

This Town-- That World

THE OLD WAY SUITS US

And now another Christmas. . . This newspaper has been for 23 Christmases now with the people of Floyd county, and a number of its present readers have been with it all that time, too.

Over that stretch of time we have had considerable practice writing it, but we've yet to find a better way of expressing our sentiments at this season than simply this:

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR.

STILL HEARD--SOMETIMES

We'd almost forgotten, but the old, old custom of booming up suddenly before a friend and calling, "Christmas gift!" still survives. This we are told, dates back to the days of slavery in this country when the colored folks would appear at the master's big house and call, "Christmas gift," with childlike faith in the white folks' willingness to give. . . Another of the old and beautifully simple things about Christmas that is being lost in the tinsel and trappings of modernity.

You say yours is a faith, pure and undefiled? Compare it with a child's faith in Santa Claus, then tell the truth.

IN DEFENSE OF SANTA

A Baltimore priest has felt impelled to tell the children of his parish of the Big Lie--to inform them, flatly, that there's no Santa Claus.

We are not doubting for a moment the man's honesty of purpose, but we fail to fathom his reasoning. We cannot understand why he thinks everybody else is wrong about this idol of childhood.

Would he, in the name of stern fact and cold realism, deprive children of those delightful fancies, the fairies, the elfin creatures of their Never-Never Land who have brought the ages lifted the young above squalor and discouragement and even beyond the clutch of physical hunger?

Belief in Santa--pagan Santa or no--has never harmed any child. The great and the lowly have shared this legacy of childhood without in-

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GROUP TALKS AREA PLIGHT

Labor's Role and River Canalization Discussed At Meeting Held Friday

A frank discussion of business conditions, marked by plain admission of facts which are unpleasant and by a discussion of means to ease the economic slump afflicting the Big Sandy, resulted from the meeting here last Friday evening of a group of Floyd business and professional leaders.

Pulling no punches, they admitted conditions are not bright. But they spoke hopefully of finding a solution to the business problem of the area. United effort on an area-wide basis to bring industries into the valley was an urgent necessity on which all agreed.

One of the most controversial subjects--organized labor--was discussed freely by B. F. Reed, former president of the Big Sandy-Elkhorn Coal Operators Association.

Admitting that the coal industry, the valley's basic economy, has dipped to the 1938 level, he said that one solution would be the creation of domestic coal markets through new coal-using industries in the area.

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Court House Happenings

SUITS FILED

F. S. Vanhose Co., Inc. vs. Theodore Warix, etc.; Robert S. Wellman, atty. Ella Hunter vs. Lackey Hunter; J. B. Clarke, atty.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

John and Maud Taylor, Shelley Terry, 45, and Tava S. Black, 36, both of Langley; married Dec. 21, by the Rev. Alex Stephens. James Bailey Hall and Lillie Margaret Perry, Joe T. Owens and Dollis Crisp. Richard Johnson and Gertie F. Thomas. Russell M. Frazier, 26, Martin, and Helen Blankenship, 22, Harold; marriage solemnized at Martin, Dec. 19, by the Rev. S. D. Osborn. Earl Edsel Moore and Katherine Akers. Donald Ray Stone and Bobbie Jean Dixon.

COURT DOCKET AT NEW LOW ON VIOLENCE

Major Crime Cases For January Trial Few, Docket Shows

The docket of the circuit court term which will convene here Monday, Jan. 4, indicates that crime is at an all-time low in the county, with offenses involving violence among the fewest booked for trial.

To begin with, there is not a murder case listed. Only eight other cases denoting violence, such as shooting, striking or cutting and wounding, are docketed.

The drop in major criminal cases is attended by a sharp decrease in the number of indictments for gun-handling. Only one trial for carrying a concealed deadly weapon and three for reckless use of a deadly weapon are docketed.

Child desertion and liquor offenses appear most often on the list of cases. Thirty-six persons are slated for trial of desertion charges, and 23 are accused of liquor violations of one sort or another.

Included in the liquor violations are seven cases in which the defendants are accused of drunken driving.

STATE TO ASK LEVEL OF 40%

For All Counties On Tax Assessment; Assessors Protest

The Kentucky Tax Commission will seek in 1954 to equalize among the counties the assessment of all classes of taxable property, possibly with a floor of about 40 per cent of fair cash value.

This step, announced last week, is the first concrete action in Kentucky's long-planned tax-reform program.

The individual county tax commissioners will begin making their assessments in January and, about May, will send the total assessments of any counties that are below 40 per cent, leaving alone those that are more than 40 per cent.

When the commission has brought all assessments up to the assessments, return them to 40 per cent floor, it will certify the counties and the individual fiscal courts can then adjust their tax rates accordingly.

The new program was announced by State Revenue Commissioner Robert N. Alphin at the opening of the Kentucky Tax Commission's Association annual convention Friday at the Brown Hotel.

The Kentucky Tax Commissioners Association has adopted a resolution calling for elimination of the State household and personal property tax.

At a meeting later in the day, they voted 109 to 1 to oppose any blanket increase in any county that had assessments below 40 per cent of fair cash value, unless that county's fiscal court requested the increase and held public hearings on the request.

In the face of the county tax commissioners' protests, State Revenue Department spokesmen explained:

1. The equalization program need not mean more than a negligible increase in taxes from any taxpayer. The reason is that the amount of county taxes paid by an individual is determined by the tax rate set by fiscal court in each county, not by the assessment. The only fixed part of this rate is 5 cents for each \$100 of assessed valuation. This goes to the state.

2. The ratio of assessments of real property to fair cash value varies so in the 120 counties that many taxpayers bear an unfair share from 17 per cent in Magoffin to 57 per cent in Elliott and Wolfe counties.

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Injured Youth Taken To Lexington Hospital

Fifteen-year-old Jimmy Hopson, of Hueysville, was taken to a Lexington hospital Sunday afternoon after he and Willard N. Manual, 20, of Langley, were injured in the wreck of an auto at the mouth of Henry's Branch near Maytown within a few yards of the spot where a Martin school-girl was killed in a wreck three months ago.

Young Hopson was driving the car of Virgil Moore, of Maytown, when the auto failed to make a curve. Both he and Manuel are expected to recover, although young Hopson was critically hurt.

TIMES Not To Publish Next Week's Edition

The Times is doing a rush job of it this week, in order to get into the mails and be delivered before Christmas.

Next week, we shall not publish. Our next appearance will be the Jan. 7 edition. Between this week and that date we shall not be idle--as many of you know, the place can stand a bit of cleaning up--and the office will be open all next week.

To our advertisers, our readers, our friends--to everybody--we extend our sincere best wishes for the happiness of the season, and may 1954 be kind to us all!

COOPER SURE OF RIVER AID

Gives Buckhorn Project Good Chance; Will Ask Big Sandy Canalization

Senator Cooper said in a press release to The Times this week that he has asked funds for the upper Big Sandy reservoir projects and has sought support of legislation to authorize work on canalization of the Big Sandy.

All these, he said, are matters to come before Congress at its 1954 session. "Much will depend," he wrote, "on the recommendations made by the Corps of Engineers and the Bureau of the Budget."

John Sherman Cooper said in Washington Friday that he felt sure the Bureau of the Budget would recommend that Congress appropriate money for two new flood-protection projects in Kentucky.

In addition, Cooper said, he has no doubt the bureau will approve funds to continue three Ohio River projects and one Cumberland River project now under way.

Cooper based his feelings on two interviews he had with those most concerned. One interview was with the civil-functions sections of the Army Corps of Engineers. The other was with the section of the Budget Bureau that handles such projects.

The two new undertakings that Cooper believes have a chance for approval, despite the tendency of this administration to confine expenditures to existing jobs, are the Buckhorn project on the Kentucky River, near Hazard, and the Barbourville project on the Cumberland River.

Cooper also put in a word at both places for the proposed Kentucky River reservoirs at Booneville and Jackson.

The three Ohio River projects already under way and for which

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COURT HOLDS NOTHING DUE

From Allen, Sturgill; Rescinds Salary Order; Davidson Case Argued

The Floyd fiscal court at its special meeting Monday unanimously voted that two former county officials--Former County Clerk Jarvis Allen and Ex-Sheriff Troy B. Sturgill--are not indebted in any amount to Floyd county.

The action was taken on the basis of the Cotten Company audits of official records and the claims of the former officials of expenditures in connection with their offices.

The court also unanimously voted to rescind its order of Dec. 14 authorizing County Attorney W. W. Burchett to file suit against Allen to collect approximately \$7,000 the court claimed at that time was due by him to the county.

During Monday's session the fiscal court also set aside its previous order discontinuing the salary of Commonwealth's Attorney Burnis Martin. This, too, was by unanimous vote.

On the matter of settling with former County Judge Alex L. Davidson there was sharp disagreement between the court and Commonwealth's Attorney Martin who appeared in Davidson's behalf. Martin argued that deductions already allowed by the court and entered on the order book should be made in arriving at the correct figure, and that these deductions would leave Mr. Davidson clear of any indebtedness to the county.

This divergence of views was followed by the prosecutor's statement in which he pointed out various discrepancies and demanded that the County Judge file a statement of criminal fee receipts every 30 days. He also hit at the issuance of warrants by magistrates outside their districts.

BLOODMOBILE RETURNS SLIM

Last Visit to County This Year Nets Only Third of Blood Quota

Last of the 1953 visits of the regional Red Cross bloodmobile to Floyd county resulted last week in a yield of only 44 pints of blood.

The visit was to the community of Martin. The big let-down came from those who had signed cards pledging themselves as donors. Seventy persons signed pledge cards; only 15 appeared. As usual, "walk-ins" saved the day from complete failure. Thirty-four such volunteers gave blood. Of all those who appeared, five were rejected.

The McJunkin Supply Company with all five of its employees appearing as donors thus joined the 100% Club Blood program workers said the towns of Allen and Langley supplied more than half the 44 pints of blood collected for the day.

Next visit of the bloodmobile to the county will be to Prestonsburg, Feb. 9.

INFANT DIES

Deborah Lynn Waddles, four-day old daughter of Leeman and Della Slone Waddles of Topmost died at the Stumbo Memorial hospital, Lackey, Sunday, of pneumonia. Surviving besides the parents are nine brothers and sisters. Funeral rites were conducted Monday of this week at the home, Rev. Ellis Hopkins officiating. Burial was in the Dry Creek cemetery under the direction of Turner Funeral Home.

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The Cattle Low at Midnight

The little boy sat upon his father's knee, repeating the stories grandmother had told. He was four. His leg swung back and forth, keeping time, it seemed, to the waxing and waning of youthful talk. It was long ago, he said, when men rode camels and fled wicked kings.

Grandmother had told him of the birth of the Christ Child and how Three Wise Men came to bring presents. Other stories, too, she told him, of olden days when there were brownies and elves and, oh, yes, there was the story of Old Christmas, when the cattle knelt in the barn and loved and prayed, for that was when the Christ Child was born. He talked on, the swinging of the leg ceased and he stared at the Yule fire. He was soon asleep.

Now there are people who are grown and pretend to be wise by not believing the old legends. Of such was the child's father. He told him, when he was awake again, that only a few of grandmother's stories were true, that cattle did not kneel on Old Christmas night to low and pray. He tried to explain that Old Christmas was just a day that older people remembered from a change in the calendar.

"But, Daddy, you said the story of the Three Wise Men was true. You said Jesus was born on Christmas Night. The Wise Men bowed to the Christ Child." The little boy was puzzled but mostly he thought that Daddy did not believe grandmother. That was wrong. Everybody ought to believe grandmother.

When Christmas Day was over the boy was full of wonder of how Santa had come down the sooty Chimney to leave such glistening toys. Wonder yielded to the pleasure of the hour. Nights he fell asleep on grandmother's lap, dreaming of the Wise Men, and of hearing the cattle low at the barn. To him it was not merely twelve days between Christmas Eve and Old Christmas. It was an interlude of play and dreams.

Old Christmas Eve came, grandmother had gone, and the child went to sleep, thinking of her and of how father did not believe all she had said. It was wrong, he knew, not to believe grandmother, she was so nice and good. It was wrong. Dreamless sleep comes to cherubs, be they of earth or sky. . .

Sometime in the night the father, awakened by the patter of little feet, saw his child approach the outer door and open it. The moonlight silhouetted the tiny figure as he stood in the doorway. The father threw back the cover, moved along to stand at the open door with his little son. The child reached up a chubby hand and they stood together, staring into the moonlight.

Down in the valley, in the pine trees, the moonlight had yielded to darkness. Down the slope where the barn housed the cattle not a stray moonbeam pierced. They stood in the doorway, these two, one older and wiser, the other a young child who clasped his father's finger. Silence reigned in the moonlight, silence prevailed the darkness that covered the barn and trees.

Both tensed with the sound of a low that came from the darkness--a soft low that came from near the barn under the great pines. The child leaned forward, starting into the night, pulling at his father's hand. "Did you hear it, father? It is like grandmother said."

It was strange, the father thought when he awakened in the morning, that he did not remember going back to bed after they had stood in the doorway. He thought it must have been midnight when he heard the soft low from the barn. Strange, why he thought it was midnight when he had not looked at the clock.

Banks, Business Firms To Close, Saturday

Practically all Prestonsburg business places joined the two banks here this week in deciding to remain closed all day Saturday of this week.

Employees of business houses will thus benefit from a longer holiday before resuming work next Monday.

4,500 ATTEND BANK OPENING

First National Bank's Formal Opening Lasts Beyond Scheduled Time

An estimated 4,500 persons thronged the First National Bank's new home here Saturday afternoon and night to inspect the building and all its modern appointments during the formal opening of the bank.

The formal opening was the culmination of work begun last January by the Bank Designers of America and sub-contractors, all local firms, on the bank structure.

In addition to farmers and business and professional men from all parts of the county, bankers and friends of officials of The First National from distant towns and cities were in the gathering. An hour-long radio-cast over station WPRT, in which visitors were interviewed, was one of the features of the afternoon. Fourteen thousand toy favors for children were exhausted by 4 p. m., two hours after the formal opening.

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—Polaroid 1-Minute Photo by Times

Prestonsburg Aerie, Order of Eagles, which will play Santa Claus to underprivileged tots, erected this giant Christmas tree in the courthouse grounds, and from that point gifts will be distributed Thursday afternoon. In the photo, left to right, are Milford "Toodles" Wells and Gordon Moore, members of the Aerie.

Spirit of Giving Grows Strong at Christmas

In Floyd county schools, churches, and homes this Yuletide week there was a holiday festiveness which brought record attendances where the celebrations were public.

Operettas were produced, the Nativity scene reproduced in a score of places, and pageants depicting the flight of Mary and Joseph to Egypt were features of school and church programs.

Locally, the churches, as usual, worked hard to find the needy and to meet their needs with food at Christmas time.

The Eagles of Prestonsburg did their annual toy collection and repair. These will be distributed, along with 40 baskets of food, to needy children and families in the Prestonsburg vicinity. Each basket of groceries will be worth \$20. In addition, the Eagles have set up a Christmas tree on the courthouse lawn, and they plan to distribute, with the aid of Santa Claus, from 3 to 5 p. m. Thursday, candies and fruits to children who otherwise would have a bare Christmas. "We will give candy, apples and oranges to all the children of Floyd county who show up," said Gordon Moore.

Although information on the programs at the various high and grade schools was not available, it was said that all of the larger schools sponsored some phase of Christmas activity. Martin high school decorated its building again this year--last year the school tied with a local residence for a prize given by local business men. Windows of the building portrayed a single carol and on the roof were Santa and scenes from the Nativity.

The American Legion Post 263 at Martin has for the last five years sponsored a Christmas dance in the gymnasium. The proceeds go to a Christmas basket project for 100 needy families from D'wale to Eastern and from Martin to McDowell. Martin and Prestonsburg streets were colorfully lighted again this year by the town fathers.

