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This Town— That World

AND A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL!

If you see half a dozen or so men slinking up an alley, don't shoot. That will be some other dimwits and I who forgot to send our best friends Christmas cards and who aren't up to meeting them yet.

POST (CHRISTMAS) MORTEM

Now leave us return to sanity, if perchance we occupied that happy state before the Big Day. Let us haul out the tree before it dries out still more and Junior decides to see if it will burn. But first let us take off all the tinsel and the stars and the pretty brittle balls, those that haven't already broken and found their way into our shoes. Let us preserve these carefully. There'll be another Christmas, you know, and we are determined to save money next Christmas. Sure... sure!

Yes, let's be rational now. Get out the old check book and start figuring. Do it—coldly, calmly. Learn the facts, if they kill you. For, being on your way back from Never-Never Land, you've got to face January 15 and March 15 and April 15, when each will be required to pay according to the net of his income. Too, there's the 10th of prox. to be remembered, too—you know, when the bills of inst. have become ult. and due and payable, it says here on the bottom of this prettily done statement.

We are in dead earnest about us all hurrying back to the bitter realities that throng sanity. We gotta. If we don't we won't be in condition to go mildly insane again, come next December.

Whatever I say here, it was indeed a grand Christmas. They all are. Just ask the children, if you doubt me.

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MANNS DEATH REPORT MADE

Pathologist Says Man Died As Fight Result; Salisbury Makes Bail

Cause of the death of Clyde Manns, 31-year-old Wayland miner, Dec. 18 after he had engaged in a fist-fight, was a blow received in the fight, Dr. E. T. Thorsness, Pikeville pathologist, indicated in a statement last Friday after he had performed an autopsy.

The pathologist's statement was made to Coroner James J. Carter, of this county, and it gave as the cause of Manns' death: "cerebral contusion with hemorrhage (from fighting)."

Colle Salisbury, of Hunter, who admitted striking Manns with his fist during a fight between the two outside the Miners' Club at Hunter, executed \$12,000 bond Saturday. His bondsmen are Henry Skeans, Charlie Salisbury, Lara Hunt and Festa Salisbury.

Manns died in an auto, en route from the scene of the fight to Wayland, and his death was not known to two companions until they stopped at Estill to transfer him to his own truck. Authorities have unearthed no evidence to show that Salisbury, a man of slight build and smaller than the victim, hit Manns with anything but his fists.

Court House Happenings

SUITS FILED

Bob Mayo vs. Mary Mayo; W. W. Burchett, atty. People's Finance Co. vs. Buster Stacy, d/b/a; C. B. Latta, atty. Kenneth Akers vs. Ann Akers; W. W. Burchett, atty.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Arliss Lloyd Sammons, 22, Prestonsburg, and Priscilla Layne, 16, Lancer. James E. Hicks, 21, and Wanda Yount, 19, both of Garrett. Crover C. Stumbo, Jr., 28, McDowell, and Jean Bradley, 21, Manchester, Ky.; married at Bypro Dec. 23. The Rev. J. W. Bates officiating. Henry Edward Allen, 25, and Ava Lee Salyers, 21, both of Prestonsburg; marriage solemnized here Dec. 24 by the Rev. Moses Kitchen. Henry Johnson, Jr., 20, and Billie Jean Bailey, 18, both of Goodloe; married here Dec. 23 by the Rev. Foster Prater. Billy Gene Curran, 23, and Betty Ruth Daniels, 19, Jax's Willie Williams, 27, and Mary L. Burns, 22, both of Staffordsville; married Tackett, 41, and

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State Job Changes Started in Floyd

SHIFTS MADE ON HIGHWAYS AND AT PARK

Fitzpatrick and Martin Named to Posts; Hayes Out As Board Chairman

As the old year is ready to be rung out and the new year in, old state job-holders are on their way out and new faces are due to take their places.

In Floyd county the changeover is in its first stages, with at least two employees out and a third transferred.

Woodrow Fitzpatrick, of West Prestonsburg has been named highway foreman, succeeding Graydon Howard, of Pyramid. He already has started work.

Fred Martin, Lackey teacher, has begun work as superintendent of Dewey Lake State Park and boat dock. His predecessor, Tom Clark, who reportedly has been transferred to Cumberland Lake State Park will remain at Dewey till January 15 at Mr. Martin's request to help the new superintendent become acquainted with the routine of work.

The third Floyd countian off the state payroll is Paul E. Hayes, Prestonsburg attorney, who Tuesday resigned his post as chairman of the Workmen's Compensation Board at request of Governor Chandler's office. Mr. Hayes' resignation came at the same time the other remaining member of the Board, A. Murray Beard, of Hardinsburg, resigned.

The third member, J. J. Tye, of Barbourville, died last August 19 and a successor had not been named. Hayes' term expires in June, 1957.

Hayes, in his letter to the Governor said he was resigning "at the request of your executive secretary, my good friend Harry G. Davis." Beard said at Hardinsburg his resignation was being mailed to Chandler today.

Hayes, an attorney who served in the 1950 House of Representatives, has been on the Workmen's Compensation Board five years and chairman since June 17, 1952. Beard, also an attorney, became a member December 21, 1954.

In his letter of resignation, Hayes made the following recommendations:

1. That the number of board members be increased from three to five, with at least one a physician.

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BLAZE LEVELS HOME OF MAY

Incendiarism Hinted In Fire Which Razed Official's Residence

Incendiarism was hinted this week in the Christmas Eve fire which destroyed the home at Wilson Creek, near Maytown, of Magistrate John May.

The six-room residence with all its contents went up in flames between 11:30 p.m. and midnight Saturday.

Asked about circumstances surrounding the blaze, May declined to discuss the incident in detail. "I feel that some bootleggers may have it in for me," he said.

Practically all search warrants issued during the drive made on bootlegging by the Sheriff's force have been written by May.

He said that his loss is partially covered by \$12,000 insurance—"maybe half enough to take care of the cost of the house and furnishings," he added.

The only items of household equipment which were not completely destroyed, it was said, were a freezer and washer in the basement, and these are considered beyond repair. Lost in the blaze were between 100 and 150 cases of beer and a quantity of whiskey stored in the basement after it had been confiscated by Floyd deputy sheriffs bearing search warrants issued by the Magistrate.

All members of the family except May himself were absent at the time of the fire. He said a crowd gathered at the scene, but arrived too late to save anything from the burning dwelling. The residence, which had a full basement, was built about five years ago.

Essays on Conservation Number 2,953; Judging To Be Completed Today

Judging of the essays entered in the Floyd County Soil Conservation District's annual contest will be completed by today (Thursday), it was said by L. R. Johnson, soil conservationist. The three-man judging team was slowly eliminating hundreds of essays from a total of 2,953 entered by the high and grade school pupils.

The essays, written on the subject, "How Forest Conservation Can Benefit My Community," is sponsored by the Louisville Times, Courier-Journal and the local soil conservation district. Top prize of a \$25 government bond will be given by the local soil conservation district.

Fifteen schools were represented by entrants in this year's contest, Johnson says.

Judges of the essays are L. A. Sohaney, district service forester, Herman Gilliam, soil scientist, and Henry P. Scaif, of The Times staff.

SHERIFF SAYS ORDER HELPS

Collins Praises Stands Taken by Stumbo, Hill; Asks for Cooperation

Sheriff Gormon Collins was generous in his praise this week of the official action taken last Wednesday by County Judge Henry Stumbo in closing the Miners' Club at Hunter and calling for strict enforcement of the law.

"On behalf of the entire Sheriff's force as well as myself I want to congratulate Judge Stumbo on the stand he has taken," he said. "This gives us something to work on and the support we need."

At the same time Sheriff Collins commented in laudatory vein on the recent statement of Circuit Judge Hill "I am glad Judge Hill has openly stated his position and that he has taken a stand for enforcement of the law. He is in a position to be of great help."

"All political consideration, personal prejudices and fear of retaliation from certain groups should be forgotten," the Sheriff said. "We all have a sworn duty to perform, and friction among officials hurts the public and helps us officials not a bit."

Sheriff Collins announced that he proposes to add a number of deputies to his force and that he will accept 40 applications for part-time jobs—10 from each of the county's four magisterial districts.

Floyd Ranks Third In Total Admissions To State Hospitals

Only two counties had a higher number of admissions to the state tuberculosis sanatoria than Floyd for the year ending June 30, an official State Tuberculosis Hospital Commission report shows.

Barren county led with 41 admissions and 39 applications received with only 11 beds allotted. Perry county trailed Barren only slightly with 36 admissions and 37 applications with 10 beds available.

Floyd county had 36 admissions.

Floyd county's applications for beds in the period covered were higher than Perry's admission as 39 asked to be admitted. Floyd had 15 beds allotted to it in the Ashland sanatorium which serves this area. Pike county followed Floyd closely with 30 admissions and 40 applications. Pike has 20 beds reserved for its tubercular.

Other counties with high admission figures are McCracken, 30; Boyd and Campbell, 26 each; Hopkins, 25; Christian, 24; Harlan, Graves and Russell counties, 20 admissions each.

Hancock county, with beds available in the tuberculosis sanatorium serving its area had no applications and, of course, no admissions. Nelson county, with two beds allotted at Louisville, had two applications but no admissions.

Floyd county had 22 discharges from the Ashland sanatorium, three accepted for hospitalization who did not report, one rejected and two placed on the waiting list. Barren had 35 discharges and Perry 31.

Methodist Pastor, Choir To Appear on WSAZ-TV

The Rev. Harold W. Dorsey, pastor of The Methodist Church here, and the choir of the church will appear on Television Chapel, Sunday, January 1, at 12:30 p.m., over WSAZ-TV, Huntington, W. Va.

This religious program is sponsored by WSAZ in cooperation with the West Virginia Council of Churches. It is a weekly program, and ministers from the Huntington area are selected and invited to participate.

RABID FOXES ARE REPORTED

Number in This County Apparently Increasing, Reports Received Say

That rabid foxes had at last invaded this county was becoming more evident, it developed from a series of recent events. Locals of the rabid animals seemed to be in the Middle Creek section.

Ed Moore, of Pyramid, had a dog bitten by what was supposedly a rabid fox last Friday morning. An attempt to scare the animal off resulted in the fox trying to attack Moore. The animal escaped.

Another incident pointing to the presence of rabid foxes in this county occurred last week. Residents of the Middle Creek section brought a dead fox to the local health department. It had "holed up" under the floor of a farm house and was shot later. The head was not sent to the state laboratory at Louisville for diagnosis.

It was evident also from reports that rabid foxes had appeared on Mare Creek. An animal, having lost its fear of humans, appeared at the home of Toy Blackburn last week. Other animals, supposedly rabid, were seen lurking in the fields and near homes.

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PAPER PRICES FORCE BOOST

Times Advertising Rates Increased But Are Still Below Charges Elsewhere

Because of continuing increases in the cost of newsprint and other heavier expenses of production, newspapers everywhere have been forced to increase advertising rates.

The Floyd County Times, we regret to say, is no exception. The Times has always charged less for advertising space than any newspaper of comparable circulation in this section of Kentucky, but it is unable to absorb the steadily mounting cost of production. So:

On and after January 1, 1956 local advertising rates will be as follows: Contract rate (1,000 inches or more of space per year), 50c per column inch.

Rate to advertisers using less than 1,000 column inches, 60c per inch. "Those who have liberally used the advertising columns of The Times have, by advertising their businesses, services and the products they sell, contributed materially to the progress of Floyd county and the particular communities in which they live and work, and also

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King, Veteran Teamster, Experiences Sub-Zero Cold, Heat, Rattlesnakes

Thirty-seven years a logging teamster in the mountains of Eastern Kentucky and West Virginia is the record chalked up by 51-year-old Rush King, of Mare Creek. In that time he had driven horses over some of the roughest terrain in the Alleghenies, waded snow in sub-zero weather on high mountain ridges and in deep hollows, where, come summer, rattlesnakes were killed a dozen a day.

He remembers the names of every horse he punched since he went to work at the age of 14 for the Northeast Lumber Company at Ivy Creek in this county. He never killed a horse, only crippled a couple, never was seriously injured himself although he's hauled long strings of logs down precipitous mountains when the end logs were trying to "jump the trail" and come at him and the dust hid the loose rocks rolling by.

King looks back over the nearly four decades spent in the woods and says he wouldn't do it again if

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STATE POLICE NOT OUT HERE

Sgt. Cornett Claims Troopers Not Directed To Discontinue Work

Sgt. E. L. Cornett, of the Kentucky State Police, this week said he had never at any time instructed state troopers not to work in Prestonsburg and not to make arrests here. (His statement was made in reference to a news-story in last week's Times which said State Police had withdrawn from Prestonsburg.)

"I did tell our troopers I felt that they were spending too much time in Prestonsburg and that more time should be devoted to work out in the county, but I definitely do want them to enforce traffic violations in Prestonsburg," Cornett said.

Sgt. Cornett added that state police assistance will be given Prestonsburg police at any time they request it. "The police here, the Mayor, Police Judge—all have been very helpful to us, and I am very pleased with our relations."

Following a conference here with County Judge Henry Stumbo, Cornett said there will be more enforcement of traffic regulations in Floyd county. "In fact, the situa-

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Mrs. Zella W. Burchett, Of Auxier, Dies Tuesday At Lexington, Hospital

Mrs. Zella Whitte Burchett, 48, of Auxier, died at the Baptist hospital, Lexington, at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday. The cause of death was not given.

A daughter of Floyd and Ellen Wolford Whitte, of Pike county, she was born at Phelps, Ky. Her husband, Ollie Burchett, survives. Surviving are two sons, Herbert Burchett, of Dayton, O., Gene Burchett, of Cleveland, and a daughter, Miss Joyce Maxine Burchett, of Auxier. Brothers and sisters surviving are Lon Whitte, of Phelps, Carl Lee Whitte, of Ransom, Ky., Mrs. Dexter Robinette, of Lexington, and Mrs. Bari Scott, of Phelps.

