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Clothing firm eyeing Floyd home for new jobs

More than 250 new jobs may be coming to the Big Sandy area, pending results of a labor survey and application process.

Darrell Gilliam, executive director of the Floyd County Development Authority, said today, Wednesday, that a major manufacturer of clothing has indicated it will build a new plant in Floyd County if the area's labor force has enough qualified applicants.

"Most jobs will pay at least \$5.25 an hour, and the company will offer additional incentive pay," Gilliam said. The company also provides hospitalization and retirement benefits, he added.

Types of jobs that would be available include sewing machine operators, shipping and receiving, and office or clerical work, Gilliam said.

"The addition of 250 to 300 jobs would be a big benefit to our economy. The Big Sandy area's unemployment rate is averaging about 13 percent—and in some counties, it is almost 20 percent," added Floyd County Judge-Executive John M. Stumbo.

Labor survey and application forms will be available beginning today in Floyd, Pike, Johnson, Martin and Magoffin counties. Forms can be picked up at banks, Department for Employment Services offices, county judge's offices, city halls, participating businesses and grocery stores, the Big Sandy Community Action Agency, Christian Appalachian Project offices and at the Economic Development Cabinet office in Prestonsburg.

The forms will be initially used to determine whether there are enough workers to fill the company's employment needs. If an adequate labor supply exists, the forms will be used as actual applications for employment.

"We're combining the application and survey process to make it easier for people who are looking for work," Gilliam explained. "If this company locates here, people filling out these forms will be among the first to be considered for employment."

Application forms will be available today through Friday, July 15. They must be returned no later than July 31 to the Department for Employment Services, 588 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653.

Grant prospects looking favorable for May House

by Janice Shepherd
Managing Editor

Renovations to bring the May House back to its former glory could begin as early as this fall, predicts Robert Perry, president of the Friends of the May House.



May House

Perry said the renovations will be made possible if a grant through the Kentucky Heritage Council is approved. Perry and the preservation group expect to hear by July 12 if the matching \$20,000 grant is approved.

The funds will be used to begin the stabilization phase, Perry said, "to do improvements to the house to prevent further deterioration."

The May House, thought to be the oldest brick

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Greene among a dozen recipients of Jefferson Award

In a ceremony held recently at the United States Supreme Court in Washington, D.C., Daniel J. Greene of David was chosen as this year's national recipient for the Jefferson Award.

The Jefferson Award was founded in 1972 by Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, Senator Robert Taft, Jr., and Sam Beard to create an award similar to the Noble Prize or Pulitzer Prize for the United States to honor the highest ideals and achievements in the fields of public service.

Greene, director of David School, was one of five people in the country winning the category for Outstanding Public Service Benefiting Local Communities. Greene won the award "for creating the alternative David School that provides the children of disadvantaged families who

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Hale gets 30 years in Georgia

by Susan Allen
Staff Writer

Floyd County native Harry Hale was convicted in Cobb County, Georgia, on June 10, on three counts of forgery for using the credit card of a Swiss traveler who has been missing for two years.

Cobb County assistant district attorney Ken Israel said Friday that Hale was sentenced to 10 years on each count and he will serve the sentence consecutively, which equates to 30 years.

Israel said that Hale was convicted of using the credit card of Christoph R. Zahn, who was 21 when he was last seen in Atlanta on April 28, 1992. Hale was charged with seven counts of forgery, but Israel said that a Cobb County jury was only able to deliberate on three charges.

On May 31, Floyd County Sheriff Paul Hunt Thompson and deputy Homer Neeley flew to Georgia to testify in pre-trial hearings concerning a search of Hale's home at Garth in February 1993.

Israel said that Thompson's and

Neeley's testimony helped get evidence into the court that convicted Hale on the forgery charges.

The district attorney also credited the conviction to the cooperation of the police agencies involved in the case, which also included officers from the Cobb County Sheriff's Department and the Georgia Bureau of Investigation.

"We're very happy with the disposition of the case," Israel said. "I appreciate the help of Sheriff Thompson and deputy Neeley. A lot of times law enforcement

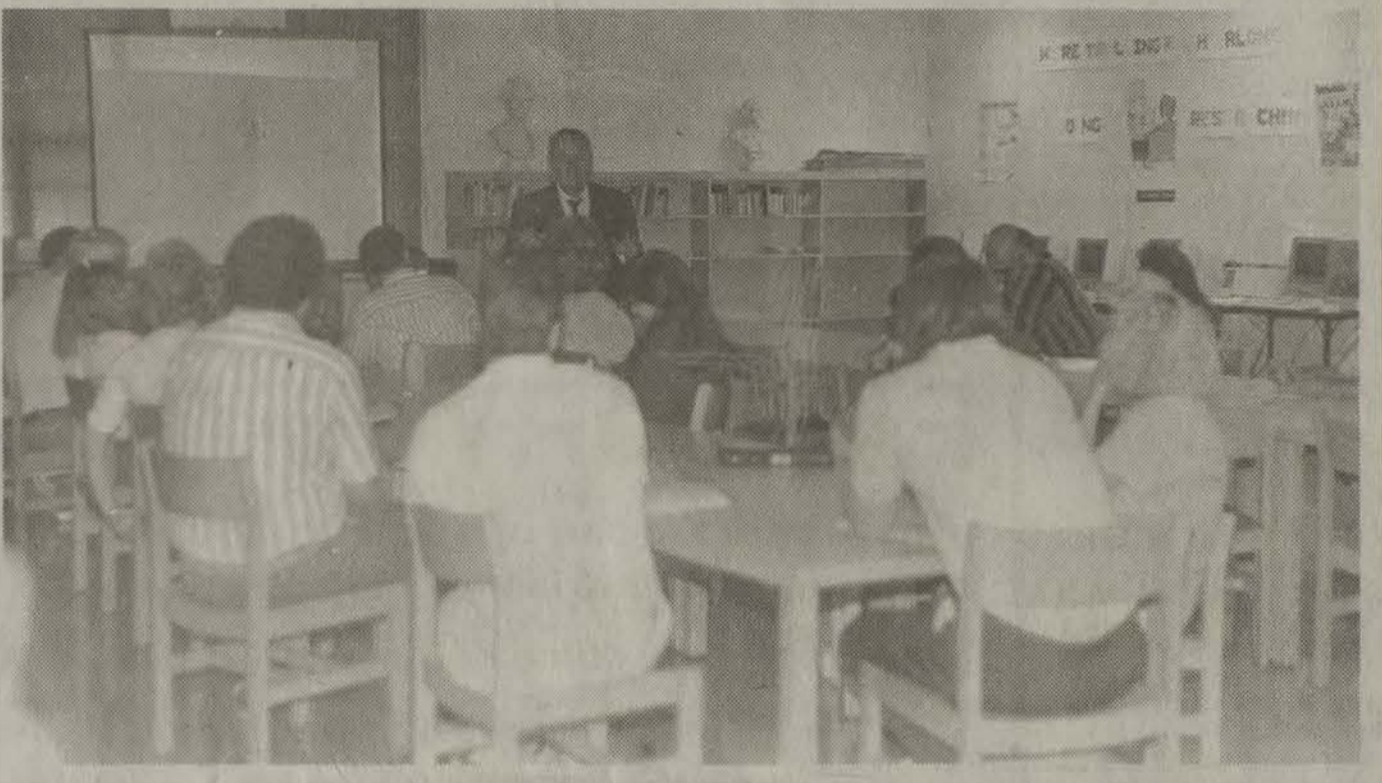
agencies have a jurisdiction feud of who will prosecute a case. We didn't have that here with all the different counties and states involved."

Hale did not take the stand in the trial and did not put up much of a defense, Israel said.

As for Zahn's disappearance, Israel said that, to his knowledge, no new leads have developed, but the investigation is continuing.

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Councils in training...



School council members take first steps
Newly-elected site-based council members attended training sessions at Duff Elementary last week and this week. John Duncan, standing, and Randy Wells, from the Kentucky Educational Development Corporation schooled members on the basic duties of school council members. Representatives from Floyd and Johnson counties attended the five-day session. (photo by Susan Allen)

Prestonsburg council to finalize new ordinances in special session

by Matt McCarty
Staff Writer

The Prestonsburg City Council held the first reading of several new ordinances at the regular meeting Monday evening and will hold a special meeting at noon Wednesday (today) to have the second reading on them.

Among the new ordinances ready to take effect are new personnel policies and procedures.

During the meeting, Robert Allen commented on several changes the administration and personnel committee made after having two lengthy discussions with city employees last week.

Allen said that the committee agreed to push sick time back to 480 hours a year from the proposed 240, but added that employees "can still only accrue one-half a day per month."

Allen also said that the way the handbook is written right now, emergency personnel would not be subject to thirty minute

unpaid lunches.

The city also had the first reading of ordinance number 7-94 which establishes new rates for fire subscriptions for property "within a reasonable distance of city limits."

The ordinance, which repeals section 1 of ordinance 13-86, says that the current subscription costs are insufficient in covering the cost of fighting a fire and the current cost is not (equitable) to all property owners.

Under this ordinance, the new rates for residential and business fires will be 35 cents per \$100 valuation, as assessed by the county property valuation administrator, per year.

All businesses that store volatile materials will be assessed at a different rate, the ordinance states.

The council also approved a motion by councilman Dick Clark to bring in the Department of Labor to determine how much the city owes each employee in back salaries.

In the proposed budget for the upcoming year, the council allotted \$29,025 for past overtime in the police department and \$44,304 for past overtime in the fire department.

Clark, however, commented that "we really don't know what the pay procedure was back then."

He then made the motion to bring in the Dept. of Labor "in order to provide those employees with the dollars they should receive. To make sure they get every penny they're entitled to" and to make sure the employees don't come up short and "the city has a clean bill of health."

In other action, the council:

- had the second reading of the budget for 1994-95;
 - went into executive session to discuss the city attorney. No action was reported; and
 - approved the appointment of Wonnell Godsey to the city's tree board.
- All council members were present.

Police nab thief after 13-hour manhunt

A Wytheville, Virginia, man was lodged in the Floyd County Jail after he allegedly burglarized a grocery store Sunday morning and then demanded that a Tram man drive him to Virginia.

Danny Lee Davis, 29, was arrested at Pikeville after a 13-hour manhunt by state police. Davis was reportedly found hiding in the floorboard of an uninvolved motorist's truck on U.S. 23 at Pikeville.

State police trooper David Watkins stopped the vehicle in which Davis was a passenger at the intersection of U.S. 23 and U.S. 199 at Buckley's Creek in Pike County. Davis was arrested without incident.

Davis allegedly broke into Slone's Grocery Store at Tram at approximately 3:10 a.m. Sunday and stole several weapons. After the burglary, Davis allegedly pointed a weapon at Eric Akers and Tim Campbell, both of Tram, and ordered Akers to drive him to Virginia.

Davis is charged with first degree burglary, first degree wanton endangerment and resisting arrest. He remains in jail and no bond was set during his arraignment Monday morning.

Some of the property taken from the grocery store has been recovered and the incident is under investigation by Detective D.J. Phipps of the Kentucky State Police.

Two are sentenced for radio tower bombing

Two Floyd County men have been sentenced to federal prison terms for blowing up a radio transmission tower at Arkansas Creek last year.

Timothy Wallen, 23, of Allen is to serve five months with two years of supervised probation; and George Hale Jr., 32, of Martin, was sentenced to 19 months with the additional two years of supervised release. Both men were sentenced by U.S. District Judge Joseph Hood in Pikeville federal court on June 17.

The two men pleaded guilty to a charge of conspiracy for destroying a Columbia Gas Transmission tower in March 1993.

Ricky Nelson Howard, 35, of Salyersville, was convicted of conspiracy in April in connection with the same incident.

Mine service company set to open shop on Daniels Creek

A Kentucky business is branching out to Floyd County.

AAA Mine Services, Inc. has opened a facility on Daniels Creek. The Floyd County plant will employ 40 people within the first two years of operation, according to company founder and president Ruben L. Blanset.

The business does repair work for coal and related companies. The services include machining, hydraulics, fabricating

(making pieces and parts to fit equipment), and other metal working services. The company also sells welding supplies.

AAA Mine Service, Inc. also has a plant in Hazard that employs 87 individuals. The company, which has been in business since 1978, provides competitive salaries with a complete benefits package.

Applications for jobs at the new facility are being accepted only through the Department for Employment Services.

Special meetings for board, commission

Special meetings of the Floyd County Board of Education and the Wheelwright City Commission have been called for Thursday, June 30.

Thursday's school board meeting is a traditional end-of-year clean-up meeting, but the board will be discussing a contract between the United Steel Workers union and the district's bus drivers and the board.

On two previous occasions, the board has rejected the union's proposed three-year contract and has asked that a two-year pact be considered.

The board will meet at 6 p.m. in the conference room at the central office in Prestonsburg.

Wheelwright commissioners will discuss the 1994-95 budget, which has to be passed by Thursday. City Clerk Mary Ann Johnson said that Thursday's meeting will include business which was supposed to have been discussed at the June 20 meeting. The June 20 meeting was canceled because no quorum of the commission was present.

The Wheelwright meeting will be held in the new municipal building and will



Basic training
Sgt. Todd Pack with the Kentucky National Guard distributed rations to students in Vacation Bible School at the Church of God of Prophecy in West Prestonsburg Tuesday. (photo by Janice Shepherd)



Delaney admitted to Colorado bar

Massachusetts native John Delaney was administered the oath of admission to practice law in the state of Colorado Monday by Floyd Circuit Judge John David Caudill. Delaney has been working as a public defender in Floyd County for over a year. (photo by Susan Allen)

Local ambulance company among those investigated

A state task force is investigating suspected Medicaid fraud involving patient transportation by area taxis and ambulances, including a family-owned Prestonsburg company with operations in several Eastern Kentucky counties.

Cabinet for Human Resources Secretary Maston Childers II said last week that The Medicaid Fraud Task Force has been investigating Medicaid billings from ambulance and taxi companies for more than a year.

Reportedly under investigation are members of the Joseph family from Prestonsburg, which owns six major ambulance companies in Floyd, Magoffin, Wolfe and Knott counties. The family also owns the second largest ambulance service in Johnson County.

The Josephs' companies took in \$2.85 million in Medicaid payments last year, more than 23 percent of all ambulance billings for Medicaid in the state.

Among Medicaid payments reportedly being investigated are billings for trips to local grocery stores and department stores, according to a published report in Lexington Herald-Leader.

Robbie Joseph, manager of River City Ambulance in Johnson County, said that the problem is that patients think they can get a ride any time they want. Joseph added that anytime someone calls for an ambulance, the company has to respond or be liable

Hale

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Zahn, who is from Bolligen, Switzerland, was reported missing on May 21, 1992. He was to begin a bus tour of the U.S. parks on May 9, 1992, but failed to confirm his reservation with a travel agency.

Zahn's Euro credit card was used 31 times from April 30 through May 11, 1992, in areas surrounding Atlanta, for motels, a gold chain, motorcycle tires, auto parts, liquor, men's cologne and clothing.

In February 1992, Sheriff Thompson and deputies, Cobb County sheriff's officials, an agent from the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and private investigators searched Hale's home at Garth and found two cameras, a camera bag and an Amish quilt, which were believed to have belonged to Zahn.

Prestonsburg City Police and a Kentucky FBI agent searched Hale's home on a separate occasion to see if they could find any evidence linking Hale to the death of a Carl D. Perkins Job Corps student.

The body of Walter Cropper, 21, was found October 3, 1992, in Adairsville, Georgia. Cropper was reported missing from the Prestonsburg center on September 20, 1992. He had been shot to death.

There are no new leads in the Cropper murder.

Greene

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have dropped out of public education, the opportunity to get an education."

David School was founded over 20 years ago to service disadvantaged students and offer alternative schooling to those who did not respond well to a traditional approach.

Over 40,000 applicants from across the nation were reviewed for this special honor. Greene was chosen to represent the tri-state area by WCHS-TV 8 of Charleston/Huntington, West Virginia.

Greene was one of twelve recipients of the award. Other honorees receiving the 1994 Jefferson Award were Senator and Majority Leader George Mitchell, actors and philanthropists Paul Newman and Joanne Woodward and former presidential press secretary James Brady and his wife Sarah Brady.

A nationally televised special will air immediately after Labor Day and will feature the David School.

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house in the Big Sandy Valley, was built in 1817. It was placed on the National Register of Historical Places on April 1, 1980.

At a meeting of the group Thursday, June 23, Perry announced that he and another member of the group, Mable Lineberger, had raised the \$10,000 funds locally to match the Heritage Council's \$10,000.

Contributions include \$5,000 from Burl Spurluck and the Industrial Development Corporation; \$1,000 from Music Carter Hughes; \$1,000 work in kind from Bill Gordon Francis; \$1,000 from Ben Hampton; \$500 from John Reed with Reed Engineering; \$900 from a Mr. Zoellner of Louisville and his daughter, Monica Henderson, one of the founders of the Friends of May House, pledged \$100.

The May family, E. B. and William H. May, donated \$1,400 work in kind. The May brothers plan to tear down an old porch on the house that was not part of the original house.

The Friends of May House are also planning to apply for an ISTE (Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act) grant from the state transportation department. The state is currently modifying the guidelines

for the ISTE grant, and Perry said the group will submit the grant application as soon as Frankfort provides the group with the new guidelines.

Perry is confident the ISTE grant will be approved. The grant is awarded to places that played a role in the history of transportation in the state.

"The house and its builder (Samuel May) are closely connected with the first highway here," Perry said. The highway, according to Perry, was the Mt. Sterling-Pound Gap Road.

"Samuel May, when he was a senator, fought to raise funds to build the road," Perry said.

Members of the Friends of the May House are seeking information about Samuel May and his brother Thomas, to whom the house was sold in 1842. Perry, who has written a book about the history of the May House and is currently writing a book about the May family history, is hoping to locate diaries that relate to the history of the house.

To contribute information, work or donations, write The Friends of May House at P.O. Box 1460, Prestonsburg, Kentucky.

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July 12, 1994
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City of Allen Sewer Project

Attention residents of Allen, New Allen and Dwale

The city of Allen is ready to begin sign-ups for the proposed sewer project. Listed below are the household income limits to qualify for a free tap-on and 50 feet of free service line. If your income is higher than those listed below, you will be required to pay \$500.00. This will include the tap-on and up to 50 feet of service line.

- 1 person household—yearly gross income must be below \$13,900
- 2 person household—yearly gross income must be below \$15,850
- 3 person household—yearly gross income must be below \$17,850
- 4 person household—yearly gross income must be below \$19,850
- 5 person household—yearly gross income must be below \$21,450
- 6 person household—yearly gross income must be below \$23,000
- 7 person household—yearly gross income must be below \$24,600
- 8 person household—yearly gross income must be below \$26,200

The city will hold a meeting at the city building in Allen on July 12, 1994 to obtain these sign-ups, and the project engineer will be available to answer questions. All residents are urged to attend this meeting so that you will completely understand the Allen sewer project. Please bring a copy of your deed to the meeting. Please contact Bill Parsons at 606-874-2953 if you have any questions.



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if something happened to the patient. Billings can also be made to Medicaid for taxi service to a medical appointment.

Childers said that he felt that manipulation of the system was more prevalent than fraud.

The Joseph family owns P & B Ambulance in Prestonsburg; Mountain Ambulance Service in Campton; Medical Transport in Knott County; and Campton Ambulance Service in Wolfe County.

Buck and Paul Joseph declined to comment, but Paul Joseph's attorney, Dick Plymale of Lexington, said that federal authorities subpoenaed documents from Mountain Ambulance in May 1993, but he has not been contacted since.

The task force is made up of offices of the U.S. attorney, the attorney general and the U.S. postal inspector.

Sheriff's deputies to take donations for D.A.R.E. trip

Floyd County sheriff's deputies will be out during the Fourth of July weekend to raise money for a trip out west for 40 local high school students and the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) program.

Deputies will be at intersections in Martin, Harold and Prestonsburg asking for donations for the trip and the D.A.R.E. program beginning Friday morning, July 1.

Students will leave on July 6 for the tour of the west, which will include stops at the Grand Canyon, the Great Salt Lake and the Hopi Indian Reservation. Students will camp in national parks during the tour.


Anyone wanting to make donations for the trip or the D.A.R.E. program can contact the sheriff's department at 886-6711 or 1-800-834-5430.

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Upfront Classifieds

Gas prices raise a nickel, AAA reports

Motorists planning to travel over the Fourth of July weekend will find gas prices higher now than they were Memorial Day, AAA Blue Grass/Kentucky reports.

AAA's most recent survey of 43 Lexington service stations showed the average price of self-serve regular unleaded to be \$1.088, up five cents from the Club's last survey, prior to Memorial Day. Prices in Lexington ranged from \$1.03 to \$1.12 a gallon.

Across Kentucky, the average is \$1.07 a gallon, while nationwide, AAA reports the average price is \$1.115. This Independence day holiday, 69 percent of the stations will be open and 35 percent plan 24-hour operation.

According to AAA, close to 35 million people will travel more than 100 miles from home this holiday weekend. Ninety percent of them will drive. The most popular July 4th destination is the ocean or beach, mentioned by 24 percent of those surveyed. The next most popular destination is a town or rural area.

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YARD SALES

YARD SALE: July 1-2. Rice Branch, Banner. Ninth house on the right fork. Baby clothes, toys, what nots, curtains, heaters, books, lots more.

TWO FAMILY GARAGE SALE: One day only, Saturday, July 2. Lancer Addition, 67 Greer Street. Housewares, toys, baby clothes and much more. 9 a.m. (no early birds, please).

YARD SALE: July 1 through July 8. Old U.S. 23 between Prestonsburg and Allen, one mile past Goble Roberts Bridge.

THREE FAMILY YARD SALE: Lots of everything. Homemade crafts. July 4, 9-4. Rain or shine. 3 1/2 miles on Abbott Road, Creekside Subdivision.

FIVE FAMILY INDOOR SALE: Friday-Saturday, July 1-2. Across from Langley Post Office. Rain or shine.

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Local student receives degree at commencement

A Floyd County student, Margaret Jane Bays, received a degree from Eastern Kentucky University at the end of ECU's spring semester.

More than 2,100 graduates and degree candidates were honored at the University's 87th spring commencement ceremony held Sunday, May 8, at Hanger Field. That number includes 864 December graduates who were invited to participate in the ceremony.

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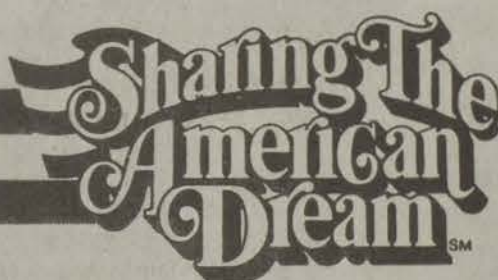
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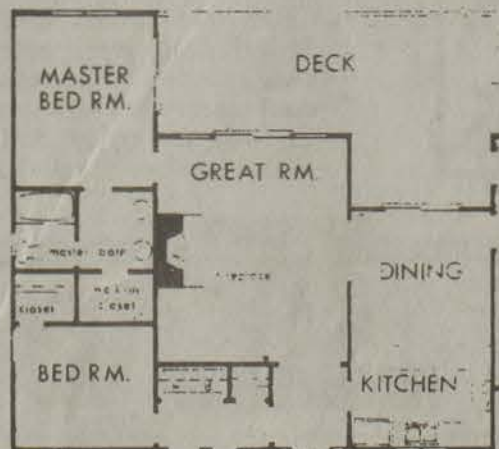
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ALLAN S. PERRY III—Publisher-Editor

Liberty of thought is the life of the soul—Voltaire

This one's history...

by Scott Perry

We proudly introduce you this week to the largest edition of The Floyd County Times, and our special annual "Portrait of Home."

This year's "Portrait" offers you 96 extra pages of reading and it's been a massive, mind-numbing undertaking for our staff and the other folks who have contributed to what we think is the undisputed king of special editions among newspapers, all newspapers, in this commonwealth.

We've taken a new twist on our editorial content this year, concentrating our efforts on people from all walks of life who, either publicly or privately,

help make Floyd County a special place to live, work and grow.

In addition to our "regular" news this week, we bring you twelve extra sections on subjects like children, sports, religion, government, education, business, health, economic development, people, coal, history and tourism.

We're deeply grateful to our sponsors who made the whole thing possible, and to our staff, who made it happen.

A special tip of the hat to our contributing writers, whose bylines you'll see throughout this special edition, for their perspectives in painting this year's "Portrait."

Anyway, this one's history. Let us know what you think.

EDITORIAL DEADLINES

WEDNESDAY EDITION:

Lifestyles, Business, all pictures 5 p.m. Friday
Obituaries, Calendar items 10 a.m. Tuesday
(Calendar items, reunions, meetings, special classes, will appear in the Wednesday and Friday editions only prior to the event.)

FRIDAY EDITION:

News copy, all pictures 5 p.m. Wednesday
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Note: News articles of events more than three months old will not be published. All copy will be edited for clarity and length.

Letters to the editor

Letters To The Editor

Letters to the Editor are welcomed by the *Floyd County Times*. In accordance with our editorial page policy, all letters must include the signature, address and telephone number of the author. Letters must be received no later than 10 a.m. Tuesday for publication in Wednesday's issue and 10 a.m. Thursday for Friday's issue. Letters may be sent to Editor, The *Floyd County Times*, P.O. Box 391, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Letters may be edited for clarity and length.

WDOC air time aids rescue squad auction

Editor:
The Floyd County Emergency and Rescue Squad would like to take this opportunity to thank WDOC AM Radio Station for donating approximately 27 hours of free air time for our annual Radio Auction.

As you know this auction is one of the major sources of income for the Rescue Squad. Thanks to WDOC, their personnel, and Gorman Collins Jr., we were able to auction off several thousand dollars of merchandise provided by local area business people, free gratis.

This auction was one of the most successful due to the three-county area that WDOC reaches and the generosity of these residents.

The Floyd County Emergency and Rescue Squad is a non-profit organization and operates entirely on donations and fund-raisers such as this one. By providing the free air time, WDOC has enabled us to be able to go where we are needed.

This information can always be seen in the public file of WDOC Radio at their main office location in Prestonsburg.

Dwight Crider, captain
Floyd County Emergency and Rescue Squad

Mother's pain lingers; she seeks assistance

Editor:
I would like to thank the many people who wrote me after my last letter to you. I finally saw the side of Prestonsburg that my son, Walter Cropper, loved so much.

In answer to those letters, yes, there are several T.V. shows interested in doing Walter's story. My family is also offering a reward for any information leading to the arrest and conviction of Walter's killer. I have also been in touch with Chris Zahn's family and we are now working together.

We are learning a lot and with the Lord's help, I am confident we will bring Walter's killer or killers to justice.

During the first six months after Walter's disappearance and murder, I was a zombie. The pain was so bad that I couldn't deal with even thinking about how my son died, much less work hard on his case. I still live

with the pain everyday but I am now focused on the lives of other young boys. We need to see justice for Walter and stronger laws to protect our children.

My son was killed by an automatic .25 Raven, "A Saturday night special." We need laws to protect our children from those guns.

I urge all of you to write your representatives to help get stronger laws.

Walter was a good son. He had never been in any trouble with the law. He loved life and enjoyed people. He was the type who was always trying to help others.

He didn't have to die.

Please, write me, if you knew Walter, or if you've heard anything at all, I would like to hear from you. And please, pray along with me that his killer is found. I believe in the power of prayer; with your prayers we could find the killer and save another child's life.

God bless you.

Kathy Pove
2569 B. Jackson St.
Tyndall AFB, FL 32403

Back to the drawing board

Editor:
In 1990, the citizens of the Prestonsburg High service area were excited about a new high school for the students of district one.

Everyone agreed that the present building was not adequate in size and in the educational opportunities it could offer.

Early in 1991, the idea of a new facility was dropped and renovation became the word of the day. After a study of the present site, the Long Range Planning Committee recommended that if additional land were bought to relocate the football field then the current site could "accommodate an expanded building, parking, and a physical education field...flooding of the fieldhouse could be addressed by wrapping the needed addition around to protect what exists from flooding; existing needs, full renovation and a large addition." The idea was to build the addition and move the students into it while the original building was renovated.

During the spring, the architect's drawings were presented and studied but, before the ink was dry on the

presentation boards, talks changed from complete renovation to renovation in stages. Instead of moving into the new section, work could be done at night, cleaned up, and the building made ready for students the next day. Those of us who have been involved in home renovation know that that just won't work, and that our children deserve better.

We propose that the board go back to the LPC's original plan of buying additional land, relocating the athletic facility, and building as originally planned. If this is not possible, then what about a new building and campus for PHS students. Parents, teachers and concerned citizens, we want your input. Write to board members, the newspaper, and come to the board meetings and speak out. At Prestonsburg High School we are fighting to give the students of our service area the best education possible. Please help us give them the best facility for that education.

Jerry Bryan Lafferty
Committee Chair
Prestonsburg High School
Communications Committee

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Carolyn Stout
JoAnn Johnson
Phil Price

Opponents of reform and misinformation

Editor:
It has come to our attention that articles and letters to the editor are being circulated that contain gross misinformation regarding the Kentucky Education Reform Act of 1990.

The articles and letters claim that it is against the law for teachers or anyone employed by the school district to publicly oppose education reform. A Kentucky law is often quoted, seeming to reinforce this claim. Unfortunately, the quote is incomplete and therefore misleading.

The law — House bill 182 — was passed by the 1992 General Assembly and pertains to school-based decision making councils. The 1994 General Assembly amended the law in House Bill 91 to make council members subject to the same removal procedures as other school and district personnel.

The actual wording of the law

(See Letters A 5)

Coffee Break

by Scott Perry

Floyd County's investment in a full-time economic development pro is beginning to produce dividends that other Big Sandy counties ought to be watching closely.

Since arriving here a couple of years ago, job developer Darrell Gilliam has successfully lured one small manufacturer to Floyd County; he has others on the line; and an industrial park is in the development stages.

Diversifying Eastern Kentucky's economy is no easy chore. There are many obstacles to overcome just to get someone to take a look at us.

Floyd County's industrial development authority and Gilliam have proven it can be done, though.

Other counties should follow their lead, keeping in mind that they must be prepared and willing to spend money to make jobs.

That's an investment of taxpayer dollars that promises proceeds we can all see and share.

Some of the criticism is well-founded. News organizations have been too quick to report unsubstantiated rumors and they've spent a lot of time speculating with this "expert" or that on the who, where, why and how of the case to make up for what is an obvious lack of real news to report.

However disgusted you may find yourself as a result of these media inadequacies, understand that they will continue as long as the public demands immediate gratification for its insatiable appetite for information.

We're of the opinion that it is well past the time for both givers and receivers of the news to reflect upon the wisdom of Charles Dickens, who put this issue into perspective more than a century ago.

"In this life we want nothing but facts, sir; nothing but facts."

Here's a fact that has resurfaced via the Simpson saga...

Spouse abuse is a serious problem that isn't being taken seriously enough.

According to Wall Street Journal columnist Albert R. Hunt, the painful truth of that point was illustrated in a 1992 report by the Senate Judiciary Committee which noted, and we quote: "There are three times as many animal shelters as battered women's shelters" in the country.

About 4,000 victims of spouse abuse die every year and most of those instances are not the results of first offenses.

Too often, the courts respond to domestic violence with leniency, many times at the behest of the victims, themselves.

Our indifference to domestic violence, which affects an estimated 4 million women every year, becomes all the more apparent when you consider that it is currently drawing less attention than tobacco as an evil.

We've come a long way, baby.

On paper, we live in what is known as a representative democracy but what may be more realistically described as rule by reprisal.

That's where a select group of senior officials sets the political agendas for the country and then punishes those who don't toe the line.

In Washington, the procedure is evident in the case of the A to Z Spending Cuts Plan which, if adopted, would establish strict criteria for doling out federal tax dollars.

Co-sponsors of the bill are finding themselves on the blacklists of party leaders, who generally have achieved their positions of power by spending the country into bankruptcy and making their constituents like it.

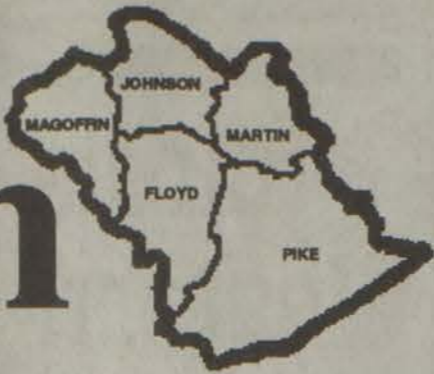
In exchange for their concern over our country's financial future, party renegades are seeing life support cut off for necessary projects and they're finding themselves snubbed by party leaders on matters of internal party structuring.

Inability to adapt to a changing environment eventually killed off the dinosaurs.

It's quite possible that history is preparing an encore performance for free-spending congressmen, who haven't yet figured out that their damn-the-expense attitudes are damning us all to a future of economic misery.

To hear some people tell it, the media are to blame for the murders of Nicole Simpson and her friend, Ronald Goldman.

Around the Region



The Numbers Game: Kentucky Lottery Results

Saturday's Results
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Weather Watch

WEDNESDAY (TODAY): Becoming partly sunny with the high from 80-85.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT: Partly cloudy with the low in the middle 60s.

THURSDAY: Mostly sunny with the high in the middle 80s. Low in the middle 60s.

FRIDAY: Partly sunny and warm with the high in the upper 80s.

Weather Watch provided by Jackson Weather Service

Pikeville school system improvements begin soon

Pikeville City school officials expect work to begin any time now on the system's \$3 million auditorium and classroom addition project.

"We finally got released (by state officials) to do the foundation and things like that," Superintendent John Waddell said.

The contractors, Akers & Akers, were supposed to start moving earth Monday, but hadn't as of Monday, he said.

The project was originally scheduled to begin in August of 1993 but it took until September of 1993 to submit all the materials required by state officials, said Randall Burchett, the board's architect.

Akers & Akers had started some site work before then but had to stop. State officials hadn't completed their review of the plans, Burchett said.

The review had been finished by the May school board meeting, but the state listed more than 40 items that needed work or needed to be resubmitted.

Board Chairman Reggie Smith then gave Burchett an ultimatum to get the project started.

"I want to see some construction started this time next month (June) or I'm going to direct our attorney to file papers against you," he said. "We're that aggravated."

Burchett said, "I don't want to face you again." He added that he would keep an eye on the project daily and things should start a week after that.

By the June 13 board meeting, however, some of the 40 items hadn't been cleared by the state. But Burchett met with state officials on June 15, Waddle said.

On Friday, June 17, state officials had faxed their go-ahead on the project, clearing the way for contractors to start, he said. — *Appalachian News-Express*

McCombs couple upset over federal agency ruling

A federal agency has decided that a coal company has the right to auger mine a Pike County couple's land without first getting their permission.

It's a controversy that may signal a new front in the decades-old battle between the coal industry and those who own the surface of their land but

not the minerals below.

"It certainly doesn't bode well that (the Clinton administration) is undermining protections for landowners," said Tom FitzGerald, an environmental lawyer who directs the Frankfort-based Kentucky Resources Council.

This month, the federal Office of Surface Mining, which oversees Kentucky's strip-mine enforcement, said that Marpike Coal Co. has the right to auger mine land owned by Robert and Shelby Dworak.

The controversy began two years ago, when the state Department for Surface Mining, Reclamation and Enforcement decided that auger mining, in which equipment is used to bore holes into a coal face, would not always be considered surface mining. State regulators determined that the stripping work done to expose the coal face would be considered surface mining, but not the boring.

According to its application for a mining permit, Marpike Coal Co. intended to set up its auger operation on land adjacent to that of the Dworaks. The company would expose the coal seam on the adjacent parcel, then bore under the property line to remove coal from the Dworaks' parcel.

And, because the state had determined that the mining of the Dworaks' parcel would not be surface mining, there was little the couple could do to stop it. — *Appalachian News Express*

Judge Lewis to hear pleas for moving Letcher trial

A special judge will hear arguments this week on whether the accused and the accusers in a public corruption case can get a fair trial in Letcher county.

The attorney general's office wants the trials moved out of the county.

The defendants are former Judge-Executive Ruben Watts; former Jailor Gene Banks and his wife, Barbara Banks; grocer Ted Amburgey and salesman Michael Orick.

In light of extensive publicity and the prominence of Watts and Banks, the state could not get a fair trial in Letcher, prosecutors say. Their motion was accompanied by affidavits from seven citizens who agreed.

Witnesses for the prosecution will be called to testify Friday before Special Judge Thomas Lewis.

Some of the defendants want to be tried at home.

Watts' attorney, Eugene Goss, argues that his client's prominence is not reason enough to move the trial. Doing so would cost Watts more money and delay the trial, Goss said.

Watts has filed affidavits from 50 citizens who say 12 impartial jurors can be found in Letcher County.

While Watts and Orick, a salesman from Harlan County, oppose moving the trials, Gene Banks does not. Barbara Banks argues that if the trials are moved, they should go to an adjoining county.

Amburgey, the grocer, did not respond to the motion for a change of venue. He is accused of helping Watts and the Bankses steal thousands of dollars from county government. Watts allegedly obtained about \$20,000 by faking the purchase of supplies from Amburgey's store, then splitting the proceeds with Amburgey and Orick.

The Bankses are accused of using about \$47,000 in jail money to buy personal items from Amburgey's store.

The trials of Watts, Amburgey and Orick are set for August 22-24. Gene and Barbara Banks are to be tried August 15 and August 17.

Delays are possible, however, because a new judge was assigned to the case. Gene Banks' attorney, Ned Pillersdorf, said that he will revive a motion Friday to dismiss the indictments because Judge Lewis, of Bowling Green, has not heard it. — *The Courier-Journal*

Letters to the editor (Continued from A 4)

says that any board member, superintendent, district employee or school council member who deliberately tries to impede the process of school-based decision making may be reprimanded or removed.

Critics of reform assert that teachers and other school employees have had their rights to free speech taken away. In fact, the 1994 General Assembly reinforced school employees' freedom of speech in House Bill 327, which "recognizes and urges the protection of the first amendment rights of school employees, administrators, and parents."

Teachers and other school employees have every right to voice their opinions on matters that affect them without fear of reprisal. We believe that opinions about and discussion of the provisions of education reform are healthy, but they should be based on fact.

Benjamin Disraeli said, "It is much easier to be critical than correct." We invite anyone who has questions about Kentucky's education reform initiatives to call our Information Hotline at (800) KDE-KERA (533-5372) to get the correct answers and information.

Mary L. Dean
Associate Commissioner
Office of Communications,
Planning and Legislative Relations

"...spare that tree!"

Editor:

People like Daniel Mushett who pit jobs against protection of the Red-Cockaded Woodpecker's habitat in Kentucky are missing the issue.

The Red-Cockaded Woodpecker (RCW) is near extinction in Kentucky because old growth pine forests have been, and continue to be, destroyed by the U.S. Forest Service. All of us agree that we want healthy, self-sustaining forests for our future and our children. The extinction of a species is a warning that our forests

are so debilitated that they are no longer capable of maintaining themselves in their original vigor and diversity. Continuing to log these forests is destroying the genetic capital of our state and robbing ourselves of a future with clean air and clean water and other essentials that forests provide.

Mr. Mushett inaccurately claims that the RCW, like the Spotted Owl in the Northwest, will cost jobs.

Mechanization and an export economy have been the real culprits in the loss of jobs in the Northwest. Despite soaring logging levels, timber employment in Oregon actually fell by 15 percent between 1979-1989. Automation has caused the number of jobs produced by 1 million board feet to drop by 20 percent since 1977. Exports of 3-4 billion board feet of raw logs annually cost the region 24,000 jobs per billion board feet.

Kentucky families are hurt by the same practices. Currently 75 percent of timber is shipped unprocessed out of state, taking secondary manufacturing jobs with it. Approximately 60 percent of national forest timber is made into pulp or other low-value wood products. Value-added wood industries in Kentucky would provide more jobs—and safer jobs—while cutting fewer trees.

Moreover, basic efficiency measures and recycling could increase the volume of wood in the state dramatically. Most shipping pallets are used only once before being landfilled—using these pallets just

twice would save more than double the volume of timber currently coming off all the national forests in our region.

Blaming a woodpecker for job loss is tempting because the real economic problems in our state are so overwhelming.

Environmentalists and timber families are both concerned about the long-term stability of places and communities. We must begin to work together to retool the timber industry, and our own consumption patterns so we can have jobs and intact public forests.

Chris Schimmoeiler
Frankfort

Advice for parents

Editor:

Advice to people who have children: Raise your children to be independent; be able to get up by themselves when they fall down.

Give them all the education you can afford or all they will take. Then, sell everything you have—move in the middle of the night. Leave no forwarding address. Don't come back for two years. They will be in jail or supporting themselves, or, retired on welfare and food stamps. The birds and the bees, the beasts of the field do it—why can't you!

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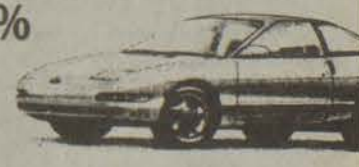
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NEWS

Time for high school juniors to begin college search

Plans for summer vacation fill the thoughts of high school juniors. But filling their mailboxes is a burgeoning pile of glossy college brochures, reminders of the important decision that lies ahead. Experts such as Ted O'Neill, Dean of Admissions at the University of Chicago, advise that despite the seasonal distractions, now is the time for juniors to think about what college they will want to enter just a little over a year from now.

"Summer is an important time for gathering information," O'Neill says. "By the end of September students should know which five or six schools they wanted to apply to."

According to O'Neill, students should first take advantage of their school resources. Counselors and favorite teachers, especially those who

teach advanced courses, can provide information that goes beyond the statistics found in college guidebooks.

O'Neill suggests that students consider the quality of the entire institution, rather than just one part. "They should look for general strength and overall atmosphere," he says. "Many people eventually change their minds about careers and majors, so it's important not to be limited early on."

Students will then want to collect brochures—called viewbooks—from 20 to 25 schools they find interesting. College videotapes are increasingly available, but O'Neill says the most valuable source of information about a college is its catalog. "The catalog shows the true size of the faculty and who is actually teaching which courses," he says. "It also is the best place to discover whether a college

does or does not have a set of requirements that it stands by, that makes sense, and that is supported by the faculty."

The summer is also a good time to visit a few campuses as part of a college search, O'Neill suggests. "Students can become acquainted with the admissions office and see if the facilities are as promised," he says. An interview, if it can be arranged, can provide a wealth of information. "A lot of schools don't interview at all anymore," O'Neill says. "But there is something very gratifying in two people sitting down together. Students should feel free to ask any questions about the institution, and they should be prepared to talk about what interests them."

O'Neill warns that students shouldn't whittle down their "long list" of colleges too quickly. For instance, they shouldn't rule out schools based on published tuition figures because most colleges offer financial aid that may greatly reduce the final cost.

Some colleges—including the University of Chicago—will agree to meet the family's full demonstrated need for assistance. "Students don't know how much a school will cost until they see a financial aid package, which won't arrive until after the letter of admission," O'Neill says. "Loans, jobs and outright grants will defray the final cost to the family."

Finally, O'Neill advises juniors to enjoy the search, but to work hard. He suggests reading and writing over the summer to prepare for the essay questions on college applications. "Keeping a journal or even writing letters about college ambitions or dreams will help when they are called upon to write about themselves."



Bringing service to Floyd County

AAA Mine Service, Inc. closed a deal Friday with First Commonwealth Bank and the Big Sandy Area Development District that enabled them to open a new facility on Daniel's Creek in Floyd County. The Floyd County Industrial Development Authority and Action Realty of Pikeville also helped to make the project a reality. Pictured, from left, are Roger Drake, vice-president of finance for AAA Mine Service; Jim Griffey, First Commonwealth Bank; Floyd County Judge Executive John M. Stumbo; Ruben Blancett, owner and president of AAA Mine Service; and Burl Spurlock, President of First Commonwealth Bank and Chairman of the Floyd County Industrial Development Authority. (Photo by Matt McCarty)

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INVITATION FOR RE-BID

The Floyd County Board of Education will receive sealed bids for the renovation and addition to the Adams Middle School, Prestonsburg, Kentucky. Bids will be received at the office of the Superintendent of Schools, Floyd County, located on North Arnold Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky. The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids must be received on or before 2:00 p.m., local time, June 26, 1994 at the Conference Room at the Central Office of the Floyd County Board of Education.

Copies of Plans, Specifications, Contract Documents, Form of Proposal and Proposal Envelope must be ordered from and deposit checks sent to the office of the Architect, Randall Burchett, 416 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, (606) 886-3929. Plans will be distributed from the office of the Architect. Deposit must be received by Architect before Contract Documents can be obtained. A complete set of plans and specifications require a deposit of \$100,000. The amount of \$50.00 of the deposit will be returned only to the bidder who submit a bonafide bid and return the plans and specifications in good condition within ten days after the bids are opened otherwise no refund will be due. Project Manual (bid documents) can be secured from the Architect and requires a deposit of \$50.00. The deposit check will be returned only to the bidder who submits a bonafide bid. All checks shall be made to the order of the Architect.

The Form of Proposal shall be requested from the Architect. Any bonafided bidder requesting a Proposal Form, who has not previously obtained a copy of the Project Manual from the Architect shall be required to purchase the Manual. General Contractors shall be required to purchase complete Contract Documents which include Project Manual, Technical Specifications and Drawings. All bids shall be submitted only on the Form prepared by the Architect. The proposal Envelope will have the Project and the bidders name and address. Plans and specifications may be examined at the

office of the Architect and Engineers, office of the owner:

1. F. W. Dodge Corp., 303 N. Hurstborn Lane Suite 265, Louisville, Ky.
2. F. W. Dodge Corp., 2525 Harrodsburg Rd., Lexington, Ky.
3. Dodge Plan Room 405 Capital St. Suite 509, Charleston, WV. 25301
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Proposals shall be accompanied by a certified check or cash or bidder bond, executed by the Bidder and Surety Company. IN THE SUM OF NOT LESS THAN TEN PERCENT (10%) OF THE AMOUNT IF THE BASE PROPOSAL. The bid security is required as a guarantee that if the Proposal is accepted Contract will be immediately entered into and the performance of it properly secured. A cashier's check is not considered proper bid security.

Proposal Forms must be filled out and submitted in duplicate. No qualifying letters or statements will be considered. No bidder may withdraw a bid submitted for a period sixty (60) days after the date set for the opening of bids.

In the event the Bidder to whom the Contract is awarded fails to execute a satisfactory Contract and Bond, he shall be eliminated and shall forfeit his certified check, cash of his Bid Bond and shall be liable for the loss occasioned by the Owner by such failure.

Any bid which is not received on a timely bases or in the proper form shall be returned unopened.

The Owner reserves the right to accept any or reject any and all Bids and to waive any informalities therein.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 860-5132, Renewal
In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Blazing Saddles Coal Corporation, P.O. Box 940, Paintsville, Kentucky

41240, has applied for renewal of a permit for an underground coal mining and reclamation operation located 2.25 miles southwest of Garrett in Floyd and Knott Counties. The proposed operation will disturb 36.91 surface acres and will underlie 1052.63 acres, and the total permit area within the permit boundary will be 1089.54 acres.

The proposed operation is approximately 0.32 mile northwest from State Route 80's junction with Rock Fork County Road located 0.35 mile northwest of Rock Fork. The latitude is 37°-28'-10". The longitude is 82°-52'-23".

The proposed operation is located on the Wayland and Handshoe U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Consol of Kentucky Inc. The operation will underlie land owned by Dortha Combs, Betty Backett, Oakley Conley, Clinton Handshoe, Consol of Kentucky Inc., Levisa Coburn Estate, Mandy Coburn, Jack Howard, Bruce Boleyn, Margaret Gibson, Joe Slone, Jack Shepherd, Clifton Moore, Delenger Cox, Billy Sexton, Mander Moore, Clester Coburn, Mima Conley Heirs, Henry Boleyn, John Reed and Ishmael Shepherd, Coet Handshoe Heirs, Mrs. S.J. Rocke, Homer Crager, Matilda Gayheart, Dora Turner, Phillip Neely, Ida Martin, Rebecca Martin, Billy Inman, Kelsie Chaffins, John W. Chaffins, Rebel Conley, and Robert Conley. The operation will include coal washer and refuse disposal facilities.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's, Jackson Regional Office, Howell Office Building, Suite 1, 170 Howell Heights, Jackson, Kentucky 41339-9689. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

This is the final advertisement of this application; all comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received within thirty (30) days of today's date. 11.

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ORDINANCE NO. 4-94

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CITY OF PRESTONSBURG, KENTUCKY ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 1994 THROUGH JUNE 30, 1995, BY ESTIMATING REVENUES AND RESOURCES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF CITY GOVERNMENT

WHEREAS, an annual budget proposal and message has been prepared and delivered to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed such budget proposal and made necessary modifications.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF PRESTONSBURG, KENTUCKY, as follows:

SECTION 1:

That the annual budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1994 and ending June 30, 1995 is hereby adopted as follows:

	GENERAL FUND	LGEA	MRAP FUND
Resources Available:			
Fund bal. carried forward			
Estimated revenues	\$	\$	\$
Property taxes	287,000		
Licenses & Permits	1,413,000		
Intergovernmental Rev.	259,500		
Fines & forfeits	10,000		
Charges for services	498,500		
Other	21,300		
Total est. revenues	2,489,300		
Total resources available for appropriation	2,489,300	95,000	47,500
Appropriations:			
Mayor & Council	34,549		
General Government	473,587		
Police	577,871		
Fire	679,225		
Public Works	634,356		
Contingency	89,712		
Total Appropriations	2,489,300		
Excess of resources over/under appropriations			
Interfund transfer			
Estimated fund bal. end of fiscal year			

Section 2:

That this Ordinance shall be of effect on July 1, 1994.

Adopted this the 27th day of June, 1994.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF BUDGET ORDINANCE

SECTION ONE. The following budget is adopted for the fiscal year 1994-1995 and the amounts stated are appropriated for the purpose indicated.

(01) GENERAL FUND	
General Government	\$1,061,778
Protection to Persons & Property	200,288
General Health & Sanitation	40,000
Social Services	36,000
Debt Service	684,500
Insurance, Benefits, Payroll Taxes	1,127,749
Regional Airport	5,500
Total	\$3,155,815
(02) ROAD FUND	
Roads	\$982,218
Insurance, Benefits, Payroll Taxes	287,782
Total	\$1,270,000
(03) JAIL FUND	
Protection to Persons & Property	\$306,744
Administration	33,500
Total	\$340,274
(04) LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE FUND	
General Government	\$207,266
Protection to Persons & Property	1,000
General Health & Sanitation	8,359
Recreation & Culture	255,644
Roads	935,000
Insurance, Benefits, Payroll Taxes	557,000
Total	\$1,964,269
(75) REVOLVING LOAN FUND	
Revolving Loan	\$40,000
Total	\$40,000
Grand Total of All Funds	\$6,770,358

Adopted this 17th day of June, 1994.

John M. Stumbo
County Judge Executive

All interested persons and organizations in Floyd County are hereby notified that a copy of the county's annual budget is available for public inspection at the office of the County Judge/Executive during normal business hours.

Courthouse News

DISTRICT COURT

Editor's Note: All first offense DUIs are allowed to do two days public service in lieu of \$200 of the total court costs and fines. All individuals charged in cases involving alcohol or drugs are referred to alcohol or drug counseling.

John D. Collins, 18, of Stanville; hunting/fishing without a license—\$47.50.

Ellis Paul Garrett Sr., 48, of Betsy Layne; AI and disorderly conduct—\$47.50.

Tammy Hughes, 21, of Riceville; AI—\$82.50.

Kelly Bailey, 18, of West Van Lear; hunting/fishing without a license—\$72.50.

Keith A. Perry, 25, of Dingess, West Virginia; AI, disorderly conduct and resisting arrest—\$67.50 and 7 days probated for 1 year, concurrently.

Gina R. Mullins, 18, of Martin; criminal trespass in the 1st degree—\$67.50 and 30 days probated for 1 year.

Christi A. Stafford, 19, of Williamson, West Virginia; unlawful transaction with a minor in the 3rd degree (alcohol) and drinking alcohol in public (1st/2nd offense)—\$97.50.

Ronald Eugene Samons, 28, of Martin; operating on suspended or revoked license—amended to no operator's license, \$47.50.

Craig R. Robinson, 18, of Banner; no insurance, no registration receipt, expired or no registration plates—\$597.50.

Melinda A. Hall, 19, of Prestonsburg; no insurance—\$57.50 and pay restitution, if any.

Gary R. Justice, 22, of Harold; no registration plates and no insurance—\$550.

Craig Ray Robinson, 18, of Banner; expired or no registration plates, no registration receipt, no insurance, no motorcycle operator's license—\$622.50.

Michael L. Fields, 27, of Lick Creek; escaping contents (leak/spill)—\$62.50.

Boyd J. Mullins, 26, of Robinson Creek; escaping contents (leak/spill)—amended to defective equipment, \$47.50.

Christopher G. Berger of Auxier; reckless driving and racing motor vehicle where prohibited—merged, \$72.50.

Roberta Tackett, 30, of Hi Hat; expired or no registration plates, no registration receipt and no insurance—\$647.50.

Bobby Campbell, 39, of Bulan; escaping contents (leak/spill)—\$107.50.

George P. Summers III, 16, of Prestonsburg; reckless driving—\$82.50.

Gary W. Kimbler, 21, of Sitka; obstructed windshield, no registration receipt, expired or no registration plates, failure to register transfer, no insurance—\$1,132.50.

Christopher Shepherd, 19, of Hueysville; possession of marijuana less than 8 ounces (1st offense), criminal littering—\$92.50 and 5 days in jail to be served concurrently.

Larry Isaacs, 33, of Grethel; AI

(3rd offense or more), resisting arrest and carrying a concealed weapon—\$57.50 and 30 days in jail to be served concurrently.

Katrina L. Castle, 30, of Nippa; no insurance and no licensed operator with person with beginners permit—\$572.50.

Farris N. Eversole, 43, of Jenkins; overweight on AAA highway, failure to display extended weight decal, expired or no registration plates, operating on inactive Kentucky fuel license—charges merged, \$147.50.

Philip Pate, 22, of Prestonsburg; AI (1st/2nd offense) and disorderly conduct—merged, \$82.50 and 5 days public service.

Angela G. Tackett, 18, of Prestonsburg; no operators license, unsworn falsification to authority, obstructed windshield—merged, \$82.50.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Alma Land Company to Commonwealth of Kentucky, Department of Highways, property location not listed.

Glen and Gerldine Ward to Bobby and Doris Lawson, property on the McDowell Curve.

Walter and Betty Allen to Ladean Bentley, property on Left Fork of Toler Creek.

Walter and Betty Allen to Eric Allen, property on Left Fork of Toler Creek.

Walter and Betty Allen to Eullean Allen Little, property on Left Fork of Toler Creek.

Ricky D. and Tonia A. Robinson to Mont and Rexine Campbell, property on Abbott Creek Road.

Josie Faye and Darrell Hall to Cline and Dawn Theresa Boyd, property location not listed.

Paul and Linda Robinson to Jimmy Nickles, property on Beaver Creek.

Jack Shannon and Jennifer Mulkey, John Hershel Mulkey and Sandra and David Adams to Tony Lee and Paulette Burke Spradlin, property at Ivel.

David Hall and Gwinda S. Hall to Russell Johnson, property at Wheelwright.

Lula Bell Akers to Trudy Johnson, property on Keathley Fork of Tolers Creek.

Judy Gayle Meade to James R. and Sharon R. Meade, property location not listed.

Bill H. and Barbara Howard to Thomas E. and Mildred Branham, property location not listed.

Mildred Setser Morrison Fannin and Michael David Morrison and Shirley Lynn Mathews Morrison to Bobbie Lynn Morrison, two tracts of property on Buffalo Creek.

Mildred Setser Morrison Fannin to Bobbi Lynn Morrison, property on Buffalo Creek.

Mildred Setser Morrison Fannin to Priscilla Dawn Fannin, property on Buffalo Creek.

Bobbie Lynn Morrison and

Michael David and Shirley Lynn Mathews Morrison to Mildred Setser Morrison Fannin, property on Buffalo Creek.

Mildred Setser Morrison Fannin and Bobbie Lynn Morrison to Michael David Morrison, property on Buffalo Creek.

James E. Vanderpool to Rudy and Linda Little, property in David Community Development Corporation.

Carlos R. and Nancy C. Duff to Steven E. and Rosemarie A. Fowler, property on Abbott Creek.

Donald and Georgia Hatfield to Ronald and Sammie Hatfield, property on Right Fork of Bull Creek.

Ruby Scott to Dave and Leila Harvey, property location not listed.

Judith Ann Madison and Mary Beth Madison Compton to Edna Lois Stephens Madison McBurney, property location not listed.

Bobby Gene Johnson to John and Libby Torrentinos, property on Left Beaver Creek.

Susan Stumbo Bailey and Kerry David Bailey to Dickie Edward Stumbo, property on Steels Creek of Right Beaver Creek.

Terry Michael and Regina Elizabeth Hall to Jerry D. Mullins, property on Jack's Creek.

Grover and Aggie Hill to Ray and Deborah Hill, property on Left Beaver Creek, Weeksbury.

Kermit and Barbara Newsome to Frank and Amelia D. Salyer, property at McDowell.

Mary Dwayne Hamilton to Walker and Gormet Jones Hamilton, property location not listed.

M & M Enterprises, consisting of David May and D. Franklin May II, and David and Lois May to D.F.M. Inc., property location not listed.

David and Lois May and D. Franklin May II and Cheryl May to DFM Inc., property location not listed.

Walter and Betty Allen to Christopher Allen, property on Left Toler Creek.

Anna Lucille Brown, by James R. Allen, Master Commissioner, to Billy Joe Brown, property on Johns Branch.

Birdie Harmon to Thomas J. Dotson, property on Lick Fork of Jenny's Creek.

Thomas J. Dotson to Mark and Melanie Greene, property on Big Lick Fork of Jenny's Creek.

Curt and Ethel Tackett to Arnold and Bernice Reynolds, property location not listed.

Ernest and Mae Turner to Audrey

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Obituaries

Maude Marie Slone Sloan

Maude Marie Slone Sloan, 94, of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, June 25, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home, Prestonsburg, following an extended illness.

Born January 6, 1900 at Blue River, she was the daughter of the late Allen G. and Annie Parrott Slone. She was a retired book custodian for the Floyd County Board of Education. She was preceded in death by her husband, William "Bill" J. Sloan, on January 26, 1971.

Survivors include two sisters, Osie Slone of Blue River and Daisy Branham of Martin.

Funeral services were Monday, June 27, at 11 a.m., at the Carter Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Vernon Slone officiating.

Burial was in the Slone Family Cemetery at Blue River under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

Nephews served as pallbearers.

Troy A. Shepherd

Troy A. Shepherd, 77, of Ypsilanti, Michigan, died Thursday, June 23.

Born July 13, 1916 in Prestonsburg, he was the son of the late Tobe and Polly Fitzpatrick Shepherd. He was preceded in death by his wife, Susan Hurd Shepherd. He was employed with the Ypsilanti Parks and Recreation Department for 21 years. He was a member of the Carpenters' Union, Local No. 512, in Ypsilanti, for 41 years where he served as president, chairman and recording secretary. He served on the executive board of the State Building Trades of Michigan, member of the state board of the AFL-CIO, member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Lodge No. 612 in Jackson, Michigan, for 22 years where he served as an honor guard.

Survivors include four daughters, Virginia Ousley of Prestonsburg, Phyllis Baker of Phoenix, Arizona, Alta Reavis of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, and Doris A. Sheeks of Ypsilanti, Michigan; one son, Troy Shepherd of Warsaw, Virginia; 17 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service under the auspices of the Fraternal Order of Eagles was held Saturday, June 25.

Funeral services were Sunday, June 26, at 1 p.m., at the Janowiak Funeral Home, Geer-Logan Chapel, Ypsilanti, Michigan, with Rev. Louise Ott officiating.

Burial was in the Udell Cemetery.

Dennis Morgan

Dennis Morgan, 85, of Hi Hat, died Saturday, June 25, at his residence.

Born June 2, 1909 at Hi Hat, he was the son of the late Will Press and Orphina Cox Morgan. He was a retired photographer, radio repairman and C & O employee.

Survivors include one brother, Troy Morgan of Leesburg, Florida; and one sister, Nova Morgan of Bevinville.

Graveside services were Monday, June 27, at 1 p.m., at the Boyd Cemetery at Price, with the Regular Baptist Church ministers officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Marvin Bryant

Marvin Bryant, 59, of Hi Hat, died Wednesday, June 22, at Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital, following an extended illness.

Born February 5, 1935 at Hi Hat, he was the son of Nellie Bryant Davis of Hi Hat. He was a disabled truck driver for Great Valley Materials. He was a member of the VFW in Pennsylvania and the Eagles Club in Pennsylvania.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by his wife, Catherine Reeves Bryant; three sons, Marvin Ray Bryant of Netherlands, Ricky Allen Bryant of Bangor, Maine, and Ransom Bryant of Pennsylvania; three brothers, Jimmy Johnson of Hi Hat, Carl Johnson of Nashville, Tennessee, and David Johnson of Louisville; two sisters, Thelma Little and Mary Sue King, both of Indiana; and six grandchildren.

Funeral services were Sunday, June 26, at 1 p.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home with the Rev. Don Fraley Jr. officiating.

Burial was in the Boyd Cemetery at Hi Hat under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Gladys Marie Moore Kacsor

Gladys Marie Moore Kacsor, 67, of Allen, died June 26, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, following an extended illness.

Born October 19, 1926 in Logan County, West Virginia, she was the daughter of the late Woody and Millie Dotson Moore. She was preceded in death by her husband, John Kacsor.

Survivors include one brother, Pat Moore of Allen; and one sister, Ruth Moore of Cheshire, Ohio.

Cremation was Tuesday, June 27, at 1 p.m., at Lexington Cemetery with arrangements under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Mollie Gibson Burkett

Mollie Gibson Burkett, 80, of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, June 25, at Veterans Memorial Hospital, Pomeroy, Ohio.

Born June 23, 1914 at Lackey, she was the daughter of the late Madison and Elizabeth Conley Gibson. She was preceded in death by her husband, Henry Burkett, on December 5, 1969.

Survivors include three sons, Ed Bartley Sr. of Lexington, Steve Burkett of Langley and Danny Burkett of Martin; two stepdaughters, Syble Stricklin of Banner and Anna Jean Lancaster of Poplar Grove, Illinois; one sister, Sarah Merritt of Cheshire, Ohio; 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, June 29, at 2 p.m., at the Carter Funeral Home Chapel with the ministers Jack Powers and Bill Campbell officiating.

Burial will be in the Burkett Family Cemetery at Emma under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

Rebecca Jean Mitchell

Rebecca Jean Mitchell, 60, of Printer, died Sunday, June 26, at Good Samaritan Hospital, Lexington.

Born January 23, 1934 in Manton, she was the daughter of the late Ted Edward and Edna Lands Meadows. She was a member of the Martin Freewill Baptist Church for 40 years.

Survivors include her husband, Tramble "Tabby" Mitchell Jr.; four daughters, Sherree Wright, Jeanie Mullins Lisa Slone and Jackie Mitchell, all of Printer; four brothers, George Meadows of Kankakee, Illinois, Cecil Meadows and Clearance Meadows, both of Frankfort, and Kelly Meadows of Bradley, Illinois; three sisters, Marie Hampton of Bourbonnais, Illinois, Lydia Branham of Martin, and Susie Ferren of Paris, Tennessee; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, June 29, at 11 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Bobby Baldrige officiating.

Burial will be in the Lucy Hall Cemetery at McDowell under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Helen Layne Smith Frazier

Helen Layne Smith Frazier, 73, of Kensington, Ohio, formerly of Martin, died Thursday, June 23, in Ohio.

Born August 27, 1921, she was the daughter of the late Thomas and Beulah Smith.

Survivors include three sons, Eugene Frazier of Minerva, Ohio, Earl Frazier of Kensington, Ohio, and Sam Frazier Jr. of Long Beach, North Carolina; three sisters, Joan Isaac and Mary Jo Halbert, both of Martin, and Rosanna Nelson of Columbus, Ohio; two brothers, Joe F. Smith of Ashland and Col. Thomas L. Smith of Lowell, Arkansas; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were Monday, June 27, at the Maple Cotton Funeral Home in Kensington, Ohio, and burial in Ohio.

Information courtesy of Hall Funeral Home.

Estill Hicks

Estill Hicks, 76, of Minnie, died Saturday, June 25, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital.

Born July 11, 1917 at Minnie, he was the son of the late Eli and Zellia Collins Hicks. He was a retired coal miner, formerly employed with the Elkhorn Coal Company and Mosey Johnson Mining Company. He was a member of the Wheelwright Local Union No. 5899 and the Old Beaver Regular Baptist Church, at McDowell, for 27 years, and a deacon of the church for 26 years.

Survivors include his wife, Euka Turner Hicks; one son, Odis Hicks of McDowell; one daughter, Clara Hicks Johnson of McDowell; three brothers, Edgel Hicks of Corona, Indiana, Ecil Hicks of Mousie, and Ethel Hicks of Prestonsburg; two sisters, Edith Noble of Minnie and Etlis Yates of Indiana; two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were Monday, June 27, at 11 a.m., at the Old Beaver Regular Baptist Church with the ministers of the Regular Baptist Church officiating.

Burial was in the Lucy Hall Cemetery at McDowell under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Serving as pallbearers were Mark Hicks, Gregory Johnson, Kelly Slone, Ray Slone, Rocky Adams and Ricky Layne.

Honorary pallbearers were Charlie Williams, Darrell Youmans, Ed Conn, Luther Hall, Roland Jones and Estill Eugene Hicks.

Card Of Thanks

The family of Oliver Edward Allen wishes to gratefully acknowledge the thoughtfulness and kindness of friends, relatives, and neighbors in the loss of our loved one. Thanks to all who sent food, flowers, prayers or spoke comforting words. We are especially grateful to Mr. Ray Brackett, Rev. Ted Shannon and Singers, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service.

THE FAMILY OF
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Card of Thanks

The family of Ray Ward wishes to thank all those who were so kind and considerate during our time of grief. We want to thank those who sent flowers and food. We are especially grateful to the ministers of the Old Regular Baptist Church, the First Baptist Church of McDowell; Disabled American Veterans, Chapter 128, Garrett; and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and efficient service.

THE FAMILY OF RAY WARD

Card of Thanks

The family of Jackie Phillip Patton wishes to thank all of those who were so kind and considerate during our time of grief. We want to thank all those who sent flowers and gifts of love. We especially want to thank the Elder Jerry Manns for his comforting words; the sheriff's department for their assistance in traffic control; and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and efficient service.

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The family of Jeffrey Stuart Akers would like to extend their appreciation to all those friends, neighbors and loved ones who helped comfort them during their time of sorrow. Thanks to all who sent food, flowers, prayers or spoke comforting words; to everyone who helped prepare the wonderful meal after the graveside service; the ones who prepared the grave; and a special thanks to Brother Mike Hammonds for his comforting words. Thanks to Brother Hooten for his message; Brother Ira McMillen for his comforting prayer in the home; the Chambers and Grubbs Funeral Home; and the Hall Funeral Home for all their kind and professional services.

THE FAMILY OF JEFFREY STUART AKERS

Card of Thanks

The family of Challie Fraley would like to thank all those friends, neighbors, and family who helped in any way upon the passing of our loved one. Thanks to those who sent food, flowers, prayers, visited during his illness, and to those who spoke words of comfort. A special thanks to Rev. Dave Garrett, minister of the Highland Avenue Freewill Baptist Church for his support and comforting message expressed. To Jeff Conn for his kind words and participation in the funeral services. Our appreciation to the pallbearers and the Carter Funeral Home for their kind and professional services.

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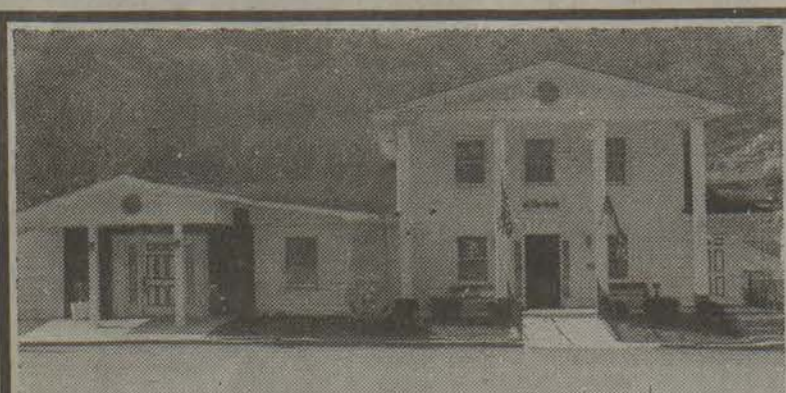
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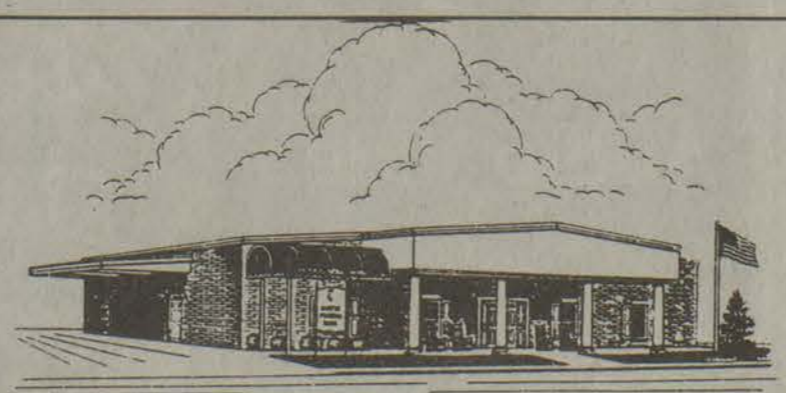


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Input is sought from county senior citizens

Floyd County older persons could find themselves as members of the Kentucky delegation to the 1995 White House Conference on Aging, called by President Clinton in February to consider new policy initiatives.

This is part of the goal of Big Sandy area older persons and the Big Sandy Area Development District's aging services network which is trying to influence the national aging policy at the grassroots level and there will be a series of local issue forums to formulate recommendations they hope will find their way to the White House, during early July.

As advocates for the elderly, Big Sandy Area Development District's aging staff is excited to sponsor these local issues forums. The goal is to encourage older individuals and their caregivers to voice their concerns.

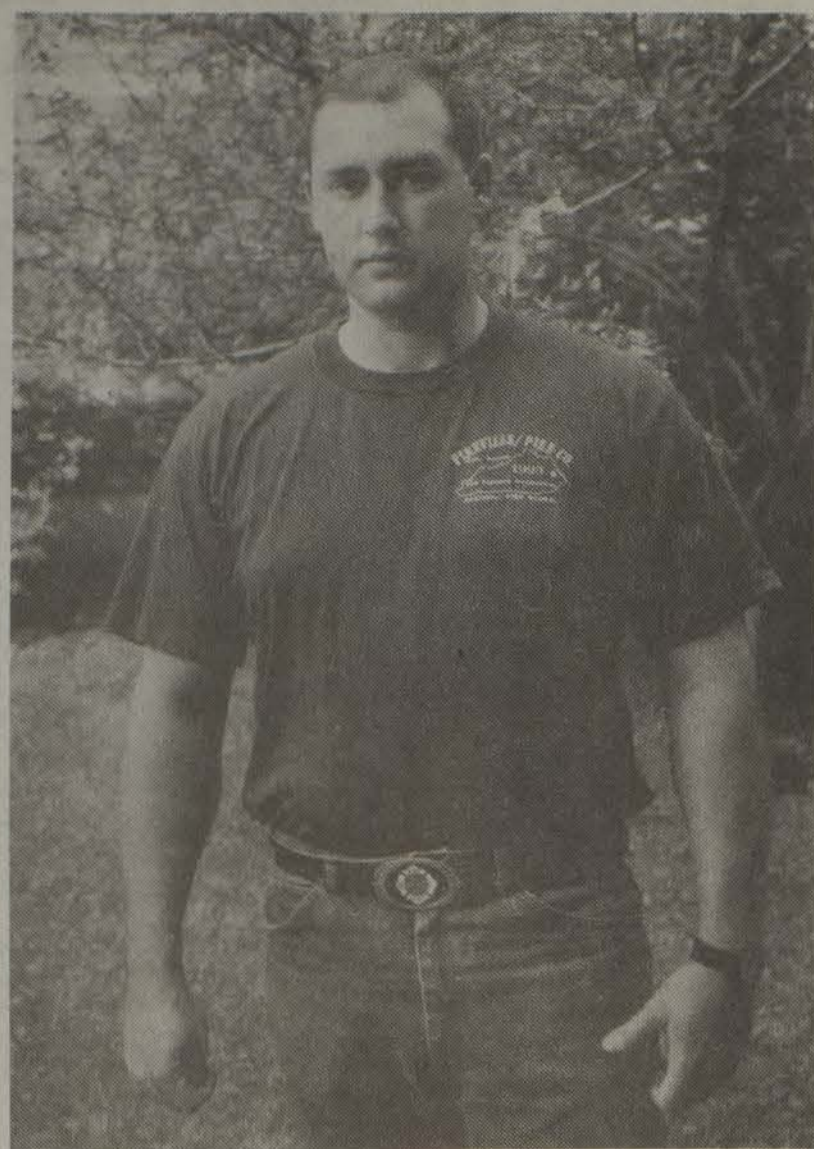
"Without input from individuals on the local area, the White House conference on Aging would be of little value," says Bonnie Hale, Director of Human Services at the Area Development District.

Hale says, "It's an opportunity for anyone interested in issues relative to our aging population to get involved and to make known the needs of the elderly in Eastern Kentucky."

Local forums will cover several issues, including abuse protection, health care, housing, transportation, nutrition, employment and taxation. The recommendations will be combined with those from similar meetings across the state, into policy statements at a Governor's White House Conference September 21-22, in Louisville.

"We want the Kentucky delegation to present recommendations to

the national White House conference which truly reflect the needs and thoughts of older Kentuckians," said Jack Williams, director of the state Division of Aging Services. "Toward that end we're utilizing every means to ensure grassroots-level participation in both the regional and state meetings."



Firefighter attends fire school

Assistant Chief Edward Clark of the Betsy Layne Fire Department attended the 65th annual Kentucky Fire School, held June 6-8 on the University of Kentucky campus in Lexington. The Fire School attracted approximately 1,200 firefighters from around the state to learn the latest techniques in fire suppression, arson investigation, and other topics.

MSU Theatre students in summer productions

Twenty-three Morehead State University students who participate in the University's theatre program are currently working professionally in summer theatres nationwide and abroad.

"Many of these students acquired their positions through competitive auditions at this spring's Southeastern Theatre Conference," said Dr. Travis Lockhart, MSU director of theatre.

Paula Creech of Louisa, a graduate student, is appearing as a singer and dancer with American Entertainment Productions at the Elspe Festival in Germany.

Working at the Capitol Theatre in Rome, New York, are Will Ingham of Naples, Florida, who graduated in May, as technical director and Dwayne Gillespie, Arlington, Va., senior, as a carpenter.

Amanda Hay, Morehead sophomore, is properties designer and Scott Coppock, Columbus, Ohio, junior, is a carpenter at the Music Theatre in Louisville. Jerett Gieseler of Morehead, who graduated in May, is an actor/singer in the "Stephen Foster Story" at Bardstown and Matt Johnson, Georgetown sophomore, is acting in "Blue Jacket" at Xenia, Ohio.

Edward Jon Wilson, Corbin junior; Jessica Hester of Louisville, who graduated in May, and Nicole Harris, Greenup junior, are costumers for "Unto These Hills" in Cherokee,

North Carolina, while Derek Mudd, Lebanon Junction senior, is an actor and technician there as well.

Also in North Carolina at Manteo with "The Lost Colony," are Carl Curmutte, Morehead senior; Rebecca Holbrook, Morehead junior, and Janell Jordan, Morehead freshman, as costumers and John Buford, Morehead graduate student, as a singer.

Singing and acting in "Someday" at Bruin is Holly Beth Thompson, Grayson sophomore, Monique Cash, Cincinnati, Ohio, senior, is an Equity apprentice actress at Allenberry Playhouse in Boiling Springs, Penn.

Donetta Riley of Prestonsburg, who graduated in May is an actress in "The Legend of Daniel Boone" at Harrodsburg. Serving as a costumer with the Galveston Island Outdoor Musicals in Texas is Kerry Townsend of Louisville, who graduated in May.

Two other May graduates, James Phillips of Greenfield, Ohio, and Mary Whidden of Morehead, are in Boone, North Carolina, where he is technical director and she is stage manager for "Horn in the West."

Shannon Convery, Morehead sophomore, is an actress/intern with the Hope Summer Repertory Company in Holland, Michigan. Thomas Pogue, a Staenger, Norway, junior, is working as a carpenter with the Shenandoah Theatre in Virginia.

Floyd receives grant for ambulance services

Floyd County ambulance services received a \$16,703 state grant to update emergency medical services.

Cabinet for Human Resources Secretary Masten Childers II approved \$1.8 million in state grants to 112 Kentucky city and county governments and ambulance taxing districts for emergency medical services.

The grants, ranging from \$130 to \$51,850, will assist emergency medical services in purchasing ambulances and equipment and supplementing personnel costs. Awards are made to local governments and then passed along to services in their communities.

The grants will help 47 communities to buy either replacement or additional ambulances. The grants also allow emergency medical services to purchase various smaller pieces of potentially life-saving equipment, such as pagers, splints, stretchers, ventilators and rescue tools.

Martin County received a grant for \$4,702.

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Community Calendar

Editor's Note: As a service to the many clubs and committees that meet in our community, the Floyd County Times' Community Calendar will post meeting and public service announcements. Articles for the Community Calendar must be submitted in writing to the Times no later than 5 p.m. Monday for Wednesday's publication or 5 p.m. Wednesday for Friday's publication. These cannot be taken over the telephone.

30-year reunion

The Martin High School class of 1964 30-year reunion will be held at the Holiday Inn in Prestonsburg on July 2. Festivities will include food and entertainment beginning at 7 p.m. Cost will be \$20 per person. All classmates, please attend. If you have any questions, call Marena Hale at 886-9622 or 285-9240 (evenings); Juanita Rice at 285-9912 (evenings); or Nyoka Stone at 285-3255 (evenings).

Clark resource center activities

Summer child care begins July 5 at Clark Family Resource Center. Call 886-0815 to enroll your child for six weeks of summer fun.

Nursing services are offered on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Appointments are being made now for sixth grade physicals, kindergarten physicals, pap smears, T.B. skin tests and other services. Call for an appointment.

G.E.D. classes continue to meet Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8-11 a.m. during the summer months. Call the center for information at 886-0815.

Earn while you learn

Big Sandy Area Community Action Agency is taking applications for the senior training program. Applicants must be 55 years of age or older to apply. Call 874-2965 for more information.

Rose family reunion

The Rose family reunion will be held July 2, at 11 a.m., at Shelter No. 4 at Jenny Wiley Spillway.

Revival

There will be a revival beginning July 4, at 7 p.m., at the Head of Licking River "Living Word" Pentecostal Church at Gunlock. There will be different ministers nightly. For directions or information, call Evelyn at 358-9754, Vonda at 886-3943, Maggie at 886-1682 or Sherry at 789-6394. The pastor is Charlene Osborne.

Car wash

The Allen Central Football car wash will be held Saturday, July 2, beginning at 9 a.m. Anyone wanting to donate yard sale items for the football team can call 358-2940 or 358-9159, or drop them off at Double D Supply.

Basketball camp

There will be a basketball camp held at the First United Methodist Church Family Life Center from July 5-8, from 9 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. for ages 8-14. Each child will receive a T-shirt and Bible. Call 886-8031 between 8:30 and 12:30 to enroll. There is no charge. The camp is sponsored by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and First United Methodist Church.

Wireman family reunion

The Wireman reunion will be held July 3, at the John T. Arnett School, located at junction of Ky. Rt. 7 and Rt. 404, approximately 18 miles south of Salyersville. Doors will open at 10 a.m. Bring a dish of food, or some soft drinks (no alcoholic drinks allowed). Prizes will be given away. Contact Patty Auxier for more information at (606) 884-5777 or 884-8151.

Morrison reunion

Family and friends are invited to attend the Rella Fraley Morrison and James M. Morrison reunion. The reunion will be held Sunday, July 3, from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the Cow Creek Freewill Baptist Church annex. For information, call 874-9715.

Seals family reunion

The ninth annual Seals family reunion will be held at Carr Fork Lake in Knott County, at the upper end of the lake at shelter No. 2 on July 3, from 10 a.m. until 9 p.m.

For more information, call Luther Seals at (606) 642-3865; Clayton Seals, (812) 346-4976, Ralph B. Seals, (606) 642-3130; Debbie Sexton, (606) 642-3128; Georgia Holguin, (303) 249-8343; or Mary Seals, (513) 921-4355.

Patton family reunion cancelled due to illness

The Lon and Corilda Patton reunion scheduled for July 2, at Yatesville Lake, Louisa, has been cancelled due to illness in the family. The reunion will be held in 1995.

Service officer here to assist veterans

Eugene Akers, a state service officer for the Kentucky Department of Disabled American Veterans, will be upstairs at the Floyd County Courthouse from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday, July 2 to assist veterans and their dependents with claims due as a result of military service.

Writers Reading

Writers Reading with host Ernestine Meade will air on WPRG-TV 5 on Sunday, July 3, at 6 p.m. and on Monday, July 4, at 11 a.m., with guest Jerry Boyd of East Kentucky Publishing.

Closed for holiday

Morehead State University will be closed Monday, July 4, in observance of the Fourth of July holiday. There will be no classes or offices opened. Classes and offices will reopen on Tuesday, July 5, at 8 a.m.

Paintsville High reunion

Paintsville High School classes of 1979, 1980 and 1981 are having a reunion Saturday, July 2, beginning at 7 p.m., at the Paintsville Country

Club. All Paintsville alumni are invited to attend. For additional information, contact Deedra Brown Gearheart at 886-6557, Carolyn Griffith Blewins at 789-3259 or Mike Brown at 789-5301.

Clark council to meet

A meeting of the Clark Elementary School school-based decision making council will be held July 6, at 6 p.m., in the school library. All concerned parents and citizens are welcome.

Family Bible conference

Camp Nathanael at Emmalena will be hosting its annual Family Bible Conference, July 3-6. This year the conference will be centered around Bible prophecy with the theme "Things to Come: Focus on the Middle East." The speaker of the week is a nationally known communicator on this subject, Rev. Fred Hartman, National Field Director of the Friends of Israel Ministry. Joining him will be Rev. Hal Olsen, coordinator of Disaster Relief for International Aid. He will be conveying the latest reports on relief efforts in Somalia, Bosnia and other needy areas of the world.

For more information about events scheduled throughout the conference, call (606) 251-3231.

Conley reunion

All members and friends of the late John Morgan Conley are invited to attend at pot-luck reunion at 11 a.m. on July 3, at the Salt Lick home of Bessie Conley. Call (606) 358-9608 or 358-9444 for directions or information.

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Whatever you did to console our hearts,
We thank you so much, whatever the part.

Special thanks to Highlands Regional Medical Center fourth floor, Dr. Charles Arnett, Dr. Handshoe and Dr. Ortiz, Floyd Funeral Home, Rev. Lorie Vannucci, and the Floyd County Sheriff's Department.

THE FAMILY OF PHYLLIS HERALD
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Card of Thanks

The family of Pearlle Wallen would like to extend their appreciation to friends, family and neighbors who helped comfort them during their time of sorrow. Thanks to those who sent food, flowers, prayers or spoke comforting words. Thanks to Rev. Manford Fannin for the comforting words; the singers for their songs of inspiration; the first floor nurses at Riverview Manor; and Floyd Funeral Home for their kind and professional services.

THE FAMILY OF PEARLIE WALLEN

Card of Thanks

The family of Lula Gibson would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their help in the loss of our loved one—those who sent food and flowers, prepared the grave, or spoke comforting words. We deeply appreciate you all. A special thanks to the Steeles Creek Old Regular Baptist Church, the entire staff of the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital, Dr. Mary Hall and Dr. Vicher; the nurses of the McDowell Home Health Care; the Floyd County Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service.

THE FAMILY OF LULA GIBSON



Combat armor

Joshua Whitaker, 5, prepared for his "Basic Training" at the Church of God of Prophecy in West Prestonsburg Tuesday. Putting on the youngster's camouflage is Marion Bailey, staff sergeant with the Kentucky National Guard, Company B, 206 Engineers. Arner B. Whitaker is pastor at the church. (photo by Janice Shepherd)

Card of Thanks

The family of Opal Moore Hayes would like to thank the many people who gave their assistance at the time of her passing. Thanks to the Big Sandy Hospice Caregivers during her illness— their tender, loving care meant so much. Heartfelt thanks to the Church of God of Prophecy and ministers for their love and support. Thanks to the many people who provided food, flowers, cards, and their time during this difficult period. A special thanks to the Hi Hat Community Women's Club. These words seem so inadequate for the wonderful expressions of love and support shown to our mother during her illness, death and funeral. The word, John 13:34-35, as paraphrased, states that we are known as Christians by our love. Just as Mother gave her love to her family, friends and community, she has received love during this time. God bless each and everyone of you for your unselfish caring and love.

THE FAMILY OF OPAL MOORE HAYES

Card of Thanks

The family of Verlie Salisbury Spurlock wishes to thank all those friends, neighbors, and family who helped them in any way upon the passing of their loved one. Thanks to those who sent food, flowers, prayers, and words of comfort expressed. A special thanks to the Hospice of Big Sandy, the Home Health Agency, Rev. Ted Shannon and singers for his comforting words and their beautiful songs; the sheriff's department for their assistance in traffic control; and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service.

THE FAMILY OF VERLIE SALISBURY SPURLOCK

Card of Thanks

The family of Bertha Marie Kidd would like to extend their appreciation to all those family members, friends and neighbors who helped to bring us comfort in our time of sorrow. Thanks to those who sent food, flowers and/or their prayers. A special thanks to the Old Regular Baptist ministers for their comforting words; Debbie Bailey and Tammy Daniels of Hospice; Dr. Blake Burchett; the sheriff's department for their assistance in traffic control; and to Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home for their kind and efficient service.

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Field trip

The First Baptist Day Care kindergarten class recently enjoyed a field trip to the Big Sandy Airport in Martin County. Their unit for the week was on transportation. Pilot Mike Reisz explained many aspects of the airplane to the class while letting each child have a turn in the pilots seat. The highlight of the trip was when our very own daredevil teacher's aide Betty Francis took off into the "wild blue yonder" with the pilot for a quick trip around the airport. Head teacher, Pat Hites stayed on the ground with the excited children waiting for Miss Betty's return.



Earth Day

In the spring, the First Baptist Day Care kindergarten class planted a tree in observance of Earth Day. After a field trip to purchase a dogwood tree, it was planted in the backyard of the church. Pictured from left to right, Kimberly Williams, Wesley Woods, Eric Westfall, Caitlin Hale, Shane Kinzer, Amber Coots, Zachary Ousley, and Matthew Crisp. Teachers, Pat Hites and Betty Francis.

You give but little when you give of your possessions. It is when you give of yourself that you truly give.

—Kahlil Gibran

Commodities to be distributed in county July 14-15

The Big Sandy Area Community Action Program Inc. will begin distributing USDA Commodities on Thursday, July 14, from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. or until commodities are gone.

Distribution will continue on Friday, July 15, during the same hours at the Community Action Office or until the supply is gone.

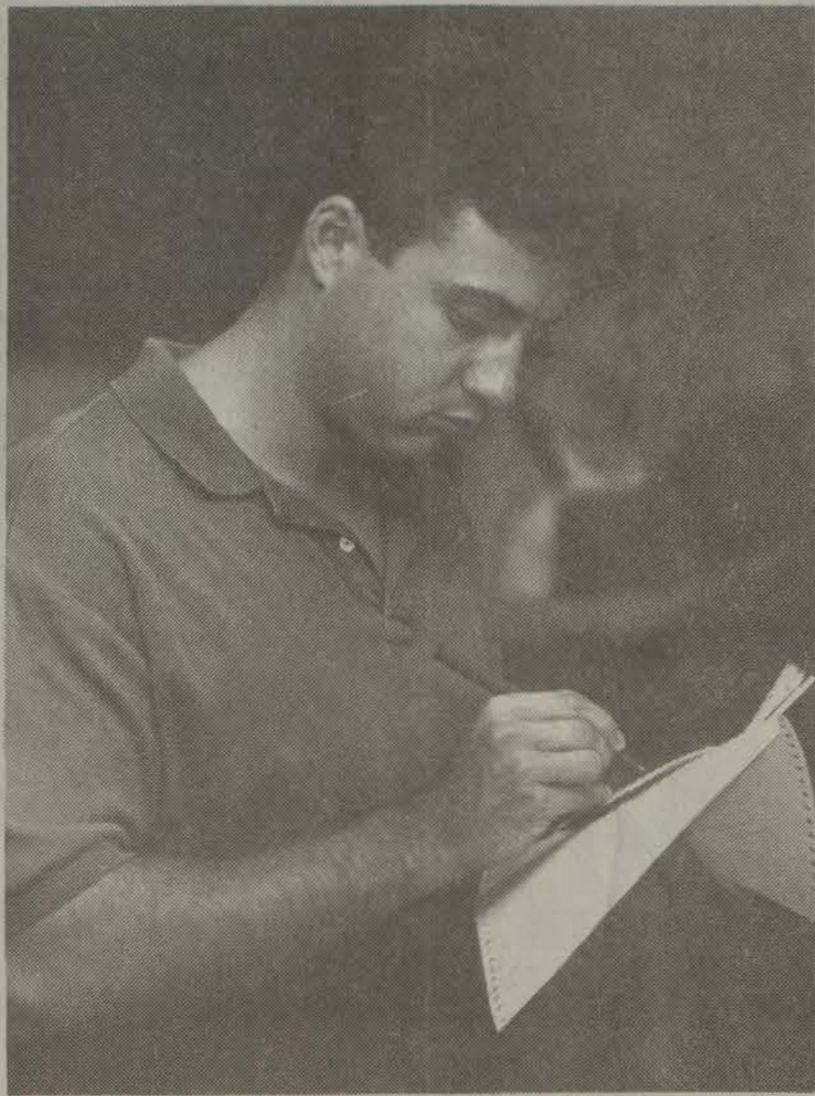
The distribution locations are Mud Creek Clinic, Grethel and the swimming pool building, convention center at Allen Park.

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A signed, dated statement from the person giving permission for you to pick up their commodities. This statement must also include the number in the household, total household income for the previous month (June) and complete address.



Summer school

Morehead State University students are back on campus taking classes. Among those registering for the first summer term was Monty Frazier, Harold graduate student majoring in education. The session continues through July 8. Summer II runs July 11 through August 5. (MSU photo by Eric Shindelbower)

Local dancers to appear on TV show

Floyd County members of a Hazard line dancing troupe can be seen this weekend on cable television's The Nashville Network program "Club Dance."

The Rhinestone Cowboys will be on "Club Dance," which will be shown on July 1, 2 and 4, at 2 p.m., 6:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Nine dancers from Floyd County attended the taping.

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PCC announces honors

A number of Floyd County students were named to the president's list and dean's list during the spring semester at Prestonsburg Community College.

Qualifying for the president's list by earning a grade point average of 4.0 from East Point are Christina Lee Crider, Jason Neil Hayden, Kristi Suzanne Robinson and Annette Christine Wells; from Harold, Melinda S. Keathley and Melissa Kidd; from Martin, Brenda Joyce Clay and Rachel Conn; from Prestonsburg, Pamela Ann Blair, Janice A. DeBoard, Bessie Mae Feltner, Sandra Denise Frederick, Rhonda Lynn Marsillett, Charles Raleigh Nelson, Sherry LeAnn Prater, Ann Louise Rosenberg, Paul Keith Wells, and Barbara Williams; from Stanville, Darlene Hamilton and Holly H. Walters.

Other students are Jacinda Dawn Boudle, Allen; Anthony Scott Howell, Auxier; Jeremy Thomas Horn, Banner; Monica Mariea Brown, Beaver; Bronita Stone, Garrett; Kimberly Ann Little, Hi Hat; Donna Lee Osborne, Hunter; Tanya Leigh Harris, Ivel; Keesha Lee Lawson, Lackey; Daryll Gene Hamilton, McDowell; Opal Doreane Hatfield, Melvin; Rhonda L. Meade, Minnie; Vicki Marie Watkins, Teaberry; Naomi Adkins, Tram; and Donna Lynn Tackett, West Prestonsburg.

The following students were also named to the dean's list which requires at least a 3.50 grade-point average out of 4.0. They include from Allen, Bernice Woods Fannin, Glenn David May II, Chris B. Reid, and Larry Dwaine Thompson; from David, Jeannie Jacobs and Trudy L. Woods; from East Point, Kristi Lou

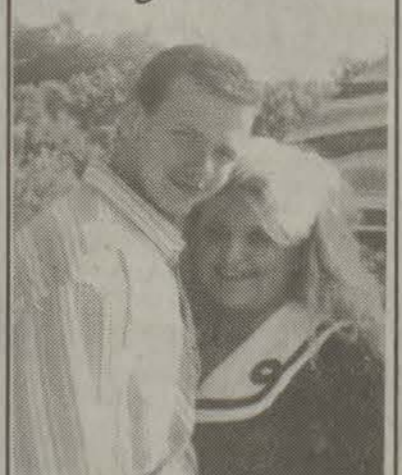
Rebecca Ann Patton and Reva S. Stone; from McDowell, Cheryl Lynn Dameron, Judy Elizabeth Lawson, Amy Renee Martin and Terri Lynn Moore.

Students from Prestonsburg are Rachael Dawn Allen, Katrina Marie DeBoard, James Douglas Derossett, Richard Lee Dillon, Lisa Maria Dotson, Leitha C. Emory, Dennis Patrick Flanagan, Terry DuMaurier Garten, Laura Lea Gilliam, Ernest Scott Hadley, Mina Howard, Christel Lynn Lafferty, Janine Louise Lee, Cassandra J. Lewis, Daniel Brandon Lowe, Staci Leigh May, Oma Carol Napier, Staci Rachele Newsom, Angela Kristen Ormerod, Jennifer Lee Ousley, Joni Eileen Sanders, Cindy Louise Stephens, Danny W. Threadgill II and Anita Lou Woods; from Stanville, John Martin Porter and Patty Sue Williams; from Wayland, Janet Louise Bingham and Virgil L. Crum; from West Prestonsburg, Teena Bea Conley and Donald Jay White.

