medal, Good National Ribbon, United Nations Service Medal, and the Korean Service Ribbon with two battle stars.

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BETSY LAYNE

CLUB HAS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Betsy Layne Woman's Club held its annual Christmas party, Thursday night, December 16, at the home of Mrs. O. J. Williams, with Miss Alice Williams as co-hostess.

Mrs. T. J. Chandler, program leader, opened the party with a short outline of the true meaning of Christmas, pointing out that we have drifted away from the real meaning, and that we should endeavor to keep Christ in Christmas. Mrs. Beecher Hardwick gave a review of Peter Marshall's sermon, "Let's Keep Christmas", which is more pertinent now than when it was first delivered. This sermon stressed the fact that we should not let the crowd rush Christmas out of our hearts where it belongs and that we will not spend or observe Christmas but we will keep it. Next Mrs. Chandler played a recording of "Away in a Manger". Mrs. E. P. Davis read the poem, "The Spirit of Christmas". Mrs. Glenn Blackburn then read a poem by Edgar A. Guest with the theme that Christmas comes but once a year. The next feature of the program was a musical reading by Mrs. O. J. Williams, telling the story of how "Silent Night" came to be written. Mrs. Chandler told the Christmas story from the Bible, and then played the recording of "O, Little Town of Bethlehem." The program was ended by Mrs. Chandler reading the poem, "There Will Always Be a Christmas."

A social hour followed the program, with games and secret sisters being revealed in an exchange of gifts. Prizes were awarded Mrs. Beecher Hardwick and Mrs. E. P. Davis for having the highest scores in the games. Another feature of the social hour was the awarding of a door prize to Mrs. Edward Lykins, whose name was drawn by Master Johnny Stewart. Each member attempted to guess her secret sister and those failing were penalized a small sum which was placed in the flower fund.

A brief business session was held, with Mrs. Lykins presiding. The club received a letter of thanks from Mrs. A. T. King for money sent by the club for 10 canteen books for patients at the Ft. Thomas Veteran's hospital. The club voted to distribute stuffed animals to a needy family.

A salad plate in keeping with the holiday season was served the following: Mesdames Edward Lykins, T. J. Chandler, W. P. Howell, Beecher Hardwick, Glenn Blackburn, E. P. Davis, C. H. Dickerson, and the hostesses Mrs. Williams and Miss Alice Williams.

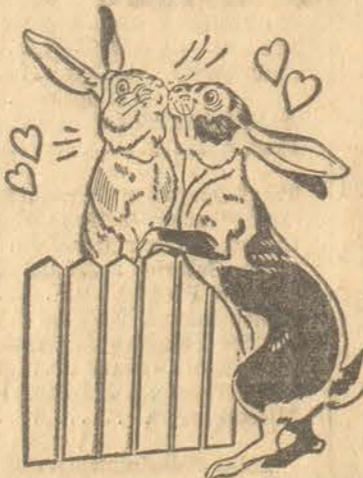
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da, both at home, and his maternal grandfather, James Harmon. Jack Burke was graduated from Prestonsburg high school with the class of 1953. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Den Burke, formerly resided here.

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Garrett Man Whose Wife Was Wreck Victim, Dies After Two-Month Illness

Alonzo Napier, 59 years old, of Garrett, whose wife, Mrs. Ila Perkins Napier, was killed in a truck-car collision last July on the Buffalo road to Dewey Lake, died Monday at the Beaver Valley hospital, Martin, after a two-month illness of heart disease. He was a merchant and retired miner.

A native of Knott county, Mr. Napier was a son of Patrick and Linda Hays Napier. He is survived by four sons and seven daughters: Claude and Vernon Napier, both of Dayton, O., Gregory Edwin and Elmer Napier, both of Garrett, Mrs. C. J. Brown, Baysville, O., Mrs. Hawley Conley, Prestonsburg, Mrs. Gladys Bauer and Mrs. Pauline Carrier, both of Lima, O., Mrs. Erma Gayheart, of Eastern, Mrs. Anita Baldrige, of Garrett, and Mrs. Glenna Skaggs, of Indiana. He also leaves three sisters, Mrs. Chester Mullins and Mrs. Irvin Coburn, both of Stroh, Ind., and Mrs. Rebecca Bingham, of Lancer.

His funeral was conducted today (Thursday) from the Garrett Methodist Church, the Revs. Green Allen and Ed Howard officiating. Burial in the family cemetery on Troublesome Creek in Knott county, was under direction of the Hall Brothers Funeral Home.

FIRST CHILDREN ARE TWINS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Silas Derossett, of Water Gap, their first children, twin girls, born Dec. 23, at the Paintsville hospital. They have been named Sarah Elizabeth and Betty Caroline.