Funeral rites will be conducted Friday at 2 p.m., at the Auxier Methodist church, the Revs. S. C. Honeycutt and Ira McMillen, Jr., officiating. Burial will be made in the Auxier Relocation cemetery under the direction of Carter and Callihan Funeral Home.

'55 Floyd Highway Toll In Life, Property Heavy

SHEEP KILLS FLOYD WOMAN

Mrs. Mary Sturgill, 75, Dies Hour after Butted By Ram, Christmas Eve

Butted by a sheep, 75-year-old Mary E. Sturgill, of Auxier, was fatally injured Christmas Eve while at the home on Branham's Creek, near Galveston, of a daughter.

Mrs. Sturgill, who had been visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Georgia Hall, the last two and a half months, was butted by a ram late Saturday. An hour later, as preparations were being made to take her to a hospital, she died of internal hemorrhages. The animal knocked her down several times, broke her ankle and injured her back.

Widow of Jesse P. Sturgill, who died in 1936, she was a daughter of Sammy and Cynthia McGee Keathley and was a native of Toler Creek. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

Surviving, besides her daughter, are two sons, John Burns Sturgill, of Lexington, and Orville Sturgill, of Auxier, and one sister, Mrs. Rose E. Boyd, of Feds Creek, Pike county.

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Francis Is Appointed As State Bar Examiner

Fred G. Francis, Prestonsburg attorney, was named last week to the Kentucky Board of Bar Examiners, to fill the unexpired term of John Richardson, of Glasgow.

The appointment was made by the Court of Appeals. The other two members of the three-man board are Judge Thomas S. Dawson, Louisville, and Vinee Goodlett, Frankfort.

Mr. Francis is a member of the Erestonsburg law firm of Howard & Francis. Mr. Richardson resigned from the Board because of ill health, and his successor's term will be for a period of one year.

Wayland Masons Induct Officers; Banquet To Mark Induction Here

Bill Francis, Jr., of Garrett, was installed Tuesday night as master of James W. Alley Masonic Lodge No. 869 at Wayland. The installation of officers was conducted by J. W. Hall, of Martin, deputy grand master, assisted by James E. Goble, of Prestonsburg, deputy district grand master who acted as grand marshal.

Other elective and appointive officers of the lodge installed were: Roy S. Martin, senior warden; Richard Hall, junior warden; Kermit Stone, senior deacon; Audrey Collins, junior deacon; W. E. Parker, secretary; Dr. M. V. Wicker, treasurer; Mitchell Hicks, tiler; Charles F. Hughes and Elmer Morrison, stewards; C. D. Francis, chaplain.

Zebulon Lodge No. 273, Prestonsburg, completed its 1956 list of officers at the annual election of officers Tuesday night. These will be installed following the past masters' banquet at the new high school cafeteria here Saturday, Jan. 7.

Estill Howell, Prestonsburg, master; W. G. Goff, Martin, senior warden; C. M. Bower, Prestonsburg, junior warden; Delmas Saunders, Cliff, secretary; W. J. May, Prestonsburg, treasurer; Jack G. Dings, Martin, senior deacon; W. E. Hunt, Prestonsburg, junior deacon; Lloyd Burton, Prestonsburg, and James B. Goble, Emma, stewards; Jim Laferity, Jr., Water Gap, tiler; Z. S. Dickerson, Prestonsburg, chaplain; W. R. Joy, Prestonsburg, organist.

\$2,000 Contribution For Sheriff's Office Radio System Reported

It was reliably reported here this week that private interests have made available to the Floyd county Sheriff's office \$2,000 toward establishing a two-way radio system linking the Sheriff's office here with cars of officers operating in the various sections of the county.

Sheriff Gormon Collins said that if this is true, installation of the system is in sight. He said the Floyd fiscal court will be asked to appropriate \$3,000. The \$5,000 total sought is needed, he said, to install a system which will be permanent and serve future Sheriffs as well as the present.

If installed, five cars would be equipped to receive and transmit messages via short-wave radio, with the central equipment in the courthouse.

HOLIDAY QUIET OVER COUNTY

Drunkenness at a Low, Jail Records Indicate; Auto Wrecks Are Minor

Floyd county apparently was on the whole more peaceful and quiet during the holiday week-end than neighboring Pike.

In this county, from Dec. 23 through Christmas Day, 38 persons were jailed—27 booked as drunk. In Pike during the same period 83 persons were jailed, 68 as drunk and 12 booked on drunk driving charges.

Traffic in the county was perhaps at its heaviest, and during last week-end when the country recorded a record auto toll of 561 there was not a highway fatality in the county. Wrecks were few and of a minor nature.

Four persons were jailed here during the week-end as drunk drivers. They were: Sherlie Caldwell, James Harrison and Joe B. King, arrested by Deputy Sheriffs Obe Ousley and Ed Amburgy; Alford Tackett, arrested by Constable Johnny Caudill and Deputy Sheriff Green Johnson.

Deputies Ousley and Amburgy also jailed Walker Hamilton on a charge of possessing whiskey for the purpose of sale, and John Hinton was booked by Deputy Sheriffs Lewis and Akers on charges of possessing

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FISCAL COURT OKEHS AUDITS

Approves Net Reported For 1954 by Officials; Six Settlements Made

The Floyd fiscal court settled with all county officials except two at its meeting Tuesday on the basis of income and expense figures for 1954 which had been approved by the auditing firm of Nat H. Hager and Ray E. Allen.

Of the six settlements made, only one showed that the official had a net income exceeding the \$7,500 legal limit. County Clerk DuRan Moore's net, after he as well as County Attorney Hollie Conley had not been allowed expenses to the County Clerk's and County Attorney's convention, was \$7,873.68.

Mr. Moore promptly issued his check to the County Treasurer for \$673.68 in settlement of this excess income.

The net income of each of the other officials as approved by both the audit and the court, follows:

County Judge Henry Stumbo, \$5,922.59.

County Attorney Hollie Conley, \$5,761.66.

Tax Commissioner Clive Akers, \$5,615.90.

Jailer Prock Hayes, \$4,833.84.

Commonwealth's Attorney Burnis Martin, \$5,872.53.

The court postponed its settlement with Sheriff Gormon Collins, because the Sheriff is recuperating from a recent eye operation and was unable to go over the figures submitted. Settlement with Circuit Clerk W. W. Cooley was not completed because of lack of time.

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STATE POLICE FIGURES SHOW 12 ARE KILLED

Nearby 3-County Area Has Less Loss of Life Than This County Alone

If Floyd county maintains the same reckless pace at which it traveled this year, at least one person will die every month or next year on its highways.

Twelve persons had been killed in Floyd highway accidents as of Dec. 22—four more than the combined highway death toll of three neighboring counties, Magoffin, Johnson and Martin.

Deaths of two of the 12 were officially laid to "driving under the influence of intoxicating beverages," while all but one of the other 10 were marked by State Police as "driving too fast for condition of highway."

Statistics supplied The Times by Kentucky State Police cover only those accidents reported to that enforcement agency, and it is believed that the figures for the number of accidents embrace perhaps no more than half of all road mishaps that occurred in the county during the year.

The Floyd county record of death and destruction, as taken from State Police files, follows:

Total number of accidents, 308; personal injury accidents, 74; property damage accidents, 134; number killed, 12; number injured, 105; estimated damage to vehicles, \$102,000; number of autos classed as demolished, 41.

At the same time two were killed in Martin county, four in Magoffin and two in Johnson.

The same figures for Johnson county wrecks were, up till Thursday of last week: Number of accidents, 91; personal injury accidents, 26; property damage accidents, 65; killed, 2; number injured, 42; estimated damage to vehicles, \$18,550; number of autos demolished 12.

Causes of accidents in Floyd county were listed by State Police with comments, as follows:

Speeding. There are two different kinds of speeding. One is when the driver is exceeding the posted speed limit; the other is when the driver is driving too fast for road, weather, traffic conditions. In this last type of violation the driver may or may not be exceeding the regular speed limit which is stated in the law. The law also states that all persons will drive at a speed that is reasonable and prudent. Under this section a person may be violating the law and may be charged with speeding even though he is not exceeding the posted speed limit. In Floyd county in 1955, 54 persons were involved in accidents due to speeding or driving too fast for conditions—mostly the latter.

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SAFECRACKERS WORK IN VAIN

Lackey Blast, Second In Month To Fail; Aid On Fingerprints Asked

The second unsuccessful attempt at safe-cracking in this county during the month was recorded Christmas Eve when the safe of the Collins Hardware & Furniture Co., Lackey, was blasted.

Sheriff Gormon Collins, co-owner of the business with his brother, Gordon Collins, said the safe door was wrecked but was not blown open and that its contents remained intact. Nitroglycerine poured into the opening made by prying off the safe combination apparently was the explosive used.

Sheriff Collins said he had kept protected several items from which fingerprints might have been taken but that he had been unsuccessful in his attempts to get fingerprints photographed by either State or F.B.I.

The eggs entered the store by ripping off the hasp of the front door.

A similar attempt to rob the office of the Harold Fuel Company earlier in the month failed. Dynamite was used as the explosive there.

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whiskey and drunkenness. Glenn Tackett was arrested by Deputies Willie and Green Johnson and charged with interfering with an officer.

Mabry Sturgill, who was jailed here by Deputy Sheriff Frank Blackburn, was being held this week for Knott county to answer to charges of perjury and injuring property of another.

Deputy Sheriffs staged a Christmas Eve raid on five places at Drift but failed to find intoxicants.

GUEST MINISTER
The Rev. Richard Worden, student for the ministry in Kentucky Wesleyan College, Owensboro, will be the guest minister for the 10:55 a.m. service in the First Methodist Church, January 1. Mr. Worden is from the Pikeville Methodist Church. He attended Pikeville high school before entering Wesleyan. The public is cordially invited.

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

Mrs. Howard Clay and children were shopping in Lexington, Wednesday. They also visited her sister, Miss Estaline Salisbury, there.

Mr. and Mrs. David Louder spent Christmas night with his mother, Mrs. Gertrude Louder, of Augusta, Ky.

Miss Charlotte Snodgrass had as her Christmas supper guests, Lowell Hughes, of Prestonsburg.

A 2c Billy Holbrook, of Myrtle Beach, S. C., is spending a leave here with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Frazier, and his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. George Belcher. He visited his mother, Mrs. Gerald Baker, and Mr. Baker in Ashland, Monday.

Miss Wanda Boyd, who is attending school in Danville, is spending the Yule season here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Don Boyd.

Students home for the holidays include Darnell Salyers, of Columbus, Ohio, Mikell Preston and Barbara Sue Allen, of the University of Kentucky, Octavia Hayes, of Georgetown College, Ella Faye Hayes, of Louisville, Billy Pat Malone, of Kentucky Military Institute, Wanda Boyd, Danville, Ronnie Hicks, of Georgetown, Garland Howard, of Centre College, Danville, Wayne Wendell Ratliff, of Pippa Passes.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Salmon, of Detroit, spent Saturday night and Sunday here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Theop Salmon. They also visited her mother in Martin.

Mrs. Josie Frazier visited her sister, Mrs. Rebecca Setser, of Van Lear, now a patient in the Paintsville hospital, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Kinzer and baby daughter, of Michigan, spent the week-end here with Mrs. Rose Kinzer and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Frazier had as Christmas dinner guests Mrs. Emogene Tackett and children, Judith Carole, Sandra and Edward Gene, of Martin, Ronnie Holbrook, of Ashland, Miss Bobby Jean Holbrook and Glen Gene Vanderpool, of Chelsea, Mich., Billy Holbrook of Myrtle Beach, S. C., Mr. and Mrs. David Louder, Donald Ray Scalf, and Richard Collins, of Allen.

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season: Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Laferty and daughter, Deborah, and twin sons, Larry and Gary, of Inez, Mr. and Mrs. Doug Laferty and son, Gary, of Columbus, Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Laferty, of Martin, and Donnie Laferty, of the Air Force, just home after 25 months in Japan.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Porter had as guests during the holidays Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Porter and children, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Porter and Johnny Porter, of Michigan.

Mrs. Howard Moore was visiting Mr. and Mrs. Frank Preston, Tuesday.

Randall Webb, of Wayne, Mich., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Herman Porter and other relatives here.

That meetings be at least once a week instead of twice a month as at present.

That the method of taking testimony in claims cases be overhauled, with pretrial conferences to simplify issues.

That the number of board referees be limited, because "the board has always had too few members and too many referees."

Hayes expressed alarm at replacement of the only two board members "at a time when there is no executive secretary." Lewis D. Jones, the former executive secretary, resigned in September.

"I say this," Hayes wrote, "because the original act contemplated a staggering of terms, which effected a carry-over of experience from board member to board member."

This has been followed, to my knowledge, during a change in the last administration, and when Senator Clements took office he kept on a Republican member of the board for almost a year so that such carry-over of experience could be had."

It was said here this week that all old employees of the Department of Highways in this county will be replaced. This action already has been taken in some counties.

BASKETBALL
LAST WEEK'S SCORES
WHEELWRIGHT TOURNEY
Wheelwright 74, Phelps 54 (FR)
Jenkins 62, Fleming 60 (FR)
Wheelwright 89, Jenkins 67 (F)
Phelps 68, Fleming 64 (C).

CENTRAL CITY INVITATIONAL
Wayland 65, Graham 53 (FR)
Central City 83, Wayland 75 (F)
Auxier 78, Leatherwood 50.
Prestonsburg 78, McDowell 71.

No games scheduled this week-end.