The Betsy Layne grade school presented its annual Christmas operetta Tuesday night of last week. The cast included 145 grade pupils. There was a procession, with the chorus entering from the two aisles of the auditorium. Each member carried vari-colored lights which formed a "singing" Yule tree. They presented the traditional manger scene which was accompanied by the chorus singing carols. The music program was sponsored by Mrs. Lois C. Bell, music teacher, with the aid of all the grade faculty.

Even the rural schools joined the festivities, probably to a greater extent this year than before. Mrs. Frankie Best's Forts of Middle Creek school presented two pageants, "Come and Worship," and "The Little Stranger."

In addition to all this will be the Christmas trees in individual homes and the family gatherings around them, all over this county of more than 50,000 persons.

3 TB DEATHS RECORD LOW

For County; Decrease In Deaths Is Result Of Hospitals, Work

Only three persons have died this year from tuberculosis in Floyd county the records of the Floyd County Health Department show.

This low figure is the result of the work of the new state hospitals and Mrs. J. D. Mayo, county T.B. nurse.

The reduction from 26 deaths in 1950 to this year's figure was attributed by Mrs. Mayo to "knowledge of the disease followed by action." It is one of the most sensational drops in the death rate from tuberculosis to be recorded in the United States.

Since the opening of the Ashland hospital for tubercular patients where this county has 12 beds, 47 persons have had the benefit of hospitalization. Of the patients who stayed the required length of time, only one, Ossie Akers, of Dana, died.

This year 20 new, active cases were found. 23 persons have been offered hospitalization and 2,964 have been x-rayed. Floyd county has 71 active cases today. "Ninety-eight percent of these patients, if not under the care of state hospitals, are under the care of their own physicians at home," Mrs. Mayo said.

Mrs. Mayo pointed out that there are great benefits to be derived from the new drugs if used under medical supervision. "Provided the patient will accept bed-rest and eat a high-protein diet," she added.

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JR. CHAMBER RESOLUTIONS SOLICIT HELP

Group Here Launches Movement To Get Site Of A-Plant for Valley

The recently organized Prestonsburg Junior Chamber of Commerce has adopted resolutions calling on the Kentucky Agricultural & Industrial Development Board to make available to the Atomic Energy Commission full data in its possession on needs of this area, and the advantages it offers, for the location in the Prestonsburg-Floyd county area of the atomic power plant proposed by the Commission.

All civic groups in the area also were called on by the Junior Chamber to direct their efforts toward procuring the plant location.

The resolutions added that in event the proposed plant is denied this immediate area, the Junior Chamber of Commerce will direct its full efforts toward procuring the plant for the Eastern Kentucky-Big Sandy area "to relieve the pressure of unemployment due to the depressed condition of the coal industry."

Gordon Moore, president of the Junior Chamber, announced this week that first steps were taken Monday toward organizing for Little League baseball in Prestonsburg next season. This is a nationwide youth movement which has already begun elsewhere in the Big Sandy area and which is credited with effective curbing of juvenile delinquency.

Another project to be undertaken soon is the collection of books to stock the Bookmobile to be bought for Floyd county next year.

Help of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, city and county governments in the Junior Chamber's move for the giant industrial installation location in the valley also is asked in the resolutions.

The resolutions are being sent to the Secretary of the Department of Commerce and the executive secretary of the Kentucky A. & I. D. Board, Frankfort, as well as to the secretary of the Atomic Energy Commission, Washington.

HAROLD MAN FOUND DEAD

Joe L. Layne, Missing After Boarding Train, Believed Heart Victim

A Harold man who disappeared with the departure of a coal train from the siding near his home early last Thursday morning was found dead in a car of the train, almost two hours later and approximately 35 miles away.

The victim was Joe Lindsay Layne, 64 of the Stillhouse Branch, near Harold. He boarded the train as it shifted cars onto a siding nearby, and when he did not appear for breakfast his wife instigated search for him.

Body of the man was seen by a railway employe as the train passed through Paintsville. He signalled the engineer, and the train stopped about six miles farther down river.

Mr. Layne's body was found at 7:30 a. m. in a sitting position. Death was attributed either to exposure or to a heart attack. He had suffered from a heart condition for some time. The body was taken to Paintsville where identification was made.

The victim was the son of the late Tandy M. and Lucinda Mahan Layne, of Harold, and was married to Emma Akers Layne, who survives. Also surviving are 10 of his 12 sons and daughters: Verda Layne, Huntington; James Layne, Harold; Mrs. Bessie Blackburn, Meta, Ky.; Walter Layne, Honaker; Edward Layne, Tramm; Fred Layne, in Indiana; Mrs.

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Layne Child, One of 7 Hurt in Auto Accident

Of seven persons who were critically injured in an automobile wreck five miles south of Louisa Dec. 13, one was Sharon Dee Layne, 6, daughter of R. C. Layne, of Pikeville, and a granddaughter of Roscoe Layne, of Harold.

The child suffered a fractured skull, a broken leg and arm, and may lose her sight, it was said this week.

Others among the injured were Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hughes and son, Gary, of Pikeville. All three suffered broken legs.

A special call for blood was issued last week for the injured.

ATTEND FUNERAL
Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Joy and Mr. and Mrs. DeGarmo Derosselle were in Monongahela City, Pa., attending the funeral of Mr. Joy's sister, Mrs. John M. Louttit.

MOVE TO PRESTONSBURG
Aaron Duff and family have moved from Hazard to the Harkins property on Graham street here. Mr. Duff is linotype operator for The Times.

Miss Akers, Mr. Moore Wed Here, December 21

The marriage of Miss Katherine Akers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Akers, of Lancer, Ky., and Mr. Edsel Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earle Moore, of Cliff, Ky., was solemnized on Monday, December 21, at 11 a.m., at the Methodist Episcopal Church here.

The double-ring ceremony was performed by the Rev. Harold Dorsey before an altar of greenery flanked by baskets of white gladioli and cathedral candleabrae holding white tapers. Pre-nuptial organ music was played by Mrs. Chalmers Frazier. Miss Mary Lou Layne sang "Oh, Promise Me," preceding the ceremony, and "The Lord's Prayer" following the vows.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a white slipper satin gown, with long train. The fitted bodice had a high neckline with lace forming an off-shoulder yoke effect. Fitted pointed sleeves completed the bridal gown. Her finger-tip veil of net was caught by a strand of seed pearls. She carried white roses with a shower of satin ribbons. Miss Charlene Akers, maid of honor, wore a light green taffeta dress, ballerina legth, with green net overskirt, a bandeau of the same color net encircling her head. She carried a nosegay bouquet of white carnations. Miss Florence Conn, Lancer, bridesmaid, wore a yellow taffeta dress, identical to the maid of honor's, and carried a white carnation nosegay. Miss Barbara Williams, of Belfry, Ky., wore a lavender taffeta dress, net bandeau and carried a carnation nosegay of white.

Mr. Gordon Moore, brother of the groom, served as best man. Mr. Randall Wells and Mr. Raybourn Akers served as ushers and groomsmen. Mrs. Akers, mother of the bride, wore a grey suit, black accessories and a pink corsage.

Mr. Moore is a junior at the University of Kentucky. Mrs. Moore is a sophomore at Eastern Kentucky State College, Richmond, where she is majoring in Home Economics.

Following a honeymoon in Florida, they will resume their studies and reside in Lexington.

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PRESTONSBURG, KY.

Mrs. Myrtle Weddington and Mrs. Bessie Woods visited Mrs. Jenny Staten, Pikeville, Sunday and Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bart Mellon, Paintsville, were here Sunday visiting his mother, Mrs. Doll Mellon.

Elmer Collins visited his mother, Mrs. G. C. Collins in Ashland last week. He was accompanied by Donald Howard.

H. L. Ley was a business visitor in Ashland last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hill and baby, Lexington, arrived home Saturday from Lexington to spend the holidays with relatives.

Rev. and Mrs. Orville Pearson were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wall Hamilton at Dick's Cafe.

Mrs. Burnis Martin, Mrs. Nancy Hodge and Mrs. Neabus Collinsworth were in Huntington recently, shopping.

Mrs. Ralph Davis spent last week in Lexington, visiting her daughter, Mrs. Harris S. Howard and family.

Nelle Ruth Leslie is at home convalescing from an emergency appendectomy.

Miss Nora Ann Davis, student in Louisville, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Davis, on Abbott Road.

Mrs. John R. Clark, St. Albans, W. Va., Mr. and Mrs. Ben Ferguson, Jr., Harlan, are here visiting Mrs. Osa P. Ligon, through the holidays.

Jerry Hager, student at University of Ky., is visiting his father, J. C. Hager, and Mrs. Hager.

Miss Julia Mayo May, student at Richmond, Va., is home for the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. V. May.

Betsy Spurlock is home from the University of Kentucky to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Burl Spurlock.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ray Collins has been seriously ill at the Prestonsburg General Hospital.

Joe Wheeler Burchett and Wall Hamilton were in Charleston, W. Va., Monday, in the interest of Columbian Fuel & Carbon Co.

Woodford Howard arrived last week from Princeton University to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Howard.

Mrs. Wall Hamilton and Miss Lexie Allen were shopping in Lexington, last week.

Edmund Burke, Ronald Smiley, Sue Goble, students at Eastern State Teachers College, are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Burke, Mr. and Mrs. Varney Smiley, Mr. and Mrs. James Y. Goble.

Barbara Jane Hale, Floyd Arnold Mann, and Varney Smiley, Jr., students at University of Kentucky, arrived home Saturday for the Christmas vacation.

Lt. and Mrs. John R. Hardin and son John, Jr., Ft. Meade, Md., arrived this week for the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry B. Patrick.

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Layne, Ashland, will spend the week here with his sister, Mrs. Jo M. Davidson, and Mrs. Everett Sowards.

Mr. and Mrs. George Glenn Hatcher, Elizabeth Lynn and Elissa Lea, Frankfort, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hall, Lexington, Mr. and Mrs. John Bailey and family will spend Christmas holidays with Mrs. Fanny Jarrell.

Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Baldrige visited his sister, Mrs. Jesse Brown Auxier, and family in Johnson county, Sunday.

Mrs. Ruth D. Sowards, Mrs. Wall Hamilton, Mrs. Virginia Patton Hill, Miss Harris attended the funeral of Mrs. Mary Lee Goble Patton at Auxier, Sunday afternoon.

Val Strahan, Jr., has returned to Louisville after a two-week visit here assisting his father, who has been suffering from a dislocated vertebrae.

The Rev. Ira McMillen and children were in Pikeville Monday.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Katterhagen, Jr., of Louisville, who were married recently, will spend the holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Katterhagen.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lewis Mayo and baby daughter are here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Mayo, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Dorton, at Paintsville.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude P. Stephens were in Lexington Monday on business.

Dr. W. J. Fitzpatrick has been indisposed for the past two weeks, at his home on Second St. He is improving nicely.

Colonel May and Mrs. Ora Howard were business visitors in Huntington last week.

Mrs. W. W. Greenwade and daughter Katherine were in Huntington, shopping Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hern D. Burke entertained to dinner, Monday at their home on Burke Avenue, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rice and daughters, Ine Ree and Harriett, of San Diego, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Birmingham, of Cliff and Mr. and Mrs. Ballard Herald, West Prestonsburg.

Last Rites for Mother of Soldier-Sons Held; One Fails to Arrive

Final plans provide for the interment of Mrs. Thora Brewer Stratton of Mare Creek, today (Thursday) at the R. P. Stratton cemetery on U. S. 23 near her home. Mrs. Stratton died Dec. 11.

Burial awaited the arrival of a son, Arthur D., who is stationed in England with the U. S. army. He had not arrived as of Tuesday afternoon. Another son, Jackie R., who was stationed with the army in Germany, arrived for his mother's funeral several days ago.

Emergency leaves for the two sons were granted by the army on the same day, and the family is at a loss to account for the non-arrival of the soldier stationed in England. Inquiries made through the American Red Cross here and the Washington, D. C. office failed to disclose any fact except the granting of the leaves. Burial will be under the direction of Hall Bros. Funeral Home.

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE KENTUCKY LEGISLATURE

The last legislature juggled our county unit law in respect to selling alcoholic liquor by letting fourth class towns vote separately from the counties on this question. They did not stop at that, but proceeded to declare a lot of little towns that did not have sufficient population to be classed as fourth class towns—to be fourth class towns, regardless of the fact that the population was not sufficient.

We are calling on the honorable legislature to make right this wrong, for under the present set-up we will either have to vote wet or else be bothered with wet and dry elections every few years as we find that no court can review or reverse this thing. We ask the legislature to classify us according to our population, which is the only fair thing to do and it will relieve us of these burdens.

What I am saying now I am speaking for myself, but I have reason to believe that I am speaking for a multitude of others, and that we have a remedy for the situation, but we don't want to use this remedy if the legislature will act. The remedy I am speaking of is this: we can have an election and vote the fourth class town out of existence by doing away with the corporation altogether, but we will wait and see what the legislature will do about it.

S. D. Osborne
Martin, Ky.

Every other automobile owner in Sweden has an income of less than \$2,000 a year.

Miss Durham Is Bride In December 5 Wedding



The Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Durham, of David, Ky., announce the marriage of their daughter, Lila Mae, to Mr. Thomas J. Durham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence D. Durham, of Dallas, Georgia.

The wedding took place December 5 at the Central Presbyterian Church, Washington, D. C. The bride wore a waltz-length ballerina gown with finger-tip illusion veil. She was attended by one bridesmaid, Miss Marian Lee Kelsey, Washington, D. C.

The groom is in the U. S. Marine Corps, stationed at Quantico, Virginia. The couple plan to make their home in Washington.

CHURCH GROUP MEETS

The Missionary Society of the First Church of God, held its monthly meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Music on North Lake Drive, Monday. Christmas carols were sung, led by Mrs. Estel Kenney, with Mrs. George Brown at the piano. The president, Mrs. Foster Anderson, presided. Mrs. Henry Stephens, Jr., led the opening prayer. Mrs. Anderson told the story of "The Three Wise Men". Mrs. Edward Music assisted by Mrs. Clifford Baldrige and Miss Peggy Music, served a Christmas plate to about 25 members and guests. Christmas presents were exchanged by the Sunshine Sisters. A beautiful suit was presented as a surprise to the pastor's wife, Mrs. Moses Kitchen. She graciously expressed her thanks. Mrs. Dove Vaughan dismissed the club with prayer.

Notice

I will devote full time to Income Tax work after Jan. 1, and will be located in the office of Commonwealth's Attorney Burnis Martin, in the courthouse.

Both federal and state income returns will be handled efficiently and promptly.

Manis Conley
12-24-53

The Howards
Noah, Edith and Alcie
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January 1, 1954
from
4 p.m. to 9 p.m.



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Now if you want really good, desirable property this is your opportunity. All is within 500 yards of Betsy Layne High School. Reason for selling: The owner has already bought other interests and is leaving town. Contact—

WILLARD RATLIFF AT THE FOUNTAIN
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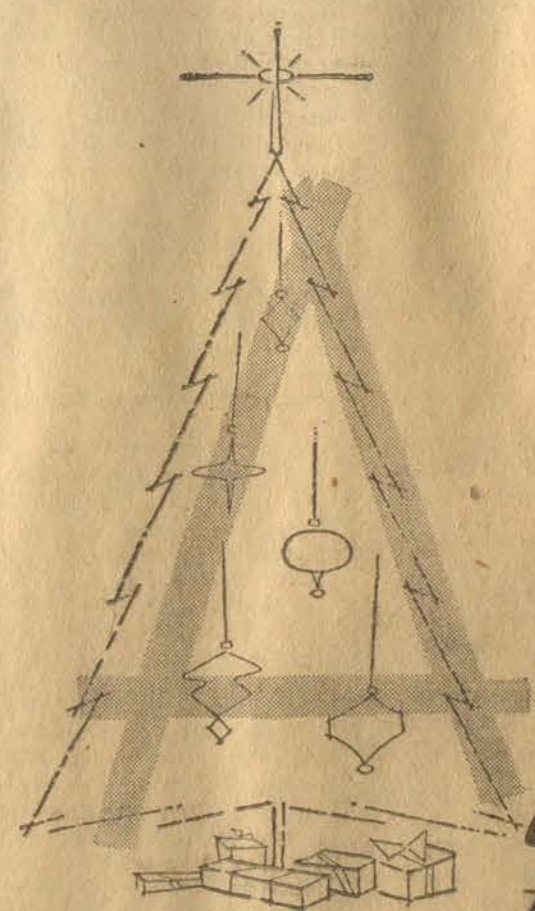
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Our Merry Christmas wishes ring out truer, and clearer than any other greeting we could extend to you.