Other students include James Alan Witten, Auxier; Brenda Kay Marcum, Banner; Lena Meade, Drift; Larry Russell Elliott, Dwale; Darlene Goble Endicott, Endicott; Twana Tackett, Galveston; Steven Todd Hall, Hi Hat; Mark Andrew Stephens, Hueysville; Jamie Lynn Pruitt, Ivel; and Agatha L. Kendrick, Langley.

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Miss Conn is a graduate of Betsy Layne High School and Mayo State Vocational School of Respiratory Care. She is a Respiratory Therapist employed by Our Lady of the Way Hospital.

Mr. Kidd is a graduate of Betsy Layne High School, Prestonsburg Community College and Lexington Community College. He is a Radiologic Technologist employed by Highlands Regional Medical Center.

The wedding will be Saturday, July 9, 1994 at 2:00 p.m. at Toms Creek Freewill Baptist Church at Ivel. The custom of an open wedding will be observed.

The couple will reside at Ivel following a honeymoon in the Bahamas.

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A Look At Sports

by Ed Taylor, Sports Editor



HALL, JENKINS RECEIVE EARLY MENTION

The high school basketball scene is six months from starting but already two Allen Central Rebels players have received some early recognition.

Senior Jeremy Hall and sophomore Thomas Jenkins were named in the Hoop Scoop Basketball Publication this month.

Hall was rated as the seventh best senior in the state of Kentucky while Jenkins was picked as the second top sophomore.

Both players received much

recognition in last season's Sweet Sixteen in Louisville as Allen Central won over Shelby County and took eventual champion Fairdale to the final minutes before falling.

Jenkins was named to the all-tournament team along with Jason Martin. Hall suffered an injury in the Fairdale game and was forced to leave after playing just half of the game.

Hall and Jenkins are expected to team together with senior Kevin Stumbo and make the Rebels another top regional contender this season.

Also mentioned in the listing were a couple of fine Paintsville Tiger players. Junior Craig Ratliff was third in the junior class and 6' 8" J.R. Vanhose was second in the freshman class.

Paintsville is going to be a very,

very strong regional contender in the 15th Region. In fact, the Tigers look to be the class of the crop. A strong front line returns in Bryan Lyons, Ratliff and Vanhose. If coach Bill Mike Runyon can come up with a two guard, then the Tigers could be playing in Rupp Arena come next spring.

No boys' basketball coach has been named at Shelby Valley High School to replace the popular Bobby Osborne, who retired following last season.

The Wildcats will be a force to contend with this season with the return of Matt Baker and company.

Shelby County (near Louisville) will feature the state's tallest player this season in 7' 0" eighth grader — that's right — Nathan Popp. The word is that he is going to be a good

one with a lot of skills.

The college basketball scene will get underway in November with UK set for an opening tip-off on November 26 against a very weak Tennessee-Martin team.

Aren't you tired of the cupcakes that grace the UK schedule each year. While there are no other Kentucky schools (with the exception of Louisville) on the list, still there remains the likes of Ohio, Boston University and Texas Tech.

Marshall, who is expected to struggle big time under former UK assistant Billy Donovan as head coach, also is part of the schedule as another cupcake.

I've said it before and I'm going to say it again — we need to put North Carolina and Kansas back on the schedule.

UK will play three games (two home games) at Louisville's Freedom Hall this season. The Cardinals, Indian Hoosiers and South Carolina will be in Louisville. That takes two home games out of Rupp Arena.

Talk has it that UK may eventually abandon games in Rupp Arena and build a new facility on campus or refurbish Memorial Coliseum.

Everyone else in the college ranks will be playing for second place this year as the Arkansas Razorbacks are no doubt the cream of the crop. Coach Nolan Richardson will bring back a very strong and experienced team that won it all last season.

Prestonsburg football coach Bill Letton has issued a call for all Prestonsburg Blackcat football players, who expect to play this season, to report to the school's gym for physi-

cal on Tuesday, July 5 at 5 p.m.

Each player is asked to bring any medical insurance information with them also.

It should be a banner season for Prestonsburg football. I know the fans are all excited about it.

Coach Letton says there are some holes to fill but the Cats should enjoy a good season. It will be a wait-and-see season.

The Pikeville Panthers are first on the schedule with Lexington Lafayette second. What a way to open. I love it!

We need schedules for Betsy Layne, Allen Central and Prestonsburg. South Floyd will open its season on August 26 against Magoffin County on the road.

Until Friday, good sports everyone and be good sports!

Newsome bats, hurls Indians to "B" team title

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

It was the "Grant Newsome Show" Thursday night at the Allen Park where the Prater Creek Little League "B" team won the 1994 Harold-Allen-Prater Little League Tournament in fine fashion. The Indians posted a 12-8 win over the Mud Creek Cubs in the championship game.

Grant Newsome was all business, not only on the mound, but also at the plate as he picked up the win in going the distance.

But Newsome swung a heavy bat for the Indians, collecting three hits and driving in five runs. He had two triples in the game. Newsome tripled in the first and second innings. He

had a fourth inning single.

Keathley also came through with three hits and he drove in two Indian runs. Keathley doubled home a run in the third.

Hamilton had three singles and three stolen bases for the Cubs. He singled to start the game in the first. Stole second, third and then home. Reynolds had two hits for the Cubs with two RBIs. He doubled home two runs in the second. Slone had a two run triple in the fourth and Hall doubled home a run in the fourth.

The Indians plated six run in the first inning on three consecutive hits. A leadoff walk to Kidd and Newsome's first triple made it 1-0. Newsome scored on Collins' hit. Collins stole second and third before scoring on Keathley's RBI single. Keathley moved to second on a stolen base and to third on a wild pitch. He came home on Lewis' ground out to second.

With two out, Tackett walked Daniels and Harris to force in one run, Keathley. Jarrell, who walked earlier, also came in and, with the bags jammed, Newsome rocketed his second triple of the inning, clearing the bases and giving his team an 8-0 lead.

Mud Creek came back with two in its half of the first on a base hit by Hamilton, who stole his way home. Roberts then walked and stole second and third before scoring on a bases loaded walk to Hamilton. Newsome then settled down and struck out the next three batters to end the inning.

Jarrell was hit-by-a-pitch with the bases loaded in the Indians second, forcing home Collins to make it 9-2.

Two runs in the fourth inning for the Indians made it 12-5. Rogers, Daniels and Nicholas Jamerson walked to load the bases before Kidd singled home a run. Newsome picked up his fifth RBI with a base hit.

Slone tripled with two on in the Cubs' fourth to make it 12-7. He scored on Hall's double down the left field line for the final 12-8 score. The Cubs had a runner on in the bottom of the fifth, but was unable to score.



Indians "B" team wins title!

It was a happy bunch of baseball players that celebrated last Thursday night as the Prater Creek Little League "B" team won the HAP league tournament. Team members include Adam Collins, Eric Jarrell, Craig Keathley, Grant Newsome, Ricky Lewis, Tyler Harris, Nick Jamerson, Michael Rogers, Wes Howell, Chase Daniels and Jordan Kidd. The team is coached by Randy Kidd, Bill Kidd and Danny Keathley. (photo by Ed Taylor)

Prater Creek Indians HAP Little League "A" team champions

Eight run fourth gives Tribe 11-8 win over Dodgers

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

It was a banner season for the Prater Creek Little League Indians as they made a clean sweep of things in the regular season as well as the league's tournament.

The Tribe posted an 11-8 win over a very good Harold Dodgers team to win the tournament championship last Thursday night in a come-from-behind effort.

Randy Kidd's ballclub (14-1) scored eight times in the fourth inning to erase a 5-1 Dodger lead and then held off Mike Potters' team to secure the win.

Robbie Johnson picked up the win for the Indians in relief of starter Adam Akers. Akers worked the first

three innings before giving way to Johnson in the fourth.

The Dodgers chased Akers in the third when they plated three runs to take the 5-1 lead.

Josh Howell started the Indians rally in the fourth inning with a lead-off double. Justin Hughes followed with a base hit and both runners scored to make it 5-3 when Bill Kidd's fly ball to right field was misplayed for a

two-run error.

Johnson kept the rally alive with a base hit and Kidd scored on Ryan Hamilton's grounder to second for a 5-4 game. Johnson crossed homeplate on Wes Senters' RBI single to tie the game at five and with two out, Scott Collins laced a double to left and scored on Tyler Pucket's run scoring triple to give the Indians a 6-5 lead.

Howell's second double in the inning scored Pucket and Howell came around to score on a RBI single off the bat of Hughes. Hughes was forced at second for the final out.

The Dodgers mounted a comeback in the fifth inning, but was a run short in tying the score. All three runs scored with two out.

Josh Meade singled with two out and Chase Gibson followed with a double that scored Meade. Robert Rose singled and Ralph King followed with a base hit, sending Gibson and Rose home for a 9-8 score.

But that would be the extent of (See Prater Creek, B 2)

Prestonsburg Blackcat football players to report for physicals

All Prestonsburg football players, and those wishing to play football this season at Prestonsburg, are urged to report to the school's gym on Tuesday, July 5 at 5 p.m. for physicals.

Each player needs to bring with them any medical insurance information they have.

King, McKinney hook up in duel as Orioles triumph 3-1

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

If you like good old-fashioned pitching duels then the Minnie Park Saturday morning was the place to be as the Beaver Creek Little League Tournament began to wind down.

The Duff Orioles and Martin Cardinals squared off in one of the better games of the day at the Minnie Park with the Orioles coming away with a 3-1 victory.

The win avenged an earlier 6-3 loss to the Cardinals in the first round.

Nick King and Dwight McKinney was throwing nothing but BB's as they hooked up in the pitchers duel. King, the winning pitcher, fanned 12 batters and McKinney, in taking the loss, struck out 13.

Neither team scored until the fourth inning when the Orioles scored three times with two out to take a 3-0 lead.

King doubled with two out in the inning to get the Orioles started. He scored on Willie Bentley's base hit. John Ousley then doubled home two runs and he scored on two errors in the outfield.

Jeremy Hayes tripled to start the Cardinals home half of the fourth. He scored on "Big" McGlothen's base hit.

Each pitcher allowed a first inning base hit, but left the runners stranded. McKinney fanned the side in the Orioles first. Jonathan Ellis had doubled (See Orioles, B 8)

Middlecreek Sportsman's Club to hold meet

The Middlecreek Sportsman Club will hold its annual Coon Dog Meet this coming Sunday, July 3 at the Conelly Farm Pond in Salyersville.

Events in the show will be a water race, bench show, treeing and drag race.

The meet will get underway at 10 a.m.

Rifles stay true to form in split with Portsmouth

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Statistically, 80 percent of all double headers end in a split.

The Kentucky Rifles seem to have that pattern going for them in that the home team wins game one and the visitors get to win the nightcap.

Staying true to this pattern, the Rifles won the first game against the Portsmouth Explorers, 3-2 and dropped the nightcap, 4-2, to Portsmouth.

Rich Zatta went the distance in the opening game to pick up the win for the Rifles. It was his first complete game.

Greg Slone put the Rifles on the

scoreboard in the first inning when he opened the game with a triple to left-center field. Chris Hodge's sacrifice fly brought Slone in with the game's first run.

Zatta made two mistakes in the game and both came back to haunt him. He walked batters in the first and second inning and both scored.

The Rifles found themselves on the short end of the score entering the seventh inning as they trailed 2-1. But some late inning heroics by the Rifles turned things around.

Tucker Howard, the Rifles designated hitter, drilled a home run to tie the game at two in the bottom of the seventh. With two down, shortstop Jimmy Ryan ended the game in a big

way by blasting a 3-2 pitch over the left field fence to give the Rifles the 3-2 win.

Three Portsmouth pitchers combined to shut down the potent Rifles offense in the night cap as they fell 4-2. The Rifles collected just four hits against the trio. Dan Wynne suffered the loss for the Rifles.

The split in the twinbill left the Rifles at 5-5 on the season.

The Rifles will be on the road at Chillicothe before returning home Saturday, July 2 for a three game series with Lancaster over the Fourth of July holiday. Zanesville comes to town for three games on July 5-8.

For tickets to all Rifles home games, call 432-HITS.

Sports View

by Ed Taylor, Sports Editor

Clay permitted to reapply for own job

Even after meeting for the second time with the Prestonsburg High School Site Base Council last Thursday, Bridget Clay is still out as the girls' head basketball coach at the school where she has given 10 years at the helm.

However, with a room full of supporters for Coach Clay, school principal Karen Trivette allowed Clay to reapply for the position of girls' coach.

"I reapplied in front of the council," said Clay of the meeting.

Clay is scheduled to meet with Trivette and the Council this Friday for an interview. The final decision still rests with Trivette.

The job was posted two weeks ago and was opened to "in-house"

staff only. Clay is not on the staff at Prestonsburg High School, but was permitted to reapply.

"Mrs. Trivette said that she always considered me as part of the staff at the high school," said Clay.

It is good that the Site-base Council and Trivette permitted Clay to reapply, but why was that necessary. Clay is still the coach until someone else is named. Why not just withdraw the posted opening and declare it filled? Why go through the process of interviewing her? Let her have her job and let her get her team ready for camp this summer.

"I wanted to take my team to Morehead this year," said Clay. "I called the coach at Morehead and told him the situation. He was good

enough to wait on us and to see how it turns out."

Coach Clay needs the backing of the school from the principal on down. She doesn't need to go through this process. It is times like these that cause coaches sleepless nights and a loss of appetite.

Girls' basketball in the county has taken a backseat long enough. The girls play good hard basketball. They are deserving of more respect than they are receiving from their schools and the board of education.

If there were more interest shown in the schools toward the girls' game, then maybe we could have a

(See Sports View, B 8)



Prater Indians, tournament champs

The Prater Creek Indians Little League team won the league's regular season championship and then captured the league's tournament this past week at the Allen Park. The Indians finished the season with a 14-1 record. Team members are Jeremy Tackett, Ryan Hamilton, Doug Adkins, Wesley Senters, Josh Kidd, Justin Hughes, Michael Goble, Scott Collins, Tyler Puckett, Adam Akers, Josh Howell, Bill Josh Kidd, Barrett Blankenship and Robbie Johnson. The Indians are coached by Bill Kidd, Danny Keathley and Randy Kidd.

Prater Creek

(Continued from B 1)

Harold's scoring as the Indians scored twice in the bottom of the fifth for the 11-8 lead. Johnson, who walked, scored on Senters second hit of the game. Senters scored on Collins single.

The Dodgers put two runners on in the top of the sixth, but could not move them around as Meade fanned to end the game.

Bradley Brooks started on the mound for the Dodgers and fanned the side in the first inning after giving up a one out single to Josh Kidd.

His team had built a 2-0 lead in the top of the inning on consecutive walks to Anthony Tackett and Justin Bartley. Brooks then singled home Tackett with Bartley scoring on Meade's grounder to third.

The Indians dented the plate with a run in the bottom of the second on a one out walk to Hughes, a base hit by Bill Kidd and a ground out from Akers.

It was in the third inning that the Dodgers looked to blow it open. Tackett and Bartley singled back-to-back and, with one out, Meade hit a rope to left-center, scoring Tackett and Bartley. Meade scored on Rose's base hit to make it 5-1.

Justin Bartley collected three hits for the Dodgers. Meade had two hits and three runs batted in. Rose finished the game with two hits for the Dodgers.

Senters, Howell and Hughes each collected two hits for the Indians, who had 11 for the game. Howell doubled twice in the affair and Puckett had a fourth inning triple.

Brooks suffered the loss for the

Dodgers working the five innings. He allowed 11 runs on 11 hits and walked two batters in the game while fanning nine.

The Dodgers committed one error in the game which allowed two unearned runs in the fourth inning.

Akers struck out four in the three innings that he hurled. He allowed the Dodgers five runs on five hits before giving way to Johnson. Akers walked three batters.

Johnson gave up the three runs on five hits over the final two innings. He struck out three batters and walked two.

CUBS 13, ASTROS 9

In the loser's bracket, the Mud Creek Cubs defeated the Allen Astros 13-9 to move into the final bracket of the tournament.

The Cubs got their offense going early in the first two innings and then held on to post the win.

Carroll picked up the win for the Cubs even though he worked just the first three innings. He left the game with his team in front 9-6.

Brandon Newsome pitched two innings for the Cubs and Fred Gray hurled the sixth.

Brandon Hansford went just a third of an inning when the Cubs reached him for four runs in the first. Alvin Reed came on in relief for the Astros.

The Cubs were swinging from the heels in the first as they scored four runs. Keathley led off with a double and stole third before scoring on a catcher's error. Hamilton walked and Carroll drilled a two-run home run for a 4-0 game.

Gray reached on an error, but was cut down at second on a throw from right field. Leroy Adkins then tripled, but was left stranded as Reed fanned the side.

Allen struck for four run in its half of the first to tie the game at four. A single by Hansford started the rally. Hall was hit-by-a-pitch and Aaron Swiger followed with a RBI single scoring Hansford. Swiger was forced at second on Reed's fielder's choice, but a hit batsman and two walks forced home two runs and Jones singled home the tying run with Zemo scoring.

The Cubs exploded in the second inning for five runs against Hansford. Carroll had a two-run single for four RBIs in the game. Adkins tripled home a run for his second three-bagger of the contest. Ryan Hall had a RBI single.

The Astros scored two runs in the third and two in the fifth, but Hansford's sixth inning triple went for nought as he was left stranded to end the game.

Fred Gray hammered a two-run home run in the Cubs fourth inning. He then doubled home two runs in the fifth for a four RBI evening.

The Cubs victory gave them a final shot at the Dodgers, who they lost to earlier in the tournament. But the second time around for the Cubs was no better as they dropped a 13-8 decision.

The win pitted the Dodgers against the Indians in the tournament's championship game.

The big blow was Bartley's grand slam home run in the fifth inning.

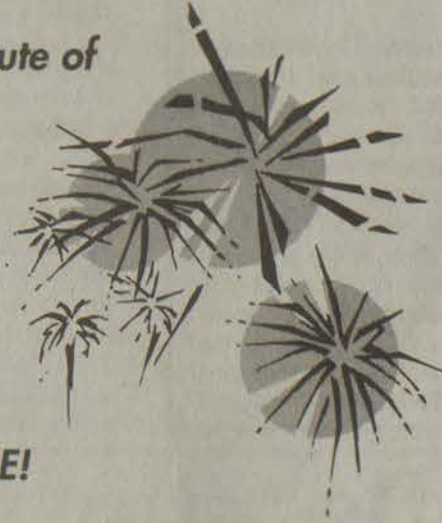
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WHEREAS, the proposed Budget was tentatively approved by the Fiscal Court on the 10th day of May, 1994 and approved as to form and classification by the State Local Finance Officer on the 27th day of June, 1994.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE FISCAL COURT OF JOHNSON COUNTY, KENTUCKY:

SECTION ONE. The following Budget is adopted for the Fiscal year 1994-95 and the amounts stated are appropriated for the purposes indicated.

BUDGET OF JOHNSON COUNTY—FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1995

SUMMARY ANALYSIS OF APPROPRIATIONS

Category	Purpose	Budget Appropriation
GENERAL FUND		
5000	General Government	455,986.00
5100	Protection to persons & Property	5,600.00
5200	General Health & Sanitation	
5300	Social Services	
5400	Recreation & Culture	
7000	Debt Service	434,970.00
9000	Administration	162,550.00
Totals General Fund		1,059,106.00
ROAD FUND		
6000	Transportation Facilities & Services	
6100	Roads	305,649.00
6400	Other Transportation Facilities & Services	
7000	Debt Service	407,405.00
5000	Other (Define)	3,500.00
9000	Other (Define)	171,335.00
Totals Road Fund		580,484.00
JAIL FUND		
5100	Protection to Persons & Property	235,876.00
7000	Debt Service	35,000.00
9000	Administration	16,850.00
Totals Jail Fund		287,726.00
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FUND		
5000	General Government	38,240.00
5100	Protection to Persons and Property	
5200	General Health & Sanitation	49,000.00
5300	Social Services	73,700.00
5400	Recreation & Culture	
6000	Transportation Facilities & Services	
6100	Roads	188,957.00
7000	Debt Service	
9000	Other (Define)	59,538.00
Totals L.G.E.A. Fund		409,435.00
TOTAL ALL		
General		1,059,106.00
Road		887,889
Jail		287,726
L.G.E.A.		409,435.00
Total All Funds		2,644,156.00



Awards day!

The South Floyd girls track and field team got together recently to receive awards after completing a successful season in their first year. South Floyd will return several members of the squad next year. Krystal Isaac, a team member, received a scholarship to Cumberland College. The team is shown with school principal Terry Stewart and coach Keith Smallwood.



HAP "B" runners-up

The Mud Creek Cubs "B" team finished a successful year by taking second place in the HAP Little League tournament last week. Team members are Jimmy Hamilton, Brian Roberts, Trenton Tackett, E. Howell, Nathan Hamilton, Devon Reynolds, Matthew Slone, N. Hall, S. Rose and Kim Tackett. (photo by Ed Taylor)

Smoky Mountain Wrestling's summer blast tour at Paintsville

Smoky Mountain Wrestling returns to the Johnson Central High School Gym with Summer Blast 94' on Monday July 4th at 7:30pm with an Independence Day spectacular!

In the main event, a six-person tag team match featuring the Smoky Mountain Tag Team Champions, Brian Lee and Chris Candido, along with Tammy Fytch (who this time will be in the ring with her champions), will take on the former champions The Rock & Roll Express, and their special partner, the Ladies Pro Wrestling Association Champion Bambi.

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Samauri is a henchmen for the New Smoky Mountain Heavyweight Champion, Jake the Snake Roberts, and he is doing everything possible to keep DWB from getting his hands on Roberts. He has injured the White Boy on several occasions, but Paintsville may prove to be the turning point in the White Boy's run at the top.

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Local foursome capture golf outing June 24 at Paintsville

The Eastern Kentucky Chapter of the Kentucky Society of CPA's held its annual golf outing on Friday, June 24 at the Paintsville Country Club. The events of the day consisted of a golf scramble tournament of the regional CPA's and their guest.

The foursome of Johnny Ray Turner, Tim Hites, Gordon Parido and Jeff Jones shot an 11-under-par to win this year's outing. The winning team was sponsored by Jones, Pack and Associates, CPA's of Prestonsburg.

Dick Clark was the closest to the pin and Bill Fairchild had the longest drive.

Other Floyd Countians who took part were: Dr. Keith Leslie, Neil Turner, Doug Hall, Jeff Riley, Fred Goble, Brad Hall and Steve Pack.

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In accordance with the "Americans With Disabilities Act," if you have a disability for which the Transportation Cabinet needs to provide accommodations, please notify us of your requirements by July 1, 1994. This request does not have to be in writing. We may be contacted at the Pikeville District Office at 606-437-9691.

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ARH Renegades bounce Garrett Cubs 16-0 behind Shannon

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

The Garrett Cubs had spent four days (and a half) in trying to get two games in during the Beaver Creek Little League Tournament at Martin and Minnie over the weekend.

Several controversial moments arose during the week and it seemed the Cubs were involved in whatever decision was made.

The Appalachian Regional Hospital (ARH) Renegades took care of matters, and without any controversy, as they mounted a strong offensive attack and handed Dave Conley's Cubs a 16-0 setback Saturday morning.

Ryan Shannon scattered four hits in shutting out the Cubs, advancing his team to the championship round of the tournament.

Shannon struck out nine batters and showed excellent control by not issuing a walk.

But Shannon starred at the plate for the Renegades as well as he had three hits in four plate appearances. He scored three times in the game and had a fifth inning double.

The Cubs missed a chance to get on the scoreboard in the first inning when Kenneth Childers reached third on a three base throwing error to first base. But Matt Howard bounced back to the mound and Matt Bentley flew out to right to end the inning.

Four runs came home in the Renegades first inning as they collected

four hits in the frame. Shannon singled, stole second and third then came home on a wild pitch. With one out, Kyle Tackett walked and scored on Patrick Martin's long triple to center field. Martin scored on Jeremy Lafferty's grounder to shortstop.

Bub Goins kept the inning going with a walk and Zack Layne singled behind him. Goins scored on a base hit by Jonathan Turner to make it 4-0.

Melissa Thacker walked and Jason Lance followed with a base on balls to start the second. Two errors scored both runners and Lafferty drove in one with a base hit.

Shannon and Tackett doubled in the fifth inning when the Renegades scored six times. Two runners came around on Tackett's two-bagger. Thacker had a hit in the inning.

Chris Combs led off the Garrett fifth with a double, but was left stranded.

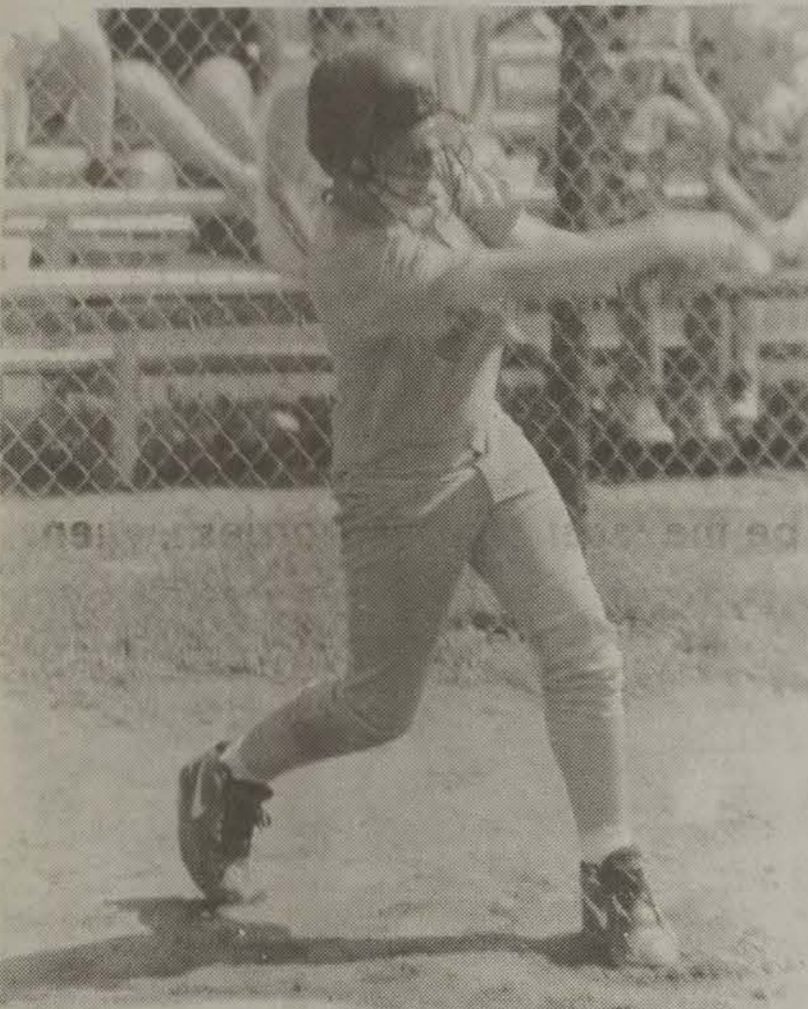
Josh Bentley, who started for the Cubs, suffered the setback in working just the first inning. Nick Martin came on in the second and went the next four frames.

Bentley allowed four runs on four hits. He walked four and struck out one. Martin, in four innings, gave up 12 runs on eight hits. He walked five and fanned three.



A rare performance!

It's not every day that you will see a female catcher behind the plate. But the Martin Blue Jays Shanna Howell donned the "tools of ignorance" and did an outstanding job for the Blue Jays last Saturday. She had one hit in the game. (photo by Ed Taylor)



Making noise!

Martin Blue Jay first baseman Jeremy Turner made some noise while his team faced the Martin Reds last Saturday at Martin in tournament play. Turner had two hits, an RBI and played well in the field. However, the Blue Jays suffered a 5-2 loss to the Reds. (photo by Ed Taylor)

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Collins homers in Sox 11-3 win over Garrett Rangers

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

The Allen White Sox Babe Ruth team won for the tenth time this season as they defeated the Garrett Rangers 11-3 this past Saturday afternoon.

Wesley Collins belted a solo home run over the left field fence in the third inning and Chris Moore and Doug Keathley combined for a two-hitter.

Moore started on the mound for the Sox and went the first four innings, allowing three runs on just one hit. He struck out seven and walked two.

Keathley, in a rare mound appearance, shutout Garrett on just one hit. He fanned one while walking three. "Doug did a good job for us," said Sox coach Tom Holbrook.

Collins led off the Sox third with his solo shot. Kaleb Yates singled and scored on Keathley's base hit to make it a 3-2 game in favor of Garrett.

The Rangers took a 3-0 advantage in the first inning when they pushed home three runs off Moore. Mike Pack reached on an error and Conley drew an one out walk. Wade Damron then scored both runners with a long double. He scored on a passed ball.

Allen took the lead for good in the

fourth inning with four runs. Darrin Newsome and Collins collected consecutive singles after Eric Cook had reached on an error with Cook and Newsome scoring. Moore walked, and with two out, Keathley singled home Collins and Moore.

Allen scored twice in the fifth and pushed home three in the sixth. Clabe "The Human Vacuum" Hall had singles in both the innings and finished with three hits in the game.

Kaleb Yates and Keathley had two hits for the winners. Yates doubled in the sixth inning and scored.

In a game played last Wednesday, the Sox recorded a 22-9 win over Wayland-Lackey-Garrett (WLG) Yankees. Moore hurled the first three innings and received credit for the win despite some control problems in the third inning.

In the third, Moore gave up six runs without the benefit of a base hit. He issued six walks in the inning, finding most of his pitches going in the dirt.

"He looked at me and just shrugged his shoulders," said Coach Holbrook. "I told him that I wasn't bringing someone else in after the hole he dug for himself."

Keathley relieved Moore at the start of the fourth inning and went the final two innings. He allowed three runs on two hits, striking out four and walking two.

Brandon Hicks suffered the loss for the Yankees. Hicks and Tom Bellamy collected the only two hits for the Yanks.

Wesley Collins continued to swing a hot bat with three hits in four plate appearances. Yates had a double and two RBIs in the contest. Chris Holbrook had two hits in the game and he scored twice. Darrin Newsome doubled in the third, driving in two runs.

Game notes:

- Coach Holbrook will be coaching the 15-year-old all-stars this season. This will make three out of the last four seasons that he has coached an all-star team. Holbrook coached the 13-year all-star team in 1991. He then coached the 14-year-olds last year and will handle the 15-year-olds this year in a league record move.
- All three Babe Ruth All-Star teams should be just that in a very strong season for the league.



Gregory Scott Collins

Collins to play in regional tournament

Gregory Scott Collins was selected as one of 18 Soccer players in his age group to represent Kentucky in a 14 state Regional Tournament to be held at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, Illinois. The 18 National Olympic Development players were selected from more than 60 Select League players across the state. Greg is the son of Steve and Donna Collins of Lexington, and the grandson of Rose Collins of Prestonsburg, and the late Scott Collins.

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"Now, coach here's how it was!"

Garrett Cubs pitcher Jason Bentley tried to explain things to his coach Dave Conley during a time-out in the Beaver Creek Little League tournament at Martin last week. The Cubs fell hard. (photo by Ed Taylor)

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Sports in Kentucky

Bob Watkins

C.M. Newton floating pay-per-view 'trial balloon' for UK-UofL game?

Nine weeks until Kentucky and Louisville tee-up and UK director of athletics C.M. Newton may be floating a trial balloon.

The game is a sellout certainty and UK is allowed only a point-to-point telecast (to Louisville via WDRB) by CFA rules. Newton is concerned "that many of our fans won't get a chance to see the game."

An alternative is pay-per-view. Newton told Sports In Ky. last week.

"I just really hate to go that way though. A final decision hasn't been made, but I really don't want to do that."

"What I would dearly love to do is get the game on public television, get it all over the state," he said. "That would be my preference."

But UK is bound to the point-to-point telecast.

As it stands the Kentucky-Louisville game will be seen live in Louisville and offered on tape delay as it has in years past.

Incidentally, the UofL's financial cut from the game is substantial enough, Newton says.

"It's more than the guarantee we give to SEC teams coming in here." He declined to divulge the amount. But SEC teams coming to Lexington receive a \$200,000 guarantee.

PITINO 'WATCH'

Didn't take long. Earlier this month Sports-In Ky. was asked to 'can it,' predictions that, because the Boston Celtics coaching job is unsettled, UK fans probably have not heard the last of Rick Pitino's name being linked to this NBA job.

June 27 issue of The Sporting News, item: Shaun Powell of Newsday: "There's still the suspicion that the Celtics and Rick Pitino would love to bond, starting with the 1995-96 season."

Okay, okay, enough. Maybe.

UK NOT INVOLVED

IN 3-POINT CHALLENGE

Rick Pitino's team is not one of them, but through the National Association of Basketball Coaches, more than 100 college programs have signed on to help raise money for the American Cancer Society.

Donations are pledged for each 3-point scorer. After Jim Valvano's

death last year, the ACS approached Missouri coach Norm Stewart who is recovering from the disease, about heading the drive. Mizzou raised \$400,000 alone for its 204 3-pointers.

"I've checked and we're not involved. Our marketing people don't know anything about it," a UK spokesperson said last week.

Too bad. Seems a natural since UK puts such emphasis on the three, and Valvano was a man for whom Pitino expressed such affection.

DAVENPORT BEMOANS

KY. ALL-STARS SUPPORT

The Louisville end of the Kentucky-Indiana summer all-star basketball series was another attendance bust last week. As few as 4,000 paid to watch the Hoosiers girls and boys sweep Kentucky.

Despite new ideas, including 3-point shooting contests at halftime of each game, fans this side of the Ohio River were mostly no-shows.

What's the problem?

Ballard High School Scott Davenport offered a rather peculiar spin. Overexposure.

"There are so many all-star games these days, so many camps and talk shows and syndicated columnists, by the time this game comes around everybody's seen all the kids. This game is kind of the end of everything. There didn't used to be so many all-star games."

Indiana fans still turn out.

"Basketball means more to people in Indiana," Davenport says. "We don't make this game big enough a deal in Kentucky."

"Nobody thinks about it much, but the kids on the Kentucky team represent, directly represent, 12,000 people. That's the kids, their folks, their teammates, the coaches, the schools. It's something to be proud of. But it's not made into big enough a deal."

Davenport believes lowering the price of admission from \$12 would help attendance too.

BUCKNER WAS BEST

If you said before the 1993-94 season started "University Heights' Greg Buckner is the best high school player in Kentucky," please stand and take a bow.

Clemson University basketball got a double dip when it landed Coach Rick Barnes from Providence Col-

lege, and Buckner, who had signed with Providence, was allowed to change commitments too.

I am forever mystified when players like Buckner are passed over by Universities of Kentucky and Louisville. A 64, 190-plus pounder with budding skills, Buckner plays "with a full heart"

Meanwhile, Kentucky's Mr. Basketball Elton Scott waltzed through the first game as if he'd just watched his role model arrested after a freeway chase. Numb.

His four points and one rebound in 25 minutes aside, Scott's no-show performance was an embarrassment made worse when he fouled a Hoosier player near midcourt with :03 left on the shot clock on Indiana's last possession of the game.

Steal of the year? Western Kentucky Hilltopper basketball has itself a wonderful prospect in 6-5 Eric Martin. Strong, quick, and blessed with good instincts, Martin—if he is a blender at WKU—is going to have fun playing hoops and getting a college education.

KY. ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

Eight new names will be added to the Ky. Athletic Hall of Fame for 1994.

Most recognizable among them perhaps, Howard Schnellenberger and Geri Grigsby.

In theme with the first UK-Louisville football game, five of the eight have ties to the sport at each school.

Dicky Lyons and Ralph Kercheval were standouts at UK, Otto Knop and Tom Jackson at Louisville. Schnellenberger has ties to both schools—UofL's coach, All-American at UK in 1955.

Grigsby, now an attorney in Washington D.C., is holder of four National High School Federation scoring records from her days at McDowell High.

Other '94 Hall of Famers: Dr. Rudy Ellis, UofL team doctor, and Frank Selvy.

For those who don't remember Frank Selvy played in two Sweet 16s for Harry Taylor in 1949 and 1950 and went on to earn All-American honors at Fumman College, and was a member of the NBA champion St. Louis Hawks in 1958.

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The Kentucky Athletic Hall of Fame "is quite-a thrill," Selvy said last week from his home in Greenville, S.C.

"It's especially an honor to be in there with so many of the great basketball players from Kentucky, Frank Ramsey and Cliff Hagan."

The Hall of Fame banquet will be Monday evening, Aug. 29 in Louisville. Ticket information: call 502-637-7696.

FYI. Members of the Ky. Hall of Fame selection committee are: Billy Reed (Sports Illustrated), Paul Rogers (WHAS Radio), Dick Gabriel (WKYT-TV, Lexington), Earl Cox (Voice-Tribune, St. Mathews), Jim Bolus (horse racing historian), Bob White (Courier-Journal), John Clay (Lex. Herald-Leader) and Bob Watkins (syndicated columnist).

TELEVISION & SOCCER

Last week a Louisville Courier-Journal television suggested soccer's dimensions and low scoring make it unattractive for teevee audiences.

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All of which brings us to the following analysis on television production—"Graphics were a slam dunk, along with replays, especially super slo-mos. Could have used tighter shots and more live, low, behind-the-basket angles to reflect the drama of dunks and inside scuffling."

That production was, of course, on Game 7 of the NBA Playoffs. What makes it fascinating is this: change the word basket to net, and soccer on television has the same potential for color, drama and entertainment as basketball.

Have a point of view you would like to share? Write to Bob Watkins, Sports In Ky. P.O. Box 124, Glendale, Ky. 42740.

REQUEST FOR BIDS

The City of Prestonsburg will accept bids until July 6, 1994, at 9 a.m., for six (6) 1994 full-size 4-door police vehicles. All bids must be submitted to the City Clerk's office on or before the above date. Specifications may be obtained at the Clerk's Office in the Municipal Building at 90 North Lake Drive. The lowest and best evaluated bid will be awarded. Bids will be evaluated on the basis of price, quality, serviceability, availability and delivery date. The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

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Mullins tosses four hitter as Reds hand Blue Jays 5-2 loss

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Chad Samons collected two hits, scored two runs and drove in one while Larry Mullins handcuffed a

good Martin Blue Jays team on four hits en route to a 5-2 win in the Beaver Creek Little League tournament at Martin Saturday morning.

Mullins surrendered half of his hits and the only two runs in the first

inning when the Blue Jays flew out to a 2-0 lead.

Mullins went the distance for the Reds striking out nine batters, walking two and sitting two. Mullins had a RBI single in the fifth inning.

Brandon Sizemore, no doubt the hardest thrower in the league, fanned 10 batters and walked three in suffering the loss.

Sizemore was clocked at times by radar as throwing in the high 60s. At times it appeared that he was over-throwing the ball.

The Blue Jays got a one out double from Sizemore in the first inning and he scored on Jeremy Turner's two-out single. Turner, who moved to third on an error, scored on another error off the bat of Brandon Gearheart to make it a 2-0 game.

Sizemore had little trouble with the Reds in the first inning and he fanned the side in the second. But his wildness got him in trouble in the third when he walked Jason Fields and Justin Hall back-to-back.

After fanning James Burchett, Chad Samons dribbled the ball up the

third base line for an infield single scoring both Fields and Hall. He got Mullins on strikes before Chris Damron reached on an infield single. Keith Crum lined out to end the inning.

The Blue Jays put runners on in the fourth and fifth inning, but could not score.

In the top of the fifth, the Reds scored three times after two were out.

It looked like a routine inning for the Blue Jays and Sizemore as he struck out Hall and Burchett to start the frame. He got Hall looking and Burchett swinging.

Samons then got his second infield hit and Mullins bunted for a base hit scoring Samons, who stole second and third.

Damron grounded the ball toward short, but the ball skipped under Gearheart's glove for an error, permitting Mullins to score. Damron moved to second on an errant throw from center field and went to third when the shortstop made a poor throw.

He scored on Crum's RBI single to make it a 5-2 game.

The Blue Jays put their first two runners on base in the bottom of the sixth. Turner singled and Shanna Howell reached on an infield single. But Mullins got the next three batters on strikes to end the game.

The Blue Jays committed four errors in the game with the Reds committing four.

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A fireballer!

Garrett Cub pitcher Jason Bentley fired the ball toward homeplate during the Beaver Creek Little League tournament at Martin last Saturday. Bentley, a 10-year-old, didn't fare well but he gave it a good try. (photo by Ed Taylor)

Sports View (Continued from B 1)

state champion like M.C. Napier. When you take in one of the Lady Navajo's games, you can see the support from the school's staff.

But it is things like this that continue to give the girls' game in Floyd County a sour look. Our coaches try hard to put the best team on the court they can. But the full support is not there.

Oh, I know that the administration is going to say, 'we support our team.' But do you really. From what I have seen in covering the games, it could be a lot better.

SOUTH FLOYD COACHES TO CALL FOR MEETING WITH PARENTS

The South Floyd High School coaches are planning to meet with the parents of all athletes at the school in hopes of getting support for a new athletic facility at the Left Beaver school.

The coaches are wanting a new football, baseball and track and field facility.

I still say that each school should have their own. Why not? Again, I understand it can't all be done at one time, but a commitment is needed to see that each school has the needed facilities for their athletics.

Board member Eddie Patton had a great suggestion in allotting \$100,000 in the schools budget next year and set aside \$25,000 for each school to take care of facilities they need. The allotted monies would be contingent on matching funds the schools would come up with.

In other words, \$25,000 matched

with the schools \$25,000 would give them \$50,000 to work with.

The purposed \$100,000 could then become \$200,000.

It's a great idea. It would be a motivating as well as an encouraging move by the board.

LITTLE LEAGUE TOURNAMENT SET FOR JULY 5 AT PAINTSVILLE

Five Floyd County Little League All-Star teams will be taking part in next week's All-Star tournament at Paintsville.

Wheelwright, Beaver Creek Red, Beaver Creek Blue, Harold-Allen-Prater and Prestonsburg will represent our county.

Should be some great baseball! Well, that's my sports view. Until next time, stay healthy.

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Orioles (Continued from B 1)

but he got King on strikes to end the inning.

Tim Davis singled for the Cardinals with two, but King got McGlothen on strikes to end the threat.

Both pitchers struck out the side in the second. King started the third a little wild as he issued two walks to the first two batters. However, on some good defensive play, both runners were cut down at third base.

King retired the last six batters he faced. He struck out the side in the fifth and sixth innings.

Wesley Hyden had a single for the Orioles in the fifth, but was left stranded.

King allowed nine hits in the game while giving up the one run. McKinney allowed 10 hits. Each pitcher walked two batters.

CUBS 16, ORIOLAS 0

The Orioles found the Garrett Cubs a little tougher as they seemed to have run into a buzz saw.

The Cubs posted a 16-0 mercy win over the Orioles and eliminated them from further competition.

Garrett scored 12 times in the fourth to mercy the Orioles.

Matt Bentley picked up the win and John Ousley suffered the loss.

The Cubs led 3-0 after one inning and pushed home a single run in the third for a 4-0 lead.

Leslie Slone had a fourth inning two-run home run. He scored Matt Bentley, who had just tripled home two runs. Chris Combs tripled and Nick Martin had a run scoring double in the inning. Adam Jones doubled home a run.

Willie Bentley doubled with one out in the second for the Orioles. But Duff left the bases loaded when Jason Patton fanned. Jonathan Ellis had the only other hit for the Orioles, a third inning single.

Matt Bentley finished with three hits for the Cubs. Combs and Martin had two hits and Adam Jones finished with two doubles.

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Hard work required in growing as professional angler

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Scott Patton is working hard at growing as a professional bass angler. Patton is working his way to the elite BassMaster's Classic and he is currently fishing the BP Top 100. He placed 16th overall in the 1992 Oklahoma Invitational and his overall standings qualified him for the Top 100.

Patton plans to be fishing not only the Top 100, but the Megabucks and an invitational division as well.

He has been featured in several

major magazines and is currently working with the press on new articles. He will make an appearance on the Kentucky Afield television show this year as well as being a guest on Jim Strader's talk show.

Patton is a frequent speaker at seminars across the country and he is trying to be prepared by taking public speaking courses at a nearby college. He knows how important it is to be able to promote his sponsors in a professional manner and is working hard to accomplish this on a local and national level.

While an avid fisherman, Patton still finds time for other hobbies such as studying psychology and mental concentration as well as business. But in his busy schedule, he always finds time for his family, which includes his wife Angela and two daughters, Suzanna, 6 and Amanda, 1. He has one son, Shane, 3.

"I enjoy family oriented activities and the great outdoors," said Patton. Patton also has some goals that he has in front of him and promoting the professional side of fishing.

"I have dedicated my professional career to promoting the professional side of fishing as well as the weekend angler," said Patton, who started fishing at the early age of 13. "I also work on promoting fishing related products."

Patton believes that promoting the art of fishing to children at an early

age is important.

"Yes, it is important to introduce children to the sport of fishing at the earliest age," he said. "I have done so with my own."

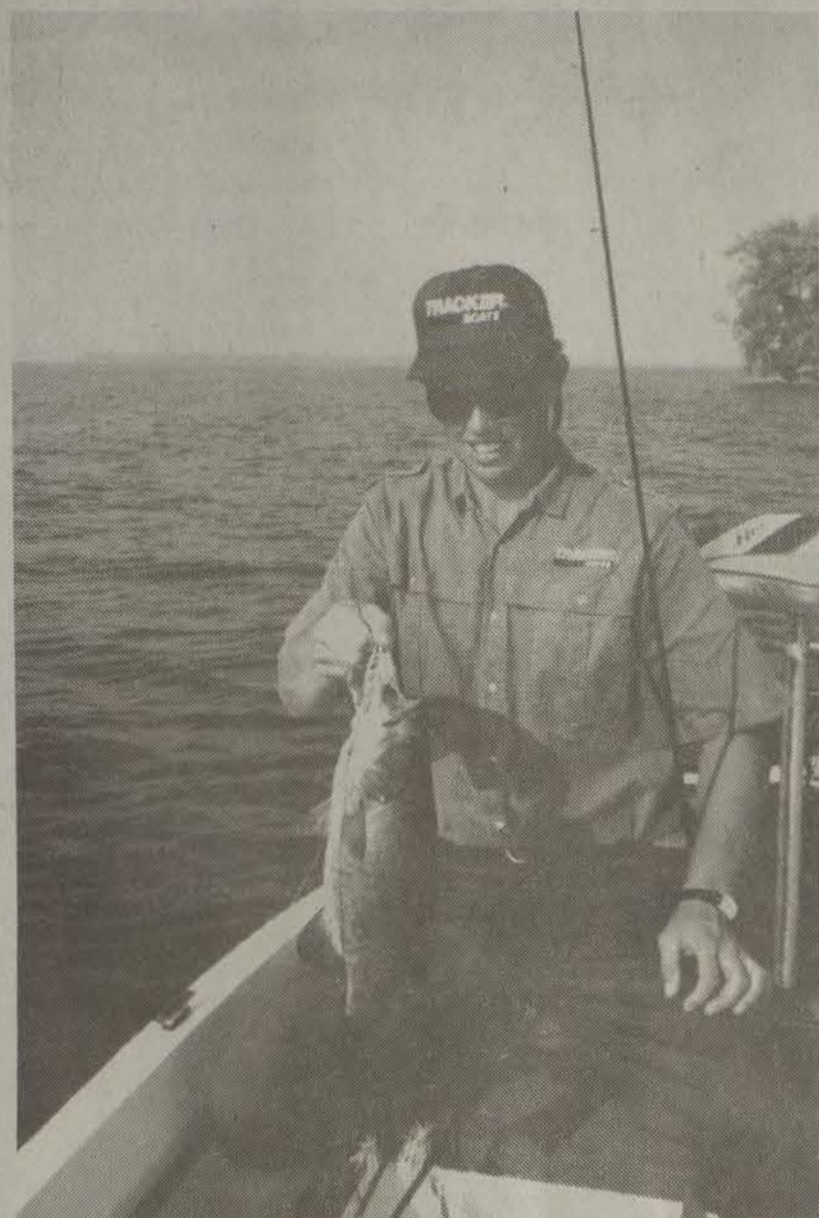
"Through my success as a professional bass angler, I plan to help people become aware of the importance of taking care of our environment," he said.

Patton joined the B.A.S.S. at the very early age of 14-years-old. He started fishing tournaments at the age of 19 as a non-boater in Kentucky.

He was the 1985 US Bass Kentucky Classic Champion as well as the US Bass World Team Champion in 1985.

From 1990 through 1993, Patton fished the B.A.S.S. Invitational Circuit.

Patton's column appears weekly in the Times sport's section.



Big bad bass

Professional Angler Scott Patton is working his way to the elite BassMaster's Classic and he is currently fishing the BP Top 100.

Martin Royals nip Tigers in extra innings, 23-22

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

The Martin Royals had to go to extra innings (2) to subdue the Martin Tigers in Pee Wee action this past weekend.

The Royals pushed home a single run in the bottom of the seventh inning to post a 23-22 wild marathon win over the Tigers.

Megan Hyden came home with the winning run on Dusty Justice's game winning RBI. Hyden had singled with one out.

Hyden was also instrumental in tying the game in the Royals fifth inning when she doubled home two runs to tie the game at 22.

The Tigers threatened in their half of the sixth inning when the first three batters singled to load the bases. But some good defensive play kept the Tigers off the scoreboard.

In the home half of the sixth, the Royals looked to take the game home when Brett Bartrum singled with two out and Amber Scott followed with a double. But Shauna Case grounded

out to first base to end the threat.

The Tigers came back and were excellent scoring position as Terri Mullins and Crystal Carver singled to start the inning. Alex Patton and Terry Moore fouled out. Carver then was caught at second base for the final out.

Alex Patton sailed a pitch over the center field fence in the first inning for a two-run home run. He also had a single and a double with three RBIs.

Scott collected four hits as did Chuck Swope in the win for the Royals. Hyden, however, was the hitting star as she doubled twice, homered, and had two singles in the game. He had four RBIs.

Chuck McKinney had three Royal hits.

Dee Mullins collected three hits — two doubles and one triple — for the Tigers. David Kilburn and Andrew Greer also had three hits. Joseph Ratliff doubled home two runs in the third inning when the Tigers scored nine times. He had RBI singles in the first and fourth innings.

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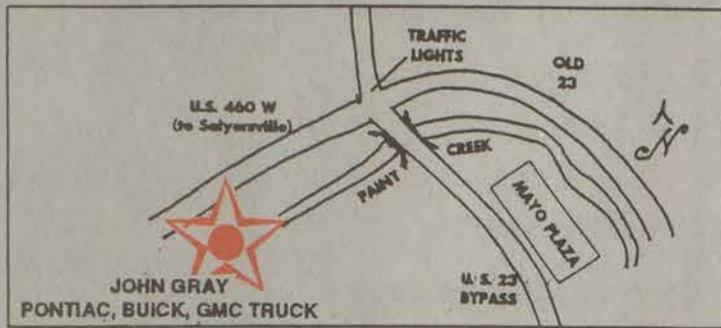
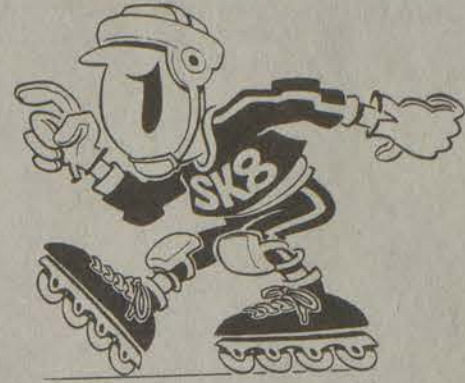
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Headlines in the daily newspapers tell the story: the tobacco industry is in trouble.
But, that probably means less to me than it does to some folks because, except for "rabbit baccer" (or life-everlastin', as we sometimes called it), I'd never smoked until I went to college.
Not that I hadn't had ample opportunity. When I was a kid growing up in Muddy Branch, practically everybody I knew, especially male adults, smoked.
Even my favorite movie stars, guys like Al "Fuzzy" St. John (Lash Larue's sidekick, who could roll one with one hand while riding his bicycle) and John Wayne (Smoke 'em if ya got 'em, Pilgrims") smoked.
Even world leaders I watched on the newsreels smoked. F.D.R. smoked. So did Winston Churchill. As a matter of fact, according to David Louis in his book 2201 Fascinating Facts, Churchill smoked more than 300,000 cigars in his lifetime. (He didn't say who counted.)

My dad smoked, my brother Ernest smoked and so did many of my friends. In those days, there wasn't anything wrong with smoking. As a matter of fact, it was just the natural thing to do. For some reason, though, I didn't.
Then one day—probably about 1958 or 1959—six or eight of my fellow classmates and I were sitting in a dorm room at Eastern Kentucky State College (before it became EKV) probably playing cards or something, when a salesman stuck his head in the door and started passing out cartons of a new cigarette that apparently had just come out on the market. It was called Marlboro and as he handed me one, I said, "No thanks, I don't smoke."
Before I could get my breath, one of the guys who

did smoke, poked me in the ribs.
I quickly caught on. That jab in the ribs meant I could give mine to him. Quickly, I recovered. "Yeah, I'll take 'em. I'll smoke 'em."
I took them, but I didn't give them away. I smoked them myself. (Which, no doubt, is what the salesman had hoped I'd do.)
I smoked for several years, maybe as much as a pack a day, but apparently never became addicted. (People tell me I'm an exception.)
Then, for some reason, I decided to quit. Or at least, I stopped buying them. (After all, the filtered kind were now costing me as much as 30 cents a pack.) I only smoked when I was around someone else who did, and could bum one.
But, about 20 years ago, I bummed one from a fellow teacher, smoked it and got sick as a dog. I mean, I turned green. I haven't put one to my lips since.
So now that all the controversy has cropped up



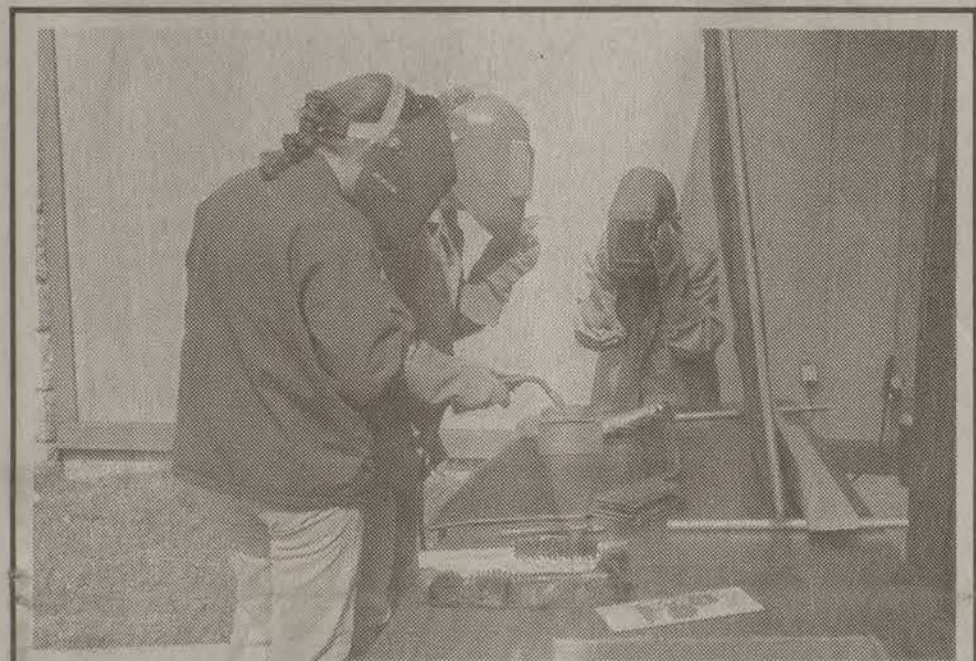
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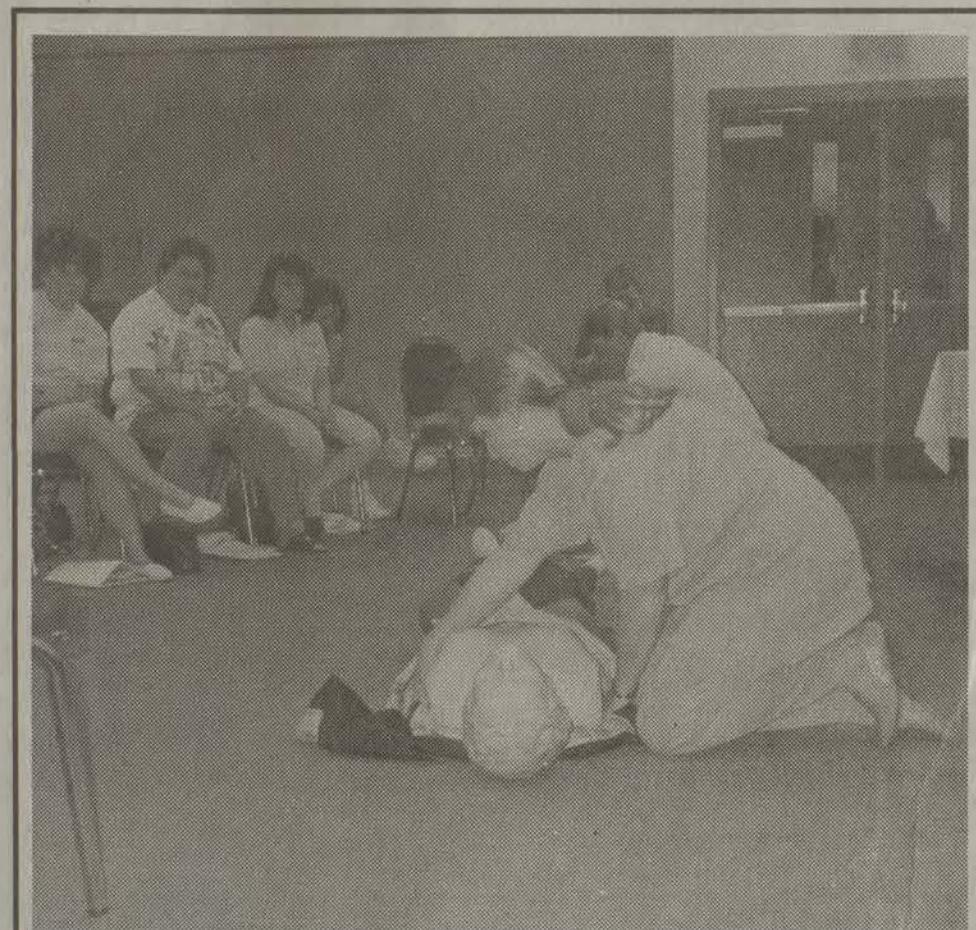
Lifestyles

Survival Skills Workshop



Welding techniques

This trio of welders included two Mayo students, Venus Mitchell and Dorothy Phillips, who demonstrated welding techniques for a workshop participant. (photo by Polly Ward)



Basic first aid

First aid instructors Kathe McBride and Greg Dickson taught workshop members the basic techniques for first aid at home using special mannequins. (photo by Polly Ward)



Troubleshooting

A workshop participant watched as Joe Stewardson, an auto mechanics instructor from Mayo State Vocational School, explained the basics of engine maintenance. (photo by Polly Ward)

by Polly Ward
Times Feature Writer

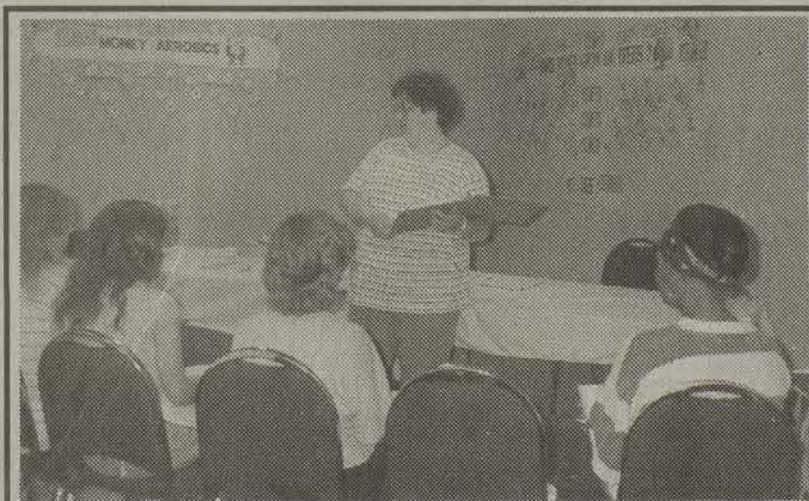
What do welding, auto mechanics, self-defense, and stress management all have in common?

Each was a workshop offered at the fourth annual Survival Skills /Career Choices seminar set up at the convention center at Jenny Wiley State Park Wednesday, June 1.

The Single Parent and Homemaker Career Development Program, directed by Jean Rosenberg, played host to 65 participants from five counties in the Big Sandy area. During the hands-on workshops, participants were given tips about home repair, money management, electricity, and career choices, as well as the workshops mentioned above.

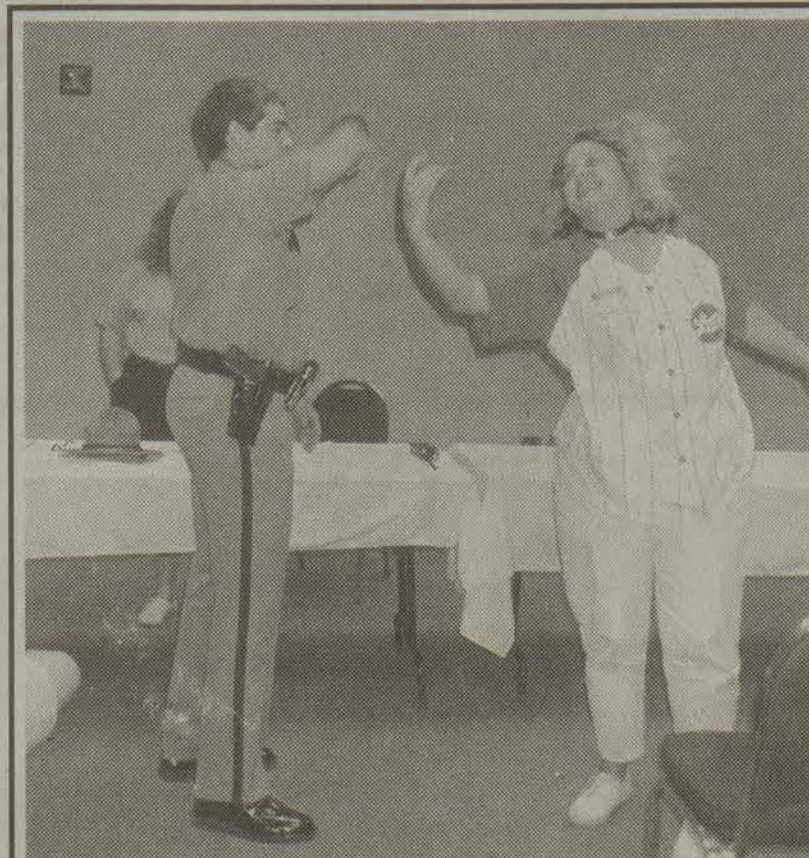
Two new workshops added to the seminar were first aid and gender equity. The latter was designed to create an awareness of how gender affects a person's selection of a career.

The day-long event was designed to help participants cope with life's emergencies and to see possible career choices in a whole new light.



Financial wisdom

Polly Spencer of the Department of Social Insurance in Johnson County gave participants tips on managing their money wisely. (photo by Polly Ward)



Self-defense

Willie Meade (left), a Kentucky State Police trooper, along with an assistant from the audience, demonstrated a self-defense tactic. (photo by Polly Ward)



Close to HOME
by Joe Adams
A BIRD IN THE BUSH SHOULD REMAIN THERE

From the first time our parakeet sat on my shoulder, I knew we would have a fluttering relationship at best.

He pooped on me.

Dumb bird.

I hate birds as pets. They're fine for other people. But if I want a pet I'll get a dog, maybe a cat. But a bird?

Don't get me wrong. I'm a big fan of pets. I've been around dogs and cats all my life. I've slept with them, held them on my lap while they've had babies and cried my eyes out when they died.

Shucks, I'm sharing my house with a pet right now. Having a dog around the house with two small children took some getting used to, especially when old dad provided many of the poop and pee cleaning services.

Yet, I swallowed my pride, held my nose and lived with it.

I've always been a believer that pets help children. They help youngsters learn to interact with others; develop virtues such as tenderness and caring. I didn't want them to miss out on the experience.

But I never wanted a stupid bird.

Or a turtle, or a hamster, or a snake, or any other pet that isn't my type, for that matter. Not that we've adopted any of those—yet.

But now that I've been talked into a bird, who knows what might be crawling around the corner next?

A BIRD IN THE HAND

My wife doesn't share my feelings about birds as pets.

She owned a bird cage in her youth and even loved a bird or two.

That's a side of her I've admired but have always preferred to keep at a distance.

Birds make noise. They require bird seed and a cage. And they've just never seemed as much fun or as loving as good old dogs and cats.

But every now and then my wife would mention a bird might make a good pet for our children.

I always managed to cleverly change the subject and see that it didn't come up again months later.

Then grandma blindsided me.

"Guess what, honey?" my wife said after her parents visited us recently. "Mommy left us money to buy the kids a bird."

"That's great, honey," I said, although there's no way my face showed even a sign of sincerity.

Maybe it had something to do with the thought that blared like a boom box in my brain: "Oh no! Now we're for sure going to get a stupid bird."

Perhaps I could argue my case on the basis of noise and aggravation, but the old cost excuse had gone bankrupt for me.

But I should have seen this coming months ago.

My wife bought a bird cage for nearly nothing at a garage sale.

Worse yet, my 4-year-old son and 1-year-old daughter bought on to the idea right away.

"Mammy Jo (his grandmother) left us money for a bird, dad," he would say. "That was really nice of her, dad. Let's go get one."

Now we've got a bird cage in our living room complete with a new feathery family member.

Our children call the black and blue creature "Ichabod."

FEARS COME TRUE

Ichabod was so still the first couple of days that half the time we thought he was dead.

But it didn't take our new member of the family long to snap out of it—or to confirm some of my worst fears.

His outbursts of chirping and squawking interrupted weekend naps right away. He's such a sloppy housekeeper that his birdseed's just as likely to be on the floor as in his cage.

And guess who is playing pooper scooper again when we let him out of his cage?

But he's a hero to our children.

My daughter says Ichabod's name repeatedly, and the first thing my son asks about in the morning is that bird.

"Let's go see how old Ichabod is doing," my son says before breakfast.

At least I've gotten the satisfaction of having my wife come around to my way of thinking on occasion. There have been times she could have strangled Ichabod or let him explore the great outdoors on a permanent basis. But we know the best we can hope for is a short life for Ichabod.

"That bird's probably going to live longer than we will," my wife said.

She's probably right.

Stupid bird.

Joe Adams is an Eastern Kentucky native who writes a family-oriented column. Write him at "Close to Home," 1839 Kettler Drive, Lutz, FL 33549.

Kim's Korner

Believe it or not!

Many times I've been asked if some of the things I've written in this column have really happened.



by Kim Frasure

Fortunately, and sometimes unfortunately, they've all actually happened.

Which brings me to my latest experiences.

A week or so ago Tiffany, Brittany and I were on our way home. Coming up the Abbott Mountain Road, this huge, beautiful, reddish-brown cat leaps out in front of our van.

Tiffany and Brittany are screaming "cool," "awesome," and me, I'm in shock.

It was early evening, just around dusk and directly in front of my headlights was a bobcat. "Oh my gosh," "oh my gosh," I kept saying over and over.

I was astounded. The closest I've ever been to seeing a real live bobcat was the distance from my couch to the television set, tuned in to the Discovery channel.

Although the cat was a beauty, I can't say I wish to see it again. Hopefully I won't.

Coons?

Just when I'd had my fill of wildlife, I left my van windows down overnight. Ash had left half of her biscuit from Hardee's lying between the front seats in a bag.

Then next morning around 7:40 a.m. I went out to get in the van and go to work. I noticed all these little muddy footprints all over the hood and windshield.

I opened the driver's side door. The driver's seat, the passenger's seat, floor and dashboard were covered in crumbs. Then I heard a hiss and rumble.

Feet don't fail me now! I'd say, I was heard clear into Johnson County. I went running and screaming for the house.

"Spouse, spouse," I liked to have killed my fool self getting up the steps to get in the house.

Now, I love my spouse dearly, but I'll tell you, he can make me soooo mad.

Out of breath and a nervous wreck, I was talkin' a mile a minute telling him there was a wild animal in my van.

He's looking at me with that s--- eatin' grin and then he did it. He stepped over the line. He lost his marbles and let loose with this gut-awful laugh and I was really ticked.

"Okay, big boy," I told him. "I'm going nowhere until you get that wild animal out of my van."

We went single file out to the van. Ronnie in front, of course, still snickering, me behind, still mad as a wet hen. The van door was open (hey, I certainly didn't take time to close it) and my loving, good-lookin', protective husband glances, and I do mean glances, into the van and says, "Looks like your big bad wild animal is gone."

"Now, tell me please, how you can come to such a conclusion when all you're doin' is glancing in the van?"

"Oh, go on to work, it's gone by now," my spouse said.

I had to conjure up every ounce of guts I had to climb in that van. But I did and off I went.

Rabbits, birds, frogs and squirrels I can handle. Coons don't bother me as long as they stay out of my van. But this new house on the hill with all this wildlife sure does take some gettin' used to.

On the sports side

After reading Ed Taylor's column last Wednesday, I have to admit I was shocked.

I had no idea there was a possibility Bridgette Clay would not be coaching at P.H.S.

Although I don't know Bridgette as well as some, what I do know, from my daughter attending her basketball camp, having her as a P.E. teacher and presently with the little league girls softball, I've admired Clay and her compassion for sports and these kids.

Tiff, as most of you know, will, 9 out of 10 times, get hurt in any sports event and Bridgette Clay's witnessed this on many occasions.

She's always shown real concern and compassion for Tiffany's welfare and to a mother that means a whole heck of a lot.

(See, Kim's Korner C 3)

Society Events

John Graham Chapter DAR

John Graham Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, held their regular monthly meeting Monday, June 13, 6 p.m., at May Lodge. Regent Betty Jean Conn presided.

Chaplain Eleanor Horn conducted DAR Rituals. Margaret Collins led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the USA. Karen Ousley led the American's Creed, and Dorothy Osborne read the President General's message.

Virginia Goble reported that the February 28, Living Memorial Fund scholarship chairman, Zella Faye Wells, had presented \$1,000 scholarships each to Brandie L. Ousley and Tonia M. Vance, Prestonsburg High seniors, at commencement exercises June 3. She also reviewed the plaque which will be placed at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park in October in memory of the children and school bus driver who drowned in 1958.

Treasurer Ousley announced that John Graham Chapter members had donated \$344.00 toward the scholarship.

Frances Brackett reported on the Jenny Wiley Veterans' Memorial dedication held May 29, at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. Among those veterans honored on the bronze plaque in connection to John Graham members were Sgt. Ray Brackett, USMC Korean War; E4 Stephen Ray Preston Brackett MP Vietnam; SSQ James B. Goble, USAAC World War II; Edward Eugene May, USN WW II; Pvt. Bill Claude Spears, USA WW II; John Worth Spears, WWII; MSGT John Theodore "Ted" Stepp, USAF; Pfc. Victor Thurman Stepp, USA WW II. Among the large crowd attending were James and Virginia Goble, Ray and Frances Brackett, Norma Stepp, Mrs. Stephen R. Preston Brackett, and Angela Frances Brackett. Kentucky was among the 22 states approved and designated to have commemorative events such as this by the National Society.

Chaplain Horn announced the death of Pauline Archer Burchett, born September 28, 1914 and died May 11, 1994, having joined the chapter under Revolutionary soldier Moses Preston Sr. A floral bouquet with the DAR insignia was presented to her family and burial was at Davidson Memorial Gardens. Burchett had served on a number of committees and had written the history of Prestonsburg for the 1992

Floyd County History. Carter Funeral Home planted a tree in her memory in a national forest.

Collins announced that Preston Marshall Davidson needed help on furnishings, pictures, and any information depicting the Garfield House so that it could be placed on the National Historic Register. Although the house has been demolished, a marker can be placed at the original site. Collins also reported that she had supplied the Veterans Administration with 50 paperback books to be donated to veteran centers.

Brackett reported the location of the grave of Revolutionary soldier, Simon Auxier (1751-1826) in the Hopkin's Cemetery, Ford Gap, Auxier. A stone has been ordered and dedication services will be held July 3, 1995, at the cemetery. She reported that she, Bobby Wells, Ursal Ray Wilcox, and Joe Skeens, had charted approximately 22 cemeteries at Auxier, Blockhouse Bottom, and John's Creek. She also reported on Hindman Settlement School DAR Day held May 20 which she and Fannie Runnels attended.

Regent Conn announced that there will be a DAR State Board of Management meeting at the Campbell House, Lexington, June 30. She and Brackett will attend. She announced that the Sixth District meeting will be held at the Carriage House, Paintsville, August 11, with registration starting at 8:30-9:30 a.m. Luncheon reservations should be made with Mrs. Basil Mullins by July 25. She reported that an outdoor reception was held at the May House for members of the Civil War Reenactment during Memorial weekend. Assisting were Brackett and Mabel R.

Lineberger. Dr. Robert Perry gave a talk about the May House, oldest brick home on the Big Sandy River, which was used by Colonel A. J. May, Confederate officer, during the Civil War.

Collins presented the Flag Day program skit assisted by Fannie Runnels, Norma Stepp, Karen Ousley, Betty Conn, Eleanor Horn, and Dorothy Osborne. After the program, Horn gave the invocation for dinner.

The next regular meeting will be held in September.

Visit relatives

Donald and Dorothy Horn of Prestonsburg, Sherry and Larry Crum and Keith of Arkansas Creek, visited Mr. and Mrs. Dexter Horn of McVey, in Pike County on Sunday, June 12.

Drift Woman's club awards scholarship

During the KFWC Drift Woman's Club's special meeting on June 1, the group awarded a scholarship to Stacy Shepherd, a senior at South Floyd High School.

The club's education committee handed out applications for the George L. Moore/Lloyd Stumbo Memorial Scholarship for \$500. The scholarship winner was then selected.

The meeting was held at the home of Violet (Chick) Hall. The president, Doris Lawson, conducted the meeting.

Geraldine Ward reported on the 1934-1993 McDowell High School reunion. Mrs. Ward reported that letters had been sent out for each graduating class, and that the response had been "great," and were arriving daily to each class' contact person. Mrs. Ward said that any person who had attended McDowell school was invited to the reunion.

The reunion program will include entertainment, a time for fellowship, and a memorial service for McDowell school principals, teachers and graduates.

In other business at the women's club meeting, Ruby Akers, KFWC Drift Woman's Club 26th Annual Horse Show manager, reported that there will be 30 classes in the horse show. The event will be held at Archer Park on July 23 at 7 p.m.

Classes include the following: Stick horse classic; lead line; open halter; pole bending; open juvenile pleasure horse or pony; amateur ladies' and men's pleasure;

Juvenile style racking; amateur country pleasure; trophy dash; style racking; American saddlebred pleasure; open barrel race;

Open three year walking; speed racking; open amateur racking; open ladies style racking; KWHA ladies auxiliary; juvenile walking horse; stallion and gelding racking;

English pleasure; trail pleasure racking; racking flat shod; open plantation pleasure; junior racking; open pacing; open amateur walking (no canter); four-year-old amateur (no canter); racking horse stake; mountain pleasure horse; and open walking horse stake.

At the meeting, refreshments were served by the hostess to Doris Lawson, Ruby Akers, Cheryl Hall, Celia Little, Roberta Luxmore, Geraldine Ward, Jerri Turner, Shannon Blake Turner, Karen Stone, Kathryn Youmans, Leigh Ann Hall and Charles Hall.

The regular meeting will be held at the Salisbury Methodist Church for the installation of the 1994-96 officers.

Miriam Rebekah Lodge holds meeting

The regular meeting of Miriam Rebekah Lodge was held June 21 with Noble Grand Hope Whitten presiding.

The roll of officers was called and it was noted that four members were in the hospital. Cards were signed for them.

Communications were received and taken care of. It was noted that the state president, Juanita Ratliff of Frankfort, will be making her official visit with Miriam Lodge on

Thursday, July 7. Plans were started for her visit.

Taking part in the drill of the instituting of the new Rebekah Lodge in Paintsville on June 18 were Lorena Wallen, Paulena Owens, Billie Murdock, Sue Moore, Jewel Bays, Kelly Sue Moore, Nell Hebler, Susie Clifton, Beverly Hackworth, Violetta Wright, Judy Johnson, Maxine Bierman, Virginia Goble and Mabel Jean LeMaster.

At the close of the meeting, those present enjoyed a lemon squeeze. Each member paid five cents per seed in her lemon. Lemonade was made and enjoyed with cookies prepared by the noble grand.

The next meeting will be held July 7, at 6 p.m. A covered-dish dinner will be held and all members are urged to attend and bring a dish of food.

Jenny Wiley 3528, AARP hears health speaker

Glenda Hughes, representing the Southeast Area Health Education Center, was the guest speaker at the June dinner meeting of Jenny Wiley Chapter No. 3528, American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), held Friday, June 17, in the cafeteria of Highlands Regional Medical Center. Burieta Gearhart, president, presided.

At the conclusion of the dinner, which began at 5:30 p.m., Orville Cooley led the devotional. All present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Marie Goble read the minutes of the last meeting and James E. Goble presented the treasurer's report.

Several persons reported having birthdays in June and the group sang "Happy Birthday" to them.

Members of the group voted to make Jack R. Freed a lifetime member of the Jenny Wiley Chapter. Reed, who is ill, was instrumental in the formation of the Jenny Wiley AARP Chapter.

The speaker for the evening, Hughes, was introduced by Gladys Allen. Hughes spoke about the effect of Alzheimer's, not only on the patient, but on the caregiver.

Present for the AARP meeting were Bill and Pauline Foley, Eileen Hebler, Ronald Hebler, Dorothy Osborne, Gladys S. Allen, Russell and Sarah Laven, Glenda Hughes, James E. and Marie Goble, John R. and Alice Baldrige, Earnest Hayes, Chester and Faye Patton, Mary Nell and Tom Bingham, Ruby Akers, Roney Clark, Burieta Gearhart and Maxine Bierman.

The next meeting will be held Friday, July 15.

Christ United Methodist Women hold meeting

Christ United Methodist Women met Tuesday, June 14, for their monthly meeting.

Those attending were Doris Clark, Kaye Lemaster, Katherine Fortenberry, Debbie Adkins, Delores Bradley, Connie McKinney, Cheryl Hughes, Jean Watson, and Valerie Goins.

The meeting opened with Scripture reading from Ephesians 6. The minutes were then read, followed by the treasurer's report.

Business was then discussed. The first order of business was the proposal to buy Baptistry robes. Also discussed were Rada cutlery orders, the possibility of a yard sale in August or September, hostesses for August, and \$5 per month mission pledges.

The meeting was then adjourned, followed by the program presented by Diane Turner. Refreshments were served by hostesses Connie McKinney and Valerie Goins.

The next meeting will be at Jerry's in Prestonsburg at 7 p.m. Anyone interested should come out and join the group.

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June 2: A daughter, Karlee Cheyenne, to Ginger and Terry Cheek of Salyersville; a son, William Tyler, to Patricia and William Davis of Salyersville; a son, Andrew Charles, to Melissa Lynn and Charles Blanton, Jr., of River.

June 3: A daughter, Olivia Rae, to Beverly and Oliver Setser of East Point; a daughter, Andrea Kristen, to Diana and Samuel Hollins of Viper; a daughter, Courtney Reanna Howell, to Melissa Maynard of Beauty.

June 4: A son, Tyler Austin, to Shawna and Larry Flanery of Bevinville; a son, Austin Tyler Lewis, to Deana Marie Endicott of Endicott.

June 5: A daughter, Alesha Kaye, to Tracie Fletcher of Hindman; a daughter, Meghan Jeannell, to Karla and James Herald of Hazard.

June 6: A son, Nicholas Adam, to Telena and Tom Johnson of Weeksbury; a daughter, Latasha Dawn, to Sherry and John Whitaker of Langley.

June 7: A son, Kyle Anthony, to James and Anthony Oliver of Carrie.

June 8: A daughter, Marissa Dawn, to Randi and Kennie Jarrell, Jr. of Inez; a son, Zacharie O'Neill, to Jewel and Charles Edward Holiday of Royalton; a son, James Tylor J.E., to Misty Ann and James Edwin Moore of Inez.

June 9: A daughter, Ashley Dwan, to Sandra Lee Preston of Thelma.

June 10: A daughter, Alexandria Elizabeth, to Tena Mae and Stacey T. Dotson of Ivel.

June 11: A son, Claude Edward Ray, to Chrystal Ann and Claude Ray Gilliam of Wheelwright; a son, Kelby Tyler, to Glenda Faye and Erlin Randell Crum of Price.

June 13: A daughter, Kendra Rae Lynn Perry, to Karen Lynn Ousley of Martin; a daughter, Juliaane, to Ginger and Mark David Halbert of Printer.

June 14: A son, MacKenzie Alexander, to Elesia Ann Music of Nippa; a daughter, Megan Paige, to Patricia and Randy Warren Fouts of Kite.

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May 22: A son, Kyler Dalton, to Trena Jo and Samuel Todd Rasnick; a daughter, Jessica Lynn Coleman, to Geneva Lynn and Jesse Lee Newell; a daughter, Janesha Julia, to Janet Lea and Harold Keith Tackett; a son,

Austin Micheal Blake, to Angela Denise and Harold Craig Hackney; a son, Ryan Tyler, to Jennifer Renee and Tommy Joe Lawson.

May 23: A son, Evan Douglas, to Leslie Jane and Craig Douglas Bays.

May 24: A son, Joshua Gary, to Jennifer Denise and Timmy Dwight Kidd; a son, Ean Dakota, to Tammy Marie and Daryl Ellis Adkins; a son, Brandon Chase, to Tonya Lynn and Paul Michael Adams; a son, Christopher Cameron, to Maria Charlette and Christopher Alan Fitzpatrick; a son, Charles Douglas Cody, to Tracy Michelle Clark and Paul Douglas France.

May 25: A son, Daniel Isaac, to Debra Elaine and William Larry Ratliff; a daughter, Amie Michelle, to Monica Charlene and Larry Reed Justice; a daughter, Chelsea Kristan, to Chrystal Shawn Maynard and Leonard Walter Young; a daughter, Breanna Dawn, to Evelyn Ann and Dennis Keith Hall.

May 26: A son, Christian William, to April Dawn and Bill Burchett Jr.

May 27: A son, Ryan Kelly Williamson, Jr., to Stacey Renee and Ryan Kelly Williamson; a son, Micheal Zachary, to Trina Ann Kiser and Micheal Kevin Jones.

May 28: A daughter, Alexandria Lynn, to Tonya and Richard Dale Johnson; a son, Joshua Henry, to Penny Jo and Glen Gordon Powers.

May 29: A son, Jeffery Tyler, to Susan Maria and Jeffrey Paul Chaffins; a son, T. Ivory MacSamule Trevez Bartley, to Robin Lynn Fisher; a daughter, Heather Dawn, to Amanda Faye and Ronnie Dean Hayes.

May 30: A daughter, Lindsey Dawn, to Kimberly and Donald Lee Isner.

May 31: A son, Derrick Hayes, to Joyce Ann and Hayes Junior Collie; a son, Michael James Fonner Jr., to Annie and Michael James Fonner.

June 1: A son, Robert Dale, to Melissa Carol and Robert Lee Williams.

June 2: A daughter, Jessica Lynn, to Renee Lynn and Jessica Green Thacker; a son, Austin Grey, to Angela Darlene and James Greg Clevinger; a son, Jon Jared, to Patricia Evelyn Blackburn; a daughter, Courtney Alison, to Jessica Lee and Paul David Shepherd.

June 3: A daughter, Destini Rae, to Bridgette Nicole Wright; a daughter, Jessica Alexandria, to Jennifer Denise and Kenneth Brian Robinson.

June 4: A son, Austin Wayne, to

Melissa Dawn and Kevin Wayne McCoy.

June 5: A daughter, Courtney Nicole, to Paulette Renee and Hiram Randall Pratt; a son, Nicholas Michael, to Shelley Marie and Richard Slone; a son, Austin Seth, to Kimberly Kay Weddington.

June 6: A daughter, Siara Jade, to Shequenna Gwen and Brian Darrell Polly; a son, Xavier Nathaniel Adkins, to Arvella Tamarara Lorraine Wilson.

June 7: A son, Chad Andrew, to Tammy Lisa and Charles Edward Noble; twins, Summer Brook and Savanna Rae, to Anita Gayle and Clyde Ray Booten; a son, Evan Tyler, to Michelle Renee Ratliff.

June 8: A daughter, Whitney Dawn, to Candase Rana and Donny Gene Newsome; a son, Ronald Alexander, to Teresa Gaye and Ronald Lee Lester; a son, Tyler Lee, to Veronica Lynn Kidd; a son, Corey David, to Jacqueline Ann and Paul David Rogers; a son, Matt Ray Pinion Jr., to Rena Dean and Matt Ray Pinion; a daughter, Sarai Michelle, to Dwanna Michelle and Donald Keith Bentley; a daughter, Katie Elizabeth, to Nikki Michelle and Ricky Lee Stafford; a daughter, Whitney Nichole, to Jimmetha Ruth and Van Kent Reynolds.

June 9: A son, Adam Kody, to Toni Lynn and Paul Winford Belcher Jr.; a son, Timothy Lucas, to Trula Faye and Timothy Wayne Fields.

June 10: A son, Michael Joseph, to Misty and Reed Dennis Potter; a son, Zachery Lane, to Tammie Gay Sexton and Robert Eugene Hamilton; a son, Jagger Joseph, to Michele Lee and Teddy Alen Sanders; a daughter, Emily Paige, to Jatanna Rae and Howard Keith Hall.

June 11: A son, Dalton Taylor, to Angela Dawn Polley and Richard Crona Hamlin.

June 12: A daughter, Holly Rachele, to Michelle Lynn and Freddie Ray McCown; a daughter, Samantha Lakin, to Amy Nasha and Samuel Eugene Ray; a daughter, Kimberly Ann, to Elizabeth Ann and Charlie Red Polly.

June 13: A daughter, Tara Lynn, to Beverly Lynn and Terry Wayne Eplin; Brittany Nicole, to Ernestine Marie Newsome and Kelvin Gene Rogers.

June 14: A daughter, Courtney Lasha, to Peggy Sue Holbrooks and Chad Thomas Bartley; a son, Aaron Cole, to Jennifer Lynn and Homer Bryant Burgett; a son, James Allen Thacker Jr., to Gail and James Allen Thacker.

June 15: A daughter, Kayla Renee, to Jennifer Louise and Brian Frank Thacker.

June 16: A daughter, Ashley Cheyenne, to Tiffany Carole Thacker; a daughter, Malissa Jane, to Vicki Lynn and Jimmy Dean Scott; a son, Dalton Thomas Nathaniel, to Bronis Fern and Tracy Dean Yates; a son, Austin Coty, to Pamela Kay Layne and William Kirby Blankenship; a daughter, Jasmine Lee, to Crystal Lynn and Jamey Patrick.

June 17: A son, William James Tyler, to Karen Audrey and Bobby Delane Boyd; a daughter, Kayla Marie, to Linda and Larry Justice.

June 18: A daughter, Brandy Michelle, to Kimberly Sue and Frank Lawford Charles.

June 19: A son, Douglas Ray, to April Dawn Chapman; a daughter, Kirsten Paige, to Rebecca and William Matthew Bevins.

June 20: A son, David Nathaniel, to Erika Marie and Tommy Thompson; a son, Zachary Leno Purvis, to Carol Sue and Terry Riley.

June 21: A son, Jaycob Mackenzie, to Tammy Renee and J.C. Roer.

Lowe wins scholarship



Jessica Lowe

Jessica Lowe, daughter of Margaret and Burgess Lowe of Canal Fulton, Ohio, has accepted a National Merit Finalist Scholarship to attend the University of Kentucky beginning fall semester, 1994.

Lowe is a 1994 graduate of Northwest High School.

The scholarship covers tuition, plus allowance for room, board, and books for the freshman year, or approximately \$6,200. It pays for tuition plus \$2,500, or about \$5,200 for the second, third and fourth years.

Kim's Korner

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There's a lot of teachers and coaches who genuinely care and there are those who don't, also. So when you're fortunate to have one who does, you most certainly don't want to see them go anywhere.

I can remember Clay on the court in her high school days going strong for the Fighting Blackcats.

And it seems she's fought to see those Blackcats prove they are tough to beat.

Now, she has to fight to stay. I think Clay's passion for sports and her team's basketball and softball have been proved. She's hung in there and has never given up. I can't imagine she'll give up now!

After all, a Blackcat team without Bridgette Clay would be like a Tiger with no stripes. Till next week.

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Engagement announced

Clarence and Christine Kidd of Dana announce the engagement of their daughter, Sharon Kay, to Andrew Hall, son of Ronnie Hall of Wise, Virginia, and Kathy Blevins of Tram. The wedding will take place in August.



Adult New Reader's library

The Mud Creek Learning Center has a Reader's Library. The Learning Center is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday, through Thursday, all year round. Some of the center's projects will be listed in the upcoming publication written by the students entitled "Pinches For Hillbilly Life in Eastern Kentucky," a student orientation training and a national reading with children program. The students raised money to have a sign posted outside the center and to purchase other supplies. If anyone wants to learn to read, to read better, or study for his/her GED, come on in to the center. (photo by Frank Salyers, JOBS Program)

Floyd Students named to dean's list at Berea

Three graduates of area high schools have been named to the Dean's List at Berea College for the term just completed.

They are Prestonsburg High graduate Christel D. Blackburn, daughter of Diana Crider of Prestonsburg, and McDowell High graduates, Jose Mari Ilagan, son of Mrs. Amparo Ilagan of the Philippines, and Timothy Lawson, son of Michael Lawson of Drift and Dottie Lawson of Lexington.

To be eligible, a student must maintain a 3.0 average and earn grades of B or better in at least four full-credit courses, the equivalent of 16 semester hours.

Berea is a non-denominational, liberal arts college which offers bachelor of arts degrees in 23 areas of study and bachelor of science degrees in agriculture, business administration, industrial arts and nursing. There is no charge for tuition and each student works at least 10 hours a week to pay living expenses.

Farm & Family



Drift Adult Learning Center

Classes are taught from July 1 through June 30 at the Drift Adult Learning Center. There is no summer vacation for the adult center. This center, located in the Drift Headstart Building, is sponsored by the David School. Pictured above, from left, are Linda Halbert, Linda Moore, Peg Smith, Paul Cole, Cecil Layne and Kim Moore. The learning centers are open to all who want to up-grade their education or just their reading level. Everyone is welcome. (Photo by Frank Salyers, JOBS Program)



Readers at Mud Creek

An Adult Learning Center is located next to the Mud Creek Clinic. This center is operated by the David School. Classes are taught year 'round, July through June 30. Students pictured above, from left are Fannie Lawson, Amy Blackburn, Evelyn Adkins, Cathy Rogers and Polly Music. These students have made a commitment to increase their educational levels and all hope to get their GED diplomas. This center and classes are open to everyone, so if anyone is interested in upgrading his/her educational level, reading or math classes, just drop by the center and talk with the teachers. (photo by Frank Salyers, JOBS Program)

Extra calcium before age 10 may help stem osteoporosis after 50

by Judy McBride
The best way to prevent osteoporosis, health professionals agree, is to achieve the highest bone mass possible in youth through adequate exercise and calcium intake. That's why the Recommended Dietary Allowances call for girls to increase calcium intake from 800 to 1,200 milligrams daily between the ages of 11 and 25.
Now U.S. Department of Agriculture findings suggest that the increase should begin and end at earlier ages. In a study of girls age 5 through 16, "most bone forming activity occurred in the years just before and just after the start of puberty," says study leader Steven A. Abrams, a pediatrician at USDA's Children's Nutrition Research Center in Houston funded by the Agricultural Research Service.
In U.S. girls, Abrams says, the first signs of puberty usually begin between age 8 and 11, the average being around 10. Menstruation begins two to three years later, with age 12-1/2 being average.
Abrams believes "there's no reason to think you can't start to emphasize calcium intake around age 5. The primary prevention of osteoporosis begins before puberty."
His results also show a rapid drop in bone forming activity within two years after menstruation begins. "By age 15, there was very little bone

being formed," he says, nothing that the girls excreted nearly as much calcium as they absorbed. The bones contain 99 percent of the body's calcium.
The new findings were possible because of techniques Abrams developed to assess the rate of bone formation with stable (nonradioactive) isotopes of calcium. Without stable isotope techniques, nutritionists could only estimate when and how fast bone formed in children and adolescents based on their growth rate.
Abrams points out that milk consumption and thus calcium intake among young adolescents girls has dropped alarmingly since 1950—from about 1,400 mg daily to 900. Four 8-ounce glasses of milk provide close to the recommended 1,200 mg of calcium.
"We're concerned that the percentage of women with osteoporosis may increase if calcium intake continues to remain low," he said. His results show that girls don't compensate for low intakes by absorbing more from their diets. "If they don't ingest enough, they won't absorb enough."
According to the National Osteoporosis Foundation, half of American women over age 50 and three quarters over age 75 have significant bone loss.

Green and Growing

Bob Tracinski, John Deere's Consumer Information Manager

Winning the backyard battle

by Bob Tracinski
John Deere Consumer Information Manager

Each spring you wage a kind of war on a seemingly endless, bright green battlefield. The enemy? Stubborn weeds, volumes of clippings and ever-present obstacles.

But fear not, for there is strength in numbers and the numbers are on your side—numbers like 45 minutes, 22 horsepower and 38 inches—numbers that can help you choose the proper mower for your fight against lawn care fatigue.

Fatigue, after all, is the real enemy. When facing a lengthy list of weekly chores, you want to mow your lawn quickly and easily. So if you're shopping for a new mower, pick a model that can make short work of your yard. Base your choice on your lawn's size and contour.

A walk-behind mower will suit your needs if your lawn is one-third of an acre or less. Consider a rear-engine riding mower or lawn tractor if your yard is larger than half an acre and a lawn and garden tractor if you mow more than one acre and want to plow or till a vegetable garden.