58th DISTRICT STANDINGS

Teams	W.	L.	Pct.
Betsy Layne	12	1	.923
Wheelwright	12	3	.800
Wayland	11	4	.733
Auxier	9	4	.693
Martin	9	7	.563
Garrett	6	7	.461
Prestonsburg	4	5	.444
Maysville	4	7	.363
McDowell	2	9	.181

LEADING OFFENSIVE TEAMS

Teams	G.	T.	Av.
Betsy Layne	12	981	81.7
Wayland	15	1222	81.4
Paintsville	5	404	80.8
Wheelwright	15	1199	79.9
Peds Creek	9	712	79.1
Flat Gap	10	790	79.0
Prestonsburg	9	664	73.7
Oil Springs	13	958	73.6

INDIVIDUAL SCORERS

Coleman, Wayland	15	660	44
Hughes, Prestonsburg	9	363	40.3
Adams, Van Lear	8	280	35
Osborne, Flat Gap	9	276	30.6
Thompson, Martin	16	393	24.9
Burchett, Flat Gap	10	200	20

have made it possible for us to produce—we quote others, including newspapermen who should know—one of the outstanding weekly newspapers in Kentucky.

We are not unmindful of our responsibility to these advertisers and to the public, and on the eve of a new year we look forward to happy participation with you all in the work of making this a better county.

COURT RULES
Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 27 — The Kentucky Court of Appeals ruled that "justice requires a second chance" where one previously ordered disbarred has lived a subsequent "life of probity and good character" in ordering H. A. I. Rosenberg, Louisville, restored to the right to practice law. Rosenberg was disbarred in 1934—and for a number of years has sought his license to practice restored.

CARD OF THANKS
The family of Sie Tackett acknowledges its lasting debt of gratitude to all who performed friendly and neighborly services during his last illness and upon his passing. We would especially thank those who sent floral offerings, the Revs. Banner Manns, Jerry Hall, M. G. Wright and others for their comforting words, and the Hall Brothers Funeral Home for its efficient services.

NOTICE
The Floyd county ASC committee of Prestonsburg, Kentucky wishes to announce that there is a vacancy in the position of office manager in the Floyd County ASC office and that they will receive applications for this position until January 2, 1956.

NOTICE
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
On and after publication of this notice I will not be responsible for any debts incurred by any person other than myself.
W. R. Kendrick
10-22-3t.

SPORTS CHATTER
By Gordon Moore

HUGHES NAMED BEST
The Sports staff of the Louisville Courier-Journal presented the state highest football honor to Prestonsburg's two-time all-state quarterback, Lowell Hughes, last Sunday, in naming him the best high school football back in Kentucky.

COLEMAN TOPS WITHROW
Although Central City edged Wayland, 83-75, in the finals of the Central City Invitational tournament last week, Kelly Coleman outscored Central City's all-American high schooler, Corky Withrow, 80-66, in the two games each played.

TOURNAMENTS MAY GO
The Kentucky High School Athletic Association at its April meeting in Louisville, during the K. E. A. may take the first steps toward curbing the numerous invitational high school basketball tournaments that appear to be scheduled to every week during the season. Thus far in the 15th region, seven have been played, with one now going and one more scheduled to get under way next month.

EX-PRESTONSBURG ATHLETE TRAVELS
Charles Graham Porter, ex-Prestonsburg high school and Morehead State College star athlete, travels throughout the United States as a goodwill representative for Carlon Products Corporation of Cleveland, Ohio.

VACATIONING
The next column of Sports Chatter will be written by another member of The Times Staff, as yours truly will be in the Deep South landing some big bass that the editor always writes about, but never catches.

(Editor's note: Photographs will be required of Mr. Moore in support of any fish stories he brings back.)
Fifty-four farmers attended four tobacco grading demonstrations in Owen county.

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Tito Ends Visit to Ethiopia
Asmara, Eritrea, — President Tito of Yugoslavia sailed from Massaua harbor yesterday for Egypt, ending a two-week visit to Ethiopia as guest of Emperor Haile Selassie.

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Wild Ride of McCoy with Pardons Saves Man Condemned to Gallows

By HENRY P. SCALF

Talk to the two old ladies and they will tell you the story of Eastern Kentucky history for you. One will attain in four months four score and ten, the other approaches the century mark. Mrs. Miranda Caroline McCoy, 94, of Crum, W. Va., and Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Honaker, 89, of Pikeville, are cousins who have not seen each other for years. They are natives of Floyd county and the only surviving grandchildren of Samuel James, pioneer settler of Johns Creek.

Mrs. McCoy knew Frank James, the bandit, for her folks gave him protection while he was hiding on Johns Creek with a bullet wound in his hip. Each of them knew personally Permina Dean James, their grandmother, a native of North Carolina. Mrs. James told them stories of the settlement of early Floyd county, talked of men and women settlers long since dead, have been dead so long the creeping myrtle and the moidling leaves hide forever the ancient, unmarked graves.

Their grandfather Samuel was born in 1774 in Massachusetts, and was thus a year-old babe when the "embattled farmers" at Lexington opened the Revolutionary War. He died June 15, 1836 on Johns Creek, lies buried beside the road near the Tom McCoy place where he was drowned. He was only 62 when he died, but in those years he lived a bit of history, was a part of the restless migratory America that was ever challenging new horizons to the south or west.

When Samuel James was very young, he went south, either in the company of his parents or other relatives. Evidently other members of the James family were on this southward trek, for many records of the family are now extant in the North Carolina courthouses, particularly in Ashe, Orange, Rowan and Guilford counties. These references as official books down there are of Abner, a Revolutionary soldier, and of many others who gave their names to the James family of the Big Sandy.

Genealogists think Abner James, the North Carolina soldier, was a first cousin of Samuel James, the Floyd county settler. Be the relationship whatever it was, Samuel named one of his 16 children after him and this namesake, the two old ladies relate, figured in the story of a gallows of a ride by Billy McCoy from the Mountains to the Bluegrass, a wild dash back and a cheated hangman who never "sold his rope."

While living in North Carolina, Samuel James went on a hunting trip into Tennessee, met Sarah, orphan daughter of William Charles, a Quaker. This family had come down from Rhode Island to Perquimans county, N. C., lived there awhile and later removed to Guilford county. William, who was a large landowner and cabinet-maker on the Deep River, near Jamestown, N. C., died in 1796. It may be that Sarah and her widowed mother, Leah Charles, who lived until 1813, were visiting relatives in Tennessee when Samuel James appeared. He asked Sarah's hand from the mother and the church, the peculiar sect granting permission in its peculiar way for the marriage of one of its daughters outside the church. Sarah, born Feb. 14, 1773, was thus 22 years old when married in 1801. Samuel was 27, both marrying at a later age than was usual on the backwoods edge of the frontier states.

Samuel and Sarah set up housekeeping in North Carolina, but stories of Eastern Kentucky filtered back to Ashe county from friends and neighbors who had become restless and moved again. One was the John Dean family which had left Surrey county and came to Johns Creek. Samuel and Sarah left North Carolina and with a slow-moving, ox-drawn wagon loaded with pioneer tools and the necessities of life in a new land, started for Johns Creek in the year 1809. In the wagon, or walking by the team, besides Samuel's mother Mary, were six children—John, Isaac, Abner, Daniel, Celia, and Mary. A second ox-drawn wagon carried the family of William Charles, brother of Sarah, which consisted of his wife and child.

But for Permina Dean, grandmother of Mrs. McCoy and Mrs. Honaker, he would have no knowledge of the events of that terrible journey. Their grandmother related the story to them as told by Samuel James whom she married as his second wife. Sarah Charles James became ill on the road, died in a few days. Samuel James and William Charles, assisted by the dead woman's teenage sons, dug a grave, buried her along the way, the place now unknown. When Samuel James arrived at the mouth of Brushy Creek he faced alone the task of building a cabin, clearing the fields, tending a hog and rearing six children. He was for a year, hunted a wife, Permina Dean, daughter of a Carolina neighbor who had come to Johns Creek. She was the only daughter of her Floyd county family, born June 30, 1810.



Mrs. Miranda Caroline McCoy, 94, and Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Honaker, 89, only surviving grandchildren of Samuel James, Massachusetts native and early Johns Creek settler.

until 1890, related to Mrs. McCoy and Mrs. Honaker how she and her father came by themselves to Johns Creek and built a cabin. They journeyed horseback, father and daughter, through the wilderness in 1808, a year before the James and Charles families arrived. Permina was 14 years old. It took time to build a cabin and both labored hurriedly, for the father wanted to bring the rest of the family from North Carolina before winter came along.

He and Permina talked of the return trip and decision was made for her to stay at the cabin until he returned. To construct a safe sleeping place, a frame-work was swung to the cabin rafters and food to last for his absence was stored in the swinging haven. At night she climbed in and slept, food lying beside her, safe from prowling animals. She told her descendants, over and over again, the story of the terrible nights alone in the swinging bed, of how the wild beasts would scream and she would cry from loneliness and fear.

When John Dean arrived back in Surrey county and held her he had left his 14-year-old daughter in a cabin on Johns Creek, the mother was distraught and her lashing tongue drove family preparations for the trip to the new country. They left hurriedly, left also many things they should have brought as necessary to their convenience in the Johns Creek cabin, because Mrs. Dean wouldn't take the time to pack. Only arrival at the cabin and finding Permina safe allayed the anger and fear of Mrs. Dean. "I never expected to see you alive," she told her daughter.

Samuel James and Permina Dean James raised, in addition to the six children by his former marriage, ten children of their own. These were Samuel, called Little Samuel, David, Daniel, Hannah Mahala, Tamsey, Miranda, Sallie, Permina Ann and Rachel. The father and his older sons, Abner and Isaac, interested themselves in acquiring and trading land. Tract after tract of the primitive wilderness of Johns Creek and on the headwaters of the tributary streams of Tug Fork passed through their hands. Titles covering the Johns Creek bottoms were warranted to the grantees "against John Preston and his heirs but none other," indicating that the John Preston surveys made by John Graham cast many a shadow.

Samuel built a water-mill at the mouth of Brushy Creek, did custom grinding for his settler friends. The McCoy, Roops, Fraleys, and others came to the primitive mill. Mrs. Smith says her grandmother Permina told her that Samuel inquired whether his wife would rather have the mill as a gift or the sum of \$500 he had saved. Permina took the mill. After her husband's death she and her stalwart sons operated it. "That mill raised my children, several grandchildren and great-grandchildren," Permina James told Mrs. Honaker.

Evidently Samuel James had a premonition of an early death. Perhaps he was ill when he inquired of his wife about the disposition of the mill and money. He was 62 years old when the flood waters of Johns Creek claimed him. Both Mrs. Honaker and Mrs. McCoy explain that the bed of the stream back a hundred years ago pushed against the north side of the creek, now near the home of Tom McCoy. Here Samuel James was drowned, June 15, 1836. He lies buried on the sloping hill near where he met his death. His will was probated July 15, 1836 in Floyd county.

Permina James, with the help of her sons and the water-mill raised the children, and as she said afterwards, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. John and Isaac James, two sons of the marriage of Samuel and Sarah, went west as did Little Samuel, her son, who migrated to Minnesota. The daughters married into the early settler families. Miranda, said to be a beautiful woman by those who remembered her, married Hugh Harkins, of Prestonsburg. Sallie, mother of Mrs. McCoy, married William (Billy) McCoy, Permina Ann, the youngest and

Billy McCoy and his wife, Sallie James McCoy, had 11 children. Four of them, including Miranda, lived to be over 90. Sarah McCoy, who married Colonel John Blackburn, died at 80, but Tamsey Elizabeth, lived, unmarried, to the age of 92. Martha Ann, who married John Fraley, attained the age of 94, same as Miranda's now. Pleasant Peace McCoy lived also to the age of 94, died in Lawrence county and as winter had made the Johns Creek road a muddy and frozen trail, his body was "kept up" until spring thawed and dried the country-side. He was brought back to the mouth of Brushy, buried with his people. John Jackson McCoy was called Polite John, so named because he used good grammar and departed from the typical mountain drawl and the rolling of "r's" in speech. He resided on Wolf Creek and many said it was his grammar that elected him county judge.

Then finally the story of Abner James, the wild uncle who was Irish-Irish clear through. He was born in North Carolina, had followed the ox-drawn wagon of his father to Johns Creek, had helped bury his mother on the way. He was a typical backwoodsman, loved the thrill of hand-to-hand, bite-and-gouge fight in which one was to emerge defeated and beaten. Usually it wasn't Abner, who lay upon the ground while the victor, in backwoods fashion, imitated the flapping of a cock's wings and crowed.

Abner grew tough with the years, had figured in two incidents that the law didn't notice too seriously, perhaps because he was well-connected. His brother-in-law, Hugh Harkins, was the presiding Justice of Floyd county, another brother-in-law, Billy McCoy, was a deputy sheriff, others of the family, too, held connections with the law. Be it that or not, Abner escaped the severity of justice.

The series of events that "quieted Abner down" began, far back in the backwoods of Wolf Creek, at the mouth of Pigeon Roost Fork. In 1847 few people lived on Wolf. The country was a wilderness, filled with an abundance of game. Here lived a few hunter-settlers like a certain Howard, his first name unknown, who resided on Pigeon Roost. At the mouth of the creek lived Bill Pruitt. The Pruitt and Howard families hated each other over some trifling incident about a dog. (Mrs. McCoy didn't say so but other elders of the James family always said someone killed a dog belonging to one or the other of the families and the bad blood stemmed from that.)

Mrs. McCoy, who had the story from her father, one of the principal in the lurid affair, says that Bill Pruitt and his two sisters stripped the clothes from two of the Howard girls and sent them home, naked, in a deep snow. Others of the James family affirm that Bill Pruitt held the two Howard girls while his sisters whipped them with whips. Since the incident supposedly occurred in Floyd county, Howard came to Prestonsburg and procured a warrant from Hugh Harkins for Pruitt's arrest. He carried the warrant back to the head of Wolf and gave it to Harkins' brother-in-law, Billy McCoy.