Joy
AT CHRISTMAS

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HERE FROM VERMONT SCHOOL CONVALESCING FROM SURGERY
 Jimmy Howard will spend the holidays here with his mother and grandparents. Mrs. Mary Ford Howard and Mr. and Mrs. Irvine Ford at Lancer, Jimmy is a student at London Center, Vermont.

Cecil Sturgill, who submitted to surgery recently in Detroit, Mich. is at the home here of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Sturgill, where he is convalescing.

Society

Notes

EUROPEAN TOURIST WILL SPEAK TO WOMAN'S CLUB

Mrs. Thomas Thompson will be hostess to the Woman's Club, January 7, at her home on Graham Street. Miss Stella Elkins, instructor at Pikeville Junior College, will be the guest speaker. She will review her European travels last year, to the club members. All members are urged to attend. Mrs. John Hale, Mrs. Grover Lowe, and Mrs. Earle T. Arnett will be co-hostesses.

HOME ON HOLIDAY FURLOUGH

A/2c John H. Keenon, who is stationed at the Oates Air Force Base, Falmouth, Mass., arrived home Sunday to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Keenon.

HOST TO DINNER

J. H. Keenon was host to dinner, Dec. 19, to co-workers in his department of the Ky & W. Va. Power Company, at his home on Second Avenue.

Place cards seated Charles Weddington, Henry May, Bruce Calvin, Floyd Gamboe, James Davis, Everett Lemaster, Ballard Herald, Arnold Cassidy, Horton Hewlett, Ike Lockwood, Herbert L. Ley, J. H. Keenon. Mrs. Keenon was assisted in serving the dinner by Mrs. H. L. Ley and Mrs. Zella H. Archer.

SUBMITTED TO APPENDECTOMY

Mrs. Mable Owens, Salyersville, sister of Mrs. Nealous Collinsworth, submitted to an appendectomy recently at Paintsville hospital. She was able to return to her home last week. Mrs. Owens is employed with Goodyear Engineers, Louisville.

HOME FROM HOSPITAL

Mrs. Daniel Miller is convalescing at her home on Riverside avenue, from a recent operation at the Prestonsburg General Hospital. She is doing nicely.

ABLE TO GET OUT

Tom Allen is able to be out again after a serious auto accident a few weeks ago, when he sustained a fractured vertebrae. Being in a cast, he has been unable to be at his work. He is showing some improvement.

HOME FOR HOLIDAYS

Miss Louise Goble arrived last week from Washington, D. C., where she is employed, to visit her mother, Mrs. Lafe Goble, during the holidays.

SPENDING FURLOUGH HERE

Don Carol Sizelore, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Sizelore, arrived home Sunday to spend a two-week furlough with his parents. He is stationed at Philadelphia, Pa., in U. S. Navy.

TO SPEND HOLIDAYS AT LEXINGTON

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Rimmer left Wednesday for Lexington, where they will spend the holidays with their daughter, Mrs. Richard Webb and family. They will return home December 29th.

MICHIGAN VISITORS

Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Mayo, Jr., Ann Arbor Michigan, are here visiting his mother, Mrs. W. P. Mayo, during the holidays.

SPENDING CHRISTMAS IN VIRGINIA

Mrs. J. R. Hurt left this week for Gate City, Va., to spend the Christmas season with her sisters.

HOME FROM LUKE AIR FORCE BASE

Jimmy Morrell, who is stationed at Luke Air Force Base, Glendale, Arizona, arrived last week from his station to spend his furlough with his mother, Mrs. Franklin Moore, and Mr. Moore. Mr. Morrell frequently visits Rev. and Mrs. Harold Black in Phoenix, Ariz. The Blacks formerly resided here.

LEAVES HOSPITAL

Harry Ranier, who submitted to an appendectomy, Dec. 14, was dismissed three days later. He is convalescing nicely at his home on Davis Street.

SUFFERED STROKE

Andy King, father of Mrs. B. L. Sturgill is critically ill at the Prestonsburg General Hospital. Mr. King suffered a stroke two weeks ago at the home of his daughter, here—Mr. and Mrs. King live at Sciotsville, Ohio and had come here to spend the winter with their daughter and family.

HOME FOR HOLIDAYS

Among the students arriving home for the Christmas vacation are: Miss Carlos Horne, University of Kentucky; Miss Charlene Akers, Miss Nancy Spurlock, Miss Bonnie Wells, Eastern State Teachers College; Franklin Conley, Georgetown College; Julian Campbell, Morehead State College; Woodrow Burchett, Jr., Millersburg Military Institute; Raleigh Archer, Hill School for Boys, Potts Town, Pa.; David Hereford, Morehead College; Billy Richmond Webb, Quentin Allen Jimmy Mayo, James May, University of Kentucky.

SUFFERS HEART ATTACK

Herbert Salisbury, Sr., is a patient at Prestonsburg General hospital where he is receiving blood transfusions. Monday it was found that Mr. Salisbury was suffering from anaemia. His condition has been serious all week and his many friends and relatives are most anxious about him.

SPENDING FURLOUGH AT EMMA

Junior Messer and Mrs. Messer arrived last week to spend the Holiday season with his mother, Mrs. Walter Porter, at Emma.

HOLIDAY VISITORS

Prof. and Mrs. Z. S. Dickerson, Jr., and children, of Florence, Ala., are holiday guests here of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Z. S. Dickerson. He is a member of the faculty of Alabama State Teachers College at Florence.

period began. Favors for adults included pocket secretaries for both women and men and snap pocket-books for men.

The inspection period was scheduled to end at 6 p. m., but the flow of callers continued for four hours longer as many business people made belated visits after their own places of business had closed.

Peace on Earth

TO ALL OUR FRIENDS

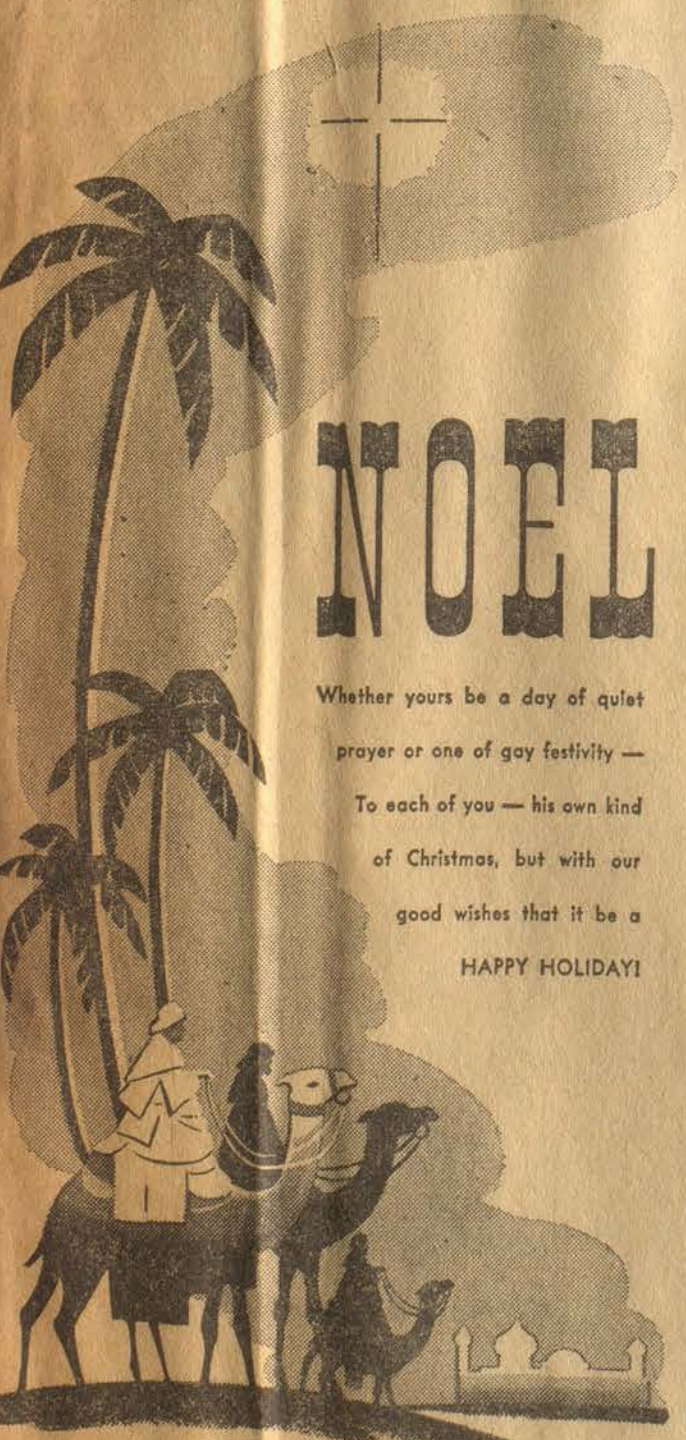
GREETINGS! Our best wishes for a holiday that is chock-full of many, many good things — such as — happiness, good cheer and the wondrous joy and peace of a HOLY CHRISTMAS.

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 We wish you all the best of luck and cheer;
 And happiness to make your Christmas royal!

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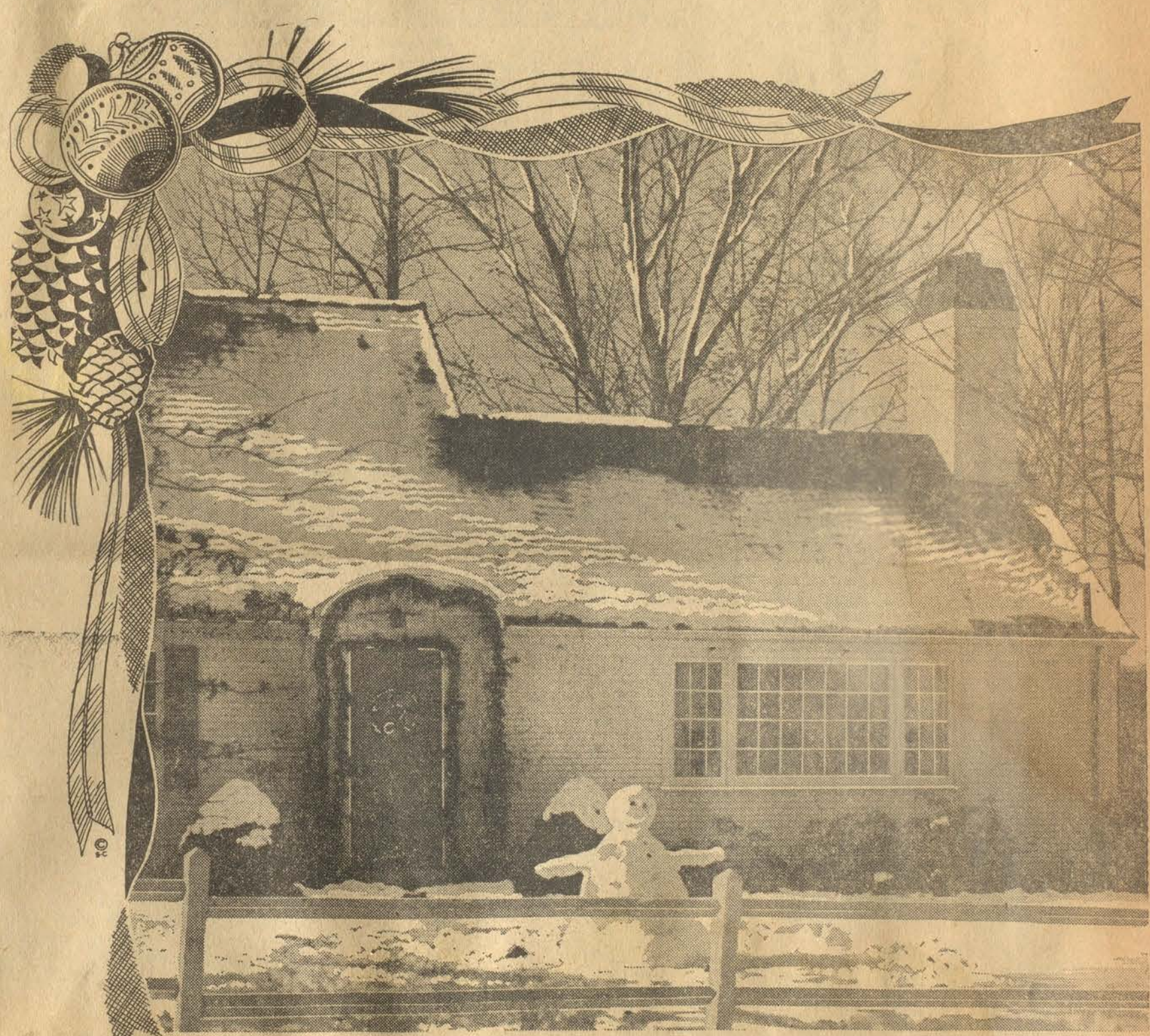
Whether yours be a day of quiet prayer or one of gay festivity —
 To each of you — his own kind of Christmas, but with our good wishes that it be a
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—Polaroid 1-Minute Photo by Times
The "singing" Christmas tree, part of the musical pageant, presented at the Betsy Layne grade school.



—Polaroid 1-Minute Photo by Times
One of the many decorated rural schools was that of the Forks of Middle Creek School. A Thanksgiving mural is seen at the top above the Christmas window.

PRESTONSBURG METHODIST CHURCH

December 27
9:45 a.m. Church School (classes for all ages).
10:55 a.m. Morning worship, sermon topic—"1953's Inventory."
6:15 p.m. Methodist Youth Fellowship.
7:30 p.m. Student Recognition Program. The students that are home for the holidays will have charge of the program.
Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Miss Woods and Miss Pugsley will have charge of the prayer service.
New Year's Eve, a communion service will be conducted by the pastor. Those desiring to commune may come any time from 8:30 to 1:00 p.m.

The public is cordially invited to attend the services of this church. This is the "Friendly Church."

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But before new industries can be lured into the valley, he said "We must get out of the industrialists' minds the idea that industry will have labor trouble. There's no real conflict between labor and management here.

"We must convince the people who might bring business here that the public won't allow radical labor to run their businesses."

It would be a great help, he said, if the Big Sandy were canalized because coal transportation now costs too much.

Canalization is the valley's only real salvation, according to Marvin Music, Prestonsburg businessman. That improvement, he said, would attract industry by offering lower freight rates.

One of the big troubles, Dr. George Archer, of Prestonsburg, said is that "we have not demanded enough of our public servants. Too many people promise everything and do nothing for us."

Dr. Archer excluded Governor Wetherby from that group, saying that the Governor "has gone to bat for us," pointing out his effort toward developing a State park at Dewey Lake and in working out a plan for a bistate park at the Breaks of Sandy.

"Wetherby actually has tried to do something for Eastern Kentucky," the Prestonsburg surgeon declared, "but we have got to make people realize that Eastern Kentucky is a part of the Commonwealth."

"To succeed," he said, "we must unite, tear down prejudices, and work as a valley."
Urging an "Eastern Kentucky community concept," James W. Wine, of Pikeville stressed the possibilities of the valley, but said labor, industry, and business leaders of the area must have mutual respect.

"If we consider the valley's possibilities—power, coal and labor—we would not be depressed," he said.