A new hybrid corn grown by R. L. Salyer in Magoffin county yielded 124 bushels an acre.

Richard Hicks, 48, Dies From a Heart Condition After Four-Year Illness

Richard Hicks, 48, of Garrett, died at the Prestonsburg General hospital, at 5:45 a.m., Christmas Day. A heart ailment was given as the cause of death. He had been ill four years. He was a former miner and was a member of the Regular Baptist church.

Mr. Hicks was a son of the late John A. Hicks, former magistrate of this county, and Lizzie Gunnell Hicks. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Stella Ford Hicks.

Three children, S/Sgt. Ruial Hicks, of the Marine corps, Camp Lejeune, N. C., and Eddie and Sonny Hicks, both of Garrett, survive. Surviving also are the following brothers and sisters: Joe and R. H., both of Wayland, Mrs. Milton Trusty, of Garrett, Mrs. Alpha Schell, of Chicago, Miss Mae and Jay Hicks, both of Garrett, and Mrs. Nova Bussey, of David.

Funeral rites were conducted Monday, at the Stonecoal Baptist church, the Revs. M. C. Wright and W. B. Akers officiating. Burial followed in the Melvin Allen cemetery at Eastern under the direction of Hall Bros. Funeral Home.

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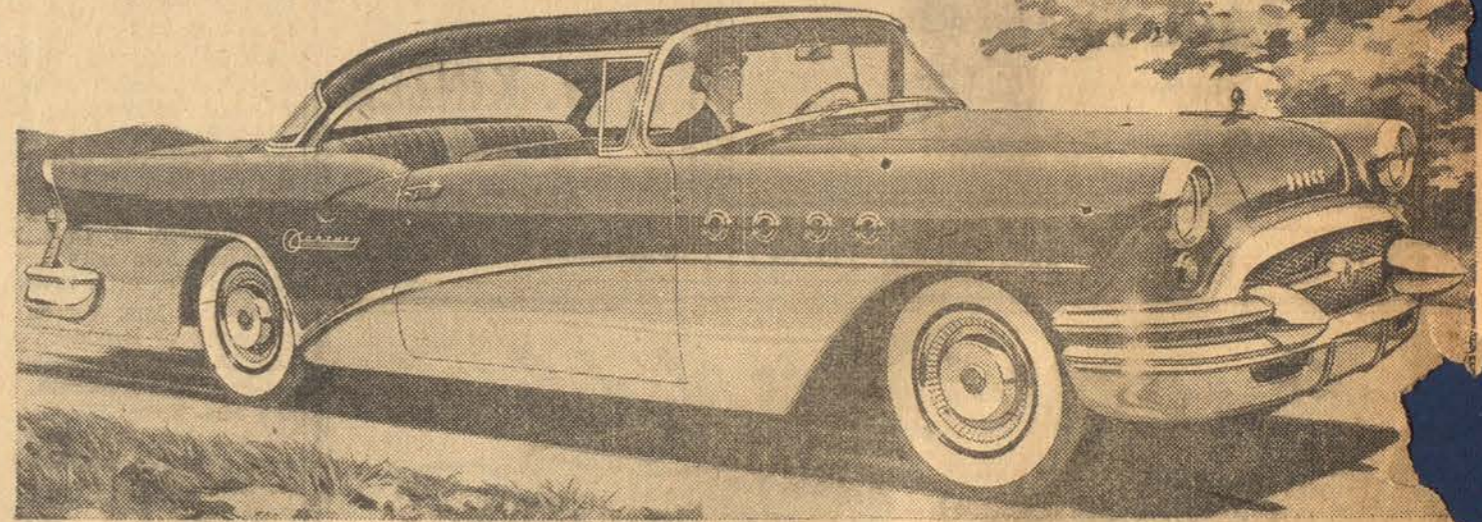
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Mrs. May Osborne had a family reunion at her home here, Christmas day, with all of her children at home—nine children, 29 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Osborne, Carol and Mike, Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Osborne, Kenneth and Challis, all of Payne, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. Edd Hicks, Don, Wanda, Vernon, Phyllis, Pauline, Bonita, Eugene, Fay, June, Mr. and Mrs. Paul DeRossett, Pat Pamela, Peggy, Douglas, all of St. Marys, Ohio; Mr. Theckley Short, Mr. and Mrs. James Allen, Prestonsburg; Mr. and Mrs. James Davis and Ronnie, of Allen; Mrs. R. C. Dyer, Picketon, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. Bee Hayes and Ben, Betsy Layne; Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Clark, Lynn, Gregory, Teresa, of Amba; Mr. and Mrs. Emit Conn and Stevie, of Picketon, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. Rhomeryard Clarke, Lynn, Gregory, Osborne, John, Hershell, Valetta, Judy, Cecil, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Osborne, all of Eastern; Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Gene Osborne, U. S. Army, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Osborne, Lucretia, Brady, Vaughan Sharon, Shannon, of Eastern; and Mr. and Mrs. Temp Prater, of Hueysville.