McCoy went down Wolf Creek to arrest Pruitt, found him in a belligerent mood. Pruitt was standing in the cabin yard, a gun in each hand and armed with a knife. McCoy came in, eyeing the walking arsenal, but before he could ask the bully to submit, was told: "Now Billy McCoy, I know what you're here for but you're on a fool's errand. You get away from here if you know what's good for you."

McCoy expostulated, affirmed that he would have to submit and be tried. To this Pruitt replied, displaying his arms: "I'm not going." Nor would he, McCoy, calculating the hazard of attempting to arrest his man alone, well-armed and belligerent as he was, with the possibility that the whole family would attack him, retreated and threatened to summon aid and return. The swaggering bully shouted "When you do come back, don't come with no fools, because I'm a man that will kill." Billy McCoy left to hunt a posse.

After a hasty supper that night Billy McCoy set out to deputize men. He rode over the dividing ridge between Wolf and Brushy, went across Johns Creek to Buffalo and summoned Matthew Clay. In the interim between dark and morning of the next day he enlisted others. Mrs. McCoy thinks there were possibly eight men in the posse, others affirm there were only six, and court records indicate the last number is correct. We know the names of only five as a certainty. These were Deputy Sheriff McCoy, William Ratliff, who married Mrs. McCoy's sister, Abner James, Matthew Clay, and John Roop, another brother-in-law of McCoy and Abner's who had married Malinda James. Robert Clay may have been the sixth member of the group.

The next morning they started down Wolf Creek, either by way of the Painter or Meathouse Fork. The few settlers they saw warned them of the bully Pruitt but they con-

tinued down the creek-bed road until they came to his house. He was expecting such a visit from the law and was swaggering across the "yard", drunk on the potent backwoods spirits.

Mrs. McCoy says that Pruitt, ugly with drink, had a gun, broken teakettle and butcher knife in his hands. All of the posse were armed with the Kentucky rifle except Abner James. His lack of arms may be attributed to no other reason than McCoy, fearing the awful temper and anticipating an utter lack of discretion on this ticklish errand, had refused to let Abner bring a rifle.

Pruitt, shouting defiance at the law, marched back and forth across the yard, beating on his chest. After a little parley he threw the teakettle at the posse, brought up his gun, threatened to kill any man who came in after him. We know enough of Abner James to surmise that by now he was boiling with anger, wanted only to enter the yard and engage Pruitt in hand-to-hand battle, backwoods fashion. The Pruitt gun, though, pointed dangerously at him and the others. Suddenly Abner James, just as McCoy had feared, shed control of his fierce Irish temper, wrung a rifle from William Ratliff and fired. The shot took Pruitt squarely in the chest and he fell, dying. Matthew Clay said, afterwards, "When Abner fired I could feel my trigger finger creep."

Attorney William P. McCoy, of Inez, grandson of Billy McCoy, adds information on the famous case and fills in a gap of the story that his aunt did not remember. Attorney McCoy had the story also from his grandfather and from a perusal of the court records. He writes:

"McCoy then arrested James and took him to Prestonsburg where he was confined in jail. The friends of Pruitt took the position that the homicide occurred in Lawrence county and not in Floyd. When the case was called an order of court was had and the lines located. It was found that they were in Lawrence when they attempted to make the arrest and when the shooting took place. Then it was that the Lawrence circuit court indicted James."

We glean, from an old suit of Abner James vs. Henry C. Harris, filed in the Floyd Circuit Court, Oct. 30, 1852, some of the trial details and are able to infer from it some of the attendant excitement. There had been a gathering of the James kin to support Abner at the trial. There had been a comparable gathering of the Pruitts and the Burchetts. Bill Pruitt had married a Burchett, and her people were influential in Lawrence. Both sides were ably represented and the stage was set for what Henry C. Harris, James' attorney, said "was the most excited trial he ever witnessed."

The excitement was evident when the Lawrence circuit court called the case. Protagonists of both sides were present in Louisa—Jameses, Pruitts, Burchetts, McCoy's, Roops, Ratliffs, Clays, McGuires, Leslies and many others who had their insatiable curiosity whipped up by the case and the wild record of Abner James. It was one of those tense hours in mountain court trials when a drunken word, a single vocal outburst or similar cause would have touched off a sudden burst of feud passion.

The trial lasted nearly the entire week. In answer to the suit brought by Abner James against his former attorney in 1852 over the lawyer's fees, Henry C. Harris stated "that Abner James, John Rupe, and Matthew Clay were indicted in the Lawrence circuit court for murder—that your respondent was employed by them to defend them and he attended the Lawrence circuit court and defended James, Rupe and Clay in one of the most excited trials which I ever witnessed. It occupied nearly the whole week. Able counsel was employed to prosecute them. Abner James was the man who shot Pruitt and although they were present it was not pretended they or either of them shot Pruitt. When the trial came on yr. respondent and the assistant counsel agreed to try James and Clay and Rupe—upon this result the whole case depended as everybody knew. A verdict was rendered acquitting Clay and Rupe."

Sometimes it is not merely the evidence of the homicide itself that convicts but things said or done in the aftermath. It was thus with Abner James' case. The jury was inclined to be lenient, for after all he had been a member of a duly deputized posse of men out to execute a warrant. But it was sworn, and went uncontested, that Abner had made certain remarks after he killed Pruitt. The words shocked the jury then as they shock us now and it was said to have been the bit of evidence that leaned the jury to conviction. He was sentenced to be hanged.

While Abner James lingered in the Louisa jail his friends were busy in a desperate effort to save his life. These were numerous. There were his many brothers-in-law, which included Hugh Harkins who had issued the warrant for Pruitt,

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PRESTONSBURG, KENTUCKY.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PRESTONSBURG, KENTUCKY.

SECTION ONE

That the territory, hereinafter described, lying on the Southern Limits of the City of Prestonsburg, Kentucky, as it is now incorporated, be annexed to and made a part of the City of Prestonsburg, Kentucky, subject to the approval of the courts as set out in Section Two of this ordinance.

Said Territory is bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a stake at the low water mark of the Big Sandy River on the property line between Virgil Warrick and the Irvin Ford property, the present city limits of Prestonsburg; thence with said low water mark up the Big Sandy River in an easterly direction to a stake at the mouth of a small drain, at the low water mark of the Big Sandy River, about thirty feet above the present residence of Mrs. L. V. Goble; thence up said drain to a culvert headwall on the north side of U. S. Highway Nos. 23 and 460, thence N. 24 W 300 feet to a stake on the hillside; thence in a westerly direction paralleling U. S. Highway Nos. 23 and 460 and maintaining a distance of 300 feet from said highway, crossing Brandy Keg Creek to a stake on the hillside above the old cemetery; thence in a southwesterly direction to the northeast corner of said cemetery, the present city limits of Prestonsburg; thence in southwesterly direction with the present city limits to the place of beginning.

There is excluded from the above boundary and not intended to be included therein, the post office building at Lancer, Kentucky and the land upon which it is located.

SECTION TWO

That the City Attorney be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to institute suit in the Floyd Circuit Court upon behalf of the City of Prestonsburg, Kentucky, for the entry of a judgment annexing the above described territory as a part of the City of Prestonsburg, Kentucky.

SECTION THREE

All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith be and they are expressly repealed.

Passed and approved at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Prestonsburg, Kentucky, on December 19th, 1955.

HARRY SANDIGE,
Mayor, City of
Prestonsburg, Kentucky.

ATTEST:
JUDITH D. ARCHER,
City Clerk.

Harl Amburgy, of Tram, Age 61, Is Victim Here; Funeral Rites, Tomorrow

Harl Amburgy, 61, of Tram, died at the Prestonsburg General hospital, at 5:05 a.m. Tuesday, of a heart attack. He was a son of the late Tom and Sylvania Everidge Amburgy. He was a miner.

Surviving is his wife, Mrs. Celia Goble Amburgy and the following children: Hubert and Ora Amburgy, both of Royal Oak, Mich.; James and C. B. Amburgy, both of Tram. A brother and sisters surviving are William Madden, of Covington, Mrs. Polly Francis, of Ashland, Mrs. Ora Bickford, of Thealka.

Funeral rites will be conducted at 1 p.m. Friday at the Pilgrim Holiness church at Tram, the Revs. Carl Layne and George Bickford officiating. Burial will be made in the Tram cemetery under the direction of Hall Bros. Funeral Home.

Goodwill Mission Makes Appeal for Funds; Need Is Great, Declares Church

An appeal was issued this week by Rev. Howard Church, head of the Goodwill Mountain Mission here, for funds for indigent children. "We have applications for shoes for needy school children far in excess of our ability to supply," he said. "Just today we had an application for aid from a family whose father is tubercular and his children are unable to attend school without proper clothing," he added.

The Mission, established here several years ago by Rev. Church, specializes in aiding school children with shoes but other clothing is supplied when possible. Donations may be made direct to Rev. Church or Henry P. Scalf, treasurer.

Mice Eat Drugstore's Profits
Cremona, Italy, Vincenzo Vagni entered his drug store and found mice had chewed up all the bills in his cashbox, 31,500 lire (\$50). There are mousetraps all over the place now.



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GOES TO LEXINGTON
Mrs. W. P. Mayo returned with her son, Dr. W. P. Mayo, and Mrs. Mayo to Lexington Monday for a visit. Dr. and Mrs. Mayo spent Christmas here with his mother. She has been ill from a virus infection.

FAMILY DINNER
Mr. and Mrs. R. V. May entertained with a buffet dinner Monday at their home. Besides their family, guests were Mrs. W. B. Garriott, Flemingsburg, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Lambert, Lexington, A. J. May, Mr. and Mrs. Burl Spurlock and children, Mrs. Bess S. May, Mrs. Olga May Latta, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Latta.

RETURNS TO HOSPITAL
Virgil Webb left the Prestonsburg General hospital Saturday to spend Christmas Eve with his family on Highland avenue. He returned to the hospital Sunday to continue receiving treatment for injuries sustained in a mine accident at David recently. Mr. Webb is improving.

Archer-White Nuptials
Solemnized December 21

Miss Martha Archer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph B. Archer, and Pvt. Robert Ray White, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rainley White, were quietly married in a double-ring ceremony on December 21 at six o'clock at her home on Second avenue. The Rev. Oscar Minks, of Scottsboro, Ala., grandfather of the bride, read the impressive ceremony. Their only attendants were Miss Georgia Archer, sister of the bride, and Mr. Charles Rowe.

The bride wore an ice-blue glazed taffeta dress fashioned with a fitted torso with boat neckline trimmed with rhinestones. The full skirt was street-length. She wore a corsage of pink rosebuds and carried a white Bible. Her sister wore a pale green dress.

Following the ceremony an informal reception was held in the dining room which was decorated with poinsettias, holly and red candles. The bride's table was covered with an ecru lace cloth centered with red roses and flanked by silver candelabra holding red candles. Mrs. O. T. Stephens and Miss Sarah Clay Stephens presided at the punch bowl and torte plate. Assisting were Mrs. Oscar Minks, Mrs. Otis Wayne and Mrs. Rebecca Dingus.

Both Mr. and Mrs. White are graduates of Prestonsburg high school. Pvt. White is now stationed at Ft. Knox, where he will return this week. Mrs. White is associated with Radio Station WPRT here and will remain here for the present. They spent a short honeymoon in the Tri State region returning here the latter part of the week.

FIRST CHILD
Mr. and Mrs. James Andrew May are announcing the birth of their first child, a daughter, born December 20 at South Bend, Ind. Mr. May is the son of Mrs. Bess S. May and the late Andrew May, of Prestonsburg.

ENTERTAINS FAMILY GROUP
Mrs. C. H. Hale entertained to dinner on Christmas Day Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ranier, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Haywood and children, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hale Ranier.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Yancy Clark and two children, of Morgantown, W. Va., visited his grandmother, Mrs. Osa F. Ligon, here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Layne entertained to dinner, Christmas evening, Mr. and Mrs. David Leslie, Miss Mary E. Powers, Miss Mary Belle Layne.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hobson went to Ashland to spend the week. They will return New Year's Day.

Mrs. W. B. Garriott, of Flemingsburg, spent the holidays here with her daughters, Mrs. R. V. May and Mrs. Burl Spurlock.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Torsche and baby daughter, of Newport News, Va., are spending the holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robie Marcum.

The Rev. and Mrs. Oscar Minks, of Scottsboro, Ala., are here visiting their granddaughters during the illness of their daughter, Mrs. Ralph Archer, at the Prestonsburg General hospital. Rev. Minks will return to his home this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Sullivan are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Greenwade.

Mrs. Mary Ruth Williamson and son, Bonnie, of Charleston, W. Va., are visiting her sister, Mrs. Ernest Hopkins and Mrs. Martin Lee May.

Mrs. Otis Wayne, Lebanon, Ky., is here visiting Mrs. Ralph Archer and daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Lambert, of Lexington are spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Burl Spurlock.

Society Notes



Miss Janet Bates and Charles Neslee, of Portsmouth, Ohio, were holiday guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Neslee.

Floyd Arnold Mann left Monday for a visit with friends in Lexington for a week.

Mr. and Mrs. James Goble and daughters spent Christmas week-end in Portsmouth, O., with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Prater.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Carter were dinner guests of their son, James Carter, and family on Sunday.

Mrs. Ralph Archer continues critically ill at the Prestonsburg General hospital. Her many friends wish for her improvement from her suffering.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bingham returned Monday from Ashland where they spent Christmas week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bocoak.

Mrs. Jo M. Davidson and Mrs. Ruth D. Sowards were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Garland H. Rice at Paintsville to a quail dinner, Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Anna Laura Bolass, of Hazard, visited her grandmother, Mrs. Laura Davidson, and family last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Elliott and children, of Huntington, W. Va., spent Sunday, Dec. 18, with her mother, Mrs. J. M. Porter.