The only limitation, Wine declared, is the lack of industrial water. He recommended impoundment dams and conservation reservoirs to solve the water problem.

"We know our problems," he said, "but we have done nothing to solve them. The opportunity is there if we meet the problems courageously. There is no reason for despair."

Fred Francis, Prestonsburg attorney, presided at the meeting, which was attended by 15 men.

Southern Association Approves P'Burg High For '54 Accreditation

The Central Reviewing committee of the Commission of Secondary Schools, Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, in its meeting, Dec. 2-4, at Memphis, Tenn., approved Prestonsburg high school for membership through the coming year.

Chalmer H. Prazier, superintendent of Prestonsburg schools, was notified this week of the committee's favorable action by Dr. Harold P. Adams, state chairman, Southern Association.

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Six 4-H club members in Casey county sold seven fat calves in Louisville for an average of \$270.85 a head.

Using automatic feeders and waterers, Garnett Smith of Russell county cares for a flock of 6,700 chickens in 15 minutes.

Christmas Savings Check Of Drowned Big Sandy Boy Given To Children's Home

Ashland, Ky., Dec. 20.—The Christmas-club saving check of an 11-year-old Catlettsburg boy who drowned in the Big Sandy River last May has been given to the Gertrude Ramey Children's Home here.

The donor was Mrs. Thelma Benley Craig, Catlettsburg, mother of Gary Alvin Craig. The boy drowned along with Samuel Douglas Carraway, 10, while they were swimming at Catlettsburg.

At the time of Gary's death, he had paid \$24 into his Christmas club account at Third National Bank here. His mother continued the payments, and recently the bank mailed her a \$50 check made out to Gary Craig.

Mrs. Craig said she hoped to continue donating each year to the children's home in memory of Gary. Her husband, Ralph, is an employee of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway Company. They have two other sons.

The \$50 check will go into the Children's Home general operating fund—to help provide food, clothing, and shelter for homeless children.

CHILD DIES

John Ray Campbell, eight months old child of Thomas E. and Nancy Spradlin Campbell, of Weeksbury, died at 1:30 p.m. last Sunday at home. The cause of death was unknown. Surviving are three brothers and sisters. Funeral rites were conducted Tuesday at the home and burial was in the Inglewood cemetery near Hazard under the direction of Hall Bros. Funeral Home.

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Everybody Will Win In Coloring Contest, Decision of Sponsors

In addition to the five youngsters who have received, or will receive \$5 prizes as weekly winners in the Hall Brothers Funeral Home coloring contest conducted through The Times over a period of five weeks, all other children who entered the contest will receive awards.

Johnny Hall, of the funeral home, said Wednesday a new dollar bill is being mailed to each of the 154 contestants who submitted drawings they had colored but did not win weekly awards. The cash awards will, as a result, total \$179.

To Represent Area 5 At Alabama Convention

Bill Baker Burke, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Burke of Prestonsburg, will be an Area Five delegate to the fifth quadrennial youth convention of the Presbyterian Church, W. S. meeting on the campus of the Alabama Polytechnical Institute, Auburn, Ala., Dec. 29-Jan. 4.

Burke will be one of 2,000 young people at the meeting for the study of your tasks in the church program of stewardship, Christian Education and Evangelism. He is moderator of Area Five, an 11-county unit of Presbyterian youth work.

WANT ADS

FOR SALE—New Gulbransen and Cable Spinnet Pianos. Immediate delivery. BROWN'S PIANO STORE, Prestonsburg, Ky., E. B. BROWN, phone 2148. 3-15-tf

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For your Fuller Brush needs call or write M. C. HYDEN, Prestonsburg, Phone 2642. 3-20-tf

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FOR SALE—Several Singer and National sewing machines, all reconditioned, at a reduced price while they last. Also the famous new Admiral Electric, guaranteed 20 years. Working parts interchangeable with Singer 15-30, but much cheaper. M. D. HUBBARD, 189 Euclid Ave., Paintsville, Ky.

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FOR SALE—6-room house and bath on Riverside. Call 4911 Prestonsburg. 10-17-tf

FOR RENT—Two houses, also furnished and unfurnished apartments on North Lake drive. T. E. NEELEY, phone 3031, Prestonsburg. 5-21-tf.

FOR RENT—Furnished apartments. A. C. Harlowe, Phone 5461, Prestonsburg.

WANTED TO BUY—Coal and mineral rights in Pike, Floyd, Knott and Martin counties. Call or write PRICE REALTY CO., Inc., Price, Ky., or J. F. HOWELL, phone 3351, Price, Ky. 6-25-tf.

FOR FLOOR SANDING see or call V. A. SMILEY, Phone 5653, Prestonsburg. 9-3-tf

LOST—at Martin gym, night of Oct. 28, Hampden 17-jewel wrist watch, yellow gold, expansion band, raised dial, dome crystal. Finder return. Reward. JIMMY DELANO GRAY, Allen, Ky. 11-4-tf.

FOR RENT—Furnished apartments. A. C. Harlowe, Phone 5461, Prestonsburg.

SAND IN ANY QUANTITY—Small quantity \$1.25 ton. Large quantity, special price. Want to contract sand hauling. Ballard Scalf, Trani, Ky. 11-19-tf

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DON'T BE DECEIVED—Genuine Singer Sewing Machines, service and parts can be obtained only through our Sewing Centers, identified by the familiar big red "S" on their windows. The shop that has Mingo, Pike, Johnson, Floyd and Martin counties is located at 5 Second avenue, Williamson, W. Va. Prices from \$92.50 up. Terms if desired. Contact Otis Wright, our representative for Floyd and Johnson county, at Emma, Ky. Phone 4574 Allen 3-10-tf.

NOTICE—I can save you money on a new electric or a reconditioned Treadle Sewing Machine, and a good allowance for your old machine. M. D. HUBBARD, 189 EUCLID AVE. PAINTSVILLE, KY. 12-3-tf.

LOST—At the Floyd County Times office a book entitled "The Sellards Through Two Centuries," by Elias H. Sellards. Finder return and receive reward.

APARTMENT FOR RENT—Four rooms unfurnished. Bath. Closets. Automatic washer connection. Garage. First Street, PRESTONSBURG. PHONE 6631. 12-3-tf.

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LOST—Pair of spectacles. In Blue case. Reward. PHYLLIS WILSON, Phone 5631, Prestonsburg, Ky. 12-17-tf.

LOST—Male Boxer Dog—In vicinity of Prestonsburg. 13 months old. Answers to name Boscoe. Contact Dr. Simpson. Phones 3601 or 2662. 12-17-2t.



To write this Yuletide message to our many friends, in appreciation of their loyalty, gives us our greatest pleasure at this happy season of the year.

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Merry Christmas

That JOY be with you this happy season — is the sincere wish we extend to all of our many friends! "Merry Christmas" is still the warmest greeting of the season.

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INVITATION

You and your friends are invited to a Watch Meeting and Singing Convention, Thursday night, Dec. 31st at the First Church of God, Porter Addition, on US 23, Prestonsburg, Ky., beginning at 7:30.

MOSES KITCHEN, Pastor

For Sale

- One 1½-ton Dodge truck, 2-speed axle, flat bed, Runs well, good tires. At junk price.
 - One all-steel bed for 1½-ton truck. Ideal for plumber, lineman or similar work. Cost new \$1,250. For sale cheap.
 - One 14-foot wood flat bed. A-1 condition.
 - One 10 h.p. singlephase, 60-cycle electric motor, with or without starter and spare parts.
 - One 400-gallon galvanized storage tank.
 - One 800-gallon-per-hour Fairbanks-Morse pump.
 - One mortar mixer, new condition.
- Above items are declared surplus and are offered for sale below market prices.

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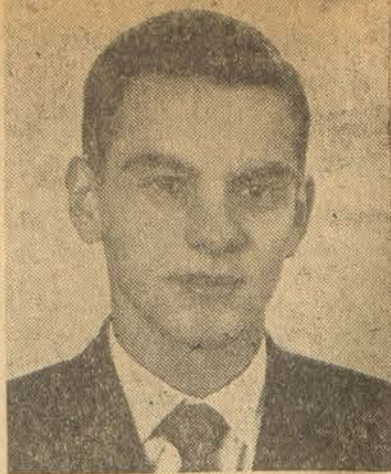


Not because of custom only, but from our hearts — we extend our best wishes to you for a wondrous, joyful Holiday!

TURNER FUNERAL HOME

MARTIN, KY.

Baptist Night Speaker Is Franklin D. Conley



Student Night at Christmas, an annual event among Southern Baptists, will be observed at the Irene Cole Memorial Baptist Church Sunday at 7:30. Young people of the church will have charge of the entire evening service.

Franklin Delano Conley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Conley, of Prestonsburg, who is a student at Georgetown College, will preach the sermon. He recently gained recognition at Georgetown in the role of Romeo in the Shakespearean play, "Romeo and Juliet."

The youth choir under the direction of Mrs. Ira McMillen, Jr., will sing Malotte's "The Lord's Prayer." At the close of the youth service the pastor will administer the ordinance of baptism.

A cordial invitation is extended to everyone to attend this service.

First Service in New Community Church Here Slated Sunday Morning

First service to be held in the new Community Methodist Church in the Porter Addition here will be conducted Sunday at 9:30 a. m. The Rev. Harold Dorsey, pastor of the Prestonsburg Methodist Church, will deliver the sermon.

The church was organized a few weeks ago as completion of the building neared. The Rev. Mr. Dorsey is pastor-in-charge. The public is invited to this first service in the church.

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SUNDAY, DEC. 27—
"Island in the Sky"
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TUESDAY, DEC. 29—
FAMILY NIGHT 80c—
"Untamed Breed"
Sonny Tufts, Barbara Britton

"Hot News"
Stanley Clements, Gloria Henry

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 30—
ALL SEATS 20c—
"Plunder of the Sun"
Glenn Ford, Diana Lynn

The entire staff wish the patrons of the Price and Ligon Theatres a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

ARNOLD AVENUE CHURCH OF CHRIST

10:00 a. m.—Bible School.
11:00 a. m.—Morning Worship.
Tom Fields, superintendent.
Weekly—Lord's Supper.
Morning Message, Dec. 27—"What Being With Jesus Did For Peter and John."
7:00 p. m.—Evening sermon.
"God Spares Not"
7:00 p. m.—Prayer Meeting.
An Hour of Power, Prayer and Praise.
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Clarence Mansfield, Minister.

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jurious effect. Abraham Lincoln in a log cabin never doubted that Santa Claus came down that rude chimney, and children later to be rulers of millions were equally sure the good elf would scale the battlements of their castles and make his way to them with his largess.

The Baltimore priest has the laudable ambition to put Christ back into Christmas. But we maintain that a thousand other things—not Santa—are crowding Him out.

A Times Want Ad is a powerful salesman who works for little pay.

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June Welch, Huntington; Jennie Layne, Beckley, W. Va.; Rude and Jack Layne, Lorain, Ohio. Three sisters survive: Mrs. Minnie Hatcher, Harold; Mrs. Allie Marris, Ambar; and Mrs. Nora Hall, in Ohio.

Funeral services were conducted at the Vogel-Day Methodist Church near Harold, the Revs. Isaac Stratton, Carl Senter and Welby O. Patten officiating. Burial was in the Ferguson cemetery at Laynesville, under the direction of Baker Funeral Home, Pikeville.

Special Yale Music For Thursday Telecast

A special program of appropriate Christmas music will be telecast Thursday night, December 24, by Station WSAZ-TV at 8:30 p. m. sponsored by the Ashland Oil & Refining Company, in place of its usual "Ashland Oil Theatre", which will resume December 31.

Featured on this special program will be the "Savanne River Boys," a nationally known quartette who have recently joined the staff of Station WSAZ-TV. Company greetings to the widespread audience of this television station will be given by a management representative.

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3. The Tax Commission decided on its action partly to keep individual county tax commissioners off a political hot seat.

The reason is not any increase in assessments ordered by a County tax commissioner automatically results in an increase in taxes unless the fiscal court at the same time reduces the rate. This increase in turn, brings the wrath of the taxpayer on the head of the tax commissioner (an elected official) instead of on the authorized taxing authority, fiscal court.

4. The Revenue Department wants to return the taxing power to fiscal court where it belongs, and a state-wide equalization program will help return it there.

Fresh milk is to be sold from automats in Venezuela to compete with powdered milk sales.

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Three thousand seven hundred forty-two weeks of unemployment were claimed by those seeking unemployment benefits in November. Glen Anderson, manager of the local employment office, said here Tuesday. Of this number, approximately 900 reported for claims against other states. December initial claims totaled 3,217 on Dec. 18, and it was said that at this rate the total December weeks claimed would go over 5,000.

There was a total of 394 initial claims for unemployment, both interstate and intrastate, in the month up to the 18th. At this rate it was thought November's high would be exceeded.

A survey indicates that 1,493 cows in Taylor county were artificially bred in 1952 and 1953.

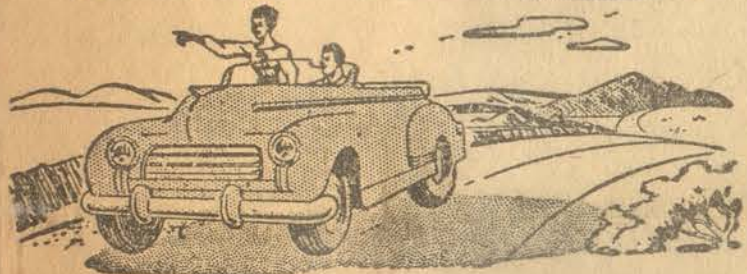
PRESTONSBURG STORES TO CLOSE SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26

Because Christmas falls on Friday this year, and our employees otherwise would have only a brief holiday, the undersigned Prestonsburg stores will be closed all day Saturday, Dec. 26, to afford employees a longer Christmas vacation.

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William Holden, Don Taylor

TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY—
"Bury Me Not on the Lone Prairie"
Johny Mack Brown

THURSDAY-FRIDAY DEC. 31-Jan. 1—
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SUNDAY-MONDAY—
"Salome"
Rita Hayworth, Stewart Granger, Charles Laughton

TUESDAY—
"Thy Neighbor's Wife"
Hugo Haas, Cleo Moore

"Killer Ape"
Johnny Weissmuller, Carl Thurston

WED.-THURS.—
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First Golden Wedding At Hawaii Army Camp Features Floyd Couple

KILAUEA Military Camp, Hawaii. — For the first time in the history of Kilauea Camp a golden wedding anniversary was celebrated there. Mr. and Mrs. Alex L. Prater, who were the honored guests at the party held in the camp cafeteria, have been spending the week there with their son, Lt. Col. B. E. Prater, USAF, and Mrs. Prater's father, Mr. J. P. Hughes, Cincinnati, O.

Born and reared in Floyd county, Ky., Mr. and Mrs. Prater were married in 1908. Their first home was a log cabin near Mud Creek. They have eight children, 23 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Their children are Mrs. O. J. Sundstrom, Ankara, Turkey; Elmo Prater, Ypsilanti, Mich.; Capt. J. M. Prater, Quantico, Va.; Lt. Col. B. E. Prater, Hickam AFB; Maj. J. Hayes Prater, Cincinnati, Ohio; Mrs. J. Irwin, Portsmouth, Ohio; Mrs. G. Stephens, Garden Grove, Calif.; and Mrs. R. Fitzpatrick, Batavia, Ohio.

During World War II, the Praters had seven sons and sons-in-laws, one daughter, and two grandchildren serving in the armed forces. Mr. and Mrs. Prater formerly resided at Lackey, Ky.

Mr. and Mrs. Prater, looking far younger than their seventy years of age, presided at the dinner held in their honor. Highlight of the occasion was a six-tiered cake topped by the numerals "50" in gold. During the celebration appropriate music was played.

NO FEE ALLOWED

FRANKFORT, Ky., Dec. 21 — The Attorney General's office ruled that circuit clerks are not entitled to a fee for collecting alimony and maintenance allowances, inasmuch as the statute makes no such provision for compensation for this service.