How fast you walk or ride, the width of your mower deck, and even the height and thickness of your lawn can all affect your mowing time. But here's a general guide for the time required to cut a flat acre with little landscaping:

- Time to Mow One Acre
- Walk-behind mower 2 to 3 1/2 hours
- Rear-engine riding mower 1 1/3 hours
- Front-engine lawn tractor 1 hour
- Lawn and garden tractor 1/2 to 3/4 hour

These are just estimates, since most of us have slopes and trees or other obstacles that slow us down. Which brings up another factor to consider when purchasing lawn-care equipment: your yard's contour.

If you have lots of trees, shrubs or other decorative features, a walk-behind or rear-engine mower may be your best bet. Walk-behind mowers make it easy to negotiate curves and maneuver in tight areas. Rear-engine riding mowers offer a similar advan-

tage, since the operator's vision isn't blocked by a front-mounted engine.

Typical rear-engine mowers are powered by 8- to 12.5-hp engines and feature center-mounted mowers between 30 and 38 inches (by comparison, most walk-behind mowers have a cutting width from 15 to 24). Attachments vary by manufacturer, but generally consist of thatchers, mulching systems and baggers.

If you have a larger yard with just a few obstacles, consider the next step up, a front-engine lawn tractor. Powered by 12.5- to 17-hp gasoline engines, these tractors are typically equipped with center-mounted mowers between 38 and 48 inches. Attachments include thatchers, mulching systems, material collection systems and front blades.

Lawn and garden tractors—marked by 14- to 22-hp gasoline or diesel engines and 38- to 60-inch center-mounted mowers—are equipped to handle even "the longest yard." You can add tillers, plows, snow throwers and even front loaders to these versatile machines.

A lawn care dealer can help you choose the mower that best fits your specific needs. Knowledgeable lawn care professionals are a bit like generals—they can put you through "basic training" and help you draw out a battle plan, but you're still on the front line. Armed with the proper equipment, mowing your lawn can seem less like war—or work, for that matter—and a whole lot more like a wonderful way to get a little exercise on a sunny day!

Now for a few popular questions about picking lawn care equipment: What are some standard features I should look for in a new mower?

Walk-behind mowers should have adjustable handlebars to meet your height. Large diameter wheels and rear-wheel drive systems make mowing easier. Also look for electric or "easy"-pull starting systems to get you going fast. Judge a riding mower by features that make "sitting down on the job" even easier: a soft seat, vibration dampening systems, wide footrests, easy-to-reach controls and attachments that are simple to install and remove. And always consider safety systems.

What about service? Be sure to ask your dealer about a mower's warranty: What does it cover? Does it cover the engine? How long does it last? Who honors it? Ask about the dealer's service policies. Can your model be serviced at home? Are pickup and delivery services offered? Can spare parts be ordered and delivered quickly and easily? Shop around for a dealer who offers top-notch service at reasonable rates.

Floyd students recognized at MSU honors breakfast

Two Floyd county students enrolled in Morehead State University's College of Education and Behavioral Sciences were recognized for academic excellence at the college's Honors Breakfast recently.

This event, part of the University's Academic Awards Week, allowed the college to recognize the accomplishments of its students. Each department within the college presented academic and scholastic awards to its outstanding students.

A presentation from the Department of Elementary, Reading and Special Education went to a Floyd County student. Mark Wooster, East Point senior, was named Outstanding Undergraduate Student in 5-8 Elementary Education.

Melissa Fannin of Ivel, was recognized from the Department of Leadership and Secondary Education as an Outstanding Graduate Student in Elementary Counseling.

Wedding announcement

The wedding of Ms. Maribeth Mann to Mr. Ishmael Collins will be the 3rd of July, 1994 at 2 p.m., at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Owens, one block from the Freewill Baptist Church in Goble-Roberts Addition. Friends and family are welcome. A reception will follow.

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1/2 cup sweet green peppers, chunked

1 lb. cherry tomatoes
20 oz. can pineapple chunks

The night or morning before the meal, cut the beef into cubes and place them in a glass dish. Combine the next 6 ingredients, then pour the mixture over the beef. Cover and marinate in the refrigerator for 2 to 12 hours. Remove the beef from the dish, reserving the marinade. Keep both refrigerated until use.

When ready to grill, dip the vegetables in very hot water before skewering to prevent splitting. Alternate the beef, vegetables and pineapple on 6 skewers, leaving a small space between items. Brush with marinade and place on the grill. Grill 10-12 minutes, turning two to four times, brushing with marinade each time.

Each of the six servings has 220 calories and 6 grams of fat per serving. Serve with Savory Couscous (recipe below), sliced tomatoes and fresh basil topped with low-fat dressing, and whole-grain rolls, with fresh fruit salad for dessert.

SAVORY COUSCOUS

2/3 cup chopped carrot
1/2 cup diced spring onion with green tops

non-stick vegetable spray
1 1/2 cups water
1 tsp. chicken-flavored bouillon granules

1 cup couscous, uncooked
1/4 cup fresh chopped parsley

Spray a large skillet with non-stick vegetable spray. Saute carrot and onions until tender (adding a teaspoon or two of water if necessary to prevent sticking). Add water, bouillon and pepper. Bring to a boil. Then remove from heat and stir in couscous. Cover with a lid and let stand for five minutes while couscous absorbs water; keep covered until ready to serve.

Each of the four servings contains 114 calories and less than 1 gram of fat.

THREE CORN CASSEROLE

Number of Servings: 10
Baking Time and Temperatures: 375° for 1 hour

1 stick margarine or butter, softened

1 c. sour cream
1 (16 oz.) can whole kernel corn, drained

1 (16 oz.) can cream style corn
1 (9 oz.) pkg. corn muffin mix
1 egg

In a bowl mix together sour cream and egg. Stir in corn. Stir in dry muffin mix. Mix well and spoon into greased 9 x 13-inch casserole. Will be puffed up and golden brown when done. Bake at 375° for 1 hour.

(DUTCH) CORN PUDDING

Number of Servings: 6 to 8

1 can corn
3 eggs, beaten separately

1 Tbsp. sugar
1 Tbsp. cornstarch
1 tsp. salt

4 Tbsp. softened butter or oleo
1 c. milk

Combine all ingredients except egg whites. Fold beaten egg whites in last. Place in greased casserole and bake for 35 minutes at 350°.

OUT OF THIS WORLD PIE

1 can cherry or strawberry pie filling

1 large can crushed pineapple

1/4 c. sugar
2 Tbsp. cornstarch

Bring to boil and cook until thickened. Remove from heat and add 1 small box Jello (sugar-free can be used and strawberry-banana flavor is good). Cool completely and add a little red food coloring and 4 bananas, sliced. Mix and pour into 2 baked pie shells. Top with Cool Whip (or whipped cream) before serving.

JANE'S PECAN PIE

Number of Servings: 6

1/3 c. butter, or margarine
3 eggs

1 tsp. vanilla
1 c. white corn syrup
1 c. sugar

1 Tbsp. flour
1/8 tsp. salt
1 c. pecans

Melt butter over low heat, slightly beat eggs; add vanilla and corn syrup. Add dry ingredients. Mix well. Pour into an unbaked pie shell.

Put pecan pieces or halves on top. Bake in moderate oven at 350° for 45 to 50 minutes.

PIE CRUST:

3 c. flour
1 c. shortening (1 use lard)

1 egg
Beat the egg in measuring cup, then fill to half full with ice water. Add a pinch of salt.

Makes 4 open crusts or 2 with tops.

FRUIT & CREME SMOOTHIE

1/2 cup Irish Creme or French

Vanilla Carnation Coffee-mate Fat Free Liquid Non-Dairy Creamer

2 peaches, sliced, or 2 cups strawberries, rinsed and hulled, or 2 oranges, peeled and quartered

1 ripe banana, peeled
6 ice cubes

Combine ingredients in blender container. Cover and blend on high until smooth, about 1 minute. Serve immediately. 2 servings (10-fl. oz. each)

Per Serving: Calories 220, Protein 2 g, Carbohydrate 53 g, Fat 0 g,

Cholesterol 0 mg., Sodium 80 mg.

BUTTER RUM BOOGIE

1/2 cup Butter Rum Carnation Coffee-mate Fat Free Liquid Non-Dairy Creamer

1 can (8 oz.) crushed pineapple in juice

1 ripe banana, peeled
6 ice cubes

Combine ingredients in blender container. Cover and blend on high until smooth, about 1 minute. Serve immediately. 2 servings (10-fl. oz. each).

Per Serving: Calories 220, Protein 1 g, Carbohydrate 55 g, Fat 0 g, Cholesterol 0 mg, Sodium 80 mg.

MOCHA JAVA SHAKE

1/2 cup Hazelnut Carnation Coffee-mate Fat Free Liquid Non-Dairy Creamer

1/2 cup prepared coffee (room temperature or chilled)

1/4 cup Nestle Quik® chocolate syrup
8 ice cubes

Combine ingredients in blender container. Cover and blend on high until smooth, about 1 minute. Serve immediately. 2 servings (10-fl. oz. each)

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Business/Real Estate

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Applications are now available from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) for tax practitioners who wish to take the annual IRS tax examination.

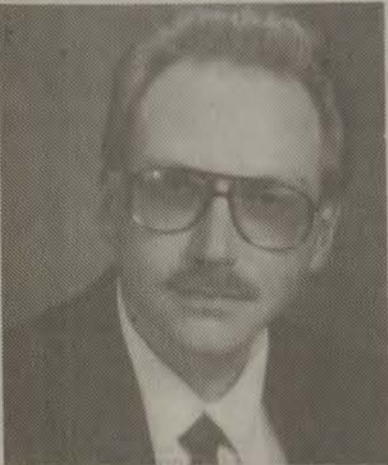
This exam will be held September 29-30 in the Gene Snyder Building, 6th and Broadway, Louisville.

The exam helps qualify tax practitioners, other than attorneys and Certified Public Accountants, to represent their clients before the IRS for audits and related tax matters. Practitioners must have their completed applications postmarked no later than August 1.

Applicants have four years to pass all four parts of the two-day exam, provided certain conditions are met. The examination fee is \$55. The fee is \$45 for those who are required to take less than all four parts. Last year 9,000 persons applied to take the examination.

More details about the exam and enrollment requirements are available by contacting the IRS and requesting Publication 1470, "Package for the Special Enrollment Examination." The publication and application blanks can be obtained by writing Internal Revenue Service, P.O. Box 1700, Stop 445, Louisville, KY 40201, or by calling 502-582-6719.

Reffett graduates from banking school



Dexter D. Reffett

Dexter D. Reffett, Audit/Compliance/Loan Review Officer, The Salyersville National Bank, Salyersville, is among the 248 bankers who received graduation certificates on June 3 from the Graduate School of Banking of the South at Louisiana State University. This three-year program provides courses covering all aspects of banking, economics, and related subjects.

Sponsored by 15 southern state bankers associations in cooperation with the Division of Continuing Education at LSU, the banking school requires attendance on campus for three years, with extensive home study assignments between sessions.

During their three years at the Graduate School of Banking, students receive 180 hours of classroom instruction, thirty hours of reviews, planned evening study, and written final examinations at the end of each session.



Circle of Excellence

Pictured with their Circle of Excellence award, from left, are David, Pat and Larry Keene with Wayne Bowser, sales representative for Fleetwood Homes.

Circle of Excellence fact sheet

Hylton Homes has received Fleetwood Enterprise prestigious Circle of Excellence award.

Fleetwood Enterprise Inc. created the Circle of Excellence award in 1990 to recognize and reward those retailers nationwide who helped forge a new awareness of customer satisfaction within their companies and the manufactured home industry. This award-winning program has continued to grow and expand since its inception, and is now considered to be the "Oscar" of the manufactured housing industry.

To receive the award, a Fleetwood retailer must achieve a high percentage of positive Customer Satisfaction Index (CSI) ratings based on a minimum number of independent telephone or direct mail surveys on homebuyers after the sale is complete.

All Fleetwood retailers have the opportunity to reach this standard of

excellence. The benchmark has been raised three times since the program began, and the number of retailers reaching the goal or beyond has also increased substantially since inception. One hundred eighty-two received the coveted award in 1990/91, with 302 receiving the honor in 1991/92, and 400 in 1992/93 and 350 in 1993/94. There were 100 new winners, 80 four-year winners and 70 100 percent winners in 1993/94. Overall, the Customer Satisfaction Index of this retail distribution network has improved by 21 percent since measurement began in 1990.

The Fleetwood Circle of Excellence Customer Satisfaction award continues to grow in significance and value; a standard by which others in the industry is measured. It is Fleetwood's ultimate goal to reach a 100 percent Customer Satisfaction Index.

Pen agrees to purchase Elk Horn Coal Corporation

Pen Holdings Inc., Brentwood, Tennessee, announced recently that it has agreed to buy Elk Horn Coal Corporation from Tredegar Industries, Inc. for \$7.1 million. The transaction is expected to be completed in August 1994 and is subject to regulatory approval and the satisfaction of other usual closing conditions.

Elk Horn's primary business involves leasing its mining rights in Eastern Kentucky to independent coal operators in exchange for revenue based royalties. In 1993, Elk Horn's operating profit was \$9.2 million on sales of \$30.9 million. Elk Horn owns mineral rights on 142,000 acres in Eastern Kentucky which contain 300 million tons of high quality, low sulphur coal.

Tredegar Industries is a publicly traded diversified manufacturer of plastics and metal products and has interests in computer software.

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Kueh promoted to managing director at Wickes Lumber

Wickes Lumber Company announced last week it has formed a new Commercial Sales Division and named Kenneth D. Kuehn as managing director.

Prior to his promotion to managing director, Kuehn, 44, was director of professional sales. He joined Wickes in 1985. Kuehn has a B.S. degree from Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

Wickes Lumber Company is one of the largest suppliers of building materials in the United States. The company sells its products and services primarily to building professionals, as well as do-it-yourselfers involved in major home improvement projects. The company operates 124 building centers in 23 states in the Midwest, Northeast and South and six component manufacturing facilities that produce and distribute pre-hung door units, roof and floor trusses and framed wall panels. Revenues in 1993 were \$846.8 million.

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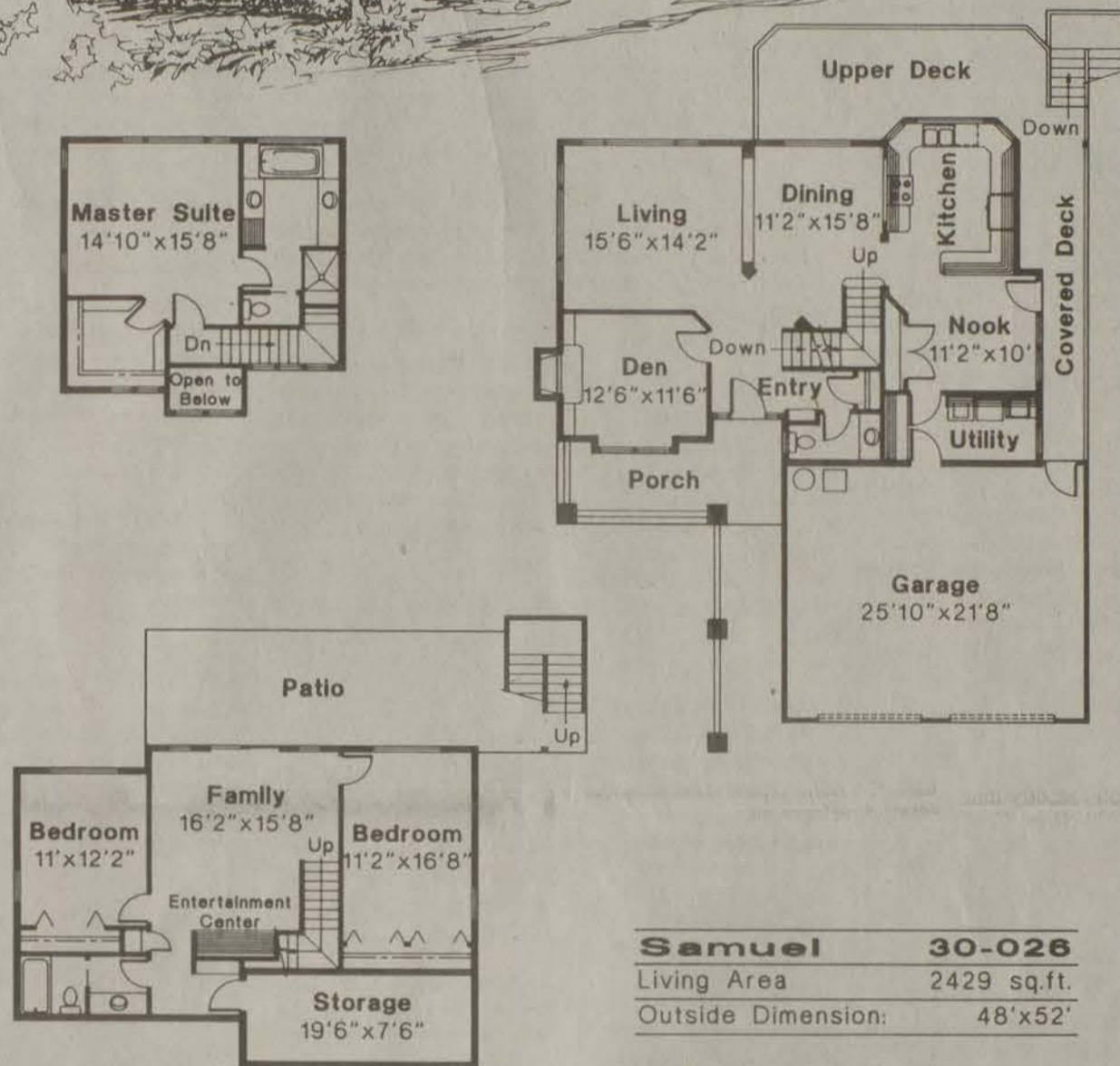
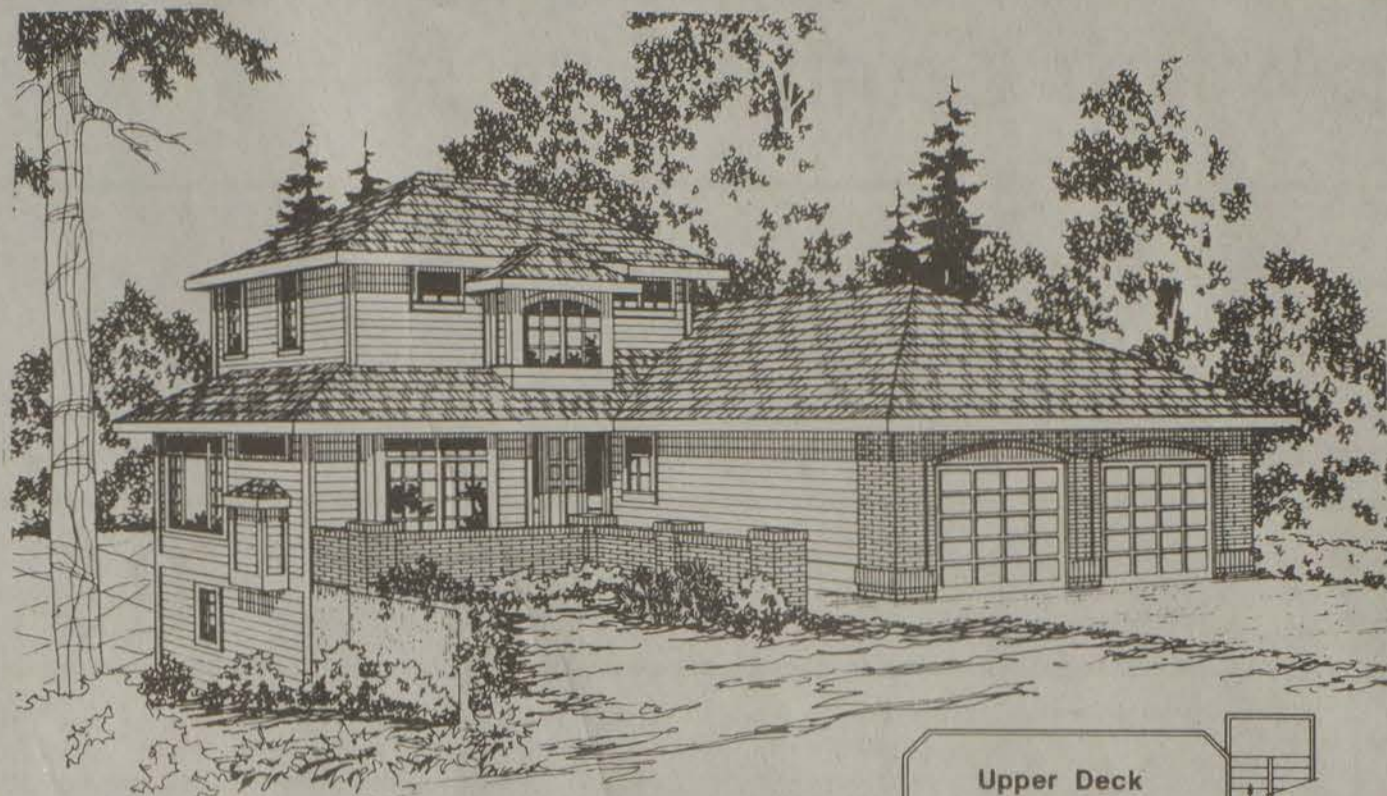
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Well-known pet expert, Mordecai Siegal, recommends the Scratchex flea collar. "It's the only one that offers a free, on-collar registration identification tag and free Lost Pet Hotline," he counsels.

2. A cat outdoors is a cat in danger. Keep your cats indoors. Only then can you protect your feline from predators or infection from animals, such as raccoons, that carry rabies.

3. Never let your pet ride in the back of a truck or in a vehicle with the windows open wide enough to allow escape.

4. All cats and dogs should wear brightly colored, highly visible collars; they are more likely to be spotted on a road or in a field.

5. Make sure your pet wears an identification tag. One good way, says Mordecai Siegal, well-known pet expert, is with a Scratchex "Color-Full" flea collar. "It is the only one that offers a free, on-collar identification tag and the exclusive data-based Lost Pet Hotline registration service free," he explains.

Legals

INVITATION TO BID

Floyd County Schools will accept sealed bids for the following project:

Install 8,795 square feet of 2x4 fire retardant drop ceiling and R-19 insulation in McDowell Elementary Primary building.

For bid specifications contact:

Floyd County Schools
Maintenance Department
Allen, Kentucky 41601
Telephone 606-874-0089
W-6/29,7/6,7/13

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT

C. A. NO. 94-CI-00129 DIVISION NO.

Kentucky Housing Corporation Plaintiff VS. NOTICE OF SALE Lester Daniel, et al Defendants

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court rendered at the June 14, 1994 Term, in the above styled cause, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Courthouse door in Prestonsburg, Kentucky, to the highest and best bidder, at public auction, on the 14th day of July, 1994, at 10:00 o'clock a. m., same being a day of the regular term of the Floyd Circuit Court, for ten percent (10%) down and the balance on a credit of thirty (30) days at the rate of 12% per annum, the following described property, to-wit:

A certain tract or parcel of land at Martin, Floyd County, Kentucky, and more

particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a stake 100 feet up the creek from the junction of Second Cross Street and Third Street and running at right angles to Third Street across the bottom 80 feet to a stake; thence turning at right angles to the creek about 140 feet to a wire fence on Calvin Osborne's line; thence running to the right with the top of the land and wire fence, which is Calvin Osborne's line to a corner; thence with Calvin Osborne's line to Beaver Creek; thence with Beaver Creek to Third Street; thence with Third Street to the beginning and being two lots and back end of another lot in South Martin. Also shown on plat or map of P. M. Dingus Addition to Martin, Kentucky as Lots Nos. 40 and 41 and a part of another which number is unknown.

Being the same property conveyed to Fair Bentley, Jr. and Cendia Marie Bentley by deed from Jean Fife Salisbury, dated September 13, 1979, or records in Deed Book 242, Page 229, records of Floyd County Clerk's Office. For further source of title, reference is made to the quitclaim deed from Fair Bentley, Jr. to Cendia Marie Bentley, dated the 31st day of October, 1981, recorded in Deed Book 343, Page 47, records of the Floyd County Clerk's Office.

This property is sold, subject to property taxes due Floyd County, Kentucky.

The amount of money to be raised by this sale shall be Forty Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty (\$40,750.00) with interest at the rate of 8.45% per annum from August 1, 1993 until paid, including the costs of advertising of this sale and the fees and commissions for conducting this sale and attorney's fees.

For the purchase price the purchaser must execute bond with approved surety or sureties, bearing legal interest from the day of sale until paid and having the force and effect of a judgment with a lien retained upon said property as a fur-

ther security. Bidders will be prepared to comply with these terms.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND, THIS 24th DAY OF JUNE, 1994.

JAMES R. ALLEN, MASTER COMMISSIONER FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT W-7/29,7/6,7/13

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT

C. A. NO. 94-CI-00156 DIVISION NO.

First Guaranty National Bank Plaintiff VS. NOTICE OF SALE Donnie Jones and Christine Jones Defendants

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court rendered at the June 13, 1994 Term, in the above styled cause, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Courthouse door in Prestonsburg, Kentucky, to the highest and best bidder, at public auction, on the 14th day of July, 1994, at 10:30 o'clock a. m., same being a day of the regular term of the Floyd Circuit Court, on a credit of thirty (30) days at the rate of 11% per annum, the following described property, to-wit:

A certain tract or parcel of land on Right Beaver Creek at the forks of Reed Branch, Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a piece of mine steel drove in the ground at the Anthony and Darla Castle line. Running with the County road 100 feet to a steel rail; thence running straight up the hill approximately 285 feet to a steel rail at the back side of the lot of Sid and Jim Hughes' line join; thence right handed around the hill to a rock marked X at the post fence line; thence running back down the hill approximately 228 feet to a steel rail and thence back off the hill to the county road known as the beginning.

Being the same property conveyed to Christine Moore Jones and Donnie Jones by Mattie Slone Jones, widow, by deed dated August 29, 1989, recorded in Deed Book 331, Page 337, records of the Floyd County Clerk's Office.

This property is sold, subject to property taxes due Floyd County, Kentucky.

The amount of money to be raised by this sale shall be Two-Thousand, Nine-Hundred Eight Dollars and .66/100 (\$2,908.66), at the rate of 11% per annum from October 23, 1991, until paid, including the costs of advertising of this sale and the fees and commissions for conducting this sale. For the purchase price the purchaser must execute bond with approved surety or sureties, bearing legal interest from the day of sale until paid and having the force and effect of a judgment with a lien retained upon said property as a further security. Bidders will be prepared to comply with these terms.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND, THIS 24th DAY OF JUNE, 1994.

JAMES R. ALLEN, MASTER COMMISSIONER FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT W-6/29,7/6,7/13

in the Corporation's Regional Office during regular business hours. Photocopies of information in the nonconfidential portion of the application file will be made available upon request. A schedule of charges for such copies can be obtained from the Regional Office.

This notice is published pursuant to Part 303.6(f) (1) of the Rules and Regulations of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

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Chairman/Acting President
W-6/29

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

At the regular June 17, 1994 Floyd County Fiscal Court Meeting, the following Resolution was offered:

WHEREAS, THE COURT hereby moves to advertise for all materials and supplies to be used by the County in the Fiscal Year 1994-1995, either at the Courthouses, on the roads, for bridges, at the parks, golf course or for the swimming pool. To include, but not limited to: gasoline, diesel, oil, toilet paper, cleaning supplies, tires, tubes, drain pipes, perforated pipe, culverts, gravel, surge, black-top, patching, lumber, paper clips, office supplies, pens, pencils, concrete in place, computer supplies and any other item connected with the County government concerning the running of the daily or emergency routine.

Specs and bid sheets may be picked up at the Office of the County Judge/Executive during normal hours. The sealed bids will be opened and awarded at the July 15, 1994 Fiscal Court meeting at 10:00 a.m. The Court hereby reserves the right to reject any and all bids and will award to the lowest and/or best bidder.

FLOYD COUNTY FISCAL COURT
John M. Stumbo
Floyd County Judge/Executive
W-6/29

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT

C. A. NO. 91-CI-038 DIVISION NO. 1

Pikeville National Bank & Trust Company Plaintiff VS. NOTICE OF SALE Berman Newman and Teresa Newman Defendants

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court rendered at the April 19, Term, 1994 in the above styled cause, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Courthouse door in Prestonsburg, Kentucky, to the highest and best bidder, at public auction, on the 23rd day of June, 1994, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., same being a day of the regular term of the Floyd Circuit Court, for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days at the rate of 12% per annum, the following described property, to-wit:

Certain tracts or parcels of lying in Bevinsville, Floyd County, Kentucky and more particularly described as follows:

TRACT NO. 1

Being all of that property more particularly described in Deed Book 223, Page 187, records of the Floyd County Court Clerk's Office.

Being the same property conveyed to Berman Newman herein by Oliver Meade and Connie Meade, his wife, by deed dated the 25th of September, 1975, and duly recorded in Deed Book 223, Page 187, records of the Floyd County Court Clerk's Office.

Being all of that property more particularly described in Deed Book 231, Page 379, records of the Floyd County Court Clerk's Office.

Being the same property conveyed to Berman Newman herein by George Newman and Flora Newman, his wife, by deed dated the 23rd day of June, 1977, and duly recorded in Deed Book 231, Page 379, records of the Floyd County Court Clerk's Office.

And this being the same property conveyed to Teresa Newman herein by Berman Newman by deed dated the 29th day of June 1982, recorded in Deed Book 267, Page 420, records of the Floyd County Court Clerk's Office.

This property is sold,

subject to property taxes due Floyd County, Kentucky.

The amount of money to be raised by this sale shall be Twenty Three Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Seven Louisville, Ky.

2. F. W. Dodge Corp., 2525 Harrodsburg Rd., Lexington, Ky.

3. Dodge Plan Room 405 Capital St. Suite 509, Charleston, WV, 25301

4. F. W. Dodge Division 901 E. Vine St., Fort Hill Bldg., Suite 30, Knoxville, Tn. 37915

Proposals shall be accompanied by a certified check or cash or bidder bond, executed by the Bidder and Surety Company. IN THE SUM OF NOT LESS THAN TEN PERCENT (10%) OF THE AMOUNT IF THE BASE PROPOSAL. The bid security is required as a guarantee that if the Proposal is accepted Contract will be immediately entered into and the performance of it properly secured. A cashier's check is not considered proper bid security.

Proposal Forms must be filled out and submitted in duplicate. No qualifying letters or statements will be considered. No bidder may withdraw a bid submitted for a period sixty (60) days after the date set for the opening of bids.

In the event the Bidder to whom the Contract is awarded fails to execute a satisfactory Contract and Bond, he shall be eliminated and shall forfeit his certified check, cash of his Bid Bond and shall be liable for the loss occasioned by the Owner by such failure.

Any bid which is not received on a timely bases or in the proper form shall be returned unopened.

The Owner reserves the right to accept any or reject any and all Bids and to waive any informalities therein.

FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
F-6/10, 6/17, 6/24, W-6/15, 6/22

INVITATION TO BID

The Floyd County Board of Education is requesting "sealed" bids for Student and Yearbook Pictures for the 1994-95 school year. Bid specifications can be obtained from Yearbook Coordinator, Floyd County Schools, 69 North Arnold Avenue, Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653, Telephone (606) 886-2354.

Bids must be mailed or delivered to Yearbook Coordinator, Floyd County Board of Education, Prestonsburg, Ky., prior to time bids are opened. All Bids must be marked "Sealed Bid - Student Picture Package." Bids will be opened at the Central Office Conference Room on Thursday, July 14, 1994 at 2:00 p.m.

The Floyd County Board of Education reserves the right to reject any and all bids. F-6/24, W-6/29, 7/6

INVITATION TO BID

Floyd County Schools is requesting bids on the razing of the old science building at Maytown Elementary.

Your bid must include the hauling off all materials and cleaning up the building site. Specifications may be obtained from the Director of Facilities' office at the Maintenance Department at Allen, Kentucky after May 27, 1994.

All bids must be submitted to the Director of Facilities before 10:30 a.m., July 14, 1994 for bid opening.

For further information, call Gregory Adams, Director of Facilities, at 874-2049. F-6/24, W-6/29, 7/6

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids will be received by the Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission, Prestonsburg, Ky., on the following: 2-1994 3/4 ton 2 wheel drive cab & chassis. Bids will be received at the City's Utilities Commission Office, 2103 South Lake Dr., Prestonsburg, Ky. until 7:00 p.m. on July 21, 1994, at which time bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Specifications can be obtained from the office of the City's Utilities Commission, 2103 South Lake Dr., Prestonsburg, Ky.

Bids received after the scheduled closing time for reception of bids will be returned unopened to the bidder. Bids must be accompanied by bid bonds or cashier checks, payable to the Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission, in an amount not less than 5% of the base bid.

In event an award is made and the successful bidder fails to execute contract for performance of the work under the award, then the bid bond shall be forfeited as liquidated damages for such failure.

Bids and bid bonds shall be in a sealed envelope bearing the bidder identification, addressed to the Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission, 2103 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, labeled in the lower left-hand corner: Proposal No. 2-1994 3/4 Ton 2 Wheel Drive Chassis & Cab.

LEGAL NOTICE

To the heirs of Melvin Salyers:

I have been appointed Warning Order Attorney in Civil Action 94-CI-00378, Floyd Circuit Court, Division No. II, styled Consol of Kentucky, Inc. vs. Big Sandy Wholesale Company, et al.

The nature of this action is one for sale of property located on Right Beaver Creek in Floyd County, Kentucky, in which you are alleged to have an interest.

You have fifty (50) days from and after June 10, 1994, in which to file an answer to the complaint. If you fail to do so, the relief demanded in the complaint may be awarded to the Plaintiff, Consol of Kentucky, Inc.

This may be a matter for which you want to consult an attorney.

Hon. Ronnie M. Slone
P.O. Box 909
42 Maple Avenue
Prestonsburg, KY 41653
(606) 886-0006
W-6/29, 7/6, 7/13, 7/20

INVITATION TO BID

The Floyd County Board of Education is requesting "sealed bids" on the Floyd County Yearbook for 1994-95 school year. Bid specifications can be obtained from Yearbook Coordinator, Floyd County Schools, 69 North Arnold Avenue, Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653, Telephone (606) 886-2354.

Bids must be mailed or delivered to Yearbook Coordinator, Floyd County Board of Education, Prestonsburg, Ky., prior to time bids are opened. All Bids must be marked "Sealed Bid - Yearbook." Bids will be opened at the Central Office Conference Room on Thursday, July 14, 1994 at 2:00 p.m.

The Floyd County Board of Education reserves the right to reject any and all bids. F-6/24, W-6/29, 7/6

LEGAL NOTICE

To the heirs of Charles Salyers:

I have been appointed Warning Order Attorney in Civil Action 94-CI-00378, Floyd Circuit Court, Division No. II, styled Consol of Kentucky, Inc. vs. Big Sandy Wholesale Company, et al.

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W-6/29, 7/6, 7/13, 7/20

INVITATION TO BID

The Floyd County Board of Education is requesting "sealed" bids for Student and Yearbook Pictures for the 1994-95 school year. Bid specifications can be obtained from Yearbook Coordinator, Floyd County Schools, 69 North Arnold Avenue, Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653, Telephone (606) 886-2354.

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LEGAL NOTICE

To the heirs of Bee Salyers:

I have been appointed Warning Order Attorney in Civil Action 94-CI-00378, Floyd Circuit Court, Division No. II, styled Consol of Kentucky, Inc. vs. Big Sandy Wholesale Company, et al.

The nature of this action is one for sale of property located on Right Beaver Creek in Floyd County, Kentucky, in which you are alleged to have a share in one fifty-fourths (1/54) interest.

You have fifty (50) days from and after June 10, 1994, in which to file an answer to the complaint. If you fail to do so, the relief demanded in the complaint may be awarded to the Plaintiff, Consol of Kentucky, Inc.

This may be a matter for which you want to consult an attorney.

Hon. Ronnie M. Slone
P.O. Box 909
42 Maple Avenue
Prestonsburg, KY 41653
(606) 886-0006
W-6/29, 7/6, 7/13, 7/20

NOTICE OF BLASTING SCHEDULE

Permit No. 836-5278

In accordance with the provisions of 405 KAR 16:120E, Cumberland River Coal Company, H.C. 64, Box 915, Debord, KY 41214, telephone number (606) 298-3565 proposes the following blasting schedule. The blasting site is located in Floyd County, approximately 0.4 miles north of Dicks Creek near Daniels Branch Road junction with KY Rt. 3 near Odds. The latitude 32° 43' 16". The longitude is 82° 40' 02". Detonations of explosives are proposed to occur from sunrise to sunset Sunday thru Saturday. The blasting schedule is for the period from July 7, 1994 to July 7, 1995. Entry to the blasting area will be regulated by signs and barriers. An authorized company representative will prohibit access to the blasting area by unauthorized persons at least (10) ten minutes prior to detonation. The warning signal shall consist of (2) two additional long blasts lasting (5) five seconds shall be given (2) two minutes prior to detonation. A second warning signal which shall consist of (2) two additional long blasts lasting (5) five seconds shall be given (2) two minutes prior to detonation. The all clear signal will be a series of short blasts following the inspection of the blast area. Events which could necessitate the inspection of the blast area include, but are not limited to rain, lightning, other atmospheric conditions, or deteriorated explosives which involve personnel, operational or public safety. W-6/29

LEGAL NOTICE

To the heirs of Willie and Nancy Salyers:

I have been appointed Warning Order Attorney in Civil Action 94-CI-00378, Floyd Circuit Court, Division No. II, styled Consol of Kentucky, Inc. vs. Big Sandy Wholesale Company, et al.

The nature of this action is one for sale of property located on Right Beaver Creek in Floyd County, Kentucky, in which you are alleged to have a share in one sixth (1/6) interest.

You have fifty (50) days from and after June 10, 1994, in which to file an answer to the complaint. If you fail to do so, the relief demanded in the complaint may be awarded to the Plaintiff, Consol of Kentucky, Inc.

This may be a matter for which you want to consult an attorney.

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The nature of this action is one for sale of property located on Right Beaver Creek in Floyd County, Kentucky, in which you are alleged to have a share in one sixth (1/6) interest.

You have fifty (50) days from and after June 10, 1994, in which to file an answer to the complaint. If you fail to do so, the relief demanded in the complaint may be awarded to the Plaintiff, Consol of Kentucky, Inc.

This may be a matter for which you want to consult an attorney.

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The Floyd County Times TV Listings

WEDNESDAY JUNE 29

8 PM	8:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
BROADCAST STATIONS											
WBAA	News	News	Fortune	J'pardy	Unsolved Myst.	Now	Law & Order	News	Tennis		
WCHS	News	News	Enter-	Mar-	Thes	Thunder	Home	Grace	Turning Point	News	Nightline
WOWK	News	News	Cops	F. Feud	Nanny	Tom	Heat of Night	48 Hours	News	Late	
KET	Page	MacNeil-Lehrer	Kan-	Healing Mind	Healing Mind	Remembering	News	Off Air			
WTVQ	News	News	C. Affair	F. Feud	Thes	Thunder	Home	Grace	Turning Point	News	Nightline
WVAH	Full	Ro-	Cheers	Beverly Hills	Melrose Place	Star Trek	Gen.	Griffith	Griffith		
WYMT	News	News	Rush L.	Journal	Nanny	Tom	Heat of Night	48 Hours	News	Late	
CABLE STATIONS											
AMC	New York Film	The Midnight Story (1:29)	Robards	Flame of Araby ** (1:17)	New York Film	Midnight					
ARTS	Rockford Files	In Search Of	Biography	American Justice	Civil War Journal	Locomotion					
BET	Rap City	Screen	Sanford	Comedy	Hap-	Com-	Video Soul	Comedy	Screen		
CBN	K-9 Cop	Lassie	Waltons	Centennial			700 Club	Bonanza			
CNN	World Today	Money-	Cross-	Primenevs	Larry King Live	World News	Sports	Money-			
DISC	Pet	Mutsey	Beyond 2000	Wild	Arctic	Portrait-People	Wings	Wild	Arctic		
ESPN	Golf	Sportscenter	Major League Baseball					Major League Baseball			
LIFE	Su-	Shop-	Unsolved Myst.	China Beach	Movie: Absolute Strangers ***	Unsolved Myst.					
MTV	State	TBA	MTV Blocks	Prime Time	To Be Announced	Beavis	Beavis				
NASH	Vi-	Club Dance	News	Jamboree-Hills	Music City Tonight	Club Dance	News				
NICK	Looney	Looney	Doug	Mup-	TBA	TBA	Lucy	Newhart	M.	Van	Get
QVC	Make Life Easier	Fashion Coor.		Gold Hour	NBA Draft Day Special						Sampler
TBN	(5:00)	Praise the Lord		Scenes	Ray M.	M. Mu-	Van	Praise the Lord			
TBS	Charles	Flint-	Griffith	Hillbillies	Movie: Guyana Tragedy: The Story of Jim Jones ***						
TNT	Bugs Bunny	Dream	NBA Draft								Movie:
USA	Summer Blast	Wings	Wings	Murder Wrote	Movie: Extreme Prejudice **	Wings	Wings				
YH1	(4:00)	Jam	Rosa	Today's	Music	Jam		Sunday Comics	Sex Symbols		
WGN	Saved-	Design.	Night	Jeffer-	Bandit		News	Night	Rane-		
WPIX	Full	Gr.	Family	Di.	Movie		News	Cheers	Murphy		
WOR	Simon & Simon	Daisies	Eddie's	Hazel	That Girl	Mod Squad	News		Kojak		
PREMIUM STATIONS											
DISN	Brown	Liberty	Fraggle Songs	Movie: Swiss Family Robinson *** (2:08)	Glendon's	Characters					
HBO	Tracey Ullman	Wimbedon		Movie: My Cousin Vinny *** (1:59)	Dream	Sanders	Crpt	This			
MAX	Movie: That Night ** (1:29)			Movie: The Lover ** (1:43)	The Living End (1:32)	Perfect					
SHOW	Movie: Breaking the Rules * (1:40)			Movie: TC 2000 ** (1:32)	Movie: Talons of the Eagle * (1:38)	Fatal					
TMC	(5:30)	Movie: FX 2 (1:49)		Movie: Benny & Joon (1:36)	Movie: Crack House (1:30)	Once Upon a Crime (1:34)					

THURSDAY JUNE 30

8 PM	8:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
BROADCAST STATIONS											
WBAA	News	News	Fortune	J'pardy	Mad-	Wings	Sainfield	Frasier	Dateline	News	Tennis
WCHS	News	News	Enter-	Mar-	Byrds	of Paradise	Matlock		Primetime Live		

LEGAL NOTICE

To any persons, firms or corporations who have or claim to have some right or interest in the surface of the Elizabeth Jane Salyer 40 acre tract, whether it be by inheritance, purchase or otherwise, located on Right Beaver Creek, Floyd County, Kentucky.

I have been appointed Warning Order Attorney in Civil Action 94-CI-00378, Floyd Circuit Court, Division No. II, styled Consol of Kentucky, Inc. vs. Big Sandy Wholesale Company, et al. The nature of this action is one for sale of property located on Right Beaver Creek in Floyd County, Kentucky, in which you are alleged to have an interest.

You have fifty (50) days from and after June 10, 1994, in which to file an answer to the complaint. If you fail to do so, the relief demanded in the complaint may be awarded to the Plaintiff, Consol of Kentucky, Inc.

This may be a matter for which you want to consult an attorney.

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LEGAL NOTICE

To the heirs of Luther and Blanche Cooley Salyers:

I have been appointed Warning Order Attorney in Civil Action 94-CI-00378, Floyd Circuit Court, Division No. II, styled Consol of Kentucky, Inc. vs. Big Sandy Wholesale Company, et al.

The nature of this action is one for sale of property located on Right Beaver Creek in Floyd County, Kentucky, in which you are alleged to have a share in one fifty-fourths (1/54) interest.

You have fifty (50) days from and after June 10, 1994, in which to file an answer to the complaint. If you fail to do so, the relief demanded in the complaint may be awarded to the Plaintiff, Consol of Kentucky, Inc.

This may be a matter for which you want to consult an attorney.

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NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350, notice is hereby given that ADD Coal Company, Inc., Auxier Road, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, intends to apply for a Phase II & Phase III Bond Release on Permit Number 436-5170, Increment No. 1 which was last issued on August 22, 1984. The application covers a surface area of approximately 1.32 acres and underlies an additional 153.00 acres. The operation is located approximately 3.2 miles south of McDowell, in Floyd County, Kentucky. The affected surface and mineral owner is: at the time of issuance was Wheelwright Mining, Inc., P.O. Box 7, Price, Kentucky 41654.

Current surface and mineral is Progress Land Corporation, One Progress Plaza, Barnett Tower, St. Petersburg, Florida 33701. The permit is approximately 1.80 miles southeast of junction of KY State Route 122 and Spewing Camp Branch Road, and is located on Spewing Camp Branch. The latitude is 37°-24'-39". The longitude is 82°-43'-32".

The total bond in effect for Increment No. 1 is \$4,200.00 of which one hundred percent (100%) is to be included in this application for release.

Reclamation work thus far performed includes establishment of the post mine land use of pasture land. Results thus far achieved are the establishment of a pasture land area in accordance with the approved permit plan and Phase III standards.

A public hearing concerning this bond release has been scheduled for August 16, 1994 at 9:00 a.m. at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Pres-

tsburg Regional Office located at 2705 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. This public hearing shall be cancelled if the Cabinet does not receive a request for the public hearing by the closing date for requests for a hearing.

Written comments, objections or requests for a conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by date 30 days from the last advertisement.

W-6/22, 6/29, 7/6, 7/13

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 636-8007 Renewal

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that:

Middle States Coal Company, Inc., 819 South Federal Highway, Suite 201, Stuart, FL 34994 has applied for RENEWAL of a permit for a Coal Processing and Refuse Disposal Facility located approximately 0.05 miles east of David in Floyd County, Kentucky. The existing operation will disturb 41.59 surface acres.

The existing operation is approximately 0.15 miles West from Rough & Tough Branch Creek's junction with KY Route 404 and is located on Lick Fork of Middle Creek. The latitude is 37 deg. 36 min. 5.7 sec. The longitude is 82 deg. 53 min. 6.2 sec.

The existing operation is located on the David U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area disturbed is owned by Lickfork Processing Company and The David L. Francis Testamentary Trust. The operation affects an area within 100 feet of public road KY Route 404. The operation will not involve relocation of the public road.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 2705 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653.

Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. W-6/22, 6/29, 7/6, 7/13

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**1) Invitation**

Sealed proposals in duplicate for the following week will be reviewed by Paintsville City Utilities in the manner and on the date hereinafter specified for the furnishing of all labor, materials, supplies, tools, equipment, services, etc. necessary for the relocation of existing water lines along U.S. 23, U.S. 460 and KY 40 due to the construction of new U.S. 23 between Prestonsburg and Paintsville, Kentucky and approved by the Paintsville City Utilities and the Commonwealth of Kentucky and under the terms and conditions of this invitation.

2) Project Description

The specifications and drawings accompanying them describe the waterline relocation due to construction of new U.S. 23 between Prestonsburg and Paintsville, Kentucky.

The work includes, but is not limited to, the following:

A) the installation of 6" and 8" water mains;

B) the installation of 6" and 8" Gate Valves and Flush Hydrants;

C) the installation of 12" and 16" steel casings by bore and jack;

D) the installation of 12" and 16" steel casings by open trench;

E) the installation of concrete caps

F) the relocation of meters and recovery of existing usable fixtures;

G) the reconnection, plugging and abandonment of existing water lines.

All other items of work required by the specifications on drawings, e.g. coordinating connections, the temporary shut-off water and other items dealing with the existing water system shall be coordinated with the

Engineer and The Paintsville City Utilities.

3) Method of Receiving Bids

Bids will be received from General Contractors on a unit price basis for the total project. All phases of work shall be bid to and through the General Contracting Firms. Bids shall be submitted in the manner herein described and on the official proposal form included with the conditions and specifications and shall be subject to all the conditions as set forth and described in the Bid Documents.

4) Method of Award

Award shall be issued on the lowest responsive bid price by a responsible bidder. The Bid Proposal will contain all qualifying requirements and forms.

5) Plans and Specifications Reviewed

Plans, Specifications and Contract Documents may be examined at the following places:

a) Bocoek Engineering, Inc., 312 Tenth Street, Paintsville, KY 41240.

b) Paintsville City Utilities, Paintsville City Building, P.O. Box 631, Paintsville, Kentucky 41240.

c) Kentucky Department of Transportation, Pikeville District Office, Pikeville, KY 41501.

6) Obtaining Plans and Specifications

Plans and specifications may be obtained from Bocoek Engineering, Inc., 312 Tenth Street, Paintsville, Kentucky 41240 upon deposit of a \$75.00 check made payable to Bocoek Engineering, Inc.

Plans and specifications must be returned to Bocoek Engineering, Inc., 312 Tenth Street, Paintsville, KY 41240 within thirty (30) calendar days after the closing date for receipt of bids in order for a deposit check of \$50.00 to be refunded.

SPECIAL NOTE: No bidding documents (forms of proposal) will be released commencing five (5) days prior to the date of the bid opening.

NOTE: It is most important that requesting firms identify the position of their firms as to prime bidder, miscellaneous subcontractor, material suppliers or others.

7) Bid Submittal

Bids must be received at the Paintsville City Utilities office in the Paintsville City Building, P.O. Box 631, Paintsville, Kentucky 41240 by 3:00 p.m., July 6, 1994. Bids will be opened immediately following in the Community Recreation Center, Preston Street, Paintsville, Kentucky 41240.

Contractors must submit their bid in a sealed envelope and the envelope must contain the following information on the outside lower left-hand corner, viz:

Sealed Bid Invitation No.: FSP 058 0023 005 009

Bid Date: July 6, 1994

Bids, upon their receipt by Paintsville City Utilities are stamped showing the hour and date received. Bids received after the scheduled closing time for reception of bids will not be considered provided legal and acceptable bids have been received on said referenced invitation.

8) Bid Withdrawal

No bidder may withdraw his bid for a period of thirty (30) days after the date set for the opening of bids. Clerical errors and omissions in the computation of the unit price bid shall not be cause for withdrawal of the bid without forfeiture of bid bond. Bids may be withdrawn, in person only, prior to the closing date for receipt of bids.

9) Bonding

All bids shall be accompanied by a bid guarantee of not less than five (5%) percent of the base bid. A 100% Performance and Payment Bond shall be furnished by the successful bidder. All bonding and insurance requirements are contained in the Instructions to Bidders and/or Conditions.

10) Right to Reject

The Paintsville City Utilities reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive all formalities and/or technicalities where the best interest of Paintsville City Utilities may be served.

6/15, 6/22, 6/29

PUBLIC SALE

Date of Public Sale: June 30, 1994

Type of Collateral: 1992 Chevy Cavalier, 1E1JC-1445N7187340.

Contract Date: 6-1-1992

Location: First Commonwealth Bank Parking Lot, 169 North Arnold Ave., Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653.

For further info: Call Mike Haney, 886-2321.

F-6/17, W-6/22, W-6/29

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 860-5132, Renewal

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Blazing Saddles Coal Corporation, P.O. Box 940, Paintsville, Kentucky 41240, has applied for renewal of a permit for an underground coal mining and reclamation operation located 2.25 miles southwest of Garrett in Floyd and Knott Counties. The proposed operation will disturb 36.91 surface acres and will underlie 1052.63 acres, and the total permit area within the permit boundary will be 1089.54 acres.

The proposed operation is approximately 0.32 mile northwest from State Route 80's junction with Rock Fork County Road located 0.35 mile northwest of Rock Fork. The latitude is 37°-28'-10". The longitude is 82°-52'-23".

The proposed operation is located on the Wayland and Handshoe U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Consol of Kentucky Inc. The operation will underlie land owned by Dortha Combs, Betty Backett, Oakley Conley, Clinton Handshoe, Consol of Kentucky Inc., Levisa Coburn Estate, Mandy Coburn, Jack Howard, Bruce Boleyn, Margaret Gibson, Joe Slone, Jack Shepherd, Clifton Moore, Delanger Cox, Billy Sexton, Mander Moore, Clester Coburn, Mima Conley Heirs, Henry Boleyn, John Reed and Ishmael Shepherd, Coat Handshoe Heirs, Mrs. S.J. Locke, Homer Crager, Matilda Gayheart, Dora Turner, Phillip Neely, Ida Martin, Rebecca Martin, Billy Inman, Kelsie Chaffins, John W. Chaffins, Rebel Conley, and Robert Conley. The operation will include coal washer and refuse disposal facilities.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's, Jackson Regional Office, Howell Office Building, Suite 1, 170 Howell Heights, Jackson, Kentucky 41339-9689.

Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. W-6/8, 6/15, 6/22, 6/29

PUBLIC SALE

Date of Public Sale: June 30, 1994

Type of Collateral: 1992 Chev. S-10 1GCCS14ZXN-8152043

Contract Date: 7-3-1992

Location: First Commonwealth Bank Parking Lot, 169 North Arnold Ave., Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653.

For further info: Call Mike Haney, 886-2321.

F-6/17, W-6/22, W-6/29

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

July 1, 1994 at 11:00 a.m. a 1989 Chevrolet IROC Convertible serial number 1G1FP31F4KL156899 will be sold to the highest bidder for CASH "as is where is" at the First Guaranty National Bank, Martin, KY, to satisfy the unpaid balance of an Installment Contract signed on March 22, 1994. The vehicle may be inspected prior to the sale. The undersigned reserves the right to bid. The buyer will pay all taxes and transfer fees.

First Guaranty National Bank
Collection Department
Martin, Ky. 41649
W-6/15, 6/22, 6/29

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Buck Coal, Inc., 415 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, has applied for a Phase I Bond Release on Increment Number 2 of Permit Number 836-5254 which was last issued on 4/26/94. The application covers an area of approximately 3.35 acres located 1.2 miles northeast of Craynor in Floyd County.

The permit area is approximately 1.2 miles southeast from Ky. 979's junction with Ky. 680 and located 0.34 miles southeast of Mud Creek. The latitude is 37° 26' 34". The longitude is 82° 38' 31".

The bond now in effect for Increment 2 of Permit Number 836-5254 is a surety bond for \$9,500. Approximately 60% of the original bond amount of \$9,500 is included in the application for release.

Reclamation work performed includes: Grading and seeding completed during the Summer of 1993.

Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by August 8, 1994.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for August 9, 1994 at 9:00 a.m. at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 2705 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by August 8, 1994.

W-6/15, 6/22, 6/29, 7/6

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Buck Coal, Inc., 415 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, has applied for a Phase II Bond Release on Increment Number 7 of Permit Number 836-0206 which was last issued on 9/27/89. The application covers an area of approximately 21.15 acres located 0.9 miles northwest of Grethel in Floyd County.

The permit area is approximately 0.4 miles west from Ky. 979's junction with Parsons Branch Road and located 0.1 mile west of Mud Creek. The latitude is 37° 30' 07". The longitude is 82° 40' 06".

The bond now in effect for Increment 7 of Permit Number 836-0206 is a surety bond for \$28,800. Approximately 25% of the original bond amount of \$134,500 is included in the application for release.

Reclamation work performed includes: Grading, seeding and tree planting completed during the Spring of 1993.

Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by August 8, 1994.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for August 9, 1994 at 10:00 a.m. at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 2705 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by August 8, 1994.

W-6/15, 6/22, 6/29, 7/6

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT

C. A. NO. 94-CI-00159

DIVISION NO.

The First Guaranty National Bank, Plaintiff VS. NOTICE OF SALE Bill Hamilton and Vanessa Hamilton and Vanessa Hamilton and Vanessa Hamilton, Defendants

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court rendered at the May 25, 1994 term, in the above styled cause, I

shall proceed to offer for sale at the Courthouse door in Prestonsburg, Kentucky, to the highest and best bidder, at public auction, on the 30th day of June, 1994, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., same being a day of the regular term of the Floyd Circuit Court, for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days at the rate of 12% per annum, the following described property, to-wit:

Certain tracts or parcels of land lying on Neds Fork of Frasure's Creek, Floyd County, Kentucky and more particularly described as follows:

TRACT TWO

Tract No. 2 will be Lot No. 4, beginning at a stake on the right side of Neds Fork of Frasure's Creek, descending up the hill to a marked walnut tree, hence up the hill to a marked sugar tree hence turning right traveling 39 feet to a marked locust, hence turning right descending down the hill to a marked black gum tree, hence continuing down the hill to a stake at the front of the property, hence turning right a 130 feet to the point of beginning, same being Lot No. 4 as shown on Plat filed in the County Court Clerk's Office at Book 328, Page 72.

TRACT THREE

Tract No. 3 will be Lot No. 6, beginning at a stake on right side of Neds Fork, traveling up the hill to a marked ash tree, hence continuing up the hill to a marked line, hence turning right traveling 39 feet to a marked hickory, hence running right and traveling down the hill to a marked sugar tree, hence turning right and traveling with the Orbin Moore line to a marked poplar, hence continuing down the hill to a stake at the front of the property, hence turning right and traveling 130 feet to the point of beginning, to include all of Lot No. 6 as shown on certain plat duly recorded in Floyd County Court Clerk's Office at Book 328, Page 72.

Being the same property conveyed to Bill Hamilton and Vanessa Hamilton, his wife, by Evan Hamilton and Linda Hamilton, his wife, and Donald Howell and Brenda Howell, his wife, by deed dated January 21, 1992, recorded in Deed Book 354, Page 252, records of the Floyd County Clerk's Office.

PARCEL 2

Beginning at a stake on the right side of the creek of Neds Fork of Frasure's Creek, hence traveling up the hill to a marked black gum tree, hence continuing on up to the hill to a marked locust, turning right and traveling thirty-nine feet (39') with the ridge to a marked line, hence turning right, traveling down the hill to a marked ash, hence continuing on down the hill to a stake, hence traveling one hundred-thirty feet (130') in a straight line back to the beginning.

Being Lot No. 5 on a certain plat recorded in Floyd County Court Clerk's Office at Book 328, Page 74.

Being the same property conveyed to Bill Hamilton and Hazel Jones by deed dated April 25, 1991, recorded in Deed Book 346, Page 504, records of the Floyd County Clerk's Office.

This property is sold, subject to property taxes due Floyd County, Kentucky. The amount of money to be raised by this sale shall be Twenty-Five Thousand, Two Hundred, Forty Dollars and 69/100 (\$25,240.69) with interest at the rate of 9% per annum from January 21, 1992, and for interest at the legal rate from date of Judgment until paid, and the sum of Four Thousand, Five Hundred Twenty Nine Dollars and 77/100 (\$4,529.77) plus interest at the rate of 10% per annum from May 21, 1993, until date of Judgment, and for interest at the legal rate from date of Judgment until paid; including the costs of advertising of this sale and the fees and commissions for conducting this sale.

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

Given under my hand, this

9th day of June, 1994.

James R. Allen,
Master Commissioner
Floyd Circuit Court
W-6/15, 6/22, 6/29

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 836-0238, Major Revision 2

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Progress Land Corporation, Barnett Tower, One Progress Plaza, St. Petersburg, Florida 33701, has applied for a major revision to an existing surface coal mining and reclamation operation located 0.25 miles East of Wheelwright in Floyd County. The major revision will not add any surface disturbance acreage or underground acreage to the permit area. A total area of 12.40 acres within the permit boundary will be unchanged.

The proposed major revision area is approximately 1.10 miles south from State Route 306's junction with State Route 122 and located 0.25 miles east of Otter Creek. The latitude is 37° 20' 18". The longitude is 82° 43' 09".

The proposed major revision is located on the Wheelwright U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map.

The surface area to be affected by the major revision is owned by: Progress Land Corporation and the U.S. Corrections Corporation.

The major revision proposes a Post-mining Land Use Change to Industrial/Commercial for 6.52 surface acres.

The major revision application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 2705 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653-1455.

Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

This is the final advertisement of this application; all comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received within thirty (30) days of today's date. W-TFN.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant To Application Number 477-5052, Renewal

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Branham & Baker Coal Company, Inc., 148 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, has filed for renewal of a permit for an underground coal mining operation located 2 miles Southwest of David in Magoffin and Floyd Counties. The proposed operation will disturb 6.90 surface acres and will underlie 106.45 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 113.35 acres.

The proposed operation is approximately 1.5 East from Ky. Route 7's junction with Big Branch Road and located 0.10 miles West of Big Branch of Licking River. The latitude is 37 degrees, 34' 15". The longitude is 82 degrees, 54' 16".

The proposed operation is located on the David U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute Quadrangle Map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by David L. Francis. The operation will underlie land owned by Aaron Shepherd, Princess Coal Company, Frank Hale Heirs, David L. Francis, Edgar Fleming, and Della Handshoe Heirs.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Grayson Regional Office, 620 West Main Street, Grayson, Kentucky 41143-1252. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

W-6/15, 6/22, 6/29, 7/6

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 880-0102, Amendment 1

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Mountaintop Restoration, Inc., P.O. Box 940, Paintsville, Kentucky 41240, has applied for a permit for an amendment to an operation located 1.82 miles NW of Thomas in Floyd and Martin Counties. The amendment will add 165.69 acres of surface disturbance and will underlie an additional 80.51 acres making a total area of 794.98 acres within the amended permit boundary.

The proposed amendment area is approximately 1.84 miles NW of State Route 194's junction with Wolf Branch Road and located 0.09 miles NE of Wolf Branch. The latitude is 37 degrees, 42 minutes, 06 seconds. The longitude is 82 degrees, 36 minutes, 05 seconds.

The proposed amendment is located on the Thomas U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area to be disturbed by the amendment is owned by Pocahontas Development Corporation, New South Mining Co. and Adrian Ratliff Heirs. The operation will use the area, contour and auger methods of surface mining.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 2705 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 416

Sunshine Lines



by Beverly Carroll

Do you want lower utility bills? Would you like the luxury of being warm in the winter? Cool in the summer? Would you be using your air conditioner or fans more often if you knew you could afford to pay the utility bill when it is due? Most of us would.

Last winter numerous senior citizens talked with our Benefits Counselors about the struggles they were having paying their heating bills. Many simply could not afford to stay warm. Heating fuels are costly.

The financial burden is no different during the hot, humid summer months. Many of our senior citizens cannot afford the added expense of operating even the smallest oscillating fans on days when the mercury climbs toward 100 or above.

For many senior citizens, staying adequately warm in the winter and relatively cool in the summer, is considered a luxury that they simply cannot afford. Few can afford to maintain a health-safe comfort index in their homes year round.

Senior citizens are especially vulnerable to extremes in external temperatures surrounding them. Extreme heat, extreme cold, and gross temperature fluctuations in one's environment is unhealthy. Unfortunately, this doesn't change the fact that utility bills, summer and winter, are just as unbearable for those who must exist on fixed incomes, as the weather conditions they are forced to tolerate, because they can't afford to be comfortable.

From my observations, if most of our senior citizens were to maintain adequate, health-oriented heating and cooling conditions in their homes all year, over 30 percent of their incomes, every month, would go toward their utility bills. How many can afford to stay comfortable?

You can help to do something about utility costs. In fact, you can do more to help bring utility costs down than anyone else. You can either choose to continue to pay high energy costs that are likely to increase rapidly year after year, or you can

take an active part in helping to develop what is called the Demand Side Management plans.

Earlier in the year the General Assembly passed a house bill which gives utility companies incentives to develop these plans. What this means is that many of our people on fixed incomes could see a decrease in their utility rates. It also means that more monies could become available for weatherization and insulation programs to benefit senior citizens and others who strive to exist on low or below poverty incomes.

The Appalachian Research and Defense Fund of Kentucky Inc. (Legal Services) in Prestonsburg, the Benefits Counseling Program for Senior Citizens, and other concerned advocacy groups realize it is going to take low income families, like many of our senior citizens who have a hard

time making ends meet from paycheck to paycheck to get involved. The Public Service Commission must approve these Demand Side Management Plans programs once they have been developed. The Commission can best be influenced by you. You are the ones who must struggle month after month to pay your utilities. You are the ones who are freezing in the winter and burning up in the summer because you can't afford to be comfortable. You are the ones who can share your pain with those making the decisions, who perhaps have never suffered through cold and heat because they can afford to pay their utility bills. Not all senior citizens and others are so fortunate. And, unless decision-makers have walked in your shoes, they will seldom understand your needs. You must tell them loud and clear.

On July 6, at 2 p.m., at the Floyd

County Public Library in Prestonsburg (behind the Floyd County Public Health Department) anyone living in the five-county Big Sandy Area can be heard. Your voice is what is important. Lawyers, paralegals, public servants, and other advocates, like myself, interested in the welfare of senior citizens and the poor, will be there on your behalf. But we can't do it without you. The difference you make will make a difference in your utility bills. If you are one of many who find increasing utilities costs unbearable—like the summer heat—join us. You will make a difference.

Should you care for more information regarding the forthcoming coalition meeting on July 6, or the Benefits Counseling Program for Senior Citizens and what this program can do for you, call 886-3876 or toll-free, 1-800-556-3876. We are here for you!



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Farmers asked to report crop acreages

Local farmers who are producing corn in 1994 are reminded that July 15, is the final date to report their planted acres.

An accurate and timely report of acreage is necessary to protect or establish Crop Acreage Bases (CAB's) for participation in the Acreage Reduction Program (formerly known as the set-aside program). Anyone who is participating in the ARP must report to avoid loss of benefits and liquidated damages.

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Poison Oak

(Continued from C 1)

about the "smoke-free" workplace, President Clinton's tobacco tax, and the accusation by a few members of Congress that certain tobacco companies have purposely added more nicotine to their product, since I'm a non-smoker, I can look at everything a bit more objectively.

Depending upon who is speaking, cigarettes cause lung cancer—or they don't; smoking is addictive—or it's not; second-hand smoke is harmful—or it isn't.

Personally, common sense tells me that it must be bad for a person to inhale smoke into his lungs. Yet, smokers argue that it can't be any worse that all the pollutants we're forced to breathe everyday. Maybe they're right. I don't know.

Anyway, the controversy has reached the point that you can't even go into a sit-down-and-eat restaurant without having to decide whether you want the smoking or no-smoking section. I usually say I'll take whatever's available and let it go at that.

The health questions notwithstanding, on the economic front it also looks like that Kentucky's burley growers are going to have to come up with an alternative crop while the smokers are going to have to decide whether or not they want to pay more for their cigarettes.

Of course, everybody could go back to smoking rabbit 'baccer wrapped in a strip of brown paper poke. Apparently, that won't harm anybody. At least it didn't me.

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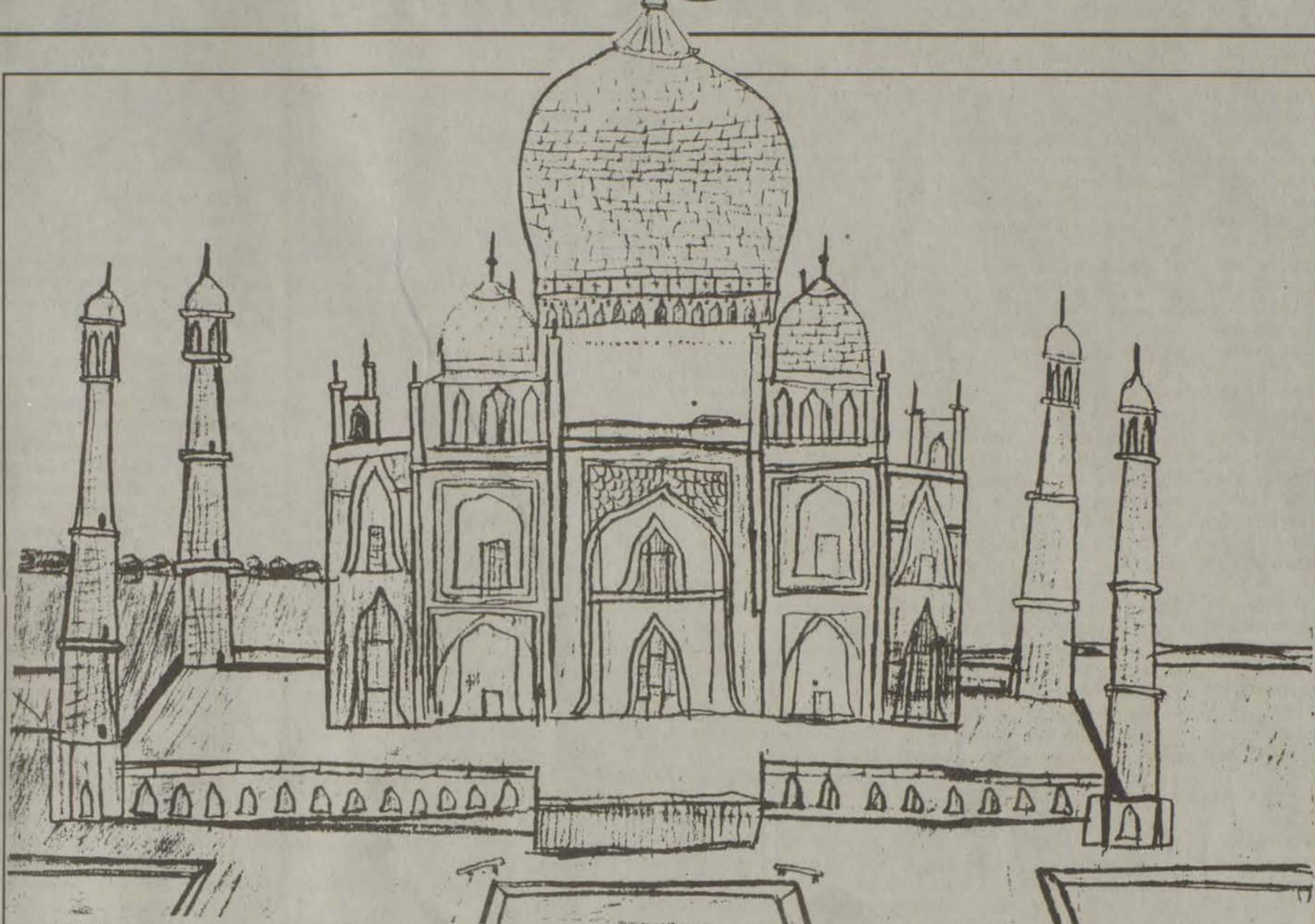
Children

A Special Report of
The Floyd County Times

Young Authors

All stories and drawings in this section are excerpts of books written by Young Author county winners.

Our next generation



The Taj Mahal, Agra, India. The white marble mausoleum, one of the world's most widely admired building, commemorates the love of a 17th century emperor for his wife, who died in childbirth. The Parliament buildings, Ottawa, Canada, at the changing of the guard. In the left wing is the House of Commons in the right wing, the senate. The Central Peace Tower contains a war memorial.

Famous landmarks from around the world

Written and illustrated
by Daniel Rogers
Seventh grade
Betsy Layne



The Statue of Liberty was declared a national monument in 1924. It was one of the largest statues in the world. It was designed by a French sculptor named Fredric Barthold.



The Eiffel Tower is found in Paris and was designed by a French civil engineer named Alexandre Gustave Eiffel (1832-1923) for the Paris world's fair of 1889. The tower is 300m, 984 ft. high.



Gigantic likenesses of U.S. Presidents George Washington Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt, and Abraham Lincoln are carved into the side of Mt. Rushmore, in the Blacks Hills of S. Dakota.



Stonehenge, the prehistoric ritual monument situated on Salisbury plain, north of Salisbury, England, and dating from the late Stone and early Bronze ages (c3000-1000 BC). It is the most celebrated of the megalithic monuments of England. Stonehenge is surrounded by a circular ditch. The stone range in a circle 100 ft. in diameter of large linteled, sandstone blocks called Sarsen stones.



The Parthenon is located near the city of Athens. The Athenians built the Parthenon as a temple later, served other purposes. Christians used it as a church for many years. Three hundred years ago, the Parthenon was used as a place to store gunpowder.



The great Sphinx, has the head of a man and the body of a lion and the great pyramid rises in the back ground. Both monuments were built over 4,500 years ago. The great pyramids are the largest pyramids in Egypt. The pyramids rise over 450 feet above the desert west of the Nile river.



The leaning tower of Pisa was built as a bell tower for the Pisa Cathedral. The tower, constructed from 1173 to 1372 leans because its foundation lies on layers of unstable subsoil made up of a mixture of sand, clay and water.



The Himalayas is one of the highest mountains in the world. It reaches high above the mountain country of Nepal. The Himalayas connects to other large mountains, called Mount Everest. It is more than 5 miles high. (29,028 feet). No one climbed Mt. Everest until 1953.



The Great Wall of China was built as a series of separate walls that were later connected during the rule of Shih Huang ti. The walls were built to keep Namadic tribes from Central Asia out of China. The Great Wall stretches over 1,500 miles across north China. It is known as the largest structure ever built.



The Roman Colosseum was built to hold 45,000 people. The Colosseum could be emptied in minutes, because of so many exits built with the coliseum. Many games and contests were held at the Colosseum. Gladiators fought against animals or other gladiators. Gladiators fought to their death. The night before a gladiator was to fight a feast was held. Gladiators were allowed to choose from a wide menu.



A Bridge in Bruges, Belgium, spanning a canal that links the ancient manufacturing city with the North Sea. Centuries ago, the river serving that purpose became clogged with silt.



Easter Island is formed of three extinct volcanoes. Since its discovery on April 5, 1722, Easter Sunday by a Dutch navigator, Easter Island has always captivated the imagination. Its stems from 500 giant man-like sculptures that reach 30 m (100 ft.) in height, some standing, some lying down, and called moai in the language of Easter Island.

The Parliament buildings, Ottawa, Canada, at the changing of the guard. In the left wing is the House of Commons, in the right wing, the senate. The Central Peace Tower contains a war memorial.



Portrait of Home

Defcon 1

by Earl Bevens
7th grade
Martin Elementary
"I am now in total control of Norad! It is within my power to launch a devastating attack on the Warsaw Pact. If you do not comply with my rules I will launch!" said a strange voice. Everybody was dumbfounded. Many stood in awe as the commander responded.

"Sir what may I help you with?" asked General Matthew as he nervously lit up a Marlboro.

"Nothing as of now, Thank you for asking!" said the strange voice.

Second in command, Phillip, Matthew's brother, put in a chew of Skoal and said "Well boys I think we have ourselves a certified nut-case. There is only one chance in a million that he could have control of Norad!"

"Would you like me to demonstrate?" responded the now stern voice.

"No!" said Matthew Mayo.

Phillip in a now shaky voice said "Please Sir tell us what you want!"

"I want nothing but world peace and prosperity!" said the now soft voice.

"We will do anything but first prove yourself!" said the general.

Suddenly the launch sequence codes appeared on the screen at the front of Norad. General Mayo responded "We now see that you mean what you say. Then all of a sudden General Mayo said "Can you please locate where this maniac is and get me a phone!"

"Please if you will just abide by my rules I won't harm anyone!" said the voice.

"Who are you?" said Phillip.

"I am Doug DeRossett" said the now stern voice.

"Hook into the F.B.I. data banks and run a check on that name!" said Matt.

"I was on it ten minutes ago!" said one of the younger officers.

Everything was quiet and then suddenly one of the officers said, "We have located the bug!"

"Then Mute it and get me a phone!" the General exclaimed.

"Hello, Mr. President we have a possible code red situation sir!" the General solemnly spoke. "Can you do anything about it?" asked the President. "No, I don't think so!" said Mayo. "What exactly has happened?" asked the President. "Well, we think someone has linked our main computer, with a mobile computer," said the General. "I hope you find a way to

stop this deranged psychopath!" said Earl Bevens, the President. "Notify the Warsaw Pact immediately Earl!" said the General. "As the president I shall notify N.A.T.O. and the Warsaw Pact and call an emergency meeting to order. Oh, and keep me notified!" said the president. "I will! Bye" said Matt. "O.K.! Bye" said Earl.

"OK. Lets get back to Doug, Unmute him Sergeant Hyden." said Matt.

"I know you had me muted and I would prefer you not talk about me in such an obscene manner, especially to Earl he used to be my student!" Doug spoke.

"I am very, very sorry great one!" said Matthew Mayo.

"I must let you see the light of your ways!" said Doug.

Almost instantly the launch codes were entered into the computers and two Peacekeepers Missiles (MX-1's) were launched directly at Maine.

"Please don't do this Doug!" said Matt.

"I am sorry General but you must see the light of your ways!" said Mr. DeRossett.

Ten minutes later the President, his staff, and his family were rushed into the Nuclear Protection Center since Maine is so close to them. Suddenly Norad goes to Defcon 2 as missile touchdown in Maine give the Warsaw Pact a scare. The missile touchdown totally annihilated Maine and radiated many other states including Washington, D.C.

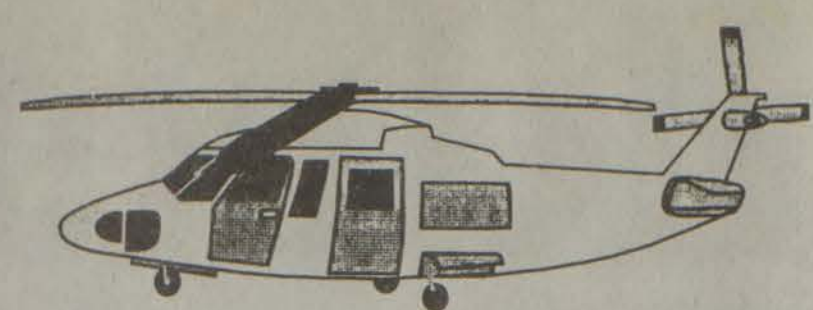
"Do you understand now?" said Doug.

"Yes we have and we are very sorry, Sir!" declared Matt. "Find the other Bugs and put him on mute for me." whispered Matt Mayo. "Get the phone and also call the President, Earl Douglas Bevens."

"Sir, I have found all of the bugs and I have put them on mute, I also have the President on line, and I have the information you wanted on Doug!" said Hyden.

"Let me talk to the President first!" said Matt.

"Hello, Earl what's your plan of action, Sir?" said Matt. "I think we should locate this Psychotic Maniac and take him out!" said Earl. "I think I can locate him, just give me time, Mr. President!" said Matt. "You don't have much time, Matt. I am afraid that if we try to stall him he will launch again and this time it may not be just a state or just two missile it could be forty or fifty and it could even be the Warsaw Pact this time around!" said Earl. "I know, I just wished that there was something that we could



DEFCON 1

do!" said Matt. "Well I have to go and get my C.I.A. agents on the case," said Earl. "Well I have to go too!" said Matt.

"Boys you heard the President let's try to find that maniac, NOW!" said Matt.

"Matt lets unmute and let me try to talk him down. I have a Ph.D. in Psychology!" said Phillip.

"OK. Phillip I will let you have one chance." said Matt.

"Doug what about your family and career?" questioned Phillip.

"Don't remind me I hate everything about this world. I also know that you are a Psychologist so don't even try it!" said DeRossett.

"I'm so sorry but I had to try it's my job, can't you understand that. If you have one shred of human heart in you, you will understand." said Phillip.

"Yes, I can understand that you don't understand and need to see the light again." said Doug.

"Please don't?! Not again!" said Matt and Phillip almost all the same time.

"I am sorry but I must show your friend the light like I did you, Matt." said Doug.

"Call and notify the President, NOW!" said Matt.

In panic they try to override his commands but there is no hope because Doug is tied straight into the computer's mainframe system. The young terrified soldier spoke out and said "Sir, we know where he is and I am already notifying the President."

"Thank you, Youngman." said Matt.

Suddenly touchdown monitors registered that a couple of MXs touched down in the Mid-East, mainly Iraq. "I hope you see the light this time!" said Doug.

"Sir, I have just gotten off the phone with the President. I faxed the

coordinates already, Sir. He said that he was already on it." said the young soldier.

"Excellent!" said Matt.

"Since the missiles have touched down in the mid-east and the mid-east is part of the Warsaw Pact we may yet be in danger so lets try to lock down Norad and go to Defcon 1!" said Matt.

"Sir, we have regained control of Norad and Doug DeRossett has been taken out." said Phillip.

Suddenly everyone started jumping with JOY but when the staff at Norad said that they were still at Defcon 1 they quietened down and terrible since went over the base.

"Sir, we are still at Defcon 1 and I thought that we took him out." said Phillip.

"We did but the Warsaw Pact still hasn't gave us word on whether they are mad or not." said Matt.

"Sir, there is a call from the President, Sir!" said the young soldier.

The President told Matt the Warsaw Pact was not going to attack if we helped them rebuild their destroyed countries. They agreed that Norad couldn't be lowered no more than two steps which means that they can go to Defcon 3 which is good.

"We are now at Defcon 3 and all is well!" said Phillip.

"Last commands are being executed now!" exclaimed the computer.

"What are the last commands!" said Matt.

"The last commands are the total annihilation of the Warsaw Pact!" said the computer.

"Override commands!" said Phillip.

"Override not available!" said the computer.

"Sir, we have manually overridden it, Sir," said Hyden.

"Finally the END!" said Matt. (Or is it?)

The Halloween Vampire Ghost



by Adam Chaffins
Primary, Harold

On Halloween night, that time of year when ghosts, goblins, and vampires come out, I went trick-or-treating with my friends.

We found a place we had never explored before. When we went into the forest, with all the gigantic bushes, we knew that we should have gone back. But we were adventurous kids, so we went on. Suddenly, a vampire ghost jumped out from behind a huge oak tree! Brett, Jonathon and I escaped the ghost. The other five boys didn't get away. We flattened the bushes as we charged out of the forest.

My friends and I planned how to rescue our buddies. We went back into the deep, dark forest. We wanted to follow the ghost, and trick him into going into bright light. If this plan didn't work, nothing would! We camouflaged ourselves with green leaves and tree branches covering us from our heads down to our toes.

Our own parents wouldn't even recognize us!

We slipped through the woods, searching for our good friends. We couldn't find them!

We continued the search for our friends. When we got to the other side of the spooky, evil-looking forest, we saw a big, stone temple. Then I thought, This is where he has them hidden!

It took two hours to search the old temple. It took an hour just to get down the long, long, dark hallway. We came to ten flights of narrow stairs. We raced up the stairs!

We kicked down the door, and the vampire ghost jumped out. Then we tricked the ghost into following us into a room with a lot of bright light. We were right! The Vampire Ghost vanished into thin air when the light struck him!

We searched everywhere in the temple, but our friends weren't there! It made perfect sense that he wouldn't hide them here! They're probably still in the forest!

Sure enough, that's where they were, imprisoned in a huge tree! There were a lot of thick branches overhanging the cage, but something was wrong! Tyler was missing! He was up in another tree, hiding from the ghost. We told him that we had destroyed the Vampire Ghost. He came down to help us.

Brett and I went to my Pappaw's to get a big, gasoline powered chain saw. We came back and cut off the branches. Then I picked the lock! The cage door flew open! The cage disappeared in a puff of black smoke!

Kyle, Joseph, Willie, and Billie all fell to the ground with a loud thump

"I've got a BIG headache," moaned Kyle.

"Thanks for getting us free!" all the boys yelled.

Then I said, "It's 7 o'clock! We better hurry or we won't have time to Trick-or-Treat!"

We went on trick-or-treating. We got lots of goodies!

After that, I had a big Halloween party at my house. We shot lots of fireworks because Tyler, Brett S., Jonathon, and I were big heroes who saved our friends from the evil, scary Vampire Ghost.

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Dinosaurs

by Nicholas McGuire
Primary, Prestonsburg

I like to learn about dinosaurs. I will tell you about five dinosaurs.

Triceratops has three sharp horns on his head and two were long. He protected himself with these horns. His mouth was like a giant snapping turtle. He was a plant eater.

Stegosaurus had spikes on his tail and boney plates on his back. He used these to protect himself. He was a plant eater.

Brontosaurus has a long neck and he is really heavy. He has big feet and

a long tail. He wasn't mean, he just ate plants. He was called "Thunder Lizard."

Tyrannosaurus Rex is called T-Rex. He was a meat eater and ferocious. He had big sharp teeth. He had a long tail and big hind legs. The claws on his back legs were like knives. His arms were no help to him.

Archaeopteryx was part bird and part reptile. He had feathers and wings. He was the size of a crow. He was the size of a crow. He could fly and run. He had three claws on his arm. He built a nest in the tree like a bird.



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Something in the Attic

by Candi Branham
6th grade

For I do not want anyone to read this story carelessly, I have put too much work into it to be read carelessly.

Dedicated to my Grandmommy and Poppy

Preface

After church one Sunday, I decided to spend the night at my Grandmom's house. I was only 10. In all my ten years I'd never seen so much excitement in one day. I probably never will again.

Chapter I The Beginning

As I entered Grandmom's kitchen, the sweet smell of chocolate chip cookies entered my head.

Grandmom said, "Emily would you go upstairs in the attic and straighten it up. By the time you are finished, your cookies and milk will be done."

"O.K.," I replied and trotted upstairs into the hallway that held the attic stairs. I opened the door, a musky smell of mildew over-rid the smell of the sweet cookies.

I very cautiously crept up the stairs. Once at the top of the stairs, I found it was difficult to breathe. The air seemed so hot and stuffy I went to the opposite side of the attic and opened the small attic's only window. I popped my head out. I drew in a huge breath of air. I had a funny feeling about this place.

Chapter II The Discovery

I decided to start inside an old trunk next to a dusty corner. I opened the trunk, inside I found a treasure of old clothes! I decided to try some on. I pulled out an old flapper dress. It was so big, I could put it on over my clothes. I then searched and found a mink. It was one of those things you put around your neck. I think you call it a boa. Yeah! A mink boa. I put it around my neck and started to dance a "jig." To my surprise, the boa started to dance a little "jig" of its own! I could've sworn it tried to bite me! I grabbed the end of it and flung it off my neck. As I started to walk away, weird enough, it followed me! I started running. I was winning the race until I tripped over my dress. I fell to the floor with a thump. My grandmom came up the stairs and asked, "What's the commotion?" I pointed to the boa. To my surprise it was halfway across the floor and on it's way out the window! Sweat was rolling off me in buckets!

Chapter III The News

Grandma and I discussed the matter over our now-cold cookies, and warm milk.

It was time for my favorite television show "Punky Brewster." Suddenly instead of seeing Punky, I saw the mink! The words News Flash rippled across the screen in capitalized letters. As I watched in amazement, I heard an announcer say, "Lock your doors and windows! The African Geoa monster has escaped from the local zoo! If you see it don't shoot. It is an endangered species and is very dangerous." I sat in amazement. How long had this thing been in my Grandmom's attic and endangering her life!

Chapter IV The Research

I ran and got the "G" encyclopedia. I was going to find out about this guy.

I started on page 21. "The Life of Geoa." By skimming through the article I found it ate small insects and likes enclosed spaces. So that explains why I found it in the trunk. He hibernated through the Spring in these enclosed spaces. He'll come back! I bet it comes back tonight! I bet it comes back tonight!

Chapter V The Trap

I stayed up late that night way after Grandmom had went to bed. I then called the police and told them that Geoa was at my house. We lived in the boon docks so I figured it would take them 30 minutes to get here.

I hurried in the basement and got my Poppy's old fishing net. He had died a couple of years earlier. He went to Heaven.

Unfortunately, as soon as I entered the attic, there was knocking at the door. "Police!" they shouted. They broke the door down and hurried to the attic. They rushed in with nets, tranquilizer guns, and worried looks on their faces.

Chapter VI The Capture

"Where is he?" one said. "He's not here yet!" I replied. "Whew! We have better things to do kid," said one. "Like take a coffee break!"

They broke into laughter. Just as they were exiting, the Geoa came through the same window! They shot it with one of the guns and put it in a net. In all the commotion, my Grandmom had awakened and was upstairs! "For goodness sakes! What's going on here?" she said, confused and sleepily. "It's a long story, Grandma," I said. "Maybe in the morning."