Friends and relatives who called were: Mr. and Mrs. Kendall Moore, of Eastern; Bill Osborne, of Ohio; Mrs. Willard Hicks and family; Mrs. Hillard Hicks, of Langley; Miss Ada Jane Hicks and Miss Herma Hensley, of Louisville.

Mrs. Osborne, who is 77, also has 39 grandchildren who could not attend the reunion.

LACKEY

Sgt. and Mrs. Clifford Reed are announcing the birth of their first child, a son, born December 23 at a Charleston, W. Va., hospital. The babe has been named Randal James. Mrs. Reed is the former Garmie Casendorph, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Casendorph.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Combs announce the birth of their first child, a daughter at Stumbo hospital, Lackey, December 26. The babe has been named Shella Gay. Mrs. Combs is the former Greta Bayes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bayes.

A brick silo costing less than \$300 was built on the farm of Raymond Williams in Bath county and filled with cane and corn.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Laferty had as Christmas dinner guests Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Gray and sons, Frank Gordon Gray and Jimmy Delano Gray, Mr. and Mrs. Galloway Laferty and daughters, Klora and Rita, Mr. and Mrs. Palmer Crisp, Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Laferty and son, Bennie Lynwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Bingham had as their guests through the week-end Mr. and Mrs. George Bingham and children, of Louisville.

Miss Barbara Sue Allen, of the University of Kentucky, is spending the holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Allen.

Miss Wanda Boyd of the Danville School for the Deaf, is here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Don Boyd.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Preston had as Christmas dinner guests Miss Mikell Preston, a student at Eastern State College who is home for the holidays, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Brackett, of Richmond, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Crisp and daughters, Thursa Ruth and Margaret Raye, on Sunday Mrs. Preston and John David, Mikell, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Brackett and Mr. and Mrs. Crisp and daughters visited Mrs. Preston's brother in Huntington.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Frazier had for Christmas guests Mrs. Everett Tackett and children, Sandra, Judith Carol and Edward Gene, of Martin, Mrs. Gerald Baker, Ashland, Mr. and Mrs. David Louder and son, Donald Ray, of Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Louder spent Christmas night with Mrs. Gertrude Louder, of Augusta, Ky. Mrs. Baker accompanied them to Ashland on their way there.

A/2c Billy Holbrook, of Keesler Field, Biloxi, Miss., is spending a leave here with his grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Frazier.

Darnell Salyers, of Virginia, is here for the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Salyers.

Misses Ella Faye and Octavia Hayes, of Georgetown College are spending the holidays here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hershell Hayes.

Among those from out of town attending the funeral of Jack Gray, Friday, were, W. H. Potter and George Smith, of Paintsville, C. H. Brown, of Louisa, J. F. Brodt, and C. G. Hayes, of Pikeville, C. H. Potter, of Shelbyana, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Laferty and son, David, Mrs. Paul Patton, of Garrett, P. D. Laferty, of Camargo, Ky.

Attending the funeral of Mrs. Alice Warrix from out of town recently were Mrs. Bob McGuire, of Catlettsburg, Jack Moore, of Newark, Ohio, Virgil Porter, of Cincinnati, Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Laferty, of Camargo, Mrs. Elsa Smith, of Louisville, Theo Warrix, of Breathitt county.

Mrs. Omer Howell has returned to her home in Florida after attending the funeral here of her mother. She was accompanied by her nieces, Bonnie and Margaret Lynn Porter, who will make their home with her.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Gray, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Laferty were business visitors in Mt. Sterling, Tuesday.

Mrs. Alex Derossset and son Bryant, of Watergap, were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Earl Allen, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Spurlock, and children, of Ohio, spent the week-end here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Felix Crisp.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Salisbury and sons, of Sandusky, Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Malkeums and children, of Portsmouth, Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Rice, of Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. John Rice and children, of Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rice and children, of Prestonsburg, were here Christmas day visiting W. L. Rice.

A/2c Paul Baldrige, of Keesler Air Force Base, Biloxi, Miss., is spending a leave here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Baldrige.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bradley and children, of Auburn, Ind., Jack Gray, Jr. and children, of Walbridge, Ohio, returned to their home Friday afternoon after attending the funeral of Mr. Gray's and Mrs. Bradley's father, Jack Gray, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. George Snodgrass had as dinner guests, Christmas, Mr. and Mrs. Ewing Snodgrass and son, Billy, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Snodgrass, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Heyl, of Ashland, Mr. and Mrs. John Snodgrass and daughter, of Allen, Lowell Hughes and Bobby Daniels, of Prestonsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Kinzer and sons, Terry Gene and Jerry Dean, spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Miller, Sr., in Lima, Ohio.