Assistant Attorney General M. G. Hollfield held that officers may not charge a fee for services rendered "when the law has not fixed a compensation therefor," in advising the Greenup Circuit Clerk on the subject.

Fertilizing with ammonium nitrate increased dark tobacco yields 200 pounds an acre in Lyon county.

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BY WILMAY

(The views expressed herein do not necessarily reflect the views of The Times.)

We still wonder how the letter U got in percolator last week. Now and then we resort to colloquialisms, and we often misspell a word intentionally or use the incorrect form, for fun. The practice is a good alibi when one gets in by error and is not corrected by our editor. Last week we put hisself for himself, and he changed that one, which was on purpose, but who on earth changed percolator, or is hunt and peck typing worse than usual?

When little Jimmie Hobson started having convulsions Sunday afternoon following the car wreck, Dr. C. L. Allen ordered him to Lexington, and volunteered to accompany him and his mother, since Mr. Hobson could not be reached at the time. More than once good doctors from this county have rendered this invaluable service to friends and patients, and nothing warms the heart more. Everyone is hoping for Jimmie and Elard Manuel, his companion, a speedy recovery. Truly, they had a narrow escape. All of us on the scene were amazed that they escaped alive.

When Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Price, of Wheelwright, leave the county, Floyd will lose two of its most distinguished citizens. One need not comment on their accomplishments here, but all of us should offer a loud vote of thanks to these out-of-state leaders, who have meant much to our section.

It is good news to find that Mr. B. F. Reed will succeed Mr. Price on the Board of Trustees of Morehead College. He is of the same caliber. His family likewise has rendered marked service to Eastern Kentucky, in many ways. His son, David Reed, of Maytown, is now kindly hauling cement blocks from Lexington, for the First Baptist Church of Martin, gratis. Not everyone will do this.

A girls' Sunday School Class in this church learned of a youngster whose heart was set on a BB gun, without hope of receiving it. So the girls chipped in to get the desired gift. Wouldn't you give a hundred dollars to see that kid's face when he receives the gun?

Churches and civic organizations, schools, etc., are busy preparing many boxes for families at this time. It is wonderful of them to do so. That is Christmas, with CHRIST in it. If we try, and start in time, we can always learn exactly what each child most wants, and provide that, unless the cost is prohibitive. This makes it much nicer for both recipient and donors.

Let the kiddies collect your discarded candles, add any old paraffin, plus a wax crayon of the color desired, melt slowly over low heat, then pour in milk carton, inserting heavy twine for wick. Place in refrigerator to harden. You will have a three-dollar candle free of charge, also the fun of creating something. We agree with Mrs. Peter Marshall that this great joy connected with Christmas needs to be revived, the one of creating and making things.

If you want to read some grand books, try Prayer, by Dr. Frank Laubach and Peace with God, by Dr. Billie Graham. Both are exceptional.

It will be splendid if this county can secure the Parasite Survey project. Several years ago Floyd and Pike ranked the highest of any counties in the state, in parasitic infestation, according to surveys on several types. Climate and soil are partially responsible, and so is the lack of plumbing facilities and in some cases absence of sanitation. A most encouraging aspect is the fact that some of our local doctors are much interested in the problem.

People are happy to note that the administration plans to reduce taxes soon. The reason is less important than the effect.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all. Remember to help put Christ back into the season. Do something for the neediest people you know and increase your own happiness thereby, specially if you really sacrifice to help them. Remember these boys in the wreck and Patsy Osborne, still in serious condition in St. Mary's. Our thanks to the editor and readers, a special bouquet to Ellis and Elizabeth Bailey for their kind note from Cookeville, Tennessee.

TRANSPORT PERMIT RENEWALS LAGGING

FRANKFORT, Ky., Dec. 21 — The State Department of Motor Transportation today reported that operators of trucks, taxicabs and buses were "rather slow" in renewing their permits for 1954 operations.

"If renewal permits have not been cleared by Jan. 1, operators may not legally continue operations," Lyle E. White, Department Director of Administration and Qualification, warned. "Therefore, we urge greater speed because of the enormous amount of paper work involved here."

White said that some 150 intrastate operators of 1,630 trucks have obtained renewal authority. Approximately 900 of 2,200 taxicabs and only 350 of more than 5,000 contracts carriers have completed renewal permits—including the filing of insurance endorsements and other data required.

NOTICE

The undersigned banks will be closed all day Saturday, Dec. 26, 1953:

- The First National Bank
Prestonsburg, Ky.
- The Bank Josephine
Prestonsburg, Ky.
- The First Guaranty Bank
Martin, Ky.

Perry Coal Company Tells Its Employees No Plans To Reopen

Kenmont Coal Company has notified 170 workers at its Jeff mine that it is not expected to be reopened. The mine, near Hazard has been closed since December 1.

The workers have not received any pay for their last two weeks' pay.

William B. Sturgill, executive secretary of the Hazard Coal Operators Association, reports the high cost of transporting coal and labor have forced most mines in the area to close except for one or two days a week. He said the mines just aren't making any profit.

The Eblen Coal Company has laid off 75 workers at its Glomawr mine. A machine was installed which replaces these workers.

SLIM MENU

Charleston, Dec. 21 — City Jailer Henry Beasley doesn't want any inmates in jail on Christmas Day.

He announced a new holiday menu in a drastic effort to keep down the number of drunks and vagrants.

The bill of fare:
Bean soup.

PAINTING POPULAR

Fabric painting is so popular among homemakers in Henry county that more than 400 tubes of paint were bought in a month.

PARIS — In a hot but brief scuffle police dispersed 2,500 university students massed in a demonstration to call the attention of the National Assembly to their demands for a bigger national budget for education. Police stopped the procession after a march down the Boulevard St. Michel.

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at your home, we know that you'll find

our many good wishes tucked into your every happy treasure!

Tho' we can't personally greet each of you at this time — we extend to all of our friends this warm-hearted wish that your Christmas Holiday will bless you with all of life's good things!

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Always at Christmas time, there comes that extra-special pleasure of extending to our many friends, the greetings of the season. It is with the thought of your good will and friendship that we wish you the fullest measure of Yuletide cheer and happiness at this time...

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HANGING ROCK IRON REGION HISTORICAL NOVEL LOCALE

Fifty years ago, around the turn of the century, a few old charcoal iron-makers of the Hanging Rock region were still living, garrulous with their reminiscences. They had participated in a phase of industry now almost forgotten, and would be unremembered but for the industrial and economic historian, who intrigued with the debris of old furnace men and reconstructs in a manner, the record of these early days in iron-making. But it remained for Clifford T. Stafford of Johnson county to interview the old furnace men and reconstruct in "The Ironmaster of Crimson Furnace" a realistic recall of those historic days. It is fictional but it has the flavor of history.

The Hanging Rock iron region embrace a section athwart the Ohio River, below the mouth of Big Sandy and was concentrated in Carter county, Kentucky. These old crude charcoal burning furnaces are gone now but the ruins, few and beaten by wind and rain, attest to an industry that was once thriving and profitable. Here in the clay hills was iron ore and blanketing the same hills was unlimited timber. The early Virginian and Pennsylvanian with funds to invest built an industry that thrived for nearly half a century.

Stafford's book deals of the industry in the 1839-40 decade. We concern ourselves here only with the vivid reconstruction of the period in and around the town of Graysburg that could have been Maysville or some other Ohio River town.

The furnaces were erected at the base of a low hill so that the back side was level with the earth. This hill-wall was of quarried sandstone, chiseled and fitted by hand and built to withstand high temperatures. Fireclay, mined nearby, lined the inner walls.

The furnace stack was level with the rear wall and buggy loads of charcoal, limestone and ore were wheeled over a crude track and dumped into the stack. For miles around oxen strained at the yoke and dragged mighty wagons of ore over muddy roads to feed the furnaces. In the night time the glow of the fires as the furnaces were

opened made the land eerie with red light.

"To tap a furnace," Stafford relates, "it was necessary to push in the gaubed-up opening at the bottom of the stack. This was a narrow hole or vertical slit pierced through the rock wall of the furnace. During the time the furnace was in blast, a great many things had been happening inside the furnace. The heat caused the oxygen in the ore to combine with the charcoal, and this caused the iron to separate and to settle toward the bottom of the furnace. When the hearth was filled, the furnace was ready to tap, a sharp iron instrument or crowbar was used to punch a hole through the sand and clay mixture, which had been placed in the floor of the furnace to hold back the hot iron until ready to release the molten metal into the sand bed. The slag was usually withdrawn when it reached the level of the cinder notch. It was usually run into a slag pit or diverted into a long, deep ditch."

Embedded in the rock of the low hills were seven varieties of iron ore. Five of these ores were hydrated oxides. Two of these ores were mixed carbonate and oxides of iron. Some ores yielded only 18 percent iron but the better quality yielded as high as 47 percent. Stafford, who did considerable research on the matter, gives a figure of 37 percent as the average yield. The low-quality ore abounded and was the most used for smelting as it was available in great quantities nearby. Two hundred bushels of charcoal were required to make a ton of pig iron.

In describing a typical furnace of the period, Stafford says: "The hilltop had been leveled and was used to stockpile the ore, limerock and charcoal, which was used as needed to charge the furnace. The furnace was also constructed with sandstone and with a large square base it towered toward the sky some sixty feet. The chimney was used for dumping the mixture of charcoal, ore and limerock into the furnace. One peculiarity of Lancel's Furnace was a double bellows which was used to blow the blast. It was a huge wood-frame bellows, covered with leather, and was kept pumping air and blowing the blast through the tuyeres by the turning of a water wheel. A small dam had been constructed a few feet above the furnace and the water wheel was constructed with a sluice to furnish water for turning the wheel. Gears were so arranged as to control the pumping of the bellows or to stop it entirely when necessary. The fire was kept burning hot by the air pumped from the crude arrangement of the bellows."

A description by Stafford of the general process is excellent: "Tad O'Rourke (the foreman) mixed some different kinds of earthy substance, red or black ore, grayish-looking limestone and black charcoal. He loaded small buggies with this mixture and men pushed these little buggies loaded with this mixture to the stack of the furnace. They dumped it in and it made a rumbling sound as it slid to the interior of the rock furnace. The red hot fire beneath was kept at great heat with the blowers constantly agitating the fire to greater heat and after a while the clay furnace door was punched out, allowing the red-hot molten iron to flow out into the depression in the sand called the "hog" and quickly spread into the "pigs." After cooling, the iron could be picked up like sticks and carried."

Once smelted the iron was hauled to the Ohio River and loaded on flatboats. A flotilla of them, when gathered, were floated down stream to Louisville, Cincinnati, and even as faraway as New Orleans. Buyers from these cities haunted the towns of the Hanging Rock section to buy the product of the furnaces.

It was a crude industry and the customs, legal and social, of the people were a little crude, too. The nearness of Ohio where freedom could be gained by negro slaves brought fleeing servants, some escaping from the law. Summary executions on a bridge by hanging were common. The town fathers used a trapdoor, instead of a gallows, cut out of the floor of a covered bridge. Convicted criminals dropped thirty feet.

Stafford recreates the atmosphere of "hanging day" when hundreds flocked into town to see the awesome spectacle of a man dropping through the bridge with a rope around his neck. They came by wagon, on foot and horseback. Some walked twenty miles in the mud of the roads stirred by the feet of many oxen and the huge ore carts to see men die. Society in the Hanging Rock iron region was crude like the charcoal iron industry.

Clifford T. Stafford is manager of the Morehead employment office and has spent years in State and Federal service. He was born in Paintsville in 1895 and although he attended public schools to some extent is mostly self-educated. He is an ardent stamp collector, being a member of the Ashland Philatelic Society. Often he serves as supply pastor in Methodist churches. He wrote "The Ironmaster of Crimson Furnace" which is published by Exposition Press, New York, while living at Wartland, Greenup county.

IN MEMORIAM

In memory of my niece, Mary Lou Fannin, who died December 25, 1945.

Our precious little girl — what would I give to hold you in my arms and to look upon that smiling face, to hear your laughter, or your songs, or even your footsteps, upon the porch, your knock at the door, and your sweet voice calling, "Open the door."

This all meant so much to me. No one knows our heartaches or sees us weep and mourn. God only knows our feeling and He helps us carry on. God gave us little Mary Lou. God took her away. God needed her very much to fill a place up above.

So sad it was to lose her. Life will never be the same. The flowers we place on her grave may wither and decay, but our love for our dear girl will never fade away. No pen can write, no tongue can tell our sad and bitter loss, but God alone has helped us to bear our heavy cross. Remembrance is a golden chain death tries to break, but all in vain. To have to love and then to part is the greatest sorrow of one's heart. The stars are shining upon your silent grave; beneath it sleeps the one we love, and the one we could not save.

Missed by her mother, Grandmother and uncles, and aunts.

Her aunt, Effie Strunk.

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NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

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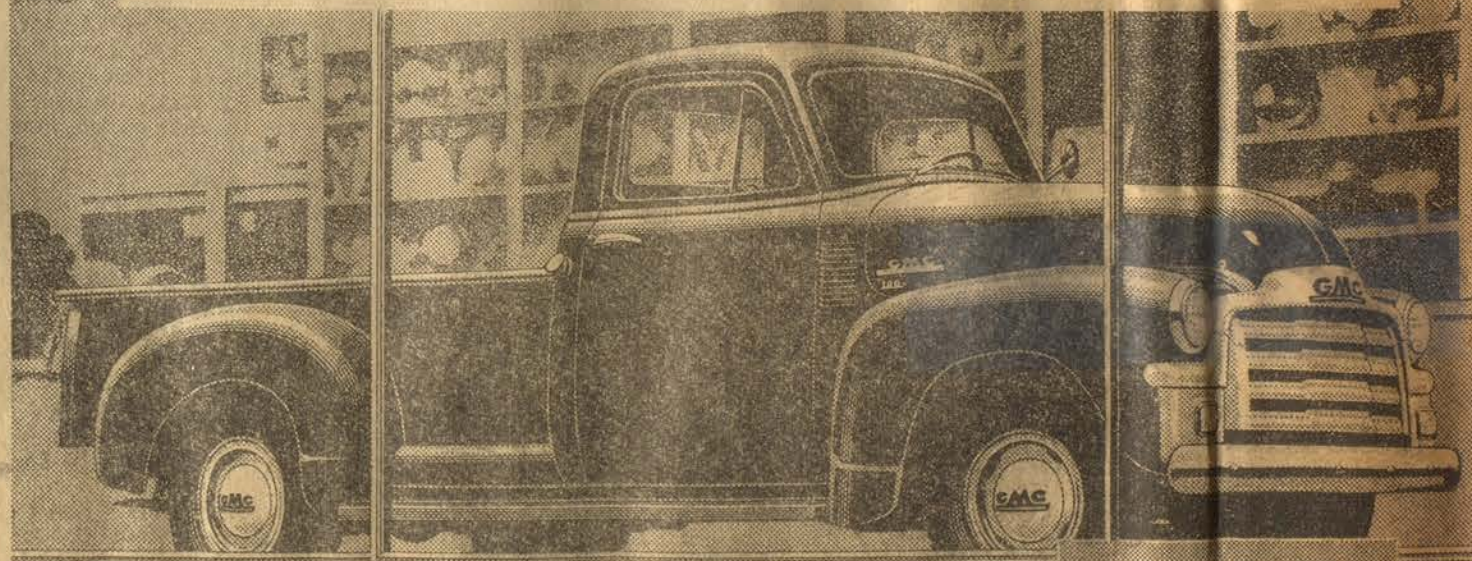
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Watch Out For Fires At Christmas Time

FRANKFORT, Ky., Dec. 21 — Regardless of whether Kentuckians have a white Christmas or a green one, the important thing is to prevent a "fire-red" one, State Fire Marshal J. T. Underwood, Jr., urged today in asking Kentuckians to display extreme caution to prevent fires during the holiday season.