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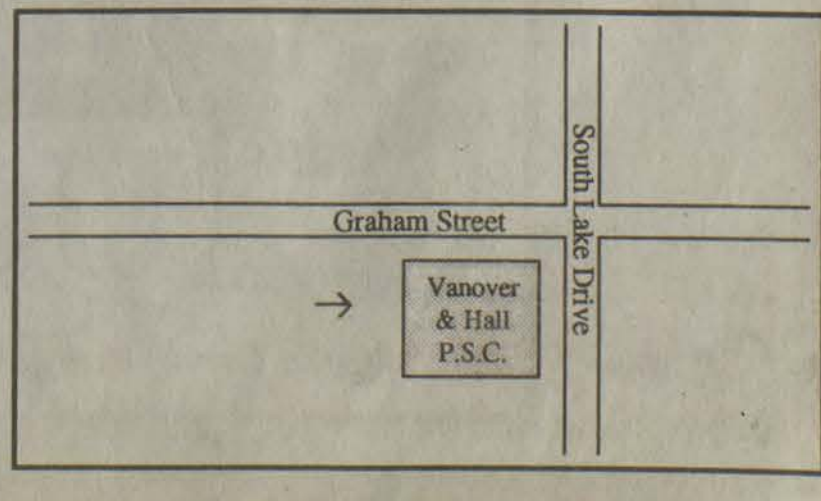


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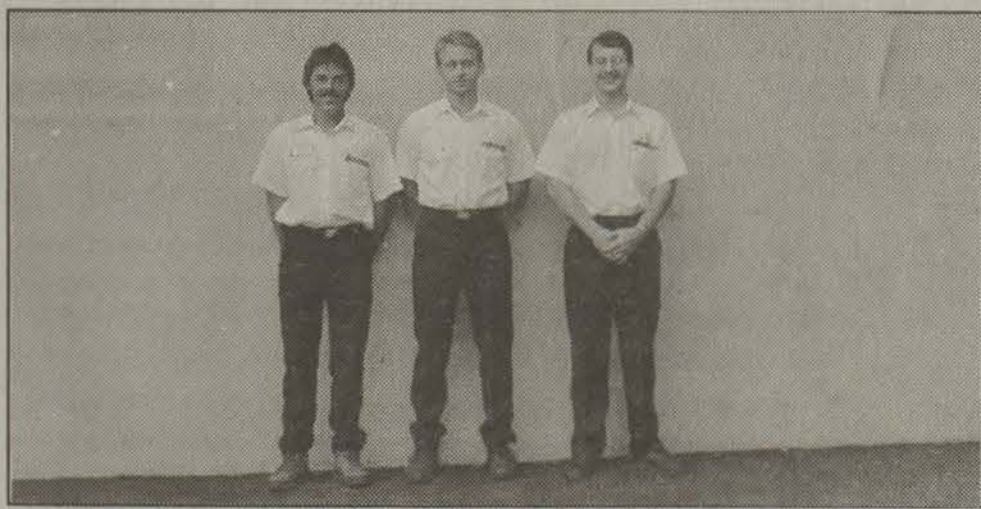
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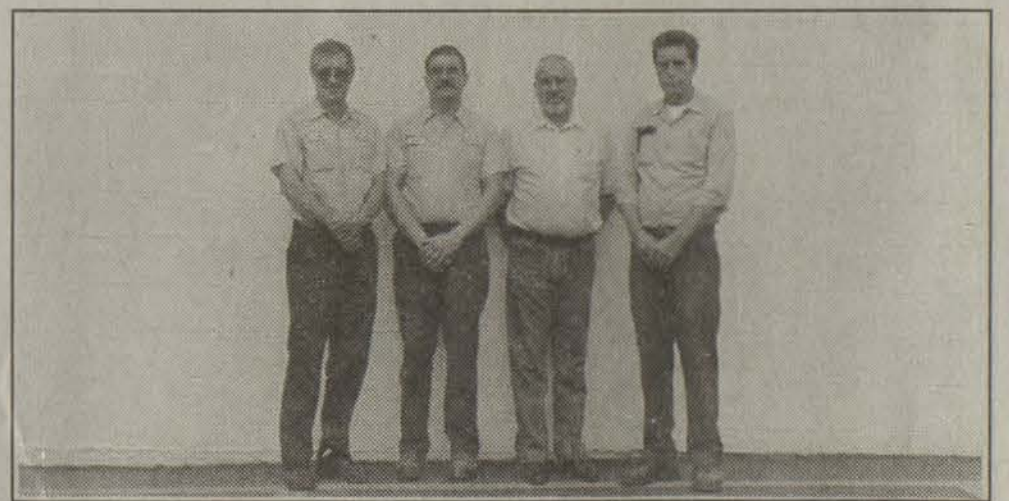
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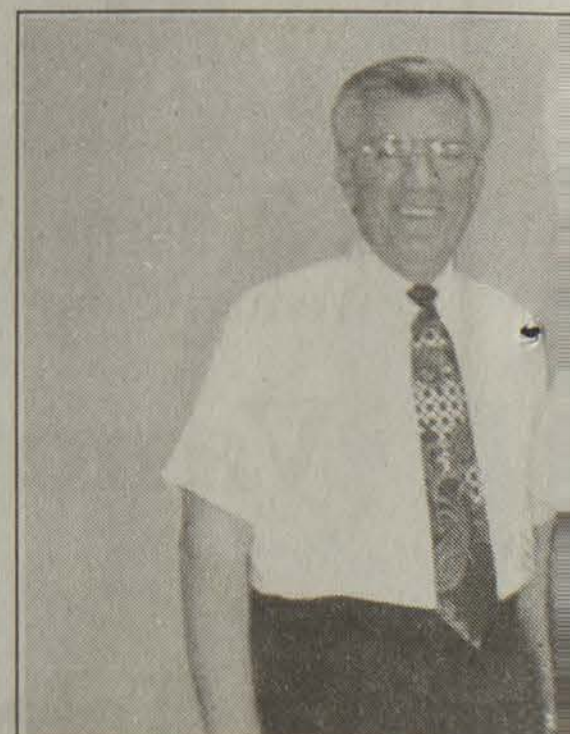
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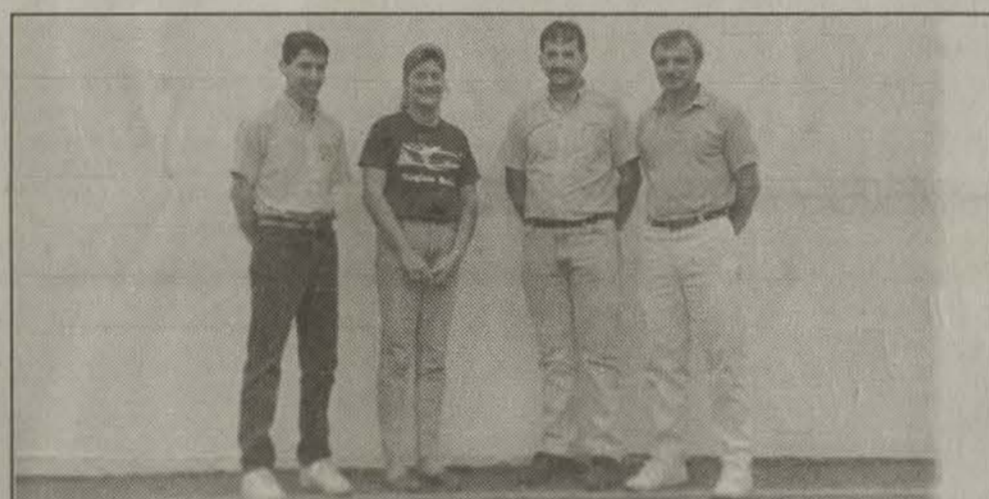
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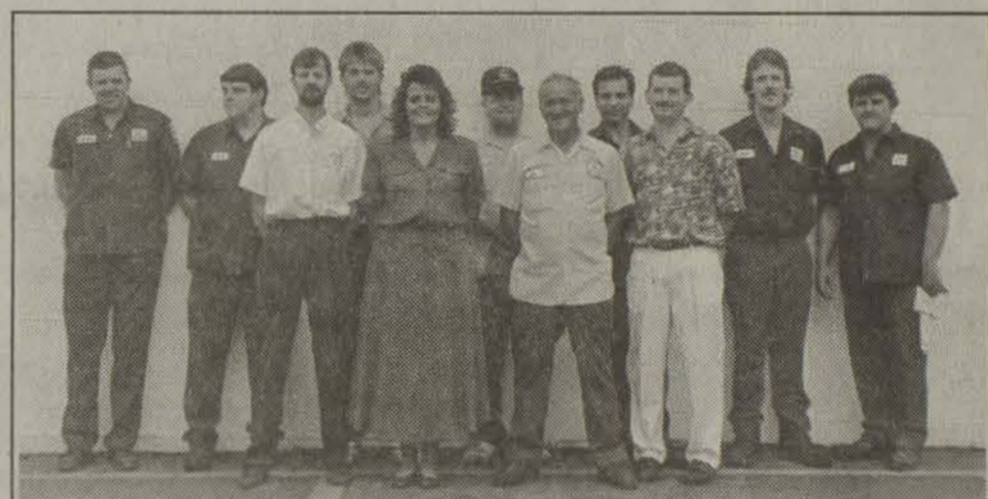
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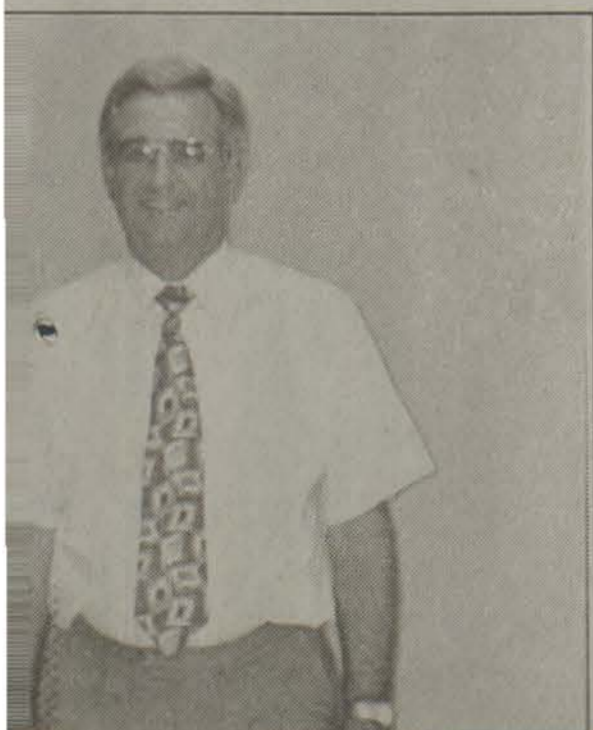
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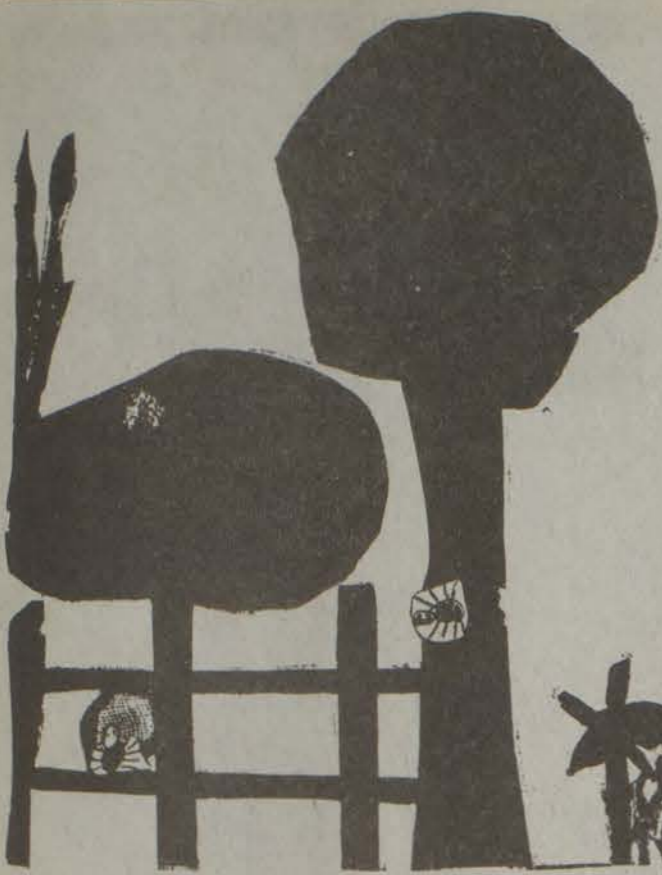


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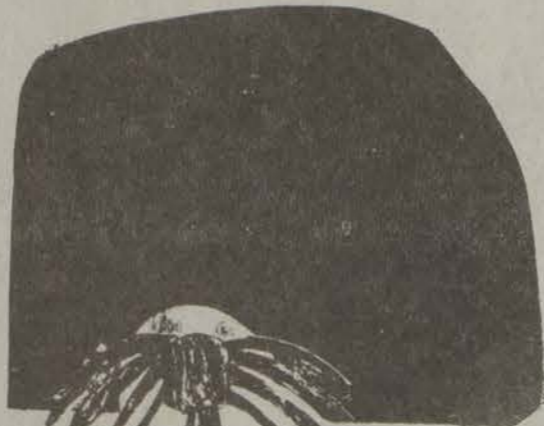
Spiders

by Austin Eplin
Primary
Betsy Layne

There are different kinds of spiders. This book will give you different kinds of facts about spiders.

Some older spiders eat the little spiders

When little spiders break one of their legs it will grow back. But, the older spiders won't be able to do that.



Some spiders make their webs under water.

Not all spiders make webs.

Spiders can live anywhere and mostly anyplace.

The Substitute

by Rachel Renee Robinson
Primary, Prestonsburg
Dedicated to my good friends
Heather and Celina.

Chapter 1

On a bright and cherry morning when I went to school, my teacher was sick. So we had a substitute and her name was Miss Toot. I thought it was a weird name and so did the other students in my class. She had eyes as big as golf balls and she was as skinny as a rail.



class joined in, so Miss Toot had to agree.

"But what if the principal comes in and sees us not taking the test?" Miss Toot asked, just then the principal came in the room. She looked around at all of us and then asked Miss Toot if she needed anything. Miss Toot assured her, that everything was fine.

After the principal left, we took the math test and then we got ready for the field trip.

"Well, now we are going to climb mountains and ride horses," said Miss Toot. But we didn't go until the next day.



I went up to her desk and gave her a pencil and she ate it. Everyone started laughing but I just stared at her. She told us to get out our lunches although it wasn't lunch time.

She asked us to write her a story with our lunches. Then everyone grabbed their pencils and put their sandwiches on top of their erasers, mine was peanut butter. Really messy!

After that she told us to go home, although it wasn't time to go home. But I didn't complain. I just went home and told my mom and dad all about my wonderful day.

Chapter 2

The next day our teacher was still sick. So we had Miss Toot again. She was going to take us on a field trip as soon as we finished taking a math test. I knew it was going to be easy, so I asked why we couldn't take the math test at another time. The whole

Chapter 3

The next day we climbed mountains and rode horses until we were so tired and hungry we could hardly move. At last we all shouted for food and rest.

Miss Toot was not hungry or tired,

but she agreed to go to Pizza Hut because she liked Pizza so much. We ate and ate and ate until we were stuffed.

When we were finished eating, we all went back to school and then straight home because it was so late.

Chapter 4

The next day our teacher was at the doctor. So we had Miss Toot again. I kept wondering what we were going to do, then I remembered that we had P.E. When P.E. was over we were tired again. We had to walk 20 times around the gym.

We went back to the classroom and Miss Toot asked us why we were so tired. We all said our stomachs hurt so badly because we had walked so much.

Since we didn't have anything else to do, she let us go home. Boy were we glad!



Chapter 5

Hooray for Friday! When I got to school and opened the door to my classroom. I saw my wonderful teacher sitting there. I was so happy to see him that I ran over and hugged him so hard that he nearly got sick again.

When the whole class came together we all shouted. "We're so glad you're back!" He was happy to be back too. We didn't even care to do our work. At the end of the day we had a popcorn party and watched T.V. Because we had all of our work finished. We all agreed that we would rather have our regular teacher instead of a substitute teacher any day.



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Laura Ingalls Wilder: A Biography

by Iris Dené Stumbo
5th Grade, Prestonsburg

Laura Elizabeth Ingalls Wilder lived from 1867-1957. She was born in a little house in the Wisconsin Woods. Soon she lived in Missouri. Laura was so small that she could not remember her little house in Wisconsin.

Laura got her Christmas presents by a neighbor across the stormy creek. She got a penny, a tin cup, a little cake and a stick of candy from that neighbor.

Laura also lived in Kansas. There she saw Indians. She heard them weeping because they were in a war. She once watched as the Indians left their faithful homeland, forever.

Soon, Laura and her family left Kansas and went back to the Wisconsin Woods. Laura traveled a lot. When she traveled she looked out of the back of the wagon to enjoy the beautiful scenery.

Laura's Pa, Charles Ingalls, played the fiddle. Laura loved to hear her Pa play the fiddle. She always felt at home then.

Laura went to school in Wisconsin. When the snow fell, Laura stayed at home, in the warm, comfortable, little house.

When Laura was 7, she moved again. This time she moved to Walnut Grove in Minnesota. There Laura lived on the side of a hill. There was a little door on the side of the house, which was the door for the house. The was a pile of hay beside the house and Laura loved to slide down the hay, even though her Pa told her not to because she would get a run in her stockings.

Laura was a physical girl. She loved to climb trees. She was more of a boy than a girl.

When Laura was still living in Walnut Grove, her Pa built a real house. He raised crops. But, a large group of grasshoppers ate all the crops. Pa got fed-up with the grasshoppers, who was eating the crops, so he moved again.

The first stop they made on their trip was at Uncle Peter's farm. There, Laura had a job. Her job was to bring the cows home from the pasture each day.

Laura loved it on Uncle Peter's farm. She loved to watch squirrels, wade in the river and pick flowers.

Sometimes the cows brought Laura home because she had forgotten them.

Soon, they moved again. This time they moved to Burr Oak, Iowa. Pa worked at a hotel there. Laura and her older sister, Mary, went to school there. On a lovely spring day, Laura's younger sister, Grace, was born.

Pa wasn't happy in Burr Oak, but Laura liked it a lot. There was a problem. Pa didn't earn enough money to pay for his family's expenses. The reason Pa was unhappy was that he missed the open spaces like in Walnut Grove. Since Pa liked Walnut Grove, they moved back there again.

Laura's sister, Mary, became very, very ill in Walnut Grove. Mary got so sick that she became blind. She stayed blind for the rest of her life.

Laura "saw" for Mary. She described things in words so that Mary could imagine things, just like what Laura saw.

One day, the Ingalls moved again. This time they moved west to the Shores of Silver Lake in the Dakota Territory.

Pa had many jobs there, but it was a hard life. The Ingalls lived in two places in the Dakota Territory. One was at the lake and the other was in the prairie town of De Smet.

It was a hard life in De Smet. Summers were tremendously hot. The winters were horrible. One time a horrible blizzard swept on De Smet. It lasted a long time and people almost starved to death.

Laura loved the Dakota Territory, even though it was very hard to live in that place. She got a sewing job in town.

Laura started to teach in a little prairie school for a while when she was 15.

There was a man who was 25 that took Laura home each weekend in a sleigh. His name was Almanzo Wilder. Laura thought this was only friendship, but she was wrong.

Later in life, Laura went back to school herself, she quit teaching. But, she didn't stop seeing Almanzo and Laura got many new jobs.

Almanzo asked Laura to marry him when she was 17. Laura said yes. They got married a year later and moved to their house on the prairie.

Laura soon had a baby girl. She called her Rose.

There followed many bad years. The barn burned down. Then, Almanzo became extremely ill. Almanzo became so ill that he couldn't walk well.

A year after that, their new baby boy died. Their house even burned down.

They moved to Minnesota, then to Florida and back to De Smet. No place was right for them.

So every piece of money they got, they saved it. Laura sewed and Almanzo had many different jobs to do. They loaded their wagon and moved again when they had enough money.

They moved to the Ozark Mountains. Winters weren't harsh and summers were great. The Wilders found a farm outside of Mansfield, Missouri. Laura loved it there. She loved it so much that they bought the farm. She called it Rocky Ridge Farm. They lived in a little log house. They soon built a barn and cleared the land. They grew corn, wheat, oats, strawberries, grapes and apples. They raised animals, also. They raised hogs, sheep, cows, goats and hens.

They built a big new house to replace the log house. Rose grew up and became a famous writer.

Laura took on many new jobs. She wrote about farm life, she started a club for women, she helped farmers get loans and she started a library. Laura started her "Little House" series in 1932.

When Laura was 63, Rose wrote her a letter. Rose had the most splendid idea. Her idea was for Laura to write down stories from when she was little. Laura loved this idea and started writing away.

She remembered the times with her family. The wind was blowing outside their house and Pa played the

fiddle again.

Sometimes Laura would change the stories to make them more interesting. But she usually wrote what really happened.

Rose gave her stories to an editor in New York. They became the book, Little House in the Big Woods.

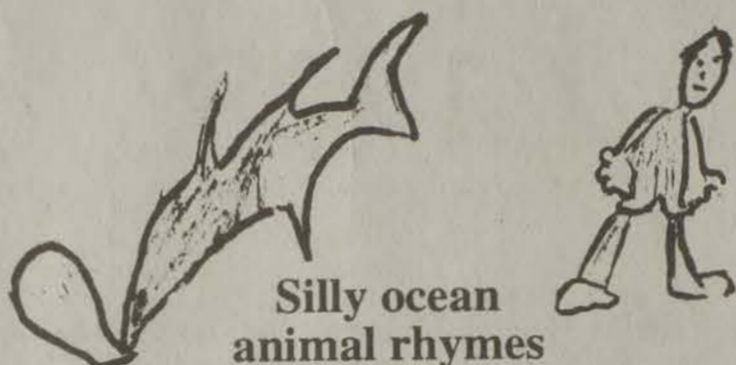
Laura thought that this was the end of her writing, but she was wrong. Children begged for more.

The next book Laura wrote was Farmer Boy. It was Almanzo's story. Then there came Little House on the Prairie and On the Banks of Plum Creek. By the Shores of Silver Lake and The Long Winter came next. The last two books she wrote was Little Town on the Prairie and These Happy Golden Years. She was 76 when these books were published.

Almanzo died when he was 92. Laura lived 8 years later and died when she was 90.

I like Laura's work very much. She tells that it was very hard living on a prairie. She shows all the different things her family done by illustrations, Laura expresses herself tremendously well.

If I met Laura, it would be the thrill of my life. I enjoy her books tremendously. I wish I could have met her and that she would make a book about me. I wish I had that opportunity. I have read all her books Little House books. They have interested me so much that I have kept reading and enjoying her books. She lived an interesting life.



Silly ocean animal rhymes

by Adam Roberts
Primary, Betsy Layne

There was a shark who lived in the park. Mark was playing in the park. The shark was trying to eat Mark. But all he could do was bark!

There was a fish who lived in the dish. Tish was playing in the dish. The fish was trying to eat Tish. But all he could do was wish.

There was an eel who lived on the hill. Bill and Jill were playing on the hill. The eel was trying to eat Bill and Jill. But all he could do was eat a pill.

There was a little shell who lived in a pail. Dale was playing in the pail. The shell was trying to eat Dale. But all he could do was fail!



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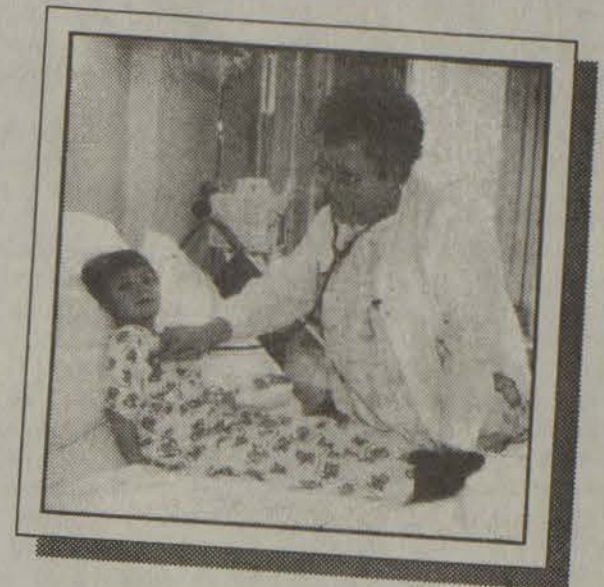
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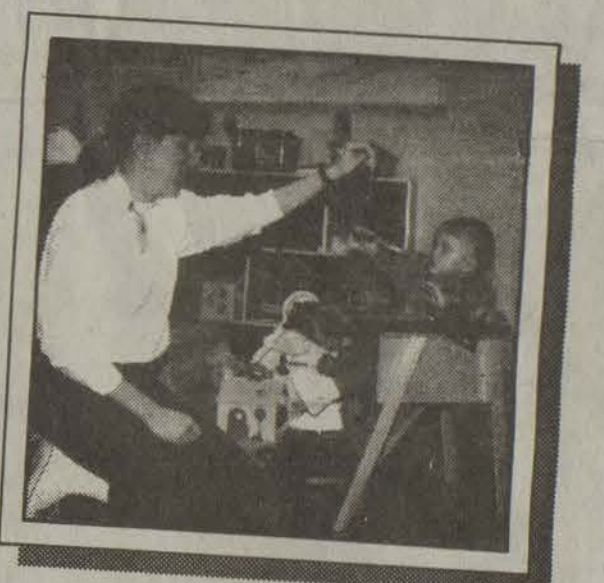
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Sports

A Special Report of
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Our favorite pastimes

Halbert elected to Hall of Fame

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

For 38 years, Denzil "Hoss" Halbert had dedicated himself to his profession as an educator in the Floyd County school system.

The only school that he ever really knew was Martin High School and it closed its doors forever after the 1972 year.

"It's a great thing to happen to anyone," Halbert said of his being voted in. "I felt that I should have made it three or four years ago. It is a great honor."

In a move with Wayland, Garrett and Maytown, Allen Central High School came into existence. The new school would mean some changes, not only for students, but teachers as well.

Halbert had spent most of his adult life teaching at Martin and for 25 years he was the school's lone coach.

But the move to Allen Central meant that he would no longer be at the helm of the basketball, baseball or track and field programs, but he would become the new school's Athletic Director. He would serve in that position for three years before moving to the central office of the board of education and take control of the county's entire athletic programs.

But Halbert's story is not all about the past, but about what has taken place this season.

All the hard work that he put into the programs at Martin, Allen Central as well as in the county, had paid off when he was elected to the Kentucky Hall of Fame this past April and will be inducted into the KHSAA Class of '95 in March of next year.

Just a brief look at his amazing career as the only coach that Martin would have from 1947 until the school's closing after the '72 year, is proof positive that he is deserving of the honor that will be bestowed on him in March of '95.

The popular former coach, known as "Mr. Purple Flash" to all his former players and students, compiled a record of 528 victories to 331 losses while coaching basketball at Martin.

During the 25 years at Martin, his team won only one regional championship and made its only state tournament appearance in Louisville's Freedom Hall in 1965.

He won five district championships in basketball and was runners-up four times.

Halbert's Martin teams won 20 or more games in a season 20 times. His 1964-65 team set a state record by winning six tournaments during the year.

But back in Coach Halbert's coaching stint, there was no assistant coach in the early years.

"When I coached, I coached the grade school team. I handled the junior varsity and varsity as well as the varsity and freshmen," he said in an earlier interview.

Halbert had won 291 district games and lost only 171.

But basketball was not all that Halbert undertook at Martin. He also coached the school's baseball and golf as well as the track and field teams.

His baseball program was one of the region's best as he won over 250 baseball games. In baseball, he won two district championships and had 10 runner-up finishes. His team was runners-up in the 15th Region once.

The Martin coaches fame and popularity was not confined to just Floyd County, but throughout the state of Kentucky. He was a representative to the KHSAA delegate assembly for 20 years.

After his team advanced to the Sweet Sixteen, Halbert was voted to coach the East All-Stars against the West in the Kentucky Coaches East-West All-Star game.

He is a life member of the Kentucky High

School Coaches Association. He was voted Coach of the Quarter Century by the 58 District Coaches Association.

Heart and knee problems have slowed the former Martin mentor down some, but he still manages to get out and attend the district and regional tournament when they are held close. He attended his 49th Sweet Sixteen basketball tournament this past March in Freedom Hall.

The saddest moment in his career was when the old Martin gym burned to the ground on September 7, 1968. With the burned structure went many years of memories in pictures and other memorabilia.

Halbert was staying in a cabin that belonged to Gordon "Red" Moore and his son, Stevie, brought him the news of the fire.

"I lost 20 years in pictures and other things in that fire," Halbert had said earlier.

Stevie Halbert said telling his father of the burning was the "hardest thing I ever had to do."

From 1968 until the school's final year, Halbert played all his team's games on the road and sought out an elementary gym with a plywood floor and traveled 30 miles each day to practice his teams.

While much was lost in the blaze of September 7, 1968, the fire could not dampen his zeal, desire and determination of coaching the game he always loved.

Halbert once said that the greatest player ever to play against his Martin teams was Betsy Layne's Grady Wallace. He listed other great ones like Prestonsburg's Paul Phillip Hughes and one that fans have never forgotten, "King" Kelly Coleman.

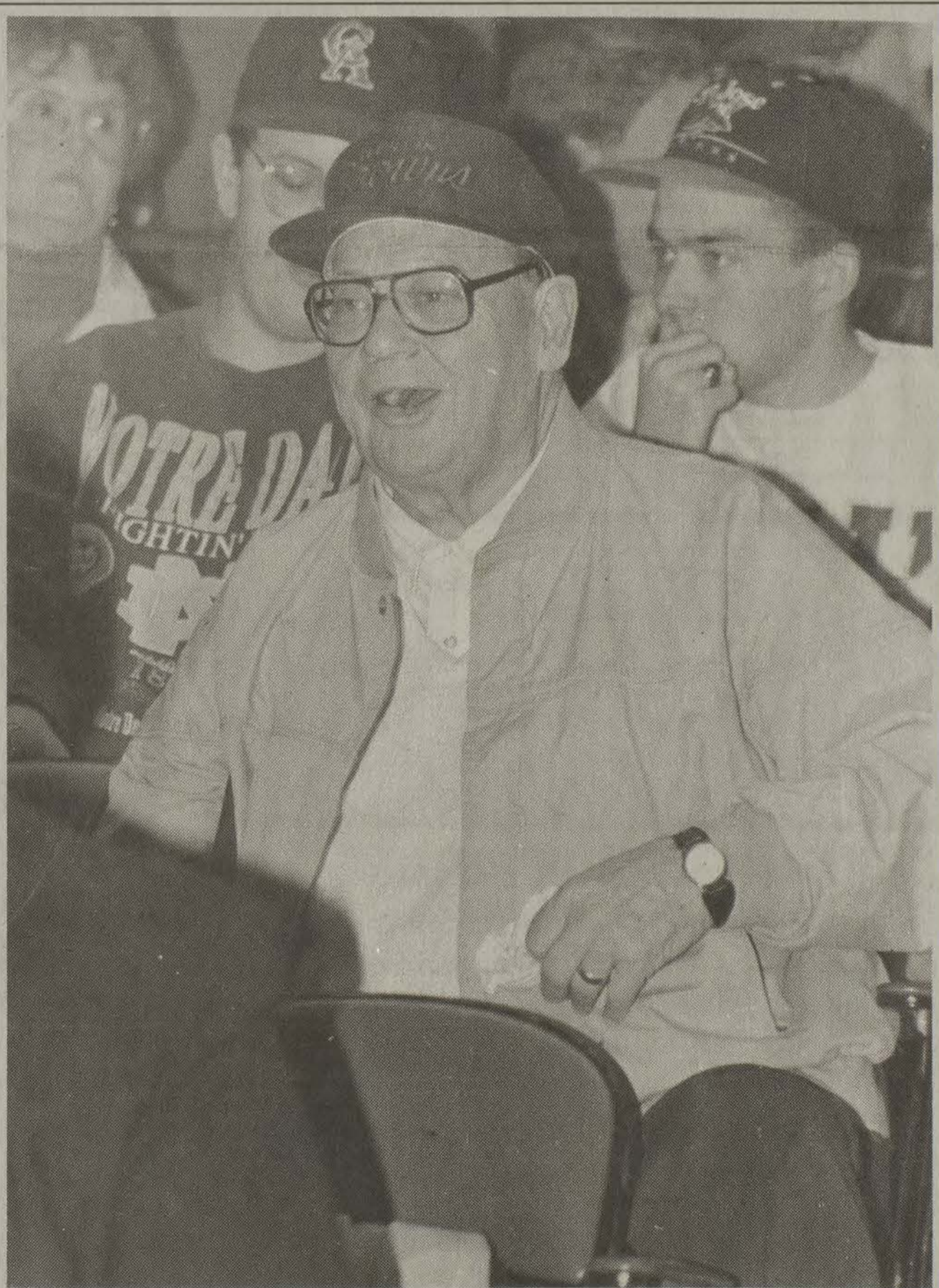
In a career that spanned a quarter-century, Halbert did, is and always will be touching lives of those who respect him as an educator and coach.

If there is a coach in the state of Kentucky that belongs in the Hall of Fame, then it is "Hoss" Halbert. Not necessarily on his accomplishments as a coach, but because of touching the lives of so many that dressed in the Purple and Gold.

"Hoss was the reason that I stayed in school," former Purple Flash Edgel "Bide" Click said.

"I always tried to be fair with everyone," Halbert said. "But I was tough on them."

Coach Halbert will be inducted into the KHSAA/Dawahare's Hall of Fame on March 14, 1995 at the Marriott Inn in Lexington.



"MR. PURPLE FLASH," DENZIL "HOSS" HALBERT, enjoyed his 48th straight state high school basketball tournament this past March and looks forward to number 49. Coach Halbert will be inducted into the KHSAA/Dawahares Hall of Fame March 14, 1995. He won 528 basketball games while losing 331.

Portrait of Home

Harold Case has paid his dues

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Over the years in any baseball league most of those that get involved are parents who have kids who play. They then begin to coach and even take over running the league.

However, it's a rarity to see someone get involved and give so much time and energy to a program without any family member playing.

For Harold Case, Martin, it has been 20 years since he first became involved with the Floyd County Babe Ruth League. Case is still working and serving the league, but now as the league president.

Every year the league elects the league president and each year the choice is Case.

Case likes to be around the kids. He will reserve his vacation time to ensure that he is able to travel with the league's All-Star teams when they compete in the state. He is their biggest supporter and has certainly put in his time.

Case first became involved as a favor to a group of kids.

"It was in the spring of 1974 when I first got involved with Babe Ruth baseball," he recalled. "Some kids came to me and told me if I didn't take the Martin team then they would not have a place to play baseball."

Taking the team under his guidance began a tenure that lasted 13 years as a coach in the league. It wasn't uncommon to see Case with his pickup truck crowded with ball players heading out to play a game.

The call came to assist in the running of the league and Case heeded the call and became the league's vice-president where he served for eight years under four other league presidents.

"I served under Lee Frazier, Carolyn Flannery, John Goble and Rayburn Flannery," Case said. "I was also in charge of assigning umpires for the games. I held that position for 12 years.

"Two of the best changes I saw in the

league was when we started assigning the umpires and we started the prep league," he recalled.

Case, who still coached his team even while serving as vice-president, gave up his team when he was selected as the president of the league in 1987.

The prep league is for 13-year-olds who are just coming out of Little League. Case said there has been a difference.

"You can sure tell the difference in the players who have played in the prep league compared to those who didn't," he said, "especially when the All-Star games are played."

It has been a gratifying 20 years for Case as he has seen many, many players leave the league and go on to star in high school.

A league directors job is a thankless one and many director's go misunderstood. However, Case has prided himself in trying to be fair to all and that the kids have a place to play ball and learn the game better before going on to the next level.

At times, being a league director, he has to get behind the plate and call balls and strikes when an umpire doesn't show up.

"I have watched, in the past 20 years, the Floyd County Babe Ruth League grow and become a league that is competitive with any team in the state," he said.

While there have been many hours and evenings spent at the Allen Park, Case still has memorable moments.

"My most memorable moment came during the all-star tournament in 1983," he recalled. "We won the district and advanced to Ashland to play in the semi-state. We swept Ashland in a doubleheader to advance on to Somerset for the state tournament. That year we finished third in the state."



HAROLD CASE IS IN HIS SEVENTH SEASON as president of the Floyd County Babe Ruth League. Each year, Case presents sportsmanship plaques to a member of the 13 and 15-year-olds in the league. He is presenting last years winners Jonathan Scarberry and Kaieb Yates, with their awards. Case coached 13 years in the league before becoming president in 1987.

Case spent several years coaching basketball in the Martin Junior Pro League when it was in its best years. He has been unselfish in working with the youth of Floyd County.

His untiring efforts have really gone unnoticed too long in the county. Many players, fans and coaches from around Floyd County should thank Case for his hours, days, weeks, months and years that he has given to the Floyd County Babe Ruth League. Without him, there may not be a league for them to play in.

Several times Little League teams would encourage Case to come behind the plate and call their ball games. There would be no negative answer from Case. He would do it so the kids could play ball.

While the league president must make decisions, not all are popular decisions. Not all decisions are going to be acceptable by all coaches. But Case has had to make those important decisions.

How much longer he will continue to head up the league is uncertain. But one thing is certain, he will give it all that is within him and not hold back.

For 20 years of dedicated service, Case is deserving of any recognition that the league would bestow him. Twenty years of service should not be neglected by the league.

New facility at Allen Central will be showcase in county

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Floyd County has never had what you may call a track and field facility. But, if all goes according to plan, it will have its first one when the new facility at Allen Central is completed.

Not only will there be a six lane track, but the football field will be one of the best around with new sod.

Track and field events have gained a large following over the past five years and the need for such a facility in the county was confirmed by school board officials and a group of concerned parents, led by Ina Robinson and Mary Wallen.

The new track will be used by all four high schools in the county plus, hopefully, the elementary level as well.

Invitational meets as well as a county meet could be scheduled and the new facility could become the location for a regional meet, drawing fans to this area.

The new facility will be a beautiful site with plans calling for the installation of new bleachers with a concession stand located in between, facing the football field.

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From Ohio to New Mexico...

Ken's Sports Shop is a huge success story

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

It has traveled from Cincinnati all the way to New Mexico. It has found its way to the softball fields of Montgomery, Alabama and went as far north as Chicago, Illinois.

Ken's Sports Shop softball team is a huge success story that has covered the last six years and even before that.

"I first started a team back in 1973," said Kenny Conley, "but it was for a mining company.

"Ralph Little used to coach us and then he decided to quit. Charles West became our sponsor and he quit. So we decided to sponsor ourselves."

Ken's Sport Shop did not materialize until 1989 when the team went under the name of Ken's Sport Shop.

The name would soon become a state wide name as the team made a reputation for itself by advancing on to the nationals in New Mexico.

"We had placed third in the State that year," recalled Conley. "then we won the Mid-west Region in Cincinnati that year and went on to the nationals."

Conley said that was his favorite team because of the success it had enjoyed.

Part of that success was when Ken's Sports Shop won the prestigious Bluegrass State Games in 1989.

Conley's team then won the Kentucky State Men's Class B tournament in 1990 as it continued to be one of the top teams in Kentucky. It was a second place finish in the popular Bluegrass State Games in 1990.

In 1990 when Ken's Sports Shop won the state tournament, Conley refused to take part in the Mid-West Regionals because it wanted to place the team in Class A.

"I just refused to do it," said Conley. "I just wouldn't do it."

It was a down year for Ken's ballclub in 1991 when it failed to get out of the district.

But things began to turn back around in 1992 when Ken's Sports Shop placed third in the Mid-West Regional and earned a trip to the Nationals in Montgomery, Alabama.

Last year the team placed third in the state tournament.

Ken's ballclubs always played in the Class A division until they were dropped into Class B.

"Class B is what Class A used to be," said Conley, who believes that Class B is stronger than Class A. "I suppose that is because there are more teams in Class B and more competition."

Ken's Sports Shop burned down last winter but the ballclub still plays, traveling around the country taking in all the tournaments it can.

In 1990 Ken's was runner-up in the Worth Championship Tournament in Johnson City, Tennessee. It was a champi-

onship for the local softball team in 1991 and again in '92 when it won back-to-back titles. It finished third last year before bringing home the championship once again in 1994.

"The biggest win of all the tournaments we played in was in the Mid-West," Conley said. "I guess it was because it involved teams from Chicago, Indiana, Cincinnati and other places.

"I can remember the first game we won. We won by one run when we scored a run

in the bottom of the seventh inning to win it. After that game, it seemed to get easier."

Now playing under the name of Kentucky Trophy's, the team is currently leading the local softball league at Archer Park.

It will be making its sixth appearance in the Bluegrass State Games in July, but until then there will be other tournaments in between.

Players from the past include Jeff Cole, Bobby Bowensock, Mike Belcher and

Dave Conley.

"Some of those guys are still playing," Conley said. "We've had some good ball players play with us."

Softball has become one of the fastest growing sports around the state and Kentucky Trophy's is still one of the top teams around Kentucky.

A state title, a trip to the Mid-West Regionals and a national tournament berth is the goal for this team. Don't be surprised when they achieve it.



THIS 1990 KEN'S SPORT SHOP SOFTBALL team was the first local team to win the state tournament. The squad also placed second in the Bluegrass State Games after winning it the year before. Kenny Conley started the team in 1989. Also in 1989, the team won the Mid-West Regional championship and earned a berth in the nationals in New Mexico.

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Determination puts Ray back in sports

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

The date was June 17, 1993. Next to the last day of school for Wheelwright High School. Its last day ever at the old high school building.

It was a date that will be remembered by many, but not because it was the final year for Wheelwright High School.

What happened on that day was tragic as a young man's life was taken in an automobile accident. For Justin Ray, it will be a moment in his life that he will never forget because Brandon Holbrook was his closest friend.

The details of the accident have already been reported and are not relevant to the success story of Ray. You see, it was

thought that Ray would never be able to compete in athletics again — something that has always been a big part of his young life.

Ray was seriously injured in the car accident that took the life of Holbrook. For Ray, recalling the incident was painful.

"I thought it was all over for me," he said. "It bothered me thinking that I would never be able to compete in athletics again."

While Ray suffered no broken bones in the accident, he was cut severely and required numerous operations.

During the recovery process, Ray thought much of his athletic career and pondered his future in basketball, football and baseball as well as track and field.

"I thought of how I love to play sports,"

he recalled. "It all meant so much to me and was a very big part of my life."

Ray, a senior this coming year at South Floyd High School, began to do more than just think about his career again in athletics, he began to do something about it.

"Thinking of how I love sports, I began to work hard in P.T. (physical training)," said Ray. "I made up my mind that I was going to work hard at it and get my body ready for the sports that I love (which is all of them). I wanted to play basketball, football, baseball and run track my senior year."

With all the hard work, even during his junior year, Justin made it back to three of the four sports. He played basketball for coach Jim Rose in South Floyd's first season. He was a member of the baseball team and ran in track for coach Donnie Daniels this past year, competing in the regional meet at Russell.

For Ray, there wasn't that parental support of getting back into athletics at first.

"Mom told me to get it out of my mind and forget it," said Ray. "Staying healthy and working on my academics was important to her."

But there was some encouragement from another direction.

"Coach Daniels and Coach (Keith) Smallwood (South Floyd girls' track coach) were very encouraging and helpful to me," said Ray, "as well as friends and the football players. They told me to keep working hard and not to look at the injuries as a setback."

Before his accident in 1993, Ray had been the Trojans' backup quarterback during his sophomore year. He was touted as the number one signal caller during his junior season.

But Ray was forced to sit out last season's football schedule, the only sport that he didn't get to compete in.

"I was restricted all that previous summer in what I could do," he related. "I spent two and a half weeks in the hospital."

Ray and his parents, Ricky and Debbie Ray, lived next to the football field. Once home and the football practice was underway, Ray would find his way to the field to watch his teammates practice. The urge to be part of the team once again was incentive enough to sacrifice to get ready for his senior season.

"I intend to play football next year (fall of 1994)," a determined Ray stated. "I missed it so bad last year. I wanted to get out there and play."

While it bothered Ray not to be able to compete, he still managed to get to the

games and walk the sidelines cheering his teammates on.

"While it did bother me that I couldn't play, still I wanted my teammates to know that I was behind them," he said.

Constantly watching his teammates practice football was more than Ray could stand and he rushed home.

"I went straight home one day and told dad that I wanted to play football again," he said. "He told me it was up to me. I went and talked with mom about it and she told me that I was crazy."

Ray and his mom reached an agreement that he would sit out one year and try it again his senior year.

While awaiting the upcoming football season, Ray did return to the basketball program after talking with Coach Rose.

"He told me it would be the best thing for me," said Ray. "At first there was not much contact in practice because I was worried about getting hurt."

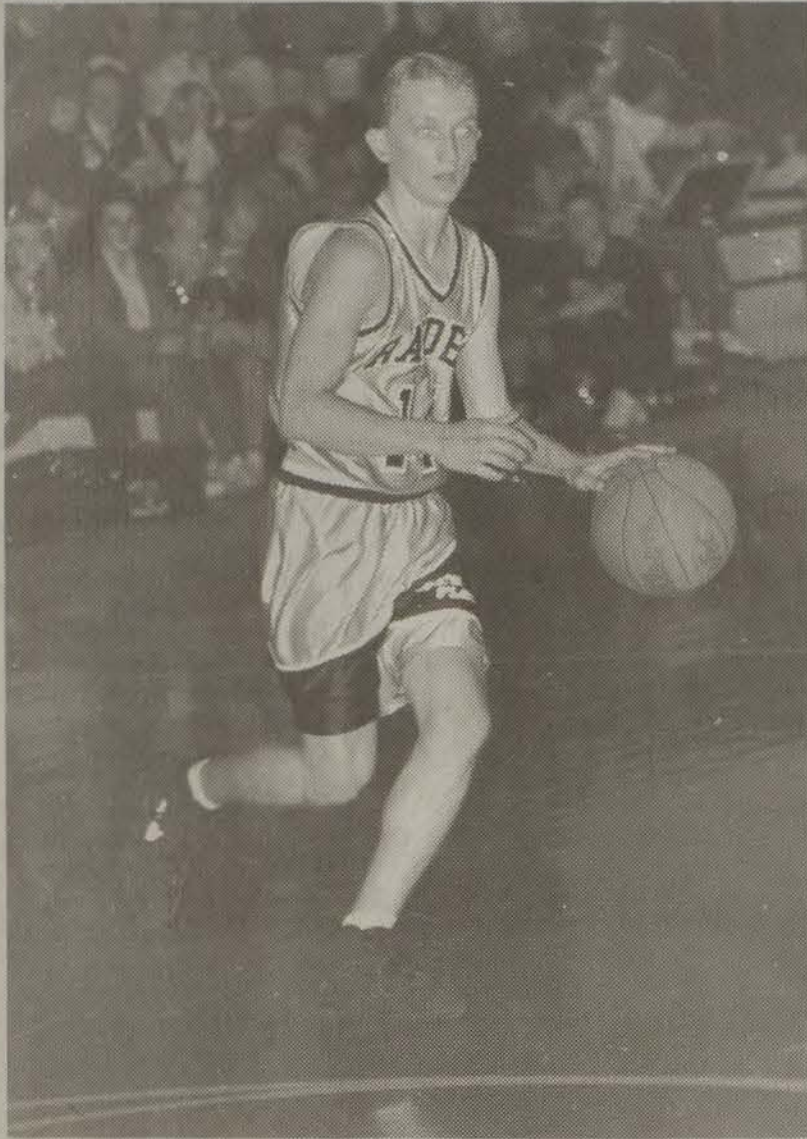
But Ray proved that he belonged and played for the Raiders in their initial season.

Lessons had been learned by Ray and it wasn't how to set a pick, or pass a football down field.

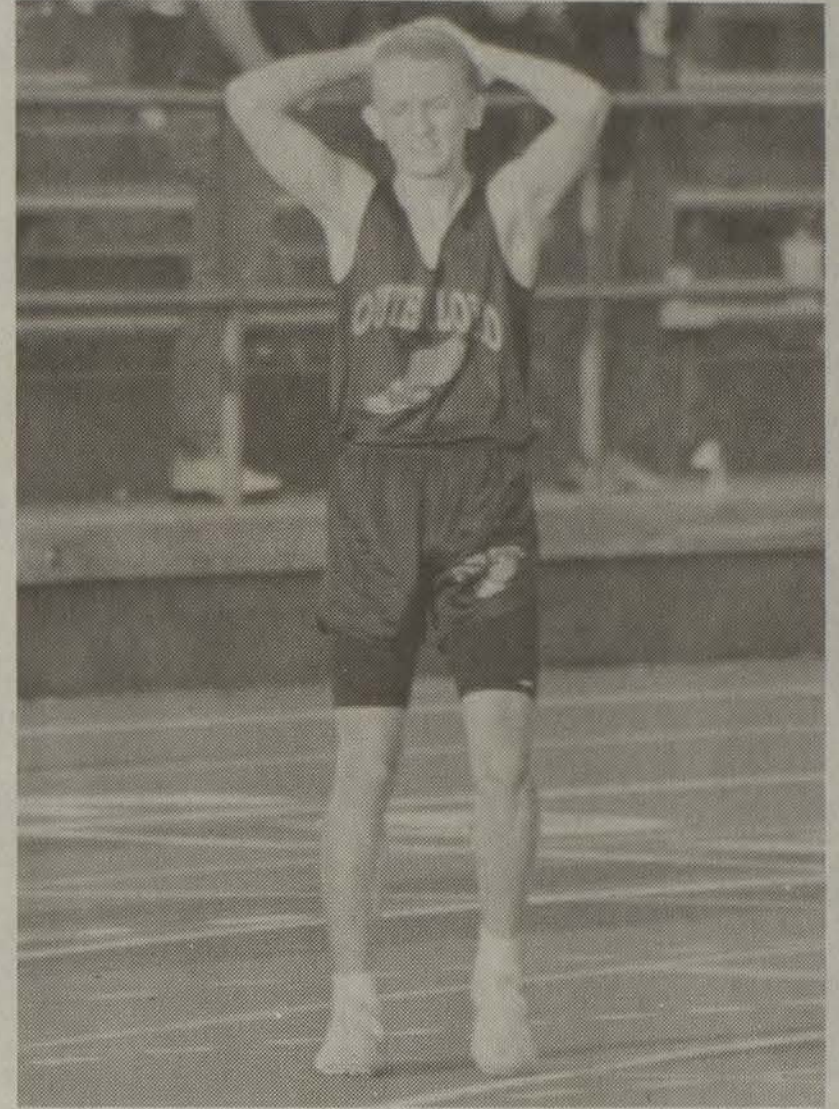
"I seriously learned never to value anything more important than life," said Ray.

After a successful season in basketball, Ray turned to the track and field season under Coach Daniels. But he found that sport a little more difficult, emotionally.

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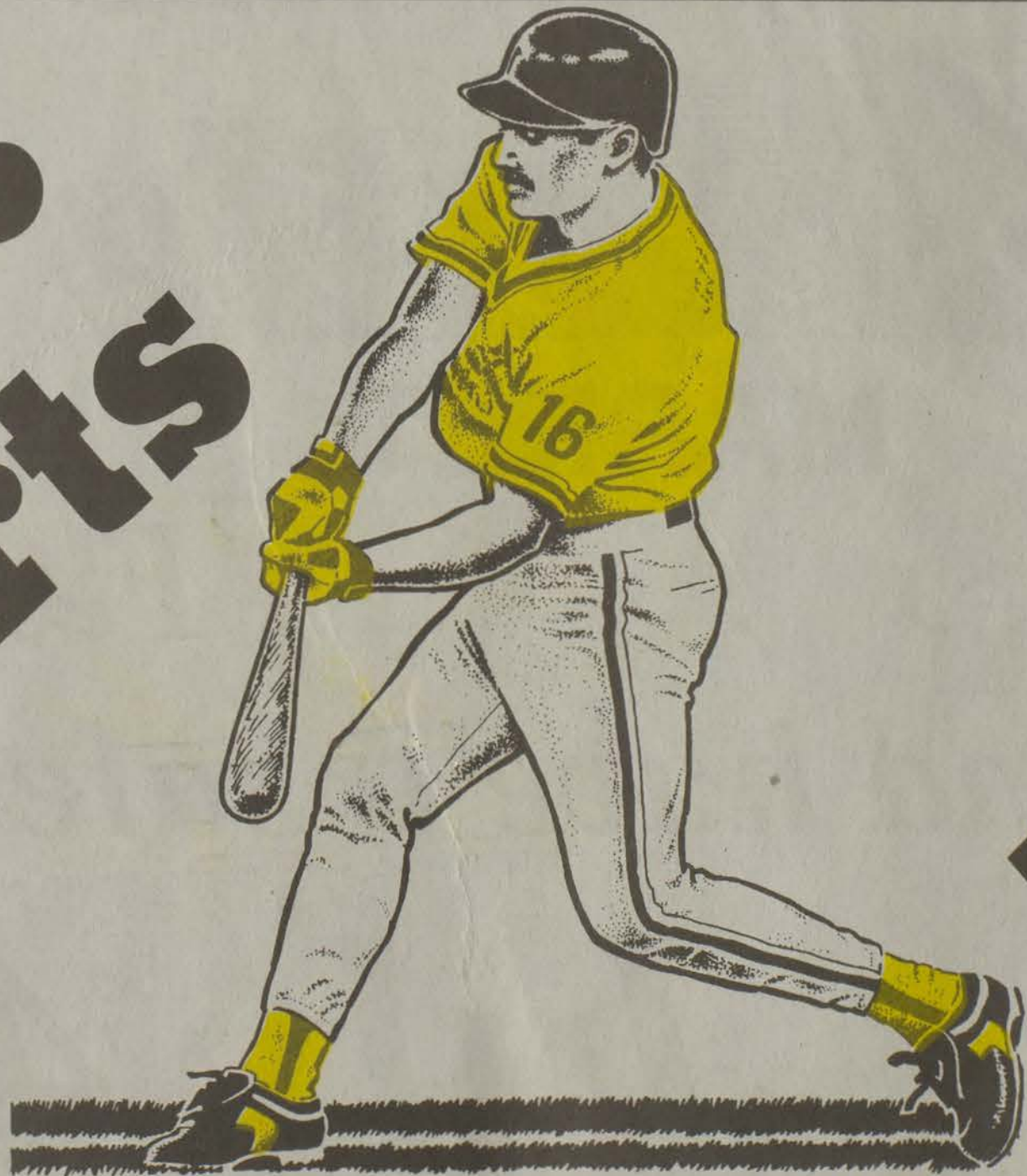


BASKETBALL HAS always been one of Justin Ray's favorite sports. The senior-to-be returned to the court despite predictions otherwise.



JUSTIN RAY, SOUTH FLOYD, participated in the regional track and field meet at Russell back in May. Ray looks forward to when he can return to the football field.

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What a year it was

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Rarely has Floyd County enjoyed sports like it did during the 1993-94 sport's season.

It was a banner year like we have never experienced in several years. It was not just one school that stood out, but all four.

The season included a trip to a state championship game, three state tournament appearances plus some very successful baseball and softball.

The success story begins with

the Prestonsburg football Blackcats. What a success story this team was. Everyone knew that coach Bill Letton would dress a very strong team but still looming on the horizon would be Danville.

The Blackcats success started with a one sided win over highly regarded Clay County on the Tigers home turf. The regular season accumulated when the Blackcats went through their regular scheduled untouched, including a win over rival Belfry.

It wasn't just victories that had to be eked out, but the Blackcats

won big. The playoffs started at the Blackcats home grounds and then moved to Russell and eventually to Danville.

The Admirals owned the longest state winning streak and were a 20-point favorite to continue the streak against a Prestonsburg team that was taken lightly by the media all season long.

The Admirals were the class of Class 2A football. They were playing on their home field and appeared to have everything going their way. They had little trouble against Prestonsburg the previous year and this was to be their year to win a fourth consecutive state 2A title.

While the television cameras rolled beaming the game across the state, the Blackcats were rolling also as they upset (and literally upset) the Admirals in one of the greatest football games to be played by a Prestonsburg team.

The victory sent the Blackcats packing for the turf at Cardinal Stadium in Louisville under a virtual down pour.

The Cats opened quick and built a 12-0 lead only to see it disappear and a crucial touchdown by Seth Hyden called back. The Cats fell 13-12, but were still number one in the heart of area football fans.

Success continued for Floyd County schools when the Allen Central Lady Rebels repeated as regional champions and made their second trip to the Class A state tournament in Richmond.

Coach Bonita Compton's ballclub was there for the second time but this time with a different and much younger team.

While the Lady Rebels fell in the opening round, Marsha Brown won the crowd with her three-point shooting as she hit six treys in scoring 30 points.

The one game effort would earn her All-State tournament recognition and the pursuit of several college coaches.

Coach Bill Newsome's Betsy Layne Lady Cats were the county's third success story. The Lady Cats ended Allen Central's four year reign as 58th District champions in a thrilling two point win over the Lady Rebels.

Betsy Layne then entered the girls 15th Region tournament at always tough Belfry. The Lady Cats faced the very talented Belfry Lady Pirates in the championship game. Ten days prior to the regional championship game, the Lady Cats were embarrassed with a 40 point defeat at the hands of Belfry.

But this time Coach Newsome had a different game plan. The other team can't score if they don't have the basketball, so the Lady Cats immediately went to the stall and took Belfry completely out of its game plan in becoming only the second Floyd County girls' team to make a trip to the Sweet Sixteen in Bowling Green.

The success continued and again back at Allen Central. The early preseason polls favored the Rebels as the 15th Region's top team.

Coach Johnny Martin's ballclub did not disappoint its fans as it won the 58th District tournament with ease, never being challenged by the local teams.

The Rebels got a break when it was announced that the 15th Region basketball tournament would return to their home floor.

But Coach Martin said that his team was a better road team than at home. But the Rebels rolled into the finals after a close encounter with Paintsville. They knocked off first year Pike Central, an upset winner over Todd Conley and the Elkhorn City Cougars.

Allen Central made a big impression on the fans and media when they visited Louisville's Freedom Hall for the boys' Sweet Sixteen. The Rebels took care of Shelby County in the first round and put a scare in eventual champion Louisville Fairdale in the second round.

Senior Jason Martin, along with freshman sensation Thomas Jenkins, would be named to the All-State Tournament team.

Basketball moved off the scene and it was time for the boys of summer to take their turn at bat and again the focus of the season returned to Allen Central.

The Rebels, under coach Jackie Pack, upended favored Betsy Layne and captured the 58th

District crown in high school baseball.

It was a season that started with an 0-6 beginning in Florida. The Rebels were new to their new coach, but soon learned the system and toward seasons end, became more settled and played like they were capable.

Allen Central surprised a ranked Boyd County team and put a scare in higher regarded Johnson Central before falling 3-2. Coach Pack saw this as a turning point for his ballclub.

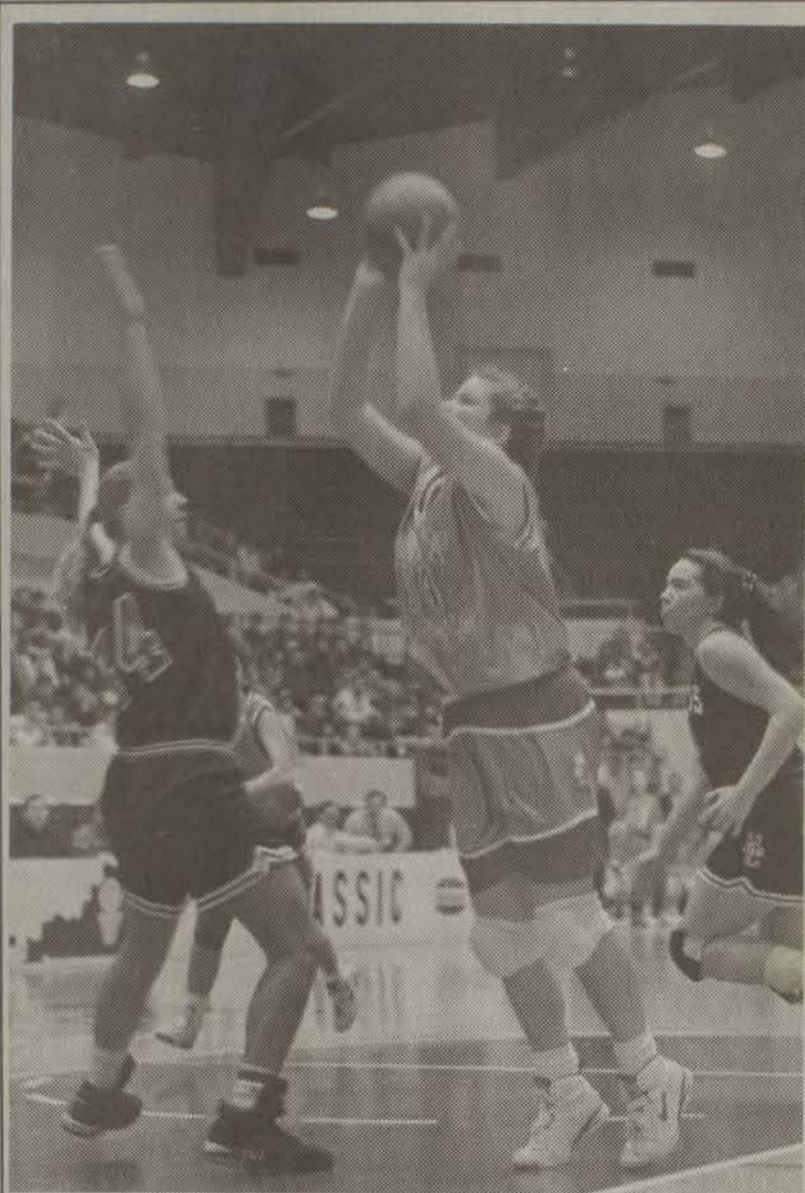
Betsy Layne and Allen Central

met in the championship game of the 15th Regional baseball tournament with the Bobcats coming away the winner. Betsy Layne battled Hazard in the first game of the Section IV tournament, pulling out the victory. They fell to Corbin in the championship game.

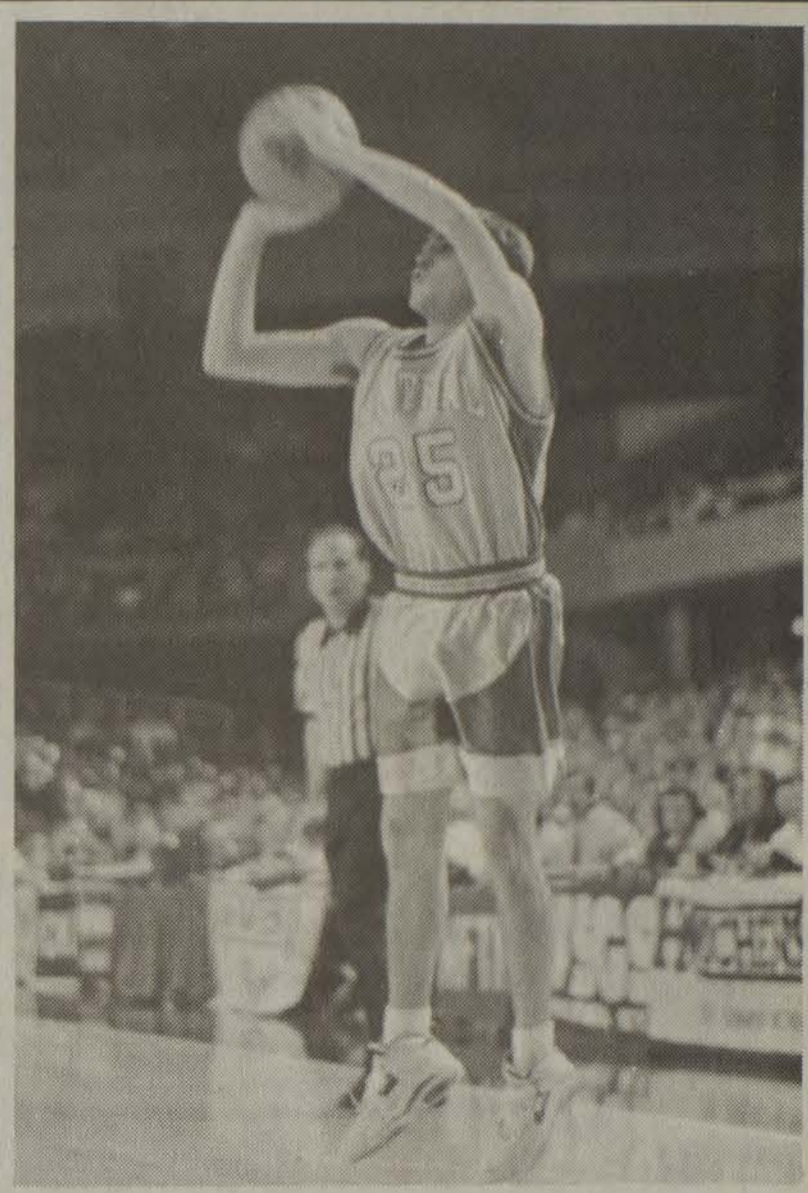
The success of Floyd County athletics continued with the track and field programs that have come on strong in the past three years.

South Floyd's girls won their regional at Russell and Allen

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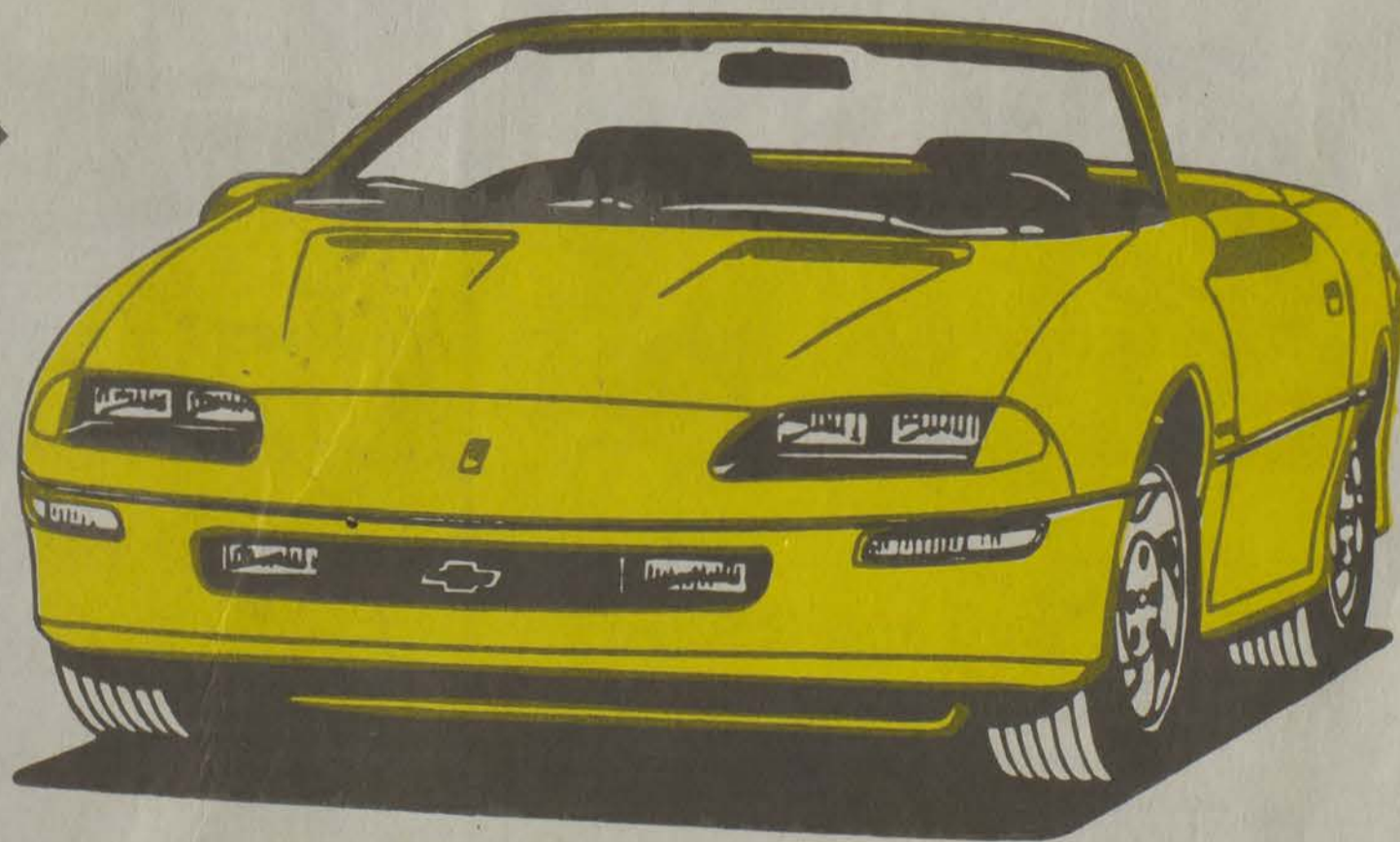
THE ALLEN CENTRAL LADY REBELS repeated as regional champions and made their second appearance in the Class A State Tournament in February. Freshman Amanda Samons helped lead the Lady Rebs.



ALLEN CENTRAL'S JASON MARTIN, along with freshman Thomas Jenkins, was named to the All-Tournament team in Louisville this past March as the Rebels advanced to the Elite Eight in 1994.

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Floyd County Sports Quiz

Year _____ (Continued from page five)

Was Betsy Layne or Maytown first to reach regional finals?
 Who was the first Floyd County All-Stater in basketball?
 Is legendary Doc Ferrell the winningest Prestonsburg football coach?

Put on your thinking hat. Here is a fun quiz for all Floyd County sports lovers. What's the old adage, "If my memory serves well." How well does your "memory serve you?"
 What stats do you have stored in that computer called the brain? How well do you know the history of athletics in Floyd County?
 Take the quiz and see how well you do.

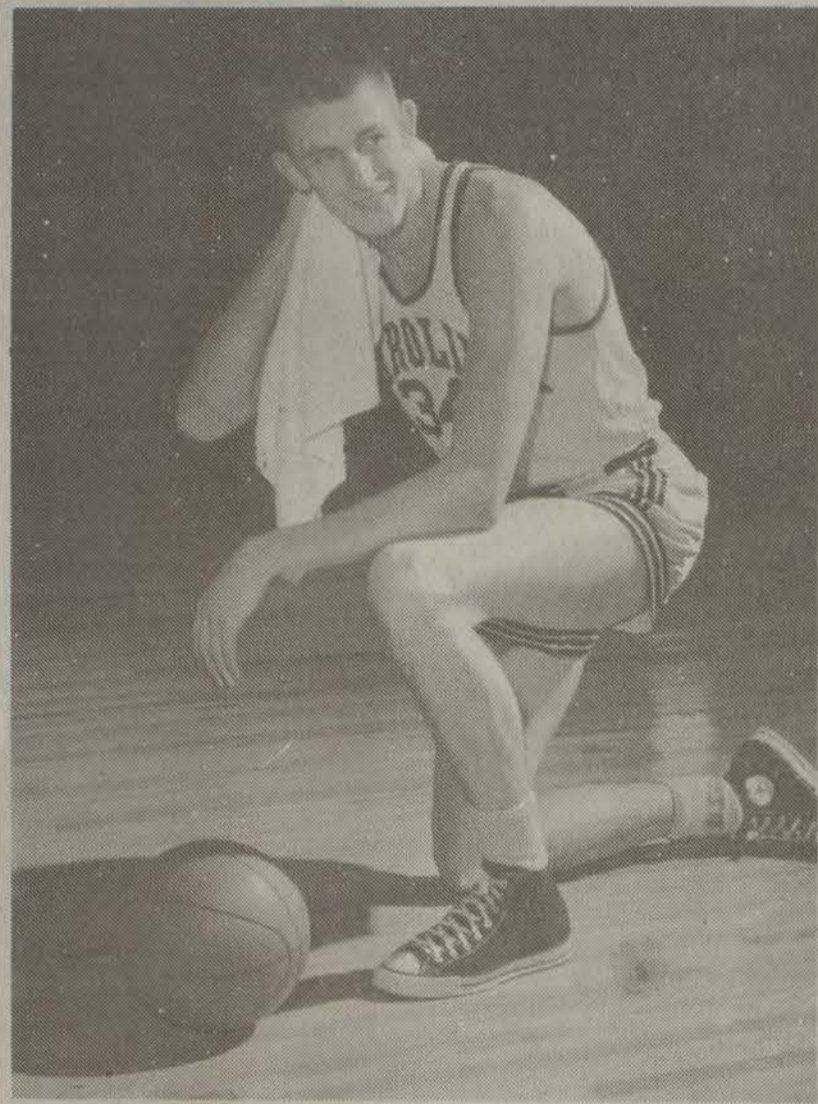
The answers are buried elsewhere in this section. Remember, no advance reading.
 1. What Floyd County player holds the state and national scoring title in basketball?
 2. What coach holds the record for most wins in football at Prestonsburg High School?
 3. What three basketball coaches shared Floyd County Conference Coach of the Year honors during the 1989-90 season?
 4. Who was the first Floyd Countian to be named All-State based on season play?
 5. Who was the first Floyd Countian to be named All-State in tournament play?
 6. In 1934 Prestonsburg's football team went undefeated at 10-0-1. Who was the

coach?
 7. What Prestonsburg basketball player was named All-State in 1956?
 8. Name all four of the talented Tallent brothers who starred at Maytown.
 9. He led the nation in scoring as a senior in college. Can you name him?
 10. What Floyd County baseball squad was the only team to win a state title? What was the year? Who was the coach?
 11. Name the county basketball team that won the first Floyd County Conference title. Who was the coach?
 12. What high school played the first night baseball game in Floyd County?
 13. What two Floyd County basketball players were the last to be named All-State during tournament play?
 14. What two coaches guided their teams to four district championships in basketball?
 15. Name the first football coach at Allen Central High School.
 16. Based on season play, what two Floyd County girls were named to the All-State team in basketball?
 17. In 1948 Garrett won the 15th Region basketball tournament. Who was the coach?
 18. Maytown had two All-Staters, based on season play. Who were they?
 19. In 1971 he led McDowell to a the Sweet Sixteen and in his senior year, 1972, was named to the All-State team. Can you name him?
 20. He was a member of the "triple towers" at the University of Kentucky. He later played at Marshall University. Name him.
 21. In 1975 girls basketball became a reality. What school was the first to win a district championship? Who was the coach?
 22. In 1989, Judy Eversole led the Lady Trojans of Wheelwright to the district championship. In a shocking win, what team did she beat and who was the coach?
 23. He's in the KHSAA football Hall of Fame, but he coached basketball one year at Prestonsburg. Who is he?
 24. Allen Central High School has had some great teams as well as coaches. Who was the first basketball coach at the new school in 1972?
 25. He is a legend. He is affectionately known as "Mr. Purple Flash" around the area. Who is he?

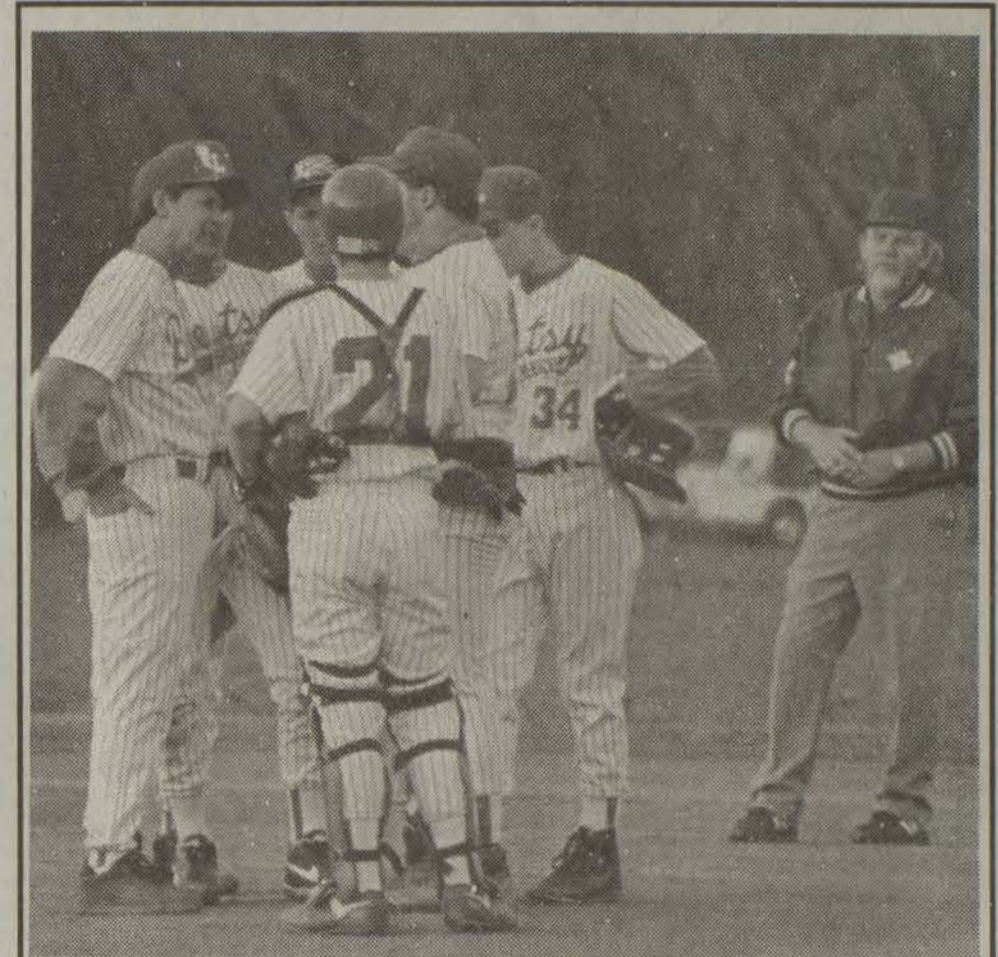


JODY CORNETTE helped lead the Prestonsburg Blackcats to the state finals this past season.

Central's boys won the Breathitt County 2A regional.
 Prestonsburg's Stewart Robertson advanced to the state meet. Nikki Reid of Betsy Layne continued to be a top regional runner and placed fourth in the state this season.
 The remarkable thing about the baseball and track programs is the fact they accomplished what they did without the proper facilities to work out on.
 Next track season, a new facility will be housed at the Allen Central football field. With the new facility, each school will have access to it to practice on.
 Hope is still in the picture for a new baseball facility to be built some where so Floyd County could host the regional tournament.
 South Floyd, if all goes well, should be able to use their new gym this basketball season. Success. We all love it.



WHO IS THIS FORMER FLOYD COUNTY PLAYER who led the nation in scoring while in college? He is just one of the 25 questions to test your memory.



THE BETSY LAYNE BOBCATS baseball team was one of several success stories in Floyd County sports this past season. The Bobcats won the 15th Regional tournament title.

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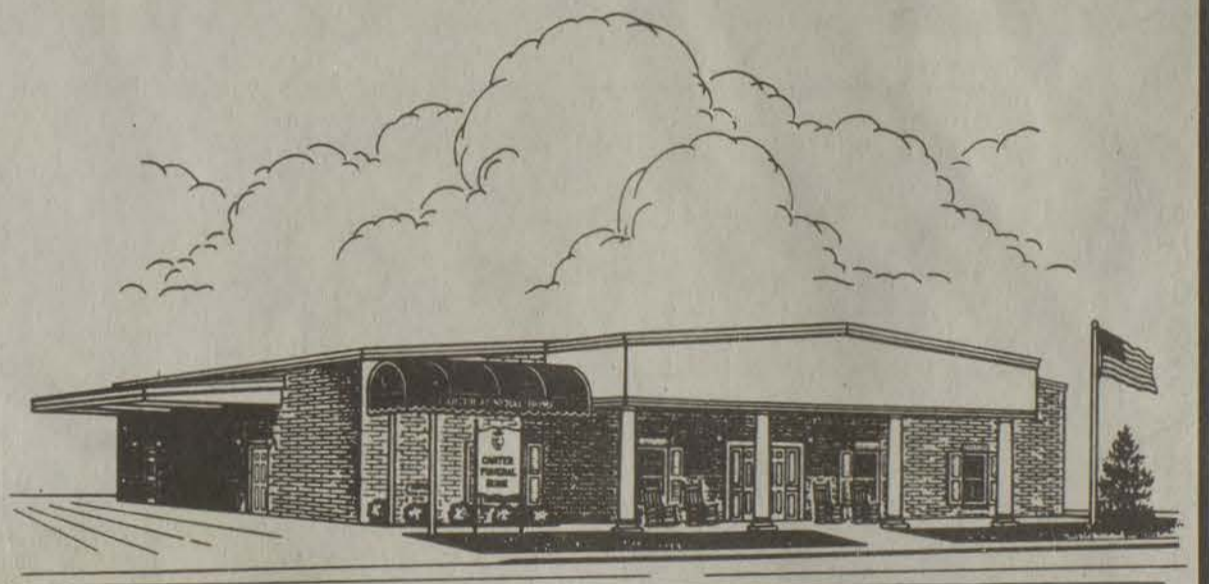
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U.S. Naval Academy dream come true for Ratliff

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Many athletes have dreams of going on to college and bigger things athletically when they are through with their high school career.

But for Nikki Ratliff of Wayland, just any ordinary college wasn't enough. It had to be a special place. A place that she had dreamed of attending.

Six colleges came calling hoping to lure the athletically inclined Ratliff to their school. But she waited until the right one approached. Then it happened. The U.S. Naval Academy said, "We want you," and Ratliff had no second thoughts.

But Ratliff's younger years had been filled with sports. Sports that she had excelled in. Sports that could have gotten her scholarships from several different schools that could have totaled \$100,000. But it wasn't the Naval Academy.

Ratliff's athletic endeavor began at Wayland Elementary where she not only excelled in basketball but karate as well. She earned a black belt at the age of 10-years-old, which was the youngest female in the state to achieve that rank in Shaolin. Ratliff studied karate under the supervision of Bill Leonard for five years.

Ratliff took the fancy of becoming a cheerleader at Wayland and, of course with her, a championship had to be somewhere in the future, even in cheerleading.

The Wayland squad, under the tutelage of Sandra Branham, won the Floyd County championship while she was in the eighth grade. Ratliff was the squad captain for three years.

Karate. Cheerleading. Then came basketball. Ratliff played five years on the Wayland Lady Wasps team under a trio of coaches — Ronnie Patton, Tommy Murphy and Dewey Jamerson. During her eighth grade year, Ratliff led the team in scoring.

With all the rest going on in a young girls' life, you wonder how she found any time for anything else, but she did — track.

Under Coach Jamerson and Forrest Hughes, Ratliff became part of the Allen Central track team and still ended up valedictorian of her eighth grade class.

After graduating from Wayland, Ratliff then received a scholarship to June Buchanan School and attended all four high school years in Knott County.

From grade school to high school the transition seemed effortless for such a gifted athlete and student. As a member of the June Buchanan basketball team, where she played under Elmer Slone and Rhonda Combs, she received the June Buchanan Female Scholar/Athlete Award for three consecutive years.

She became a member of the school's softball team and attended the Kentucky Governor School for the Arts during her junior year.

Ratliff ran cross-country for two years while at JBS. It was there that Ratliff heard about the U.S. Naval Academy when her track coach, Captain Michael Spinney (former West point graduate), influenced her in attending a military academy for college.

During her senior year at June Buchanan, Ratliff broke the school record for rebounds, averaging 21 per game, making her the state's leading rebounder for the majority of the season.

As co-captain of the team, she helped lead them to the championship of the Three Rivers Conference that year.

Another award was bestowed upon her when she graduated June Buchanan. She

received the Army Reserve Scholar/Athlete Award (female). She was the schools co-valedictorian.

It was then that Ratliff received scholarship offers from other schools, but the influence that Captain Spinney had was strong and it was the U.S. Naval Academy for Ratliff.

Before sailing for the academy, Ratliff worked hard as a volunteer usher at the Jenny Wiley Summer Music Theatre for three years.

Two weeks after she was hired for her first real-paying job as a dresser for the production of "Greater Tuna," she had to give notice that she would be leaving the company.

Ratliff had less than a month to prepare physically for Plebe Summer, a rigorous basic training requirement for all new midshipmen.

It was during her plebe (freshman) year, Ratliff gave up her basketball and picked up a rifle to become a member of the USNA Silent Precision Drill Team.

As a member of the team, she was selected as an honor guard for the Vietnam Memorial Ceremonies on Veterans Day last year (the only female chosen). She also performed at halftime with the drill team during the Army/Navy football game.

Between her freshman and sophomore year, Ratliff went on her first cruise along the eastern seacoast to Halifax, Nova Scotia. During the cruise, she passed oral and written examinations and was awarded the Commanders Assistant pin.

Following her cruise, Ratliff joined the Navy Women's Crew Team (a rowing squad). Having no prior experience in rowing, she began as a novice. Determined to better herself, she worked her way up to first boat. She recently celebrated capturing the Division II National Championship after the Navy Women's Crew team beat out seventeen other major colleges at the International Regatta held on the Occuquan River in Virginia.

Recently, Ratliff was named to the USNA Superintendent's list for achieving a 3.45 GPA along with A's in conduct and physical education.

The Floyd County native is now preparing for her West Coast cruise this summer which will originate in San Diego.

A new challenge faces Ratliff upon her return from the cruise. She has been selected as a drill instructor to train a squad of 12 new midshipmen during Plebe Summer.

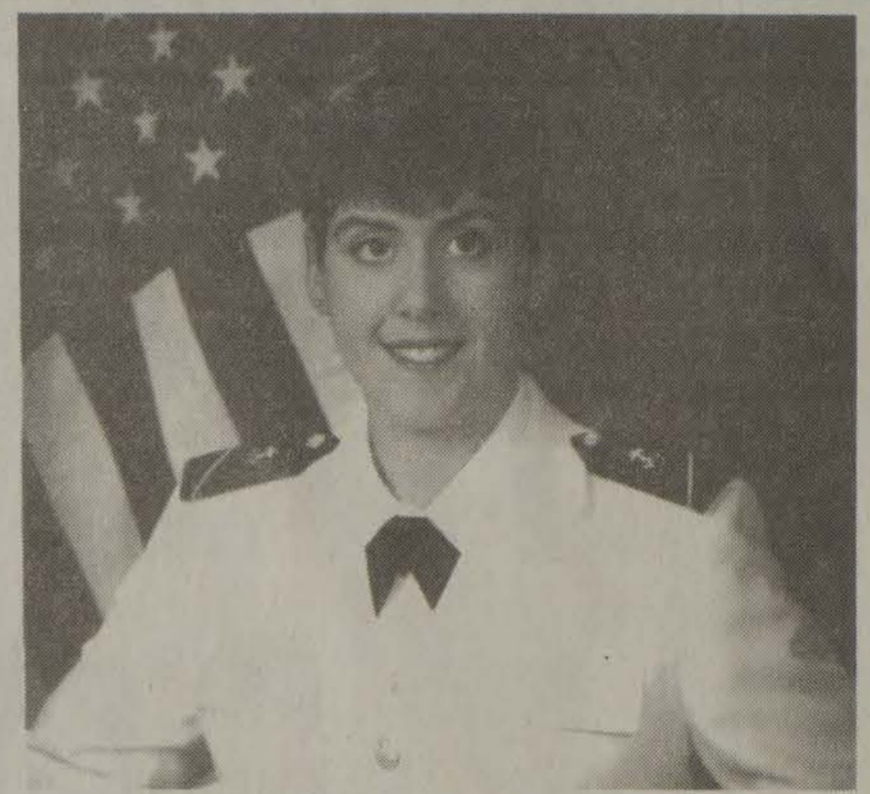
Ratliff plans to major in political science and minor in Spanish, having reached the halfway point to her college

degree, and will be a U.S. Naval Officer for her six-year obligation after graduating in 1996.

Ratliff is the daughter of Kenneth and Sheila Ratliff of Estill. Her paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Tufts

of Wayland. Her maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ray Jones of New Orleans, formerly of Hindman.

Ratliff still has another dream: To someday be an Olympian in rowing and represent her country.



FLOYD COUNTIAN NIKKI RATLIFF has a long list of accomplishments from her grade school days at Wayland to her present stint at the U.S. Naval Academy.

Answers to sports quiz

1. Geri Grigsby, McDowell
2. Phillip Haywood, 72 wins
3. Johnny Martin (AC), Junior Newsome (BL), Johnny Ray Turner (McDowell)
4. Ed DeCoursey, Wayland
5. Palmer Crum, Betsy Layne
6. C.W. Watson
7. Lowell Hughes
8. Bill, Bob, Pat, Mike
9. Grady Wallace, Betsy Layne
10. Prestonsburg, 1948, John R. Eibner
11. Wheelwright, Don Wallen
12. Wheelwright, 1948
13. Thomas Jenkins, Jason Martin, Allen Central
14. Judy Eversole, Bonita Compton
15. Don Daniels
16. Geri Grigsby, McDowell; Dee Dee Music, Prestonsburg
17. Claude Frady
18. Bob Tallent, 1964; Pat Tallent, 1971
19. Steve Smith
20. Dan Hall, Betsy Layne
21. Allen Central, Patricia Murphy
22. McDowell, Cassandra (Keathley) Akers
23. Garnis Martin, Bardstown
24. Gene Frazier
25. Denzil "Hoss" Halbert

Ray

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"It was the hardest thing that I have ever done," said Ray, "running track this season without Brandon."

In control of his emotions, Ray related how the two would constantly practice together and work out so they could represent their school with pride.

Ray had been hitting the weight room the first three weeks until the track season began. He said that his arm still feels awkward at times and "I'm not at full strength yet."

"I had to delay weight lifting because of it. I need to work on my upper body strength and I want to weigh more and get bigger."

While Ray lost a close friend in 1993, he did come away with a different outlook on life and the real meaning of it.

Determination, hard work, encourage-

ment and just believing in himself has jettied Ray back into the sports picture.

"So many kids just couldn't believe what happened to me," he said. "I never thought it would ever happen to me. Never in my mind did I ever think that something like this would take place in my life."

Ray hopes that what has happened to him will relate to other young people. That when everything looks bleak, there is always hope. But it will require dedication and a lot of hard work to overcome the obstacles. There is no room for self pity.

Ray's future plans after high school includes attending the University of Kentucky on an academic scholarship where he wants to major in law or medicine.

"I hope that I can walk on and compete in track at UK," said Ray

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Sharing the Word

Eleanor Acker has been helping give guidance to the people of the Big Sandy Valley for more than 40 years. (photo by Janice Shepherd)

“The Lord just leads us, step by step”

by Kathleen Carroll
Contributing Writer

“The Lord just leads us, step by step,” says Eleanor Acker. Acker has been a volunteer at the Riverview Manor Nursing Home for only the past year, but she has offered her fellowship and guidance to the people of the Big Sandy Valley for more than 40 years.

Acker began volunteering at the nursing home when Jo Ann Marsillett, the home’s activity director, approached her about leading Bible classes. She and Rachel Hamilton travel to Riverview Manor every two weeks.

“I lead the folks in a simple Bible study,” explains Acker, “then Rachel leads them in singing. We try to sing the old songs and hymns that they will remember most.”

The classes are always rewarding for Acker, who says she “just enjoys sharing the Word with people, but it’s always a real pleasure when they respond to you.” And respond they do. “Last week,” adds Acker, “one of the fellows began singing ‘I’ll Fly Away.’ It was so spontaneous, he just started singing and we just joined in with him.”

The staff of Riverview Manor recently honored Acker and Hamilton for their efforts. “It was just lovely,” describes Acker, “they had a cake and some presents, and decorations. It really made us feel appreciated.”

Is that what keeps her going? “No,” said Acker, “that day was special and they were very kind to do that for us. But everyday I go there is special to me. It just makes you feel good to feel like you can make a difference.

“Don’t get me wrong,” said Acker, “you get

discouraged just like in every other job. You have days when maybe you don’t feel well or maybe you don’t feel you can do your best.”

Acker came to the Big Sandy Valley in 1947 as a missionary with the Baptist Mid Missions through the Independent Baptist Churches. A native of New York state, Acker and a friend, Mary Lou Rhodes, were supposed to travel to each of the small country schools to hold Bible classes.

Conditions were different then, says Acker. “Everything in the mountains was more difficult to reach, even though we travelled by jeep everywhere we went,” she adds.

Acker and Rhodes were very proud of the fact that, despite the lack of good roads, they reached every school on a regular schedule.

“It was really interesting in those first few years,” said Acker. “People were kind of suspicious of two women coming down into these mountains as missionaries.”

Acker found their suspicion discouraging at first. “Sometimes it was downright scary,” she said.

“Their suspicion didn’t last for long though,” she said. “People warmed up to us quickly. We made a lot of good friends.”

After sixteen years, Acker and Rhodes were offered an opportunity to travel to Africa to continue their mission. “Mary Lou decided to take the assignment and she was in Africa for a number of years,” said Acker.

“My friend now works for the Source of Light organization,” Acker adds, “She writes Sunday School lessons for them.”

Acker stayed here. “It just seemed like there was so much to do here. There were so many people to

reach, so many people to help.”

Acker adds that she stayed here because “I felt like this is where the Lord wanted me.” More than her mission, Acker says she also felt like she had found a home.

So she settled in the Big Sandy Valley, without family, to continue her mission.

Acker taught Bible classes in the area schools until about twenty years ago when schools were no longer able to organize Bible studies for their students.

After that, she organized a series of Sunday Schools.

Her mission flourished. Over the past 40 years, Eleanor Acker has not only established a number of Sunday School classes, but two of those Sunday Schools have grown into area churches.

Grethel Baptist Church was established with mission funds but is now independent of mission support.

“In the beginning,” said Acker, “they built an apartment over the church. They wanted to provide a place for their minister when they got one.

“Mary Lou and I lived there for a while,” adds Acker. “When the preacher was hired it just seemed to be the right thing to let him live there, so we moved out.”

Prater Creek Baptist Church was organized by local people who raised the money to build their church and hire a minister. Acker is still an active part of the Prater Creek Church community.

Acker now describes herself as a semi-retired missionary. She still has no family in the area, but has a number of relatives who conduct ministries—including two nephews who serve as missionaries in France.

Portrait of Home

Faithful visitor to Golden Years Rest Home

by Patricia Watson
Contributing Writer

Once in a while, I would like to think that we all do a good deed. I'm speaking of the deed which involves helping someone else without any thought of any personal gain or personal recognition. Sometimes, these deeds go to help big causes such as the Cancer Fund or the American Heart Association or another worthy organization. Before Christmas, in our own county, a whole lot of people dug into their pockets to help a child who had been hit by a car. An almost tragedy brought the whole community closer and made us feel better because we could help someone else.

That's what Miss Sarah Helmantoler has done not just one time or on a special occasion, but for forty-eight years. She is a lady who has devoted her life to serving the Lord and in that service, she has served many others. While she lives on Caney Fork of Middle Creek, she is known in several parts of the county not for a single grand deed, but for many humble deeds, of showing kindness.

One outstanding part of her work has been to travel week after week to the Golden Years Rest Home at Lackey to visit with the persons who live there. She started to make these visits when the rest home opened, thirty years ago. When the home opened, it was more of a retirement home than it is today. "My co-worker and I went

to their opening ceremony and decided then that we wanted to ask about making regular visits." They talked with the administrator, gaining permission, and these visits became a regular part of their week. For many years now, Thursday has become the day set aside to visit the rest home.

Now, at age seventy-six, she is faithful to make her weekly visit (with the exception of bad weather). In all these years, what has she done there week after week? She explains: "I wrote letters for a lot of people. Some of them couldn't write, so they'd ask me or my co-worker, Ruth Sippel (deceased in 1978) to write to a family member. Some visits, I'd write so much that my hands would cramp and be sore. The sad thing is that many of the patients never got an answer. That didn't matter; they wanted me to write. Many of the people who did get answers would want me to read the letters when I returned and to write another letter."

Today, she still does many of the same tasks which she did in earlier days. "Some of the people just want someone to listen to them talk. Some of them just want another person to sit with them for a while. I take my Bible and read to them. Some of them ask me to pray for them, and I do. Sometimes, I've been asked to sing a favorite hymn or our Sunday School song theme song, Jesus Loves Me. I just started going over there because some of them had no one at all, and I felt

that the Lord wanted me to go." She explains that the tasks are all relatively simple ones.

Miss Helmantoler has done easy tasks that most people take for granted. One example is the act of helping a disabled person to put his money into the pop machine to get a soft drink. With a chuckle she said: "I learned that I couldn't take money in with me because everybody wanted me to buy them a pop or a candy bar. I just couldn't afford to do that for everybody."

Even though her own finances have been limited, she has taken socks or handkerchiefs or gloves or lotion or whatever the need might have been. "I never took anything without asking the staff about whether I could give it."

A story was shared about a time that some young people in her Bible club had created some

decorative soaps by trimming them with flowers and beads. The product was a pretty, fragrant item that was meant to brighten the resident's nightstand or windowsill. The young people were escorted to the home by Ruth and Sarah as the gifts were to be presented. Residents were delighted with the pretty trinkets. In fact, some of them thought they were so pretty and they smelled so good that they tried to eat them. No harm was done, but what a surprise for the givers: From that time on, careful consideration was given to each token that was presented to the residents.

Miss Helmantoler has taken different groups of young people to visit the residents, and she has taken her house dog, Scotty, on some visits. "They really enjoy him," she comments happily. "They all want to take turns petting

him, and he eats up all the attention!" Contact with visitors—children and pets—has been a welcome treat any time. That's why she has arranged visits during the year as well as around the holidays. "They get a lot more visitors during the holidays, especially at Christmas. I tried to do things during the year as well as Christmas."

Many years, at Christmas, she would try to take each patient something. She never felt comfortable asking other people for money, so she would privately give from her own means.

Sometimes, it would be baked goods or candies or an item she knew the resident needed, or she'd just wrap a dollar in some paper and give that. It got more and more expensive to give everybody a gift, so she eventually had to stop. Occasionally, a special project would be done with her young peoples' Bible clubs or with a Sunday School group to ensure gifts at Christmas or at some other time of the year.

Throughout the years, as people

learned of her visits, many persons have given clothes and shoes for her to take to the rest home. And sometimes, she has been accompanied by a Christian friend who would travel with her to share the visits. Usually, though, she has traveled week after week, alone, to visit and to offer her help.

The workers at the rest home know her and look for her weekly visit as she quietly comes and goes—remaining always faithful.



Sarah Helmantoler

Methodism in the Big Sandy

by Russ Holland, pastor
First United Methodist
Church of Prestonsburg

The roots of Methodism extend back in time over two hundred years into the English countryside inhabited by John Wesley. John Wesley, in response to the deadened condition of the church of England, quite unintentionally began a revival which spread rapidly to America. In 1763, Robert Strawbridge, in Maryland, organized a group of fourteen persons into the first Methodist society in the New World. It was some 20 years before this new denomination made its way across the mountains into Kentucky. The first Methodist society in Kentucky was formed by Francis Clark in 1783. In 1786 the Kentucky Circuit was created and was part of the Western Conference. James Hall and Benjamin Ogden were appointed to minister to the sparsely settled lands of Kentucky. The first mention of the Big Sandy does not occur until 1809 when Benjamin Edge was appointed to serve this Circuit. However, at an earlier period, Methodism had been introduced through local preachers who were numbered among the hearty pioneers. Cornelius McGuire was the first to plant Methodism in the Sandy Valley. In the company of those early pioneers were many families still in the area. There were Auxiers, Lanes, Mayos, Owens, Strattons, Honakers, and McGuires. In 1809 Cornelius McGuire carried a petition to the Bishop requesting the appointment of a preacher to our area. In 1811, Rev. Marcus Lindsey came to the Big Sandy. In 1812 Lindsey was followed by Rev. Jonathan Stamper who had just returned from the War of 1812, in which he served as a chaplain. Rev. Stamper served forty years in the Big Sandy area and was known as one of the finest preachers of his

day. However, of his years on the Big Sandy he wrote: "My labors on this circuit were hard and attended with various success. Often, in a short space of three weeks, many that professed religion, and shouted as if they were in the suburbs of heaven, went back into their former profligacy. I was led to fear that no permanent good could be effected among these people; but time has proved the contrary. The church is now prospering in most parts of that mountain region." One itinerant preacher swam the Big Sandy and its tributaries some two hundred times within his first year of service. The average life of a pioneer preacher was less than seven years of active service. There were a number of talented men appointed to the Big Sandy Circuit in the early years. One was Samuel Demint who was a product of the Big Sandy region.

In 1844 the Methodist Church was split on the issue of slavery and the churches which had been established in the valley were also divided in their allegiance. The church in Prestonsburg was not organized until just after the Civil War. In the year 1865 the Prestonsburg Methodist Episcopal Church South was organized in the Ashland District of the West Virginia Conference. By this time Prestonsburg had become the center of a Circuit which included Trimble Chapel on Bull Creek, Auxier Chapel on the mouth of John's Creek, and Keith's Chapel at Little Paint. Some of the ministers were Henry Hager, "Peach Orchard" Johnson, and A. D. Stamper. When no ordained preachers were in Prestonsburg, certain devoted Christian lay persons often occupied the pulpit. Among these were Sam May, George May, Joe Lafferty, Jim Lafferty, and Jack Moore.