Rush Harris visited Mrs. Virgil Branham and family at Georges Creek this week.

Mrs. Ralph Taylor, Route 1, Pikeville, visited Mrs. Winnie Friend here last week.

Dr. and Mrs. Earle T. Arnett and son, Earle, Jr., of Owingsville, spent the holidays here with her mother, Mrs. John Hale, on Third avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Fields went to Mt. Sterling Sunday for a visit with his sisters.

Mrs. Mary Jane Harkins and daughter, Barbara Baker, visited Mrs. Rica B. Harkins at the Good Samaritan hospital in Lexington this week.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Yancy Clark and two children, of Morgantown, W. Va., visited his grandmother, Mrs. Osa F. Ligon, here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Layne entertained to dinner, Christmas evening, Mr. and Mrs. David Leslie, Miss Mary E. Powers, Miss Mary Belle Layne.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hobson went to Ashland to spend the week. They will return New Year's Day.

Mrs. W. B. Garriott, of Flemingsburg, spent the holidays here with her daughters, Mrs. R. V. May and Mrs. Burl Spurlock.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Torsche and baby daughter, of Newport News, Va., are spending the holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robie Marcum.

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ENTERTAINS FAMILY
Mr. and Mrs. Willie Mellon entertained to dinner, Christmas Day, Mrs. James Mellon, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hatcher, Jimmy and Sammy Hatcher.

HERE FOR HOLIDAYS
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Webb and children, Dickie and Lillian Rimmer, of Lexington, arrived Sunday afternoon for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Rimmer, on Maple avenue.

VISITOR HERE
Kenneth Burrey visited Miss Mary Jo Shivel over the Christmas week-end while en route to his home in Toledo, Ohio from California where he had been employed. After a visit to his home he will continue his art studies in Chicago. He and Miss Shivel were art students in Nashville, Tenn.

GUESTS AT CHRISTMAS
Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Hines and children are at home on First avenue for the holidays. They are both employed in Huntington. Guests at Christmas dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Bee Daniels, Mr. and Mrs. James W. Hazellett and daughter, Pam, Mr. and Mrs. Clay Daniels, son Von Scott, Clyde E. DeRossett. Others called during the evening.

IN MT. STERLING
Mrs. Winnie F. Johns, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Salisbury, returned Sunday evening from Mt. Sterling where they spent the Christmas week-end with Dr. Robert Salisbury and family. David Salisbury, who had been here visiting his grandparents, returned to his home in Mt. Sterling, Saturday.

ENTERTAINS FAMILY GROUP
Mrs. F. L. Heinze entertained her family group to dinner Christmas Day. Her sister, Mrs. Tobie Johnston, and Mr. Johnston, of Welch, W. Va., were her houseguests. Covers were laid for the Johnstons, Mr. and Mrs. John G. Heinze, Frank Heinze, Mr. and Mrs. Johnston, Mrs. Heinze and Frank Heinze went to Dante, Va., where they visited her niece, Mrs. Kyle Tische, and Mr. Tische, Monday. Two other nieces were houseguests of Mr. and Mrs. Tische.

ENTERTAINS FAMILY GROUP
Mrs. Laura M. Davidson entertained her family to dinner Sunday. Covers were laid for Mr. and Mrs. Luther Shivel, Mr. and Mrs. George T. Roberts, Mrs. A. J. Davidson, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Davidson, Miss Laura Virginia Roberts, Miss Mary Jo Shivel, Kenneth Berrey, Toledo, Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. Toni Fields, Mrs. Roy Perry.

ENTERTAINS FAMILY
Mrs. Rebecca Dingus entertained her family group to dinner, Christmas Day. Covers were laid for Mr. and Mrs. William Dingus, Mr. and Mrs. Tom G. Dingus and children, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Collins, Margaret Ann Collins, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ray Collins and Children and Rush Harris.

SURPRISE BIRTHDAY
Mrs. Winnie F. Johns was pleasantly surprised on her birthday, December 22, at her home on First avenue. The Yuletide decorations of holly, pine and Christmas tree added to the gaiety of the party. She was greeted by relatives and friends at 8 p.m., with gifts. Punch and cake were served to Mr. and Mrs. Claude P. Stephens, Dr. and Mrs. Herbert Salisbury, Mr. and Mrs. Tom James, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hobson, Mrs. Herbert Salisbury, Mrs. Val Strahan, Mrs. Belva Quisenberry, Dr. and Mrs. M. J. Leete, Mrs. Rebecca Dingus, Miss Mary E. Powers, Judith Carol Leete, David Salisbury.

Miss Shimp, Mr. Branham
Wed at Church Here

The marriage of Miss Donna Jean Shimp, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Shimp, of Prestonsburg, and Mr. Clifford Branham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Branham, of Dwale was solemnized Monday morning at the Prestonsburg Methodist Church. The double-ring ceremony was performed by the Rev. Harold W. Dorsey, pastor of the church, in the presence of the families of the couple.

The bride wore a blue street-length dress with white hat and pink carnation corsage. Her sister, Evelyn, was her only attendant, and Ollie Johnson, of Cleveland, O., served as best man.

Mrs. Branham is a graduate of Marietta, Ohio high school. Mr. Branham is a graduate of Prestonsburg high school and attended Mayo Vocational School, Paintsville. He is now employed at Albion, Mich.

Following the ceremony a reception was held at the bride's home with the families of both the bride and groom attending. The couple will reside in Albion, Michigan.

SURPRISE PARTY
A surprise dinner party honoring Shelby Jean Boyd was held this week at her home at Dana. Sponsors of the surprise dinner were Viola May Nelson, Faye Nelson, Norma Hall, and Rebecca Hall.

Miss Boyd, after the dinner, received her friends as overnight guests.

MISCELLANEOUS SHOWER
Miss Yvonne Stumbo, bride-elect of Mr. Robert E. McCormick, III, was honored with a miscellaneous shower Tuesday evening at the Baptist church annex. Yuletide decorations added much to the gaiety of the party. The gifts were arranged on tables displaying lovely remembrances of silver, crystal, china, linens, and miscellaneous items. Miss Stumbo expressed her appreciation to the many guests present. The refreshment table covered with a cut ecur cloth was centered with cut flowers flanked by candelabra with burning candles. Refreshments were served by the hostesses, Mesdames Robert Wallace, Carl Horn, Jim Hamilton, Lloyd Stumbo, Paul Martin, Ben Parker, Woodrow Greenwade, Wm. O. Goebel, J. Y. Goble, Foster Stumbo, John Milton Stumbo, Charles Crum.

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Gordon Moore, Frank Heinze and Thurman Hughes left this week for Miami, Fla. where they will attend the Maryland-Oklahoma game next Monday. En route, they will see the Tangerine Bowl game Saturday at Jacksonville.

ATTEND FORD FUNERAL
Mr. and Mrs. Curtis May and Miss Mary E. Powers attended the funeral of their uncle, Milton Ford, at Warfield, Ky., Monday afternoon. Mr. Ford was born in Prestonsburg and was widely known. He was the son of Edward and Lavina Martin Ford. He received his early education in the Prestonsburg schools, finishing his medical education at the Louisville College of Medicine. He has resided at Warfield for many years. He is survived by his wife.

CHRISTMAS DINNER GUESTS
Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Burke entertained to Christmas dinner, Rev. and Mrs. Orville Pearson and son, Ronnie, Mrs. Jo M. Davidson, Mrs. Ruth Sowards, Mrs. Virginia Stephens, Miss Sarah Clay Stephens, Edmund, Bill Baker and Lucian Burke, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hobson.

HERE FOR CHRISTMAS
Mrs. W. H. Jones entertained members of her family, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Jones, Bill and Jack Jones, of Louisville, through the Christmas holidays.

HERE FOR HOLIDAYS
Mrs. Elizabeth Goble, Robin and Mary Loretta Goble, of Louisville, spent the week-end here with Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Kendrick on Highland avenue.

GUEST ON BIRTHDAY
Mrs. Winnie F. Johns was supper guest of Mr. and Mrs. Tom James on her birthday, December 22.

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FOR RENT—House, 4 rooms; gas and electricity. At Mouth Cow Creek. James B. Goble, Emma, Ky. 12-29-tf.

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tion already has improved," he said.

Patrol of the highway here from the Court street traffic light past the new high school will continue as before, Cornett said. This surveillance is not made at regular intervals but mainly at times when troopers are passing through Prestonsburg.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our deepest appreciation to those who did so much for us during the illness and upon the passing of our dear baby, Elzie Ray, and for every courtesy extended to us through flowers and personal services. Especially we are thankful to the ministers for their consoling words, and Hall Brothers Funeral Home for their kind and efficient service.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Collins

THE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

Harold W. Dorsey, Minister
Church Notes for January 1—
9:45 a.m. Sunday School (Classes for all ages).

10:55 a.m. Morning worship, sermon by the Rev. Richard Worden, Pikeville.

12:30 p.m., Television Chapel over WSAZ-TV.

6:15 p.m., The M. Y. F. (Senior and Intermediate Fellowships).

7:30 p.m. Evening worship, sermon topic—"Standing on the Threshold".

Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., The Official Board meets.

Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., Prayer meeting.

THE COMMUNITY METHODIST CHURCH

Harold W. Dorsey, Pastor
9:30 a.m. Morning worship, sermon by a guest minister.

10:30 a.m. Sunday School (Classes for all ages).

Tuesday 7:00 p.m., Prayer meeting, followed by choir rehearsal.

ARNOLD AVENUE CHURCH OF CHRIST

Hondel Adams, Minister

SUNDAY—
10:00 a.m., Bible School.

11:00 a.m., Lord's Supper (Acts 20:7).

Sermon: "Message of the Herald".

7:00 p.m., Evening services.

Sermon—"Tying the Hands of God."

WEDNESDAY—
7:00 p.m., Bible Study.

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he could start all over. The life's too tough with living in shanties, eating every sloppy Joe's cooking, listening to the yell of the weekend drunks in the camp and sitting up with the poker players who lived only to get a pay day and stake their money again. "I like horses, that's why I drove 'em so long," he says but he doesn't like them well enough to repeat his years in the woods, if he could.

He went to work with his father, John King, on Ivy Creek, who has driven 23 years himself. Previous to that as a boy he had heard talk of the log woods, had heard the story of how his grandfather, Henry King, of Big Brushy Creek, had been killed when a log, dragged by oxen, had rolled and crushed him to death. Rush had played around sawmills, driven a team as a boy when his elders let him. "I've always liked horses," he repeated several times.

While learning to drive horses on Ivy he had to do a bit of "swamp-logging." That's woods lingo for road cutting for a teamster. But he didn't "swamp" long. He took the reins of old Jack and George, two giant mules, drove them several months. When the Ivy job was done he followed to Buffalo Creek, Pike county, drove two big horses, Nig and Coley.

After that he recites the names of every place he worked, how long he stayed, for whom he worked, the names of the horses he drove. He left Buffalo Creek, went to Millers Creek, near Nolan, on Tug River, hauled the biggest virgin poplar, with Frank and Charley, he ever saw. "Some of the trees sawed out 6,000 feet of lumber, the butt cuts as much as 1,600 feet. I've stood behind big poplar butt logs on Millers Creek and couldn't see the horses hooked to the other end."

He left the virgin timber territory on Millers Creek, picked up the reins of Dick and Sam on Twelve Pole Creek, in Wayne county, W. Va., for the Griffith Lumber Company. He worked 13 months, went to Pine Creek, near Omar, Logan county. Here it was old Nip and Tuck.

Leaving Nip and Tuck he began to cry "whoa and 'yea" to Fred and Charley on Pigeon Creek in Mingo county for the Moore Lumber Company. He stayed there 12 years. Moore transferred him to Island Creek in Logan, near the Devil Anse Hatfield residence. He drove Jim and Joe for a year or more. On Horsepen Creek he broke three "spans" to work, drove Scott and Sam for a year, went to workman's Branch, near Madison in Boone county. He was within two miles of town and he and the other loggers walked in every night or so. "On that job," he is careful to point out, "it was Jim and Kit." The job was "worked out" in eight months.

King says that in all of his many years in the "log woods" since he left Buffalo Creek he has lived in the typical logger's shanty with two exceptions when he boarded in private homes. "Most of the time the food was good but several times it wasn't," he says.

"Driving a team in the mountains is an art," King says. "It takes patience and a lot of it. It's a hard job, too." He got tired for a short "spell" of punching horses and tried other jobs for a change. He became a "grab-driver" and then a swamper. Soon however he was back to driving on New River, near Anstead. He was still at work for Moore. Leaving Scott and Colonel here, he went to Johnstown on Big Coal River, drove Duke and Dan, then to the West Fork of Coal River, drove Frank and Charley four years.

On Coal River he found the roughest mountain sides he had ever encountered. Some places were so rough the horses could "dig their toes in" and men, called "ball hooters" ran the logs down to flats where they piled up. This stopping place for the "ball hooter" logs was called the "grab hole." It took an hour or more to drive from the bottom to the "grab hole." It was here on Coal River that he saw great virgin trees burst and destroyed by wasteful and inefficient cutting. Then too the waste was increased by the giant logs bursting

to splinters as they were "ball hooter" toward the "grab hole."

The Coal River camp was noted for its fighting, bootlegging and gambling. That was ten years ago. There was plenty of white and red whiskey, the white powerful enough "to blow your head off." Bootleggers were all around the camp. On week-ends men got their pay envelopes, loaded up with a big whiskey supply, played poker. "I've seen plenty of married men with families lose their whole pay-days in no time," he says.