There are three home fires dangers which take on added importance during the holiday season—(1) matches and smoking; (2) misuses of electricity, and (3) stoves, furnaces, boilers and their pipes.

"These three causes accounted for 1,786 fires in Kentucky last year and destroyed property valued at \$4,018,495," Underwood said. "The Christmas tree itself can be a dangerous hazard when not properly protected. There were 987 Christmas tree fires in the United States last year."

The fire marshal advised home owners to select a small tree and keep it outdoors until a day or two before Christmas. If possible it should be set in water, and not placed near a heater, fireplace, or exit. If placed near a radiator, the radiator should be turned off.

Cotton and other flammable decorations should not be used unless they have been flameproofed by soaking in a solution of eight ounces of borax and a like amount of boric acid to a gallon of water. The same solution may be used to flameproof filmy costumes, draperies and cloth decorations which would not be damaged by water, Underwood suggested.

Underwood also urged that all lighting sets be checked thoroughly for frayed wiring and short circuits, and suggested that new lights carry an underwriters label of approval. He advised against the use of candles.

Other holiday precautions listed by him were:

Throw away gift wrappings as soon as presents have been unwrapped.

Provide plenty of ashtrays for smokers, so that smoking materials may be kept away from accumulations of paper.

In case of an open fire, see that the fire screen is in place, and combustibles kept away from the fire-place.

Do not allow grease to accumulate in oven or boiler.

Keep box of baking soda and large pot lid near the stove. Either may be used successfully to smother a grease fire.

Be sure your furnace is operating safely.

Do not over-load circuits with electrical gadgets.

FEED HAY EARLY

Because of drought, most dairy-men in Boyle county have had to feed hay usually reserved for mid-winter.

SHERIFF'S SALE

FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT
T. J. Koslowsky and O. A. Wieland DBA Plumber Supply Co. — Plaintiffs
VS. / / / SHERIFF'S SALE
H. S. Bean and Frankie Bean DBA The Bean Drilling Co. — Defendants

By virtue of execution No. 12654 which was issued from the Clerk's office of the Floyd Circuit Court November 18, 1953 in favor of T. J. Koslowsky and O. A. Wieland doing business as Plumber Supply Co. Vs. H. S. Bean and Frankie Bean doing business as Bean Drilling Co., in the amount of \$799.25 with interest at the rate of 6% per annum from the 3rd day of July, 1952 until paid and court cost in the amount of \$30.20, I or one of my deputies will on Monday, December 28, 1953, between the hour of 10:00 o'clock P. M. at the front door of the Court-house in the City of Prestonsburg, Ky., offer at Public Outcry to the highest and best bidder the following described property or so much as may be necessary to satisfy debt, interest and cost to-wit:

All the right title and interest in and to that certain tract or parcel of land lying in Floyd county, Ky., at or near Betsy Layne, described as follows:

Beginning at a post in line of Mayo Trail and N. E. Corner of L. D. Hunter land; thence across bottom to Big Sandy River, thence 162 feet to Dr. T. J. Chandler's line; thence with Chandler's line East course to Mayo Trail; thence with the Mayo Trail to the beginning.

For a more perfect description of said property the records of the Floyd County Court Clerk's office is referred to an dmade a part of this conveyance, as shown from Deed Book No. 131, Page 437.

LEVIED upon as the property of H. S. Bean and Frankie Bean.
TERMS OF SALE: Sale will be made on a credit of six and twelve months with bond approved by proper surety and bearing interest at the rate of 8% per annum from day of sale until paid and having the force and effect of a replevin bond.

Witness my hand this the 2nd day of Dec. 1953.

A. B. Meade
Sheriff, Floyd Co., Ky.
Cost of advertising \$21.38

Governor Wetherby Asks Holiday Temperance

FRANKFORT, Ky., Dec. 21 — Gov. Lawrence W. Wetherby has called on all citizens of Kentucky to celebrate the Christmas and New Year's seasons in a sober and sane way and has proclaimed the period from Dec. 24 to Jan. 2 a "Season of Temperance and Safety in Kentucky."

The proclamation said Christmas has become "the occasion for excesses which deny the spiritual nature of the Christmas season" and added that "such celebration endangers the public welfare in untold misery and sorrow brought about by tragedies on our highways and in our homes in the great loss of human life."

"As Governor of our state, I challenge every citizen to preserve life and limb through the proper observance of the Christmas season," Wetherby said in the proclamation.

In a statement accompanying the proclamation, the Governor pointed out that 34 persons lost their lives on Kentucky highways last year in the period similar to the one to be covered by this year's observance.

In addition to driving while drinking, excessive speed on hazardous roads and increased traffic at the holiday period, make highway travel particularly hazardous at this time of year, Wetherby warned.

Houses and Church Razed In Pikeville Fire Sunday; Former Trooper Overcome

PIKEVILLE, Ky., Dec. 21 — Fire last night destroyed four houses and a church, built close together on a steep hill across the Big Sandy River from the business section here. Six families were left homeless.

Fire Chief O. W. Lawson, estimated the loss as between \$20,000 and \$30,000. The origin of the fire has not been determined.

Robert Snapp, a former State trooper, was overcome by smoke while helping firemen. He was put in an oxygen tent at Methodist Hospital, where his condition was described as fair.

Lawson said his men were hampered because there are no hydrants on that side of the river. He said 1,000 feet of hose were strung across a bridge from the business section.

With only one line, Lawson said, the firemen concentrated on trying to confine the blaze. They saved three more houses and a service station.

The families burned out lost virtually all their belongings. The Pikeville Red Cross chapter began a drive today to find them homes, clothing, and something for Christmas.

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THAT RUMOR AGAIN
INDEPENDENCE, Dec. 21 — A report was denied tonight that Margaret Truman had become engaged and brought her "fiance" home for Christmas.

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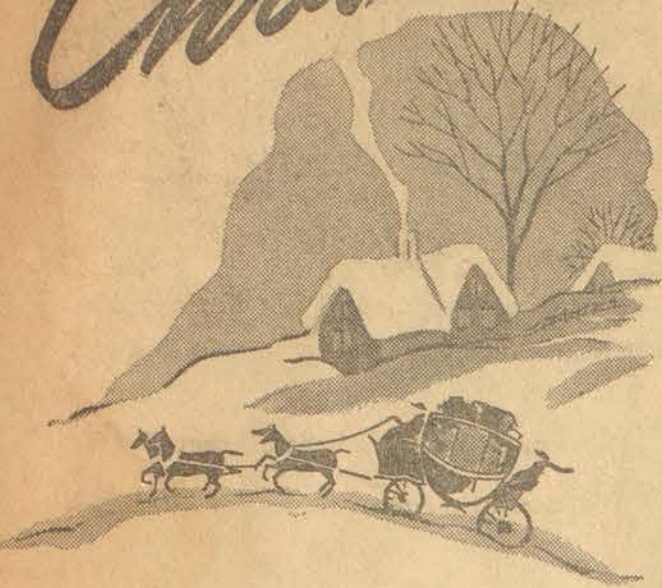
SEASON'S GREETINGS

Good friends . . . gifts given and received . . . gay voices ringing out — bells caroling "Merry Christmas" — These are the many things that add up to the true and rich spirit of the holy day — To all our friends, we say "The best of cheer for the holidays."

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TIDBITS OF KENTUCKY FOLKLORE

By GORDON WILSON, Ph.D.

Western Kentucky Teachers' College Bowling Green, Ky.

"CHANGING VOCABULARIES"

As I have so often said in this column, I spend a large part of my time as a teacher of English in explanation of words that have changed their meaning since Chaucer or Shakespeare or Milton used them. Much of their world has gone and seems as strange to us as an ancient Rome or Palestine or Greece. Even some of our earlier American writers say things that need to be explained in terms of present day usage. In ordinary, every-day vocabulary my students know only a small part of the words that were on everybody's tongue at the turn of the century. We old-sters have had to keep alive our older words and, at the same time, acquire endless new ones. Recently I have been thinking of the various spheres in which we have lost or gained a vocabulary. Here are a few of them.

Farm Life. Horse-and-buggy days are over so nearly over that we can safely forget most of our distinctive words connected with them. Who today would be expert enough to describe a set of harness for a high-stepping horse such as those driven by young bucks to Sulphur Spring or Meunr Carmel a half century ago? Who could give you fine pointers on the kind of rubber-tired buggy to buy? Are there any experts still living who would know whether the laprobe you got with your buggy was genuine or merely flashy imitation of something good? I wonder how many boys know much about plowlines or hame-strings or collar pads or backbands. And how many girls, at the risk of being called tomboys, could harness up the old family nag and hitch her to the buggy?

City Life. When did you go down to the railroad station to watch the fast train come in, not just to meet someone who was on it? Do you still run, physically and not by car, to watch the brave firemen put out a blaze? Do any of you grown-ups still congregate on the square on Halloween to show off your weird attires? And here is one that I regret having to ask: When did you walk several miles into the country with a gay set of young people to have a genuine picnic, with a campfire, weiners, and marshmallows? Thoreau once said that man had invented vehicles and lost the use of his legs. What he might have said could be he have lived ninety more years.

School Days. The ultra-sophistication of my own students appals me. They imagine that they are having a great time and may be doing so, though they usually looked bored to death. And all the time I am telling them, and truthfully that my generation, which may seem very tiresome and dull to them, had five times as much social life as these spoiled darlings are having. And they enjoyed this social life, too, for they had to make most of it themselves, since there was no other kind, or no other kind that they could afford. Where is the hayride of lamented memory? Fortunately, a group of my own students, not many years ago, actually got up a hayride for the English Club; we

went out into the country and had a picnic in an old-fashioned way; but I do not recall that our strange old way produced any more easy-going social events. There was one thing rather funny about our hayride, in which I participated as one to the manner born: our hay wagon was pulled at a pretty fast rate by a farm tractor rather than by horses. But, since I have come to think of it, who has a team that could have taken us so far away and brought us back in any decent dormitory hours?

Church Life. Dinner on the ground, literally, has gone away with many of our other well-established customs. All-day meetings are still around, after a fashion, but there is a somewhat dining-room like atmosphere when a regular table is set up at a country church and "fetched-on" food is served in paper plates with coffee in Woolworth's own cups. And, as I have asked before, where is the Amen Corner and its amens? I fear that many a church would die of shame if some old brother would say amen to the preacher next Sunday at your church, say.

And so the old customs die, good and bad alike. If only the bad ones disappeared, all would be well; but time is no respecter of customs.

DRIFT

Mrs. Roe Turner entertained to dinner, Friday evening, members of their family in honor of Mr. Turner's birthday.

Tom Howlett, who is stationed at Camp Gordon, Ga., is spending a 15-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hewlett.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Jones and baby son, Richie, of Wheelwright, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Porter, of Lexington, were visiting in Drift, Friday and Saturday.

Cleon Jones and Doris Rhea Turner, of Pikeville College, are spending Christmas vacation with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe C. Moore and baby son, Mr. and Mrs. Billy J. Turner and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Martin were Huntington visitors, Saturday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Reed, a daughter at St. Mary's hospital, in Huntington, Dec. 13.

Jimmie Reed and Larry Arrowood, of K. M. I., are spending Christmas vacation with their parents.

Robert Salyers is visiting friends in Paintsville this week.

Miss Pat Hewlett attended the dinner in honor of the Martin ball team, Sunday night.

DIES IN CAR CRASH
BELLFONTAINE, Ohio, Dec. 21—Elmer Milo Brown, 53, died today of injuries received yesterday in a two-car crash on U. S. 33 near here. He was Logan county's 11th traffic fatality this year.

Sweden Ranks 5th In Vehicles

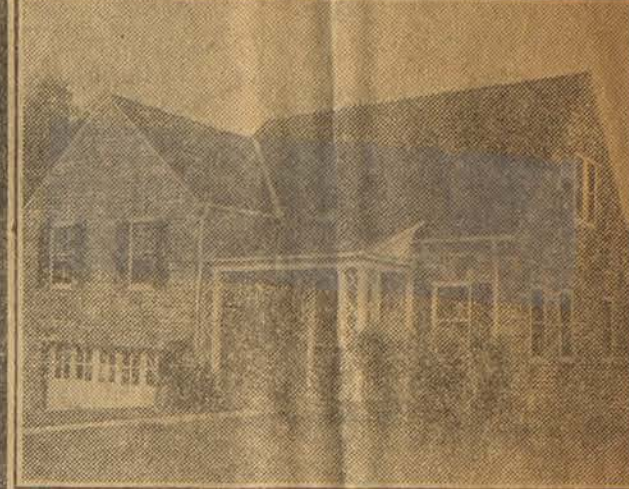
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- 4—Decision of judges is final. Finished pictures become the property of the sponsor, who reserves the right to publish the winning names.

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December 31 will be the deadline for entries in the Tom Wallace Soil and Water, Forest and Wildlife Conservation Award.

Sponsored by The Courier-Journal, The Louisville Times and WHAS, in co-operation with the Kentucky Association of Soil Conservation Districts, the Tom Wallace competition offers \$1,000 in prizes for Kentucky and Southern Indiana farmers.

A prize of \$250 will go to the farmer who shows the most progress in establishing a conservation program on his land. Second is \$150, and third, \$100.

District awards of \$50 each will be given to the farmers who place first in each of the nine Kentucky Soil Conservation Districts and the special Indiana district.

Farmers may enter the contest if they are co-operating with a soil district and have not won a previous Tom Wallace award.

In addition to the awards, the three top winners and their families will be guests of honor at the Annual Farm Award Luncheon in Louisville, Saturday, February 20. Here they will meet with other winners in the four additional farm incentive contests directed by the newspapers and radio-television station.

Further information on the Tom Wallace Conservation Award may be obtained from the soil conservation supervisors in each county.

**JET HAS 2 1/2 TIMES
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INDIANAPOLIS — A recently developed turbojet aircraft engine is said to be 2 1/2 times as powerful as the combined four engines of a World War II American heavy bomber. Its weight, however, is less than that of only one engine and propeller of the older bomber.

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LEXINGTON, Ky. — Chances are that you know Dan Terrell if you've had any dealings with the University of Kentucky during the past 50 years. If you don't know him personally, you probably will recognize the more formal name and title of Daniel V. Terrell, dean of the UK College of Engineering.

Dean Terrell recently was elected president of the American Society of Civil Engineers. Shortly after his installation, the University staged a convocation in his honor, recognizing both his election to the high office and his years of service at UK.

He entered the University in 1907 and was graduated in 1910 with the degree of Bachelor of Civil Engineering. In 1912 he joined the instructional staff at UK, and he has been associated with the school ever since. But, mere facts and figures never tell the whole story. Most of this story was told in a personal tribute given at the convocation by UK Vice president Leo M. Chamberlain. Part of it follows:

"I think of him (Dean Terrell) first as having a tremendous capacity for friendship. He has been at the University as student and teacher for almost half a century, time enough and more for some men to have alienated everyone within sight and hearing. But Dan Terrell, to my knowledge, has generated no abiding enmities during that time. On the contrary, he has the confidence and positive friendship of all who know him. And he has been able to inspire the same confidence and friendship among his professional colleagues and acquaintances throughout Kentucky and beyond its borders.

"Far from being a 'stuffed shirt,' he is as comforting and little irritating as an old shoe, equally at home in academic, professional, or political circles. He has the happy faculty of brushing aside irrelevancies and getting at the fundamentals of an issue.

"Dan Terrell is intensely human. In his makeup are warmth and understanding. You would guess, if you did not know, that he was an inveterate fisherman, and that perhaps by twisting his arm a little you could entice him into a poker game. You would guess, if you did not know, that as a husband and father he was greatly respected and greatly loved.

"Dan Terrell is a man of great energy. He has retained in his latter years much of the vigor of his youth. Someone has characterized his period in life as the 'metallic age' when a man has iron in his hair, gold in his teeth, and lead in his feet. Dan Terrell may be greying and otherwise revealing the mellowness of years, but there is no lead in his feet. He is still vibrant and alert and capable of stimulating leadership."