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Seventy-five years of Catholicism

by Rev. David B. Powers, Sch.P.
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St. Martha's Catholic Church

One important part of the history of any area is its religious history. This year marks the tenth anniversary of the present Catholic church in Floyd County, St. Martha's Church, as well as the seventy-fifth anniversary of the establishment of the Catholic faith in Floyd County.

The Diocese of Covington, Kentucky, embracing the eastern part of Kentucky, was established July 29, 1853, by Pope Pius IX. The Diocese of Lexington consists of fifty counties and was established March 2, 1988 from counties mostly belonging to the Diocese of Covington, Floyd County being one of them.

Catholic populations are divided into geographical regions known as dioceses, which are purely religious demarcations. The Catholics in Floyd County, during the course of the development of Catholic dioceses in North America, historically came under the Episcopal jurisdiction of various dioceses.

From 1674 to 1789, it lay within the confines of the vast Diocese of Quebec, Canada, which makes sense since the earliest known Catholics in the county were French fur trappers and hunters. From 1789 to 1808, it was part of the Diocese of Baltimore, Maryland, the first diocese established in the original United States of America.

Then in 1808, it became part of the frontier Kentucky diocese of Bardstown, the first diocese established west of the Alleghenies, and subsequently being subject to the Bishop of Louisville when the See of Bardstown was moved to Louisville in 1841. Then it became part of the dioceses of Covington and Lexington when they were formed in 1853 and 1888, respectively.

Up to the middle of the eighteenth century, French hunters and traders far outnumbered their English rivals in eastern Kentucky. The English had concentrated farther south and east, but as game became scarce in the East, English hunters, trappers, and traders pushed farther west, finding the region of present eastern Kentucky a hunter's paradise. Jenny Wiley's husband, Thomas Wiley, was one of the first of the Catholics to come west with the English, even though he was of English-Irish ancestry. Thomas and Jenny lived at Harmon Station, the first permanent white settlement in the Big Sandy. Floyd County was a hunting ground and

lay along the warrior's path for the Illinois, Miami, and Shawnee tribes of the north, and the Cherokee and Tuscarora tribes from the south. Most of the Europeans to be found in the area were Catholics, but none of them built permanent homes.

Until the early part of the twentieth century there would never be large Catholic populations in the county, and the Catholics who did live here would have to travel many miles to find a Catholic church in which to worship. It would not be until the establishment of the great coal camps in Wheelwright, Weeksbury, Estill, and Wayland that Catholics would come to Floyd county in such numbers that it became important for them to establish a place in which they could worship.

Catholicism can perhaps officially trace its beginnings in Floyd County with the establishment of the first Catholic church in Weeksbury, along the Left Beaver Fork, not far from Wheelwright. The Weeksbury mine was operated by the Elkhorn Piney Coal Mining Company and the St. Clair Coal Mining Company, with headquarters in Huntington, West Virginia.

The majority of the Catholics at Weeksbury were Polish, and they requested a Polish priest as a pastor. In 1919, they approached Bishop Ferdinand Brossart, the Fourth Bishop of Covington, to supply them with a resident pastor. Bishop Brossart placed the congregation under the care of Rev. Joseph Beruatto, pastor of St. Casimir Parish, Van Lear. Father Beruatto, an Italian by birth, spoke several languages fluently, including Polish. In 1919, Father Beruatto arranged to say Mass at Weeksbury at regular intervals and plans were made to build the first Catholic church in Floyd County.

In a letter dated April 21, 1920, Mr. Garner Fletcher, the manager of the Weeksbury Camp, wrote to Bishop Brassart as follows: "Kindly keep in mind at all times the possibility of securing for us a Polish priest for this parish. Our church is now completed and the pews should be in place during the coming week. We will have a house completed within the next two months, and just as soon as I can do so, it is my intention to have a picture made of our new buildings and forward same to you."

The rather spacious frame church at Weeksbury, situated on a prominent hill, was dedicated under the patronage of St. Bartholomew, and it became a mission attended from Van Lear. In recent years the church was torn down, and all that remains today at the site of St. Bartholomew is the

parish cemetery, the only Catholic cemetery in Floyd County.

The Catholics at the coal camp of Wheelwright never had a church of their own, but the Community church of the Camp was used for Catholic services. The little congregation at Wheelwright originally included a number of French families from the French settlement of Mansura, Louisiana. From the time of the opening of the camp, it became customary to offer Mass there once a month, and with the stationing of a second priest at Paintsville in 1941, Mass was said at Wheelwright twice a month. Today, Mass is celebrated once a month at the Otter Creek Correctional Institute.

The Elkhorn Mining Corporation opened a large coal field on Beaver Creek in the vicinity of Wayland. Mr. H. S. Carpenter, manager of the mines, wrote to Father Massa at Jenkins: "Quite a number of Catholics are coming in here now, and I think it necessary that they have a place of worship." Mr. Carpenter wrote that he was of the opinion that one or more Catholic churches might be necessary to meet the needs of the Catholics in the various camps.

The first mission chapel established on Right Beaver Fork in Floyd County was at Estill, a short distance below Wayland. The first chapel was a small room in a Company home without any such conveniences as pews or a stationary altar. The congregation consisted of about fifteen families within a radius of five miles around Estill. Mass was offered there once a month by the pastor of Van Lear.

In 1933, Rev. George Metzler secured the use of a larger building, which consisted of two combined rooms of a triple Company house. Mass was offered for the first time on Sunday, August 13, 1933, on the occasion of the closing of the summer school of Christian Doctrine. It was the first time that a High Mass had ever been sung in that territory.

The little chapel at Estill was frequently visited by floods, and several times all of the furnishings had to be replaced. In 1942, Bishop Francis W. Howard, the fifth bishop of Covington, erected a mission church in nearby Wayland. The Wayland church was begun by Rev. Charles A. Donovan, but for health reasons he was forced to leave the mountains, and the church was completed by Rev. Joseph Wimmers in 1943. The new church, constructed of native stone, was situated on Highway Seven, at the point where the highway entered Wayland. On September



Beginnings

Sanctuary of St. Theodore Chapel—(approximately during the years 1956-1965) was located in small rent-house of Jim and Mable Donahoe on Friend St. in Prestonsburg. The home was remodeled by men of parish. Church furnishings were made at The Ackerman Craft Shop. At the time, the permanent families were the James Donahoe family, the James Carnicia family, the Bill Ackerman family, the Clyde Burchett family, the Byou Nunery family, the Elizabeth Goble family and the Barkley Sturgill family.

25, 1943, Bishop Howard blessed the church in honor of the Sacred Heart. In recent years it too has been abandoned.

In September, 1937, Bishop Howard reorganized an "Apostolate to the Mountain Native," a project directed mostly to the non-Catholic mountain population. Mass and divine services were said in people's homes. He insisted that priests assigned to the work become thoroughly acquainted with the customs, traditions and history of the mountain people. His policy was "let Kentucky mountain people convert the mountains." In 1937, young priests of the Diocese were assigned to the work. After a year of studying the mission field, two circuits were formed, one centered around the Licking and Big Sandy basins and the other around the Kentucky and Cumberland basins.

The Catholics of Martin were brought together for Mass in 1938, by a diocesan missionary, Rev. James Sullivan. From that time, Martin was placed on the regular mountain Apostolate mission circuit under the title of the St. Francis Mission Center, with Mass being offered once a month in the homes of the Catholics of the

town. On September 15, 1947, the diocese obtained the Martin Hospital. Our Lady of the Way Hospital, as the new Catholic hospital became known, was placed under the care of three Sisters of Divine Providence of Melbourne, Srs. Mary Edgar, C.D.P.; superior; and Srs. Helen and Angela, C.D.P. With the establishment of the acute rare Catholic hospital in Martin, Rev. George Nerbonne, the first associate pastor of St. Michael's Mission Center in Paintsville, became the resident chaplain and celebrated Mass for the nuns and for area Catholics in the hospital chapel until St. Juliana was built by Astor Meade in 1954 on land purchased in the Osborne Addition to the Town of Martin from the Stamper family. He also cared for the congregation of Prestonsburg. Following the decline in coal mining operations in the southern part of Floyd County and the moving out of the area of many of the immigrant Catholic miners, on February 5, 1953 Martin was established as a parish and the mission center of Floyd County, with missions at Wheelwright, Allen, and

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Wayland. Rev. Leo Frankrone became pastor of St. Juliana in 1963.

A Catholic grade school, St. Juliana's, was begun in Martin in a building adjacent to the church in the mid 1950's. It was operated by the Sisters of Divine Providence and served about twenty students. There were two classes, a lower grade consisting of grades 1-4, and an upper grade, consisting of grades 5-8, which was taught by Sr. Francis Grace who was also the principal of the school. The school closed in 1968, and the building became the rectory and parish and volunteers center before it burned in 1982.

Meanwhile, a small group of Catholics had begun meeting in the county seat of Prestonsburg, which had been established as a station by the priests of the Kentucky Mountain Apostolate. By 1948 the little congregation numbered eleven Catholic families, and by 1951 they were meeting in a garage in the backyard of Jim and Mabel Donohue. In 1966, the First Presbyterian Church was purchased in Prestonsburg for \$45,000 from Rev. T. W. Chisholm by Rev. Joseph J. Dunne of St. Michael Missions Center and dedicated to St. Theodore. The church was a solid brick building built in 1902 and measuring about 26' x 57'. The parish was still served from Paintsville.

In 1968, Father William G. Poole became the first pastor of what was to become known as the Floyd County Parish when he was given charge over both parishes. He had been pastor of St. Theodore's since 1965. Rev. Jim Ryan, C.P. was in residence for several years during that time and was the administrator of St. Theodore Mission for part of that time. In 1982, three acres of land were purchased and a mission was established in Salyersville dedicated to St. Luke.

Saint Vincent Mission was established in 1968 at Martin, where it was located for two years before moving to David, Ky., where it has remained ever since. Its goal is to "Share in the expression of Christian values" through concrete programs. These programs include a second-hand clothing store, an emergency needs program, a crafts center, education programs, a summer home repair program, and a Christmas program. Last summer, they celebrated their 25th anniversary.

The Catholic Committee on Appalachia had its headquarters above Red Osbourne's plumbing shop on Third Street in Prestonsburg from 1968-1983, before moving to Whitesburg.

In 1984, permission was granted by the Diocese of Covington to combine St. Juliana and St. Theodore Churches. Msgr. Ralph Beiting traded St. Theodore and purchased about five acres of land and the

current church building, the five-year-old, former Free Will Baptist Church of Water Gap, and dedicated it on March 9, 1984.

The parish seats about 250 people and was named St. Martha on March 23 in honor of St. Martha, the patron saint of cooks and in honor of his own mother, who was named Martha. He would later purchase and move the current rectory, a former coal company office building from across the street, to its current site and would build Martha's Portion. Rev. Joseph N. Muench was its pastor from July 1, 1986 until October of 1993 when Rev. David Powers, Sch.P. became its administrator. The parish has a little over 150 registered families and serves all of Floyd County, and its mission parish St. Luke, with 14 families, serves all of Magoffin County.

The parish has about 350 parishioners in 150 families, including about 29 religious sisters living within the parish. Our Lady of the Way Hospital, run since 1982 by the Sisters of Charity, St. Vincent Mission, The Piarist School, and the monastery of the Benedictine Sisters are also located in Floyd County.

The Dwelling Place Monastery, the only monastery located in the diocese of Lexington began with the arrival of two Benedictine Sisters in Maytown in 1978. It was started in response to the Pastoral Letter of the Bishops of the United States entitled "This Land Is Home To Me." The sisters came to establish a prayer and reflection center. After Maytown, they lived for a short time in both Dwayne and in Blue River before building a priory in February 1985 at Mt. Tabor, which is located at the top of Bucks Branch Road and Spurlock. They were established as a dependent monastery in 1982, and they became an independent priory July 7, 1993. Today, there are five sisters involved in three apostolates. Most of them teach at Mountain Christian Academy, while one runs the adult literacy center in Prestonsburg out of the David School. They have established a Prayer and Reflection Retreat Center on the monastery grounds, and they have an active volunteer program, where people come to live at the monastery, experience monastic life, and work in the area.

In August of 1990 Floyd County's second Catholic school opened its doors. The Piarist School is a private, Catholic, college preparatory high school, serving students in grades 9-12. It is operated by the Piarist Fathers, a religious order whose members profess a fourth religious vow to educate youth. The school graduated its first class earlier this month. Its founders were Fathers Thomas Carroll, Sch.P., '96, Principal, and Mrs. Lenny Gendernaliken, David Powers, Sch.P.

"With a heart full of love"

by Willie Elliott
Contributing Writer

The articles in this series cover a variety of occupations that people in this area pursue as their way of making a living.

These workers are presently working in these jobs. What about those people who have put in their time and have retired? I chose Ersel (Preacher) Huff to illustrate this segment of the working force. I chose him because, you see, he is still working. He works for the Lord.

Preacher Huff went to work in the coal mines when he was seventeen years old. He said that most of his mining work was done for the Reed family who owned Turner Elkhorn Coal Company.

When Ersel worked in the coal mines, the coal had to be loaded by hand using a shovel. It was a back-breaking job that many of us have heard our fathers talk about.

After two years of mining, Ersel went into the Army where he served in the Pacific, Australia and other points around the world.

When Ersel returned from the Army, he married his wife Edith. They were blessed with twelve children—six boys and six girls. Ersel tells this story about his children:

"When me and my good wife first got married, I told her I wanted twelve children, six boys and six girls.

"She said, 'Hershel, what do you want with that many children?'

"I said, 'I want enough for two basketball teams, one of each, and a substitute.'

"Years later, when we got up to ten children, I said, 'Edith, if I'd knowed you couldn't take a joke, I wouldn't have told you.'"

Ersel joined the Old Regular Baptist Church in 1953. This past April was his forty-first year in the church. He joined the church in the Old Beaver Church building which still stands on Simpson Branch in Drift and is a member of Old Beaver Church at Minnie. He said he went back to the old church about a year ago, and, by the grace of God, relived the experience of being saved.

Ersel sometimes could not afford a car to drive to church, but he always made it to church, even if he had to walk sometimes.

After he was in the church for a short time, he was always able to find a ride. Once Ersel hitched a ride to attend a church union meeting at Ashland. When he was ready to come home, his good friend Baxter Osborne told some of the boys to fill Ersel's gas tank. Ersel told Baxter, "Baxter, I don't have a car. I thumbed down here."

Baxter replied, "You have a car now. I made the title out to you yesterday."

Ersel still attends this union meeting and they always bake him a cake.

If anyone has ever heard Preacher Huff preach, that person will always remember a phrase that has become famous here in the mountains of Eastern Kentucky. Ersel sprinkles his sermons with a phrase that has become his trademark: "With a heart full of love."

One little boy at church told his friend, "I'm on to Preacher Huff. I can tell you when he is going to say 'with a heart full of love.'"

The boy counted off and sure enough right on cue Ersel came out with one of his

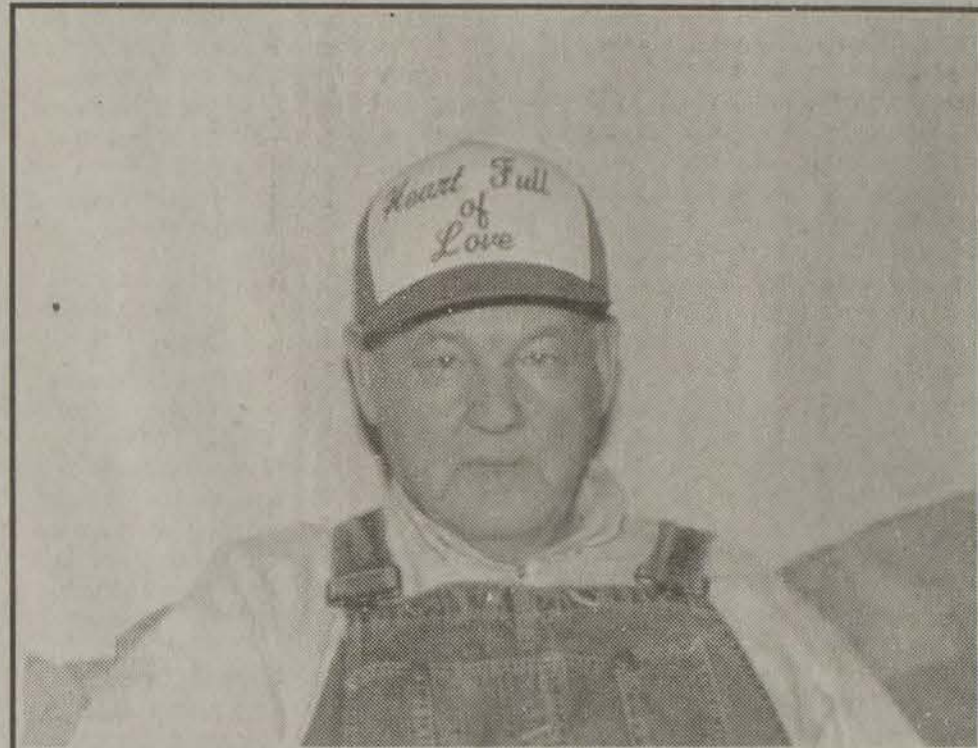
"with a heart full of love."

Ersel told me that he can't read printed materials such as stories, magazines or newspapers, but says he has no trouble reading the Bible. His favorite passage is the Twenty-Third Psalm. He reads that at least two times each day.

Ersel has another quality not found in most preachers. He can inject humor into his sermons without taking away from his message. Sometimes he will poke a little fun at himself because he says he can't sing, but he always ends on a positive note by saying he will sing beautifully when he gets to heaven.

I asked Ersel what advice he would give to young people today. He said, "They need to make peace with the Lord and they will be able to handle the pressures that come their way."

When we finished the interview, Ersel walked us to the car and hugged our necks and "with a heart full of love," asked us to come back again. I hope to go back and spend some time with him. He is a beautiful human being.



A heart full of love

Ersel Huff enjoys preaching God's message and has developed several trademarks over the years, such as adding humor to his sermons and reciting the phrase "with a heart full of love." (photo by Willie Elliott)

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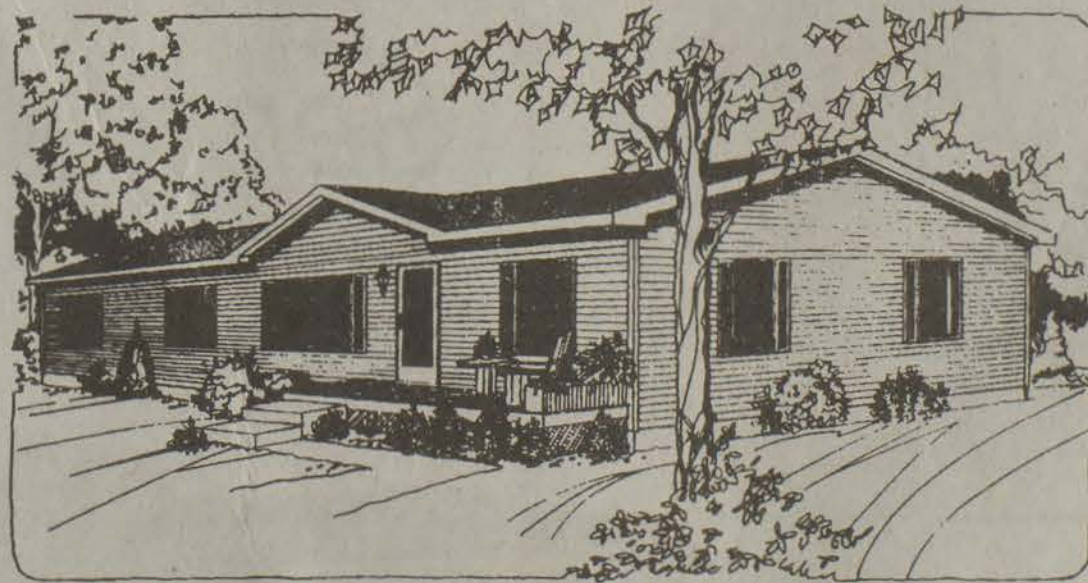
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The history of First Presbyterian Church of Prestonsburg

Calvinism in its twin forms, Episcopalianism and Presbyterianism, entered Eastern Kentucky with its earliest settlers. Families, as they crossed into Appalachia from the seacoast states, brought their Bibles with them, and some groups entered from the west with their pastors leading them.

These settlers were widely scattered and religious services were hard to hold. Religious training was carried on the homes, but the rigors of the area and the hardship of gaining a living discouraged educational and cultural work. The arrival of later settlers, described by author Harry Caudill as riffraff of the baser sorts, soon made the area one of cultural religion, rather than mainline Christianity.

In October of 1786, the Transylvania Presbytery was established in Kentucky. But it took the arrival of the railroad in the 1880s before the Presbyterians could establish a church in the Big Sandy.

Various Presbyterian leaders made trips through the area. Among these was the Rev. James Paul Hendrick, D.D., Presbyterian evangelist and pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Flemingsburg and headmaster of his school there. He visited Prestonsburg and other nearby communities in the Big Sandy River Valley, holding services until his death in 1898.

Another early preacher in the community was the Rev. W. C. Conduit, D. D., pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Ashland. Rev. Conduit visited the city in the early 1880s while looking for sites for Presbyterian schools in the Big Sandy Valley. He found no regularly established church here, but was invited by Robert Strain Friend to preach in the town hall.

The meeting was announced in "New England style" by a "town crier" who went about the streets ringing a bell and calling all "to a preaching by a Presbyterian minister that evening." It is recorded in Dr. Conduit's notes that the man found to "call the meeting" had never heard the word "Presbyterian" and gave it a very unusual pronunciation.

The mission work of Conduit and Hendrick resulted in the establishment of a church in Pikeville in 1883 and Pikeville College in 1889. The next decades saw great development in the community and organization of churches. Among these was the Presbyterian Church of Prestonsburg, which was organized in the home of the John W. Laynes in the Bonanza Hotel on December 31, 1899.

The early records of the church have been lost and information with regards to its early days is scarce, but we do have the names of John W. and Angeline Layne,

their sons and daughters-in-law, William Henry and Elizabeth Hopkins Layne, and John E. and Emily Bolling Layne and daughter Annie.

Other names from this period include Mary Davidson Allen, Grace D. Ford, Myrtle Friend Davidson, the Mellons, Grace Marrs, Edith Fitzpatrick James, the Nathaniel Beavers, Byrd Beavers Goble, Minnie Blevins, O.P. Powers, George W. Gardner, R. H. Leete and Ruth Davidson Sowards.

A lot on what is now known as Third Avenue (Central Street) was purchased from A. J. Davidson on July 23, 1902 and a building constructed to serve as a mission school and church was finished in 1903. The deed to the property shows O.P. Powers, George W. Gardner and R. H. Leete as the board of trustees and it is believed that they were elected at the first meeting on December 31, 1899.

The earliest list of the session that May of 1917 lists Elders W. H. Layne, A. T. Patrick and W. P. McVey Clerk of the session and the Rev. E. N. Hart as pastor and moderator. On December 13, 1920, J. E. Layne and E. E. Clark were elected and ordained on December 16 of that year. On June 14, 1921, Lucien Burke was elected an elder.

The first pastor of the church was the Rev. George Carmichael who served from 1901 to 1907. During these years the church and school prospered, and the names of many of the leaders of the community would have been found on the lists of students and attendants. Students from the school became teachers both at home and in the neighboring states.

The decade following the pastorate of Mr. Carmichael was marked by a number of short-term ministers, and the church deteriorated, but under the leadership of the Rev. Ernest B. Hart (1917-1922), there was a period of development. The church was repaired and rededicated. Also, the first discussion was held in regard to the construction of a new building.

Other ministers who have served the church have been: Richard P. Gettys (1923-25); Dr. John Barbour (1925-29); A. T. Malmberg (1931-34); Richard Potter (1935-37); J. Herbert Brink (1942-1943); Allen F. Vinto (1944-1946); Harold Black (1947-51); Orville Pearson (1953-1955); Paul Bingham (1957-1959); Rev. Thomas Chisholm (1961-66); Milton E. Skiff (1967-71); William Thomas (1972-78) and Dr. Timothy D. Jessen (1979 to 1993). Richard Guerrant became interim pastor in March of this year.

The pastorate of Mr. Black, from 1947 to 1951, marked another turning point in

the congregation. The church was improved and revitalized. His influence on the community was also very great.

An organ for the church was purchased in 1951 at the cost of \$1,884.

Pastor Pearson saw to the construction of the Manse. During Bingham's tenure, the Sunday school was reorganized and the "Children's Cottage" was rented for Sunday school purposes.

In 1962, the congregation decided to relocate the church. Property was purchased from the Rainley Whites near the north edge of Prestonsburg near the community college. The site committee, Alan Reed, Ray Howard, Marvin Music and James E. Goble, studied the various possible locations and recommended this location to a congregational meeting held on April 15, 1962.

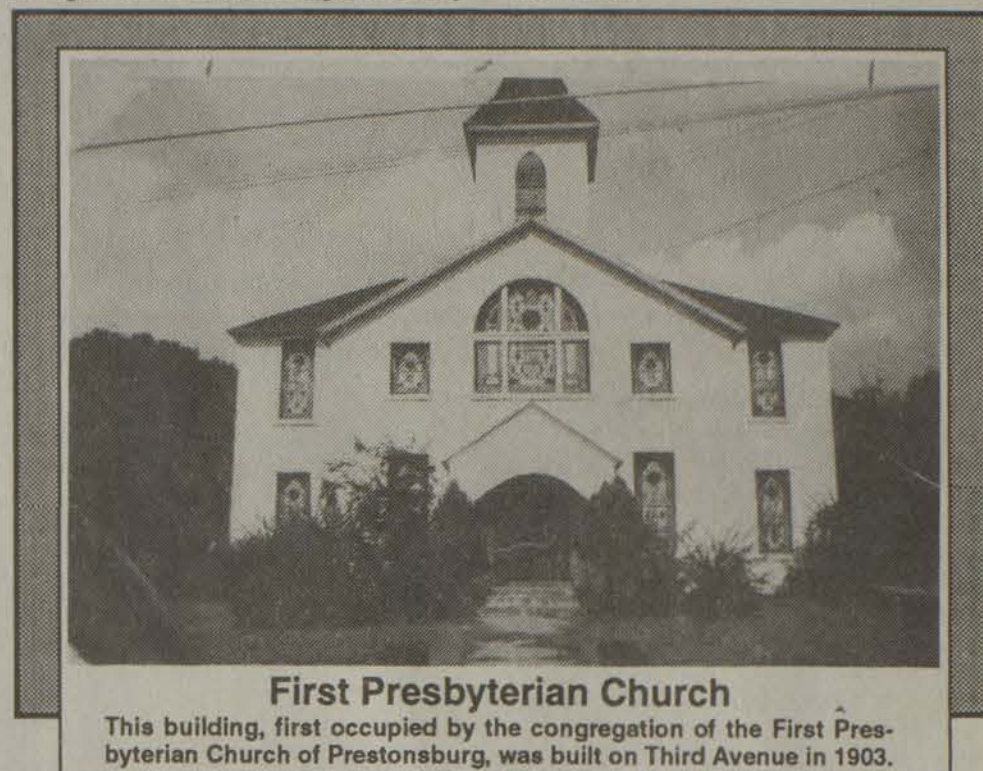
The Third Avenue building was sold in 1964 and was last used for the church's services on December 27, 1964. The following Sunday, worship services were held in the Circuit Court room of the courthouse.

Ground for the new building was broken during the summer of 1965. The new church was dedicated June 5, 1966.

In recent years, the church built a new two-story addition to accommodate its

growing congregation. The upper floor contains a choir room and a classroom for youth. The first floor is the fellowship hall with kitchen. The nursery was also recently enlarged. Church membership is currently

163. Organizations and activities the church has include Sunday school, the United Presbyterian Women's Association, Men's Fellowship, a youth group and an adult choir.



First Presbyterian Church

This building, first occupied by the congregation of the First Presbyterian Church of Prestonsburg, was built on Third Avenue in 1903.

Methodism

(Continued from page two)

During these early days in Prestonsburg, the Methodist people often met in public buildings, an old seminary, and even the courthouse. Sometime in 1883 a site for a church building was donated by Joseph M. Davidson. On this lot was built the First Methodist Church in Prestonsburg. In 1920 the old building was destroyed by fire. The first pastor in charge, of whom we have any record, was F. J. McKinster who came to serve the church in 1891. For the year 1895 there were a total of 91 members at the church. This represented a net increase of 16 members from 1894.

In 1916, one of the highest moments in the life of the First Methodist Church of Prestonsburg occurred. A Rev. Byrd of Asbury College came to assist Rev. J. W. Jackson in a revival. This meeting was so effective and powerful that a great movement began for building a new church structure. During the revival in 1916 there were some 150 persons who professed faith in Christ or rededicated themselves to this service.

One week after the end of the revival, a special session of the Quarterly Conference

was called to plan for the new building space. The land upon which the First United Methodist Church of Prestonsburg now stands was donated to the church by Mr. and Mrs. George P. Archer. Ground was broken sometime in the spring of 1916. The building was slowed greatly by circumstances created by World War I. Materials were difficult to find and money had also become a problem. However, through determined and persistent efforts the building which stands today was completed sometime in 1919.

In 1939 a Uniting Conference was held in Kansas City, Missouri. The plan of Union which was adopted at this Conference dated May 10, 1939 was the means of reuniting the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church South which had divided almost 100 years earlier over the issues which eventually led to the War Between the States.

In 1951 a committee was appointed to build a new Education Building. This building was completed at about the same time a new parsonage was also built for the church. In 1990 a Family Life Center

building was added to the First United Methodist Church of Prestonsburg.

On January 22, 1949 the establishment of a Sunday School in the O. J. Spurlock building signaled the genesis of the Community United Methodist Church. In 1953 when attendance had outgrown the facilities a building committee was appointed. The ground breaking for the new building took place May 14, 1953. On December 13, 1959 the Community United Methodist Church was dedicated and the mortgage was burned. In 1977 there was an extensive building and renovation project which resulted in the transformation of the little church into a larger modern facility.

Methodism in the Big Sandy has a long and honored history. There are many smaller United Methodist Churches in the Big Sandy that have contributed immeasurably to the life and spirit of the people of our region.

I would like to give special credit for much of the information in this article to Peggy Wells Spurlock and her sister Emma Wells Mays who have helped to put together this information.

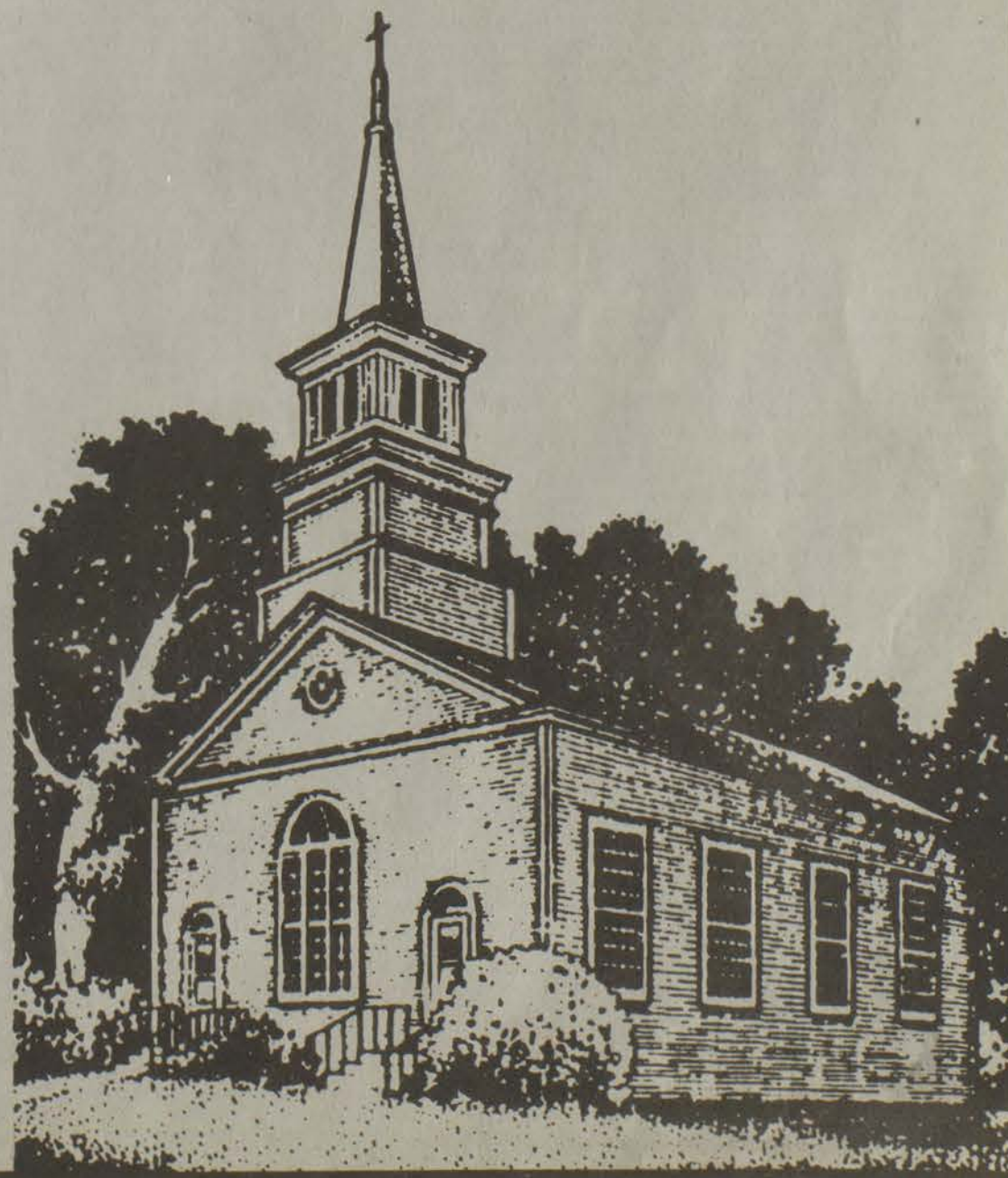
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"...Laying up in store..."

by Thelma Spears
Contributing Writer

In the Bible in the book of Titus 2:14, the Apostle Paul speaks of Jesus, "...who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. Again, in Ephesians 2:10, the Apostle adds, "For we are HIS workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained

that we should walk in them. These are Holy scriptures that Clarence and Anna Hayes of Betsy Layne, Kentucky, not only believe but also pattern their daily lives after. Since they became Christians in 1955, both have been very active in The Church of Christ in the Betsy Layne Community where they currently reside, and both have been a help to the community.

Clarence, son of the late Willie and Melcenia Hayes, and Anna, daughter of the

late William and Pauline Layne, first met in 1945 when Clarence returned home from serving in World War II. Clarence was working for his brother Hobert who lived near Anna's parents in the Betsy Layne Community. One day while Clarence was in a local restaurant where Anna worked; he asked her for a date. Their courtship began. After dating for several months, they married in the spring of 1948 to settle in the Betsy Layne Community to begin their family. As years passed, four sons were born to the Hayeses: Orris Edward, Randy, Wayne, and David. So, daily work, decision making, and commitment, increased for Clarence and Anna.

Over a period of years spanning four decades of time, Anna has been in charge of several duties in the Church and has always been willing to volunteer for other work as well. She was first involved in helping clean the church building which led to her becoming the Coordinator of the Cleaning Committee (1958-1994). Also, in 1965, she came to be in charge of Attendance Records which she presently maintains. Too, she helped her sister-in-law, Mollie Hayes, prepare the communion (bread and wine) for each Sunday's worship service until Mollie became unable in 1986.

Now, Anna and her husband, Clarence, prepare the communion. In addition, when the congregation moved into a new building that housed a baptistry, the two members who volunteered to keep the baptistry clean were Anna Hayes and Rhoda Blankenship. Anna, also, launders the robes and towels after each baptism unless someone else volunteers to do so.

Further, she has always been active in preparing refreshments and foods for those who participated in Vacation Bible School. She is a member of the Ladies Group, a committee of Christian women who keep in touch with the ill and the bereaved in the congregation. Their work involves cooking meals, sending flowers and cards, arranging fruit and food baskets, and making home visitations. When it comes to beautifying the church grounds in the spring time, or just simply giving the building an over-all spring cleaning, Anna gets involved in that, too. Finally, she and her husband, Clarence, are among the first to house and feed preachers who visit the Church to hold gospel meetings. Truly, this

Christian couple show their faith by their works.

Clarence Hayes, Anna's husband, who owns and manages Hayes Brothers Drilling, Mining, Heavy Equipment and hauling and Hayes, Incorporated, has also been very active in the Church and in the Betsy Layne Community. When the new church building was being erected (1975), Clarence and his sons: Orris, Randy, Wayne, and David, used their equipment to dig the septic system, and to do landscaping of the lot. Later, they hauled "fill dirt" for use in expanding the church parking lot. Currently, Clarence tapes all of their minister's Sunday morning sermons and maintains a library of tapes for the membership. Also, he encourages new members in their Christian growth by giving them a complete New Testament set of tapes.

Clarence does all of this voluntarily and at his own expense. Beside his manual labor and acts of encouragement, he contributes to the Herald of Truth, a nationally televised gospel program; the Vernon Mullins Scholarship Fund to be used for training preachers, and the sending of Bibles into communist countries.

Besides the work that both Clarence and Anna do is that is Church related, they remain helpful to family and people in the community. For twenty years, they kept Clarence's mother, Melcenia Allen Hayes, in their home caring for her until her death in 1969. Also, they provided lodging for Clarence's brothers: Ernest for three years while he was working for Clarence, and Joe for several weeks while he was ill and recuperating from surgery.

Too, they took care of Clarence's sister, Nora Hayes Smith, from 1978 until her death in 1981. When the eyesight of Anna's mother, Pauline Layne, failed her, Anna began a routine of assistance to her.

Later, when her brother, Bee Jack became terminally ill of cancer, she helped in caring for him. In the past eight years, the Hayeses provided a place in their home for employee, Shirley Caldwell. At first, Shirley worked full-time for the Hayeses; then, later he became unable, he assisted part-time.

When Mr. Caldwell became terminally ill of cancer, Ann and Clarence continued taking care of him until his death in 1993. Presently, they are supervising the care of Mollie Hayes, widow of Clarence's

deceased brother, Hobert. Caring for most of these family members and friends involved much time and attention given to the following necessities: cooking, feeding, administering medications, cleaning, bedding, laundering, and making visits to doctors' offices and to hospitals.

In addition to helping family members and personal friends in times of need, the Hayeses have assisted the Betsy Layne Community at large during disasters. When the Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy river flooded the valley in 1957 and 1977, Clarence and his sons evacuated many people and their home furnishings from flooded areas. Further, the Hayeses kept flood victims from the following families in their own home: Bee Hayes, Lacey Barb, Johnny Walters and Thomas Spears. Anna cooked for and fed all these people and filled up all available areas for them to sleep: beds, couches, and pallets on the floor. She, also, made room for storing their clothing and furniture. After the flood waters receded, again, Clarence and his sons used their equipment to hose flood mud from houses and clean-up streets in the community.

Clarence and Anna Hayes have certainly been examples of those "created in Christ Jesus unto good works"—works done, not for money nor self-glory, but for love of serving God through serving mankind.

When Ann, in reflection, was asked to comment on her experiences, she replied: "I became a Christian because I didn't want to be lost. I also wanted to take my children to church, and to set an example before them. I wanted them to follow in my footsteps. I didn't want them out here in the world getting into all kinds of things. I'm glad that we've been able to help people in these ways, and I praise the Lord for blessing us to do so. I just hope that, if we're ever in need, someone will help us."

I reminded Ann of the charge that the Apostle Paul made to young Timothy in I Timothy 6:17, 18, and 19: "Charge them...that they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate; laying up for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that may lay hold on eternal life."

Clarence and Anna are meeting that charge and are laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come.



God's workers

Clarence and Anna Hayes volunteer their time and energy to help others in their church and community. (photo by Thelma Spears)

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Auxler Freewill Baptist Church, Auxler, Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Youth Meeting, 5:00 p.m.; Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.; Thursday Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Bobby Joe Spencer; Assistant, Southie Fannin, Jr.

Horn Chapel Methodist, Auxler Rd.: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Pastor, John P. Salyer.

ABBOTT
The Father House, Big Branch, Abbott Creek; Sunday School, 10:00; Worship, 6:00 p.m.; Pastor, J.J. Wright.

ALLEN
Allen First Baptist Church, Allen; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Evening Worship at 6 p.m.; Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. French Harmon.

Christ United Methodist, Allen, Ky.: Sunday School, 9:45; Worship, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Sunday Night, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Kenneth Lemaster.

BETSY LAYNE
Calvary Southern Baptist Church, Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Evening Worship & Youth Meeting, 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer meeting and Bible study, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Paul Grainger.

Betsy Layne United Methodist Church, next to B.L. Gymnasium; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Garfield Potter.

Betsy Layne Church of God, Old U.S. 23; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Night Service, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Night family training hour, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Judith Caudill.

Betsy Layne Free Will Baptist Church; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.; Wed. Night Prayer & Youth Services, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Tracy Patton.

BLUE RIVER
Middle Creek Baptist Church, Blue River; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Service, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Vernon Stone.

BONANZA
Bonanza Freewill Baptist, Abbott Creek Road; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship Service, 11:00 a.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Herb Arms.

CORN FORK
Brandy Keg Freewill Baptist, Corn Fork; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Night, 6 p.m.; Prayer Meeting and Youth, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Darrell Howell.

Sammy Clark Branch Freewill Baptist Church, Dana; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Church, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Night Service, 6:00 p.m.; Youth Meeting Sunday, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Mike Hammond.

DAVID
Goodloe Pentecostal Church, Rt. 850, David, Ky.; Sunday Night, 7 p.m.; Fourth Saturday Night, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Wernie Allen.

DRIFT
Drift Pentecostal Church, Drift; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Wednesday Night, 7:00 p.m.; Worship Service, Saturday and Sunday Night, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Ted Shannon.

Drift Freewill Baptist Church, Drift; Prayer Service, 6:30 p.m.; Thursday; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Church Service, 6:30 p.m.; Pastor, Randy Turner.

Drift Presbyterian Church, Route 1101, Drift; Sunday Services, 11:00 a.m.; Part-time minister, Mary Alice Murray.

DENVER
Liberty Baptist Church, Denver; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Night Bible Study, 6 p.m.; Pastor, Merle Little.

EAST POINT
Free Pentecostal Church of God, East Point, Rt. 1428; Sunday School, 10:00; Sunday Service, 11:00; Sunday Night, 6:30; Thursday Night, 6:30; Pastor, Buster Hayton.

EMMA
Emma United Methodist, Emma, Ky.; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 11:00; Sunday Night, 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Jack Howard, Pastor.

ESTILL
Martin Branch Freewill Baptist, Estill; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Services, 11:15 a.m.; Sunday Night, 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Wayne Stevens.

GARRETT
Rock Fork Regular Baptist Church, Garrett; 4th Saturday and Sunday of each month at 9:30 a.m.; 4th Saturday evening at 5:30 p.m.; Moderator, Elder Earl Stone; Assistant Moderator, Elder Jerry Manns.

Goble Roberts Addition
Landmark Church of God, Goble Roberts Addition; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:10 a.m.; Sunday Night, 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday Night, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Kenneth E. Prater, Jr.

Community Freewill Baptist, Goble Roberts; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Service, 11:00 a.m.; Wednesday Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.; 4th Saturday Night, Regular Service & Business, 6:00 p.m.; Sunday Night Service, 6:00 p.m.; Pastor, Elder Jack DeRossett.

GRETHEL
Grethel Baptist Church, State Route 3379, (Branham's Creek Road), telephone 587-2043; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Youth Meeting, 5:30 p.m.; Evening Services, 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, Prayer Meeting and Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, David L. Givens.

HI HAT
The Church of God of Prophecy at Hi Hat, invites you to worship with us each week. Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Wednesday Service, 7 p.m.; Wednesday night is family night! Everyone welcome. Pastor, Don Frasley, Jr.

IVEL
Tom's Creek Freewill Baptist, U.S. 23, first exit (north of Layne Brothers); Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Chuck Ferguson.

LANCER
Lancer Baptist Church, Lancer, welcomes you to the services. Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Evening Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Jennings West.

LANGLEY
Trimble Chapel Free Will Baptist, Water Gap-Lancer; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Morning Service, 11 a.m.; Nightly Service, 7:00; 4 Saturdays each month; Pastor Joe Coleman.

Pleasant Home Baptist Church, Lancer, Watergap Road; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Service, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service, 7 p.m.; Sunday Youth Meeting, 7 p.m.; Wednesday Evening Service, 7 p.m.; Wednesday programs available for children; Pastor, Mark Tackett.

MAYTOWN
Maytown United Methodist Church, Langley; Morning Worship, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Youth Sunday, 5:00 p.m.; Sunday Night, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Night, 6 p.m.; Pastor, Troy Poff.

MARTIN
Stephens Branch Missionary Baptist Church, Stephens Branch; Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Mid-Week Bible Study, Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.

Faith Bible Church, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Evening, 6 p.m.; Independent Fundamental Baptist; Pastor, Don Crisp.

Martin Freewill Baptist Church, Martin, Ky.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Evening Service, 6 p.m.; Bible Study, Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Youth League, Tuesday, 6 p.m.; Pastor, Elder Bobby Baldrige.

Faith Bible Church, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Evening, 6 p.m.; Independent Fundamental Baptist; Pastor, Don Crisp.

Martin Freewill Baptist Church, Martin, Ky.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Evening Service, 6 p.m.; Bible Study, Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Youth League, Tuesday, 6 p.m.; Pastor, Elder Bobby Baldrige.

First Baptist Church, Martin, Ky.; Bible Study, 10:00; Worship, 11:00; Evening Worship, 6:00; Mid Week, 7:00; Pastor, Russ Taylor.

Jesus Christ Church of God, Arkansas Creek, Martin; Friday, 7 p.m.; Sunday Morning, 11 a.m.; Deacon, Harry Conn. Martin Church of Christ, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening, 7 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 7 p.m.; Wednesday Youth Group, 7 p.m.; Evangelist, Gary Mitchell.

Martin Methodist Church; Sunday School, 10:00; Morning Worship, 11:00; Wednesday Night Bible Study, 7:00; Pastor, Roy Harlow.

MAYTOWN
Maytown First Baptist Church, Main Street; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Evening Bible Study at 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Bob Varney.

MIDDLE CREEK
Spurlock Bible Church, Spurlock Fork of Middle Creek, Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer Service, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Dan Heintzelman.

First Baptist Church, (Irene Cole Memorial), 27 S. First Avenue, Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:50 a.m.; Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday night, 7 p.m.; Bible Study & Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m.; Interim Pastor, Quentin Lockwood.

Praise Assembly, 1 mile North of Prestonsburg, Old U.S. 23; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Praise & Worship, 11 a.m.; Prayer & Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.; Sunday evening services, 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.; Pastor, Calvin Hickson.

Katy Friend Freewill Baptist Church, located two miles up Abbott; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Worship, 6 p.m.; Wed. Bible Study, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Van West.

Faith Christian Assembly of God, 431 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Evening Worship, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer and Bible Study, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Doug Lates.

St. Martha Church, Water Gap; Masses, Saturday, 7 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m.; Religious Education Classes, Sunday, 9:45-10:45 a.m.; Adult Class, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.; Rev. David Powers.

Community United Methodist Church, 710 Burke Ave., Prestonsburg; Morning Fellowship Service, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Evening Worship, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Worship, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Raymond E. Snider Jr.

Morning Star Ministries Full Gospel Church, Rt. 1428 (Old Rt. 23), between Allen and Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6 p.m.; Pastor, Raymond E. Snider Jr.

The Third Avenue Freewill Baptist Church, Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10:00; Morning Worship, 11:00; Evening Worship, 6:00; Wednesday Prayer Meeting, 7:00; Pastor, Manford Fannin.

First Christian Church, 429 North Arnold Avenue, Prestonsburg; Sunday Bible study, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Evening Worship, 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday; Midweek Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Evangelist, Honel Adams.

Church of Christ, South Lake Drive; Sunday, 10 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Evening, 7:00 p.m.; Evangelist, Benny Blankenship.

St. James Episcopal, University Drive, Prestonsburg, Ky.; Sunday Worship, 11 a.m.; luncheons immediately following services.

Prestonsburg Community College Baptist Student Union; meets every Wednesday, 11:30-12:30 in J102. Lunch, discussion, travel available to all students, faculty and staff. French B. Harmon, Director; Ella C. Goble, president. For more information, call: 874-9468 or 478-2978.

First Church of God, Prestonsburg; Sunday school, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:45; Sunday Evening, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 7 p.m.; Kids Bible Club, 7 p.m.; Pastor Kevin Collins.

PAINTSVILLE
Our Savior Lutheran Church, Sipp Bayes Room Carriage House Motel, Paintsville; Sunday School, 11:00 a.m.; WKLW (600 a.m.) "Chapel Window", 12:05 p.m. every Sunday; Pastor Rev. Rolland Bentrup.

Sallsbury United Methodist Church, Printer; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Worship, 11:00; Evening Service, 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday Services, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Bobby G. Lawson.

Old Time Baptist Church, Printer; services 2nd and 4th Saturday night at 7:00 p.m. Sunday mornings, 11:00 a.m.; Wednesday night at 7:00 p.m. Everyone welcome. Pastor, Farley Howard.

SALYERSVILLE
Bethel Assembly of God, behind the Salyersville courthouse; nursery provided; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6 p.m.; Thursday Evening, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Arthur (Sam) Smith.

St. Luke Catholic Mission Center, 1221 Parkway Drive, Salyersville, Kentucky 41465; Saturday, 4 p.m.; Sunday, 9 a.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Rev. David Powers; Pastoral Associate, Sr. Mary Catherine.

WEEKSBURY
Free Pentecostal Church of God, Weeksbury; Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.; Saturday, 7:00 p.m.; Sunday, 7:00 p.m.; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Pastor, John "Jay" Patton.

Weeksbury Church of Christ; Sunday, 10 a.m.; Sunday Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6:00 p.m.; Pastor, Mike Hall.

WEST PRESTONSBURG
Fitzpatrick First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 184, West Prestonsburg, (across from Clark Elem. School); Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Stephen Whitaker.

Faith Deliverance Tabernacle, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.; Thursday, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Don Shepherd.

First Assembly of God, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6 p.m.; Youth Wednesday night, Bible Study and Youth Power Hour; nursery provided; Pastor, Jim Nabors.

The Church of God of Prophecy, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday Night, 6 p.m.; Wednesday night, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Arner B. Whitaker.

Free United Baptist Church, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6:30 p.m.; Midweek Prayer Service, 6:30 p.m.; Pastor, Willis Adkins.

WHEELWRIGHT
Wheelwright United Methodist Church, Wheelwright; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Worship, 11:00; Evening Service, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday, 7:00 services; Pastor, Bobby Isaac.

Wheelwright Church of God; Sunday School Services, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Morning Services, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Night Services, 7:00 p.m.; Thursday Night Services, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Donald R. Cox.

Wheelwright Freewill Baptist, Wheelwright Junction; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Worship, 7 p.m.; Wednesday evening worship, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Louis Ferrar.

Free Pentecostal Holiness Church, Rt. 122, Upper Burton; Wednesday Worship, 7 p.m.; Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 11:30 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6 p.m.; Pastor, Lewis Sandlin.

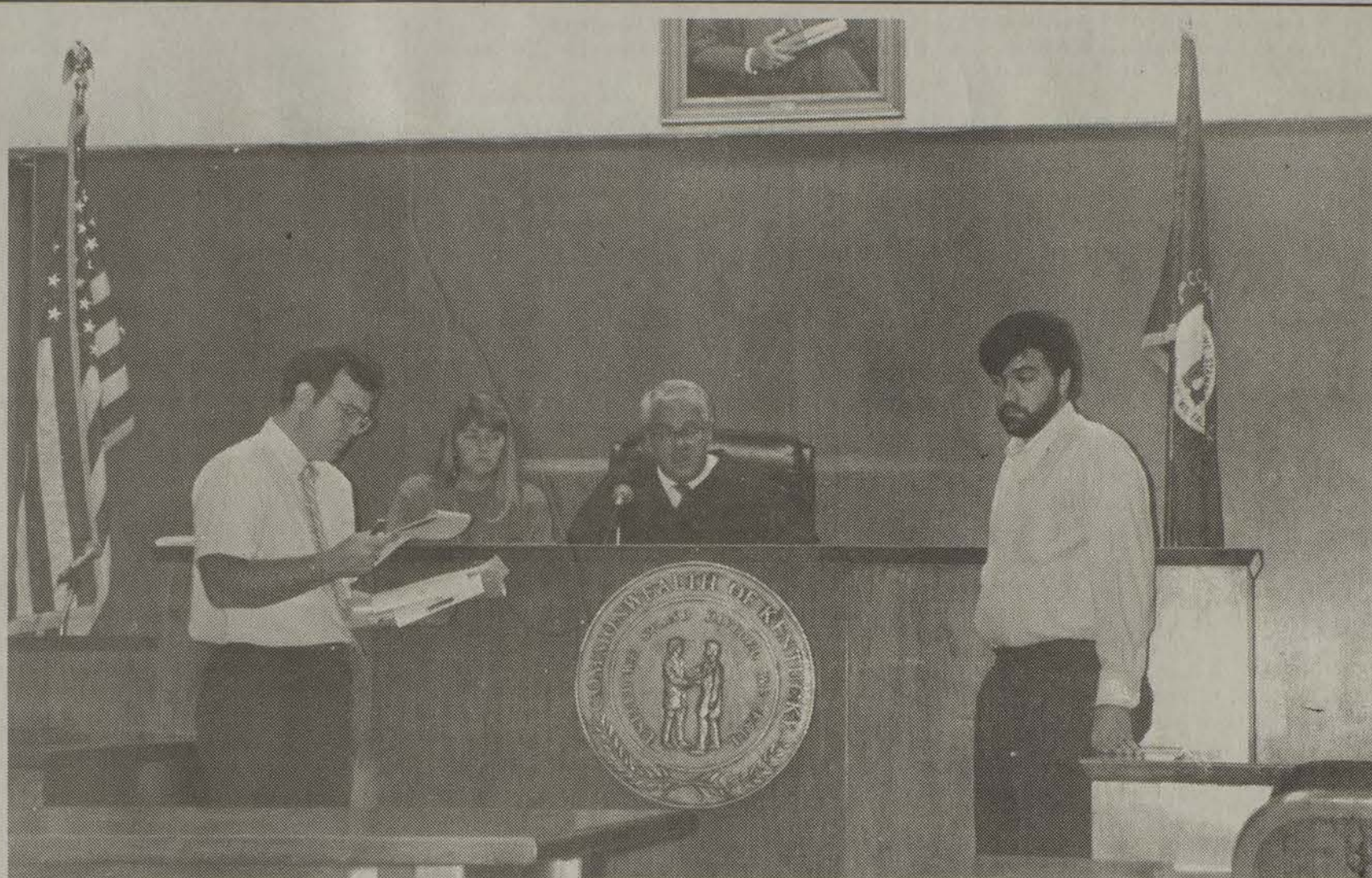
Lighthouse Temple, Hall Hollow, Wheelwright, Kentucky; Sunday Services, 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday and Friday Services, 7:00; Pastor, Roy Cosby.

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Decision-maker

John David Caudill would rather sit behind the bench as Floyd Circuit Judge than stand in front as a lawyer. "I like making decisions," he said. Pictured, from left, are Commonwealth Attorney John Earl Hunt, Court Reporter Debbie Stanley, Judge Caudill and Prestonsburg Attorney Gerald DeRossett. (photo by Pam Shingler)

"It's not T.V., it's not L.A. Law"

by Pam Shingler
Contributing Writer

John David Caudill was attracted to the position of Floyd Circuit Judge, in part, because he thought the job would give him more time to be with his family than his busy law practice would allow.

But that's not how it's worked out. The caseload in the 31st judicial circuit was so great that the state added an extra judge in 1992. The governor appointed Caudill to share the load with Judge Harold Stumbo.

"Judge Stumbo had said there should be no reason why a case can't be tried within 12 months, and we were making really good progress," says Caudill during a few moments squeezed among conferences with attorneys and trips to the courtroom adjacent to his office.

Then the senior judge, a venerable courthouse figure for decades, died last winter. The new judge, scarcely a year in office, a judicial neophyte, was thrust into the primary role.

With only one judge again, Caudill, 42, finds himself still longing for the day when he can spend more time with his wife and three children.

But the judge is not a complainer. He looks relaxed behind the modest desk he inherited, an ever-present cigarette the only hint of tension. The sense is that Caudill is exactly where he wants to be.

"I like making decisions," admits the judge, whose blond hair is going to gray. "(As a lawyer) the biggest complaint I ever had about judges was when they wouldn't make a decision.

"I'm going to make the best decision I can — that's not saying I'm right all the time."

He laughs when he talks about attending state judicial training programs where, after the educational sessions, judges "sit around talking about cases they screwed up."

One of Caudill's missions in regard to his position is to educate people about the court system.

Before Judge Stumbo's death, when he had more time, the then-junior judge instituted the Page Program in which high school students served as honorary pages of the court, sitting through hearings and observing the court system in action.

The program is on hold now until a second judge is elected this fall. Caudill has also conducted mock trials for classes at Prestonsburg Community College, his alma mater. And beginning next fall, he says, PCC

business professor Mazola Salmons is requiring one of her classes to have four hours of courtroom experience.

"Hopefully, we can expose a few kids to the system," says Caudill, who admits he was never in a courtroom until he was in law school. He points out that years ago citizens commonly attended trials, but today, he says, the only people in attendance are generally participants in the trial and their families.

"I want young people to see that this is the real world. It's not TV, it's not L.A. Law," he emphasizes. "Our purpose is not entertainment."

What visitors to circuit court proceedings will see are cases in which the alleged crimes are deemed more serious than those in district court, specifically civil matters where more than \$4,000 is involved and criminal cases where the offense can result in a year or more of imprisonment and fines of \$500 and up.

The range, Caudill says, goes from a dispute over a \$4,000 property claim to a crime for which the commonwealth is seeking the death penalty.

Some of the cases may seem downright boring, but the judge says he advises jurors that for participants in a trial, "this may be the most important thing that's ever happened to them."

Caudill's belief in the system and his desire to be a judge are so keen that he took a sizable cut in pay to seek the office. The \$72,000 annual salary amounts to less than the Martin High School graduate was making as an attorney.

For 14 years he was in partnership with Greg Stumbo, an attorney and state representative. Caudill opened his own practice in 1992 in Prestonsburg, prior to his appointment and subsequent election to the judicial bench. In the two years after he was graduated from the University of Louisville Law School in 1976, he practiced law in Trigg County where he was also assistant county attorney.

"I didn't do this for the money," he says. "I was fortunate to have made good money as an attorney."

The price of success, however, was the long hours spent on legal cases for clients. Today, Caudill describes, with a sly grin, when he most enjoys being a judge: "On a Monday morning when there's a case set which I've reviewed, I know that the attorneys have probably been working all weekend on preparing their arguments."

What he doesn't like about his role is impaneling a jury.

"I dislike — make that I hate — impaneling a new

jury," he says. "That's when I have to be a bad guy. I have to make people serve who don't want to serve."

"When I do, I'm up front with everybody. I'm not inclined to release someone without reason. I promise them their opinion of me will change. I try to earn their respect."

Apparently, Caudill is generally successful in changing jurors' minds about their service. Of one panel last year, 95 percent indicated they would like to serve again, he says.

And two separate juries have presented him with a cake after the trial session was over. "Maybe they were just glad to be through," he laughs.

One jury also gave him a tie with a cartoonish Tasmanian Devil on it, which he admits to wearing, but only for selected cases.

Despite the courtly robes and the position front and center in the courtroom, Caudill describes himself as "just an old boy from Stephens Branch."

The son of Edna Hale Caudill and the late Elbert Caudill lives on his mother's family farm. His grandfather was Dave Hale who was long involved in Floyd County politics.

After graduating high school in 1969, Caudill entered the University of Kentucky, but came back home to help in his father's grocery when the elder Caudill became ill. He worked in the store and completed two years at PCC before going back to UK, where he received a degree in business in 1973.

Caudill has five more years to decide if he wants to run again for circuit judge. "I will make that decision later," he says. For now, he's certain he doesn't aspire to a higher court judgeship.

Looming now is a new trial in his court for Clawvorn Jacobs, accused and convicted several years ago of the murder of an Alice Lloyd College coed. For the retrial, mandated by a higher court, a request for change of venue from Knott to Floyd County was approved.

The trial is expected to generate much more media attention than the usual cases in Caudill's court. "We're preparing for it like any other case," the judge says. "It's just another criminal case as far as I'm concerned."

From all appearances, Caudill seems to be taking the Jacobs trial, tentatively set for Aug. 15, in stride. Perhaps he's looking ahead to the seating of a second judge and having some time on his hands to work with young people, including his own.

Portrait of Home

Floyd County PVA :

Keeping track of tracts

by Pam Shingler
Contributing Writer

Lovel Hall knows Floyd County, its hills and bottoms, its slopes and creek beds, its tree-lined streets and dusty, gravel roads, its mansions and its barns.

And apparently Floyd Countians know and respect Hall who's beginning his sixth term as Property Valuation Administrator (PVA). In fact, he believes he's at the top of the seniority list for elected officials in the county.

"Nobody's been here any longer — for all that'll pay," he says in the disarming way that lets you know he takes his job seriously but not himself.

The PVA's primary job is to examine every piece of real estate in the county from chicken sheds to untended fields, assign a value comparable to similar properties and calculate the owners' tax obligation.

He doesn't set the tax rate; that's up to the school board and other taxing agencies. And he doesn't collect the money; that's left

to the sheriff and, if need be, the county attorney.

Yet, the PVA, formerly called tax commissioner, often bears the brunt of dissatisfied taxpayers. Sometimes, he's blunt in reply and sometimes he's sympathetic.

"When somebody complains, I ask them 'Where does your child go to school?' They'll tell me and then I'll ask, 'Where did you get that school?'"

"Then I'll remind them that there is nothing in the world free," he says, voice rising. "There's just no other way around it."

At his desk with a stuffed deer head peering over him, Hall adds, more softly, "Still, some people ..." His voice trails off. "I really feel sorry for people who can't pay, especially young couples who are struggling to establish a life and are afraid of losing everything."

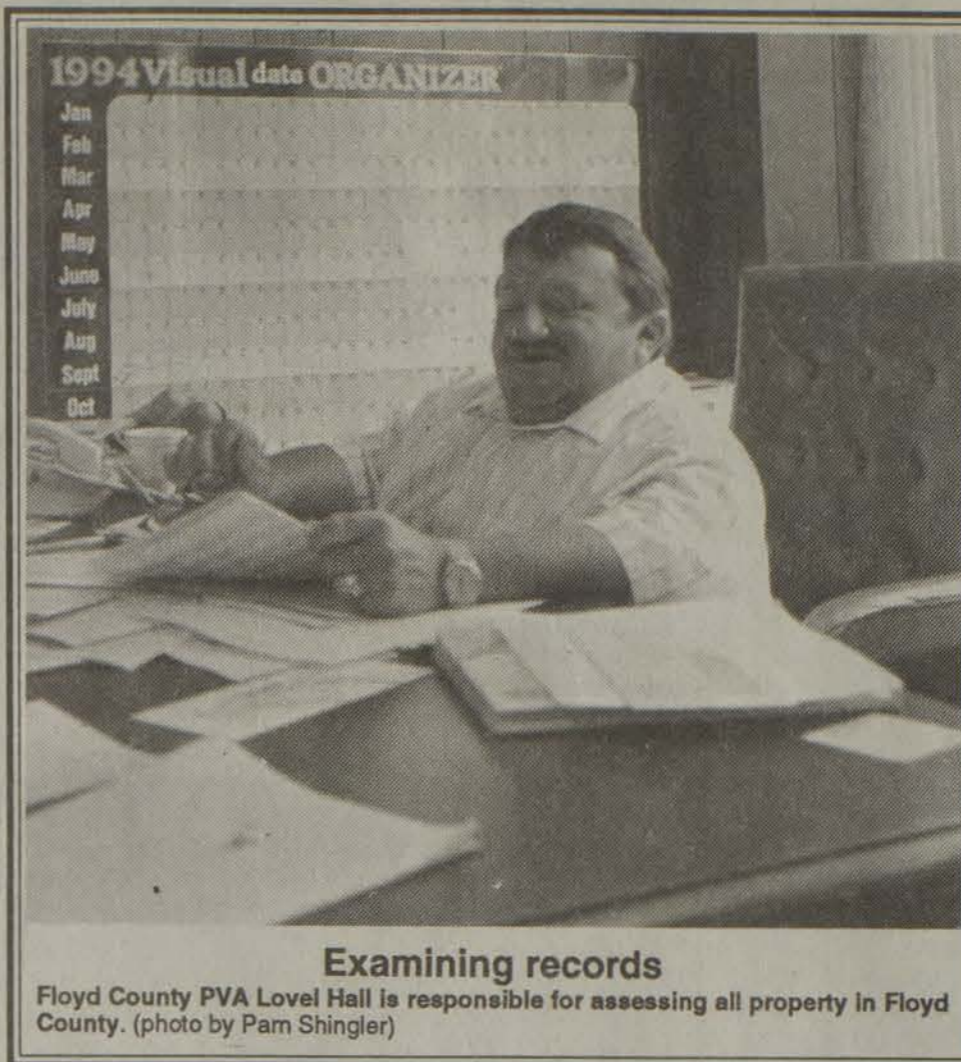
The 47-year-old assessor knows about struggle. He's the "baby" of 15 children raised by the late W.J. Hall and 90-year-old Maudie Hall of Grethel.

Elf-sized, the young man's body did not keep pace with his mind. He has a condition he refers to as "soft bones," which a doctor deemed was the likely result of rickets, a nutritional disease of infants and young children.

Hall can reel off a list of its consequences on his own body, including, among others, nine leg breaks and a broken collarbone. Most of the injuries occurred when he was younger, but within the last few years an injury confined him to a wheelchair for several months. Yet he kept on working.

As a child, Hall could not board the school bus, so his father paid a teacher to pick him up each morning to go to school. When the young man was ready to enter high school, his father took a job as a janitor at McDowell High School because the position included a house on the school grounds so his mentally strong but physically weak son just had to walk across the schoolyard to class.

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Examining records

Floyd County PVA Lovel Hall is responsible for assessing all property in Floyd County. (photo by Pam Shingler)

Fannin is all business

by Matt McCarty
Staff Writer

"A little less talk and a lot more action," is what Toby Keith longs for in his hit song and he could probably find it right here in Prestonsburg.

That's because Prestonsburg's new mayor, Jerry Fannin, who is looking to clean up Prestonsburg, also thinks actions speak louder than words.

"In the past everyone wanted to talk instead of do," Fannin said, "but I'm the other way around."

Fannin was part of that past as he served on the city council for four years prior to being elected mayor and said that was one reason he chose to run for mayor.

"I didn't feel like I could accomplish what I wanted to on the council," he said. "Now I oversee the council and we've tried to get a lot more accomplished."

It was difficult, however, at first because when Fannin took over the office

the city had a lawsuit pending against them and several small debts.

Fannin and the city negotiated the lawsuit and settled for \$180,000. Fannin, who was a businessman before becoming mayor, began putting his business background to work for the city.

"I've always had to watch how I spent my money," Fannin said.

He has already started cutting costs for the city to try to pay back the debts and get new projects funded. The city now uses purchase orders and, Fannin said, before the council buy anything, even if it is a notepad, it must get a purchase order from him.

This, Fannin said, has cut monthly spending from about \$20,000 to \$10,000 a month.

Money is also being saved now that Fannin has become a "full time mayor." The council decided to cut out the positions of city manager and superintendent of public works and let Fannin do all three for

one salary. Fannin said that, including benefits and everything, the consolidation would save Prestonsburg around \$50,000 a year.

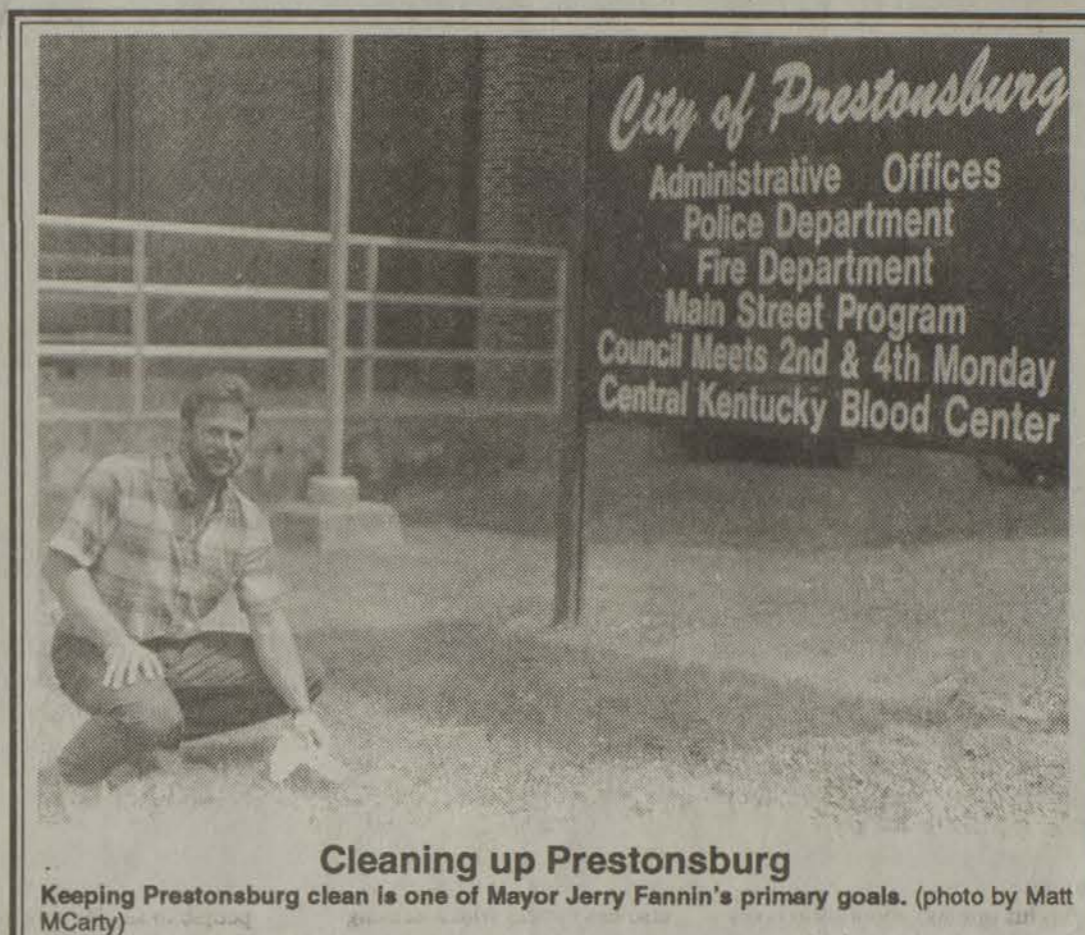
The council is also doing their part to help the city cut money and donated their salaries to buy a street sweeper.

"Most of the people (on the council) are business people and I think that most people are looking at (the city council) as a business," Fannin said.

The street sweeper helps Fannin go a long way in accomplishing his goal of making Prestonsburg one of the cleanest towns in Eastern Kentucky.

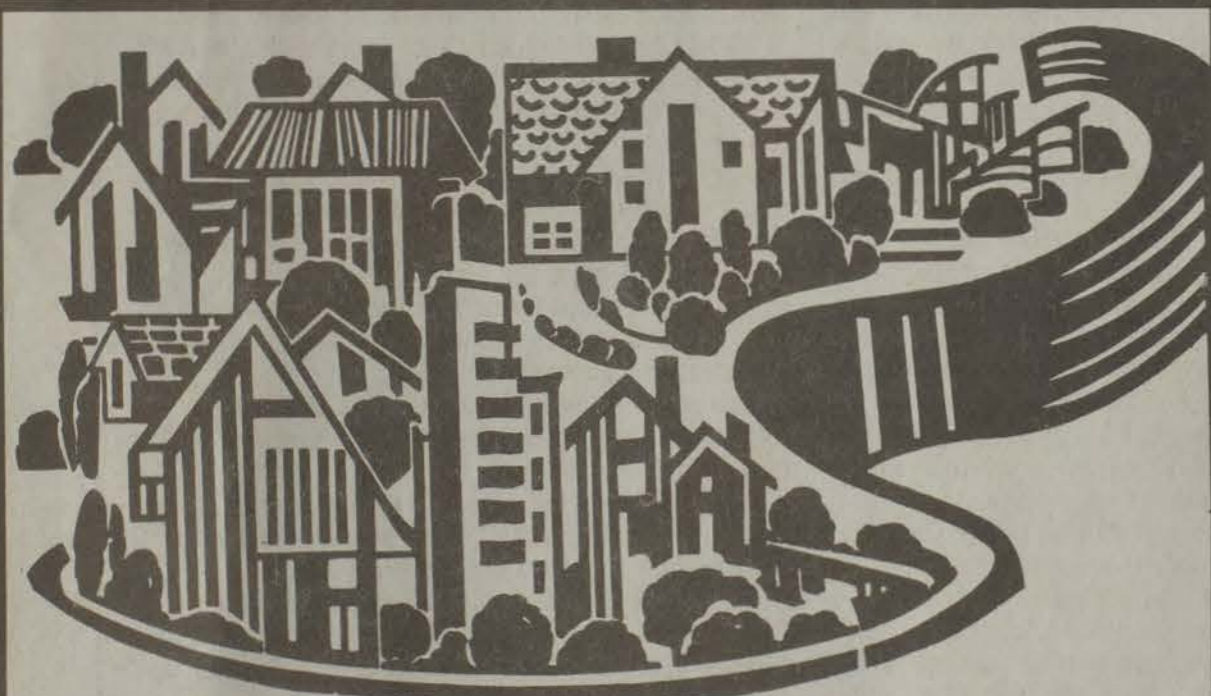
However, Fannin thinks more has to be done and all the citizens need to pitch in.

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Cleaning up Prestonsburg

Keeping Prestonsburg clean is one of Mayor Jerry Fannin's primary goals. (photo by Matt McCarty)



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I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all of my supporters and those of you who have put your confidence and trust in me to be your State Representative.

I would also like to Congratulate my opponents for a hard-fought race.

My door will always be open to you. Always feel free to contact me on any issue or anything on which I can be of assistance.

Once again, Thank you!

Donnie Newsome

State Representative Elect

(Paid for by the candidate)

PVA

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After high school, Hall went on to earn an associate degree in business from Prestonsburg Community College in 1967 and then spent six years as an administrator with Big Sandy Community Action Program before running for office.

The PVA laughs off any serious talks of his handicap. An avid sportsman, he tells of his years-long campaign for the state to set aside an area in which physically handicapped persons could hunt deer, a flat place with open spaces and no hills to climb.

He was delighted when such an area was designated in Bath County and quickly submitted his application for permission to hunt there. Instead of the expected approval, he received an inquiry about the specifics of his Social Security disability.

"I'm not on Social Security Disability," he responded. "I just want to hunt where I don't have to do a lot of walking."

It turns out, he says, that the area was designated just for hunters who qualify for disability benefits. He could be among that group, but he chooses not to be.

"My mom and dad were always very proud that they never raised a child who was on welfare or drew food stamps," he says.

Hall calls the PVA's job "a difficult position," but not because of the physical demands, even though he and his staff examine and assess about 1,200 properties a month.

Rather the organizational nature of the job sets up conflict, he says. The PVA is elected by and for the taxpayers of the county, yet he is supervised by the state Revenue Cabinet, which sets down guidelines for property evaluation.

Hall and his seven-member staff are on the state payroll, making them in essence state employees, but the county provides office space and money for supplies and other operating expenses.

In addition, neither Hall nor the state fixes the rates at which properties are taxed. That's done by local groups.

Though he is powerless to do anything about it, Hall is not shy with his opinion about local taxes — he thinks they're too high.

"Floyd County has the highest property tax rate for a school system in the state — 59.9 percent," he says. "I'm guessing that rate is 25 percent above the average."

"If you have a \$100,000 property in Floyd County, your taxes are close to \$1,100. If you have the same value property in Fayette County, your taxes would be under \$900," he explains.

The PVA favors lowering the school property tax and instituting a utility tax, which he says most surrounding counties have gone to. A utility tax, he says, "would spread the tax burden."

Hall has seen his work mushroom since the passage of the landmark Kentucky Education Reform Act in 1990. The law affected the Revenue Cabinet because of mandated changes in the way school districts administer taxing.

Before KERA, "there was not a whole lot to do," he says. His office had to maintain tax rolls and physically visit each property every four years. Spring and fall were distinctly busy seasons.

Now there is no busy season; every day is busy, especially since the PVA is required to visit every property at least once a year. "We now stay in the field," he says, adding he could use two or three more staff members.

Plus, an upbeat real estate market has added to the number of taxable properties. "In the last two years there's been more new construction here than in the previous six years," Hall says.

The mobile home market, in particular, has grown. The PVA estimates that he sees eight mobile homes for every new construction.

Even though he's been on the job for more than 20 years, Hall continually updates his skills. Now a Senior Kentucky Assessor with a temporary state appraisal license, he takes 30 hours a year of continuing education classes provided by the Revenue Cabinet.

As PVA, he has to have expertise not only in assessing real estate, but also all types of tangible and intangible properties from airplanes to stocks and bonds. He also has to deal with assessing inheritance taxes when someone

dies.

As to whether he'll continue to build his seniority among the courthouse votegetters, Hall is evasive.

"I can't say what I'll do in four years," he says. "I don't know what my health will be or what direction the job will take."

He is certain, however, about his philosophy of the job. "I've always tried to treat everybody the same, regardless of who they are."

He pauses then adds a bit of wisdom that could be well taken by all government officials: "And I try to put a lot of weight on common sense."

Fannin

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"We're really trying, but it also takes everyone in the community helping," Fannin said. "It takes everyone pulling together."

Fannin noted that several projects are already in the planning stage to improve the community such as establishing more community parks, placing recycling bins in schools, implementing a tree board and cleaning up lots.

Fannin believes that if the city looks nice, businesses could soon open up in Prestonsburg.

"If people see the place is up, people may live there," Fannin said.

Fannin said although he thinks downtown Prestonsburg can be revitalized, he does feel more has to be done elsewhere.

"Prestonsburg really doesn't have the room to grow on the inside," Fannin said, "so we're looking at annexation." Fannin cited that the opening of Thunder Ridge and the Mountain Arts Center will help Prestonsburg with tourism and also noted that Morehead State University was looking to develop several buildings near the Mountain Arts Center and set up a four year college in Prestonsburg.

"I'm hoping to give better service all the way around," Fannin said.

"I wanted to do something for the community," he said. "I want people to say 'he's the best mayor Prestonsburg has ever had.'"

Local attorney appointed circuit judge following death of Stumbo

Due to the untimely death of the Hon. Harold J. Stumbo, Floyd Circuit Court Division I has been without a judge since January, 1994.

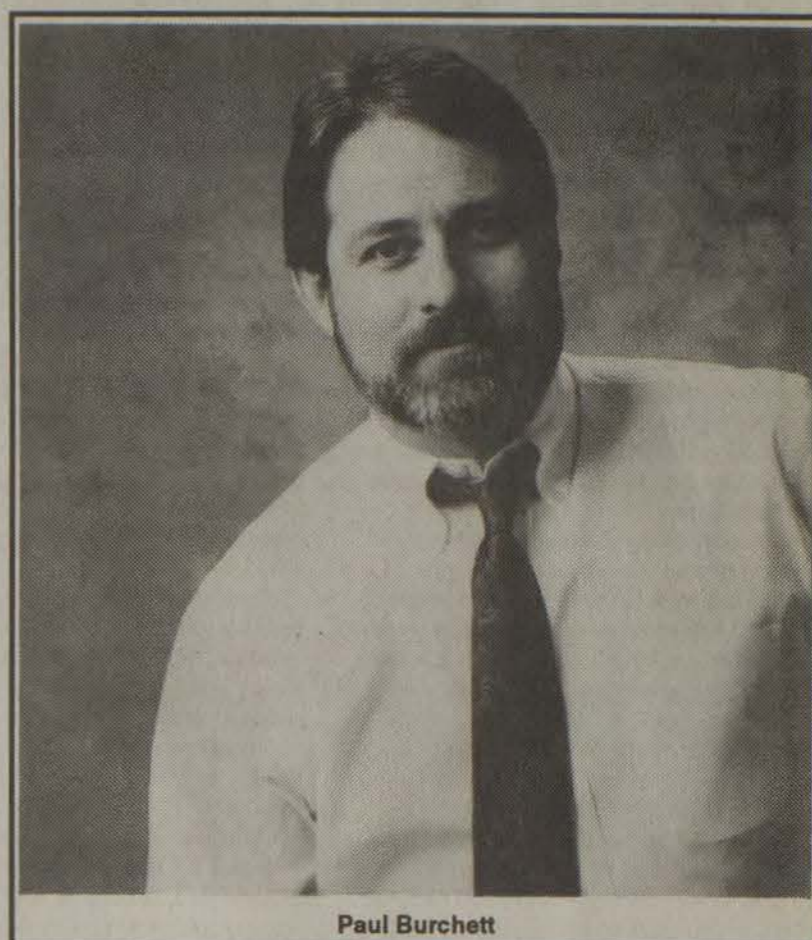
On June 3, Governor Brereton Jones appointed local attorney Paul Burchett to fill the vacancy.

Judge Burchett has practiced law in Floyd County for 20 years. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of Kentucky in 1971 and graduated from the University of Louisville Law School in 1974 in the top 15 percent of his class.

Judge Burchett was Floyd County's first Assistant Commonwealth Attorney in 1974 serving under the late Harold Stumbo. He served again as Assistant Commonwealth Attorney in 1993.

He is a former City Attorney for the City of Prestonsburg and was the first chairman of United Way of Eastern Kentucky. He is a former chairman of the Democrat party of Floyd County and currently serves on the Board of Directors at the Betsy Layne Senior Citizens Center.

Judge Burchett was officially sworn in July 1, at noon, in the Floyd Circuit Courtroom in a ceremony open to the public.



Paul Burchett

Planning and Zoning

KRS Chapter 100 permits counties and cities to exercise some control over the way private property owners use their land. However, several requirements must be satisfied before a county may conduct planning or zoning activities. A county must be a member of the planning unit.

Planning units may be formed by a county acting independently in cooperation with one or more cities or as part of a region. Independent planning units are discouraged by the statutes: they may be created only if other governments are not interested in a joint unit. A county with population of 300,000 or more inhabitants shall be a planning unit, containing all cities without such county.

Following the creation of a planning unit, a five to twenty member planning commission is appointed. The method of appointment and the

composition of the commission depend on the nature of the planning unit created and the number of participating governments.

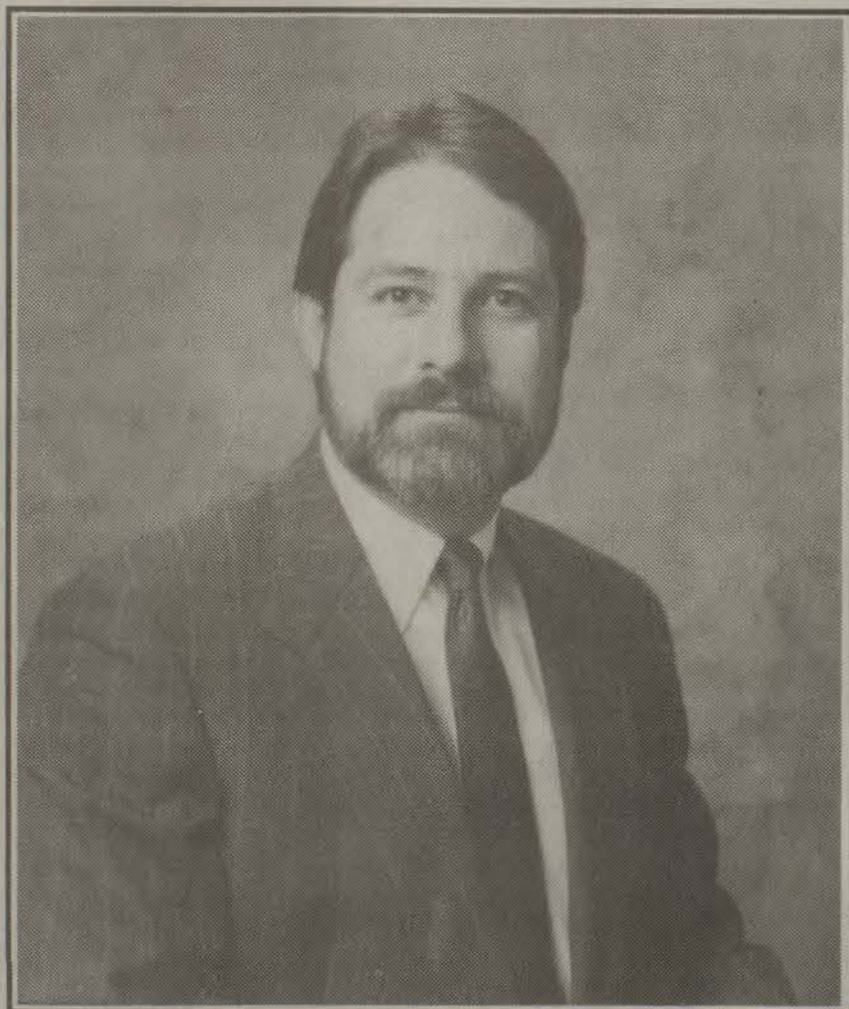
The planning commission is responsible for preparing a comprehensive plan, which must include a statement of goals and objectives, a land use plan, a transportation plan, and a community facilities plan. In preparing the comprehensive plan, the commission is required to follow certain research procedures set forth in KRS 100.191, KRS 100.193 and 100.197 provide for the adoption of the comprehensive plan and for its periodic review and amendment.

Counties that are members of planning units which have adopted goals and objectives and the land use plan elements may enact interim zoning regulations which shall be effective for up to twelve months, during which time the planning commission shall

complete the remaining elements of the comprehensive plan. Interim regulations become void upon the enactment of permanent regulations or after the expiration of twelve months.

KRS 100.203 to 100.271 set forth requirements regarding zoning regulation contents and procedures for enforcing and amending zoning regulations. Alternate regulations for zoning map amendment may be adopted by the fiscal court. Land development may be controlled through the adoption of regulations that establish requirements for the approval, design, and maintenance of subdivisions. Methods for the adoption, amendment, and enforcement of subdivision regulations are governed by KRS 100.277 to 100.303. Counties that do not wish to establish a planning program or form a planning unit may adopt subdivision regulations pursuant to KRS 100.273(2).

"On June 3, 1994 Governor Brereton C. Jones appointed Paul Burchett Floyd County Circuit Judge, Division I."



I will begin serving as Circuit Judge in Floyd County on July 1, 1994. I think this gives the voters of Floyd County a unique opportunity to observe my ability to serve before they go to the polls to cast their ballot. I invite each and everyone of you to come to the Circuit Court and judge for yourself my ability to administer justice in an efficient impartial way. If you like what you see, tell your friends to keep me as their Circuit Judge. If you don't like what you see, then tell me your suggestions on how our Court can be improved.

Floyd County deserves a Circuit Judge who will bring experience, ability and integrity to the bench.

I ask for your support not only in the election, but in the administration of our Court system.

ELECT

PAUL BURCHETT

FLOYD CIRCUIT JUDGE

Floyd County Coroner :

"Sometimes it gets difficult"

by Janice Shepherd
Managing Editor

Roger Gene Nelson's destiny was sealed the day his sisters walked through a graveyard, searching headstones for a name to christen their yet-to-be-born brother.

Although no one in his family was involved in the funeral business, Nelson knew from his high school days that he wanted to become a funeral director, working at area funeral homes and learning from his mentor Bill Callihan, a funeral director. After high school, Nelson, who has been Floyd County's coroner for the past 12 years, attained his degree from the Kentucky School of Mortuary Science in Louisville in 1974.

He purchased business property at Martin from Dale Merion on August 23, 1985 and, with Glenn Frazier, established Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home. The partners completely renovated the building, tearing out the living quarters and walls to create larger rooms.

Over the years, Nelson bought three houses and Beaver Valley Hospital to expand the funeral home's services. The hospital and one of the houses were torn down to make room for a parking lot.

"It seems like I've bought and tore out ever since I've been here," Nelson said. He's continuing that tradition with plans to add a new section that will house a chapel, visitation rooms, coffee room and bathroom facilities. He hopes to have the new section completed by fall.

The expansion is needed, Nelson said, because his business is growing. Last year, the funeral home held 182 services. "This year, it's up some. We've had 69 services so far this year," he said.

Nelson also established the Nelson Monument Company, which his son, Roger, helps him operate. Nelson's wife, Sandy, is the officer manager and bookkeeper for the family businesses.

Nelson contributes his success to "leaving in the traditions."

"Funeral services here in the mountains, families are used to being together. If families want to say overnight, I leave the funeral home open for them," he said.

"All the people in this area are fortunate," Nelson said. "All the funeral homes in this area offer more (of this type of traditional) services than funeral homes in larger cities."

But tradition is changing and fewer funeral services are being held in homes. "Out of 182 cases we did last year, we only had three at home," Nelson explained.

Another tradition Nelson is sad to see change is visitation. Fewer people are at visitations, he said, and that's the time the bereaved family needs the support of their friends.

"All you have to do is be there. You don't really know how important it is unless you've gone through it yourself. It comforts them just seeing you," said Nelson, who has recently been through it himself. His mother, Josephine Shepherd Nelson died December 18.

Nelson thinks funeral directors must empathize with grieving families.

"I've never seen a successful person yet in the funeral business who's in it for the money. They have to have a real heart-felt feeling for the people and have some idea what they (the families) are going through."

"Sometimes it gets difficult. You're burying your friends and your friend's families," he said. "You are constantly seeing grief. It gets to you. You have to shake it off and get away for a day."

To get away, Nelson goes hunting, fishing, or just "gets out where it's peaceful and quiet." But those occasions are rare.

"One day last year for muzzle loading season, I got away," he said. After his mother died, he also took a brief trip south, braving the snow and ice storm earlier this year.

Nelson's father, John Shepherd, died in 1975.

Nelson said his father gave him some guidelines he'll never forget.

"Your name always goes as far as you do. Whatever you do is going to follow you around," Nelson said his father advised.

Nelson keeps that in mind as he performs his duties as funeral director and Floyd County coroner. As a coroner, Nelson is on call 24 hours a day, and is the chief law enforcement officer on the scene of a suspicious death.

"The old joke is 'What's the coroner's job; to pronounce a person dead,'" Nelson said. "But a coroner's job is much more than that. A coroner's job is to investigate that death."

Nelson said he is also commonly asked a question about what he terms "blazing bullet" cases, shoot-outs where it seems evident that the person was killed by a gunshot wound.

"Someone usually asks: 'Why did you order an autopsy? You knowed the bullet killed him,'" Nelson said, waving his ever-present pipe in the air as he flung his arms out in demonstration of his exasperation.

"If you're going into a court, you better have an autopsy report and save all the

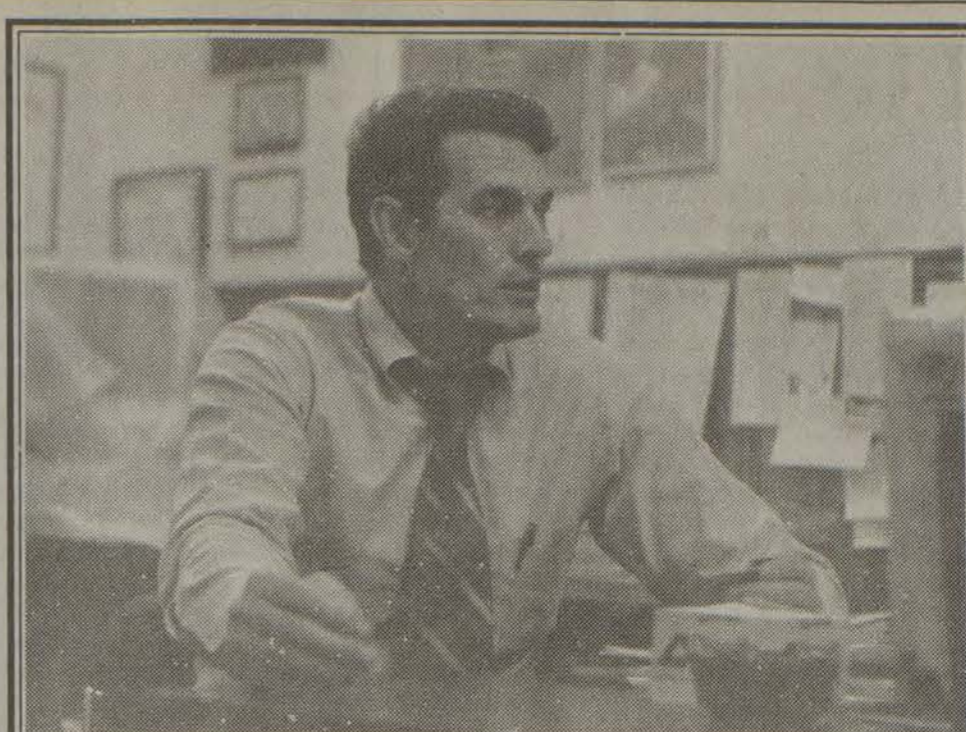
evidence you can," he explained.

Another area of contention with Nelson is reports denoting the exact time of death in a homicide case. "There is no definite way to pinpoint an exact time of death," Nelson said, but coroners can deduce an approximate time by looking at the time the person was last seen alive and the time the body is found, and work between those figures.

Nelson explained that coroners receive the same training as state police, city and county officers, but coroners are trained to zero in on one subject — the death scene. Nelson explained that investigations can include looking for defective equipment, such as in mining-related deaths or vehicular accidents.

After arriving at the scene of a death, a coroner does a post-mortem. "Most people think a post-mortem is an autopsy. It isn't."