King, who is now working on Coal Mountain, at Huff Creek in Wyoming county, W. Va., and driving Scott and Sam, reminisces of the job he worked at on the head of Island Creek. Loggers went to town on week-ends and mixed freely with the miners at the whiskey dispensaries. The loggers bought liquid refreshments in a different fashion than the miners. A miner would buy a pint, a logger would get a case. Also he'd take several cases of beer. The crew would start drinking, often ended the drinking bout with a grand finale with the miners. But a miner can't fight a logger. He's too stiff in the back. One time the miners themselves fought without outside interference and two were killed. Back then, at the beginning of World War II, that was a rough place, he affirms.

A logger doesn't dread cold weather so much although King may involuntarily shiver when he tells of working when it was several degrees below zero near Chattahoochee, W. Va. You could blow your breath, it would freeze on your lips and coat lapels. The horses snorted out columns of steamy breath, men's feet were frost-bitten. In the summer loggers dread the rattlers, especially in West Virginia. There was one hollow in Boone county where they killed 52. He wasn't bitten, but his horse was—on the end of the nose.

King, a confirmed bachelor, looks back with a little nostalgia to the old logging days of over a quarter of a century ago. Now "Cats" (caterpillar tractors) drag up the hollow and "snake" out a trail of logs. Bulldozers are replacing the old-time swampers. Chain saws are making the cross-cut obsolete.

"Well, anyway, there are places bulldozers and Cats can't go," he says. "But a good horse can."

EASTERN

Dale Caudill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dexter Caudill, who is now stationed in Panama City, Florida with the Navy, was home over the Christmas holiday. His girl friend, Miss Dranna Sue Stephens, was Christmas dinner guest of Dale and his family.

Home over the Christmas holidays visiting Mr. and Mrs. Mont Combs were Mr. and Mrs. Carson Hopkins, Plymouth, Mich., Norman Combs, Lawrence Combs, of Ypsilanti, Mich., Mr. and Mrs. Russell Combs, and Sheila, of Paintsville, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Hopkins, of Lackey, Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Combs and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Combs and daughters, all of Topmost.

Miss Yvonne Hopkins, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Hopkins and Mrs. Mont Combs visited with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Hopkins, also Capt. and Mrs. D. B. Hopkins, Sunday.

Miss Marcella Patrick was the Christmas dinner guest of Norman Combs.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Warrens and Marie were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Stone, of Dema.

HINES ENTERTAINS

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Hines entertained at their home on First Avenue with a Christmas dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Hines, who have been living in Huntington where Mr. Hines is connected with the Bradshaw-Diehl Company, received Mr. and Mrs. Bee Daniels, Mr. and Mrs. James W. Hazellett and daughter, Pam, Mr. and Mrs. Clay Daniels, of Waverly, O., and son, Scott, and Clyde DeRossett as dinner guests.

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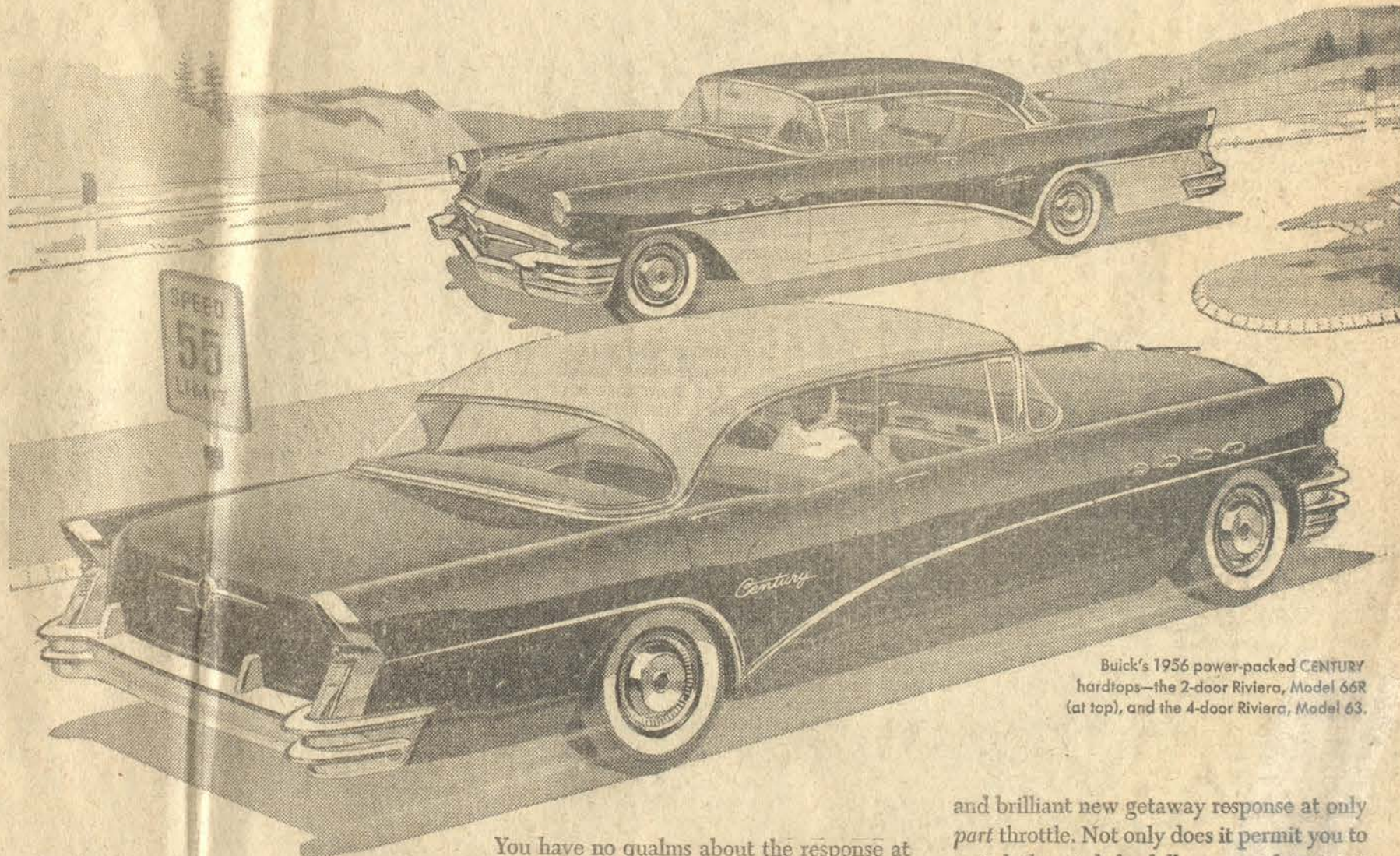
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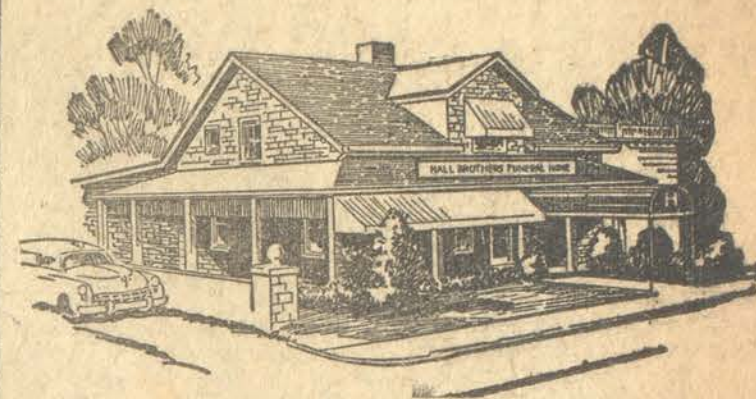
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and William Ratliff. Assisting in the final legal effort were David James, Robert Clay, Martin Leslie, William McGuire and others. A petition was circulated to be presented to the Governor for clemency, and young William James, the condemned man's son, who was in his teens, was the most indefatigable worker in securing signatures.

There is an inference, from certain records and the reconciliation of traditional accounts, that two trips were made to the state capital in an appeal for clemency. Henry C. Harris says in one place that "if he ever did his duty he did it in that celebrated trial—and after Abner James was convicted to be hung he went to Frankfort for him and presented to the Governor in company with J. P. Martin a petition. He performed this trip in the dead of winter and traveled 156 miles." In another place Harris states a petition was gotten up and he, with J. P. Martin and William McCoy, went to Frankfort and were gone "three or four weeks." In both statements the expenses attendant upon the trip or trips are given in varying sums. A more plausible conclusion is that Harris and Martin had gone to Frankfort and William McCoy followed later with the completed petitions, now signed by a great number of people.

Again we quote W. R. McCoy, the Inez attorney and grandson of Billy McCoy: "At that time the only method of travel was either walking or riding horseback between Big Sandy and Lexington, so William McCoy got on his horse and rode . . . to Lexington. He placed his horse in a livery barn there and took the stagecoach to Frankfort. He was detained there several days."

We would rather that Mrs. McCoy relate the story, for, with the exception of Mrs. Smith, she is the only living person who had directly from her father his experience at Frankfort. "He was in Frankfort six days and each day would go to see Governor William Owsley and plead with him to grant a pardon. The Governor kept putting him off and told him that he would give him a pardon in time to save James from the noose. Finally, on the last day, father went to the Governor and told him that he did not believe he would have time to ride back to Louisa in time to save his brother-in-law. Governor Owsley said, "Now, McCoy, I'm ready for you. I have gone over all of the evidence and studied the facts and I believe Abner James was justified in doing what he did." The Governor took a silk handkerchief and tied the pardon around my father's waist."

Where Harris and Martin were while McCoy was pleading with Governor Owsley we do not know but it is fairly certain they were not in Frankfort, for no where does Harris claim to have secured the pardon although he did present the petition. We infer that Harris and Martin submitted the application for a pardon and with it the petition, returned to Prestonsburg, left McCoy at Frankfort while Governor Owsley reviewed the evidence and made up his mind.

Mrs. McCoy tells about a conversation her father and the Governor had, and we learn that Owsley was interested in the return journey of this mountaineer to his native section. McCoy said that he might get back alive to Louisa and then again he might not. He told Owsley the Pruitts were certain to waylay him along the road, for everyone up Big Sandy knew he was at Frankfort seeking a pardon. "Isn't there any way except the road you came?" Governor Owsley asked. "There is," McCoy said, "but it is a pure wilderness."

"Do you know the way?" Mrs. McCoy said the Governor inquired. "Father answered that he did and was advised to go that way and not take the same route he had come."

Billy McCoy caught a late afternoon stagecoach to Lexington, took his horse from the tavern hostler, mounted and rode like a madman toward the hills. Late in the night he stopped to feed his horse and while the animal ate he held the bridle with one hand and ate food he had brought with the other. This done, he mounted again, rode through the night until day broke over the hills. He was in the mountains now, feeling his way up the Licking valley, along mere trails. Under him his horse staggered and died but he bought another. He stopped at a farm house for breakfast. Two more horses died in the break-neck ride to Louisa that day and he was riding the fourth when he approached Louisa late at night. He had ridden up Licking river and crossed the dividing watershed of that stream and the Big Sandy above the Lawrence county seat. No Pruitts had been hidden in "the pure wilderness." They, out-foxed by

McCoy, were hiding in the brush below Louisa and along the main road toward Lexington.

We would like to believe the traditional account of the last-minute dash by McCoy through a mountain crowd early in the morning while Abner James rode upon his coffin in a wagon pulled by oxen toward the scaffold outside Louisa.

We would like for the story to end with the embellishment of how Abner James stood upon his coffin and moved his arms up and down like the wings of a cock and crowd, as was the frontier custom of victors in a fight. We are assured, by some, that James exhibited his elation by this surviving relic of ancient mores and said, belligerently: "The jury said I'd hang, the Governor says I won't."

Mrs. McCoy punctures this romantic and picturesque legendary account. She says her father arrived back in Louisa late at night, found the town bursting with sightseers. A boat load had arrived from Prestonsburg and one of the curious passengers was Joseph Harris, father of Hiram Harris, the Prestonsburg banker and businessman. Joseph related often the story to his son Hiram and vouched for the arm-flapping and cock-crowling exhibition.

Two women standing in the street near the Louisa jail when Billy McCoy rode in were Sarah James McCoy, wife of Billy and sister to Abner, and Margaret James, Abner's wife. Sarah McCoy recognized her husband in the darkness and asked, "What news?" "Good," said Billy McCoy. It may be that Abner James did revert to the ancient custom of old Augusta when he was released by flapping his arms in victory and crowing like a cock.

He was a wealthy man when he killed Bill Pruitt, but the trial and the effort expended to save his life depleted his land holdings. He moved restlessly from place to place, married again after Margaret died. His second wife, Elizabeth McVeigh, may have been Scotch, too, but she wasn't like her predecessor, for Abner divorced her for infidelity before they had any children. She died and he married again to Milley Young, Jan. 24, 1856. They were living together when the Civil War came on and he joined the Confederate army, but his son William entered the Union forces. Abner was too old for active duty, trailed with the Rebel forces down South as they retreated under the inexorable Yankee pressure. His martial duties, chiefly clerical, for he was a good penman, ended somewhere in Georgia when the war closed. His son William was stationed in the Big Sandy, chiefly at Louisa, guarding a section against Rebels like his father. William had married Dicey Ann Fraley, whom he had met while securing signatures on the petition to Governor Owsley. They had several children when he entered the Union army. He came home to Johns Creek, Confederates ambushed him, shot a bone out of his leg. He escaped back to Louisa but the camp was prostrated with smallpox and typhoid. The debilitating effects of the wound and typhoid killed him. He was buried at Louisa but was later moved to a national cemetery, down-state.

Abner came back to Kentucky with the foot-sore, ragged Confederate veterans. When he was 90 he found himself again without a wife and in casting about found Martha Rife who was perhaps more than two score years younger. By now, he must have become, as Mrs. Honaker says, "as bald-headed as he could be." He and Martha had a son whom he named Daniel after a brother who had gone west. Old now and enfeebled, the Irish firey dying out, he allowed his land to vanish with alienation and neglect. He ended life, at about the age of 91, owning little more than the six feet of earth needed to bury him on

Shopes Creek in Boyd county. Daniel was one-year-old when his father died, grew to manhood with his mother's maiden name. Everybody called him Little Dan Rife.