LOVERN APPOINTED
FRANKFORT, Ky., Dec. 21 — Glenn Lovren, Owensboro, former mayor and city commissioner, there and more recently city manager of Paducah, assumed office as commissioner of Welfare to replace Luther T. Goheen, who resigned Oct. 1. Governor Wetherby made the appointment. During the interim, Dr. Walter E. Watson, Frankfort, head of the Department's Division of Corrections, had held the post.

WHEELWRIGHT

P. T. A. MEETING
It is a tradition that the Senior class of the Wheelwright high school presents the Christmas Story to the student body. Wednesday night, December 16, this group presented its pageant to the Parent-Teacher Association, under the direction of Marcus Owens, Senior home room teacher, Miss Billie Blackburn, music director, and Miss Mary Newsome, member of the Senior class.

Preceding the program, there was a short business session. A report from the Model Room committee stated that work on the room is progressing nicely. The Finance committee, headed by H. M. Wilkinson, Sr., announced that roller skating will be started in the near future, at the grade school gym. The sessions will be supervised by the Finance committee and its assistants. Notices concerning time of opening, prices, etc., will be posted around town.

Beginning in January, the P.T.A. meeting will be on the regular fourth Thursday of each month at 7 o'clock. The next meeting will be January 28 at the grade school.

ALLRED, BECKER IN MUSIC PROGRAM

The Wheelwright Woman's Club held its December meeting in the Community Hall with 25 members and several guests present.

Mrs. Cora McHone, chairman of Fine Arts, introduced Faige Allred a former resident of Wheelwright and Mr. Becker, both of Huntington, W. Va., who presented a musical program of piano and viola duets as well as two piano solos by Mr. Allred. The program consisted of the following numbers: "Sonatina" by Schubert, with Mr. Allred at the piano and Mr. Becker playing the viola; a medley of Brahms waltzes and a serenade by Olson with Mr. Allred at the piano; "Elegy" by Glazunov and "Interlude from the Poem of Love and Sea" by Ernest Chausson with Mr. Becker playing the viola and Mr. Allred at the piano.

At the close of the program Mr. Allred played a series of Christmas songs at the request of the audience. The program was enjoyed by all present.

Refreshments were served by the hostesses following the program.

The business meeting was held after departure of the guests. The club voted to make the following donations in connection with Christmas: two baskets to be filled with food and delivered to needy families; \$30 to be sent to the veterans' hospital to be used for the purchase of cigarettes; \$5 for TB seals.

Mr. R. L. Jones, president, announced that Ray Salyers had been elected and installed as Governor of the Seventh district and that the Wheelwright Woman's Club had won second prize for its year book at the meeting held at Drift in November.

NO SALARY
FRANKFORT, Ky., Dec. 21 — Magistrates may not be placed on a regular salary for service on the fiscal court of the county, but are limited to a fee not in excess of \$15 a day, for each day of actual attendance on fiscal court session, Assistant Attorney General Walter C. Herdman ruled.

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No. 182
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**LETTERS
TO THE EDITOR**

ASKS FUND TO FINANCE PROGRAM

In a meeting on December 12, 1953, the Public Relations committee of the Eastern Kentucky Education Association unanimously adopted the following resolution.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the citizens of Kentucky, by an overwhelming majority voted in a recent election to amend Section 186 of the Kentucky Constitution to permit the Legislature complete discretion in the distribution of state school funds, and

WHEREAS, the favorable vote was secured on a basis of the advantages provided for Kentucky Education by the proposed Foundation Program, and

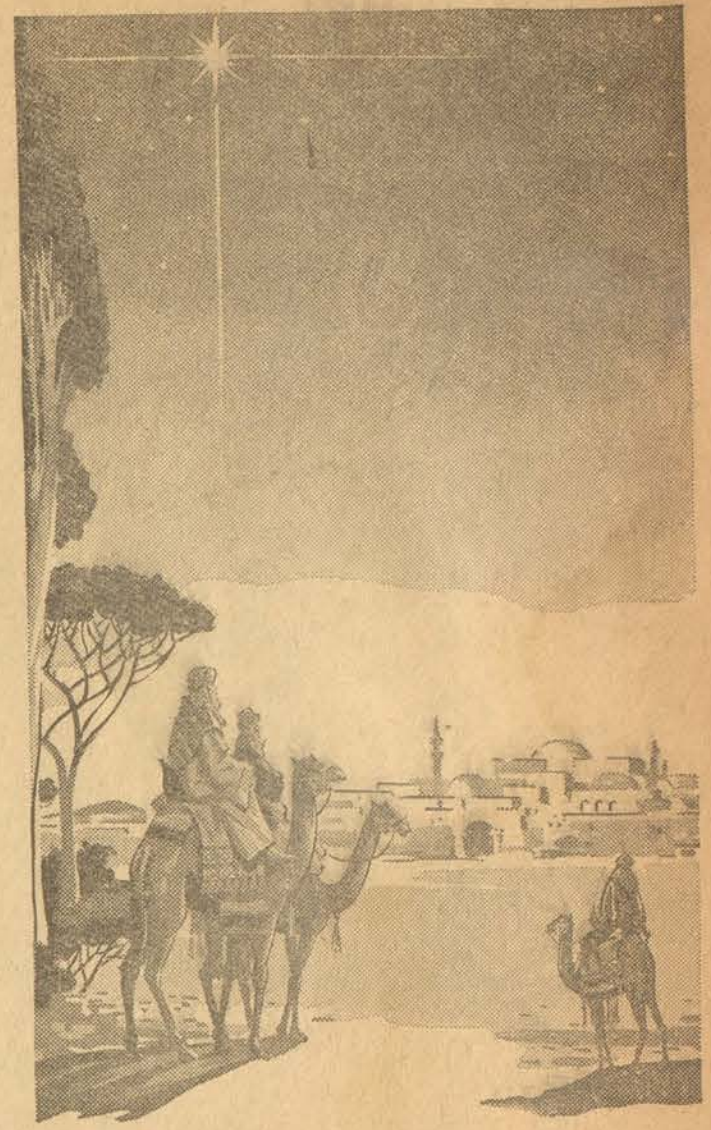
WHEREAS, ninety per cent of the individuals polled by the Advisory Committee on Educational Policy expressed a willingness to pay more taxes to guarantee this Foundation Program for every child in Kentucky, and

WHEREAS, the vote should be regarded as a mandate of the Legislature from the people to establish and finance a Foundation Program, **BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED**, that the Public Relations Committee of the Eastern Kentucky Education Association endorse a Foundation Program based on the recommendations of the State Advisory Committee on Educational Policy, as outlined in their booklet "A Proposed Foundation Program for Education in Kentucky," and urge the legislature to enact this program into law in the 1954 session of the legislature.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be distributed to the school superintendents of the Eastern Kentucky District; Mr. Wendell P. Butler, Superintendent of Public Instruction; Dr. Lyman V. Ginger, President of the Kentucky Education Association; and to the Press on a State-wide basis.

The committee urges that each district through their superintendent and local Education Association hold meetings with P.T.A. Association, League of Women Voters, civic clubs and other interested groups, which will convey to their State Senator and Representative their desire on this legislation.

Signed: Robert Hellard,
Chairman
Charles R. Elswick,
Secretary
Public Relations Committee
Eastern Kentucky Education Association.



Just as the Wise Men of old were guided
on their holy journey by
the wondrous brightness of a shining star,
so may our good wishes
guide our many friends to a happy
time to come — blessed with
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PRESTONSBURG, Ky.

ALLEN

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Salyers have with them for the holidays their sons, Darnell of Ohio University, Columbus, and A/3c Edsel, with the Air Force in California. After his leave is completed he will leave for Korea.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Kane have as their house guest, her brother, Ed Austin, of Louisville.

Olga Frances Preston is spending the holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Preston. She is a student at Eastern State College.

Miss Barbara Sue Allen, of Morehead College, is spending the holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. Thurmond Ratliff have received news from their son, Pvt. Donald Ratliff, that he has arrived in Germany.

Mr. and Mrs. Danny Baldridge and daughter, of Michigan, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Luther Baldridge.

Mr. and Mrs. David Louder and Donald Ray were shopping in Ashland, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Potter, of Paintsville, were visiting Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Gray Saturday while enroute to Shelby to visit relatives.

Joe K. Howard, of Millersburg Military Institute arrived here Friday to spend the holidays with his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. George Gray and children, of Sloan, and Mrs. Jimmy Stambaugh, of Paintsville, were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Frazier and Jack Gray, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Adkins, of Michigan, arrived here Saturday for the holidays. Mrs. Adkins who is ill, was rushed on to the Beaver Valley hospital in Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sexton and children, Pam and James, were at Renfro Valley over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. George Laven and daughter, Tommy Carol, were visiting relatives in Jenkins, Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Willard Kinzer and son Terry were in Paintsville, Monday. Terry, who has been confined to his home with jaundice, received treatment at the Paintsville hospital.

The W.S.C.S. of the Methodist

SHERIFF'S SALE

FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT

W. W. Cooley, as executor of the estate of E. P. Arhoad, deceased and Dick Burchett Plaintiffs
VS JUDGMENT AND ORDER OF SALE
Mar Spradlin Defendant

Pursuant to judgment and order of sale rendered by the Judge of the Floyd Circuit Court in the above styled action ordering and directing me as sheriff of Floyd County, Kentucky to advertise and sell the property levied upon under attachment from said court of which said judgment amounts to \$302.90 with interest at the rate of 6% per annum from March 12, 1952 until paid and court cost, I or one of my deputies will on Monday, December 23, 1953 between the hour of 10:00 A. M. and 1:00 o'clock P. M. at the front door of the Courthouse in the City of Prestonsburg, Ky., offer at public outcry to the highest and best bidder the following described property, to-wit:

All the right, title and interest of Mar Spradlin in and to that certain tract or parcel of land situated on Toms Creek, Floyd County, Ky., bounded and described as follows:

"Beginning at an X on a rock in the branch, a corner of Lots Nos. 2 and 3; thence down the branch S 79 30 W 183 feet to a stake witnessed by a beech bearing S 59 W 25 feet, S 70 W 200 feet to a beech; thence crossing the creek and up the drain with the line of Morgan Layne N 13 E 514 feet to a stake in a drain, N 2 E 142 feet to a stake, N 9 30 W 232 feet to a chestnut on the point; thence up the point N 79 45 E 13 feet to a black oak, N 47 E 200 feet, N 36 45 E 900 feet to a chestnut oak on a ridge, S 69 E 139 feet to a stake in a stake in Mud Lick Gap, S 34 W 475 feet, S 42 W 190 feet, S 31 30 W 358 feet to a beech, S 55 W 195 feet, S 18 W 187 25 feet to a hickory on a point, S 29 30 W 15.7 feet to a beech on a point, S 55 30 W 187 feet to the beginning.

For further reference being the same property conveyed to the defendant, Mar Spradlin, by Robert Damron and Lavada Damron, his wife by deed dated August 30, 1943, which is duly recorded in Deed Book No. 121, Page 157, Floyd County Court Clerk's Office.

LEVIED UPON as the property of Mar Spradlin.

TERMS OF SALE: Said property will be sold on a credit of six and twelve months with bond approved by sufficient surety having the force and effect of a replevin bond and bearing interest at the rate of 6% per annum from date of sale until paid.

Witness my hand this the 5th day of December, 1953.

A. B. MEADE, Sheriff, Floyd County, Ky. 12-10-53. Adv. Cost \$25.32

church presented a Christmas program in the church, Sunday night. Programs follows: Call to Worship and Scripture, Nellie Laferty; solos, "O, Holy Night," "Sweet Little Jesus Boy," Tiny Crisp; prayers, Flora Gray, Maude Snodgrass, Iva Carr, Meditation, Nancy Louder; talks, Iva Carr, Lucy Kinzer, Rosa Mary Osborn. Others taking part were, Mrs. Euna Laven, Mrs. G. B. Auxier, Mrs. Rebecca Harmon, Mrs. Pearl Kinzer, Mrs. Charles Callison. A film, "The Greatest Gift" was shown at the close of the program. At the Sunday school hour gifts were exchanged and each received a treat.

Mrs. G. L. Gray, Mr. and Mrs. Sexton attended the Eastern Star lodge in Prestonsburg, Monday night of last week.

Mrs. G. L. Gray is confined to her home with a sprained muscle and ruptured blood vessel of the foot received in a fall.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the partnership between Byron M. Thompson and George M. Hale, doing business under the firm name of Thompson-Hale Adjustment Service, in the Strand Theatre Building of Prestonsburg, Kentucky has this day been dissolved by mutual agreement, and Byron M. Thompson Adjustment Service succeeds the firm of Thompson-Hale Adjustment Service, in said business, and all accounts due said firm have been this day transferred to said Byron M. Thompson, who desires to announce to his friends that he will continue to do business at the present location.

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UK Professor Is Poorer Today Than Before War

The low economic status of its faculty and staff members is the most vital of all the issues facing the University of Kentucky today, President H. L. Donovan reported to the board of trustees recently.

"In spite of a number of small increases during the last decade, the professor today finds himself poorer in terms of purchasing power than he was at the beginning of the Second World War," Dr. Donovan said. "He is compelled to eat cheaper food, wear his old clothes longer, take longer to pay for his home, if he is fortunate enough to have one, or do what a number of professors at the University have decided to do—live under sub-standard conditions.

"Many men seek jobs that pay more in industry or government or at another university. A study of our turnover in personnel at the University is alarming; no business could prosper if it changed employees at the rate the University is compelled to do.

"The quality of a university does not depend primarily on the excellence of its building and equipment but upon the character and quality of its professors. The faculty makes a university; there is no substitute for great teachers. No man can do his best work if he is constantly under economic pressure and I fear this is the case with many of our teachers.

Kentucky cannot afford to have its university deteriorate. This is certain to happen unless the state takes measures to improve the financial status of the professors."

Notice to Taxpayers

Effective Jan. 1, 1954, a penalty of 2% will be added to all county and state taxes that are unpaid. During the period from Jan. 1 to Jan. 15 no taxes will be collected, and to save yourselves this added cost you should make your tax payments not later than Dec. 31.

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PFC. BOLEN IN 45th DIV.
 45th DIV. KOREA—Pfc. Norman R. Bolen, 22, whose wife, Coletta, and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elza Bolen, live in Garrett, Ky., will spend Christmas north of the 38th parallel in Korea.
 Stationed with the 45th Infantry Division, he will mark the festive season with special religious service, Christmas trees and decorations and the traditional feasts on Christmas and New Year Day.
 Bolen, a mechanic in the 700th Ordnance Battalion, has served in Korea, since August. Before entering the Army in October 1952, he was employed by Aircraft in Lima, Ohio.
EXPECT GOOD PASTURE
 Rye, wheat and barley have been growing well in Crittenden county, with farmers expecting good spring pasture.

MARTIN HELPS FLOYD RECORD
Other County Fives Lose To Outside Competition During Last Week's Play
 Except for Martin's 86-66 victory over the Paintsville Tigers, Floyd county basketball teams fared badly at the hands of out-of-county fives last week.
 Prestonsburg lost to the same Tigers last Wednesday night, 60 to 47. Wheelwright was trounced by Pikeville, 87 to 62; Auxier lost to Pikeville College Academy, 42-38, and Elkhorn City defeated Garrett, 70-52.
 The Martin high school team continued to lead Floyd teams with a 11-1 season record. In addition to its win over Paintsville, the Purple Flash defeated Wayland last week, 74-52.
 Available lineups of last week's games follow:

Team	Score	Opponent	Score
Martin	86	Wayland	52
F. S'bury	14	Edwards	5
V. Stevens	2	Wallace	4
H. Stephens	10	H. Hall	10
J. Ousley	2	Gibson	9
B. Martin	17	Bates	5
H. Stephens	4	E. Hall	5
F. S'bury	11	Coleman	10
B. Lambert	15	E. Slone	4
A. Smith	11		
Martin	74	Paintsville	52
Wayland	13	Pikeville	87
Martin	86	Paintsville	66
F. S'bury	14	Ratiff	3
V. Stevens	2	Spradlin	25
H. Stephens	10	Huston	7
J. Ousley	2	Pruitt	12
B. Martin	17	B. Hall	4
H. Stephens	4	C. Hall	6
F. S'bury	11	Williams	9
B. Lambert	15		
A. Smith	11		
Martin	23	Paintsville	58
Paintsville	15	Paintsville	44

NOTICE OF SALE
 The Floyd County Board of Education will receive bids from prospective purchasers until its meeting on Jan. 5, 1954 on rear mechanical parts of K-5 International bus (or truck). Items hereby offered for sale may be seen by contacting Forrest Johnson, County Board of Education mechanic, at Allen, Ky.
 The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
 Virgil O. Turner, Supt.
 Floyd County Schools.
 12-17-53.