(See Coroner, page five)



Investigator, peace officer and friend
Roger Nelson has many duties as Floyd County Coroner, but he always finds time to extend the hand of friendship to grieving families. (photo by Janice Shepherd)

The Coroner

The ancient office of coroner originated in England about the eleventh century. The holder of the coroner's office had the important job of protecting the Crown's interest in certain forfeiture property. Most English counties had several coroners, including a chief coroner, who had jurisdiction throughout the kingdom.

The coroner's duties in the eleventh century were largely economic. However, if any person was murdered, or died suddenly while confined in prison, the coroner was required to travel to the place of death, and inquire into the conditions surrounding the death. The investigation was made by a jury over which the coroner presided. Such a judicial proceeding was called a coroner's inquest. If the jury found that foul play was involved in death, the coroner would commit the accused person to prison to await formal trial. The coroner then examined the accused person's property, since it might become the property of the Crown. Without such an office, the Crown might have lost valuable forfeiture property. After the findings of the coroner's inquest were certified by the coroner, the evidence was given to the next higher court of the King's bench. In this way the coroner's inquest came to be considered a court of record.

Under English common law, the coroner was also to act as a substitute for the sheriff if the sheriff was unable to discharge his duties. If the sheriff was personally interested in a case or related to the participants, the coroner performed the sheriff's duties. The coroner, like the sheriff, was allowed authority to apprehend a felon within the county without the issue of a warrant.

In colonial America, the duties of the coroner essentially followed English tradition. After the American Revolution the relationship with the English Crown ended, but the coroner's office remained an important one in American local government. The functions of the office were largely related to the identification of unclaimed bodies, the administration of coroner's inquests to learn the cause of certain deaths, certification of the inquest's findings to the county court, and the performance of certain limited duties in regard to the office of the sheriff.

In Kentucky the office of the coroner was elective under the first Constitution in 1792, but under the second Constitution in 1799, the governor was allowed to appoint the coroner. In 1850 the coroner's office was again made elective. Section 99 of Kentucky's present Constitution establishes the office of coroner as an elected county office.

Qualifications
The coroner must be at least twenty-four years of age at the time of his election; a citizen of Kentucky; a resident of the state for at least two years preceding his election; and a resident, for at least one year, in the county in which he is elected.

The Constitution also requires the coroner to take an oath of office and execute bond insuring the proper discharge of duties. Premiums on the bond of the coroner may be paid from county funds when appropriated

by the fiscal court.

A coroner must possess a current certificate of continuing education in order to perform a postmortem examination.

Powers and duties

Coroners and their deputies have the full power and authority of peace officers, including the power of arrest, the power to bear arms and to administer oaths. In performing investigations, the coroner or his deputy may enter onto public or private property, seize evidence, interrogate persons, and require the production of medical records, documents, or evidence.

He may impound vehicles involved in fatal accidents. Further, the coroner may employ special investigators and photographers in making an investigation, and expend funds in carrying out his duties.

A principal duty of the coroner is to determine the cause of death. In the case of deaths occurring from natural circumstances, the extent of inquiry into the death is left to the discretion of the coroner and he may authorize the physician of record to sign the death certificate.

However, when a death meets the definition of a coroner's case, the coroner is required to perform an investigation and to sign the death certificate.

In attempting to determine the cause of death, the coroner may order an autopsy, hold an inquest, and, when investigating a coroner's case, request the assistance of the district medical examiner and the state medical examiner program.

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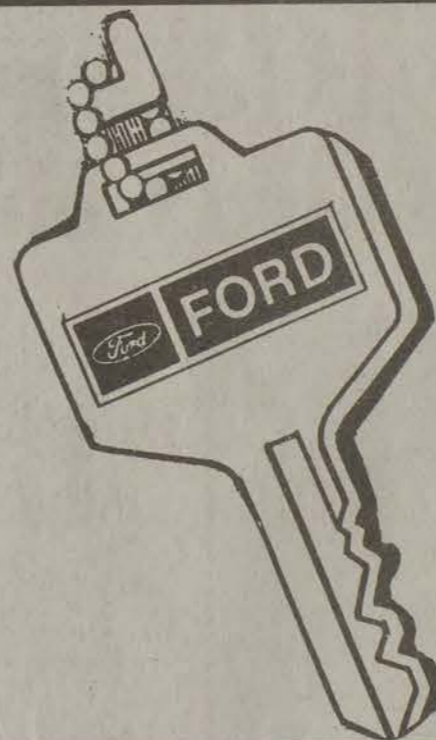
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The role of the postmistress

by Willie Elliott
Contributing Writer

We all take for granted that our mail will be waiting for us at the end of each business day. However, there are many tasks that have to be performed and coordinated in order for us to receive our mail so effortlessly. At McDowell these tasks and many additional ones are performed by Rhonda Meade, the postmistress.

Rhonda does all the things required of a post mistress as outlined in the government's guidelines, but she goes beyond the mere guidelines and does her job with the idea of being as helpful as she can be. She is especially devoted to the elder population and those who are unfortunate enough to lack reading and writing skills. Writing checks and filling out bills for these customers take up valuable time, but Rhonda continues to help as much as possible. At the end of the day, Rhonda finds time to deliver mail to individuals who are not able to come out to the post office. Even though this makes it later getting home, it is something that she feels good about doing. These people have a great deal of respect and trust for Rhonda's work on their behalf and rightly so.

Rhonda also serves as a resource person for the students of McDowell Elementary School. Students take tours of the post office, and Rhonda uses the walls of the outer foyer to display students works which may include a wide range of projects from essays, valentines, Mother's Day cards, and Christmas cards. In many instances, Rhonda takes time to select a committee to choose winners for these projects. Many students had their first experience in having their work published via the McDowell Post Office.

The items listed above are some of the things that the general public will observe as Rhonda goes through her daily routine, but what kinds of tasks and pressures lie behind the scene? To get an idea of what running a post office entails, I sat down with Rhonda to discuss her career and work in the United States Postal System.

Rhonda said, "I started work for the United States Postal Service as a Postmaster's Relief Replacement (PMR) at what was known then as East McDowell Post Office in August 1979.

When that post office was abolished, in 1980, I then transferred to McDowell Post Office as a career employee clerk and became postmaster in 1984 and I still hold

that position. That adds up to thirteen years."

According to Mrs. Meade, the most important task of a typical work day is to make sure her customers have the best service available from the U.S. Postal Service. These services include getting customers their mail as soon as possible, making sure their outgoing mail is prepared in such a way as to get to its destination as soon as possible, making sure dates are correct on all the mail, making sure that ample supplies of stamps, money orders, and packaging products are available and enforcing safety regulations to the best of my ability.

Recently a large number of McDowell customers starting having their mail delivered to their homes. I asked Rhonda how this affected her work at the post office. She said, "although there has been no real working effect by the addition of highway contract delivery on our jobs here at McDowell, my clerk Rita Stumbo and I surely miss the faces of those customers we normally saw daily before the home delivery routes were added. Even though we don't see these home delivery customers every day, we know that they have been and will be taken care of by the capable supervision of our HCR carrier, Betty Akers.

I asked Rhonda if amusing incidents ever occurred at the post office. She smiled and said, "They happen every day. We don't want to offend anyone because when

we laugh, we laugh with them and not at them and we laugh at ourselves much of the time. I remember Isom Hall's technique of requesting his mail from his box on the rare occasions that he forgot his key. He would just stand with his hands behind his back and blush. He was respectful and didn't want to disturb our work but we always knew he was without his key."

Next I asked Rhonda about records for which the government is famous.

She said that she has to do a set of daily records at the end of each day. Each day the receipt monies have to balance. Occasionally someone from the Postal Service will come to the office to check such records. She also does quarterly reports. Record keeping is just part of the job, but Rhonda likes the part of meeting and helping the people in a one-to-one basis.

Rhonda said that young people who think they might be interested in postal work should find out about a test that is given to prospective postal workers. This test is given yearly and can be taken at Pikeville or Hazard. She also said that students could prepare for such a test by reading a great deal in high school. The test measures memory and quickness—two attributes helpful in this work.

When asked about her retirement, Rhonda said, "I suppose I will die in office and Rita (Stumbo) will have to fly the flag at half mast."



Postal resource

A post office is a place of information, and Rhonda Meade is always willing to pass the information along its route.

Coroner

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Nelson said, "A post mortem, a coroner is visually inspecting the body and checking for any signs of foul play. If he finds any, he orders an autopsy."

Nelson is constantly working on cases. "Floyd County works more cases than another county with comparable size," he said. "That's because we're a hub and because the counties adjacent to us have no hospital facilities."

"At state coroner's conferences, I sometimes find out that I worked more homicides and suicides than their entire caseloads."

Nelson, who serves as president of the Kentucky Coroner's Association (the first Eastern Kentucky coroner to hold that office), said Kentucky's forensics system is ranked No. 1 by the FBI Task Force.

Kentucky's system is used as a model by other states, Nelson said. Kentucky's coroners must receive 40 hours of basic training and receive 18 hours of in service every year.

"Kentucky has made great strides in its training program," Nelson said. "I hope Kentucky continues to improve."

Nelson also learned a lot of investigative tips from the late Dr. David Wolfe, a forensics anthropologist, when he logged about 600 hours with him working on various cases. He praised Wolfe's skills and credited Wolfe with helping to get convictions on murder cases in Floyd County.

Nelson decided to enter the Floyd County Coroner's race twelve years ago after directing the funeral services of several babies who had died at home

during the winter months.

"That was close to my heart. That would be close to anybody's heart," Nelson said. "I saw cases I felt should have been investigated and wasn't."

"But then I thought 'where do I have room to gripe. I'm not doing anything about it.'"

When he became Floyd County Coroner, Nelson also encountered a few problems with the fiscal court.

"The fiscal court has control over the coroner's budget to a certain degree. The fiscal court has to pay all the expenses, such as cameras or for equipment used in searches for bodies," Nelson said.

"The fiscal court didn't always understand that. I had to report to Frankfort because I rented a bulldozer during the

search for Mitchell Manns."

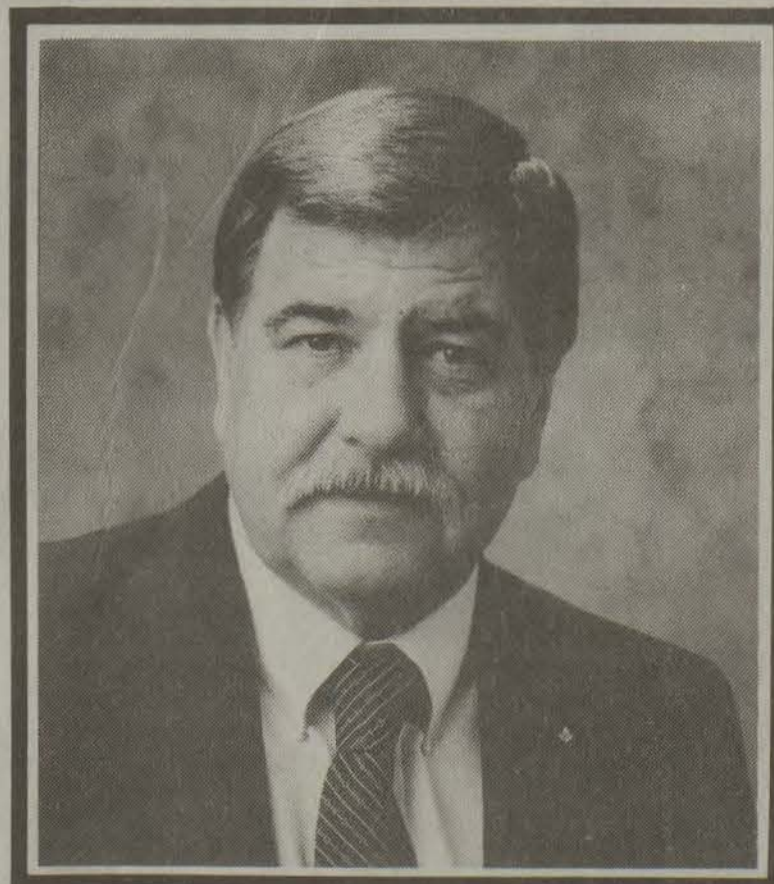
Nelson had received a tip in the Manns case from Michigan that he could be found at an old mining site that had been reclaimed. An excavator was used to remove the dirt and a backhoe had to be used to put the dirt back in and put it back the way it was originally.

Those problems with the fiscal court have since been ironed out, Nelson said.

Being a funeral director has strengthened Nelson's faith in God. "When you hear the testimonies, it actually enforces a belief in a higher being and that this (death) is not the end of it," Nelson said. "It's just a transformation from one being to another."

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Calm, cool...

Dewey Lake is very calm in its mountainous surroundings and offers visitors a chance to experience the days of Daniel Boone. (photo by Janice Shepherd)

Dewey Lake: Reflections of the past

by Ron R. Vanover
Director of Recreation and Interpretation
Jenny Wiley State Resort Park

The history of Jenny Wiley State Resort Park has to begin with the history of Dewey Lake. Without the lake, there probably would not be a state park. The park as we know it today has been a step by step development since it officially became a part of the Kentucky State Park System on January 1, 1954.

The history of Dewey Lake goes back to 1938 when the 75th Congress of the United States authorized to build Dewey Dam under the Flood Control Act of 1938, Public Law 761. The construction of Dewey Dam began in March 1946 and was completed in May 1951. Dewey Dam and the Lake are operated and controlled by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Huntington District. The primary purposes of the lake are to reduce flood waters from the 207 square mile watershed above the dam and to provide recreational opportunities for the public. The dam is very beneficial to the communities of John's Creek and the Big Sandy River. The dam is a part of the comprehensive flood control plan for the Ohio River Valley.

The dam and the lake are named after a local post office, which is named for Admiral George Dewey, who fought for America both at home and abroad in his nearly eighty years of life. Born in 1837 at Montpelier, Vermont, he entered the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, at the age of 17. During the Civil War of the United States, he was commissioned a Lieutenant. By the time the Civil War had ended, he was a Lieutenant Commander at the age of 28. Dewey also commanded warships in both the European and Asiatic sectors. At the age of 59, he was made Commodore and three years later, he was placed in charge of the Asiatic squadron. On May 1, 1898, during the Spanish-American War, Dewey led his squadron into the Manila Bay and sank the Spanish fleet without losing a single American life. Because of his outstanding contributions, the Congress of the United States awarded him a magnificent sword and restored the rank of Admiral of the Navy to honor him. Congress also passed a law that waived his retirement and allowed him to be on active duty for life. Admiral Dewey died at his home in Washington, D.C. on January 17, 1917, just a few days before the U.S. entered World War I.

A few years after Dewey Lake was completed, a new state park became official. On January 1, 1954, the Secretary of the Army, under authority of Section 4 of the Flood Control Act of 1946, granted to the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Department of Conservation, Department of Parks, a license for a period of fifty years, beginning January 1, 1954, and ending on December 31, 2003, covering nineteen hundred and forty acres of land

on the Dewey reservoir. When the new park became official, it was not called Jenny Wiley State Park, it was known as Dewey Lake State Park.

It was not until the late 1950's that the name of the park was changed from Dewey Lake to Jenny Wiley to pay tribute to one of the most gallant pioneer women in the history of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Only one operation, a boat dock, existed on the Dewey Reservoir when the area was in the final negotiation stage in the latter part of 1953. This operation was purchased by the Commonwealth of Kentucky from Joe W. Burchett and Sallie Mae Goble in November 1953, just prior to establishment of the state park on January 1, 1954. During 1954 and 1955, development at the park included: construction of a new dock facility; utilities for the dock and other facilities; dredging of the harbor; parking area development; construction of a superintendent's house; and a temporary beach and bathhouse development. The Department of Highways also started work on road development across the dam around the lake shore. Approximately one hundred thousand dollars were spent on development at the area, leaving it, at the end of 1955, in a very limited state of development.

During the period from 1956 to 1959, one project was completed, the construction of five duplex cottages in the area adjacent to the boat dock on the road to the beach.

Beginning in 1960, there were some dramatic changes that occurred at Jenny Wiley State Park. With lots of support from a group of area business and civic leaders who formed the Jenny Wiley Master Plan Committee and came up with a Master plan for development. The committee presented the plan to Governor Bert T. Combs, and with his help, the park began to grow.

With funds provided from general obligation and revenue bonds, a massive program of development was carried on through 1966 which resulted in the following facilities: On September 22, 1962, a new 36-room lodge, which is called May Lodge, was completed and dedicated in honor of Andrew Jackson May. Born in 1875, May was known as a lawyer and a statesman.

The facilities at the lodge include a large lobby and lounge area, dining room, and a resort pool. In 1965, the number of rooms was increased by twelve to bring the total to forty-eight. Ten new two-bedroom vacation cottages were constructed; a new outdoor amphitheatre was completed, the amphitheatre is home to the Jenny Wiley Summer Theatre, which has been producing Broadway musicals on the stage in Eastern Kentucky for over 25 years; new picnic facilities; the boat dock and duplex cottages were renovated; and complete water, sewage, and electrical systems were installed for the entire park. New recreation facilities included a nine-hole,

lighted golf course with clubhouse, horseback riding facilities, bathhouse and beach, and playground activity facilities. New service facilities included employee houses and maintenance buildings. At the end of 1965, the development at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park was well on its way toward filling the need for a major resort park in Eastern Kentucky.

On June 8, 1966, the Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration, approved a project for Jenny Wiley for a total project of \$577,000 with sixty percent federal funding. The items included under this project were: a new community type pool and alterations to the existing bathhouse to serve the new pool; additional employee housing and the development of a very large capacity tent and trailer camping area. The Commonwealth purchased an area formerly used by the girl scouts, and the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers made available several hundred acres of land for the development. The campground that resulted from this development is known as one of the finest in the Kentucky State Park System.

Another major development, that was constructed and operated by a private company, is the Jenny Wiley Chair Lift. It is one of the most popular facilities at the park. The lift takes off from a point near the public pool and takes the rider to the top of Sugar Camp Mountain and offers a grand view of Jenny Wiley State Park. Only two of these facilities exist in the park system with the other being at Natural Bridge State Resort Park. Care has been taken in the construction of each of these facilities to avoid destruction of the natural scenery, and both have received a high degree of acceptance from the public.

The last major facility to be constructed at Jenny Wiley is the Convention Center which is formerly called the Wilkinson/ Stumbo Convention Center. Constructed in February 1991, the center has facilities which will seat up to 800 people. It also has a full service kitchen, large lobby area and new park offices. It is the highest facility of its kind in the state park system. The new convention center also benefits the Summer Theatre as they use it in case of inclement weather.

In October 1992, The Josie D. Harkins Schoolhouse, the last one room school house in Kentucky (1924-1987), originally from Daniels Creek, Kentucky, was given to the Department of Parks and Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. It is located at the Jenny Wiley Campground entrance adjacent to the rangers' station. Memorabilia about the school and artistic pictures of Jenny Wiley are on the walls of the building. Presently, the history of Dewey Lake and Jenny Wiley State Resort Park, as well as other presentations, can be seen on a weekly basis from Memorial Day-Labor Day Weekend.

In 1954, when the Jenny Wiley area came into the park system, it was a rough mountain-lake area offering many obstacles to park development, and yet it offered a wealth of rugged mountain scenery and an unusually fine lake.

Portrait of Home

Eastern Kentucky's Plumed Knight of the Confederacy

by Robert Perry
President,
Friends of the May House

If large families are a sign of marital bliss, the period from 1809 to 1833 was a happy one for Samuel May and his wife, Catherine. Records show that during those years she bore him six sons and eight daughters. Nine of these children, including his fourth, fifth, and sixth sons, were born at the May House in North Prestonsburg, which in those days was the hub of his 400-acre farm. Like most frontiersmen, Samuel was a loyal Democrat and a strong supporter of Andrew Jackson, the champion of backwoods causes on Capitol Hill. Therefore, when Catherine bore him his fourth son on January 28, 1829, he named the boy after his hero, who was just beginning his first term as president. In thirty-two years the boy would become Colonel Andrew Jackson May, the man Henry Scalf called "the plumed knight of the Southern cause in the

Big Sandy Valley."

Like his father, Jack May was a man of exceptional courage, unbending integrity, and driving ambition. He had the bad luck, however, to come of age when his father's business empire was collapsing. Dealt such a mixed hand, it was inevitable that he should dream of recouping the family fortune. When news reached Prestonsburg in 1849 that gold had been discovered in California, it was probably twenty-year-old Jack, not his father, who first rose to the lure. Whatever was the case, we know with certainty that when Samuel headed west in 1849, he took Jack with him, along with "another young man named White."

The story of Samuel's death in the gold-fields has already been told, so I won't repeat it here, except to say that his final hours were eased by his son's selfless devotion. When Samuel died in 1851, Jack buried him near their cabin in the Sierras and returned to Prestonsburg. There he began studying for

the law. He was licensed to practice in 1854, and in 1855 he married Matilda Davidson, the daughter of a prosperous Floyd County farmer. By 1860, according to Paintsville historian John B. Wells III, Jack was practicing law in West Liberty, a town thirty-five miles west of Prestonsburg in Morgan County.

A fervent Democrat like his father, Jack supported the Confederacy from the start, and it was partly due to his influence that the region contributed heavily to its armies. Records show that on October 21, 1861, he was elected captain of Company A of the 5th Kentucky Infantry, C.S.A., a unit he had personally recruited. According to the pro-Confederate Louisville Courier, the 5th was composed of "hardy, raw-boned, brave mountaineers" who were "burning with desire to drive out the Abolition hordes of King Lincoln, who have dared to invade the sacred soil of Kentucky."

Although Captain May's company was mustered at West Liberty, the main body of the 5th was organized at Prestonsburg by former Congressman John M. Elliott. Records show that on October 2, 1861, these men sent a telegram to President Jefferson Davis in Richmond, Virginia, asking him for immediate assistance. They informed him that more than 1,000 volunteers had gathered at Prestonsburg, and urgently requested that he send them officers so that these men could be trained for battle. Scalf says that the recruits were drilled in "a field north of town"—probably the meadow below the May House. During this period, according to Wells, the house served as a recruitment center and as the temporary headquarters of Col. John S. Williams, first commander of the regiment.

On September 15, 1861, William T. Sherman, the ranking Union commander at Louisville, ordered William "Bull" Nelson, commander of Camp Robinson in Garrard County, to go to Maysville, organize a force, and drive the 5th Kentucky out of the Big Sandy Valley. On October 23, 1861, Nelson's command, consisting of four Ohio regiments and an assortment of Kentucky volunteers and militiamen, marched from Maysville to West Liberty, where they engaged Captain May's company in a brief skirmish. With Nelson's columns in pursuit, May then marched his men up the Pound Gap Road to Prestonsburg, bivouacked them at the May Farm, and began looking for a place to make a stand. By this time, Colonel Williams had moved the main body of the 5th to Pikeville.

May decided to make his stand at Ivy Narrows, a stretch of road between Prestonsburg and Pikeville. On Ivy Mountain, located across the river from the road, was a level benchland overlooking the narrow pass. Here

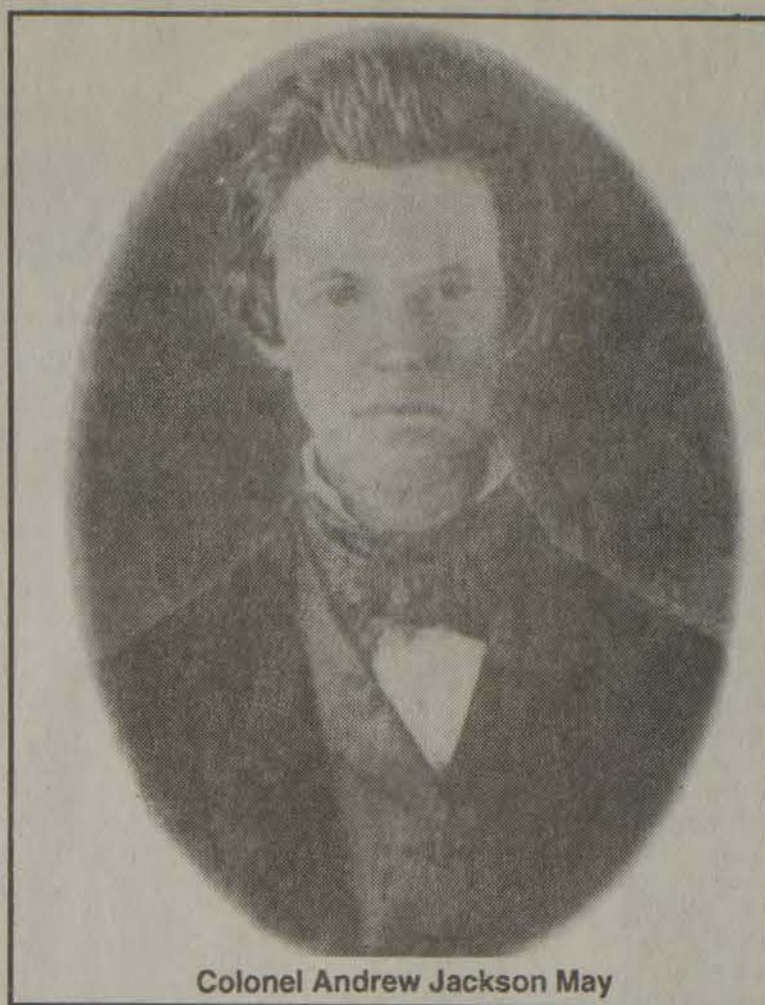
May built breastworks and positioned the larger part of his company. While he fortified the position, he was joined by Colonel Williams and the other regiments of the 5th Kentucky. Then, mounting his horse, he galloped over to the road and began scouting for the enemy. To his company he shouted, "Don't fire until you hear my pistol crack."

Nelson's force reached Prestonsburg on November 5, 1861. After a brief pause, they continued up the Pikeville road in search of Williams' Confederates. On November 8th they found them. Recognizing that Williams had picked a favorable place to fight, Nelson wheeled his two cannons to the river's edge and aimed them at the main rebel position. Then he ordered Colonel Harris and his troops to cross the river out of range and deploy along the mountainside, and sent Colonel Marshall's regiment up the road in a frontal attack. When the Federals came within range, May's pistol cracked, the Confederate line erupted in fire, and the battle began.

The first volley was a bloody one. In his battle report, written at Pikeville several days later, Nelson wrote:

The skirmish was very sharp. The mountainside was blue with puffs of smoke, and not an enemy to be seen. The first discharge killed four and wounded thirteen of Marshall's men.

According to Nelson, the battle lasted for an hour and twenty minutes. The Confederates weren't dislodged from their position until a third Federal regiment under Colonel Norton climbed the northern side of the mountain, reached the crest, and descended on the rebels from their rear. When Norton's men pressed their attack, May's company and the other Confederate units gave ground and beat a hasty retreat across the Ivy Creek bridge. In the confusion, some were pushed off the bridge and into the shallow water. However, says Scalf, "the retrograde movement did right itself enough to prevent utter disaster." After the Confederates had gone several miles



Colonel Andrew Jackson May

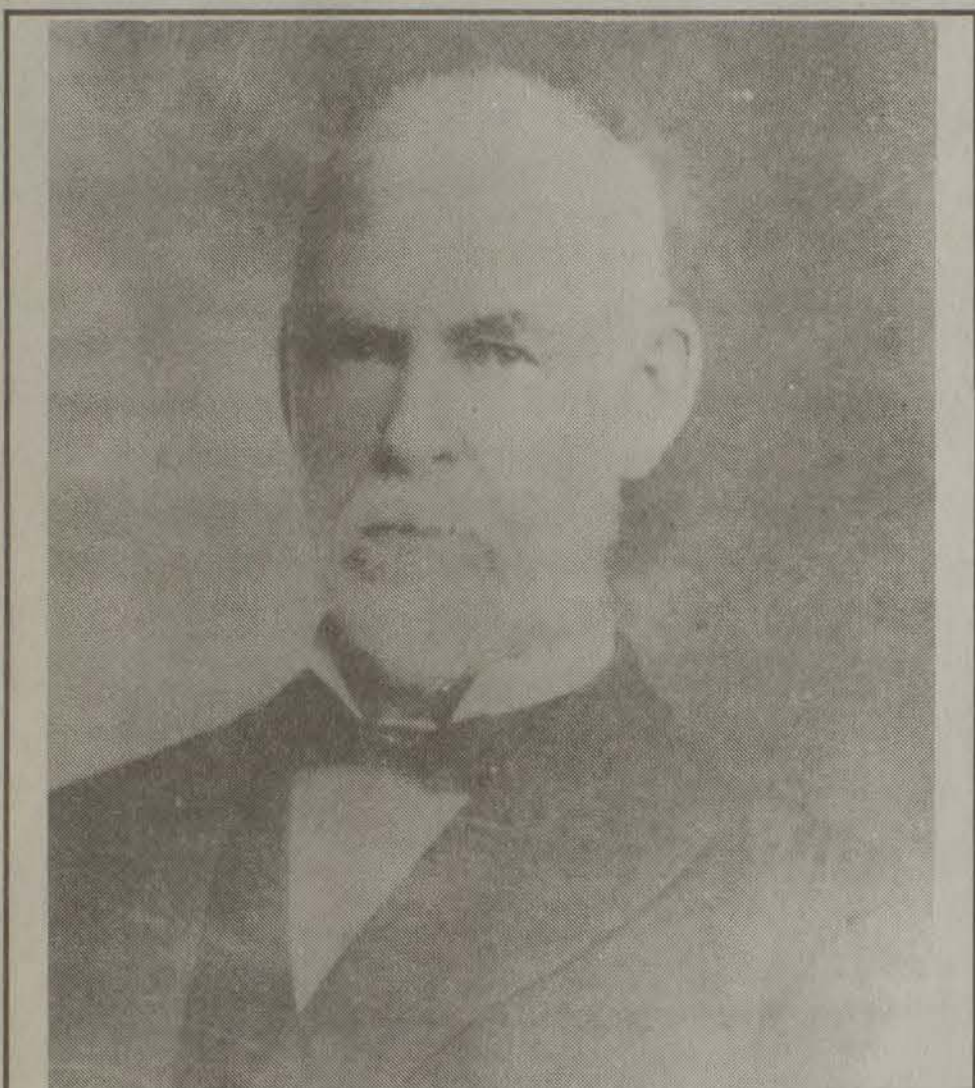
up the road toward Pikeville, they blocked their retreat by felling trees and destroying bridges.

According to PCC history professor Tom Matijasic, the best evidence shows that during the battle, six Union soldiers were killed and twenty-four were wounded. Confederate casualties were ten killed, fifteen wounded, and forty missing.

According to Marshall Davidson of Prestonsburg, the Battle of Ivy Mountain was fought on and around the farm of Samuel Davidson (1800-1854), Jack May's father-in-law. Marshall's family preserves the tradition that during the battle, Samuel's children crossed the Big Sandy in a boat in order to avoid being hit by rifle fire. The Davidson farm enclosed land now occupied by the present town of Ivel. Oldtimers say that the battleground was located several hundred yards north of the present Ivel post office and immediately west of the Wagon Wheel restaurant. When Highway 23, the main route between Prestonsburg and Pikeville, was widened in 1971, most of this battleground, which had frequently been marked by a cemetery and a flag-pole, was permanently destroyed.

Although the Battle of Ivy Mountain was a Confederate defeat, it did delay Nelson's progress enough to allow Williams to withdraw his troops from Pikeville and establish a winter camp at Pound Gap. After occupying the town, Nelson decided not to pursue the

(See Plumed knight, page three)



Colonel Andrew Jackson May



Rennie's Way VERNA MAE SLONE

When Rennie Slone's mother dies in childbirth, the twelve-year-old girl is unexpectedly thrust into adulthood. She must keep house for her father, an itinerant preacher who finds little time for family, and raise her newborn sister—a task that becomes Rennie's lifelong passion. Against all odds, she is determined that Sarah Ellen will have the education she herself has had to give up.

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rebels any farther, reasoning that their lack of supplies and the lateness of the season would make a counter-attack unlikely. He then withdrew his troops from the region. The Ohio regiments were marched down the valley to Louisa and put aboard steamboats bound for Louisville, and the Kentucky regiments were marched back to Maysville and Lexington. After several weeks of near starvation at Pound Gap, the 5th Kentucky was joined by General Humphrey Marshall's Virginia regiments, which passed through Pound Gap in December, 1861 and reoccupied the valley as far as Paintsville.

At Ivy Mountain, Jack May earned a reputation for bravery, and subsequent exploits added to his fame. On February 23, 1862, operating from his base at Pound Gap, he led a raid down Left Beaver and attacked Union partisans camped at the head of Big Mud Creek. By the spring of 1862, according to Tazewell County historian William C. Pendleton, May's 5th Kentucky was part of a small Confederate army encamped directly east of Jeffersonville, Virginia. Commanded by General Humphrey Marshall, it consisted of three infantry regiments, a battalion of cavalry, and a battery of artillery.

On April 18, 1862, Jack May was promoted to Colonel. Several weeks later, a Union force commanded by General Cox left Charleston, Virginia and marched south up the New River Valley. Cox's objective was the Virginia and Tennessee Railroad, a line running through Wytheville, Marion, and Abingdon. The shortest route between Richmond and Memphis, it was a vital link between the eastern and western theaters of the war. On May 16th, 1862, at Princeton, Virginia, the Federals encountered Marshall's Confederates, two companies of which were commanded by Colonel A. J. May. After some fierce fighting, Cox's army was defeated and forced to retreat.

On October 20th, 1862, May resigned his commission "for health reasons." However, his subsequent actions show that his real reason was to recruit a cavalry regiment for mountain service. During the fall and winter of 1862-63, he canvassed the Big Sandy Valley in search of good men and good mounts, and in the spring of 1863, according to Wells, he used the May House as his recruiting center. Moreover, a letter from this period shows that whenever Colonel May's outfit passed through Prestonsburg, it camped "around the race course in front of the house."

By July, 1863, according to Pendleton, Colonel May's newly-organized 10th Kentucky Cavalry was camped at the Henry Bowen farm, known as Bowen's Cove, located seven miles northeast of Tazewell, Virginia. The rolling hills of Tazewell County are verdant pasture land, and during the war its farmers and ranchers supplied the Confederate government with thousands of horses, cattle, sheep, and hogs. The region was also important for other reasons. The South's chief

lead refinery was located at Wytheville, and King's saltworks in Smyth County supplied the entire Confederacy east of the Mississippi.

On July 15th, 1863, Tazewell County was unexpectedly invaded by 1,000 Federal Cavalry under Brigadier General John Toland. Coming up the Tug River into Abb's Valley, Toland's men moved rapidly, stopping from time to time to burn farms, confiscate horses, and destroy military stores. At the William Peery farm, for example, they destroyed several boxes of old Kentucky rifles. The first resistance to Toland's raid was mounted by Colonel A. J. May. About 10 a.m. on the 16th, four hours after Toland's men had burned Peery's rifles, Colonel May and 50 mounted men galloped past Peery's farm in pursuit of the Federals. Drawing on eyewitness testimony, Pendleton says:

Colonel May was riding rapidly at the head of the column, and was carrying a pennant or small flag. From his manner, he seemed to say with his flag: "Follow me!" They were following him compactly and eagerly. The Colonel was every inch a soldier,

and his men were as fearless as their leader.

On the morning of July 17th, according to Pendleton, May and his men attacked the rear guard of Toland's force at Stony Creek, six miles northwest of Wytheville. During the encounter several Federals were killed and several others were taken prisoner.

May attacked Toland again on the following day. On July 18th, according to Tazewell County historian Louise Leslie, May's men, riding at full gallop, overtook Toland's rear guard as it passed along the south side of Walker's Mountain. This time the Confederates killed three Federals, captured twenty, and liberated Captain Joel E. Stallings and forty Confederate infantrymen, whom the Federals had captured during their march up Abb's Valley. David Johnson, in his History of the Middle New River Settlements (Huntington, 1906), says that the prisoners were liberated by "a bold charge made by Colonel A. J. May at the head of his Kentucky Cavalry."

Edward O. Guerrant, one of General Marshall's staff officers, thought Colonel A.

J. May was "as brave as Julius Caesar." Following the Battle of Walker's Mountain, May and his men continued to distinguish themselves. In November, 1863, they participated in Longstreet's siege of Knoxville, and in May, 1864, they were attached to the famous cavalry command of John Hunt Morgan. Under Morgan they participated in the famous "Last Kentucky Raid" and fought at Mount Sterling and Cynthiana. Then, on July 4, 1864, May resigned his commission a second time, complaining of "a chronic inflammation of the bladder."

After the war, Colonel May moved his family to Tazewell, Virginia and opened a law practice. No doubt he intended to cash in on his reputation as Tazewell County's best-known military hero. He had no trouble finding clients, and by the 1890s he was a wealthy man and a pillar of the community. W. Bland Leslie, editor of the town's newspaper during those years, later recalled:

Nearly every fellow that amounted to anything in those days had a good horse and buggy, and I remember so well the military bearing of Col. A. J. May as he would ride

down to his office each morning on his black horse, dismount on the stile, and Fielding Floyd's father would be there to take the horse back home.

Colonel May and his wife Matilda raised six children, four of whom reached adulthood: Byrd May, Samuel Davidson May, and Andrew Jackson May, Jr., all of Tazewell, and Mrs. Mary Catherine Steele of Washington County, Virginia. Matilda died in 1900. Two years later, exhibiting the audacity that had marked his military career, Colonel May married again. On June 17, 1902, in Tazewell, he married Nellie Bly Davidson (1878-1918) of Prestonsburg, a lady forty-nine years his junior. When her husband died in 1903, Nellie returned to Prestonsburg with their only child, Colonel May, who became known locally as "the little colonel." It was Nellie Bly Davidson who built the beautiful mansion on South Arnold Avenue now owned by H. D. Fitzpatrick, Jr. Nellie died during the Great Flu Epidemic of 1918. Colonel May lived in Prestonsburg until his death in 1956. He is buried at the Old Mayo Cemetery at Lancer.

Memoirs of Our Lady of the Way Hospital

It was on Sunday, September 14, 1947 that three sisters of the Divine Providence boarded the L & N train in Newport headed for a new mission in Eastern Kentucky. The Sisters were to take over the care of a 30-bed hospital in Martin.

The train carried Sisters Mary Edgar Timon, Sister Mary Helen Fredericks and Sister Mary Angelo Dusini to Ashland where they met Sister Mary Angelina, who drove them to Paintsville for an overnight rest.

During their stay in Paintsville, Father Wimmers, who was in charge of the missions at Martin, Wheelwright and Wayland regaled them with tales about the people of Eastern Kentucky who carried knives and guns and with tales of human sacrifice. He also told them about the Hatfield and McCoy feud.

It was raining, raining, raining, as they made their journey toward Martin, and the Sisters felt as if the high heavens were in sympathy with them. When they arrived at the Martin General Hospital, there was mud everywhere because of the construction of sidewalks and a foundation for a new building next to the hospital.

The Sisters discovered a hospital that was "dark, dingy, and dirty."

"We walked the gauntlet — between two rows of cuspidors on either side of the front hall," Sister Angelo recalled.

In the hospital kitchen, they discovered the walls and floors covered with roaches. "Everywhere we went there were roaches," Sister Angelo recollected in her memoirs.

The next day, the Sisters began their war

on roaches and the dirt and grime. They worked long into the night, cleaning, and then later, painting.

In those days, the hospital did not have a nursery. Babies were kept in home-made wicker baskets in the room with their mothers. One day, a pre-mature baby that weighed around four pounds was missing from the mother's room. The grandmother had taken the baby into the hospital's waiting room where several sick people with pneumonia were waiting. The Sisters realized they had to begin a teaching campaign.

When the Catholic Sisters entered the front door, some of the nurses and aides went out the back door, saying "We're not goin' ta work with them Catholics," Sister Angelo recalled. Two who stayed, Pauline Workman and Mrs. Estill Newsome, remained with the hospital for many years.

The patients began calling the Sisters by the names of the Sisters' tasks, such as Sister Nurse and Sister Cook. Sister Angelo became Sister Cook because she brought the patients their food.

At first, when the Sisters prepared food for the patients, the patients would not eat it because they thought they would be poisoned by the Catholics. The Sisters explained to the patients that they only came to do good and not to harm them. They also tried to find more opportunities to visit with the patients, talk to them and answer their questions.

One common bit of misinformation was that the Catholics did not read the Bible. One day Sister Edgar was preparing for Mass in (See Memoirs, page five)



The Cookie Sister

Sister Mary Angelo was also named the Cookie Sister by children in the area. The photo was taken in September 1966.

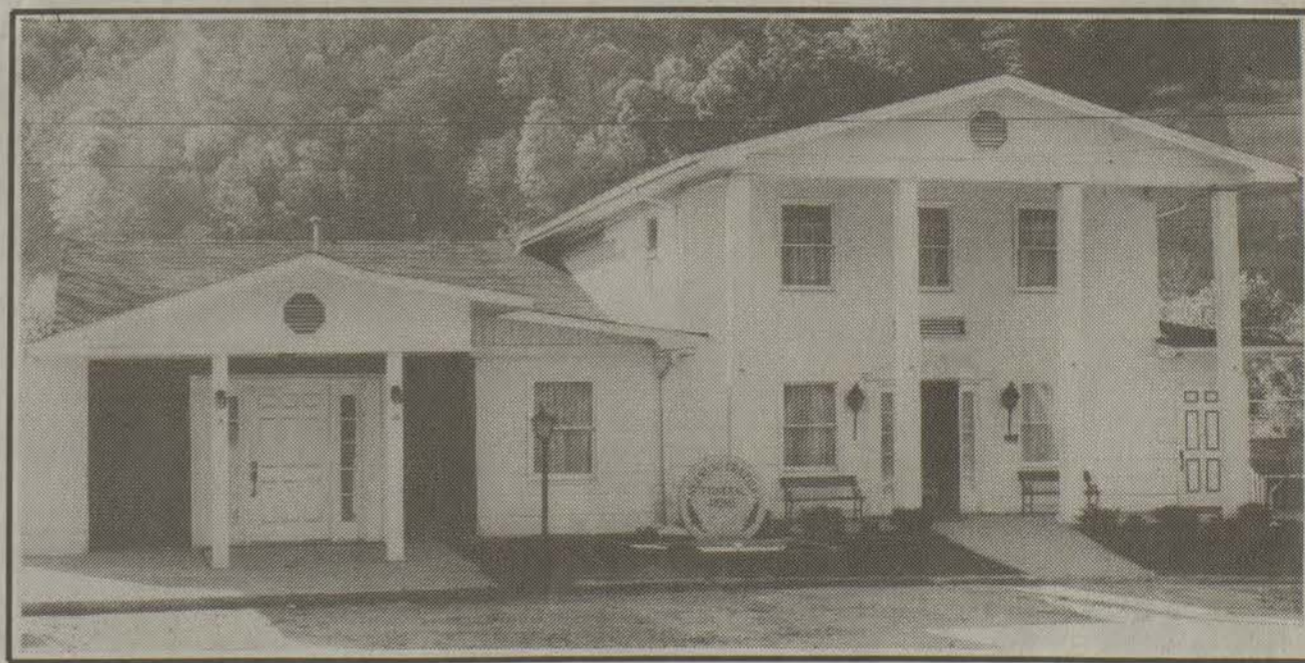
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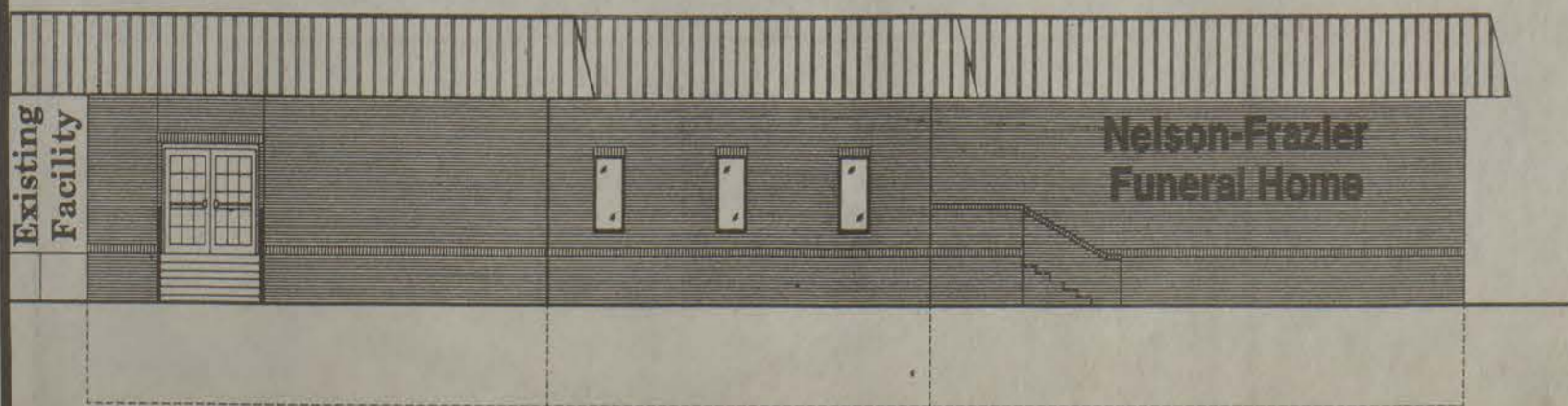


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David School provides students opportunity to succeed

For over 20 years, a transplanted New Yorker has been at work in the Appalachian coal fields of Eastern Kentucky, dealing with difficult problems — both educational and in society — with determination, grit and just plain hard work. Danny Greene came to Floyd County, Kentucky in 1968 as a church volunteer. In an area where education traditionally was a low priority, there was a vision for breaking the cycle of poverty and dependence on welfare by addressing the problem of school dropouts.

In 1972 the David School was born, as a unique opportunity to create an alternative school to deal with an astounding school dropout rate of almost 40 percent. The envisioned school would be nonsectarian aimed at low income adolescents with limited resources. The beginning resources were almost as depleted as the mountains of coal. After years of being a model "coal camp," the community of David faced an uncertain future without coal. The youngsters who were sought to serve, had dropped out of the public school because of apathy, parental indifference, and a general lack of concern for education, were also depleted of hope.

School was set up in the old abandoned "company store" (as in "Sixteen Tons") of the former Island Creek Coal Company, a building which had not been in use for 13 years. The facility had no heat, no plumbing, and had virtually been abandoned when the school started its first year with 10 students. Using limited resources, very little money, but with boundless energy and enthusiasm, Danny and two helpers set out to create a model school that could be used to reach dropouts, enrich the community and significantly improve students attitudes and achievements in education.

Less than 15 years after the idea was conceived, the David School has been recognized as a model drop out prevention program in the region by the Appalachian Regional Commission, in the state by the Kentucky State Drop Out Prevention Commission and locally by many school boards who are looking for ways to attack this terrible problem as it is manifested in the mountain region. But most important, the David School has been recognized in its own local community and region, by its service to over 1,000 youngsters whose lives have been dramatically and significantly improved by the second chance on life they received through education.

Appalachia is a vast mountain region covering many states, characterized by isolation, poor transportation, poor health services, and poor educational opportunity. Its teenagers are plagued by one of the highest rates of teen pregnancy in the nation, leading to more dropouts. For years the state of Kentucky has been at or near the bottom of the list of states according to all measurements of educational

achievement, and the Appalachian mountain counties, of which Floyd is one, have been at the bottom within the state.

The dream was to improve opportunities for young people who had lost interest in education, and thus had forfeited their right to a better future than their parents. At first the students were tutored in the morning, and in the afternoon worked to put the old dilapidated building back into shape. This philosophy of work study, born almost as a matter of necessity, has been carried over through the years. Each student now has a work responsibility in addition to the time spent in classroom studies. Specific extensions of this philosophy have led to the establishment of a student run service station and vocational shop where students can gain valuable work experience along with improving their mathematical, reading and social skills.

One of the chief obstacles to the success of the David School has become one of its greatest strengths; all of its students are low income. The students have learned to cope with very limited resources, but they are required to participate in a community service program, where they give back to the community in volunteer time or talent some of what they have received from the school. David helps develop self-reliant students who can return to their communities, not only with basic educational skills, but also with a concern for those in need around them.

A typical school day at David consists of classes in which the teacher/student ratio is 10 to 1, all the curriculum is individualized, and all the traditional subjects are taught non-traditionally. Today, the staff consists of 20 professionals, many of whom are volunteers interested in service to humankind in a most needed area of the country. In a graduating class, there may be 35 graduating with high school diplomas, with 40 additional receiving diplomas for GEDs, and perhaps 10 children receiving 8th grade certificates. In addition, over the years the David School has spawned a number of satellite projects, which are part of its overall philosophy of improving education and thus the lives of the people.

A preschool/kindergarten program was developed in 1984, in order to give the children of the community a good early start, and to prevent problems before they occur. This received wide support from the community, and encouraged early parental involvement. Teachers specially qualified in early childhood development make this one of the best preschools in an area where day care programs are just beginning.

A logical extension of the dropout program was an effort to promote literacy throughout the county. The David School has been instrumental in forming the Floyd County Literacy Council, bringing together different and competing agencies—including the local school board — to combine

efforts in attacking illiteracy. Many of those in David School's literacy programs became interested in furthering their own education because their children were attending the school. In short, the benefits the David School sought to bring to a limited segment of the population have now begun to bear fruit with increased interest in education throughout the mountain community.

Even though David School has served over a thousand students, the dropout rate in Floyd County has been on the rise. The need for expansion of the services David School provides is obvious. The waiting list is increasing, while the school's resources are hard put to take care of the students it serves annually. But of the students that have come

to the David School for help, more than 95 percent complete high school work.

What has been the key to its success in an area where so many have failed? One of the key elements is visiting with the parents and students in their homes, getting them involved, and gaining their support for the educational goals they share in common. The school provides a nurturing and caring environment where it is okay to fail, it's just not okay to quit. Students are tested to determine where they are in the educational process. It is so very hard for a high school student to succeed, when they may be reading on a third grade level. After testing, they are tutored in any deficiencies such as reading and math.

The David School has been recognized as

the "57th point of Light" in President Bush's "1,000 Points of Light" community service program. Reader's Digest has honored Danny Greene as an "American Hero in Education." But, for the staff of the David School, the best reward is to see the smiling faces of young people and old who have learned, despite obstacles of economics, poverty, and circumstances of birth, they can still succeed, though once they had failed. Their experience at David gives them hope that out of the worst kind of disappointment new beginnings can occur. With the resolute courage and determination of their mountain forbearers, they are beating the odds against them, something learned first, not surprisingly, at the David School.

Memories of Bonanza

by Docia Woods

(Editor's note: The following article is taken from excerpts of the history of Bonanza written by Mrs. Woods in *The History of Floyd County*. The article is reprinted with the permission of the author.)

Bonanza is located in Floyd County, seven miles from the county seat of Prestonsburg.

En route to Bonanza from Prestonsburg, one would need to go two miles down Mayo Trail, over the Cliff Bridge that crosses the Big Sandy River, take the first left-hand turn, then travel five miles up Abbott Creek, which, according to legend, got its name that way.

Polk Hill and one of his neighbors were riding horesback alongside this unnamed creek, in the latter part of the 19th century, when suddenly a rabbit jumped in front of them. "Abbott! Abbott!" exclaimed the man riding with Hill, and, due to this speech impediment, Abbott is what this creek has been known to this very day.

Five miles up Abbott, the mountains give way to a fairly large amount of "bottom land," and there, where the Conley Fork (with the Bee Fork as its tributary) and the Frazier Fork Creeks merge to form Abbott Creek, is nestled the village of Bonanza, so-called because around the turn of the 20th century, this place, which up until that time, had been creeping along, growth-wise, suddenly started showing so much progress that people began referring to it as a "future boom town."

My parents, Henry and Lou (Whitaker) Baldrige, and my seven brothers and sisters lived in next to the last house on the Conley Fork of Abbott when I became the "baby one" of the Baldrige household.

My family said that a few days after I was born, seven-year-old Docia Conley, who with

her family lived next door to us, came up to our house and said to Mommie and Pa, "I'd like to swap my pet lamb for one of that baby's little feet."

Evidently realizing that her proposed bartering had been unsuccessful, she motioned for one of my sisters to go out in the yard with her, and there, in the corner of our chimney, she whispered, "I wish 'youns' would name that little baby Docia."

Her request was granted and from then until she died a few years ago, we were referred to by our families as "Big Docia" and "Little Docia."

When I was about three years old, I went with "Big Docia" and sister Julia on my first trip to Bonanza, and the family said that when we got back home, the girl for whom I was named ran to Mommie and exclaimed, "Law sakes, have mercy live, Lou. When 'Little Docia' first saw Bonanza, her eyes got as big as a cow's eyes!"

In January of 1919, my family and I moved "right in the heart" of Bonanza, and this is how I remember it from that time: There were two churches, a post office, a general merchandise store, a hotel, a sawmill, a grist mill, and several dwelling houses. (The watermill I'd heard so much about was no longer there and the plank sidewalks, of which people had been so proud, had, according to them, "been destroyed by people riding over them on horseback.")

The oldest church there was the United Baptist, which was organized on November 7, 1867, with these charter members: David Ward, moderator; Jessie Hicks, clerk; and Nimrod Hall, James M. Hall, Charlie Hicks, Josephine Hall, Gracie Puckett, Allie Hall, Ellen Short, Phoebe Patton, Dorcus Hackworth and Marilda Stone...

And so it was that by the turn of the

century, another church building had been erected in Bonanza, with the first floor reserved for church services, and the upstairs for meetings of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows...

The Bonanza Post Office opened in 1881 with James Hill as postmaster. As far back as my generation can remember, Leander May had opened the post office. When we moved to Bonanza, Louvada (May) Burke was "running" this office from a corner of one of the rooms of her home. Among those who succeeded her over the years were Will Robinson, Johnie Conley, Arthur Baldrige and Albert Spradlin.

Six days a week, mail was carried by horseback from Cliff (at the mouth of Abbott) via Bonanza to Brainard on Middle Creek. Three days a week, it was carried in this same manner from Gapville (in Magoffin County) via Myrtle (on the left-hand fork of Abbott) to Bonana and back.

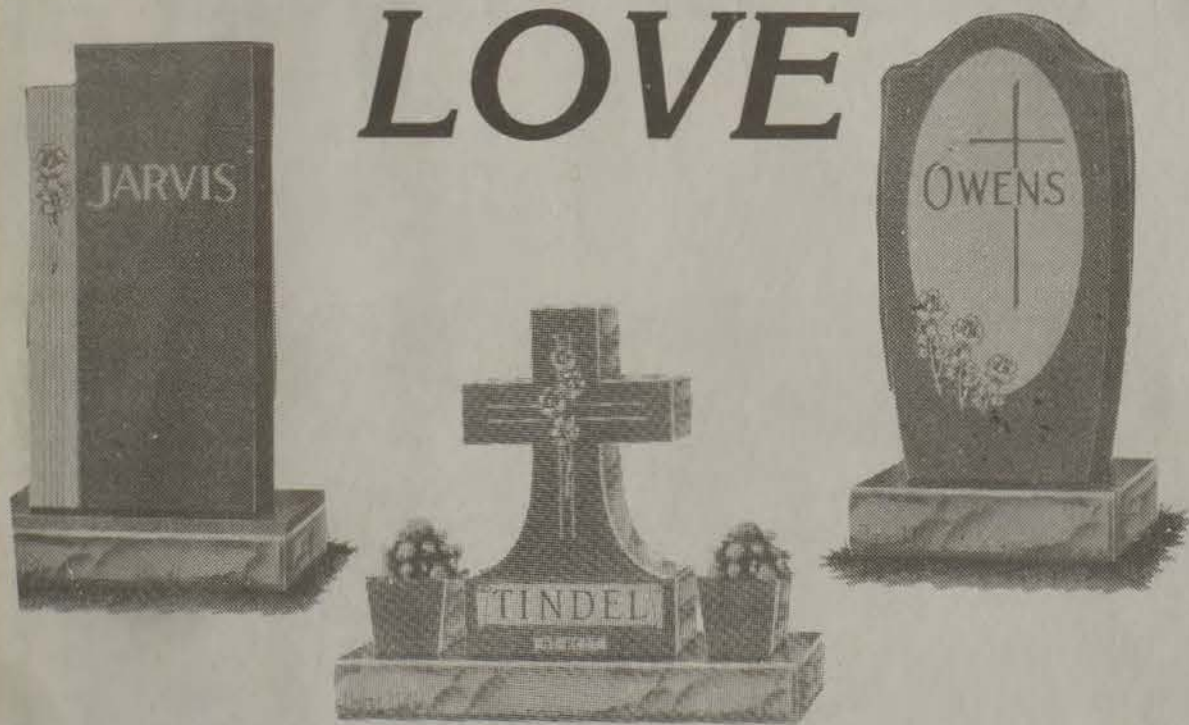
Whether the mail brought mail order catalogs, "Grit" newspapers, circulars, bills, love letters, family letters, or nothing, those arrivals were among the most exciting time of our lives.

A two-story general merchandise store was operated by Will Robinson when we moved to Bonanza, and another two-story building bearing the sign "Fairchild and Hatcher" had been "run" by George Hatcher and his brother-in-law Den Fairchild.

My father operated a general merchandise store from this latter building for several years, selling groceries and such items as gingham, calico, factory (later called muslin), women's hats, shoes, hardware and coal oil. (He later had a building erected in the corner of our yard and moved his store there.)...

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A lighthouse for education

by Alice J. Kinder
Pikeville College Historian

Pikeville College stands as a lighthouse for education. With a population of approximately 6,000, the small town of Pikeville is blessed to have a four-year college that serves students throughout Eastern Kentucky, Virginia, and West Virginia.

Since the founding of the school, students have enrolled, too, from other states and even from foreign countries. Students in the highland hills of Kentucky's Appalachian area are fortunate to be able to obtain a good college education without having to travel a great distance.

In 1880, Dr. William C. Condit from the Ebenezer Presbytery in Ashland traveled on a borrowed horse up the Big Sandy Valley. He found no established churches and only a few ancient log schoolhouses.

Dr. James Paul Hendrick in his yellow buggy also surveyed the area. His report and that of Dr. Condit led the Ebenezer Presbytery to appoint a committee to select a site for an institution of higher learning for mountain youth.

Dr. Condit, Dr. Hendrick, and the Rev. Samuel B. Alderson were chosen for the committee. These three have become known as the founders of the Pikeville Collegiate Institute. The school, established to provide an education based on Christian principles, opened September 16, 1889.

The first principal was the Rev. David Blyth. After his illness with typhoid, the institution closed until 1892, when Miss Katherine B. Vreeland came as principal or president.

In 1894, three graduates, Jay Sidney Gray, Elizabeth Syck, and Nona Connolly received their high school diplomas from the Pikeville Collegiate Institute. This year, marks the 100th anniversary of that event.

In 1899 Dr. James F. Record came to Pikeville College, where he remained for almost 30 years. He was president from 1899-1911 and from 1915-1932. The institution expanded under his leadership.

A dormitory for women, the Derriana, was dedicated as the first building on the campus above the town in 1908. A gymnasium was built and opened for its first basketball game in 1921. The first junior college graduation was held in 1923.

The new Administration Building on the hill opened for classes in 1926. The Pikeville College Bears received their name in 1928.

Wickham Hall, a dormitory for men, was completed in 1929.

In 1939 the college celebrated Founders' Day, the 50th anniversary of the institution. From 1940-1962, Dr. A.A. Page served as president and led the college to new growth.

The Francis Farm was purchased in 1944, and Dr. Page personally supervised the boys in useful work as they provided vegetables for the school cafeteria. A new gymnasium opened in 1948.

The Pikeville Collegiate Academy that had graduated so many high school students was discontinued in 1957. In May 1957, the visionary dream of Dr. James F. Record, Dr. A.A. Page, and other presidents was fulfilled when the first baccalaureate degrees were awarded.

Pikeville College received recognition as a fully accredited four-year college in 1961 when the institution was admitted to membership in the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary schools.

The first development fund drive began in 1959, and in 1960 the Gillespie Apartments for faculty members were built.

Condit Hall for women, Memorial Hall for men, and a new cafeteria opened in 1961. The Record Memorial Building was dedicated in 1962. The Mary I. Spillman Faculty House was dedicated in 1964, the 75th anniversary of Pikeville College.

In 1965, the Marvin Student Center was completed. Page Hall was dedicated in 1969. The Mining Technology Program and the Pikeville College Press were instituted in 1971. The Armington Science-Learning Center was dedicated in 1973. The Elizabeth Akers Elliott Nursing Program was established in 1983.

William H. Owens came as president of Pikeville College in 1985. Under his dedicated leadership, the college has continued to grow.

Pikeville College purchased the old Methodist Hospital property for an expanded library-academic center, which includes a modern media center, classrooms, offices, conference rooms and group study lounges. The Frank M. Allara Library was dedicated in 1991.

In 1992, new walkways and an arcade were added to connect the Allara Library with other campus facilities, making campus buildings more accessible for handicapped students.

The Record Memorial building is cur-



Beginning a tradition
The first three graduates of Pikeville Collegiate Institute were, from left, Nona Connolly, Jay Sidney Gray and Mary Elizabeth Syck. The three graduated in 1894.

rently being renovated. Facilities to house nursing and art division classrooms and offices are complete. Work is continuing with the remodeling of Faith Chapel and the construction of elevators. When the project is finished members of the campus community and visitors will be able to enter Record Memorial through a canopied entrance directly off Hambley Boulevard. Completion is scheduled for later this year.

The history of the school is one of reaching out and expansion. The growth of Pikeville College has made possible the attainment of degrees in a wide field of education. The coed, liberal arts program offers pre-professional courses that lead to careers in den-

tistry, pharmacy, medicine, nursing, technology, optometry, and veterinary medicine.

When the 100th anniversary celebration of Pikeville College's founding was held in October 1989, the alumni, teachers, and guests shared history of the school, its growth, and the educational opportunities that have unfolded through tireless labor and giving.

The occasion saw the publication of the official history of the institution, Pikeville College Looks to the Hills 1889-1989.

This article is merely a summary. Countless events and a long list of altruistic, generous, caring people lie behind the mountain college which began and remains a lighthouse on the hill for furthering education.

Memoirs

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the newly opened hospital chapel when she brought out the missal on the missal stand. Some people were in the chapel at the time, and one of them declared, "Glory be to God, them Catholics do read the Bible and even carry in on a gold plate!"

The Sisters' day was filled with work. At night, they slept on cots in a room on the first floor. They washed their clothes on a washboard in the bathtub. A room next to their sleeping room was used as the administrator's office. During the week Father Wimmers would put up a portable altar every morning for Holy Mass.

After Mass, the Sisters removed the portable altar, brought in a card table, and served Father Wimmers his breakfast. After breakfast, they removed the table and replaced it with the administrator's desk.

One night Sister M. Angelo screamed bloody murder because a rat had gotten into her bed. She quickly jumped out of bed, turned on the light, and watched him retreat through a hole in the wall. "That night I had no ammunition to put into the hole, but the next day I went around and stopped up holes with a broken bottle so that Mr. Rat would get a good cut," Sister M. Angelo recalled in her memoirs.

That wasn't the only problem the Sisters encountered with rodents. When Sister Nurse was absent from lunch, Sister Angelo would prepare a plate of food for her and put it in the oven to keep it warm. When Sister Nurse went to the oven for her plate of food, the meat was gone. The next time only crumbs were left. Sister Angelo set a mouse trap in the oven and caught the robber.

The Sisters declared war on the mice and rats and vowed to rid the hospital of the vermin.

Things improved at the hospital. A kitchen was built. Four additional rooms were added to the second floor. An operating room, delivery room and nursery were added to the third floor, plus an elevator was installed. A larger dining room was also built for the Sisters. The construction was completed by 1949.

The hospital was flooded by Beaver Creek in 1963, and in 1967, a new hospital was erected. Today, the hospital continues to grow through its community programs.

Bonanza

(Continued from page four)

A large sign with Hatcher Hotel on it hung in front of the eight-roomed home of George and Mary Hatcher and their family, and for \$2.50, traveling salesmen (whom we called "drummers") could get overnights lodging, supper and breakfast for themselves and feed for their horses.

A sawmill operated by various persons in the area, furnished weather boarding and roof shingles for houses and cross-ties for the

nearby C and O Railroad. A grist mill, run by Uncle Lewis Baldrige, ground corn into meal, a part of which was kept for his labors.

When we moved to Bonanza, a two-roomed, white, weather-boarded schoolhouse was maintained by the Floyd County Board of Education and Superintendent of Schools. It had eight grades, was taught by local teachers, and was in sight of our home...

There have been oh so many changes in

Bonanza since I last lived there (in the 1930s): Many of the houses have been replaced and a few trailers are scattered among them. Most of the people still living are now scattered to far-off places. The school was merged with the Floyd County schools and moved to Prestonsburg; the post office closed in 1969; and Hatcher Hotel, later used as a girls' dormitory, the home of the Lewis Baldrigedges, and our family home burned several years ago...

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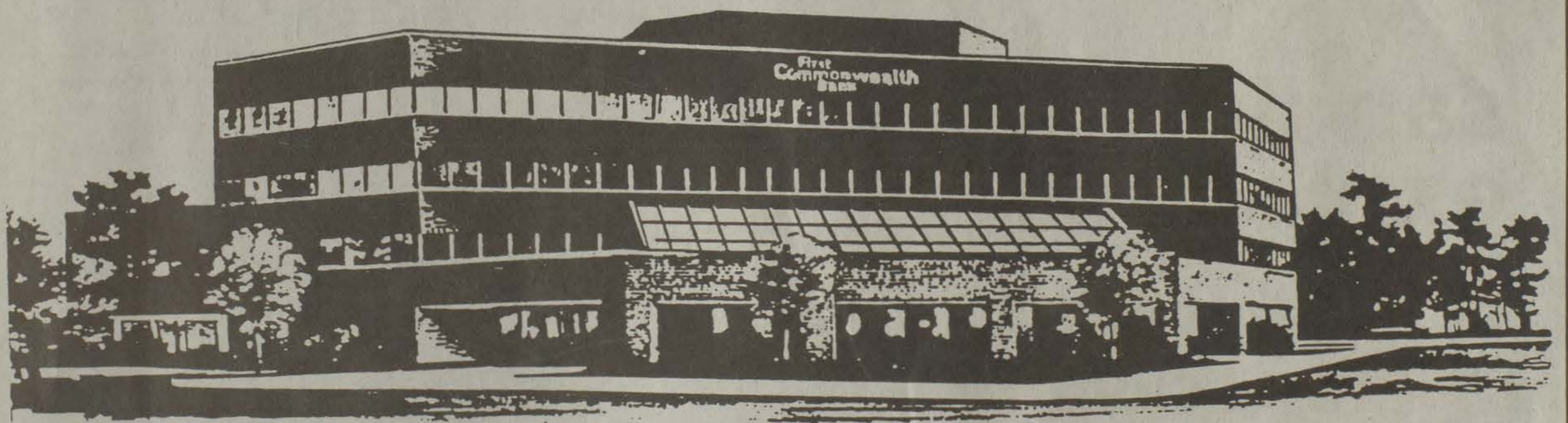
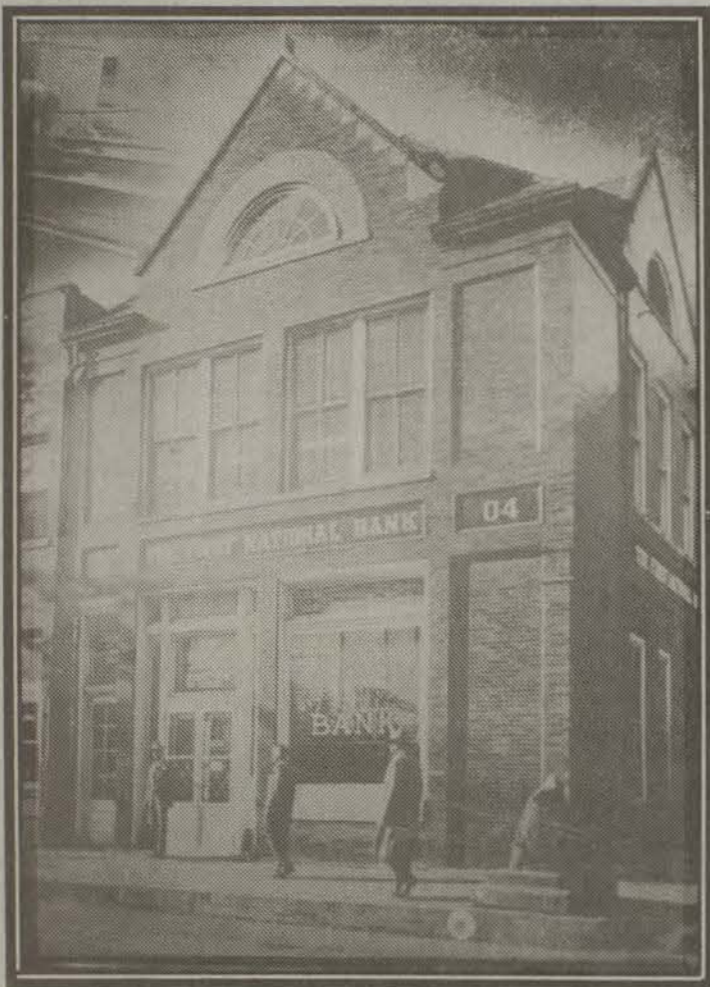
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Retired coal miner

Willard Ousley relaxes on his couch as part of his past is shown in the coal miners on his right while his present interest, poetry, is shown on his left. (photo by Matt McCarty)

Coal mining: It's a "dirty, exciting" job

by Matt McCarty
Staff Writer

What is it that could possibly make someone want to go in a mine on his hands and knees with a roof of coal just inches above his head?

"To accomplish a goal means a lot," Willard Ousley, a retired coal miner, said. "You may have suffered some, but in the end you've accomplished what you set out to."

When Ousley set out to the coal mines back in 1939, he didn't do so simply to mine coal, but to accomplish something — staying in eastern Kentucky.

"Back when I started mining coal at the age of 18, there wasn't much going on," Ousley said about the opportunities for eastern Kentuckians to find a good job close to home.

"When you think of jobs (in eastern Kentucky), you think of coal and the coal industry," Ousley said.

But, as he later found out, "Once you get in the mines it stays in your blood," Ousley said.

Coal stayed in Ousley's blood for 33 and a half years before he retired in 1973 when doctors said he had black lung. He would take spells and pass out, Ousley said, so the doctors advised him to take an early retirement.

In 1985, however, the doctors discovered it was not black lung that was making him pass out, but his heart was quitting. Now, nine years and two pacemakers later, Ousley says he is the "bionic man."

Yet, the coal business is still part of Ousley's life as several members of his family were, and some still are, in the business.

Ousley's three brothers, Orville, Dewey, and Malcolm, worked in the coal mines. His three sons have also worked in the mines.

His youngest son, Glen, is a mining engineer and works mostly with strip mines. His middle son, Rudolph, worked in the mines during the summer months while he was in school and his oldest son, Jack Richard, still works in the mines, just like his dad.

Ousley said there are several things different about mining that he had to deal with that his son doesn't.

The main difference is the working conditions, Ousley said. There was no ventilation back when Ousley first started, but now mining laws have given coal miners a little more breathing room.

"Ventilation laws were non-existent," Ousley said about his early years as a coal miner. But during his years in the mines, Ousley said, ventilation laws began going into effect which made for better working conditions.

"If you feel better, you're going to work better," Ousley said.

The ventilation was so bad in Ousley's day that after working in the mines all day and then walking two miles home, his head ached so bad from the lack of oxygen that he would have to lie down on the bare floor and sleep for a while before he had the strength to take a tub bath and eat supper.

The mines, like just about any job, had the occasional accident that tends to give the business a bad name.

Ousley, however, thinks that if the worker was cautious and put safety first, accidents could be avoided.

"Until the worker gets to be safety cautious, there will always be accidents," Ousley said.

"The workers should always have safety at the forefront in their minds," he added.

Ousley recalled several instances in the mines when co-workers were killed. Many of the men who died in the mines, Ousley recalled, were severely mangled and some were barely recognizable.

Although the friendship the men had for each other made the accidents even more tragic, they would not trade the camaraderie for anything.

"We grew close, it was like a family," Ousley said about the working relationship the miners had. "If we had a problem, we worked it out."

One particular accident Ousley experienced struck close to home. His son Glen was in a mining accident in August of 1980. Glen suffered multiple cuts,

bruises and his left thigh was broken. He was taken to the A. B. Chandler Medical Hospital in Lexington where he "lay hovering between life and death," as Ousley put it. Ousley fell to his knees and begged God to spare his son and his request was granted.

Ousley said it was God who helped him get through this situation and several others throughout his life since he became a Christian in 1923.

Ousley is 73 now and he and his wife, Kathelene, will be celebrating their 54th anniversary in November.

Ousley worked in four different mines over his career. He began at the Utilities Elkhorn Coal Company where he was employed from 1939 until 1946. When he started working in the mines he shoveled coal with his #4 shovel.

In 1946, Ousley went to the Princess Elkhorn Coal Company and worked there for 22 years before leaving for the Island Creek Coal Company in 1968. He finished his coal days with the National Mines Corporation where he worked from 1972-1973.

After Ousley had been working in the mines 11 years, he became a foreman and stayed in a manager's role for the remainder of his career.

Ousley remembered how the guys in his crew liked him and how they got along. "I would never ask them to do anything I wouldn't do myself," Ousley said.

It was always safety first for Ousley, because that was what it took to survive in the mines.

"I wanted all the coal I could get," Ousley said, "but not with blood on it."

Since his retirement in 1973, Ousley has written several poems, many of which have been published, and he has also had his autobiography published.

He also tries to stay active by keeping a garden, which is what his parents, James and Emma Frasure Ousley, did for a living.

But while Ousley enjoys farming as a hobby, he's glad he didn't choose to make a living doing it, saying that if he could do it all over again, "I guess I would mine coal."

"In the end, it's worked out pretty good for me."

Portrait of Home

The ice age cometh: Fire up the coal

by Senator Wendell Ford

After record cold weather enveloped Midwestern and Eastern states in January, Time Magazine ran an article entitled, "The Ice Age Cometh." With power shortages shutting down Main Street, U.S.A., they should have added, "But No One Was There To Meet It."

Electric utilities in New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, Ohio, Pennsylvania and the District of Columbia resorted to rolling blackouts, cutting off power to homes, schools and businesses on a rotating basis.

Factories sat idle. Schools closed their doors. It even brought the wheels of government to a standstill.

As record cold paralyzed the country from the Midwest to the Atlantic seaboard, an energy crisis of disastrous proportions was narrowly averted. The electric power grid connecting utilities in the eastern two-thirds of the nation nearly collapsed under the record high demands.

If the record cold had lasted one more day, large power systems could have failed. It all came down to a matter of a few degrees. Just a few degrees lower and power companies would have been forced to initiate prolonged, widespread blackouts.

Is this country in the midst of an energy crisis?

There is no energy shortage, but there is a serious need for additional capacity in some parts of the country. And the forecast is for even greater demand down the road.

Estimates show the demand for electricity growing by 1.9 percent annually through the year 2000. But while it's becoming more and more difficult for electric utilities to

add capacity, opponents of efforts to increase electric power generating capacity argue that conservation is the only acceptable solution.

They go as far as to advocate artificially increasing the costs of electricity by assigning phantom costs to new coal-fired power plants.

Under this scenario, arbitrary penalties would be assessed against coal-fired plants, with credits assigned for generating electricity with resources like wind, solar, or other renewable resources. And you, the consumer, end up shouldering that extra cost.

Clearly, these other resources are important and necessary where they can be cost-effective and competitive. But the mainstay of affordable, reliable electric power in this country is, and will continue to be, coal.

Electric power is a critical ingredient of a modern economy. It raises productivity, competitiveness and standards of living. And, at its point of use, electric power is completely emission-free and in many cases more energy efficient than alternative fuels.

But another critical part of this equation is energy independence. By using low-cost energy supplied from domestic resources like coal, we're not dependent on other nations to heat our homes, keep our factory lines moving or our computers processing.

Instead of placing phantom fees on electric power, we need to put our energies into fighting repeated efforts to gut clean coal technology programs and into encouraging the use of this affordable, accessible energy source.

If we do these things, they can bring the ice age on. We'll be open for business.



COAL IN OUR LIVES

MEETING ENVIRONMENTAL AND ECONOMIC NEEDS

by Richard L. Lawson,
President, The National
Coal Association

Helping millions of Americans hold the line when it comes to energy and electricity costs, coal is expected to play a major role in fueling this country in the years ahead.

Both the Energy Policy Act of 1992 and the North American Electric Reliability Council forecast an explosion of energy demand into the next century. Thanks to the best of new advanced coal-combustion technology, we can expect to meet it.

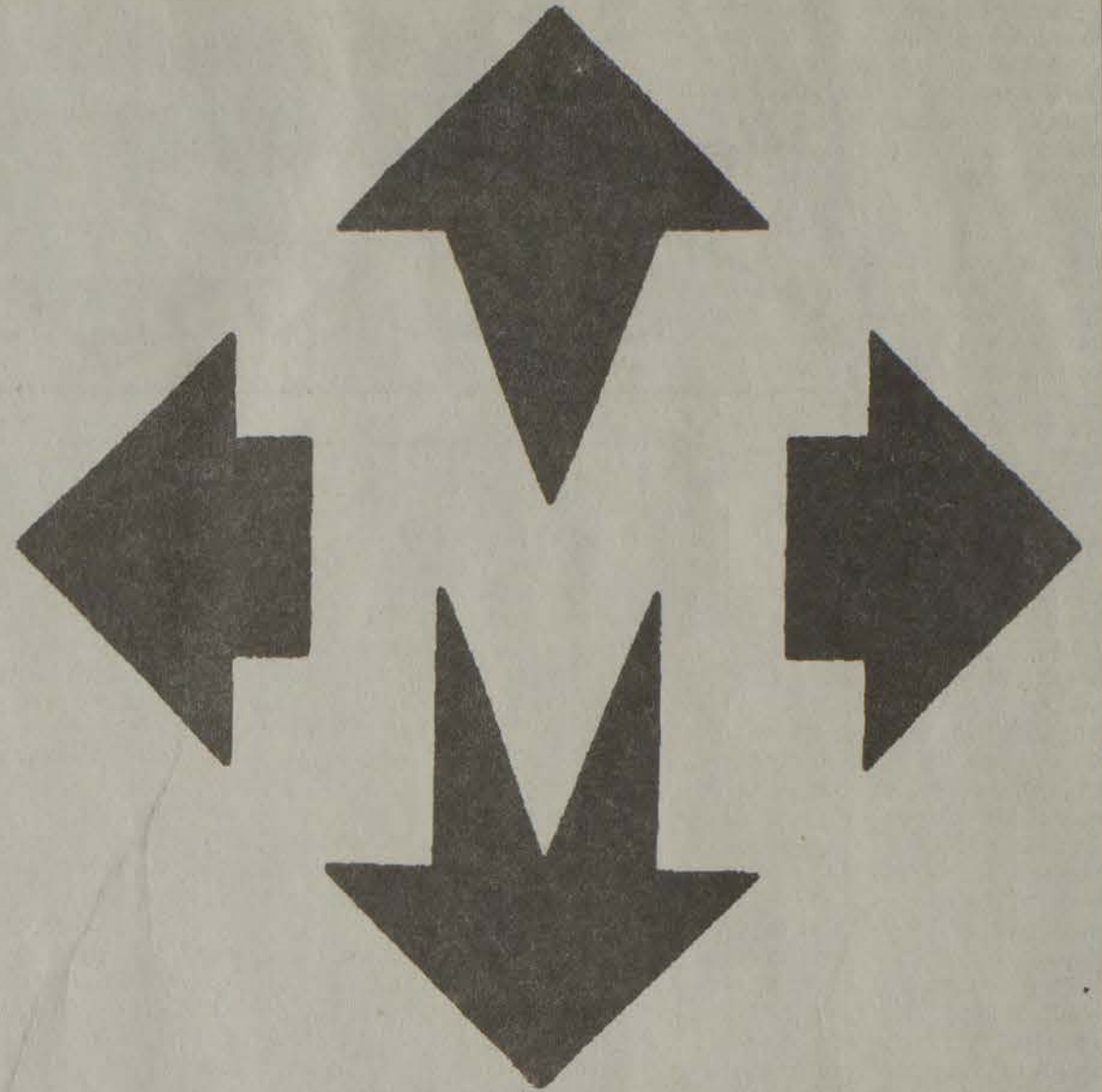
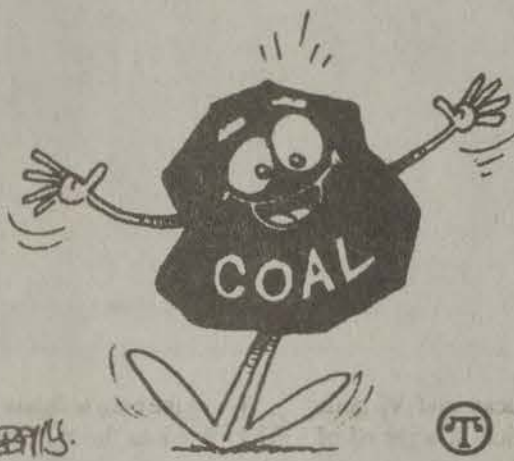
Coal is needed if the nation's power supply is to remain adequate and reliable. We have the technology to balance our economic and environmental objectives—the lowest cost at the least environmental impact. Modern coal-fired plants can have emissions that are way below Clean Air Act standards.

At the same time the coal industry believes America will need every kilowatt available from any source that is competitive—from natural gas, from nuclear generation, from coal, from hydropower, from conservation, and

from renewables.

In this context, coal, which presently furnishes 56 percent of America's electrical needs, will continue to play a major role. America has 268 billion tons of recoverable coal. Coal is about 90 percent of our fossil fuel reserve. Coal remains the largest energy source produced in the United States according to the Department of Energy.

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Editor's Note: The following is an excerpt from the late B.F. Reed's book, "My Life in Coal."

The development of mechanization in underground coal mines, as I remember it, began in Illinois during or soon after World War II. It took hold rapidly in Ohio, western Pennsylvania, and northern West Virginia—the Fairmont area. Soon it appeared in southern West Virginia. In a short time hand loading was extinct in these areas. Eastern Kentucky, on the other hand, accepted mechanization more slowly.

Natural conditions in the underground mines of Eastern Kentucky were not favorable to mechanizations: first, because the coal seams being mined here were relatively thin and the mechanical equipment then available was too large to be used effectively; second, the larger seams in the area were plagued with impurities, and an acceptable product could not be delivered without mechanical cleaning.

In the old-fashioned, hand-loading system of mining, the miner loading the coal into mine cars in his working place had the responsibility to remove impurities and leave them in the working place underground. The coal brought to the tipples on the surface was accepted to be a marketable product. It was dumped out of the mine car, run over steel screens to develop from two to five sizes of the product, and went directly from these screens to the railroad car. Certain sizes of the product were passed over a platform where "slate pickers" removed as much of the remaining impurities as they could reach while the coal was in motion over the platform.

The first mechanical cleaning plant that I recall in Eastern Kentucky was built in 1937 at Wayland by Elk Horn Coal Corporation. In this process all coal was dumped into the plant on screens that removed the size coal that would fall through a 3/4-inch round hole. This fine coal went to Deister tables, where the impurities were removed by gravitation. The clean coal from these tables was put through mechanical dryers, and it went from there to the railroad car.

All coal that would not pass through a 5-inch round hole steel screen was hand picked for impurities and then went to the railroad car; it was shipped to retail coal yards in the Midwest and sold for home heating in furnaces. The remainder of the coal dumped from the mine cars went to a float-and-sink-receptacle where the specific gravity was maintained (by adding magnetite to the water) at a level to remove impurities from the coal.

The use of these cleaning plants expanded rapidly, since the finished product was far better for all purposes. Only the mines where the seam conditions were usually clean could obtain order for unwashed coal; few of these clean seams remained. It was natural, when mining first began in Eastern Kentucky, to mine the coal seams that carried the least amount of impurities. Competition for orders was great, and the organization offering the

Mechanization of Coal Mines

best product received the orders.

During the periods of rough competition—the ten years prior to World War II and the years after the war economy, beginning in about 1949—we found that we received more orders by screening and offering a greater selection of sizes. We found that the tipples with five tracks for loading railroad cars obtained a higher realization per ton of coal sold than the facility with only three such tracks.

A problem in economics

Prior to World War II nearly all coal produced in southern West Virginia, in Virginia, and in Eastern Kentucky was loaded underground by hand into mine cars. Each miner was furnished with an identification in the form of a metal disc. He attached his disc to each mine car of coal he loaded. When the car reached the surface and was ready to dump into the tipples facility, it was first weighed and credit to the man whose disc was on the car. The disc was removed from the car by the weighman, and at the end of the shift it was returned to the loader to whom it belonged. Each loader was paid on the basis of weight of the cars he had loaded. He was not paid for hours worked, only for coal hauled.

During the war years, much controversy developed during wage negotiations, and finally a wage contract was agreed upon that required pay for each hour worked, in addition to the tonnage payment for coal loaded. In succeeding wage agreements the tonnage rate remained unchanged, but the rate paid per hour was increased rapidly. Before long the hourly wages equaled or exceeded the pay for tonnage of coal. The incentive to produce more tonnage disappeared, and the tons per man per day began to drop. This resulted, of course, in higher cost per ton to the coal operator. In a short time it became too costly to hand load coal.

Eastern Kentucky was especially damaged by this change: our coal seams were thin and the loading machines on the market were too large to be used in these thin seams. There was a frantic effort to find a solution to the problem.

The Scoop as an answer

One of those looking for a solution was my son David. In 1964 he began experimenting with what he identified as a coal scoop. He made rapid progress in developing this piece of equipment, and the reception in Eastern Kentucky was excellent. By 1967 many of these scoops were in use in Eastern Kentucky, and other areas were beginning to use them. David built a plant to make the scoops and then kept adding and making

changes in construction. At peak production, during the coal boom of 1973-1976, he employed a maximum of 160 people in his plant. At that time he was selling scoops in Eastern Kentucky, West Virginia, Virginia, Tennessee, Pennsylvania, and Ohio and also made substantial sales west of the Mississippi.

David persuaded his brother Alvin, our oldest son, to join him in this project, when they named Elkhorn Industrial Products Company, a Kentucky corporation. Alvin divided his time between his responsibilities in our office at Drift, where he supervised the administrative and financial work, and the Warco plant at Elkhorn Industrial Products Company, where he took over the same duties. The distance from Drift to Warco was slightly more than eight miles, so Alvin was able to supervise both these areas without too much difficulty.

My son-in-law Rex Ankrom also decided to become a part of Elkhorn Industrial Products Company. He had been transferred from the Turner mine at Drift to the new operation at Lobata, West Virginia, when we obtained the lease at that location, covering the Alma seam of coal. Later, when we had completed the mining at Lobata and obtained the lease of the Alma seam on Blackberry Creek of Pike County, Rex transferred to that operation.

When we sold the mine on Blackberry Creek to Pittston Coal Company, Rex joined the manufacturing venture. His experience in underground mining, with various types of mining machinery, was a great help in the rapidly developing business of Elkhorn Industrial Products Company. Since such equipment required the approval of federal agencies in safety matters, Rex took the responsibility of getting that approval. This was not a simple job. Federal red tape and unconcern for the needs of mine operations made for time-consuming projects requiring diplomacy and great patience.

Rex was also active in working out sales priorities, since the plant was operating with a heavy backlog of orders and was constantly under pressure to speed up deliveries. An office was established in Salt Lake City, Utah, to store repair parts and to service the equipment in the area west of the Mississippi River.

Effect of the Scoop

The scoop changed the outlook for mining in Eastern Kentucky. It fit the natural condition and made it possible to mine efficiently under the unusual natural conditions in the area. When the Arab oil embargo of 1973 created a pressure for more coal production quick, the Eastern Kentucky and Virginia areas added new production in a period of fantastic development. It became possible to

start mining quickly, without a crippling investment for mining equipment, since the scoop was the only major equipment required in order to get production started. It solved the problem of mechanical loading at a time when hand loading became impractical, and it enabled the small mine working under our difficult natural conditions to survive and to become highly productive in "tons per man per day," the yardstick for efficiency in coal mining.

Elkhorn Industrial also developed several other tools needed in small mines, such as rock-dusting machines, battery equipment, and lighting devices. I know of no other manufacturing business of the size and efficiency attained by Elkhorn Industrial Products Company that was developed in our Eastern Kentucky area during my years of activity. It did the things that the Eastern Kentucky Regional Planning Commission attempted to bring about in the years of its activity from 1957 through 1962. The planning commission, however, used its efforts to attract businessmen from other areas to the Eastern Kentucky area with businesses already established elsewhere. Efforts in that direction were short of the dreams of the members of the commission.

Unquestionably, the scoop created a new era of coal mining in Eastern Kentucky and was responsible for the very rapid growth during the boom period of the seventies, from 1971 through 1976.

Safety Improvement

More than 60 percent of all fatal accident in coal mines were the result of roof falls. In safety programs, much attention was given to the timbering plans in effect; however, fatalities continued. Many operators began to add a "roof bolting" system to supplement the timbering program. Much improvement in safety resulted from the change, and gradually roof bolting almost completely replaced the timbering process.

Roof bolting is the practice of suspending or compacting layers of roof, usually laminated layers of shale, coal and slate, to the upper strata or the main roof. This task is accomplished by first drilling a bore hole into the roof with a rotary drill about 5/8 inch diameter until the bore hole has penetrated the main roof a depth of 12 inches (or as commonly stated, 12 inches in the solid rock).

By law the roof bolt can be no shorter than 30 inches long, composed of hardened steel, with an expansion nut on one end, and a washer and a bearing plate (6 by 6 inches) on the other end.

When the bore hole has been drilled about 31 inches into the roof, the roof bolt is inserted into the bore hole and rotated until the

expansion nut has expanded against all side of the bore hole; this creates what is called the anchor zone. The gravity pull against the roof bolt is distributed evenly against the anchor zone, and the roof rests on the bearing plate.

To understand the theory, think of a 2-by-4 placed lengthwise across a space between two cement blocks, creating a bridge between them. If a man of average weight were to walk on his 2-by-4 bridge it would probably break; however, if we used three 2-by-4's stacked one on top of the other and nailed together, the average man could walk across it without it breaking. This illustrates the theory behind compacting or bridging the roof suspended between two blocks of coal by placing roof bolts on 4-foot centers across an entry 20 feet wide. We compact the layers of roof together, forming an arch, and placing the natural force of the roof on the pillars of coal.

More than fifty years have passed since a traveling salesman, at breakfast in Ashland's Ventura Hotel called my Jacks Creek destination "the end of the world." Frequently in the rush of events in our present economy, my memory turns to the days when C&O railway station in Ashland was a busy place, with passengers coming down the Big Sandy Valley and changing trains to proceed to Cincinnati or to Louisville or many other destinations.

The Ventura Hotel, within walking distance of the station, was usually filled with guests. Trains to and from Cincinnati were crowded to the point where many riders could not find seats. These conditions prevailed as late as the time of World War II.

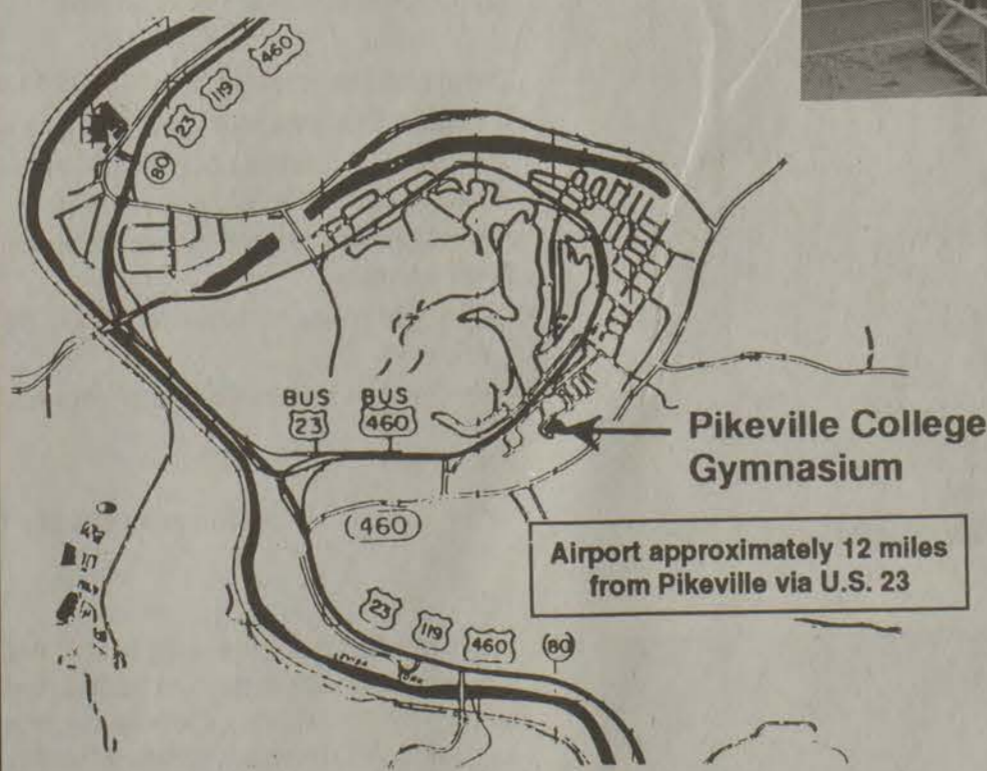
The growth of the coal industry in the Big Sandy Valley brought new roads rapidly. In a very short time, instead of adding more passenger trains, as had been seriously considered by the C&O Railway Company, all passenger trains were removed from the area. Buses handled much of the traffic, but passenger automobiles and small trucks really handled most of it.

A graded highway, beginning at the mouth of Jacks Creek and crossing the mountain near the end of the valley to Right Beaver Creek and many coal towns in that area, changed the end-of-the-world status. This road is now the quick way through Abingdon, Virginia, and leading to good roads through Abingdon, Virginia, to the southeast, and south through Johnson City or Knoxville, Tennessee. Highways from Ashland are excellent.

Taxpayers from Louisville, Frankfort, and Lexington no longer complain about financial problems caused by the coal regions of the state. Today these communities receive more income from various taxes paid by coal producers. The purchasing power that has brought tremendous growth to Lexington, especially, was generated by the coal industry.

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Coal Education Development and Resource, Inc. (CEDAR) is a non-profit corporation formed through the joint efforts of The North Carolina Coal Institute and Coal Operators, and Associates of Pikeville.