Tradition is strong that Jesse James and the Big Sandy Jameses were relatives. The story is so widely believed that two of Abner's great-grandsons were named Frank and Jesse James and bear the outlaws' names today. Mrs. McCoy, who knew Frank James, says that the grandfather of Jesse and Frank was a minister and that he was a brother to Samuel, the Johns Creek settler. This would have made Abner James and the father of Jesse and Frank first cousins, which after all is a dubious honor in consanguinity.

Whether or not Abner James and the two outlaws were cousins is unsure, the family genealogists say. But one piece of evidence, pointed to by Mrs. McCoy and Mrs. Honaker, is that Frank James stayed with Billy McCoy at the mouth of Brushy Creek and nursed a hip wounded by a lawman's gun. He had the alias, John Pierce James, and walked, limping, with a cane. No one in the household could place a John Pierce James in the family tree, and the explanations of Billy McCoy to his children must have been a little vague. Suddenly one day Miranda's brother Andy blurted out that John Pierce James was none other than Frank James, who had helped rob the Huntington (W. Va.) bank. Billy McCoy answered his son with a burst of anger, told Andy to "hold his tongue." He said there was a big reward out for Frank and he didn't want to see it collected by anything said in his family.

Frank, or John Pierce James, having been around for a week or longer, decided one Sunday he wanted a drink of mountain whiskey. He asked Miranda where he might find some of the illegal corn he knew was distilled in the countryside. She directed him to the house of "Aunt" Susan Preece who lived at the foot of the Dug Point, told him to tell Aunt Susan that she had sent him. Frank went down to Mrs. Preece's home and was again directed to a brother who had some whiskey in a cornfield. Frank James went out in the field, stayed too long and imbibed too freely. Coming back to the road, he found a group of boys sitting on a big rock. He climbed drunkenly upon the stone, and began to make a speech. He said he was Frank James, told them he was hiding from the law. The boys laughed. They'd heard drunk men brag before.

Suddenly realizing the hazardous import of his speech, James became silent, descended the rock, vanished in the cornfield. He was not seen at the McCoy home again. Years later, Billy McCoy told his people that John Pierce James was really Frank James, the outlaw.

Suddenly Mrs. McCoy, who is interviewed last, becomes silent, looks out the window. You know that in her mind's eye she is drifting back over the 169 years of the family history with which she is familiar because a fortunate projection of her and her aged relatives' recollections preserved them to the present day. The recollections of her people began with Samuel James who was born a year before the Revolution opened. The great western migration, the colonization of the Appalachians, the Civil War, a wild, crude raw frontier society in which men lived, fought and killed, the slow ascent to the present-day security and order, are chapters and incidents of those recollections.

They are the group remembrances of her sept and clan, of course, but to her they are personal and real and you know that when she looks out the window the whole phantasmagoria passes in review.

Dairy cow owners in Todd county have organized an artificial breeding association.

Lon Frank Goble, 66, Dies Christmas Day at Auxier; Was World War I Veteran

Lon Frank Goble, 66, of Auxier, died at home Christmas Day at 3:55 p.m. The cause of death was not given, but it was said he had been ill a year.

A son of Dr. John G. Goble and Arminta Brown Goble, he was born in Texarkana, Texas. He was a veteran of World War I and had taught school most of his life. He was a member of the Freewill Baptist church.

Mr. Goble is survived by his wife, Mrs. Vada McKinney Goble, and the following sons and daughters: Reubin Goble, Franklin Goble and Mrs. Virginia Pay Music, all of Auxier, Thomas Goble, James Goble and Mrs. Eula May Allen, all of Fort Wayne, Ind. A brother and two sisters survive: John L. Goble, of Lancer, Mrs. Fanny Spears, of Van Lear, and Miss Eva Goble, Columbus, O.

Funeral rites were conducted Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the Freewill Baptist church at Auxier, Rev. S. C. Honeycutt officiating. Burial was made in the Auxier Relocation cemetery under the direction of Carter and Callihan Funeral Home.

NOTICE

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Virgil Combs

12-15-35.

TIMES WANT ADS PAY!

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Only well authenticated case of rabid foxes in this county occurred October 21 when Richard Stone of Blue River was bitten by a fox. Examination of the head at the state laboratory determined that the animal was rabid.

A child of Jim Layne's here was bitten by a dog last week and was given anti-rabies treatment at the local health department. The animal was killed too early to make positive diagnosis of rabies so its head was not sent for examination.

Becomes Ill Christmas Day
Claude P. Stephens, who was stricken ill Christmas Day, was taken Monday to Central Baptist hospital, Lexington, for observation.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our deepest appreciation to those who did so much for us during the illness and upon the passing of our dear husband and father, Charles Lynch, and for every courtesy extended to us through flowers and personal services. Especially we are thankful to the minister Paul Dorsey, for his consoling words, and Hall Brothers Funeral Home for their kind and efficient service and for the use of their beautiful chapel and Hammond organ.

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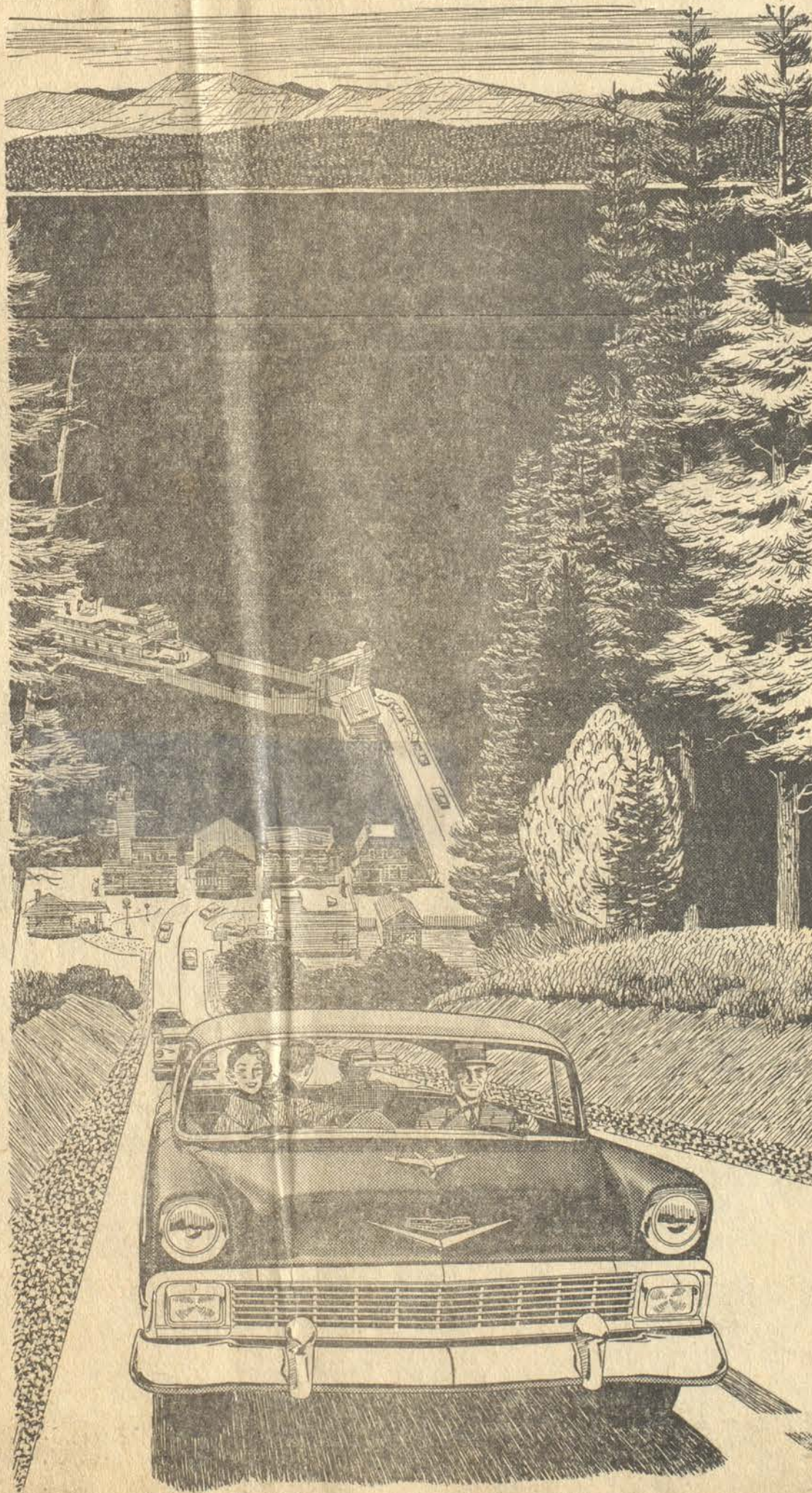
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Floyd County Court

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JUST BOYS

One thing that keeps me from growing a flowing, white beard and taking to a cane are the canoodlings and maneuverings of two youngsters I know pretty well. Last summer they were so busy being archeologists that our back porch looked like seventy miles out in Death Valley, only the cow didn't have any horns. Then there were mysterious notes set adrift in bottles, buried "treasure", and so on.

This winter the weather doesn't cramp their style. They don't roam afield as far as they did, but their inventiveness keeps them busy. Just now the two of them are budding Thurston. They have all the props, all the ingredients for a "magic show", and every so often decide they're so good that the world ought to be let in on it. So at first they turned to a toy printing outfit and dashed off (we speak unadvisedly) some handbills. Drew a fair crowd at a penny a head. Then they started on a newspaper, but the reporter's legs gave out on him, he had to dash downstairs and back up again so often to ask somebody how a word was spelled.

So when they decided on another show this week they decided the press was too slow. They trotted out a toy loudspeaker and decided to go into competition with a certain movie house manager here who trots the town in an automobile, armed with a public address system. Out came their own car, a rather decrepit red wagon, and in went the smaller of the two. Then while the larger hauled him up and down the street, this potential sideshow barker belted and raved all about the magic show that was coming up at their house in the next 15 minutes—only a penny, ladies and gentlemen.

All this could have ended on a happier note, however. Once the "crowd" had gathered, the swamis weren't able to command and hold their attention. The audience made so much noise they couldn't announce the next act; moreover, couldn't get them to watch the one going on at the time.

But they got even. They stumped off in high dudgeon, and when the customers demanded their money back they refused to hear them.

If these two get into the chemistry business, there's a distinct possibility nobody around will ever be plagued with old age. They'll turn out a batch of explosives that will blow the whole kit and caboodle of us a couple of counties away.

In the first 10 months of 1955, individuals put away \$638 million more in Series E and H Bonds than they drew out in redemptions.

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Bill Ousley, 77, of Dock, Succumbs Last Thursday; Burial Made on Spurlock

Bill Ousley, 77, of Dock, died at home at 9:50 p.m. Thursday of last week. He was a victim of a stroke he suffered six years ago. Mr. Ousley was a merchant and farmer.

A son of the late Ned Ousley, he was married to Mrs. Nancy Ousley who preceded him in death Oct. 5. The following sons and daughters survive: Rev. John Ousley, and Charles Ousley, both of Martin, Henry Ousley, of Risner, George and Ellis Ousley, both of Dock, James Ousley, of West Prestonsburg, Mrs. Myrtle Kendrick, of Mt. Sterling, and Mrs. Gracy Haywood, of Dock. Two brothers surviving are Henry and George Ousley, both of Risner.

Funeral rites were conducted at 10 a.m. last Saturday at the Spurlock Creek church, the Revs. M. C. Wright, Melvin Allen and Hershel Huff officiating. Burial was made in the family cemetery at Dock under the direction of the Hall Bros. Funeral Home.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our deepest appreciation to those who did so much for us during the illness and upon the passing of our dear father and husband, Joe Wallace, and for every courtesy extended to us through flowers and personal services. Especially we are thankful to the ministers, Earl Howard, Sherman Crum, M. C. Wright, and Marion Chaffins, for their consoling words, and Hall Brothers Funeral Home for their kind and efficient service.

The Family
Faithfully yours,
Henry Stephens

ENTERS HOSPITAL

V. A. Smiley entered Central Baptist hospital, Lexington, Wednesday, to undergo surgery. His condition, at the present, is unimproved.

To the Public:

Since I made my unpleasant, hasty retreat from Martin on Saturday, December 3rd, 1955 about the hour of one o'clock p.m., I have greatly been encouraged by a number of business people of Martin, the Beavers and Prestonsburg and Floyd county in general to organize another bank to be known as the American Guaranty Bank or The First National Bank, with a capital of \$100,000.00 or more to be located at Martin, Kentucky.

I will proceed within the next few days to contact as many people as possible and will solicit their subscription for stock in the new bank. I already have the promise of approximately \$75,000.00 in subscription—in fact, two subscribers in Prestonsburg for \$35,000.00. I want to say to those who have encouraged me in this effort that it gives me great pleasure and a feeling of good cheer that people of this county have faith in my honesty and integrity.

I have always made money for others in any undertaking I have made, and I promise you that I will never let you down. While I was in charge of The First National Bank of Prestonsburg, Kentucky, I aided and assisted a great number of people who have since become quite wealthy and they are among my best friends, however, discounting a few who never appreciate anything. These, of course, are little men. The wealthiest people in the world are those who make friends and hold them. I will be calling upon the people whom I have recently contacted and others who may desire to participate in this new organization.