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BASKETBALL CHATTER
 BY GORDON MOORE

The basketball official is often accused of many things and now that the various teams are in mid-season form, he will be subject to many more. To the unheralded workers we dedicate the following:

- If he's brand new at officiating he lacks experience.
- If he's been officiating all his life he's in a rut.
- If he knows the rules, he's studied all his life.
- If he's never read the rule book, he's consulted an oculist.
- If he changes shirts between games, he's trying to be a fashion plate.
- If he thinks about the boos and cheers, he's a bum.
- If he seldom admits a mistake, he's arrogant.
- If he ever admits a mistake he ought to go back to digging ditches.
- If he plants an occasional gesture in his actions, he's a comedian.
- If he never condescends to the rule book, he's duty dull.
- If he goes to clinics with regularity, he's a hypocrite.
- If he shies at lectures, he's a heathen.
- If he hands out plenty of information, he has no standards.
- If he hands out several decisions, he's a joker.
- If he uses signals, he's unoriginal.
- If he gets along without signals, he's a mumbler.
- If he sticks to his specialty, he's got a one-track mind.
- If he turns to the crowd, he's a show-off.
- If he can't identify blocking and charging, he isn't human.
- If he listens to the roars of the crowds, he's illiterate.
- If he works at another job, he's greedy.
- If he does nothing else, he's a sucker.
- If he's young, he needs more seasoning.
- If he's old, he's seen better days.
- If he gets his name in the newspaper, he's publicity mad.
- If he never appears in the public prints, he's so much deadwood.
- If he's on good terms with the coaches, he's sycophant.
- If he doesn't overflow the mails to the principals, HE DOESN'T GET ANY GAMES.

LAST WEEKS SCORES

Pikeville	87	Wheelwright	62
Betsy Layne	67	Auxier	51
Pikeville Academy	42	Auxier	38
Elkhorn City	70	Garrett	52
McDowell	67	Wheelwright	42
Betsy Layne	65	Maytown	63
Martin	74	Wayland	52
Garrett	68	Betsy Layne	56
Martin	83	Paintsville	66

Standings Through December 21

Team	W	L
Martin	11	1
Prestonsburg	1	2
Betsy Layne	5	3
Garrett	11	4
Wayland	1	5
McDowell	4	6
Wheelwright	8	8
Maytown	6	7
Auxier	2	9

COMPLETES BASIC TRAINING
 CAMP PICKETT, Virginia, Dec. 1 —Pvt. Woodrow Cole, son of Mr. and Mrs. Abram Cole, Martin, Ky., completed basic training recently at the Medical Replacement Training Center here.

FOUR FLOYD TEAMS WILL PLAY AT PIKE

Betsy Layne In Opener With Wayland Wasps In Invitational Play
 Four Floyd county basketball teams will help heighten the athletic interest of the holiday season by taking part in the fourth annual high school invitational tournament at Pikeville, Dec. 28-31.
 Betsy Layne (5-3) will meet Wayland (1-5) in the opening game of the 12-team tourney at 3:30 p. m. Monday, Dec. 28. At 9:15 p. m. the same day, the Wheelwright Maroons will tangle with host Pikeville in the fourth game of the opening round.
 Prestonsburg's Black Cats, who drew a first-round bye, are matched with Catlettsburg in the quarter-finals at 3:30 p. m., Tuesday.
 Other first-round games are: Phelps vs. Salversville at 8 p. m.; Pikeville Academy vs. Warfield at 5 p. m.
 Virgie and Meade Memorial will meet Tuesday at 5 p. m., having drawn first-round bye.
 John Campbell's Wayland Wasps won the first Pikeville Invitational in 1950. Officials for the coming tourney are Looney, Ferrell and Burke.


Needy of This County Paid \$14,127 by State In Month of November
 FRANKFORT, Ky., Dec. 21 — Needy residents of Floyd county received \$14,127 during November under three public assistance programs, Aaron Paul, director of the Division of Public Assistance, reported today.
 The report listed these expenditures:
 Old Age Assistance, \$23,236; Aid to Dependent Children \$20,973, and aid to the Needy Blind \$1,918.
 In the three categories of aid, \$3,122,429 was distributed in Kentucky in November, about \$50,000 less than October payments. Old Age Assistance payments totaled \$1,941,570 or an average of \$34.95 for each case; Aid to Dependent Children payments amounted to \$1,086,321 or an average of \$30.94 for each family, and \$94,538 went to the Needy Blind, for an average check of \$36.85.

HEDY LAMARR WILL WED TEXAS OIL MAN
 NEW YORK, Dec. 21 — Actress Hedy Lamarr and Texas oil man W. Howard Lee obtained a marriage license today.
 Miss Lamarr, who has been married four times, gave her age as 39, Lee, of Houston, Tex., is 45.
 No time or place for the wedding was specified in the couple's application for a license.
 Miss Lamarr has been married to Fritz Mandell, film director Gene Markey, British actor John Loder and Ted Stauffer, Lee formerly was married to Helen Torrance.

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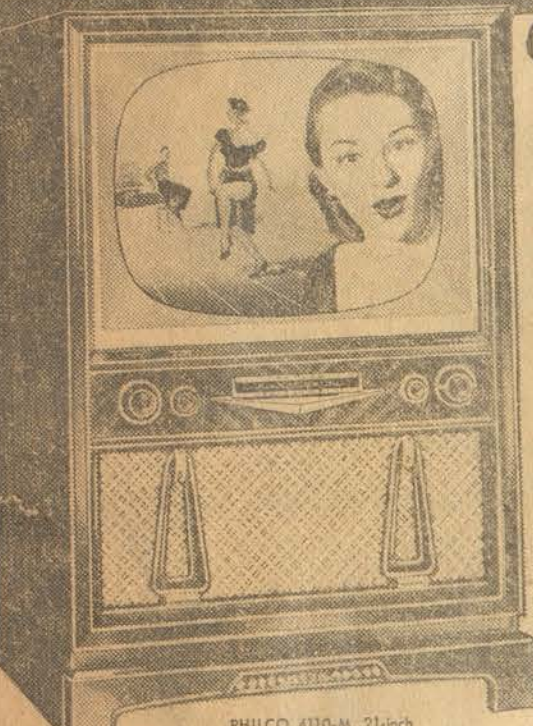
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By virtue of a judgment and order of sale of the Floyd Circuit Court rendered and entered at the October term, 1953, in the above styled cause I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Courthouse door in Prestonsburg, Kentucky, to the highest and best bidder, at public auction, on the 28th day of December 1953, at 10 o'clock, A. M., same being the first day of the regular term of the Floyd County Court, upon a credit of 6 and 12 months, the following described property, to-wit:

A parcel of land located on the waters of Big Sandy River, within the corporate limits of the City of Prestonsburg, Kentucky, and being lot No. 63 in the Arnold and Spradlin Addition to Prestonsburg, Kentucky; Also another parcel of land in said Arnold and Spradlin Addition fronting 18 feet on Highland Avenue and running back a distance of 100 feet to an alley.

One Chevrolet Pickup truck license No. T-40839, 1952;
One Willys Jeep pickup, license No. T-40844, 1952;
One two Ton Ford truck, license T-40856;
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One coal ramp and scales and railroad track in West Prestonsburg, Ky.

All of the right, title and interest of W. J. Fitzpatrick in and to a tract of land located on the waters of Mare Creek in Floyd County, Kentucky, bounded on the North by the lands of M. S. Layne heirs; on the East by the lands of M. H. Nunnery and Ike Davis; On the South by the lands of Ben Maynard, Nora Maynard and Shuler Cecil; on the West by the lands of R. E. Stanley heirs, Ben Maynard, Morgan Layne and Shuler Cecil.

For the purchase price the purchaser must execute bond with approved surety or sureties, bearing legal interest from the day of sale until paid and having the force and effect of a judgment with a lien retained upon said property as a further security. Bidders will be prepared to comply promptly with these terms.

Given under my hand, this 7th day of December, 1953.

J. B. CLARK,
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Floyd Circuit Court.

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RIFLE BLAST KILLS YOUTH

Coroner's Jury Absolves Aged Lawrence-Co. Man For Killing Noah Curtis

LOUISA, Ky., Dec. 21 — A 70-year-old farmer who killed a 20-year-old neighbor youth has been freed by a coroner's jury which ruled the death "justifiable homicide."

The fatal shooting occurred after the victim, Noah Carl Curtis, twice forced his way into the home of Leo Skaggs at Terryville, Ky. Skaggs and his wife, Mrs. Dora Skaggs, also about 70, told this story to Coroner L. Byron Young and the jury:

They were getting ready for bed about 6 p.m. yesterday when they heard a pounding at the door. As Mrs. Skaggs was trying to open the door, Curtis jumped through a window screen. The couple succeeded in getting Curtis, who had been drinking, out of the house.

In a few moments, Curtis came through the window again and attacked Skaggs, who by this time had taken his rifle off the wall. Skaggs was knocked down in the scuffle and fired twice at Curtis from the floor.

One bullet bounced off Curtis' big belt buckle, but the second shot struck him in the head wounding him fatally.

The coroner said Curtis had been drinking with two companions and had gotten into a fight with them. He went into the Skaggs' house, Young said, to get a gun.

The other two youths, Conrad Waller and Lloyd Williams, face charges of disturbing the peace.

Terryville, where the Skaggses live alone, is a small community 28 miles west of here.

REWARD

I will pay a reward of \$100, in addition to the standing reward of \$100 offered by the Floyd County Board of Education, for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who broke and entered the Wheelwright gym building and lunch room on the night of Dec. 12 or the morning of Dec. 13, 1953.

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PFC. FRAZIER IN CAVALRY


1st. CAV. DIV., Japan — Pfc. Claude Frazier, Jr., 25, son of Mrs. Josephine H. Wallen, Prestonsburg, Ky., is now serving with the 1st Cavalry Division in Japan.

In the Far East since World War II, the 1st Cavalry was rushed to Korea during the early months of the fighting and saw heavy action before returning to Japan late in 1951 for security duty.

Private First Class Frazier, a rifleman, was previously stationed in Korea with the 2d Infantry Division. He holds the Korean and UN Service Ribbons. The Prestonsburg soldier entered the Army in 1947.

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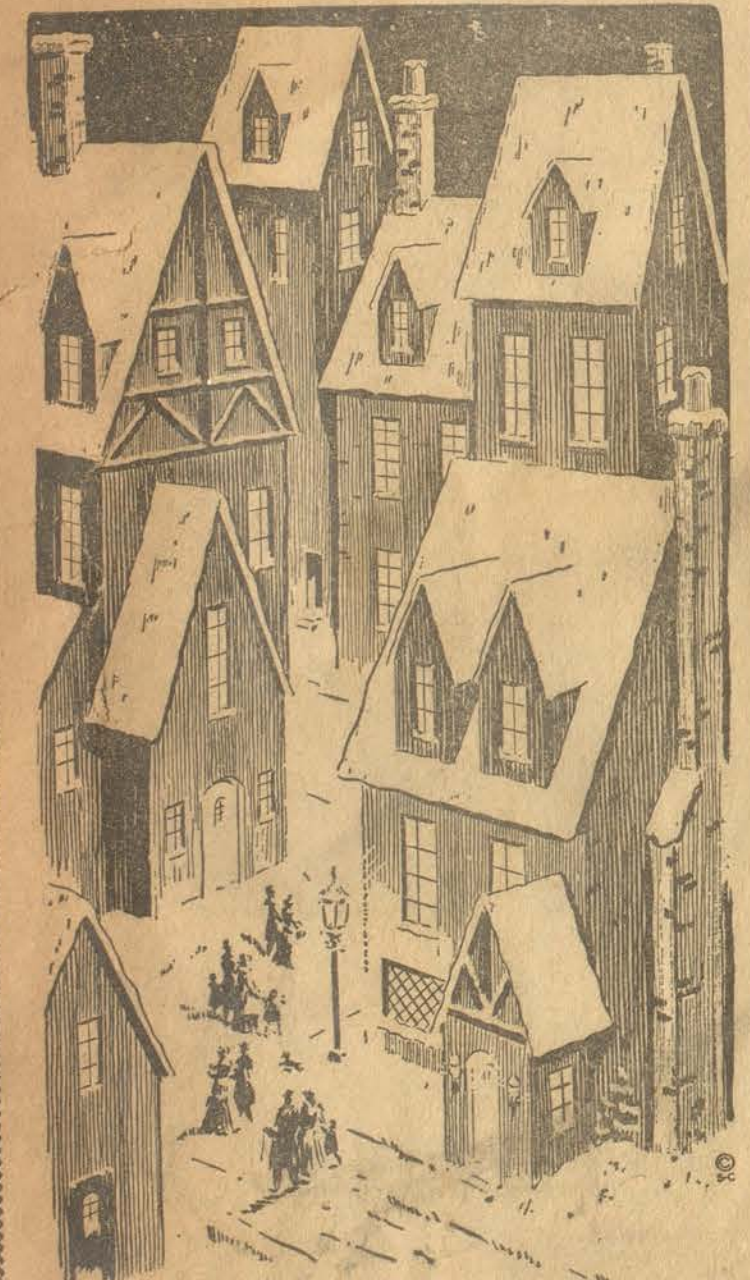
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Former Auxier Woman Heart Attack Victim At Detroit Hospital

Funeral rites for Mrs. Mary Patton, 58, widow of Alex Patton, of Auxier, who died suddenly Dec. 15 at a Detroit (Mich.) hospital, were conducted Sunday afternoon from the Auxier Methodist Church.

Mrs. Patton was stricken at her home in Detroit, where she had resided the last year. News of her sudden passing came as a shock to many Floyd county relatives and friends.

She was a daughter of James Goble and the late Florence Wells Goble. Her husband died Feb. 9, 1943. Mrs. Patton had been a member of the Freewill Baptist Church 35 years.

She leaves two sons, Darwin Patton, Auxier, an employee here of the First National Bank, and Donald Patton, of Detroit, and two daughters, Mrs. Florence Hall, Detroit, and Mrs. Margaret Bevin, Sacramento, California. Three brothers and five sisters also survive: Paris and Fred Goble, both of Auxier; Ted Goble, Springfield, O.; Mrs. George Wells, Mrs. Opal McKenzie and Mrs. Herman Perry, all of Auxier; Mrs. Henry Rose, Lancer, and Mrs. Wayne Robinson, Springfield, Ohio.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. W. H. Horn and burial in the family cemetery at Auxier was under direction of the Jones Funeral Home.

N&W LOADINGS LOWEST SINCE APRIL

ROANOKE, Va., Dec. 21 — Norfolk and Western Railway coal loadings totaled 14,609 cars last week, the lowest point since the week ending April 3 for a full, holiday-free week.

The breakdown by days was: Monday, 2,974; Tuesday 3,345; Wednesday, 3,124; Thursday, 2,999; and Friday, 2,367.

Roosevelt Thomas, Jarvis Store community, Knox county, stripped 2,294 pounds of tobacco from a little over eight-tenths of an acre.

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