Its purpose is to improve the image of coal by accomplishing its goal of integrating the study of coal into the classroom curriculum. CEDAR has recently completed its first year of operation as a pilot project in the Pike County, Pikeville Independent and St. Francis School Systems.

The project was implemented in the following two (2) phases:

Phase I.

"Teacher Coal Study Unit"

All teachers were presented a "Coal Education Packet" containing some coal educational material and a resource list of other available material. From this packet they were encouraged to develop an idea for a

"Coal Study Unit" to be implemented in their classroom. Suggested areas of study included: 1) Science of coal, 2) Mining Methods, 3) Coal Preparation, 4) Transportation of coal, 5) Different uses of coal, 6) Economics of coal, 7) Culture changes effects by the coal industry, 8) Environmental concerns, or 9) one of their own creation. They were then invited to submit their idea along with a grant request to cover any cost for implementing their unit. Each request was evaluated based on: 1) Number of students involved, 2) Extent of group involvement, 3) Number of coal topics to be studied, 4) Extent of each topic covered, 5) Creativity and 6) Cost effectiveness of the unit.

After the evaluation process and issuance of grants were completed, each teacher had from January 1 through March 31 to implement their "Coal study Unit" in their classroom.

By April 15 each teacher had to submit a detailed documented report on their unit, describing what their unit involved and how their students' knowledge of coal had improved.

These reports were evaluated by three (3) individuals from outside the Eastern Kentucky region, one being a coal producer, another a utility coal buyer and the other a curriculum specialist with the Kentucky Department of Education.

The Study Units were grouped by grade levels K-4, 5-8 and 9-12. The teacher in each of the three (3) grade levels who was determined to have developed and implemented the most effective "Coal Study Unit," each received a four (4) night all expense paid trip to the North Carolina Coal Institute's Summer Trade Seminar at Myrtle Beach, SC, where each will be recognized for their accomplishments and be presented a \$1000 cash

award for their effort. The teachers placing second received a \$500 gift certificate to Wal-Mart, and teachers placing third received a \$250 gift certificate to Wal-Mart.

The results of this part of the project was thirty-three (33) Coal Study Units involving forty-eight (48) teachers directly involving 2000 students in twenty-one (21) schools receiving a total of \$13,700 in grant money.

Phase II "Coal Fair"

All students were invited to enter the CEDAR Coal Fair in any one of the following categories: 1) Science, 2) English, 3) Math, 4) Art, 5) Music or 6) Technology/Multimedia. All projects had to have something about coal as its topic. The projects were grouped and judged by grade levels K-4, 5-8 and 9-12.

Within each of the three (3) grade levels, judging was performed to de-

termine First, Second and Third place finishers in each of the six (6) categories. Wal-Mart gift certificates were given to all fifty-four (54) winners in the following amounts: First Place-\$150, Second Place-\$100 and Third Place-\$50.

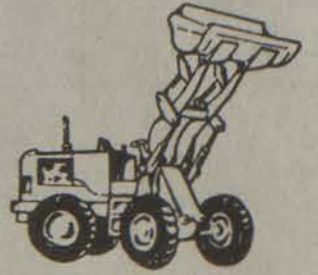
To determine the First, Second and Third place Overall winners for each of the three (3) grade levels, all six (6) First place category winners in their respective grade levels were judged against each other. The three (3) First place grade level overall winners each received a complete computer system. The Second place winners received a \$500 Savings Bond, and the Third place winners received a \$250 Savings Bond.

The results of the Coal Fair was 260 entries with \$5400 in prizes going to fifty-four (54) category place finishers and \$5400 in computers and \$2250 in Savings bonds going to the

Overall grade level winners for a total of \$13,050 in prizes.

CEDAR personnel are currently working on plans for the 1994-1995 school year and hope to be able to introduce their program into the Floyd County School System.

For more information on CEDAR and its programs contact Kevin Myers at (606) 432-2161.



MY PROJECT

My parents recently agreed to lease our land to Pike County Coal company for a "Hilltop Removal" to remove the coal. My project is to show how coal companies use math to determine the amount of coal that lies under the ground.

I also want to show hoe that coal will help everyone in my neighborhood from the trickers, train workers, Kentucky Power Electrical Co. and all the people who use electricity my coal will produce.

MATERIALS NEEDED TO WORK MATH.

Working math in the coal business is easy if you have all the right materials. The most important thing to have, is the general mathematical knowledge used to figure out math problems; example: 1 acre=43,560 square feet. One square foot of coal=80 pounds. 90 pounds of coal=100 kilowatts of electricity. I had to learn this (I still have to go back to my notes and interviews to refresh my memory) and to get the information I had to write the power company and coal companies.

Also you need maps showing coal acres, core samples telling us how high the coal seam is and a good calculator, pencils, paper, erasers (for all your mistakes and believe me I made a bunch) and I would recommend a good computer writing program to help correct your mistakes (I couldn't have done this project, if I had to keep rewriting my material by hand).

DETERMINING COAL TONNAGE

1. Find Surface Area in Acres.

Number 3 seam in 3 acres

Number 2 seam is 9.5 acres

2. Convert acres into square feet.

One acre=43,560 sq. ft.

Number 3 seam is 130,680 sq. feet

Number 2 seam is 413,820 sq. feet

3. Find the height of coal seam and convert to feet. 12 in=1 ft.

Number 3 seam is 63" or 5.25 feet

Number 2 seam is 65" or 5.41 feet.

4. Total square feet of coal is determined by multiplying total land area is square feet by height of coal seam.

Number 3 seam is 130,680 x 5.25=686,070 square feet of coal.

Number 2 seams is: 413,820 x 5.41=2,238,766.2 square feet of coal.

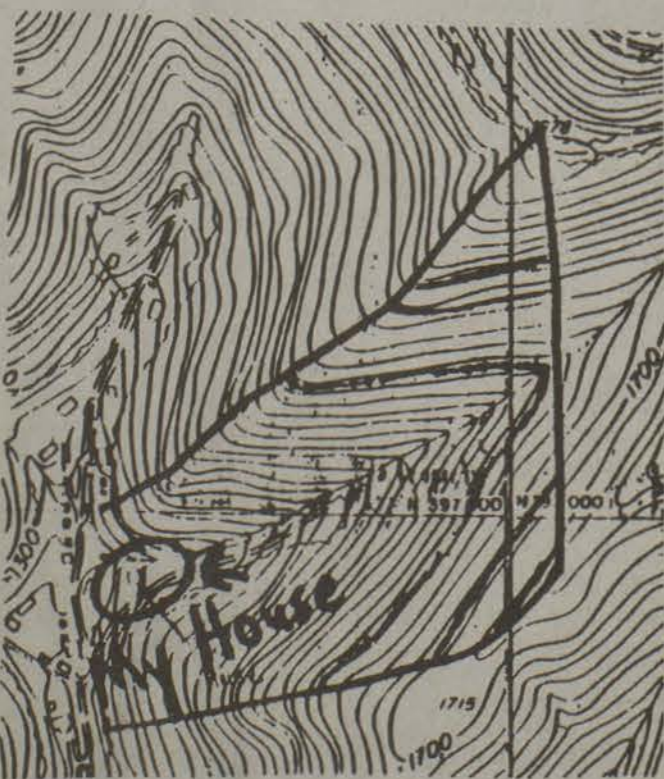
5. To find out how much the coal weighs, I add the two seams of coal to get total square feet of coal. 686,070 + 2,238,766.2 = 2,924,836.2 square feet of coal.

A square foot of coal weighs 80 pounds, multiply square feet of land by 80. 2,924,836.2 x 80 = 233,986,888 pounds of coal

6. Change pounds to tons. 2,000 lbs = 1 ton 233,986,888 divide by 2,000 = 116,993.44

there is 116,993.44 tons of coal on my land!

This is a map of our property!



Elkhorn No. 3 seam (4 splits totaling 63") 3.0 acres of this coal seam.
Elkhorn No. 2 seam (4 splits totaling 65") 9.5 acres of this coal seam.

MATHEMATICS IN COAL MINING: How Much Coal Lies Under My Homesite and How Does It Help My Neighborhood

If a 10 wheel Mack truck hauled 30 tons of coal to the cleaning plant on one trip, it would have to make 3,900 trips to haul my coal.

If a truck owner was paid \$1.50 per ton to haul the coal, he would have gross wages of \$175,490.16

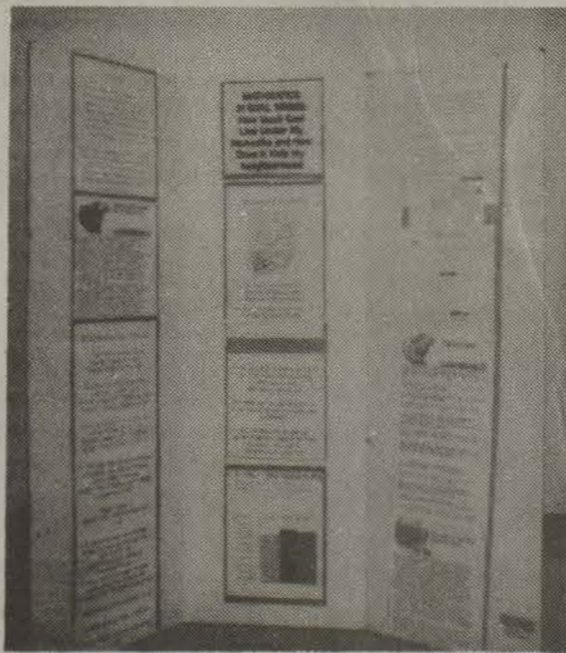
If a paid driver (like my dad) was paid 22% of the gross wages of the truck.

The driver's wages would by \$175,490.16 x .22 = \$38,607.83

A fact you need to know

What is the difference between a short ton, a Long ton and a metric ton?

WEIGHT	SHORT	LONG	METRIC
2,500 LBS.			
2250 ILB.			
2000 LBS.			
1750 LBS.			
1500 LBS.			
1250 LBS.			
1000 LBS.			
750 LBS.			
500 LBS.			



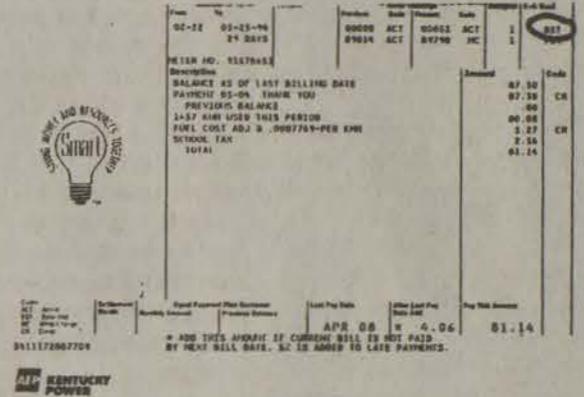
How Big a train will haul my coal?

The average weight hauled in a coal railcar is 100 tons (each car will haul between 80 and 120 tons). It would take a train 1,170 coal cars long to haul my 116,993.44 tons to the power company.

How much electricity will by coal produce?

Kentucky Power says they get about 100 kilowatts from 90 pounds of coal. My coal should produce:

233,986,888 pounds divided by 90 pounds times 100 kilowatts equals about 259,985,430 kilowatts of electricity.



What can you do with that much electricity

This month my home used 853 kilowatts of electricity. My coal will produce enough power to run about 304,789 1/2 homes that used the same amount of power as my home for one month or it would run my home for 25,399 1/8 years if we used the same amount of electricity each month.

WOW

I'm Confused!

The 1993-1994 Pocket Guide of Kentucky Coal Facts gave another formula for figuring coal. Page 43 gives the formula as:

Total tons= Acres x inches x 135 tons per acre inch.

Acres of coal x height of coal x density of coal= total tonnage.

It makes a difference in the out come of my project.

This formula will have the following answers: A total tonnage of 108,877.5 tons. This is 8,116 less tons than the other method.

There would be 3,630 truck loads 270 truck load less than the first method I used.

The truck owner would have gross wages of \$163,316.25 This is \$12,173.91 less than the other method.

The truck driver would receive \$35,929.58 which is \$2,678.26 less. It would take a train with 1,089 cars long which is 81 fewer cars. The coal would produce 241,950,000 kilowatt hours of electricity. Which is 18,035,430 kilowatt hours less.

It would power 283,646 homes for a month. Which is 21,145.5 fewer homes.

Or it would power my house for 23,637 1/8 years. A difference of 1,762 years.

Fither method vou decided to use. its a lot of coal.

Thoughts On My Coal Project

I have to admit that without the help of Engineers (and some very nice men who work in the coal business) who helped me work out the step by step process of solving my project, I would have been lost. I still can't remember each step I used without a guide, but I did learn many important things, like 2,000 pounds equals a ton, and a square foot of coal is about 80 pounds, and 90 pounds of coal makes 100 kilowatts of electricity.

But, the most important thing I learned is how important coal is to my neighborhood. It gives our fathers work so they can buy food for their children. It also provides electricity to run our home and schools. It is black gold.

A hilltop removal is not pretty to look at, but, trees will grow back on the land. The beauty of hilltop removal is in the hearts of the people who work hard for a living and takes pride in doing for themselves.

Development of Coal in the Big Sandy Area

Editor's Note: The following article is an excerpt from the late B.F. Reed's book, "My Life in Coal."

The coal fields of the Big Sandy River area were developing rapidly at the time when my brother C. D. and I came to Kentucky (1927). Many mines were developed.

In the Left Beaver area the Koppers Company had started construction of a mine at Weeksbury some time before the railroad had reached that point. Materials for construction of the coal operation were shipped by railroad to Jenkins; from there material and equipment for the mine were transported by mule team across several mountains to Weeksbury.

When the mine opened and mining started, the freshly mined coal was put on a stockpile, ready to be picked up and put into railroad cars when the railroad track reached the mine, which I am told was in 1918.

In the Marrowbone area of the Big Sandy field, the McKinney Steel Company of Cleveland started a mine that began operations in 1915. That area is south of Pikeville. The main line of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company was built from Catlettsburg along the Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy River south through Pikeville and on up the river to Elkhorn City and the border of Virginia.

At that point it connected with the Clinchfield Railway, which ran south into Spartanburg, South Carolina. The area beyond Elkhorn City was very mountainous. Seven tunnels through the mountains had to be constructed between Elkhorn City and Irvine, Tennessee, a distance of 134 miles.

On the way to Elkhorn City the railroad passed Shelby, about six miles south of Pikeville. Prior to my arrival in Kentucky, a branch line was started off the main line at Shelby and constructed to Jenkins, Kentucky, a distance of about 18 miles. Consolidation Coal Company opened a mine in Letcher County, at Jenkins. About 1956 the Bethlehem Steel Company purchased the mine.

The Elk Horn Coal Corporation opened a mine on Otter Creek (a branch of Left Beaver Creek) at Wheelwright soon after the railroad construction up Left Beaver Creek reached that point. In 1930 Inland Steel Company of Chicago purchased the property and employed E.R. (Jack) Price to operate it. Jack had been in the Big Sandy area for some years, coming first to Van Lear, where he was in charge of an operation owned by Consolidation Coal Company. After Inland Steel Company purchased the Wheelwright operation, Jack began a program of improvement. Wheelwright became the finest coal mine camp in the nation in later years.

The following article, one of a series on "Kentucky Personalities" by Allan M. Trout, was published in the Louisville Courier-Jour-

nal, August 7, 1950. It accurately describes my evaluation of E.R. (Jack) Price.

Wheelwright is one mining town where the miner is helped to stand forth in man's desirable estate of dignity and conscience. It is the shining star among coal camps in Kentucky, if not in the nation.

Inland Steel Company, Chicago, owns the town of 3,000. It operates the 6,500-ton-a-day workings primarily for its own use. The operation is Big Business, with two capital B's. But the head man there is a lot like the friendly policeman who occasionally stops a long line of fast traffic to let a little girl and her doll buggy cross the street in safety.

The company, for example, erected a neat memorial in steel and concrete to Wheelwright boys in World War II. It was placed on a plot of grass in a prominent place on the one street of Wheelwright. The company put a tight steel fence around it.

Fence Redesigned

Mrs. Harry Benner, a war mother, suggested to E.R. Price, general manager, that the fence ought to have a gate. She'd like to go inside from time to time, Mrs. Benner said, to lay flowers on the plot.

Like the friendly traffic cop, Price halted Big Business long enough to have the fence redesigned for a gate. He added an arch above the gate, and set a small steel urn inside to hold the cut flowers Mrs. Benner brings from her pots on the glass-enclosed front porch.

Price was called Jack by all who knew

him, and Wheelwright is called the town that Jack built.

Wheelwright is packed in the tight little valley at Otter Creek, at the headwaters of Left Beaver, in southeast Floyd County. Every square foot of living space is utilized. The floor of the valley is 200 feet wide. It must accommodate the creek, the railroad, the mine tipples, the street, the sidewalks, utility lines and eight miles of sewer pipes.

It is to be doubted if another town of 3,000 in all of Kentucky can boast that every house is equipped with an inside flush toilet. Half of them have full baths in addition.

No coal burned

Wheelwright burns garbage in a modern incinerator and gives its sewage primary and secondary treatment in a modern disposal plant. The supply of water is unlimited and pure.

Spurning the coal it mines, the town burns nothing but natural gas. There are no coal piles in the front yards, or ash dumps behind, or dirty smog overhead. The tiny yards are covered with clipped grass and edged with trimmed hedges. A five-room house with bath, midway between the humblest and the finest, rents for \$22.50 a month.

For dues of \$30 a year, labor and management alike can enjoy a nine-hole golf course, \$18,000 clubhouse and modern swimming pool. Children of labor and management swim together, and play together on fully equipped grounds adjoining the pool.

Inland Steel created a modern city at Wheelwright after it acquired the 30,000-acre operation in 1930. The 1,500 miners were fully organized by the United Mine Workers. The \$5,500,000 annual payroll was paid in cash, not scrip, and the miners can trade where they choose. Paternalism? No. Just good business, Inland believes. And can prove it to skeptics willing to study the charts and figures.

About 1950 Inland Steel Company began construction of a coal cleaning plant on Left Beaver Creek about ten miles north of the town of Wheelwright. The plant was a necessity because impurities in the coal seam became prevalent and the steel plants using the coal were having trouble with it. Underground operations in the mines were also converting from "hand loading" of coal to loading by machines. During the hand loading days the miner eliminated much of the impurities at the working face and the refuse remained underground. When machines were used to load the coal into the mine cars underground, it was not practical to eliminate the impurities there, so cleaning plants were built at the point where the loaded mine cars came to the surface. All contents of the coal cars were passed through the cleaning plants, which eliminated practically all the impurities, and only clean coal was loaded into railroad cars for delivery to the steel plant. This process averted paying freight on impurities also. The impurities removed at the

cleaning plant were stored on the surface near the cleaning area; they were identified as "refuse piles."

The new cleaning plant constructed by Inland Steel Company was named the "Price Plant" in honor of E.R. (Jack) Price. It was the most up-to-date coal cleaning plant in Kentucky.

Pike area Coal Expo

The Pike County Chamber of Commerce is again planning for the Pike Area Coal Expo (PACE) to be held August 17-19 at the Pikeville College Gymnasium and grounds.

PACE provides an opportunity for coal operators and suppliers to network in one convenient location.

Exhibitors from Kentucky, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Tennessee, and Ohio have already reserved booth space for the August show.

"This is the largest show of its kind between Bluefield and Louisville," said Chamber Director Gerry Altman. "We feel this year's show will be the biggest and best ever."

One of the highlights of the show is the competitions among exhibitors and guests. These competitions include coal shoveling, loader rodeo, and excavator basketball.

Coal operators will bring their best coal shovelers in this test of strength and stamina to see who is the fastest shoveler in the area. In loader rodeo, operators will compete on a course laid out with pylons and will be scored on elapsed time and accuracy. In excavator basketball, participants will drop a basketball in the basket using an excavator. Prizes will be awarded to all winners.

Also in conjunction with PACE will be a night 9-hole golf scramble planned for 10 p.m. on August 16 at the Green Meadows Golf Club and a morning scramble scheduled for August 17. There will also be a Casino Night held at the Landmark Inn's Mark II.

Tickets to PACE can be obtained from exhibitors to the show. Anyone who is not pre-registered or does not have a ticket must pay a \$10 entrance fee.

PACE will be open August 17 from 11 a.m.-6 p.m., August 18 from 11 a.m.-7 p.m., and August 19 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

The Pike Area Coal Expo is a biannual event and was last held in August of 1992. Leon Huffman is again serving as Chairman of the event.

Mineral revenues net Kentucky \$78,037

The State of Kentucky received \$78,037.62 as its 1993 share of revenues associated with mineral leases on federal public lands located within its borders, the Department of the Interior's Minerals Management Service (MMS) announced in February.

The money represents the State's share of bonuses, rents and royalties.

Through its Royalty Management Program, the Minerals Management Service is responsible for collecting, accounting for, auditing and disbursing revenues associated with mineral leases on federal and Indian lands.

"A state is entitled to a share of the mineral revenues collected from federal lands located within that state's boundaries. For the majority of federal lands, states and the federal government share the revenues: 50 percent to the state, 40 percent to the Reclamation Fund for water projects, and 10 percent to the U.S. Treasury. One exception, Alaska, gets a 90-percent share, as prescribed by the Alaska Statehood Act," explained MMS Director

Tom Fry.

"Certain coastal states with federal offshore tracts adjacent to their seaward boundaries receive 27 percent of those mineral royalties as well," Fry added.

Disbursements are made to states on a monthly basis, as revenues are collected. A total of \$510,630,029.79 was distributed to 37 states in 1993 as their share of revenues collected by the MMS.

- Alabama, \$7,157,465.09;
- Alaska, \$6,739,433.21;
- Arizona, \$94,069.20;
- Arkansas, \$1,374,310.66;
- California, \$25,441,536.66;
- Colorado, \$34,302,353.96;
- Florida, \$93,405.58;
- Georgia, \$50.67;
- Idaho, \$2,148,139.15;
- Illinois, \$220,751.18;
- Indiana, \$98.73;
- Kansas, \$1,286,272.59;
- Kentucky, \$78,037.62;

- Louisiana, \$10,127,389.96;
- Michigan, \$768,095.41;
- Minnesota, \$9,707.16;
- Mississippi, \$798,342.24;
- Missouri, \$389,227.37;
- Montana, \$22,191,840.60;
- Nevada, \$7,827,172.38;
- New Mexico, \$141,850,756.53;
- North Carolina, \$1,046.34;
- North Dakota, \$3,080,216.00;
- Ohio, \$262,129.98;
- Oklahoma, \$2,704,729.93;
- Oregon, \$81,052.83;
- Pennsylvania, \$17,496.65;
- South Carolina, \$941.22;
- South Dakota, \$406,060.95;
- Tennessee, \$887.90;
- Texas, \$12,045,179.52;
- Utah, \$31,317,823.35;
- Virginia, \$131,211.32;
- Washington, \$256,170.86;
- West Virginia, \$292,676.81;
- Wisconsin, \$1,122.35; and
- Wyoming, \$197,132,827.83.



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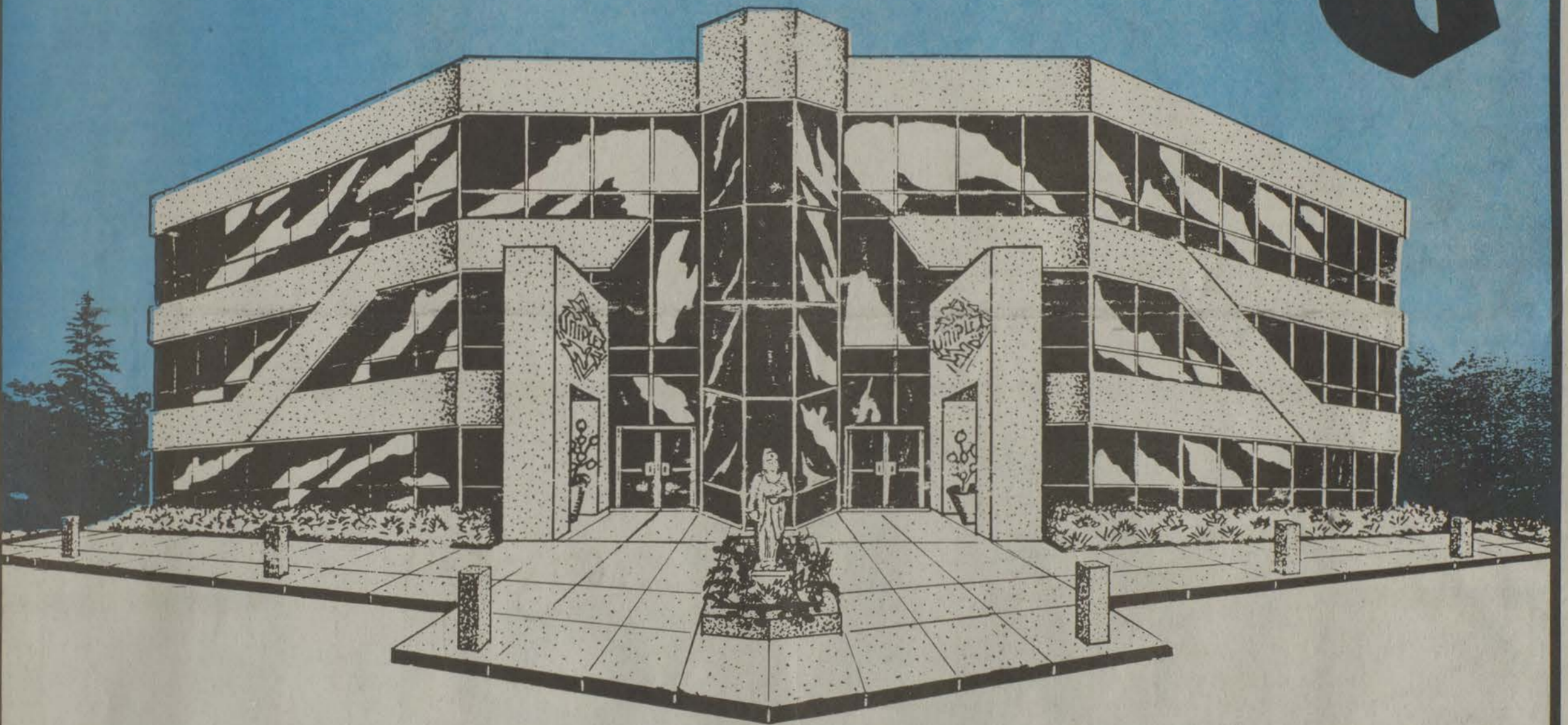
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Constructing a dream

Appalachian Racing Inc.'s dream of bringing harness racing to Eastern Kentucky will soon be a reality as the track will open on July 3. Pictured is construction on the grandstand/convention area of the race track.

Thunder Ridge will open July 3

by Scott Petty
Times Editor

When July 3 rolls around, a new era will begin for tourism in Eastern Kentucky.

That date marks the official opening of Thunder Ridge, Kentucky's newest harness track in Floyd County.

The track will conduct 46 live days of racing, running every Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from July 3 through Labor Day. One major stakes race will be scheduled during the summer card.

Thunder Ridge is the first horse racing facility ever for Eastern Kentucky, but it will offer much more.

The facility will also host NasCar racing, horse shows and concerts. It will have an intertrack wagering location, too, that will offer whole card betting throughout the year.

Located on Route 3, near the Floyd-Johnson County line, Thunder Ridge is the result of a united effort between private and public entities who joined forces to bring live horse racing to the mountains.

That job wasn't easy.

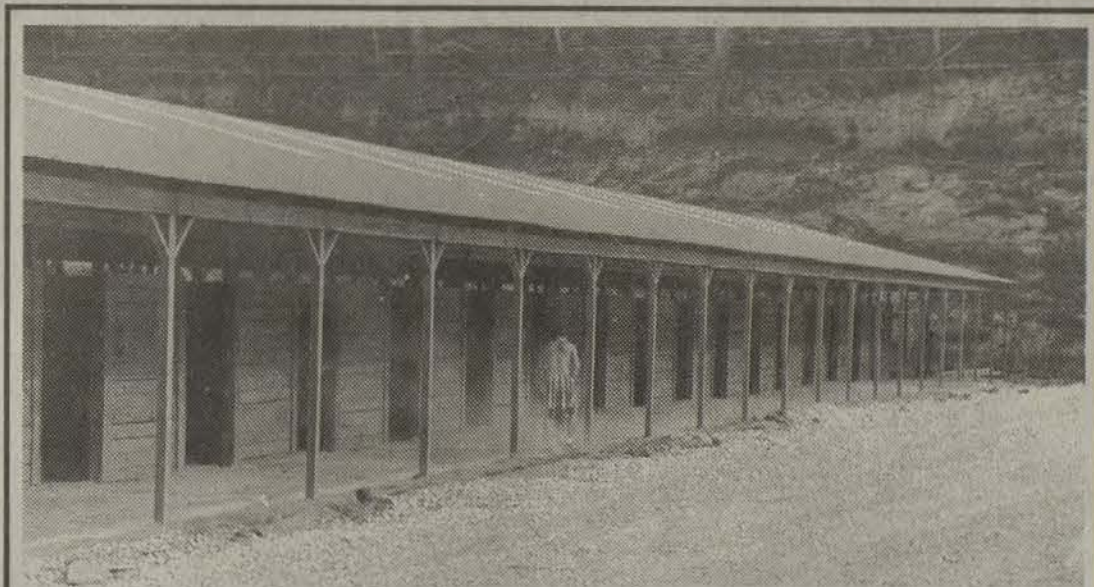
First planned for an opening in 1992, the facility faltered when construction deadlines could not be met and a racing license was voided.

But the effort to build the facility by Appalachian Racing Inc. went forward, and a new license was promised for the summer of 1994.

Construction of Thunder Ridge, which includes a compacted stock car track surrounded by the harness track, has been fact and furious to meet the July 3 opening date. A covered grandstand/convention center is also located on the site as are paddocks for horses and a separate facility for intertrack parimutual wagering.

Developers of the project form a unique conglomerate of private and public investors. Appalachian Racing Inc. shareholders have teamed up with the Floyd County Public Properties Corporation, an arm of the Floyd County Fiscal Court, to bring the facility off the drawing board and into reality.

It all starts July 3, and you're invited.



A room of their own

Construction work on the paddock area is nearing completion and should be ready to stable the horses by the planned opening date.



Pile up

The construction crew does the groundwork for a compacted stock car race track which will be located inside the harness racing track.

Portrait of Home

Three-time winner in the war against cancer

by Pam Shingler
Contributing Writer

The "c" word. It strikes terror in weak and strong, young and old. People even lower voices when they say it as if they're in awe of its power or as if it's an obscenity.

But Ruby Garrett is not in awe. She's a three-time winner in the war against everybody's enemy—cancer.

The perky 71-year-old had her first round in 1982. Despite routine self-examinations and regular physical checkups, Garrett had severe pains in her breast on a Sunday night in December, and she felt a frightening lump.

The next morning her family doctor scheduled a mammogram and, seeing the results, made an appointment for Garrett to see a Lexington surgeon on Wednesday.

Surgery was scheduled for the following Monday, a week after the initial diagnosis. (Not to be bullied by the foe, Garrett left the hospital the weekend before surgery to teach her Sunday School class at First Baptist Church in Prestonsburg.)

In the mastectomy, 20 lymph nodes were removed from Garrett's breast area, including one that was cancerous.

Because the surgery was so thorough, the Allen woman was spared radiation treatments—what she calls "the best news I ever had."

By Friday of that second week of the battle, she was back home, equipped with a prosthesis where the excised breast had been and exercising to regain strength in her arm.

Gradually, Garrett's life went back to normal. She and her husband, Cam, resumed their active lives filled with travel, church work and grandparenting. She successfully passed the five-year mark when a clean bill of health generally means the cancer is no longer a threat.

But almost eight years later in March of 1990, the mother of two began to have abdominal problems. It took three days of laxatives and enemas to clear her colon for a detailed examination.

Meantime, her creamy-white complexion had turned yellow, and her doctor sent her off to Lexington again. A second battle was on the way, this one many times tougher than the first.

This time the same type of cancer had mounted an assault on Garrett's pancreas, a

vital gland that regulates the body's insulin supply and affects the immune system. And this time the prognosis was not so good.

"The doctor didn't think she would live through this one," says Cam Garrett, a retired Columbia Gas employee. "After the surgery, the doctor said, 'That's all we can do.'"

The couple's two daughters, Judy Moore of St. Joe, Mich., and Patty Walker of Huntington, West Virginia, and their families were gathered around. They were not hopeful.

Yet, Garrett's body was not ready to cede the war. She recovered from the surgery and came through, relatively unscathed, a series of radiation treatments—24 in all. Once again, doctors were impressed with how quickly Garrett bounced back and how well she stood up to and recovered from the radiation.

The story, however, does not end. In 1992, soreness in her neck prompted Garrett to return to Lexington. A biopsy showed a small growth yielding the same

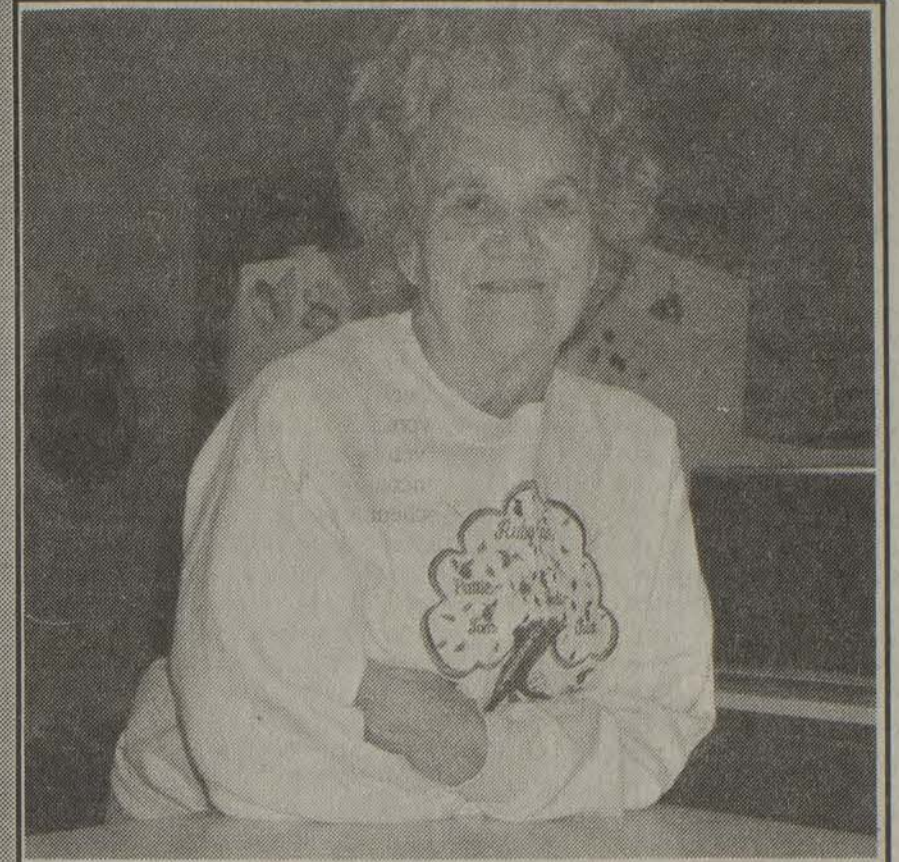
type of cancer in yet another part of her body.

Caught early, that malignancy was treated with radiation, and she has been on medication which she claims "makes you lazy, gain weight and have shortness of breath."

But she looks and feels healthy, a diagnosis her doctor agrees with. In fact, the surgeon who has treated each of her cancers, Dr. Ed Neighbour of Good Samaritan Hospital, calls Garrett "my miracle lady."

The grandmother of three, who says she's always been strong, active and healthy, is philosophical about her fortune in fighting the often deadly cancer. "I feel like the Lord had a purpose in sparing my life. I don't know what it is, but He had something else He wanted me to do," she says. "I might go today, I might go tomorrow, but He's sure spared me this far."

Undaunted by the "C" word, Ruby Garrett continues to do the "S" word—survive.



Miracle lady

Ruby Garrett has done battle with cancer. The battles have been long and painful but Garrett survived the onslaught. Garrett's doctor has given her a clean bill of health and named her his miracle lady. (photo by Pam Shingler)

Nelson enjoys lending a hand

by Kathleen Carroll
Contributing Writer

"Knowing that I helped, that I tried to make a difference means a lot to me," said Heather Nelson. "I just like helping people."

Nelson has volunteered her time to several different projects. A feat which has won her a nomination for a national award. Heather Nelson, 16, has been nominated for the 4-H National Volunteer Service Award. Her service encompasses a variety of activities through 4-H, her church, and her school.

Nelson has been involved with 4-H since the 4th grade. "I won quite a few ribbons for my projects when I was in grade school," said Nelson.

Nelson is now president of the 4-H Teen Council, an organization that provides young people with an opportunity to both socialize as well as help the community.

Her brother, Wesley, is also on the Teen Council.

When asked about her activities, Nelson

replied, "It's hard to remember where to start."

This past year alone Nelson has organized holiday visits to several area nursing homes, served food to the needy and the homeless, and sponsored needy families for the holidays.

At Prestonsburg Elementary School, Nelson and several friends helped to serve Thanksgiving Dinner to the homeless.

"One particular visit by the Teen Council to a nursing home during Christmas was complete with presents," she added. "We sang Christmas songs and everyone had a really good time along it."

"In October the Teen Council sponsored a dinner for the Betsy Layne Senior Citizens," she added. "We also participated in the Safe Halloween at the Holiday Inn."

Another Teen Council activity sponsored a needy family through the holidays. "We got donations from all kinds of people," explained Nelson.

"We raised money to buy the children several presents each and we got donations of food from area stores," added Nelson.

"It was quite a project."

"What really made the difference was when we delivered the gifts and food," Nelson said. "It broke my heart to see how that family lived. But they were so excited over what we had done, it just made my Christmas better knowing I had helped."

"This makes Heather's second year on the Teen Council," said County Extension Agent Chuck Stamper, who is very impressed with Heather's leadership and enthusiasm.

"She brings the desire to work beyond any expectations to the council. There are not many people I would trust the young 4-H'ers with, but I would trust Heather to carry out any task assigned," he added.

Nelson has also helped write the 4-H Teen Council reports that frequently appear in the Floyd County Times.

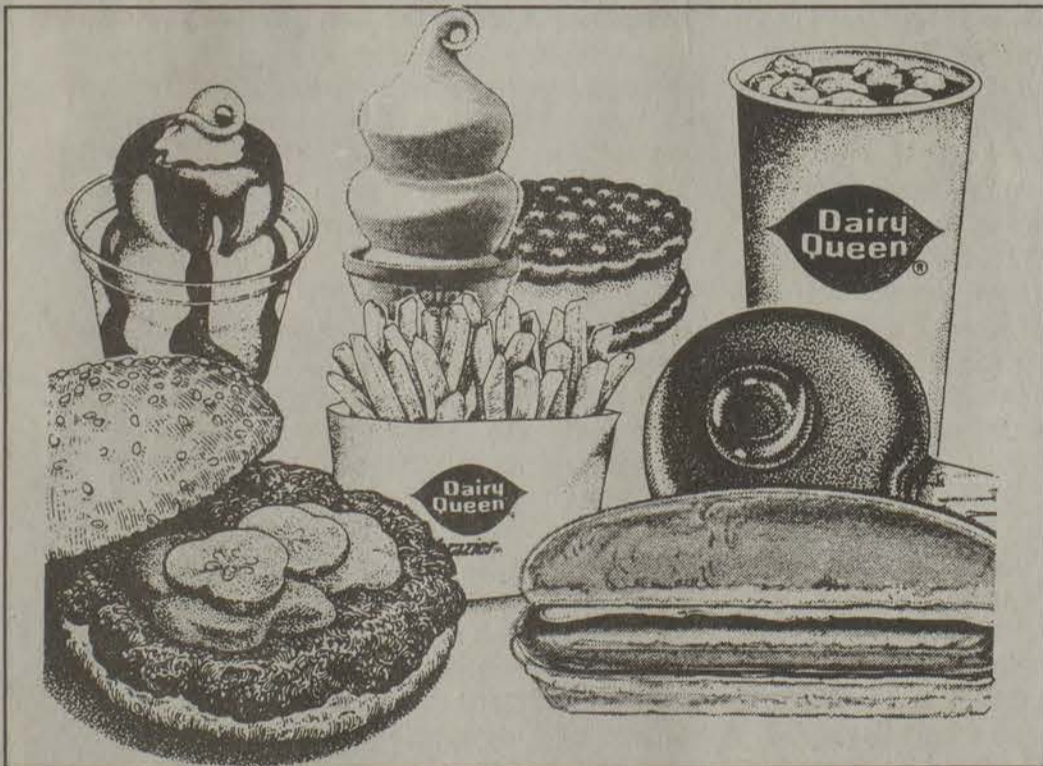
Nelson also donates her time to projects at school. A sophomore at Betsy Layne High School, Nelson participated in the summer tutoring program.



Heather Nelson

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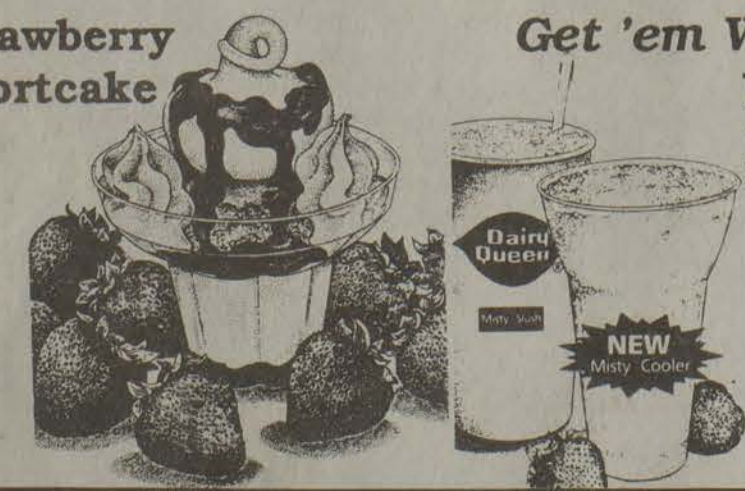
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Gertie Watson: Talented farmer lady

by Patricia Watson
Contributing Writer

How many people could go out two days before Christmas and gather five cabbage heads from their garden? Unbelievable? It was to me, but I saw them with my own eyes, and better still, I tasted those fresh cabbage along with other preserved "garden" item goodies which were placed on the table among the foods for Christmas dinner.

"This was the first time I ever tried late cabbage," stated Gertie Watson, gardener of more than forty years. "I decided to give the cabbage a try because a good friend had talked about growing some late vegetables, and cabbage was among them." From her personal experiences with gardening, Mrs. Watson knew cabbage to be a more durable vegetable that could withstand some of the colder temperatures and the frosts that would come with autumn.

She raked snow from five cabbage heads before she gathered them, Thursday, December 23, 1993. She had to cut away some of the top leaves because the snow and ice from Tuesday morning (December 21) had frozen those leaves. After that, she had cooked the cabbage as her family liked it.

One of the last cabbage heads was served as part of the New Year's dinner.

Between the Christmas and New Year holidays, her home canned vegetable soup was "freshened up" with the addition of this winter cabbage.

Mrs. Watson reported a good harvest from her 1993 summer garden. Her Christmas dinner table was covered with a variety of foods to compliment the traditional ham and turkey and dressing main dishes. "I try to fix the things my children and grandchildren like to eat. Each one has a favorite dish." What were some of the items? Some of the most requested dishes were these garden items: dried beans, or more commonly called, "shuckie" beans, and green beans, sweet potatoes in a brown sugar syrup, fried apples, corn, canned peaches, apple butter, old-fashioned fruit cake with apple butter toppings were among those which originated from her pantry. Her holiday meal served her family of sixteen (this crowd included her four

children, their spouses, and grandchildren).

Gardening and outdoor work are a special love of this sixty-three-year-old woman who hasn't slowed down much even though her family and friends have encouraged this. One alteration to her work schedule is a precautionary one. She is more conscious of the need to protect her face and arms from the powerful sun since her doctor has cautioned her about skin cancer. Her methods of slowing down mean that she gets out early in the morning and late in the evening when the shade comes over the garden.

She loves to plant and to see things grow. Family members and friends agree that she usually looks more "healthy" during the planting season. While she enjoys it all, she reports: "The hard part is the work that comes with putting it (the fresh vegetables) away." She spends hours of time—sometimes helped by her husband, Harvey, but usually working alone—stringing and breaking beans to get them ready for canning. "I can't stand to see food wasted. You never know when there will be a time that you will need it. And as long as the good Lord blesses me to do, then I'll keep on."

Her garden is about a half acre in size. She plans the layout of her garden carefully leaving room for the vining plants and with the harvest in mind, too. For example, when one crop of beans has been harvested, she has a second ready to pick. In past years, she used to "double crop" (plant rows of beans or other vegetables between the rows of potatoes and beans, a few weeks later, so they could grow after the first crop had been harvested.) Now, she doesn't do that as much in order to give her husband room for the tiller to get through the rows. "That way, I can hoe easier," she says. It seems that she does hoe every plant in the garden. "Things just don't grow without a good hoeing," she states firmly. While she hoes, she shaves the weeds, keeping the garden clean for her work.

How much food does she raise? She preserves as much as possible through canning, freezing, and drying vegetables. Some of the favorites include: beans, sweet potatoes, young potatoes, tomatoes, corn, kraut, apples, and peaches. Her close friends and her children share in the food

items by carrying away favorite foods and by sitting at their mother's table to eat.

"My daughter says I easily grow enough for three families!" Mrs. Watson chuckles as she comments on her work.

Winter is a hard season for this farmer lady. "I don't like the long, dark days and staying cooped up," she comments. So how does an outdoor gardener combat the winter months? "I'm never without something to do," she sighs. "I clean the cupboards, crochet, cook...There's something to all the time."

Right after Christmas, the seed books begin to arrive in her mail box. They are like a breath of fresh air for her. Immediately, she begins to see what they offer, folding down a page or circling the names of plants (vegetables and flowers), just enjoying the looking at the colorful pictures and anticipating the promise of a new spring and a new season for planting.

Gertie is married to Harvey Watson, a retired coal miner and farm owner, and they live on Alum Lick of the Caney Fork of Middle Creek.



Snow garden?

Gertie Watson loves to work outdoors. Her yard is filled with flowers and her garden is filled with vegetables and fruit. She is pictured with the late cabbage she gathered just two days before Christmas.

Hand

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"We sponsored an open house for the school," she said. "We wanted it to be something really special, so we served a candle light dinner to the public."

"That was a lot of fun," she explained. "It was all very hectic, there were a lot of people to serve and there were spills everywhere. It was a lot of work, but it was fun, too."

"I also got involved in organizing a Clean Up Day at the school," she added, "so the school would be ready for the new school year."

"I think I really got involved with volunteer work in the 7th grade," said Nelson. "When anybody asked me to do anything, I'd just do it."

"I liked feeling like I could make a difference," she added, "so I just kept volunteering."

"People say I must care a lot about people because I volunteer so much," she said. "A lot of times they tell me that I

should become a doctor or a teacher, just someone like that who helps people."

Despite all the encouragement she receives from teachers, friends and family, Nelson still hasn't made up her mind about a career.

"I know it sounds odd," said Nelson, "but I know exactly where I want to go to college. I just don't know what I want to major in, I just don't have any firm career plans."

Nelson says she will decided on a career later, but she is determined to attend the University Maine. "I've just always wanted to visit there. A friend of the family has told me so much about Maine, about how beautiful it is," Nelson said. "I just feel like I have to see it, and college seems like a good opportunity to visit there."

Nelson intends to continue her volunteer efforts.

"It's important to me to know that I helped someone who was having trouble,"

said Nelson. "Maybe my help will encourage them to keep trying and to do better."

Nelson is the daughter of Dean and Jeannie Nelson of Banner.

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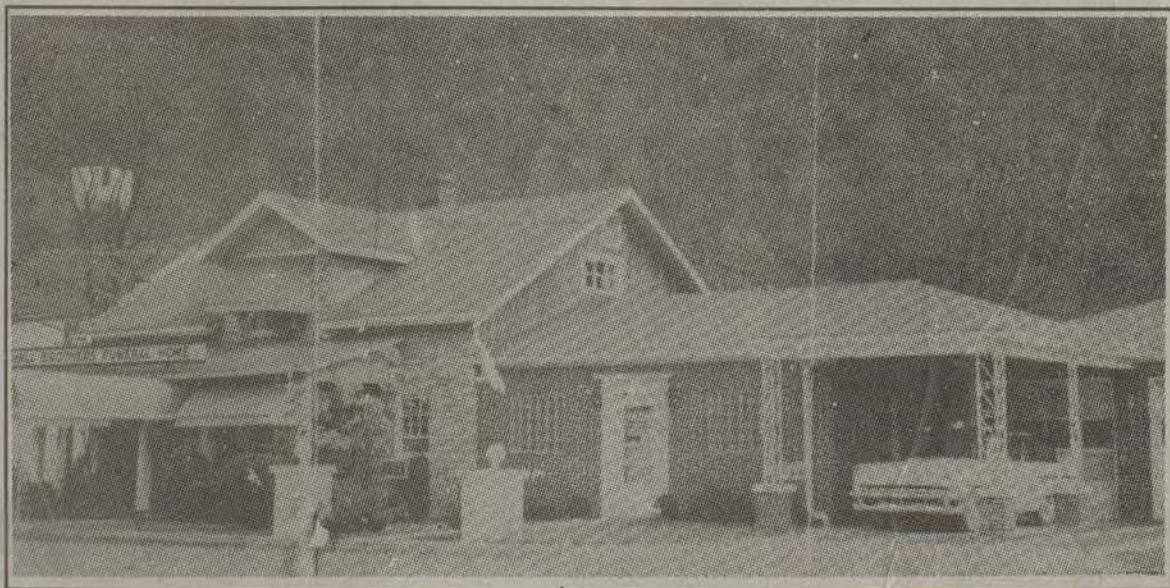
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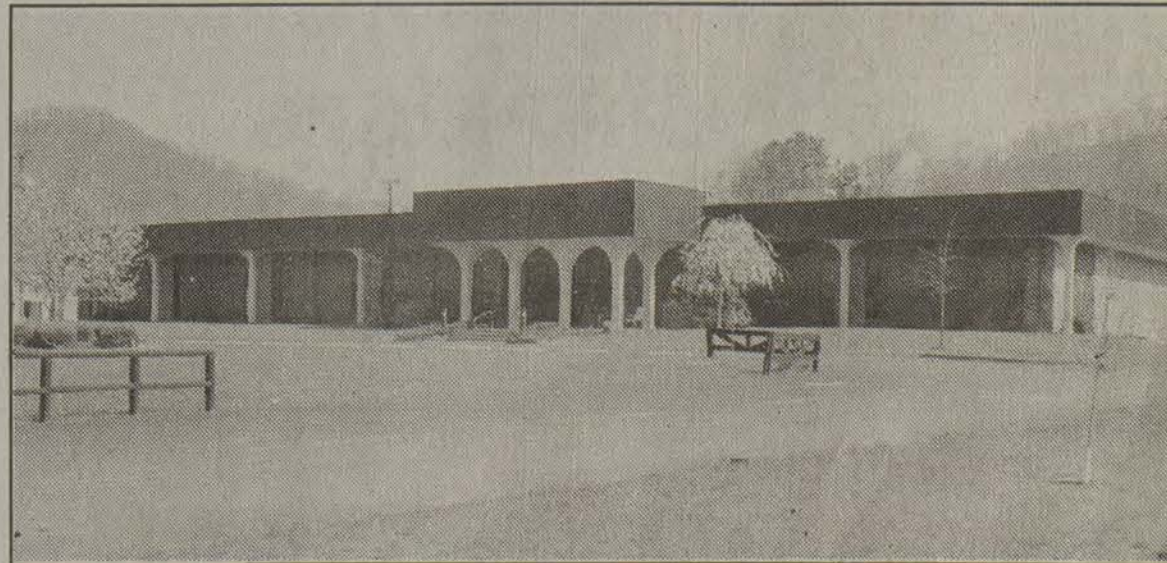
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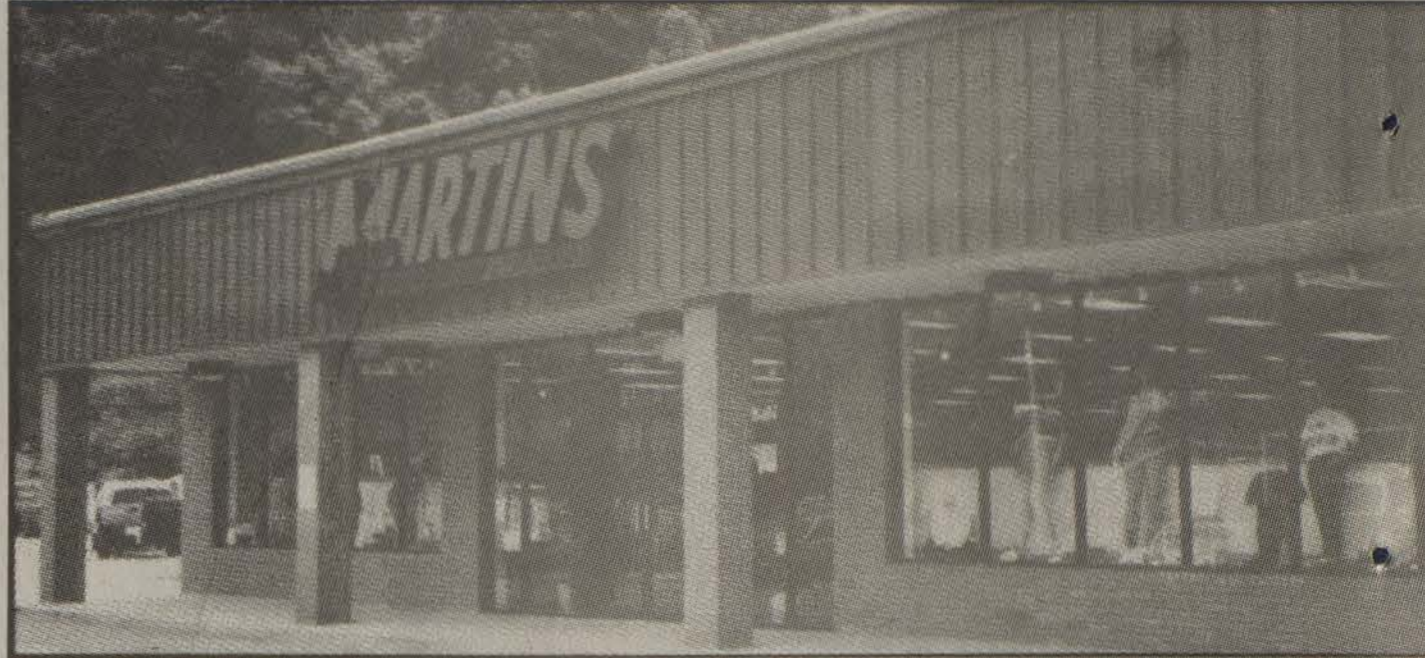
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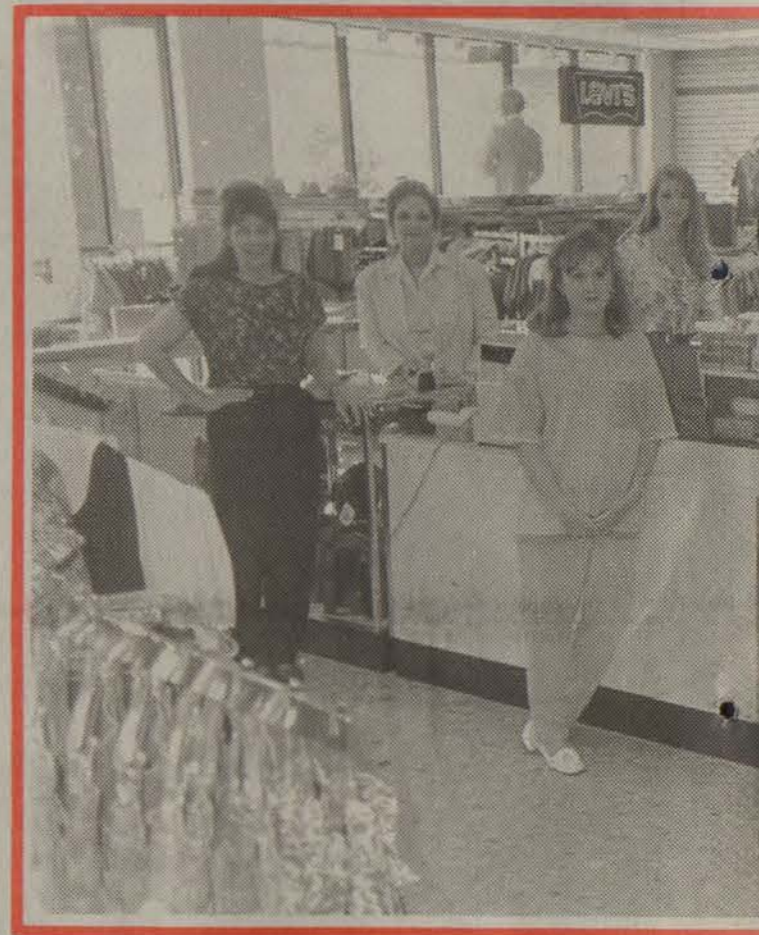
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MARTINS

“Each day the strength came”

by Pam Shingler
Contributing Writer

Maudie Ousley used to walk three miles a day along Caney Fork of Middle Creek with her friends.

Then one day in the fall of 1991, almost all of a sudden, her legs and thighs began to ache so badly she had to sit out the daily exercise routine. At first, she thought she was getting arthritis. But the pain, which rapidly spread to her hands and other body parts, alternated with numbness.

She also perspired heavily and seemed worn out without doing anything. “I had no strength at all,” she remembers. “I felt like a rag doll.”

Locally there was no explanation for Ousley's condition and she was ordered to see a specialist. On the way out the door to visit a neurologist in Lexington, her right leg gave away completely. “Gardis (her husband) had to drive up and drag me into the car. I simply couldn't walk anymore,” she says.

At Good Samaritan Hospital, one of her doctors turned out to be former Floyd County Dr. Charles Grigsby. He and other specialists probed until a painful spinal tap gave them a basis for diagnosis.

Her symptoms and the high level of protein in her spinal fluid pointed to Gullain-Barre Syndrome, a mysterious illness that can strike at any age at any time, can partially or fully paralyze, and sometimes can kill. Named for two French doctors who studied the syndrome in the early 1900s, it strikes about 2,000 Americans each year and its cause is unknown.

Meantime, Ousley's condition grew worse. Starting with paralysis in her right leg and left arm, she quickly became paralyzed through most of her body. She couldn't feed herself and would choke easily on something as small as a pea.

“The pain started at my feet and moved all the way up to my head,” Ousley says with a remembering grimace.

As with many other serious illnesses, the treatment turned out to be almost as horrendous as the disease. Doctors prescribed a plasma exchange in which her own blood was removed, circulated and run back into her body.

She had to endure the debilitating exchange six times a day every other day for two weeks. Each time, her blood pressure decreased dramatically, and family members had to pile blankets on her

to keep her warm.

The treatment worked to a certain extent. Then the really hard part came—physical therapy to restore the patient's weakened bones, muscles and tendons.

Ousley went at the therapy like a woman driven. “I knew if I let it go, then I wouldn't come out,” she says. “In therapy, they talked about what a fighter I was.”

“I didn't want to be in that shape. I knew if I let myself feel sorry for myself then I would go down. But it was hard to keep it up.”

Doctors told Ousley that total recovery generally takes a year, but within two weeks after the plasma treatments the Floyd County housewife had regained control of her basic movements. In two months, she was considered to have fully recovered.

“When I first sat up by myself, I was so pleased,” she recalls. “I thought how simple to sit in a chair, how simple to get up, but I had to think about each move.”

She forced herself to walk, at first with a walker and then alone, and she used all the hospital's therapy equipment. Family members insist that she even flexed her fingers and toes as she slept.

“As we sat talking with her in the hospital room, she would start tossing a ball to us,” says daughter Janice Sue Shepherd, who with her father and four sisters spent as much time as possible with their mother in the hospital. “We'd be engrossed in a conversation and still pass that ball around the room and back to mommy.”

After a little more than a month in the hospital, Ousley came home and continued therapy, willing herself to improve. She completed her exercise routines twice every day and insisted on doing as many of her former homemaking chores as possible.

“Gardis would have made breakfast,” she says, “but I wanted to do it myself.”

Today, Ousley is the picture of health. All the symptoms have disappeared, and the feisty housewife is back to trying to fatten up her husband of more than 40 years with good mountain cooking and rich desserts, to keeping tabs on her daughters and their families, and to praising God at the Goodloe and Trace Fork Pentecostal churches of God.

Doctors, she says, credit her rapid recovery from a disease that leaves many victims crippled for life to a three-part formula: part miracle, part personal

strength and part family support.

Ousley gives the greatest credit to God. In fact, the amateur musician who performs regularly for church gatherings has written a song about her recovery. The last stanza goes: “They say no miracles are performed today/ As was in days of old, / I tell you my friends/ You see me standing here/ A miracle was performed on me.”

She also has ready praise for her husband, a retired miner, who stayed by her side while she was in Lexington, except for two short trips back to Floyd County, and for her daughters who were also there in shifts most of the time.

The four — Shepherd of Prestonsburg, Janet Fay Prater of Middle Creek, Lisa Gay Burchett of Abbott and Denise Ousley of Caney Fork — also helped with her therapy.

As for her own strength, Ousley says that every day during her travel, she prayed the same prayer: “Give me faith like old Job and strength like old Sampson.”

She adds, “Each day the strength came.”

For more information about Gullain-Barre Syndrome, contact the Kentucky branch of the GBS Foundation International, in care of Frances Johnson, 1416 Boatdock Rd., Somerset KY 42501.



Strength in faith

Maudie Ousley of Caney Fork of Middle Creek demonstrates the exercises she had to do to return strength and flexibility to her hands while she was in the hospital. She said the turning point in her illness came after a healing service for her by several of her fellow church members while she was in hospital. (photo by Pam Shingler)

“People here are so friendly”

by Kathleen Carroll
Contributing Writer

“Something about Appalachia just said ‘come here’ to me,” said Roger de la Rosa.

De la Rosa, 30, a native of San Francisco, CA, came to the Big Sandy Valley two years ago through a program called the Jesuit Volunteer Corps.

“The Jesuit Volunteer Corps (JVC) is an organization that encourages mission work throughout the country,” explained de la Rosa.

“One day I was sitting in class and I read an article about the Jesuit Volunteer Corps in the Los Angeles Times,” he said. “It seemed like something I would be interested in, so I pursued it.”

De la Rosa teaches at the Piarist School in Martin. He teaches chemistry and pre-calculus as well as assists in the school's library. “I had the experience when I was

an undergraduate,” he said, “so I am glad to help out.”

Coming to this region is a realization of a dream that began twelve years ago. “I was watching Charles Kuralt's Sunday morning news program and that program happened to be on Appalachia,” he explains.

“I immediately thought I might like to go to Appalachia someday, but I never thought I would ever really do it,” said de la Rosa. But the opportunity would come.

In 1992 de la Rosa decided to enter the Jesuit Volunteer Corps. “Originally my application was placed in the southwest region,” he said.

“But, not long after I had applied,” he continued, “I heard about the school here in Appalachia. I transferred my application to the Midwest region so I could have a chance at this appointment.”

“I had never seen the area, never seen

even a picture of the school, but something irresistible said ‘come.’

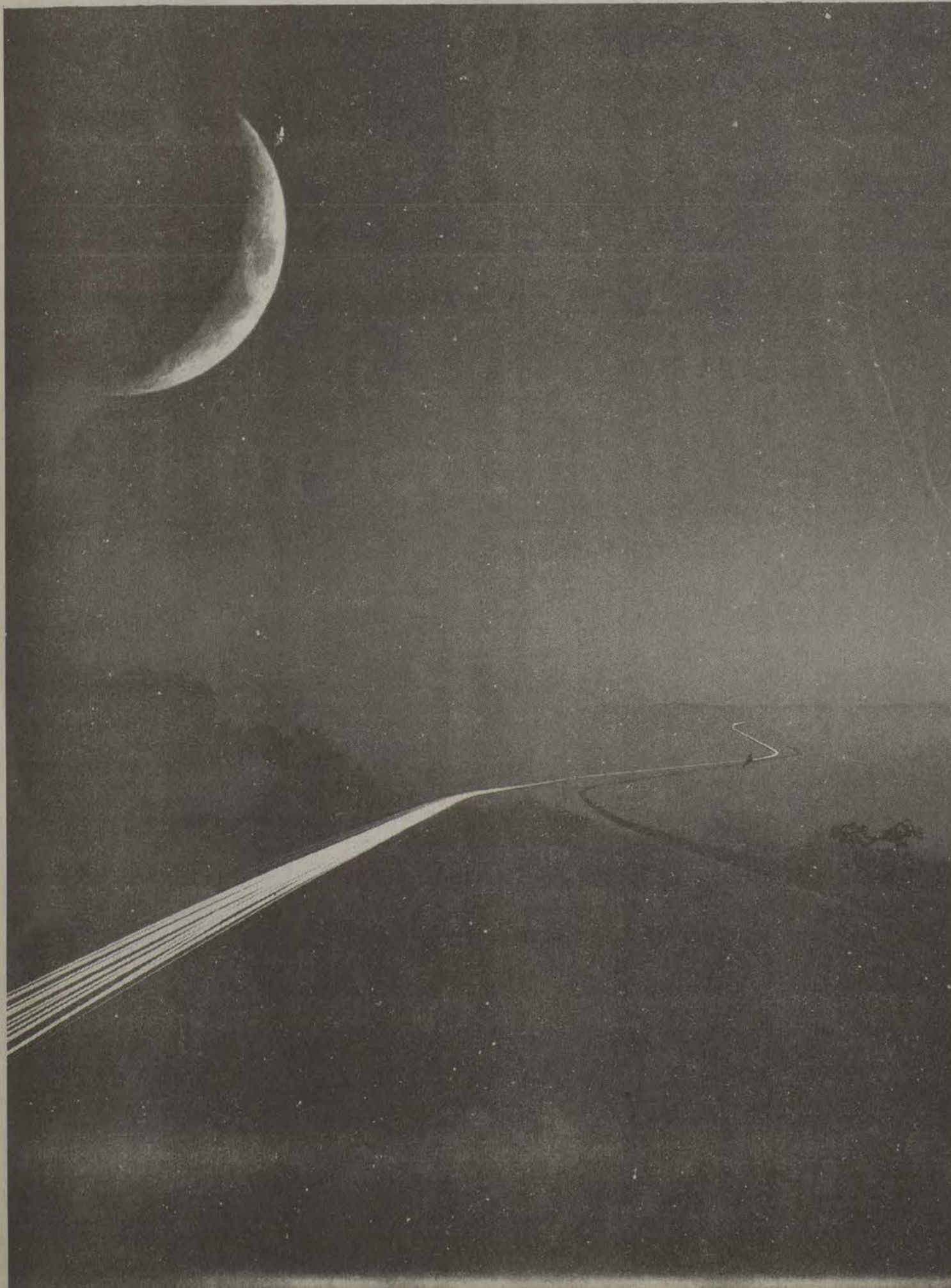
“So here I am,” said de la Rosa. “My decision to come here was based on only my gut instinct.”

After a year, de la Rosa left the school at Martin to complete work on his doctoral dissertation in Chemistry at the University of California at Santa Barbara. But only a few months after he left Fr. Thomas Carroll called him to tell him there was a teaching position at the school for the spring semester.

“I'm still not quite finished with my dissertation,” said de la Rosa, “but I was just so happy to come back. I had really missed this place.”

Although de la Rosa calls San Francisco home, he was born in the Philippines. His father immigrated to the United States from

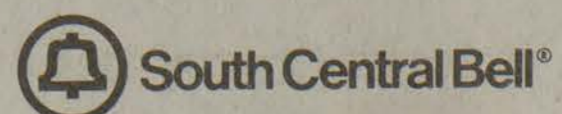
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"I'd rather be farming"

by Patricia Watson
Contributing Writer

Ed Hale's Case International 62-horsepower diesel tractor is his choice of all his farm machinery. In December, 1987, he traveled to Horse Cave to buy this new tractor; this was, also, the year he retired

from his work at Banks-Miller Supply (located in Martin County). This big, powerful tractor is used to help with all types of work on his 200-acre farm at Blue River.

Whether it is plowing in the garden or in a field, hauling a load of feed or hay to the barn, or just sitting idling, he uses its

strength while he ties a calf that needs to be moved to another pasture. The tractor is a welcome companion. Before this new diesel tractor, he owned a 1952 Super C-International that he says he "grew old with."

With it, he operated a Hammermill corn crusher to crush his own corn. His corn crops produce about 400 bushels from 7 acres of land. He doesn't try to crush this amount of corn at his home now, but he makes a monthly trip to Paintsville for that purpose. Then, as he returns, he drives his truckload of crushed corn into his barn loft! Once there, it is stored in barrels with secure coverings to keep it dry and free of pests.

Ed Hale's barn measures 82 x 80 feet in size. This structure was built in the early 1970's. It was designed with careful thought of making chores a little easier. Modern touches of electricity and water are both included in this building. It has the usual stalls for the animals on the lower level which house his Black Angus cattle and his two mules and his grandchildren's two ponies. He leaves the barn open at all times allowing the cattle to come and go as they please.

One of the unique aspects in the design of this barn is that it has a drive-in loft! This is especially helpful as he arrives with a load of feed or a load of hay—it can be unloaded right there. At times of bringing hay from the field, it can be stacked immediately, or it can be thrown off the truck or hay wagon to stack later.

Not stacking hay when it is unloaded into the barn loft will allow for more drying which, also, makes the bale easier to handle. Always, when you work in hay, you hope to get it put away without the interruption of rain, so the work must be done in a very timely manner.

With this drive-in loft convenience, he stated that he was accused of "doing my work while resting!" He could go unload the hay and go back to stack it on a day when he did not have the need to return to the field to get another load. A good time to return would be a day when it was raining, for the rain often makes a little cooler working condition in the barn loft.

His hay fields usually produce two good cuttings a year and sometimes, a third. The expected yield is about 3,000 bales of hay. Even though it takes a lot of manpower to handle this bulk of hay, he prefers the "square" shaped bales to the round bales which are left in the field. He says that you "lose too much" when you depend on those

bales because they are subject to all types of weather.

Another helpful design feature in the new barn loft was to cut openings along the sides of the loft floor to allow dropping of hay easily. About five years ago, while working in the barn loft with the hay, Ed accidentally stepped into one of these openings and suffered a broken leg. He blamed his ill fate on "carelessness" since he knew the opening was there. He had the usual period of waiting for the healing processes to be completed, and he had the need to continue to get his many chores done. What did he do? He says: "I had to get smarter!" So, that's what he did. One example of his amended feeding process was to put the crushed corn in the feed buckets and to let them down into the troughs on a rope. By doing this, he saved several steps up and down the stairs.

Two good helpers are his Australian Shepherds. These dogs go with him to the pasture or to the barn, and they help him to work the cattle. For example, when he wants a young calf put into the barn stall, all he does is to tell them to "get them in the barn" and they will.

Part of the expected work is to keep the

pasture fenced and to make sure there is a good water supply.

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Farming has been part of Ed Hale's life. Being raised at Blue River and living in the same community almost all of his life, an interest in farming comes naturally to him. Farming is to him what golfing is to golfers. "It's something I like to do," he says. "You might say it's a hobby."

Ed and his wife, Bobbi, who teaches at Prestonsburg Elementary, have lived in their red-brick, two-story farmhouse for 43 years. (This was the home Ed's mother and father built while he was a young man.) Here, they have enjoyed gardening and farming and raising a family of three girls: Gwen, Anita, and Edwinna. Visits from their two grandchildren are a welcome addition to this family home.



True love

Ed Hale loves farming about as much as he loves his tractor shown in the background. (photo by Patricia Watson)

Friendly

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the Philippines in 1970. "He came here first, so he could raise money to bring the rest of the family over," he said.

He and his brothers and sisters followed in 1971. "I come from a large family," he added, "I am the sixth of eight children."

De la Rosa said that being a teacher has its pressures. "There was one time that I blew up at my students and yelled at them," he said. "But I apologized to them."

"It was really a learning experience for me. Now I'm more careful to keep my temper because I'm really there for them to learn," he said "and their needs come first."

"I suppose the best time I had here was during the summer tutoring program," he added. "You really get a chance to know your students during that kind of intensive study. I look upon them now as friends, as well as students."

De la Rosa says that what keeps him going is "the desire that all people should have awareness of themselves and the world around them. In a way, this talent of mine makes me a guide—not to show them my way, but for my students to find their

own way."

De la Rosa expects to return to California this summer. "I haven't really spent time at my home in San Francisco since 1986, so I feel I need to go home for a while," said de la Rosa.

"I don't have to tell you I'm really going to miss this place," he said. "It took me a while to get used to not locking my doors, and not locking my car."

"People here are so friendly," he continued, "and I have become accustomed to having strangers greet me on the streets."

"I'll also miss the natural beauty of this region," he added. "We're pretty busy at the school, so I don't have a lot of time to myself. When I'm not teaching, I enjoy relaxing and taking walks. I've really appreciated the time to read and meditate."

De la Rosa also writes poetry. "Another of my favorite activities is driving along the mountain roads," he said. "I seem to write my best poetry on these drives. I guess my inspiration comes from the mountains."



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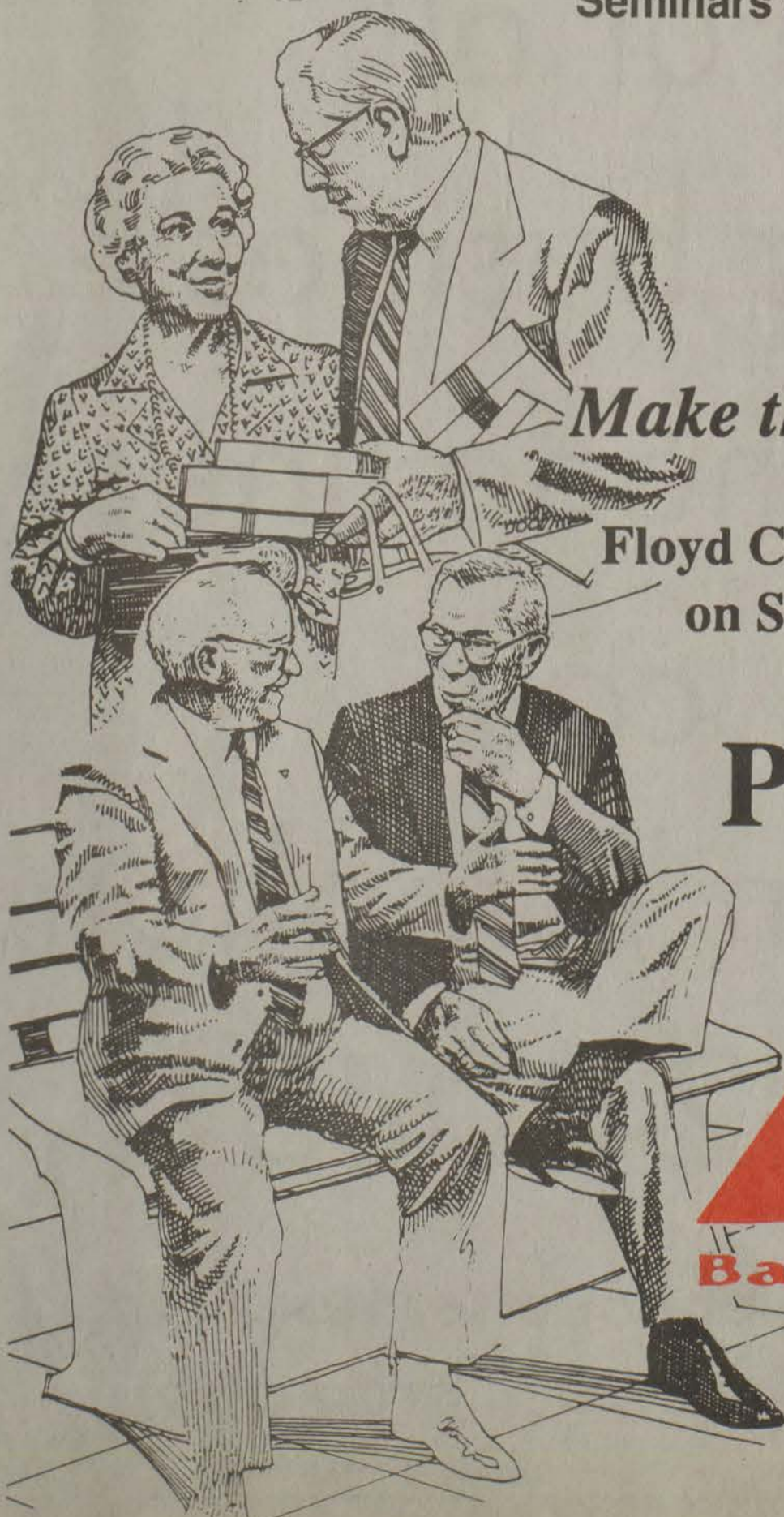
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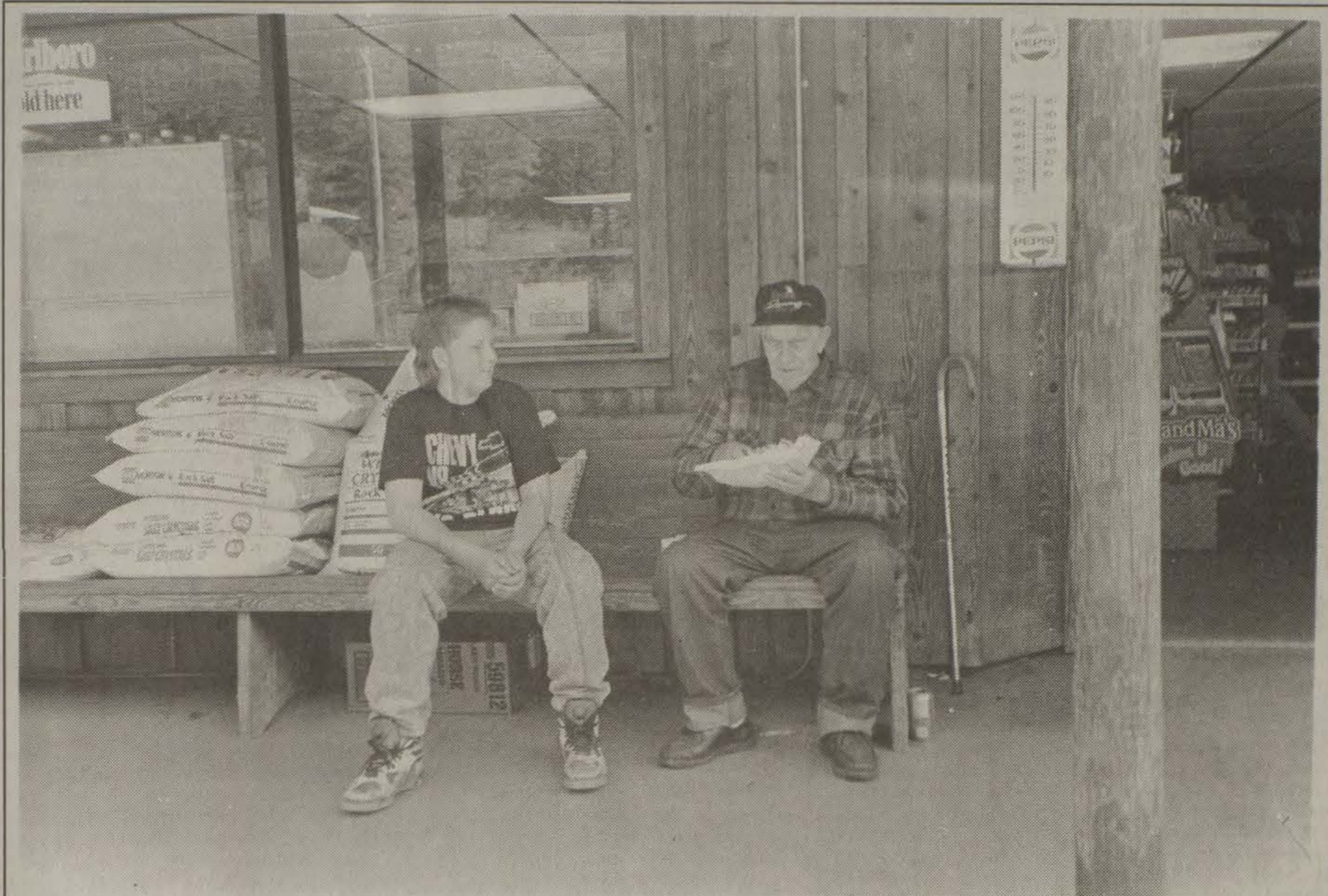
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Tradin' conversation

Matthew Ousley (left) of Salt Lick and Joe Hayes of Bosco recently passed the time of day while Hayes ate his favorite lunch outside the Hitching Post. (photo by Polly Ward)

Hitching Post offers a taste of home

by Polly Ward
Times Feature Writer

Just about every day Joe Hayes, 82, of Bosco, thumbs a ride to the Hitching Post general store at Hueysville to get his favorite lunch — a juicy ham sandwich and a pint cold whole milk.

Hayes doesn't get just any ham sandwich. He gets kind of ham sandwiches at the Hitching Post's small deli that "are noted from here to Oklahoma," according to store owner Colin Cornett. And it has made the Hitching Post a favorite stopping place for out-of-the-way travelers as well as neighbors.

A little bit of everything

The Hitching Post is a combination convenient and general store situated in the heart of rural Hueysville, and it offers its customers a little bit of everything, including dairy feed, fertilizer, seeds, onion sets and gasoline. The store doesn't have the slick modern look of a convenient store; or the old-timey, down-home look of a general store. Rather, the two-story building looks like an authentic frontier trading post, circa 1850, complete with rustic dark plank siding, a front porch with round wooden posts — the kind you could hitch a horse to, if you had one.

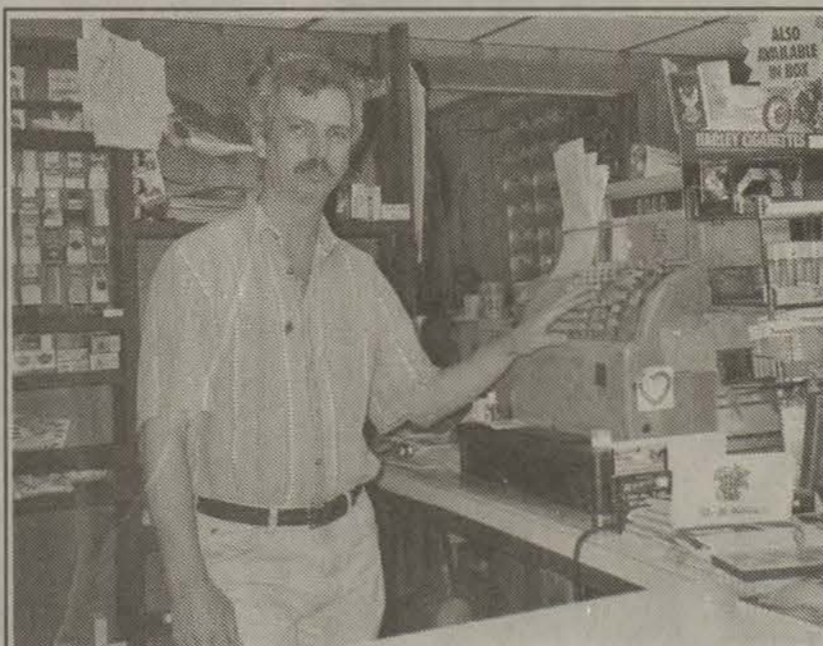
The building was built about 14 years ago by the owners who sold the business to Colin and his brother Olen Cornett about 10 years ago. The Cornette brothers have set up shop ever since, opening at 7 a. m. and closing at 9 p.m. each day.

Business is brisk

During a recent afternoon visit, in the space of an hour the store had enough customers to keep Colin busy at the cash register and employee Mike Wireman hard at work pumping gas and attending to customers. The 30 by 60 foot store doesn't have much floor space, but the shelves are neatly lined with a sampling of about every kind of basic food item. The second story of the building is an apart-

ment.

"We have about 300 to 400 customers a day," said Colin, who manned the cash register. The Letcher County native got into the store business in a roundabout way. He worked as parts manager for a machinery company until he was laid off, he said. When the opportunity came to buy the business, he



An oldie, but goodie

Although he has an electronic cash register, Colin Cornett, co-owner of the Hitching Post, keeps this old cash register on hand to ring up customers' purchases. (photo by Polly Ward)

and his brother took the chance. He said about his role as owner, "I like it pretty good."

The store has never been robbed, but "we've had a few fights started," he said, elaborating with the following story: "These two men, both in their 70s, got into a quarrel here. One bit a big hunk out of the other's hand and he had to go get a shot. They avoid each other now."

A stopping place for travelers

As for tourists: "We get a few. We are on the bicycle route. Usually bicycle tourists who come

through stop and eat. We offer cold cuts. We fix big ones and we chip the ham," Colin explained. "Two guys from Oklahoma deliver powder for blasting. They stop here all the time. They say they come all the way from Oklahoma to get our ham sandwiches," he said with a smile.

Mike, 26, who is in charge of the deli, puts together the famous ham sandwiches. He has worked at the Hitching Post for two years, after working at three other jobs, and said that what he likes about working at the store is "seeing all the different people."

The famous ham sandwich

Mike stepped behind the deli counter, and prepared a sandwich for Hayes, who had arrived for lunch. After a few minutes, Mike brought Hayes his lunch, a big, mouth-watering sandwich — a mountainous layer of thinly-sliced ham with tomato, lettuce, cheese and mayonnaise stuffed between two pieces of white bread — and a carton of cold milk to wash it down.

With sandwich and milk in hand, Hayes, who had settled down on the long wooden bench in front of the store, devoured his lunch as though there was no tomorrow. A young friend, Matthew Ousley, age 13, from nearby Salt Lick, traded conversation with him as he ate. Afterwards, Hayes relaxed, soaking up the friendly, rural atmosphere and the conversation of store customers who came and went.

A place to socialize

His daily visit has become a habit that breaks the monotony of living alone and provides him opportunity to socialize.

"I live by myself and I speak to people going in and out of the store," Hayes said.

Which makes the Hitching Post the perfect place for Hayes, and others in the community, to sit a spell, speak with neighbors and enjoy a ham sandwich known from here to Oklahoma.

Portrait of Home

Involved in a mission

by Ann Latta
Contributing Writer

If Keith Akers is Floyd County's biggest booster, it's not just because that's his job.

Akers is the first full-time executive director of the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce. His work basically involves selling—the Chamber's services to prospective members and the county to potential tourists, businesses and anyone else who might be interested in what it has to offer.

According to Akers, there's plenty to offer—in the county and in the Chamber.

"A lot of people don't realize what we have here, and how many good things are happening," he says.

"The people are our greatest asset—the friendliest I've ever seen anywhere."

Akers represents the county at many Chamber functions around the state, and says he loves to tell people about "the beauty of our area."

"I'm always bragging about the Jenny Wiley Theater, and the park, and the Kentucky Opry—there's a lot of things going on here that people out in the state don't always know about."

His enthusiasm helped convince the Kentucky Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives to hold their Fall Conference here last year.

Akers sits on the KACCE Board, and was pleased to be able to show off his county to his counterparts from around Kentucky.

Akers believes in the Chamber too, and has translated that into major growth and new

services.

Membership has grown from 67, when he took over three years ago, to almost 350 today.

He's proud of that increase, but credits his Board of Directors and the three presidents he's served under—Dolores Smith, Teddi Vaughan and currently, Darrell Gilliam—with helping to achieve it.

Akers is working to increase the Chamber's usefulness to its members also.

"I see the Chamber's role as a service-oriented 'business' for 'businesses,'" he says.

"I'd like to bring in more seminars and training programs to let people keep up-to-date with what's going on, and learn new business approaches."

The Chamber sponsored five such seminars last year, ranging from how to deal with difficult people to a full-day review of EPA regulations. The first one scheduled (February 17) this year dealt with teaching business employees how to treat their customers right.

"I want people to get their money's worth out of their Chamber membership," he says, "and not just regard it as another club to belong to."

As a salesman, for Floyd County as well as for the Chamber, Akers is well-qualified.

The Allen native graduated from Morehead State University with a degree in Communications, and then worked for five years in sales and recruiting for a Lexington fire extinguisher sales company.

Eventually, he traveled all over the United States for the firm, recruiting and training managers.

"I got to see a lot of the country, and I put 100,000 miles on my car in one year."

"And, then I got tired of the rat race," he said.

"I really missed Eastern Kentucky... missed home."

"When you first go away, you don't think about it so much, but after awhile it gets to you."

Akers changed jobs and started selling life insurance for a Lexington firm.

But then, "first I was coming home every other weekend, and then every weekend. So I just came back."

Initially, Akers worked at the Allen Lumber Company—owned by his mother, Evelean Akers, and an uncle, Everett Reynolds.

He'd also worked off and on there, during summers while a student at Betsy Layne High School and through college, and says that's where he learned to enjoy being around people.

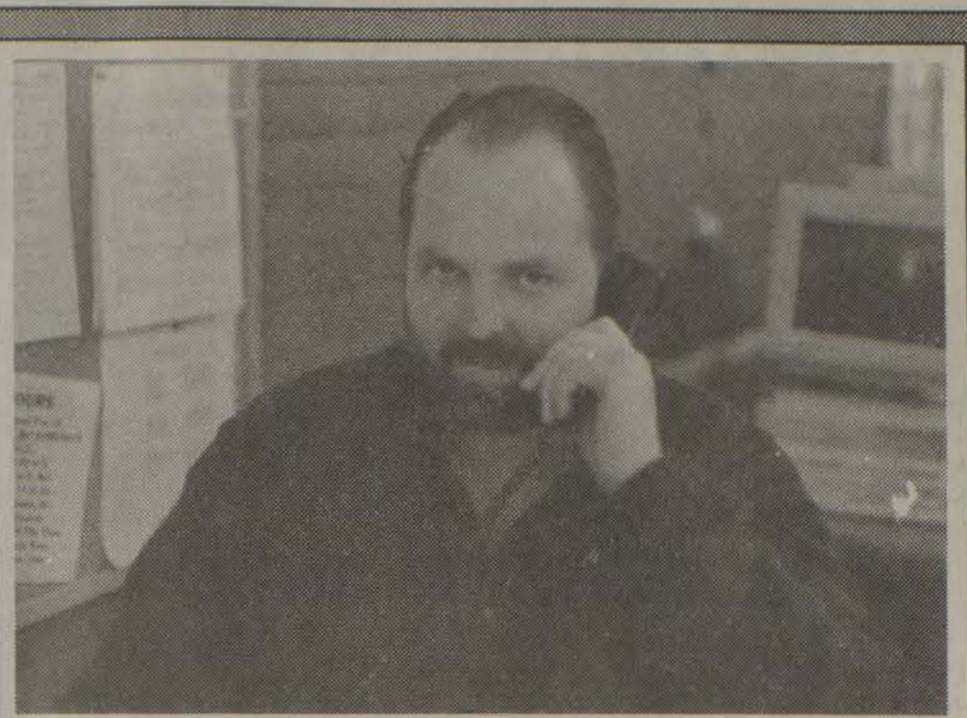
Akers also became a reservist for FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) during that time.

Reservists are only called upon during major disasters, he said, like the recent earthquakes in California.

Akers worked for FEMA during the Eastern Kentucky floods of 1986; in Biloxi, Mississippi, after Hurricane Elena; and in Saginaw, Michigan, after flooding there.

"We just helped people," he says. "We tried to find them places to live and cut through the red tape."

Akers' Chamber duties prevents him from



Taking care of business

Keith Akers means business. As executive director of the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce, he is helping business grow in the county. (photo by Ann Latta)

responding to FEMA calls now, but he finds plenty of other activities to keep him busy in his spare time.

He and his wife, the former Conni Conley, are both very active in their church, Christ United Methodist at Allen. Akers teaches Sunday School, sings in the choir (occasionally as a soloist), works with young groups and is in charge of the stewardship programs.

Besides being on the board of KAACE, Akers is also a board member of the Prestonsburg Senior Citizens, the Happy House Adult

Day Care Service Center, Rotary Club, and the seven-county Big Sandy Rural Conservation and Development Board, which he also serves as Treasurer.

With any spare time left, he likes to write poetry. He had a volume published two years ago, "Mountain Messages," which he says "sold a few." The rest he gives to friends.

"It's a mood thing," he says, "and I enjoy it when I'm in the mood. I think you can tell a lot about what's going on in a person's life by the poetry they write."

Part-time worker is teen-ager and full-time student

by Willie Elliott
Contributing Writer

When we think of a job or vocation, our thoughts turn immediately to a man or woman making a living for a household. This way of thinking excludes thousands of teenagers who do part-time work for a variety of reasons, but hardly ever is the reason to support a family.

At South Floyd High School several students have a job after school and on the weekend. Some work for the food markets such as Pic Pac, IGA, and Winn Dixie. One boy supplies fire wood as his part-time job. Mary Rose Adkins works for McDonald's after school and on the weekend. I interviewed her to get some insights into

working part-time and attending school on a full-time basis;

Q: What is a typical work week for you?
Mary Rose: I work about thirty hours a week. I usually work three days during the week and the two days on the weekend.

Q: Explain how you keep this schedule and keep up with your school work.

Mary Rose: At first I was tired, but I have taught myself to do with less sleep. I do my school work during my free time at school. For bigger projects, I work on my days off to get them completed.

Q: Is the McDonald's training something that will be of value to you later in life?

Mary Rose: I have learned how to take orders and I learned the importance of

owner/customer relationships in business. I think these skills will help me later in my life.

Q: What are your career plans? Does it involve food service in any way?

Mary Rose: I'm not sure about what I want to do. I have thought about photography. I really don't think I will do anything in the food service line.

Q: What advice would you give other teenagers who are considering a part-time job?

Mary Rose: I would tell them to find a job that would have a sufficient number of hours to work and to work for a company that will be understanding of school events such as senior night and the various trips that we take.

Q: I know that this job provides you with extra spending money, but do you have any long range plans for the money you earn?