Faithfully yours,
Henry Stephens

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By ROGER W. BABSON

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Adrian Collins, Collector

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Irene Johnson, 21, both of Weeks-bury, Glenn Tackett, 23, McDowell, and Ivelene Howell, 16, East McDowell, Fred Stone, 18, and Annabelle Allen, 20; married here Dec. 24, the Rev. Forester Prater officiating. Clifford Branham, 20, Dwale, and Dona Shimp, 18, Prestonsburg; Robert Emmett McCormick, III, 26, Washington, D. C., and Joyce Yvonne Stumbo, 19, Prestonsburg; George Everidge, 29, Hindman, and Edna Carl Conley, 29, Garrett. Bob-by Ray Music and Janice Little.

CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE

On New Year's Eve from 9:00 to 10:00 p.m., there will be a Candlelight communion service at The First Methodist Church. Those desiring to receive Holy Communion may come kneel and receive the Communion and a blessing and re-ceive. The pastor, the Rev. Harold W. Dorsey, announced this week that he will direct the service and that people from all churches are invited to the Lord's Supper.

1. If no unforeseen event happens, President Eisenhower will be re-nominated and re-elected in 1956.

2. The Republican party has an excellent chance of winning in 1956 with President Eisenhower making a few key speeches and promising to be an active part of the Administration. He is trained to take responsibility and enjoys it; but the President should be relieved of speech making, entertaining, and much of the detail work which goes with being President.

3. Competition will be very severe in 1956, and with few exceptions will cause business profits to be less in 1956 than in 1955. Too many manufacturers, not satisfied with their present good business, are starting to make other products and undercut standard prices.

4. Higher wages may also be expected in 1956, and these could reduce profits. These higher wages, however, will largely be spent and should increase retail sales.

5. Increased advertising appropriations will be seen in 1956. In fact, advertising appropriations for newspapers, magazines, television radio, and billboards have helped our prosperity, or it would not have lasted through 1955.

6. The recent policy of the money managers in the direction of "squeeze" will be shifted to "ease" sometime in 1956. This reversal could put a floor under any business decline that may start next year.

7. Liberal credits to the purchasers of house, automobiles, washing machines, televisions, and various other things have bolstered prosperity and will continue to be a strong support to many industries, through 1956 at least.

8. If the Republicans are re-elected in 1956, great sums will continue to be spent on research and new plant expansion. The effect could well be another "turn up" in the Babsonchart Index of Business.

9. Despite the decline in family formations, the baby boom will roll merrily on through 1956. The reason: More parents are willing to have four, five, and even more youngsters. The result: A tremendous sustained demand for all kinds of necessities—housing, food, clothing, new schools, etc.

10. All told, I look for 1956 to be

the second best business year in history—just a shade off from 1955. Predicted declines in the key auto and residential building industries will largely be offset by rising expenditures for roads, sewers, and schools—and by increased demand for electricity, natural gas, and foods.

REAL ESTATE

11. The main handicap to retail business in 1956 will be intensification of the parking nuisance, but this is getting so terrible that a revolutionary solution may be in sight. Shopping centers are a partial remedy and will help suburban property. But only 15 per cent of the people will live in the suburbs in 1956.

12. Cities will condemn old buildings and provide thousands of parking lots in 1956. As this is done, city property will again come back. Until then we see no price improvement during 1956 in city business property.

13. Building costs will average higher through at least the first half of 1956. This means that fewer new homes may be built next year.

14. With demand falling and money more expensive, speculative builders of new homes will have to watch their step more closely in 1956 than in any year since the ending of World War II.

15. Duplex dwellings will probably continue in demand through the whole of 1956 if they are well located. The limiting of rents will probably be totally abolished during 1956.

16. With the trend of vacancies showing a tendency to rise, owners of the newer and more costly apartment buildings will find their profit margins squeezed harder in 1956 than at any time in recent years.

17. Commercial farms need not suffer during 1956. Increased efficiency and new machinery should offset price declines.

18. Owners of small scattered farms will suffer during 1956. They have not the volume of capital to cut their costs to offset the reduced prices for their crops.

19. Farmers within ten or fifteen miles of a city can "beat the game" by selling out at the increased prices which their land will bring for subdivisions. Many more well-located close-in farms will become subdivisions during 1956.

20. Taken all in all, the real estate situation should average only moderately below the good level of 1955. However, activity promises to be less and those who have been holding real estate for speculative profits might do well to consider selling.

INTERNATIONAL OUTLOOK AND POLITICS

21. Russia will keep out of war with us during 1956.

22. There will be one or more small wars during 1956. Both sides in the conflicts will try to secure help in the form of munitions from both Russia and the United States, but none of these will develop into serious conflicts.

23. The "cold war" now existing between Russia and the United States will continue through 1956.

24. The hydrogen bomb and the guided missile will be the greatest international factors for diplomatic trading during 1956. This trading will hold down the price of big-city property.

25. The Republicans will turn slightly "New Dealish" during 1956 and this will bring on a lively and heated Presidential campaign.

26. Democrats are uncertain as to what their policy will be in 1956. Stevenson is a liberal; but more conservative than many Democrats. Kefauver appeals to the masses, while Harriman leans to the left. However, some "dark horse" may run off with the Democratic nomination.

27. Some taxes will be reduced during 1956. These cuts will try to favor all voters slightly; but the largest benefits will go to low-income groups.

28. The farm problem—concerning higher price parities—will be the center of most political fights.

29. The cost of living will increase only slightly during 1956. We, however, must not forget what weather can do to production, prices, and even to the stock market.

30. All the above means that there is now in sight no reason for further inflation during 1956. Certainly, I look for no runaway price climb.

COMMODITIES OUTLOOK FOR 1956

31. I am not a crop expert, but my associates' forecast for 1956, is as follows: (1) Further acreage reductions that will be largely offset by soaring yields resulting from intensified cultivation; (2) expanded farm subsidies that will mildly bolster crop prices and farm income compared with the 1955 averages.

32. Although wheat and corn prices depend upon both shifting weather and foreign conditions, for 1956 I forecast moderately higher

prices for the major grains, based on increased subsidies to be voted by Congress.

33. Industrial prices will enter the new year on a high plateau and should be well maintained to possibly firmer during the forepart of 1956. Later, as business falters, look for selective easing in this group.

34. Steel in 1956 will average higher in price than for all this year. Do not look for any price cut in this key metal, even if business slackens.

35. Nonferrous metals in 1956 should move with the Babsonchart Index. High prices in early weeks may be followed by selective weakness. Zinc and lead may be the first to give a tip-off on the coming downturn, but copper eventually is riding for the greatest fall.

36. Processed and frozen foods should advance only slightly in price as increased labor costs are offset by new machinery and competition intensifies. Early firmness in textiles should be followed by some late-year weakness.

37. There will probably be more leisure time during 1956. This should help the entertainment group, including sports, travel,—and possibly the petroleum industry.

38. During 1956 I hope that school teachers will be paid more money. But, in order not to have increased municipal taxes, school committees must develop some method of either improving the efficiency of the schools, or reducing the time necessary for completing studies.

39. More people will continue during 1956 to return to the help of religion. However, statistics on church membership unfortunately cannot be entirely depended upon.

40. Interest rates will start the year at high levels, but later I look for some easing to help the building industry. The present Administration will not allow high money costs to bring about unemployment.

41. Seasoned dividend-paying stocks will do better in 1956 than the speculative issues. Stocks will follow individual prospects more closely, rather than the curve of business entirely.

42. There will be one or two bad breaks during 1956. Railroad stocks will move lower. Biggest declines are likely in auto and residential-building-materials stocks. Utilities will hold up best.

43. I am not making any extensive recommendations, but prefer to select smaller, well-seasoned, undervalued situations for security and good long-range prospects. Those in which I have great confidence are the top-ten group of variety chain-store stocks.

44. If the rallies continue to be less impressive than the declines in the stock market, I feel that the money managers will reduce stock margins before long.

45. Bank, Insurance Company, and certain Investment Trust stocks should continue to be a refuge for the uncertain investor and for those who seek security and income without reference to prices or market-ability.

46. Aircraft stocks in 1956 may suffer from increased government renegotiation. This will be a serious threat if the Democrats win next autumn.

47. Soundly financed natural gas stocks should continue to enjoy good growth during the year ahead.

48. We will hear much more about new industry and new inventions during 1956. Many very impor-

tant developments are on drawing boards and in test tubes.

49. Canadian stocks have reached their peaks for this cycle. This includes the uranium craze. On the other hand, the time is coming when the greatest stock market profits will be in connection with Canadian stocks.

Economic education will continue more and more a factor throughout 1956. The advertising which the New York Stock Exchange is now subsidizing will continue. This will be followed by labor-union and educational programs. The growth of colleges and institutes of business administration will continue. I now see no depression ahead for 1956, but, of course, stock prices will not "grow to the skies" and there must be a sad readjustment some day. Investors are already beginning to switch from common to preferred stocks, and especially to non-taxable bonds.

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Audits of both officials' offices will be passed on by the court soon, probably at its next meeting.

All four magistrates voted their approval of the settlements, but Judge Stumbo voted against the settlement with the County Clerk, objecting to allowances made.

The only other business transacted at Tuesday's meeting was the employment of Amos Poe as assistant at the commodity relief office here at a salary of \$100 a month.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our deepest appreciation to those who did so much for us during the illness and upon the passing of our dear brother and husband, Willie Delong, and for every courtesy extended to us through flowers and personal services. Especially we are thankful to the ministers, Henry Crider and Isaac Stratton, for their consoling words, and Hall Brothers Funeral Home for their kind and efficient service.

Mrs. Willie Delong and his brothers.

The Bracken-County Barm Bureau chorus has been invited to sing at the Industrial Musical Festival at Purdue University in Indiana.

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FRIDAY—

"Dakota Lil"

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George Montgomery,
Rod Cameron

SATURDAY—

"Blackboard Jungle"

Glenn Ford, Ann Francis
"Trouble on the Trail"
Guy Madison, Andy Devine

SUNDAY—

"The Purple Plain"

(Technicolor)
Gregory Peck

WTCR Presents Program For Hospital Patients

Patients at the District 4 state TB hospital, Ashland, had a pleasant surprise at their annual Christmas party last Monday night. Twenty patients from Floyd county were among the 100 who enjoyed the event.

Arrangements were made through Gordon Anderson, general sales manager of WTCR, to furnish the entertainment which consisted of Jimmy Oakes from Town and Country Time, Denny Crisp, Edgar Crisp, Marvin Salyers, Allen Cornett and Ken Cook who are professionally known as the Stoney Mountain Boys, and Mel and Jennie Lou Harmon. Jimmy Oakes was master of ceremonies and provided an abundance of music, laughter and songs, which lasted an hour.

After the program refreshments were served to the patients. Highlighting the refreshments period Santa Claus made his appearance and assisted in passing out the many gifts that were so generously donated by many organizations and individuals from Boyd and Green-up counties.

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Funeral rites were conducted Wednesday from the Methodist Church at Auxier, the Rev. S. C. Honeycutt officiating. Burial in the family cemetery there was under direction of the Carter & Callihan Funeral Home.

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NOTICE

Bureta Stone, of Garrett, has filed an application with the Floyd County Court for a roadhouse license in the operation of a business to be known as Stone's Restaurant.
DuRoi Moore, Clerk.
Floyd County Court.

MARTIN THEATRE

"WHERE THE CROWDS GO"

FRIDAY—
"Illegal"
Edward G. Robinson, Nina Foch

"Frontier Town"
Tex Ritter, White Flash

SATURDAY—
"The Warriors"
CinemaScope-Color
Errol Flynn, Joanne Dru

"Cavalry Scout"
Rod Cameron, Audrey Long

"Song of Arizona"
Roy Rogers, Dale Evans

THREE BIG DAYS—
SUN.-MON.-TUES.—
"To Hell and Back"
CinemaScope-Technicolor
Audie Murphy, Jack Kelly
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"Gunfighters"

Randolph Scott, Audrey Totter

SATURDAY—

4 Big Shows "Saturday Night"—
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"Three Ring Circus"

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"City Across the River"

Stephen McNally, Sue England

"Girls in the Night"

Joyce Holden, Glen Roberts

SUN.-MON.—

"The McConnell Story"

CinemaScope-Color
June Allyson, Alan Ladd

"Frontier Town"

Tex Ritter, White Flash

TUES.-WED.—

"A Lawless Street"

Technicolor
Randolph Scott, Angela Lansbury

THURSDAY—

"From Here to Eternity"

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Montgomery Clift.

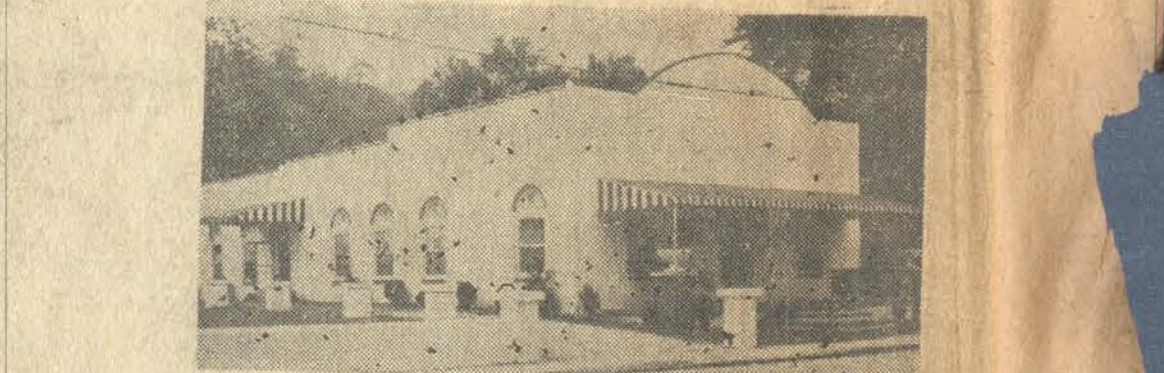
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