Billy Pat Malone is spending the holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Malone. He is a student at Kentucky Military Institute, Lyndon, Ky.

Mrs. Dutch Branham has returned to her home at Sloan after spending several months with her sons, Harry and Sam Branham, and their families at Cracker.

Mrs. Joe Hale has been removed from the Beaver Valley hospital. Her condition is improved.

Fred Workman underwent surgery at St. Mary's hospital, Huntington, last week. He is reported in fair condition.

Mrs. Ruth Ann Porter has returned to Fremont, Ohio, after attending the funeral of her mother, Mrs. Alice Warrix.

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December 14, 1954

We have examined the books and records of the Prestonsburg Gas and Prestonsburg Water Systems for the fiscal year ended September 30, 1954. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and included such tests and verification of the records as deemed appropriate in the circumstances, except that we did not confirm Accounts Receivable or verify the existence of inventories of supplies and maintenance parts.

Since the Fixed Assets valuation was qualified in previous year's audit and current year's valuation being based on estimate, we are unable to express an independent accountant's opinion of overall fairness of representations contained in the attached financial statement. In all other respects our examination indicated that the statements are based on accounts which are maintained in accordance with generally accepted accounting practices applied on a basis consistent with that of preceding year.

Respectfully submitted,
NAT H. HAGER
Certified Public Accountant

MUNICIPALITY OWNED PRESTONSBURG GAS & WATER SYSTEM

Prestonsburg, Kentucky
FINANCIAL CONDITION
September 30, 1954

	GAS SYSTEM		WATER WORKS	
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Cash	\$ 4,251.78		\$ 20,872.16	
Accounts Receivable	1,565.53	\$ 5,817.31	2,850.18	\$ 23,722.34
Fixed Assets				
Plant, Equipment, Lines & Meters	96,751.23		219,623.68	
Less: Reserve for depreciation	30,064.83	66,686.40	59,389.46	160,234.22
Land		21,285.07		
Other Assets				
Due from City of Prestonsburg	18,686.72		2,517.53	
Due from Prestonsburg Water	18,280.03			
Bonds—Prestonsburg Gas		36,966.75		18,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS		\$130,755.53		\$206,339.14
LIABILITIES				
Current Liabilities				
Accounts payable	1,542.50			
Notes payable	5,500.00			
Contracts payable				525.00
Customers deposits	3,272.00			3,609.50
Accrued taxes	60.85			115.26
Accrued Bond interest		10,375.35		691.80
Deferred Liabilities				
Bonds payable	18,000.00			104,000.00
Due Prestonsburg Gas System		18,000.00		18,280.03
SURPLUS				
Appropriated—				
Bond Interest & Redemption Fund—Sewer				1,085.50
Bond Interest & Redemption Fund—Water				3,704.35
Plant Replacements & Additions				7,694.66
Unclaimed Meter deposits				92.63
Unappropriated		102,380.18		67,122.21
TOTAL LIABILITIES & SURPLUS		\$130,755.53		\$206,339.14

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
October 1, 1954 to September 30, 1954

	GAS SYSTEM	WATER WORKS
Operating Income		
Sales	\$ 77,837.29	\$ 47,800.00
Less Gas purchased	41,951.50	
Gross Operating Income	35,885.79	
Operating Expenses		
Operation & Maintenance—		
Salaries—Operating	4,211.25	4,135.00
Maintenance—Labor	2,383.87	839.88
—Supplies	1,665.28	1,846.07
Auto & Travel expense	429.24	428.24
Power		1,902.37
Total Operation & Maintenance	8,689.64	
Administrative & General—		
Commissioner's per-diem	165.00	165.00
Office Salaries	3,523.75	3,408.00
Legal & Professional	125.00	125.00
Office Rent & Utilities	444.58	453.53
Office Supplies & Postage	480.79	446.30
Freight & Drayage	30.20	73.78
Bond Premium & Insurance	985.34	516.76
Miscellaneous	36.95	100.00
Total Administrative & General	5,791.61	
Total Operating Expenses	14,481.25	
Net Operating Income (before depreciation)	21,404.54	
Depreciation	3,808.14	
Net Operating Income	17,596.40	
Other Income		
Sewer		17,596.40
Other Deductions		
Interest on Meter Deposit	225.13	232.88
Interest on Bonds—Water		3,080.00
Interest on Bond—Sewer		645.97
Interest on Notes payable	310.92	
Bonds Service Charge		536.05
NET INCOME (to surplus)		\$17,060.35


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