Mary Rose: When I first started working I was earning money to go to Hawaii on the Close Up trip. Now that we have gone on that trip, I don't have any definite plans for the money. I may use it to make a down payment on a car for use in college.

Q: Other than the money itself, what does a teenager gain from working part-time?

Mary Rose: I have to learn responsibility. It also teaches me self-reliance. These qualities will make me a better adult.

Q: What is your parents' attitude toward your working?

Mary Rose: My parents are very supportive. My dad drives me to and from work. This is a big task for him, but he doesn't mind. Mom helps me with managing my money.

Q: What would a typical shift be like on your job?

Mary Rose: I usually work from 4 to 11. It would be hard to describe a typical day because every day seems to be different.

Q: How do you find time to have a social life? Is it sometimes tied in with your work?

Mary Rose: I usually do things before or after work. And then I have my days off. I usually plan special events for these days.

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Family business becomes a collector's paradise

by Willie Elliott
Contributing Writer

Most of us go looking for a job on the open market when we have finished our education or military service. Some people, however, start their own business or help the family with a business that has already been established. Such is the case with Bo Scott of Scott's Furniture and Carpet of Hite.

The business was started originally by Bo's mother, Audrey Scott who lives near the business at Hite. The business was originally a fruit market, then a combination fruit market and used furniture store and finally was moved to Hite where it has been in business since 1984. Bo's father is not able to help with the enterprise, so Bo has taken over the business and has run it by himself, with assistance from his mother, for several years.

If you visited Bo's store, you can look at furniture and carpet, but more than likely you will end up viewing the place as a kind of museum.

When I went to Scott about the material in this article I found a variety of interesting items that he and his father have collected over the years. Some of these items are for sale and some are keepsakes that Bo and his family plan to hang on to because of their historical value. One item that I found interesting was a 1912 Easy (brand name) copper washing machine.

The machine still works and has a rather interesting wash motion. The dasher goes up and down rather than the circular motion that we are accustomed to in our modern washing machines. The store also has a 1936 Detroit Editions cook stove. This is one of the items that the family plans to keep. Of course the store has a pot-bellied stove that it displays among the items of interest.

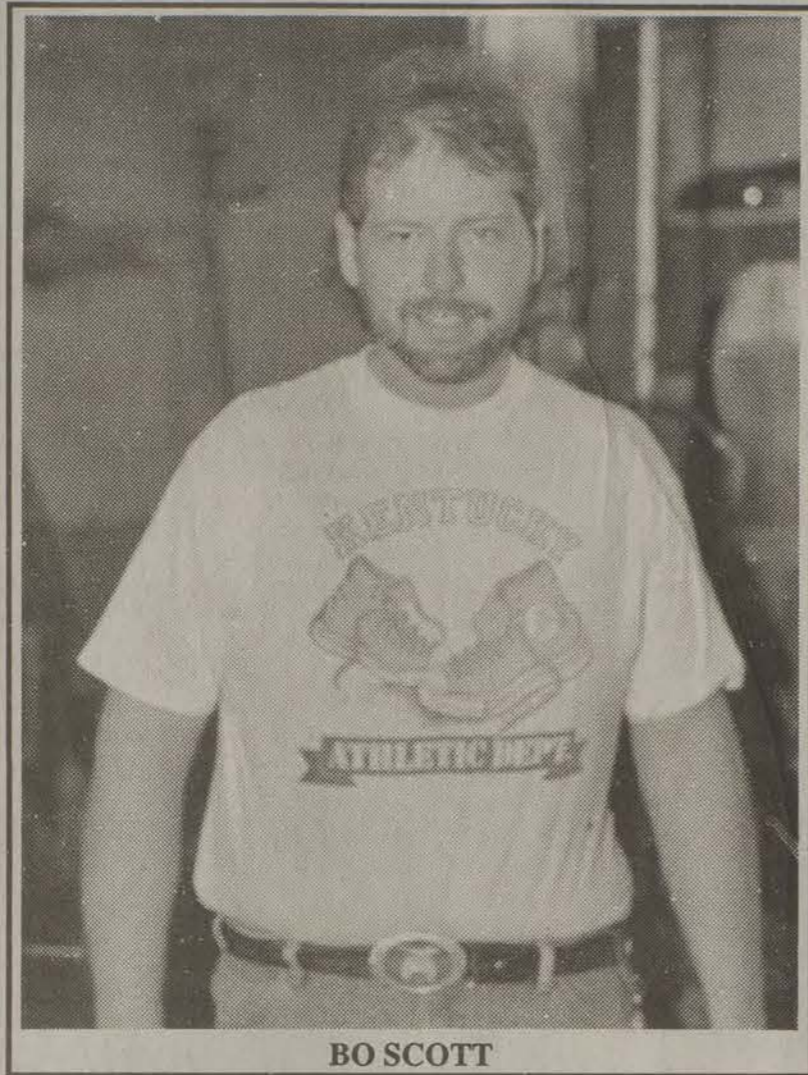
When one walks into the store, he/she gets a sense of history because of all the things that are hanging around the walls of the store. I saw a two-cylinder and a three-cylinder tire pump while I was there. I also saw a host of dinner buckets, lamps, and other items relating to the mining industry. Sometimes children from the local school visit the store and discuss the various items that were used by their forefathers. A person can see one of the first vacuum cleaners brought to the Left Beaver area in this store. One of the store personnel will need to point it out to a viewer

because the average person won't recognize it as such.

In the last few years Bo has added a new component to his business. He now does moving which is summed up in Scott's advertising slogan; "You call—we haul." This part of the business was added by Bo because he had the equipment to do the job and he had experience in moving since he traveled to various sites to pick up carpet and furniture for his store.

tions and sales, but Bo also got interested in the business side of the business. He wanted to bid for and buy items. As time passed and his father became less able to do these things, Bo picked right up and continued the business. As Bo sees new opportunities to add to his business he does so.

If you go to Bo's store, you will see how different it is from a normal eight to five store. Someone in the family may help you with an item or



BO SCOTT

I asked Bo's mother if there was a slow period in this kind of business and she said, "Like most businesses January, February, and March are slow periods, but it wasn't so slow that Bo had Saturday through Tuesday inked in with moving projects. Meanwhile, someone from the family will take care of any customers that come to the store during one of Bo's buying or hauling trips.

One may wonder why a person would choose this kind of work. While Bo was in McDowell High School, he would go on buying trips with his father. He would help his father with the loading and hauling of the materials that was bought at various auc-

ask you to wait until Bo returns from one of his many adventures to settle a problem.

I would seem that Bo would never have time for anything but his business, but he maintains a residence at Eastern and is involved in many civic and community projects. He is a third-second degree Masonic lodge member, is a founding member of the Eastern Star organization in this area, and is a Shriner.

If you are in the Hite area, stop in and see this unusual place of business. Even if you don't buy any furniture or carpet, you will be treated to some interesting sights and wonderful conversation.

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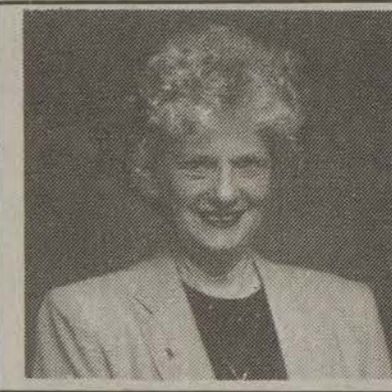
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Carter continues tradition

Carter Funeral Home, located on South Lake Drive in Prestonsburg, had its beginning in a residence on Arnold Avenue.

The year was 1946, and the funeral home was called Carter and Callihan Funeral Home after its owners, James J. Carter and William R. Callihan.

Carter and Callihan bought out the Arnold Funeral Home on North Arnold Avenue after its owner, E. P. Arnold died. The Arnold Funeral Home was established in 1925.

The two funeral homes were combined into one and the Carter and Callihan Funeral Home was located in the building now occupied by State-Wide Press on Arnold Avenue. James J. Carter became Floyd County coroner in 1952 and served in that capacity for 32 years.

In 1964, James J. Carter bought William R. Callihan's share of the funeral home and changed its name to Carter Funeral Home. His son, James J. Carter II, joined him in the business as manager and mortician in September 1966.

To improve its service, Carter Funeral Home moved in April 1980. A new building was built on South Lake Drive to house the business.

With the combined 43 years of operation by the Arnold Funeral and Carter Funeral Home giving the funeral home 69 continuous years of service, Carter Funeral Home is one of the longest operating funeral homes in the Big Sandy region.

The funeral home has continued to add services over the years. The latest service is a living memorial. The funeral home, which is a member of the Lofty Oaks organization, arranges to have a tree planted for each funeral service it handles.

James J. Carter II said he helps grieving families by trying to give them the best service that he can. "I try to take part of the burden — cemeteries, ministers and so on. I try to treat the families as if the situation was reversed. I can't take the hurt from the family, but even the littlest details I can take care of, that's one less burden they have," Carter said.

Carter said the funeral home business is something that he has never gotten used to. "I don't guess I ever will," he said. "I don't think anyone in this business ever gets used to it. Ninety percent of the families I serve, I know somebody directly in the family. Like my father always said 'you don't bury your enemies, you bury your friends, because it's your friends who seek your services.'"

Funeral homes are also a place to solicit information about a community, Carter said. "My dad once told me when you move into a community, there's four people you need to find — a minister, a lawyer, a doctor and a funeral director. A funeral director can tell you more information about politics and the community than anyone," he said, smiling in remembrance of his father.

Carter has tried to pass some of that information along to area students. He has served on several panels and given several presentations at Prestonsburg Community College.

"I tell the kids, it (being a funeral director) makes you stop and think. Live life to the fullest," he said. "I don't mean get out here and run up and down the highway at 100 miles per hour. You have to use a little common sense, but enjoy today."

Carter said he has seen a lot of changes in funeral services since he

was a teen-ager helping his dad with the business. One major change in funeral homes is government regulations.

"Funeral homes are in the same category as large chemical companies, even though we deal with small amounts of chemicals," Carter said.

Other changes include funeral home chains and funeral homes with services such as flower shops, cemeteries and on-call ministers on the premises.

Another part of the change is "lost heritage," he said. "Our society is a work-oriented society. Families — husband, wife, and sometimes children — have part-time jobs," Carter said sadly, explaining that most funeral services are held at funeral homes or churches instead of at home as was common a few years ago. Not as many people take time to visit with grieving families today as in the past, he said.

The fading away of tradition from funeral services seems evident by the special services offered by a funeral home in Atlanta, Georgia. The funeral home offers drive-thru funeral services.

"They have a large window display with the deceased in a casket," Carter explained. "They also have a register book. You stop and sign the register and drive on through."

Floyd has only woman mortician in Floyd County

Floyd Funeral Home, located on U.S. 23, near Prestonsburg, is managed and operated by Larry Burke and his daughter, Traci. The funeral home is owned by Mrs. Mae Banks Martin.

The funeral home was formerly located on South Lake Drive in Prestonsburg. At one time, it was named the Moore Funeral Home and was started by a group of stockholders.

Moore Funeral Home was managed by Franklin Moore, who died in 1961. After Moore's death, Roger Turner took over the management of

the funeral home. Moore Funeral Home became Floyd Funeral Home in 1961. Later in the 1960s, Mrs. Martin bought out the majority of the stock in the funeral home.

In 1964, Roger Turner was killed in an automobile accident, and management of the funeral home became the responsibility of Larry Burke.

Burke's daughter Traci obtained her degree from the Mid-American School of Mortuary Science in Jeffersonville, Indiana, and joined her father in management of the funeral home.

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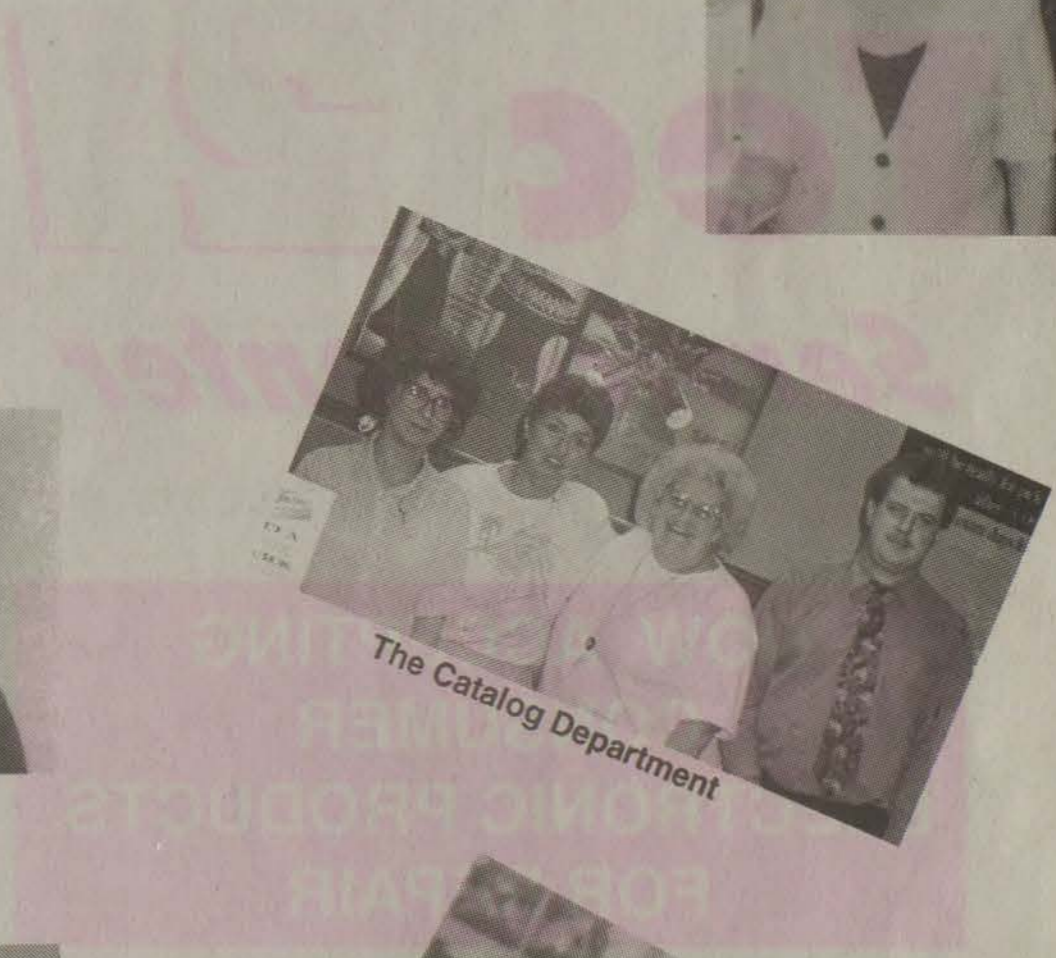
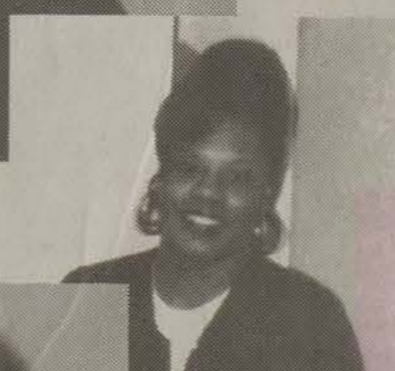
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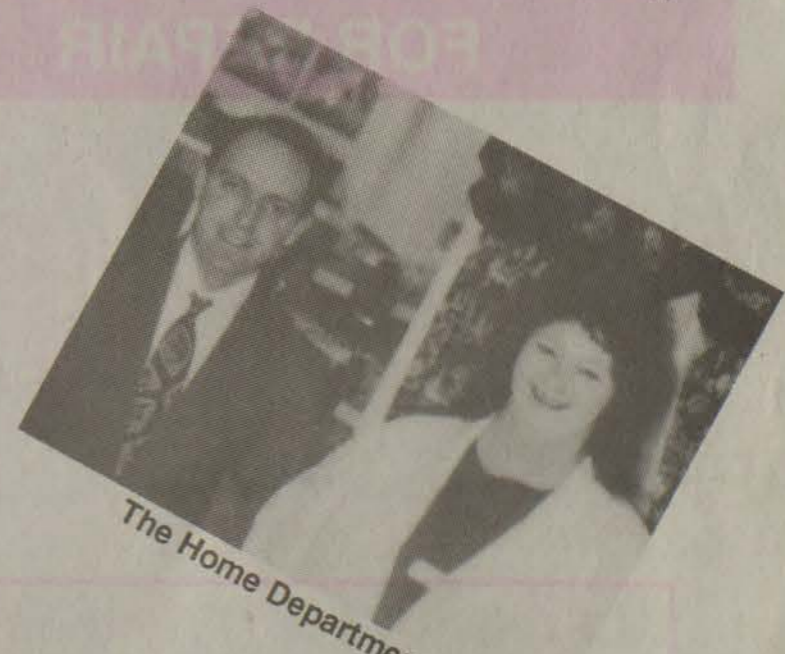
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Hall Funeral Home offers caring service

by Willie Elliott
Contributing Writer

As our society gets more complex, we find that we need more and more services. We need bank services, medical services, educational services and many more. There is one service that we all will need sooner or later, but one we would rather not think about at all. I refer to the services of the funeral home.

To truly meet our needs a funeral home must go beyond what most providers of services give. We want and demand top notch services in the burial of our loved one. Even though we expect these qualities from our funeral home a great deal is left to trust. Most of us do not have the knowledge to make decisions about the burial of our loved one at such a time and the few of us who do are in no state of mind to make such decisions. So we trust in our funeral director to do a tasteful funeral within our budget. We also expect sym-

pathy and understanding from the staff and management of the funeral home.

Many of the funerals that I have attended in my lifetime have been under the direction of Hall Brothers Funeral Home and Hall Funeral Home. I visited Hall Funeral Home and spoke with John Sr., Tommy and Johnny Jr. to get some insights into this profession that touches us all at some point in our lives.

Most of us work on a fixed schedule and know when we are to be at work and when we are to leave. Obviously this type of schedule will not work for the funeral home. I asked the staff at Hall's to explain their scheduling technique.

John Jr. told me that he, Tommy and his dad all had a phone at home with the funeral home number so they could receive calls that came in after normal working hours. They each have a schedule to take such calls. In this way they are always available to the people who need this service. Other than this, each comes to work on a regular basis.

It was explained that there are many things to be done at the funeral home, even when a funeral is not taking place. There is paperwork to be done, materials to be ordered and the place needs to be kept up to high standards of neatness and cleanliness.

When funerals are going on (and sometimes there are as many as four at a time) staff members need to be on hand for the services that are conducted on the premises or these staff members need to go out to the various churches when the services are held there.

To get an idea of what it would be like to prepare for a funeral I asked John Jr. to tell us the steps in conducting a typical service. The initial call for a funeral usually comes in from a hospital, nursing home or from a county official such as the coroner. The staff at the funeral home collects all the pertinent information and has someone to pick up the corpse and bring it to the funeral home. The family has to be consulted in order to find out what should be done. Some families do not want a traditional burial. This has to be determined ahead of time. If the family wants a traditional burial, John Jr. and David Spenser then do all the embalming services. Then with a family member present, the staff has to make decision about hair, clothing, and

determine whether cosmetics should or should not be used. Then the staff, with family members, pick out the casket and decided on other items dealing with the funeral. After this is done, arrangements have to be made about services. All this has to be done with sympathy and understanding.

During our storms of this winter, the work at the Hall Funeral Home went on. A couple of burials had to be postponed a couple of days, but other than that, business went on as usual.

I asked Johnny Jr. to talk about the idea of trust, sympathy and understanding that is associated with funeral directors. Johnny said he picked up these qualities from his dad and his Uncle Birchell, who used to work with John at the old Hall Brothers Funeral Home. Johnny Jr. said both his dad and uncle always worked from the idea of treating people the way they wanted to be treated, and it has worked for them in their business.

I wondered what effect working in a funeral home all the time and being constantly confronted with death would have on a person. Would it lead to depression?

Johnny Jr. explained that it was like teaching or any other job. A person had to do his job and then make time for the family and forget the things that happen

at work. That seems like a useful bit of advice that most of us could use in our approach to our work.

I asked Johnny what he thought about pre-planned funerals. He said, "It's a good way to do it. That way certain wishes can be carried out and there is no need for guesswork." He went on to say that many people have come in and made such comments as, "I'm glad that mom did this because it saved us a lot of trouble in making decisions."

The Hall Funeral Home does some little things and some major things to make our community a better place to live. If a person has something important in the paper, the Hall Funeral Home, on many occasions, will send the person a laminated copy of the article. The firm also provides regular calendars, as well as UK calendars, for many of their friends and neighbors. The Hall Funeral Home contributed \$1000 to the WYMT-TV scholarship fund. One of our own, Cassandra Hicks of South Floyd High School, won a \$1000 scholarship to the Kentucky college of her choice.

As you can see, running a funeral home is like many other businesses, but there are certain aspects of this work that is not matched in any other profession.



Family business

From left, John C. Hall Jr., Thomas N. Hall and John C. Hall personify the dignity and kindness they put into their funeral home business. (photo by Willie Elliott)



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The Bookworm

Carolyn Traum owns and operates The Bookworm in downtown Prestonsburg. She is strongly interested in the history of Appalachia, and has a special section of books on the region. (photo by Ann Latta)

Carolyn Traum loves owning a bookstore

by Ann Latta
Contributing Writer

It keeps her close to three of her major interests: Appalachian history, children's literature, and her daughter, Nora—though not necessarily in that order.

Traum owns The Bookworm, on Court Street, in Prestonsburg. She's been in the business about eight years, and in her present location since 1989.

A native of Princeton, in Western Kentucky, she first came to Floyd County in 1971 to take a position at Prestonsburg Community College.

Later, she went to work in the Area Health Education Program for the Council on Higher Education.

"I had to be on the road constantly," she said, traveling first to 10 counties, which was then expanded to 20, and "then more—I couldn't take it."

Traum holds a Master's Degree in Library Science, and a Rank I Education Certificate from Morehead. She became a librarian in the Martin County schools, and then was named Floyd County Librarian.

She credits her time traveling throughout Eastern Kentucky, how-

ever, with her deep interest in the history of Appalachia—The Bookworm features it prominently and is noted for its large selection.

The job also led to her co-authorship of a book.

Part of her work with the Area Health Education Program was to encourage health professionals to locate in Eastern Kentucky.

She told them about the area and its history, and "they all wanted to know about Mayo Mansion," in Paintsville.

When she tried to find out more about it, she discovered there was little information available about either the home or the Mayo family who built it.

Teaming up with Dr. Carolyn Turner, a P.C.C. professor,—"she wrote and I researched"—the two filled the gap with the publication of "John C.C. Mayo: Cumberland Capitalist."

Traum is married to Clarence Traum, president and C.E.O. of Highlands Regional Medical Center. Their daughter was born while she was Floyd County librarian.

Now 10 and a 5th grader at Mountain Christian Academy, Nora often accompanied her mother to work at the library, and then to The Bookworm, when it opened two years later.

"I like having the shop, because it gives me flexible scheduling and I could take my child," Traum said.

She also thinks it's a good place to raise a child.

"Nora loves to come down, she loves to read, and she reads very well. She's learned from her earliest days to entertain herself with imagination and reading. There's no radio or television here."

Nora may also be responsible for the shop's other major emphasis—children's literature and teaching and educational materials, but "I've always had an interest in children's books," Traum says.

Speaking of The Bookworm's specialties, she says, "I started with just books, but I felt the potential for growth and profit had to be in side-lines."

"Because of my background and interest, I went into educational materials."

"But, I don't feel there's really a big enough population base or enough discretionary income in our area to support just an educational store, or just children's books, or just southern and Appalachian literature."

The combination, she says, is

working.

She pays close attention to what she sells—and what doesn't sell—through a state-of-the-art computer system that also allows her to find and order almost any book a customer's looking for.

If the title is "...something, something, Night," Traum will find it by checking that key word "night." If the author is known, but not the title, she can find it under the author's name. And, if the customer is just looking for a book about horses, or maybe cooking, she can find a selection under the subject matter.

The computer also tells her how much the book costs, whether it's in paperback as well as hard cover, and the nearest warehouse that has it in stock.

"You have to have a computer," Traum says, and you also have to keep up with what's going on in the business as well as the book world.

She keeps up to date as a member of the American Booksellers Association, and attends classes and seminars it sponsors every year.

She also attended classes offered through the Federal Small Business Administration office, and taught by

"retired people who've been in business of all kinds."

"I got the expertise of people who'd been in business and were able to help. They were so beneficial, especially in bookkeeping and records and general business methods."

"You have to know what's not profitable, and get rid of it," she says. "You have to be real selective and have a good market appeal—greater than just one county."

Educational books, materials and supplies for teachers, she believes, provide that multi-county market.

Teachers come to The Bookworm from all the surrounding counties, looking for books and materials for a class unit, and many parents are drawn to the store as well, for books and educational games.

"No one else carries the quality of children's literature that we have," Traum says.

She does carry general fiction, concentrating especially on southern authors, and can order just about any book a customer wants through her computer system.

But "I stay away from mass books," she adds, "You can get those at Wal-Mart."

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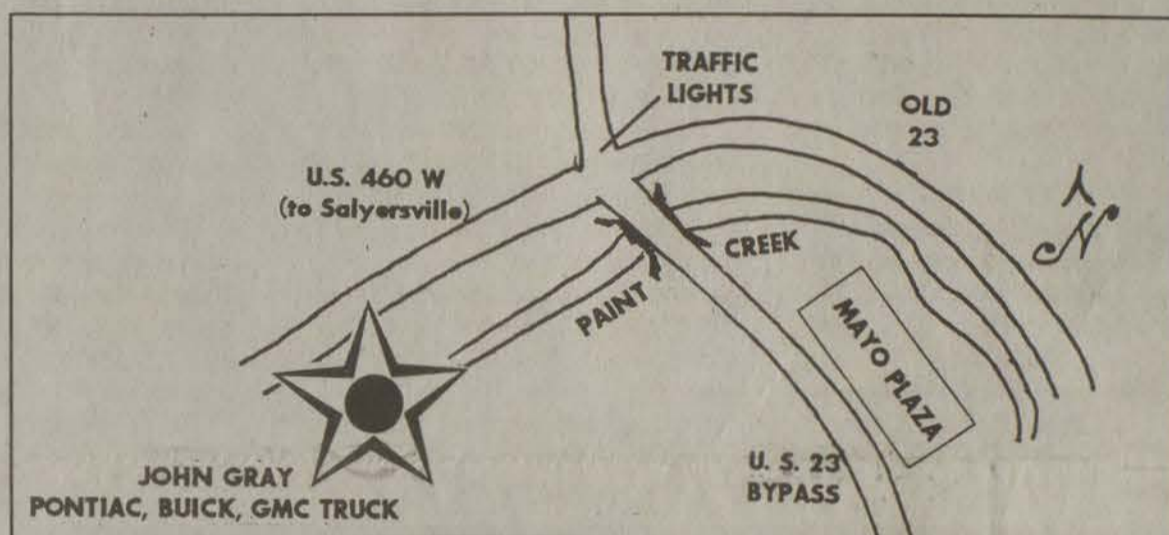
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A dose of cheer

The best medicine can sometimes be a song from the heart. Tommy Franklin, 15, of Prestonsburg keeps residents of Riverview Manor singing when he pays his weekly visit. (photo by Janice Shepherd)

Teen brings smiles to Riverview residents

by Kathleen Carroll
Contributing Writer

"I just feel it's something God wants me to do," says Tommy Franklin explaining why he became involved in volunteer work.

Franklin, 15, has been a volunteer at the Riverview Manor Nursing Home for the past year.

Tommy likes to spend time with the friendly folks at Riverview Manor. He tries to visit once or twice a week, and frequently stays for two hours or more.

Most often he visits with residents individually.

"I especially try to spend time with those who don't have any family around here to visit them," explained Franklin.

"Sometimes we sit and I read the Bible to them," says Franklin.

"Other times I write letters for them or shine their shoes if they need it," Franklin adds.

"What I like most is just to sit and visit with these folks," he says. "They have such interesting stories and so much to share."

Quite often, after visiting with some residents individually, Franklin will play the piano for the other residents. "I just play anything they want to hear," he said.

"Most of the time they want me to play the old hymns," he adds, "so that's what I play."

"Their favorite hymns are 'Just a Closer Walk with Thee' and 'In the Garden,'" said Franklin.

Franklin has been taking piano lessons for the past two years.

The staff at Riverview Manor can't be happier.

"Tommy is wonderful," said Jo Ann Marsillett, activity director. "He does an excellent job with our residents."

"Tommy is just so loving and caring," she continues. "He's very responsible. He lets us know if the residents need anything. He really does his job like he works here, and that is a real asset to us."

According to Marsillett, he does more than just visit. "He remembers their birthdays and occasionally sends the residents cards. Last Christmas he showed up with little Christmas trees for the residents' rooms."

Franklin began volunteering at the nursing home "because it just seemed like something God wanted me to do." He adds, "I really enjoy it."

But Franklin doesn't understand just how special he is to the folks at Riverview Manor. "It just seems to be something so easy for me to do," said Franklin, "but it seems to mean so much to them."

This kind of volunteer work has its rewards. Franklin says, "It makes me feel needed, like I matter to these people."

Franklin has developed several close relationships with the residents he visits.

"It makes me feel special," he says, "especially when they miss me."

Franklin adds, "They worry about me sometimes when I am running a little late. I'll come in to see them and they'll make a fuss and tell me they were worried something had happened to me."

"Back when it snowed," he said, "I really couldn't make it over to the nursing home. I felt really bad, but there was no way to get out. It just

wasn't safe."

"But," he continued, "that's the only week I've missed."

"The fact that I get close to some of these folks makes it hard sometimes," said Franklin, "one time I called to check on a resident I had grown very close to and they told me he had died."

"That was really hard to take," he added, "but what these folks give back to me more than makes up for the difficult days."

"I really enjoy doing this," said Franklin, "and I feel that it's just what God wants me to do."

"Each day is just really special," he adds, "there is always something new."

Franklin has other activities that keep him busy. A native of Prestonsburg, Franklin is a freshman at Prestonsburg High School.

He says he enjoys science classes, "and, of course, I like P.E."

Franklin is also on the Prestonsburg High School Tennis Team.

He plans to attend college but has not selected a school yet. "I don't really know what I want to do right now," said Franklin. "It's still a little early to decide."

"Of course, I'll probably look into a career in business management," he added, "but that's as much of a plan as I have now."

Anybody who needs a volunteer should look this young man up. "I'm looking for more volunteer work to do," he explains, "I just would really like to help so I'm trying to find other places to volunteer, too."

Franklin is the son of Roy and Mary Franklin of Prestonsburg. He is a member of Lancer Baptist Church.

Portrait of Home

New director of Hospice

by Polly Ward
Times Feature Writer

When Claire Arsenault accepted the job as director of Hospice of Big Sandy last September, it meant literally changing her whole life. Not only did the Maine native relocate, leaving behind family and friends, but she had to adjust to a new climate and a different culture.

Arsenault embraced the change with open arms. "I love it," she said, smiling from behind her desk at the Hospice office.

For 12 years she was executive director of a rural health center in Maine and she was looking for a new challenge. "I felt I had gone as far as I could go in that position," she said. She was age 52, and she knew that if she didn't change her life then, "when would I?" she said.

As it turned out, Arsenault had friends in Kentucky who invited her last summer to "come and see Kentucky," she said.

She did and it was love at first sight. "Although I loved the open spaces and salt water of Maine, I saw the mountains and they

hugged me," the personable director said.

Last fall, Arsenault moved to Paintsville where she began her work as executive director of Hospice. She left behind three grown children and grandchildren who live in Maine. "It was hard to leave them," she admitted. But she has found the new life she was looking for.

"People here have been accepting, open-armed, absolutely wonderful," she said. "That's amazing in the world today." She added that the families Hospice serves have accepted her into their homes and into their

McDowell ARH strives to be the provider of first choice by focusing on community needs

Appalachian Regional Healthcare (ARH) is a rural, independent health care system consisting of (11) community hospitals and many health related services in the central Appalachian region of Kentucky, West Virginia, and Virginia. ARH is dedicated to providing high quality health care and health related services to the people who live in the coal mining communities where the hospitals are located.

McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital was originally built in the mid 1950's by the Miners Memorial Hospital Association and was acquired by ARH in 1963, a non-profit corporation. For almost forty years, McDowell ARH has consistently provided health services to the residents of the surrounding communities and is committed to being the provider of first choice.

In addition to providing traditional inpatient services and emergency treatment for the ill and injured, McDowell ARH supports disease prevention and promoting healthy lifestyles by providing health education and

making preventive services more accessible and effective. Community leaders, patients, hospital employees and management all work together to determine the health care needs of the population, then determine the means to address those needs with patient convenience a primary consideration.

Currently, the emergency room is staffed 24 hours a day with providers who are certified in Advance Trauma Life Support and Advanced Cardiac Life Support. Anyone presented to the emergency room for service is attended by a doctor, whether their problem is an emergency, urgent, or routine. Three clinics are located on the McDowell ARH campus, offering complete family healthcare; McDowell ARH Professional Services, McDowell Clinic, and Mary A. Hall, M.D. and Associates Clinic.

McDowell ARH Professional Services staff includes: Dr. Ruben Singayao, a well known surgeon, who has practiced in the McDowell Community for twelve years; Dr. Miguel Alcorido, who completed an internal

medicine residency at the Saint Francis Hospital in Evanston, Illinois just prior to beginning his practice last year; Dr. Mohammed Ashraf, Board Certified in Internal Medicine, relocated to Kentucky in 1992; Dr. Bellur Jwalainiah, Board Certified Pediatrician and Neonatologist, joined the clinic group almost two years ago; and Dr. Susan Brenner, who has made Floyd County her home base for the past 20 years while she traveled to Alaska, Africa, and other medically underserved areas to provide service.

In addition to the above physicians, Dr. Uddar Shankar, Gastroenterologist, provides specialty and consultative services. Plans for the immediate future include gynecology and rheumatoidology.

Dr. Chandra Varia, has agreed to provide bi-monthly gynecologic services at McDowell beginning June, 1994 and Dr. Pampati, Rheumatoidologist, is considering monthly clinics for the convenience of patients in the

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Teamwork

Claire Arsenault (left), director of Hospice of Big Sandy, and Terry Hackworth, Hospice patient care coordinator, recently looked over records at the Hospice office. Hackworth said about Arsenault, "We just work real well together. We have the same goals and ideas about good quality patient care." (photo by Polly Ward)

affections.

"I do make visits to the home of clients," she explained. "Eventually I will visit every patient. This is my personal goal."

So far, her administrative duties have kept her tied, for the most part, to Hospice offices located on the second floor of the Redd, Brown, Williams Building on College Street in Paintsville.

Although she had 18 years experience working as a registered nurse in a hospital in Maine, she had never worked directly with Hospice.

"I knew what Hospice was," she said. "I seem to have come full circle in my career and life...My personal belief is that I don't want to be in a hospital with a machine when I die. Hospice philosophy fit me in terms of my career and philosophy. I want someone to be there, to hold my hand, and not be alone when I die."

In May of 1982, she became director of a rural health center in Maine. During her tenure, the staff grew from one physician assistant to three doctors, one assistant and a dentist. In addition, she was active in the national rural health center organization and she was president of the board of directors of the New England Health Center Association.

Such credentials qualified her for the position of Hospice director, and once hired, she plunged into the work as administrator with aplomb. In the past seven months, Arsenault and the Hospice board of directors have spearheaded change in the non-profit organization.

"We have made great strides in staffing," Arsenault said.

Hospice of Big Sandy now has nine full time employees — three administrators, two social service workers and four nursing staff. Additional staff includes four registered nurses who are on call part-time.

Other changes include streamlining and developing sound financial reporting, and increased marketing of Hospice.

"We have tripled our census since September," she noted. "People are hearing about Hospice nationally as well as locally. People want to stay home to die and are speaking up and saying what they want."

Arsenault and the Hospice board also developed a five-year strategic plan which she calls "a road map" with clear goals and objectives. "Hospice had eight patients when I came in September. We have 23 patients a day now...A year from now we will have at least 50 patients daily. My responsibility is to look ahead so we don't fall into a black hole as it happens."

She said that Hospice has made a positive impact on the lives of Eastern Kentuckians. "Hospice has made a difference to mountain families. Their (terminally ill) loved ones are at home where they can live out their lives with dignity, and quality, surrounded by loved ones.

"It makes a difference to the patient and family and community...Within the concept of health care, which includes Hospice, we are now taking care of our own. And Hospice helps us do that."



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Still improving after all these years

Prestonsburg's first hospital

Between 1875 and the early 1900s, Floyd County's population steadily increased and with it came changes in the economic, political and medical scene. Prestonsburg was established as the county seat of Floyd County and the need for a hospital became increasingly apparent.

Doctors traveling on horseback or by mule to visit patients in remote areas of the county could not effectively serve the needs of the people. No longer was an "add on room" in the back of the local doctor's home adequate to meet the needs of the growing population.

The Floyd County Times reported on June 13, 1940, "One of Eastern Kentucky's finest hospitals is envisioned for Prestonsburg as workmen employed by Dr. D.H. Daniel are not only remodeling the old Hereford residence in West Prestonsburg for use as a hospital, but are at work on a 32-room annex to the original structure." And so began Prestonsburg's first hospital.

Prestonsburg General Hospital

Post World War II population growth in Floyd County again demanded increased medical services and in 1952, a new hospital was established to better serve the people.

A small group of doctors led by Dr. George Archer, financing the enterprise largely with their own money, founded the Prestonsburg General Hospital in the proximity of Court and First Street.

Prestonsburg General had 50 beds and a small operating room. It employed a total of 56, four of whom were RN's. There were seven doctors on staff.

Highlands Hospital Corporation

In 1965, Highlands Hospital Corporation was formed as an outgrowth of the evolution toward a practice approach to healthcare. The effort was backed by some of the region's most outstanding citizens including Congressman Carl D. Perkins; Burl Spurlock, president of the First National Bank of Prestonsburg; Dr. George P. Archer, founder of Prestonsburg General Hospital and board member; Chalmer H. Frazier, administrator of Prestonsburg General Hospital and board member; and Dr. James D. Adams, who also served on the board at that time.

The board's priority was to secure financing and land for the new hospital. Non-profit status was chosen in order to secure federal funding.

In the meantime, the project took on a broader, regional perspective, due in large part to the coalition formed by health-care professionals from Johnson, Floyd, Martin and Magoffin counties who needed the facility's modern technology, and because of

the involvement of the Big Sandy Area Development District, among others.

A site location midway between Paintsville and Prestonsburg was mandated. Property was ultimately acquired from the state of Kentucky and ground was broken at the present site on April 4, 1970 for the new 137 bed Highlands Hospital.

Where Prestonsburg General had served Floyd and Magoffin counties, Highlands would embrace a service area that would also include Johnson and Martin counties.

Thus it became Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Highlands Regional Medical Center

Highlands Regional Medical Center opened its doors on January 3, 1973 with 13 staff physicians and six registered nurses.

Growth was dizzying in the early years and by 1979, Highlands was bursting at the seams. A week's wait for a hospital room was not uncommon. To keep the pace, Highlands expanded. And kept expanding.

Patients were coming from not only Magoffin, Johnson and Martin counties, but also from Pike and Lawrence counties. Today Highlands routinely provides healthcare services to patients and professionals from Breathitt, Knott, Leslie, Leicher, and Perry counties, plus portions of West Virginia.

New product lines, total programs as opposed to segmented services were introduced. Cardiac Catheterization, Cardiac Rehabilitation, Plastic Surgery, Outpatient Surgery, the latest lens implant technique in eye surgery and the Breast Center are a few examples of the center's growth since the mid-1980s.

The Birth Place

A most advanced birthing center is now located at Highlands. Since it opened in 1993, residents have a better access to obstetrics and prenatal care.

New prenatal and childbirthing classes have helped expectant parents be more knowledgeable about nutrition, exercise and the avoidance of alcohol, tobacco and drugs.

The unit offers the latest in comfort and security and for patients it offers the convenience of staying in one room—the LDR—for labor, delivery and recovery. The LDR room is spacious, warm and bright for accommodations for father or another special person.

There is also the post-partum (after-birth room) where the adventure of being a new parent begins. In post-partum you'll learn about baby's special needs. Feeding, by breast and bottle, holding, changing diapers, playing, dressing, communicating, why babies behave the way they do, sleep schedules and special precautions are some of the programs



available.

It also offers a waiting room for relatives and friends, an OB surgical suite for cesarean deliveries, a special delivery room for those who arrive at the last minute or have special needs, and sleeping rooms for your physician because sometimes they have to wait, too.

Conveniently located in the OB suite are two obstetrics operating rooms and a recov-

ery room to accommodate C-sections and other procedures.

Medical Office Building

A new Medical Office Building is under construction at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

This medical building will house office space solely for the use by new physicians.

The 70,000 square foot building is being prepared for use by family practitioners and specialists.

Editor's Note: Information for this article was taken from the Floyd County, Kentucky History book. This book can be purchased at the Bookworm in Prestonsburg. Other information was taken from the Portrait of Home edition of The Paintsville Herald.

McDowell

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McDowell communities served by McDowell ARH.

McDowell Clinic is staffed by Dr. Clarita Vicher, Board Certified in Internal Medicine and Emergency Medicine. Dr. Vicher and son Ricky (graduate of McDowell High School) have lived in McDowell for the past 12 years.

Mary A. Hall, M.D. and Associates Clinic is staffed by Floyd County Native, Dr. Mary A. Hall, Board Certified in Family Practice, and Dr. Percival Pajel, General Practitioner. Dr. Hall is graduate of Wheelwright High School and the University of Louisville School of Medicine. Dr. Pajel, and his family, arrived in McDowell in January, 1985.

Dr. Francisco Rivera, Surgeon, is the primary provider of emergency care. Dr. Rivera and his family came to McDowell in July, 1981.

Dr. Rivera is known for his competency and his compassion; on several occasions he has accompanied patients during transfer to tertiary care facilities.

Physicians at the Wheelwright Clinic; Dr. Ahmed and Dr. Monohara Munimuddappa, have become active members of the McDowell ARH medical staff so their patients will not have to travel long distances for hospitalization.

Ancillary services include a state-of-the-art radiology suite (CT scanning,

mammography, ultrasound, fluoroscopy, and routine x-ray), laboratory services, pharmaceutical services, nutritional assessment and consultation, physical therapy, out-patient surgery, and newly expanded respiratory therapy department to include stress testing, pulmonary function testing, echocardiography, as well as the traditional respiratory treatments.

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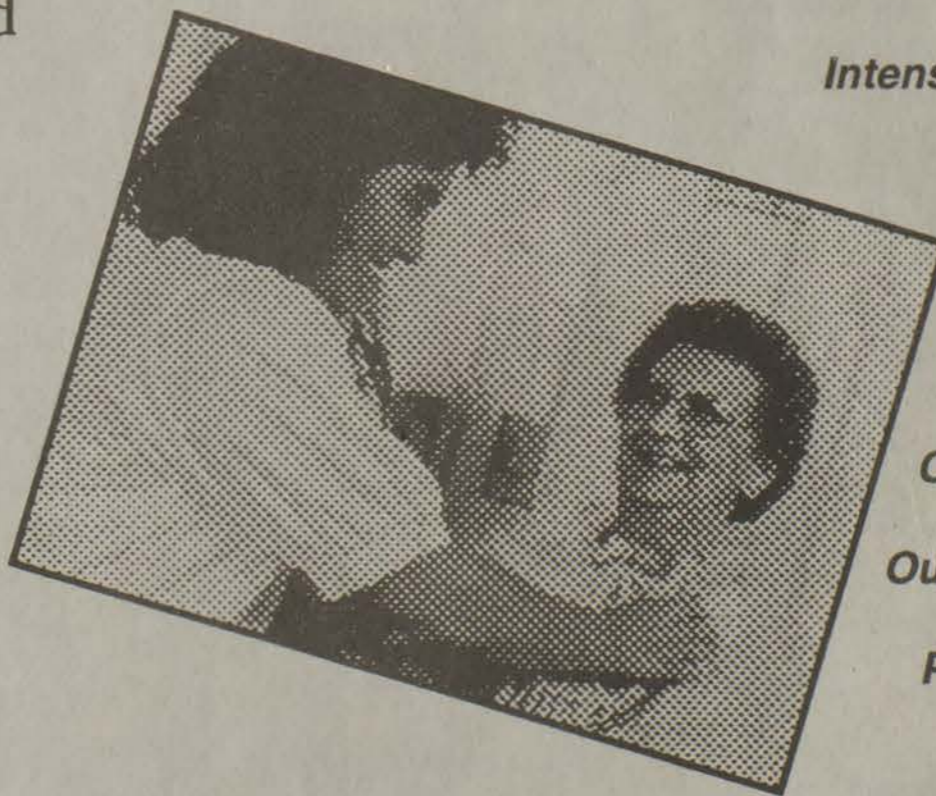
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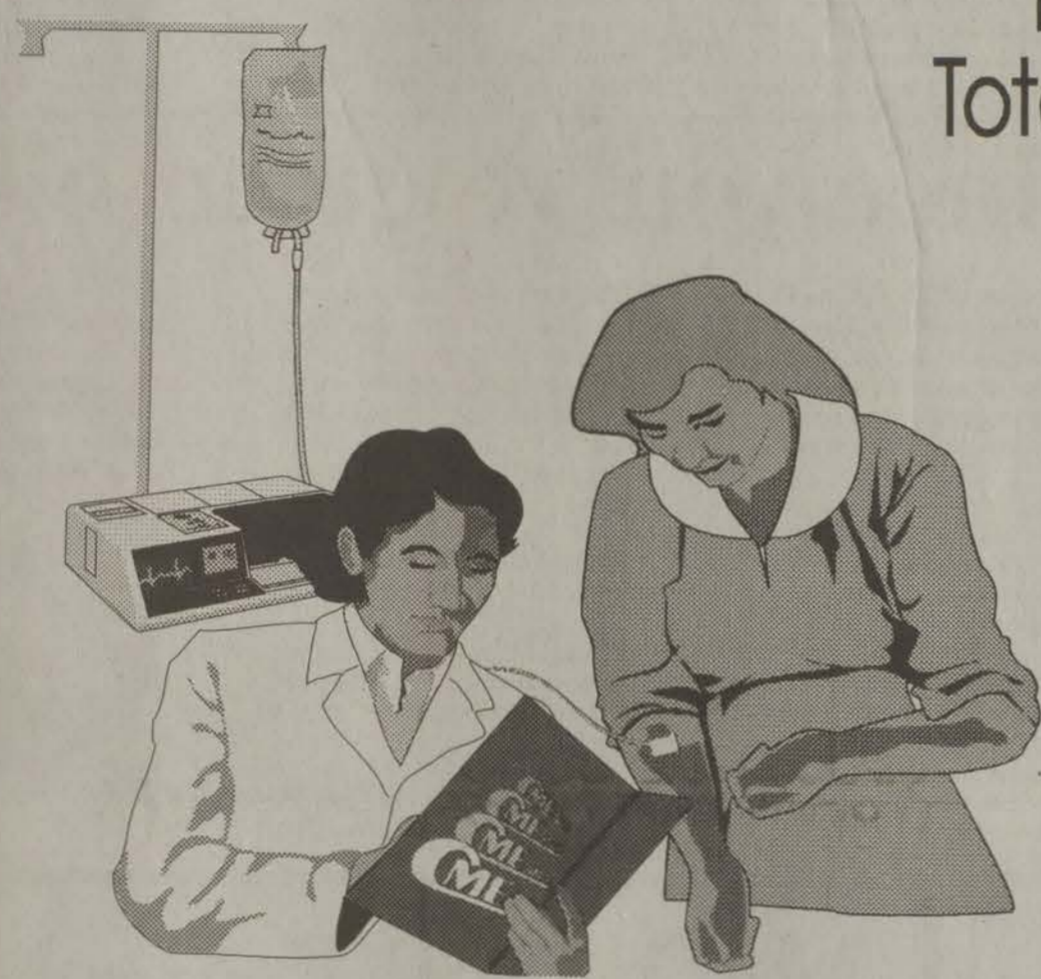
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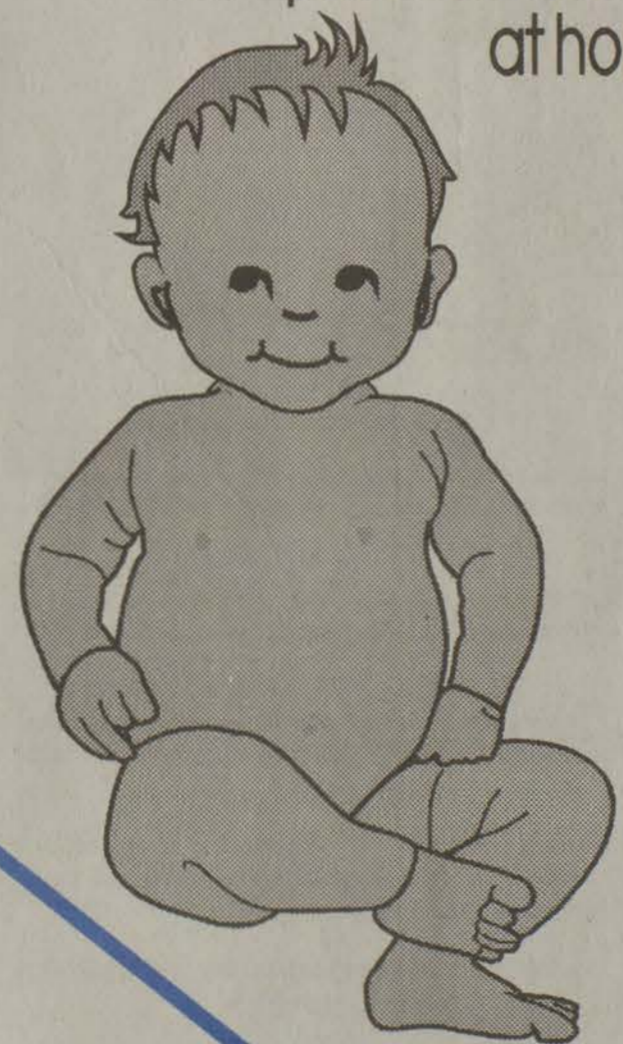
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From breast care to newborns, Pike Methodist does it all

Women's health needs have changed in recent years and Pikeville Methodist Hospital has responded to those changes by placing a major emphasis in women's services.

From breast care, labor and delivery and newborn care, Pikeville Methodist Hospital has taken great strides in providing progressive care for women.

Pikeville Methodist prides itself on the obstetric department. Under the direction of Women's Services Director Patty Akers the department has developed into The Birth Place.

The Birth Place is more than the name implies. The four modern labor and delivery rooms are designed to be comfortable for mom and her coach. Each woman is monitored by both mechanical devices and by nurses during labor.

In addition to the specialized attention given to each patient by labor room nurses, the rooms are equipped with central monitoring so that when the nurse must leave the room to make notations at the nurses station, the patient is still being monitored. Monitoring for any changes is very important during labor and at Pikeville Methodist Hospital, the extra effort is made to ensure that the labor process is observed extremely closely.

Immediately after the delivery of a family's new bundle of joy, nurses in the delivery room begin making a video tape of the first few precious moments of the newborn's life. The tape is about 10 minutes long and is given to the baby's mother before she is released from the hospital. This is a free service that Pikeville Methodist Hospital developed to make the

memories of the birth of each new child more special.

Breastfeeding is encouraged at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Those new mothers who choose to breastfeed their infant will begin that process immediately after delivery. Akers says that beginning to breastfeed immediately after birth is the best time because it helps to stimulate the milk flow in the mother and the infant is at his or her most alert stage and is ready to learn to breastfeed.

The Birth Place also offers Rooming In. Rooming In is an option that new mothers have in how much care they provide to their newborn while still in the hospital. Mothers can choose a modified plan or a 24 hour plan. Modified Rooming In allows the baby to stay with mom all day and then the newborn is returned to the nursery at night to allow the new mother to rest. The 24 hour Rooming In allows the baby to stay with his or her mother during the entire hospital stay. The option is left up to the mother.

Pikeville Methodist Hospital also encourages someone to stay with the new mother at night. In order to make this easier, a sleep chair is provided in all private rooms so that one person can stay all night. Each private room has been recently remodeled for a more pleasurable stay. When it is time for mom and the family's new addition to go home, teaching is provided by obstetric nurses about the proper use of car seats. A free Motor Vehicle Safety Approved car seat is given to each family who delivers a baby at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Parents are taught how to properly strap the baby in the

seat and how to safely strap the seat into the vehicle. The car seats that are given to the families also make a carrier and a rocker.

People who expect to deliver their child at Pikeville Methodist Hospital are welcome to tour the unit. To make an appointment for a tour or to discuss your birth options call 437-3938 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and ask for Patty Akers.

Because not every birth is a perfect experience and little ones do get sick, Pikeville Methodist Hospital is the home of the area's only Level II Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU). This eight bed unit cares for moderately sick infants. The unit opened in March of 1989 and has since served more than 960 infants. The staff Neonatologist, Dr. Ruth Ann Shepherd, is on hand for high risk deliveries and cesarean sections. If any complications arise, Dr. Shepherd is available to treat area babies.

The NICU also cares for infants who are ill when delivered in other area hospitals. Pikeville Methodist Hospital provides a Neonatal Transport Service. This specially designed ambulance travels to area hospitals to pick up infants who are sick and bring them to Pikeville's NICU for specialized treatment.

Breast Care is another aspect of women's health care that has recently been made more convenient and affordable. The Breast Center is located in the Riverside Building on Cline Street. This facility offers screening mammography at a reduced price. All mammograms are performed by Certified Mammographers.

Patients can make their own appointments or be scheduled through physician referral. Self Breast Exam Training is offered at The Breast Center. A nurse offers personal, private training so that women can learn the proper techniques of self breast exam.

Inside the hospital walls, full diagnostic mammography is offered. The mammographers also perform needle localization services. Needle localization is used prior to surgery on a breast mass. The mass is pinpointed and a needle is placed in the mass prior to surgery so the surgeon is made aware of the exact location of the mass. This process reduces the incision needed and therefore will reduce the scarring.

Breast ultrasounds are also used when a mass is found. This procedure will determine if a mass is solid or is cystic in nature. Breast ultrasounds are used as a diagnostic tool to assist the physician in determining a proper treatment.

Radiology Director Melisa Wallace said that soon Pikeville Methodist Hospital will be performing Magnetic Resonance Imaging procedures of the breast. Wallace said that a special addition for the MRI unit is being planned. This is a highly sophisticated diagnostic tool that can be used to determine the make up of a mass.

Pikeville Methodist Hospital officials feel very strongly that patients need to be aware of issues concerning their health and as part of our efforts to make patients aware, a wide range of educational opportunities are offered.

For years, Pikeville Methodist Hospital has been a leader in offering Prepared Childbirth and Newborn Care classes. The

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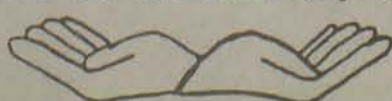
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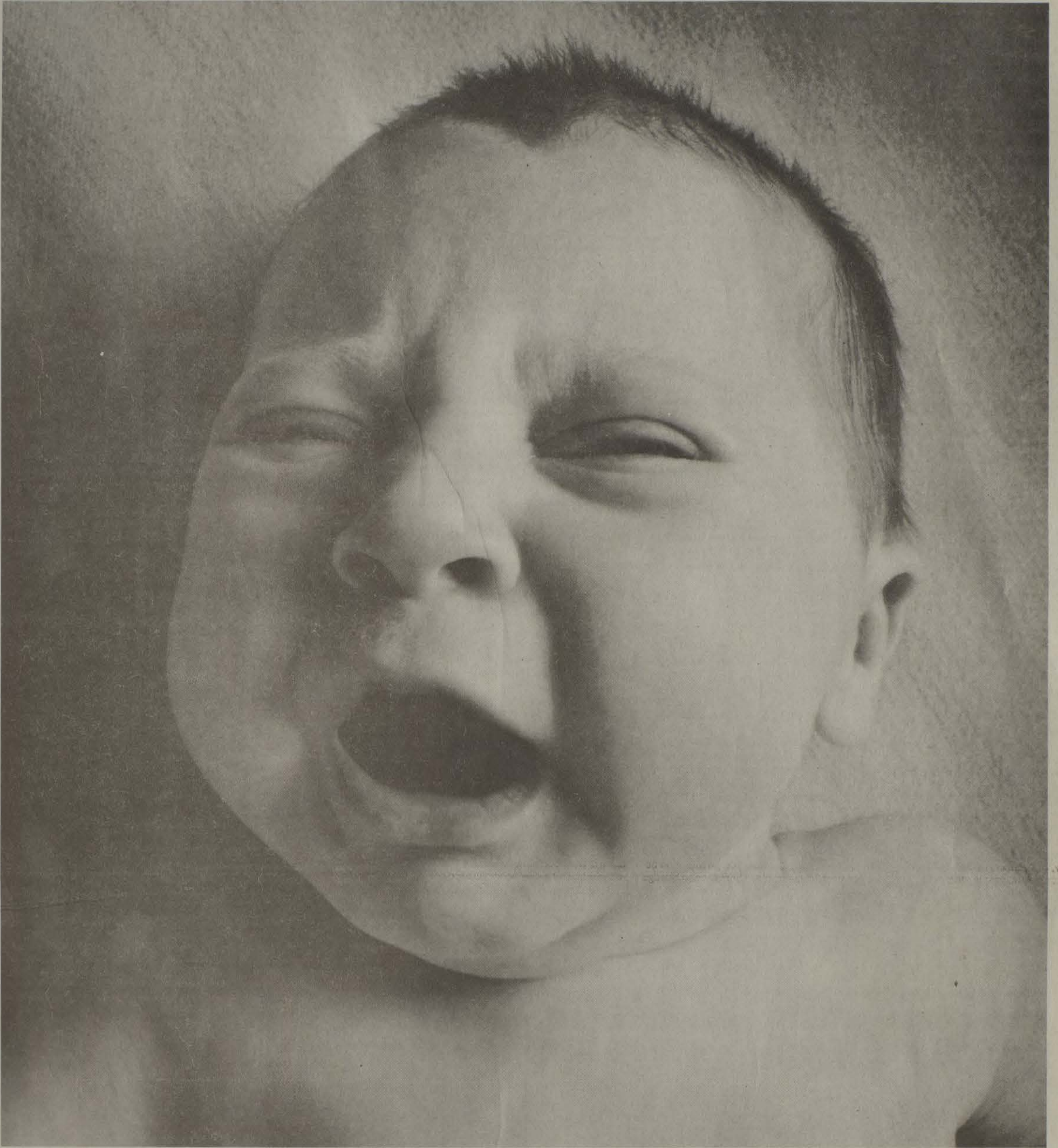


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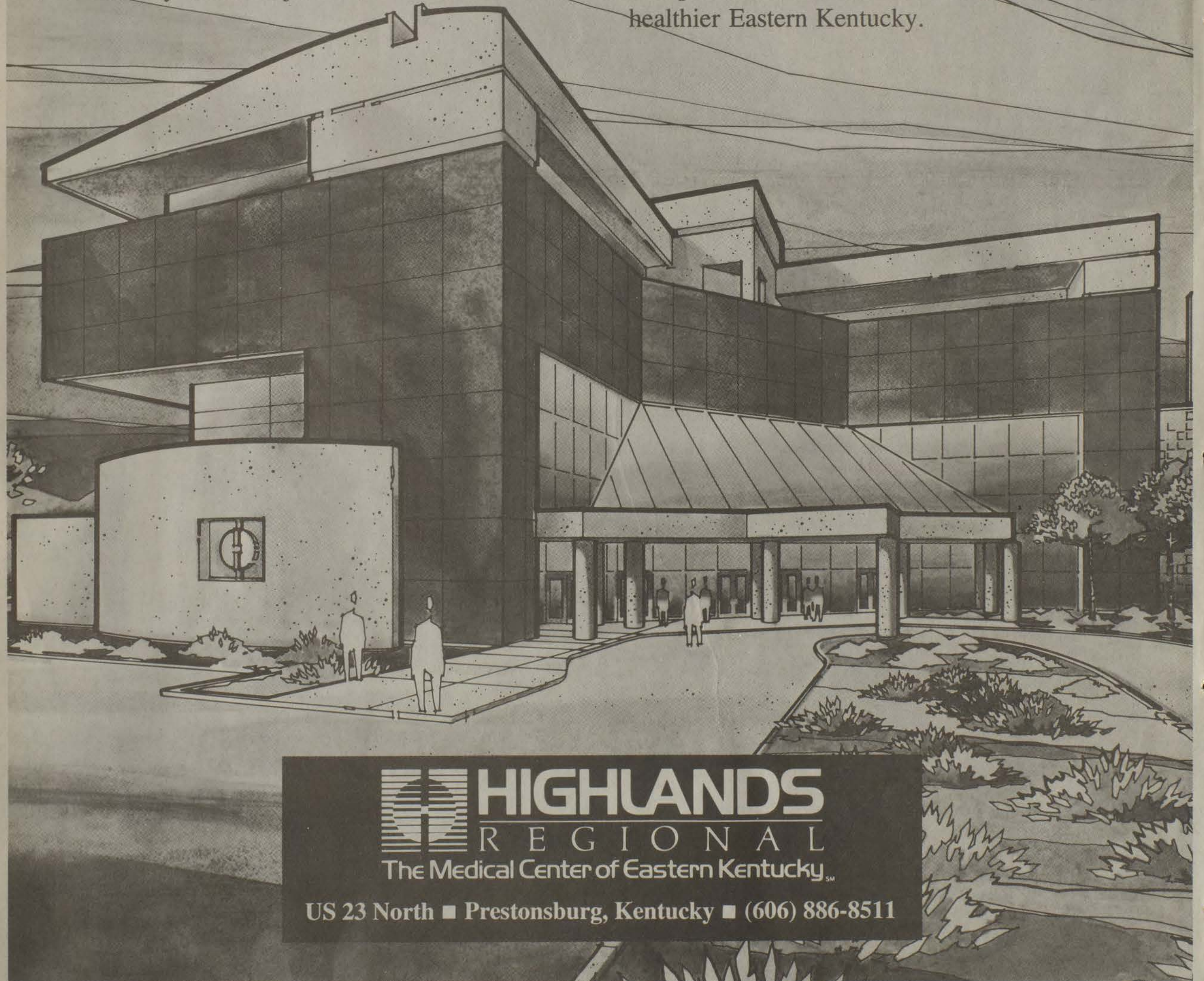
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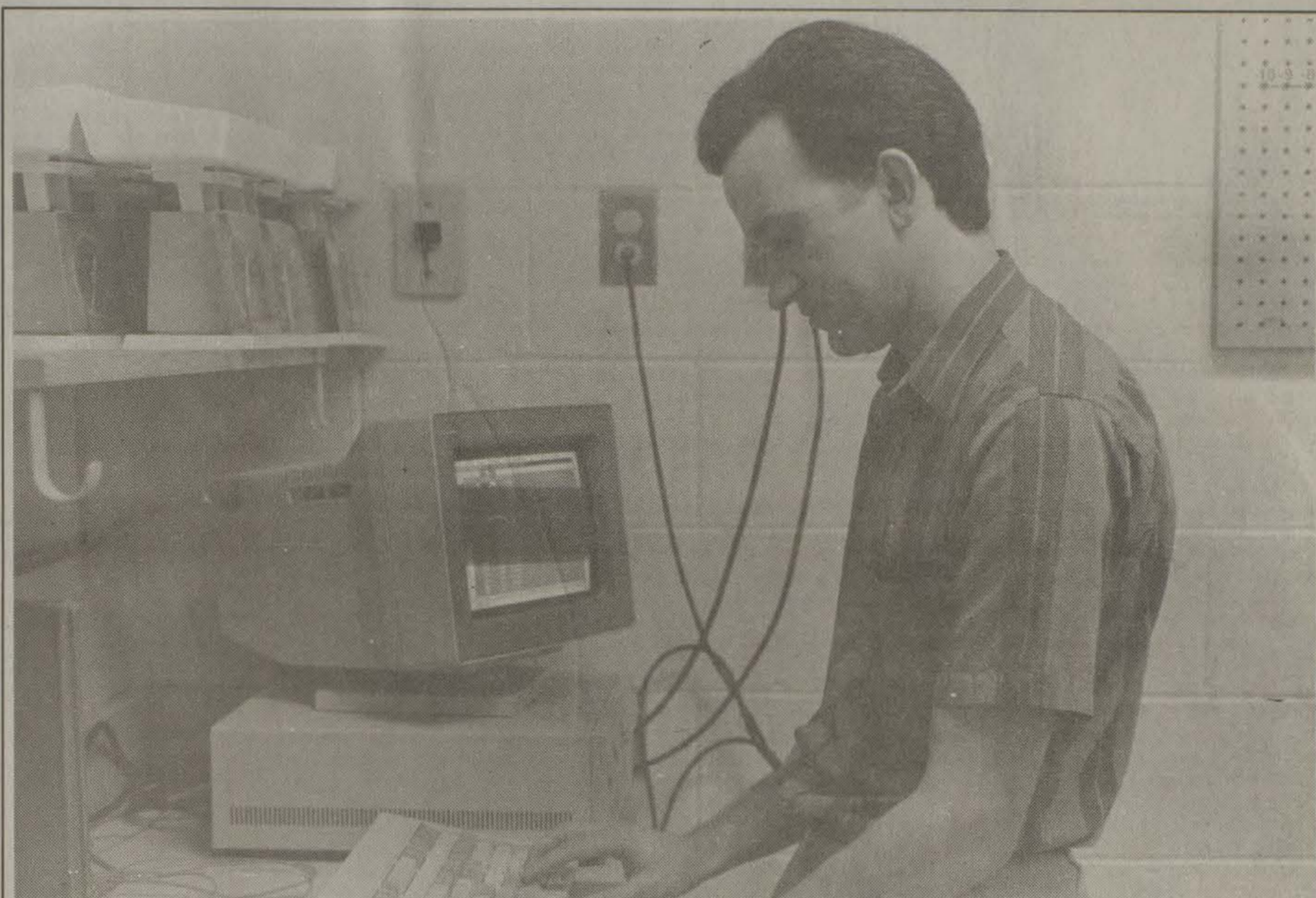
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KERA at work

Greg Moore spends a lot of time at school. Moore is a teacher at South Floyd High School who is using KERA's principles to prepare his students to enter the technologic workforce and to become leaders in their communities. (photo by Ann Latta)

Technology moves into the classroom

by Ann Latta
Contributing Writer

When the deep snows of January closed down the Floyd County schools, they only kept Greg Moore away from his classroom for a couple of days—just until he was able to negotiate the steep drive up to South Floyd High School.

Greg Moore loves to teach. When the students aren't there, Moore is anyway, working on new ideas or new approaches to old problems.

He spent most of his Christmas vacation at the school too.

And, last summer, before South Floyd officially opened as the county's newest high school, Moore was there nearly every day, arranging his classroom to suit him and getting ready for the students to arrive.

Specifically, Moore loves to teach mathematics. He talks about instilling his students with "the real power and beauty of mathematics," and means it.

There is no greater moment, he says, than "when a student looks up and says, 'Mr. Moore, I've got it!'"

His love of mathematics probably comes naturally.

His parents are Bennie and Daphne Moore of Wayland.

Bennie Moore is a long-time teacher of mathematics at Alice Lloyd College, at Pippa Passes.

"I kind of grew up around math, and never had any problem understanding it," he says.

He didn't plan to teach it himself, however, and after graduation from Allen Central High School, enrolled at Alice Lloyd as a business major.

"Then I got a chance to do some substitute teaching, and after two or three days working with the kids, I knew that's what I wanted to do."

Finding he couldn't get the right courses at Alice Lloyd, he transferred to Pikeville College, where he finished up with a Bachelor's Degree in Science

Education and Math.

Now in his second year of full-time teaching, he's tickled to death with the new facilities at South Floyd, which consolidated McDowell High, where Moore taught last year, and Wheelwright.

He's pleased with his students, too.

"I thought it might be hard, coming from two schools, but everybody started to pull together real fast. We've got a great faculty and great students."

Moore believes in rewarding his students who work hard too.

After a semester of good work, he arranged a field trip to Lexington for a visit to the U.K. math department.

Somehow—he's not saying exactly how—he managed to wrangle 45 Rupp Arena tickets for his class to attend a Wildcat basketball game while they were there.

Unfortunately, the January snows forced a cancellation, and game tickets aren't available any more this year, but he hopes to reschedule the math department visit. He wants his students to see how college math applies and relates to them.

Moore is also a teacher who likes KERA—the Kentucky Education Reform Act—which puts more emphasis on giving students a meaningful education they can put to use in the real world.

He's brought the KERA principles into his classroom, and can rattle off a dozen projects to show how it works.

Among them are a recycling program for the school, and a cooperative effort between the math classes and other units which resulted in South Floyd receiving a \$2,000 grant.

He's quick to point out that his students come up with the ideas—another aim of KERA.

In the case of recycling, the students wondered how many cans of pop were sold at school, and how much money could be made if they were recycled.

The result was an exercise in calculating the number of cans sold by weight and volume, the amount or profit that would bring at current prices,

and the placement of collection receptacles throughout the school—donated by Coca-Cola when his students called for information.

The environment was also a concern in the proposal that brought the \$2,000 Eisenhower Grant to the school.

Working with several other classes at South Floyd, Moore's math students developed a grant application proposing to study the water quality on Left Beaver.

The totally integrated project will have Chemistry students performing water tests; English students doing research and preparing written materials; the Speech, Drama and Senior English class taking the research and putting together a public forum; the Journalism class keeping a journal and preparing brochures on Desk-top computers; and the Technology Education class doing a video documentary to show at the public forum.

The math classes, of course, are also involved.

"We'll do a study unit on statistics," Moore says, "to help students understand how to make statistics work for you—and to explain standard deviation: why one set of figures can vary so much from another."

Computers will be used to feed the statistics into spread sheets, and develop graphs and charts. Moore's a big champion of computers, and calls spread sheets "one of the most powerful math tools you can use."

He's glad to have access to the new computer labs at South Floyd, and will soon be able to access them by modem from his home computer. That will allow him to spend even more time working up new class projects.

Moore is married to the former Barbara Williams, a Whitesburg native, and dental assistant.

Does she object to the extra time he spends on teaching?

He grins. "Not really. She knows where I'll be if I'm not at home. I'll be down here in my classroom."

Portrait of Home

“Primary students are going to be ready to face anything.”

An Interview with Kevin Slone, Senior at South Floyd High School

by Carol Stumbo
Contributing Writer

Kevin Slone loves sports (basketball, volleyball, football) but he also has a keen interest in the arts. In addition to loving music, he hopes to major in art and become a teacher. Kevin's father Kenneth, finished high school and is employed in the coal mines. Valerie, Kevin's mother, dropped out of high school when she was a sophomore. Both of his parents, however, have instilled in him, the need for an education. His mother has completed her GED and is currently enrolled in Prestonsburg Community College's nursing program where she is, as Kevin tells you proudly, earning a 4.0.

Last year, Kevin was a member of an American studies class at Wheelwright that integrated American history and junior English in a two-hour block. The class also participated in the Kentucky Telecommunications Writing Program which is funded by the Bingham Trust and connects schools across the state electronically through a bulletin board located in New York City for the purpose of improving their writing.

As part of that program, Kevin was a member of a group that worked on creating a pamphlet for the primary school in cooperation with one of the elementary schools. He spent some time in the primary classroom working on the pamphlet and doing cross-age tutoring at Osborne Elementary where his sister attends school. He was able to observe first-hand the differences in his own education and that of primary students under KERA. Kevin is currently a senior at South Floyd High School at Hi Hat, a new consolidated school. Because he is a senior, Kevin will not experience the full impact of KERA, but he has come strong opinions about it.



Kevin Slone uses his computer skills to improve his writing.

QUESTION: Kevin, tell me a little about your experience with school

I didn't go to kindergarten. I went straight into the first grade. I went to Osborne Elementary and I did pretty decent there.

Then I went to Wheelwright High School. In my freshman year, I sort of made a few mistakes—a few bad grades. As I progressed, I did a little better, but I didn't try as hard as I wish that I had.

Last year, I got involved with KERA. It was quite an interesting experience, teaching kids that were in the primary.

They were very smart, smarter than what I was in their grade. I probably didn't know what a computer was when I was their age. I didn't learn anything about computers until my freshman year in high school.

QUESTION: Did you notice anything else different about the primary from the way you had been taught?

When I was in the first grade, we were taught first grade work; second graders were taught second grade work. They taught all the classes separate. When I went to Osborne, I saw first and second graders sometimes doing third grade work. That was the first time I had ever seen anything like that.

QUESTION: What did you think about that?

I think it is a better way to do it. If a second grader can do the work and not even

be challenged by it or learn anything, why not have him advance and learn something new?

When I was in the first grade, we all sat at tables—three to four people at a table but they had dividers on top of the tables. We couldn't even look at another student's paper. If we did, it was called cheating, and we were taken out in the hall and paddled.

At Osborne, the students talk and help one another. It's a better way of doing it. Students can teach each other.

QUESTION: One of the things that you did with the primary students was to create a pamphlet for parents. Why did you think that was necessary?

Some of the parents didn't know enough about what was going on. The children were learning things that parents had not been taught when they went to school. The grades, for example. Primary students don't get A's and B's like we did.

They get a report that has thirty-some items on it. The parents had never seen forms like that before and didn't understand them. As far as they knew, their children could have been failing. They were confused.

We put together a pamphlet that explained to the parents what was going on and let them know that their kids were not failing, that they really were doing pretty good.

QUESTION: After observing the primary program and comparing it to your own education, do you think primary students have a better opportunity?

I think I would have done better if I had been in a primary program. I think I would have learned more. I was always good in math. As the years went on, I kept getting worse in math. I think that if I had been in the primary, I could have gotten better.

QUESTION: What was the reaction of the primary students?

They all liked it. It was fun to them. When I was going to grade school, we were given papers and told to fill in the blanks. The teachers would ask questions and you'd answer it by yourself. You couldn't get any help. It was boring.

The primary students were all happy. They were moving around the room, playing educational games, learning spelling and math. If a kid likes to do something, he's going to do well. If they don't—which I didn't—I didn't like what I was doing but somehow or another I kept on doing it. If I had liked what I was doing, then I would have done a whole lot better. My mother did well in school but she just didn't like it. That's why she quit.

QUESTION: Last year, you were in a junior class that tried to incorporate some of the elements of KERA. Could you talk a

little about that.

It was hard. I began to like the class second semester but I was scared at first. I was used to the old way.

We did a lot of presentations and I wasn't used to that. I was always shy and didn't like getting up in front of other people. Now it doesn't bother me. My mom has told me that she has done all kinds of presentations in college. She compared our class to college and said that it would prepare me for it.

We did a lot of writing on computers, sending our work to a network in New York. That was fun. I was writing to people across Kentucky. They used language that I didn't even know. They put up words that I didn't even know, but it was interesting. It was a good feeling knowing that all kinds of people were reading your writing and that they were writing back and telling you how much they liked it.

I have always liked to write but until last year, I couldn't take criticism. When I wrote something, I thought that was the way it should be, and I didn't want anyone telling me otherwise.

Now I understand. Last year when I sent stories to other people, I wanted them to be the best that I could make it. I didn't want what I wrote to reflect on my school or Eastern Kentucky. Kids were excited about sending their writing to other people. I wanted them to know that I could write.

My writing has improved a lot. When I

wrote over the summer, I would find myself writing in pencil—say a ten-page story—and then going back myself and making notes in ink about what could be done to make it better. Maybe I will be a writer one day.

American history and English were good subjects to combine. At first, I didn't think that we were learning much English, but over the summer, I thought about all the papers that we had written and how we were learning history and how to write at the same time. In a lot of history classes, you are only graded on history—not writing.

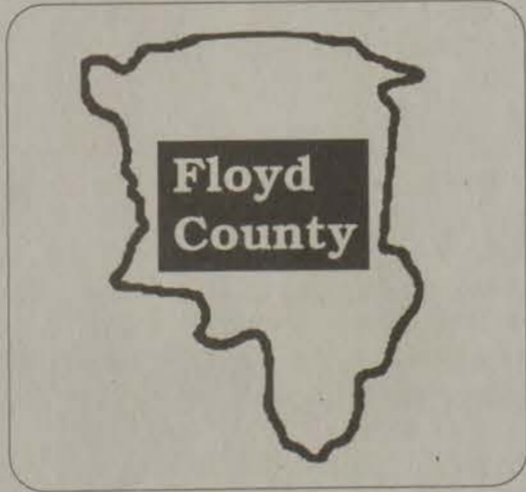
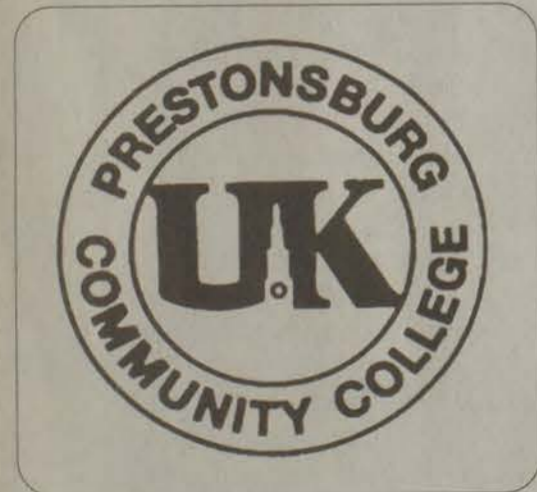
In a way, our class was sort of like the primary block. We worked in groups a lot. Sometimes, there would be arguments but we'd usually find a point to agree on. Doing senior portfolios this year has been easy because I had a lot of writing to choose from. I save all my writing. The pamphlet was easy work for us. It was fun and we enjoyed doing it.

Change was hard for us when we started but the primary students are going to be ready to face anything. Nothing is going to be too hard for them. I saw some of them that were capable of doing seventh-eighth grade work. They're going to be ready. That's what I like about it.

I think they had better keep KERA. It is always good to know things that you didn't know before. Everything you know is important.



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Involved in a mission

by Thelma Spears
Contributing Writer

Research shows that effective schools across the country have certain common characteristics that make them more effective than other schools. One of these common characteristics is home/school relations. Parents and the community understand and support the basic mission of the school. Parents believe they have an important role in helping to achieve this mission.

Such a group of parents exist in the Betsy Layne community who volunteer their services to Principal Fonzo Akers, staff, and students of the Betsy Layne Elementary School located in the southeastern tip of Floyd County. Those who volunteer for a wide range of tasks include: Monica Boyd, Janet Bowling, Gerry Clark, Bonnie Coleman, Meletha Daniels, Sharon Goble, Judy Johnstone, Deloris Knusz, MariMcChesney, Mary Morton, Charlotte Rogers, Ollie Smith, Tresia Smith, Edith Stanley, and Lynette Thomas. Two of those parents who are now involved in a record setting ninth year of volunteer work are GERRY CLARK and JUDY JOHNSTONE.

Gerry Caldwell Clark is the mother of two sons and two daughters: Gerald Clark of Ivel, Gregory Clark of Prestonsburg, Teresa Ratliff of Johns Creek, and Stacy Clark of Ivel. Mrs. Clark is a former two-term P.T.O. president (1988-1990), a former member of the B.L.E. Budget Committee (1989-1992), and is currently participating as a community member of the Betsy Layne Family Resource Council. Her volunteer work at the school dates back to 1985 when her daughter Stacy entered kindergarten. Gerry is a graduate of Betsy Layne High School and resides in the Ivel Community.

Judy Tackett Johnstone is the mother of William Johnstone of Harold, and Amanda Johnstone of Betsy Layne. She is a past member of the Betsy Layne elementary Budget Committee (1989-1992), a current member of the Family resource Council, and is presently serving a two-term position as P.T.O. secretary and treasurer. Also, Judy remains active in her volunteer school work which began when her daughter Amanda entered kindergarten in 1985. She is a resident of the Betsy Layne community.

Since their children enrolled in kindergarten, both Gerry and Judy have been helpful in various ways to classroom teachers. Sometimes, they copied class materials on the copier, graded students' papers, and designed bulletin boards. At other times, they helped with hands-on projects such as tie dying shirts, making funnel cakes, and binding 'Young Authors' books for publication. In

addition, Gerry and Judy planned Easter egg hunts, Valentine and Christmas parties, and Halloween Carnivals. When students played their ball games, Gerry and Judy were there, too, in the gymnasium collecting tickets from the fans and selling food and drink in the concession stands. These are just some of the ways these two parents were very helpful to the teachers and students.

Besides assisting teachers, they were also directly involved in being helpful to the following administrators who served as principal of Betsy Layne Elementary: the late, James Enoch Mitchell, J.O. Dingus, Don Daniels, Ronald Salisbury, and current the principal, Fonzo Akers. Both Gerry and Judy made trips to the local post office to pick up school mail; then sorted it, and filed individual teacher's mail in boxes. Afterwards, they did the daily attendance while helping to answer the office telephone. This was a daily morning work that took much time to do.

In addition to helping in the classroom, at the ball games, or in the principal's office, Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Johnstone volunteered to help teachers chaperone various class trips to out-of-town places. They assisted third grade teacher Patricia Adkins when she took her students to Foster Heights Elementary in Bardstow, to visit their pen pals and then on to visit My Old Kentucky Home. Later, they chaperoned the same students on a tour of the East Kentucky Beverage plant in Pikeville and community walks to the Betsy Layne Fire Department. When Marilyn Barnes, fourth grade teacher, took her class to Frankfort to visit the Capitol and to Lexington to visit the Bluegrass Airport, Gerry and Judy went along, too. Also, they assisted sixth grade teacher, Sheila Ortega, and her students in touring the Eastern Kentucky University Planetarium and Fort Boonesboro.

Later, when eighth grade science teacher Lois Tackett, needed help in taking her students to Louisville to tour the J.B. Speed Art Museum, yes, Gerry and Judy volunteered for that task too. These class trips provided much meaning and memories, not only for the students, but, also, for Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Johnstone, as well.

Both of these parent volunteers were asked to comment on their work with the Betsy Layne Elementary faculty and students. Their comments are as follows.

"I think every parent ought to participate in their children's school activities. Children grow-up so fast; so parents ought to enjoy every minute with them that they can. I know I have," stated Gerry Clark.

Likewise, Judy Johnstone echoed the same sentiment. She said: "My advice to parents is to get involved with their children's educational process, starting with when they enter pre-school, Head Start, or kindergarten. There has never been a more opportune time than now with the implementation of the Kentucky Educational Reform Act and with parental involvement being one of KERA's goals.

"These nine years have passed quickly. Since my daughter Amanda will be going to high school next year, and since I don't want to miss out on all of this involvement, I am now working as a substitute teacher's aide and volunteering some too.

"Every principal that Gerry and I worked for seemed to really appreciate our work."

Present Principal Fonzo Akers, also, commented:

"I very much appreciate ALL the volunteer workers who help with the daily flow of work here at the school, especially those who have been supportive for such a long time. They are a great asset to the school. I urge



Role models

Gerry Clark, left, and Judy Johnstone, right, are an asset to Betsy Layne Elementary. Principal Fonzo Akers urges more residents of the community to become involved in volunteer work at the school.

more parents to get involved."

Secretary Phyllis Senters expressed her feelings:

"Gerry and Judy have always been helpful when school was not in session. They came during snow days and helped out with the office work. I really appreciated that. I'm also thankful for and appreciative of ALL the volunteer workers here at the school.

I'm glad they're being recognized!"
Finally, one characteristic of an effective

school is parental involvement - parents involved in supporting the basic mission of the school. With nine consecutive years of service to their credit, Gerry Clark and Judy Johnstone are certainly two shining examples of parents who believe that they have an important role to play in helping their children and their school to achieve an effective educational mission. Further, their work is a challenge to all parents to accept their roles in their own children's educational endeavors

Some facts about KIRIS assessment

Belief:

Performing well on the KIRIS assessment depends largely on writing ability. Since only a few are born with writing abilities, the vast majority of students will not do well on KIRIS.

Fact:

Because writing is a tool through which all of us learn to think in increasingly sophisticated ways and through which students can demonstrate their ability to process information, writing is an important factor in the KIRIS assessment. Research supports the fact that there is a connection between a student's ability to use words and that student's ability to think well. However, the

skillful use of elegant language alone is not the determining factor in success on the KIRIS assessment.

Writing portfolios make up only 1/6 of the school's accountability score. In those portfolios, students learn to be better writers and demonstrate their creativity and imagination, but the portfolios are only one portion of the assessment. Open-ended questions account for almost 68 percent of the total score.

Although these open-ended questions require the use of certain writing skills (the ability to explain answers or state a position clearly), flowery or creative language alone will not insure success. What will guarantee success is the student's ability to think about

concepts in subjects such as science and social studies and to use language to explain that thinking and understanding. If a student writes well but has no understanding of the scientific process, for example, that student will not perform well on the open-ended questions in science. If the student has large amounts of information or facts but can not use that information or can't think using it, that student will also not score well on the open-ended questions.

Belief:

People are born with the ability to write and writing can not be assessed objectively.

Fact:

Experts can't identify conditions that are

common to people who write well. They know, for example, that good writers have extensive experience and exposure to language. Most good writers are also readers. They spend their time with books absorbing good writing techniques. That is a condition that can be duplicated for other children.

Children who come from disadvantaged backgrounds often surprise people with their writing skills but some of these students also have had access to language through a rich oral culture. Once they learn to translate this to writing, they are also able to write well because they have been surrounded by words

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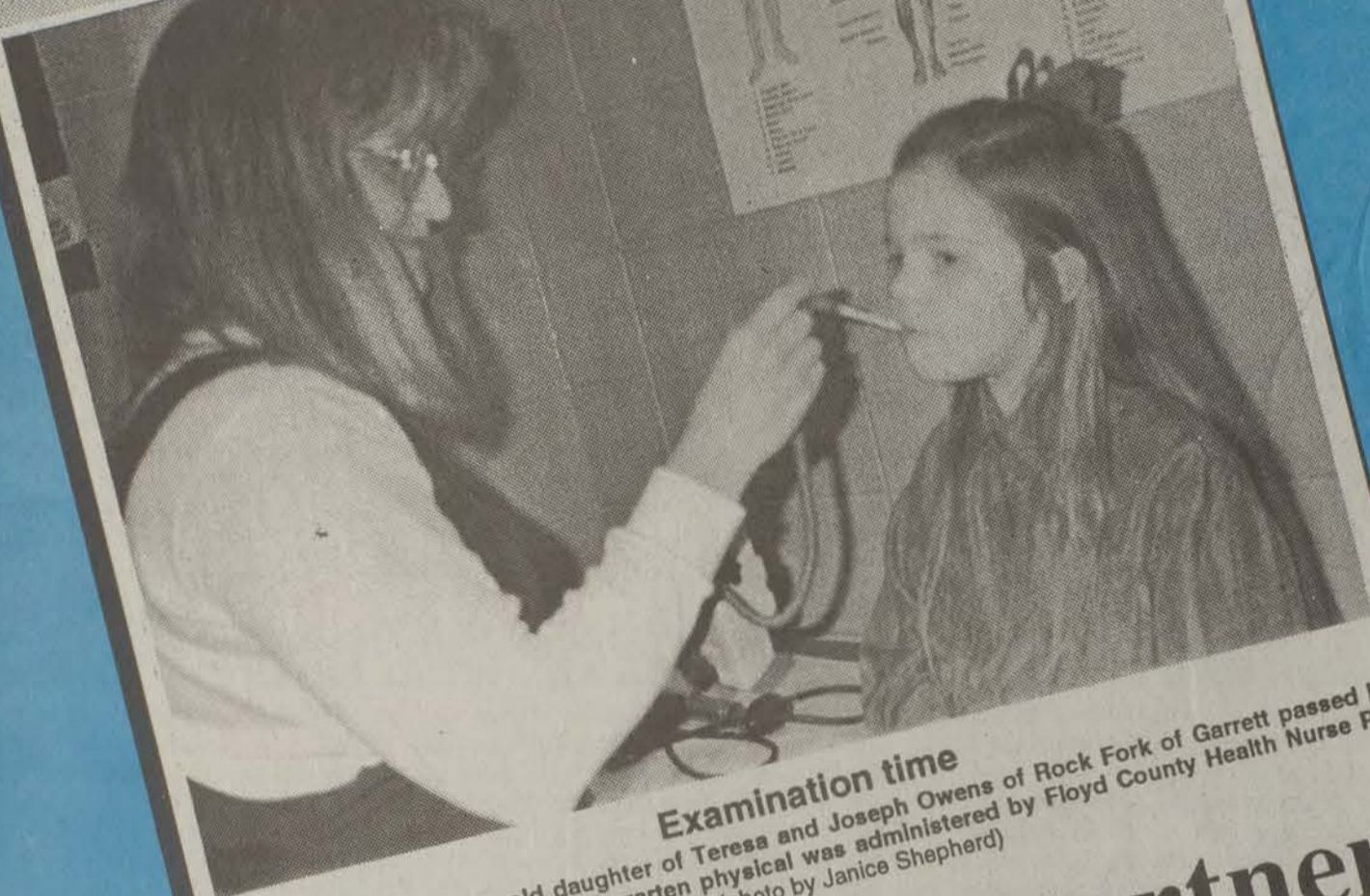
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April 6, 1994

Good health is a little closer to home



Examination time
Tiffany Owens, five-year-old daughter of Teresa and Joseph Owens of Rock Fork of Garrett passed her examination Thursday. The kindergarten physical was administered by Floyd County Health Nurse Pam Patton at the Duff Family Resource Center. (photo by Janice Shepherd)

School-health partners reaching out to county

March 2, 1994

Twelve county schools qualify for state finals

By Patricia Watson
Coordinator
Writing/Language Arts Programs

"Where's my name?" was the query from many anxious faces as they watched the posting of invitational speech tournament finalists during the February 12th competitions held at Johnson Central High School. Being listed as one of the top six finalists meant they had been judged the best of the day. Overall winners from the day would come in the podium six days after the final

That was only the beginning! "I can't believe it!" was the resounding remark of fourth graders who defeated the bigger eighth grade competitors. Excitement abounded with these events as children became performers. February 26th, elementary/middle school students from Floyd County returned to Johnson Central to compete in the largest regional tournament in the state. Twenty-three schools competed from throughout the region vying for title of regional

March 18, 1994

Lorrie Patton gets first place in state academic contest

by Geoff Belcher
Floyd County Schools

While Floyd County students are excelling in state and regional athletic competitions, they're also tearing up the boards in more academic pursuits, with at least one student clawing—or rather writing—her way to the top.



Lorrie Patton

Lorrie Patton, 14, an eighth grader at McDowell Elementary School, defeated approximately 85 other students from around the state to place first Saturday in the Governor's Cup Competition 1994 State Finals, English Composition category.

Patton is the daughter of Joy Patton and Floyd County Board of Education Chairman Edward Patton, Jr., of McDowell.

Patton is the captain of the McDowell Elementary Academic Team and president of the Beta Club. She plays saxophone in the school band; participates in the school Forensics program; is a cheerleader; and participates in the talented and gifted program with a 3.9 grade point average.

In previous English composition competitions, Patton placed first in the region and fourth in the district. She has placed in competitions in the last three years.

Other winners in the Governor's Cup competition will be announced

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Damron in Sweet 16 finals

Emily Damron of Prestonsburg High School will be among the state's brightest and-most talented high school students who will be in Lexington March 20-21 to compete for \$48,250 in scholarships to be awarded at the finals of the 1994 Sweet 16 Academic Showcase.

Damron will be one of 207 students who will compete in the finals to be held at Transylvania University. The students represent 92 high schools in 59 counties.

Scholarships will be awarded to the first through third place winners in 10 academic categories. Individuals who win first place receive \$2,000 and third, \$850. Computer team members who win first place each receive \$1,350; \$950 for second and \$650 for third. The scholarships may be used at any Kentucky college, university, or post secondary school.

The 10 academic categories are: Computer problem solving (the only team event); Art 2-D; Art-3D; Musical Instrumental; Music; Vocal; Fr-

The top three state winners in each competition will be announced at an awards banquet at 6:30 p.m. March 21 at Marriott Griffin Gate Resort. Accommodations, awards, hospitality and transportation during the state finals are paid for by the Sweet 16 Academic Showcase.

To get to the state finals, students have placed in the top four places at regional competitions held earlier this year. Regionals were held at Morehead State University, Kentucky Wesleyan College, Georgetown College and Eastern Kentucky University.

About 997 students from 180 high schools in 100 Kentucky counties competed in the regionals.

Since U.S. Representative and former Lexington Mayor Scotty Baesler started the program in 1985, more than \$570,000 in scholarships has been awarded to 550 students from 250 schools. The program is designed to recognize and reward academic talent and enterprise.

March 25, 1994

Betsy Layne winners at state academic meet

The Kentucky Academic Association meeting was held recently at Betsy Layne Elementary. Winners were as follows:

Team score—Harold Elementary, 46; Betsy Layne Elementary, 28; John M. Stumbo, 12; Prater Elementary, 5.
Math—1st place, Kevin Hays of Betsy Layne Elementary; 2nd place, Angel Lawson of Harold Elementary; 3rd place, Misty Stevens of

Harold Elementary; and 4th place, Kenneth Johnson of Stumbo Elementary.

Science—1st place, Kevin Hays of Betsy Layne Elementary; 2nd place, Kelli Newsome of Stumbo Elementary; 3rd place, Brian Parker of Harold Elementary; and 4th place, Jennifer McKinney of Harold Elementary.

English composition—1st place,

Kabrina Stratton of Betsy Layne Elementary; 2nd place, Adam Newman of Harold Elementary; 3rd place, Wesley Nelson of Prater Elementary; and 4th place, Dezere Morton of Betsy Layne Elementary.

Social Studies—1st place, Beth Lawson of Harold Elementary; 2nd place, Jacob Hamilton of Stumbo Elementary; 3rd place, Brian Parker of Harold Elementary; 4th place,

Steven Jacobs of Harold Elementary.

Language Arts—1st place, Misty Stevens of Harold Elementary; 2nd place, Adam Newman of Harold Elementary; 3rd place, Amy Bates of Prater Elementary; and 4th place, Angel Lawson of Harold Elementary.

General Knowledge—1st place, Heather McCoy, Betsy Layne EL-

ementary; 2nd place, Kabrina Stratton of Betsy Layne Elementary; 3rd place, Jessica Flannery of Harold Elementary; and 4th place, Kevin Hays of Betsy Layne Elementary.

Future Problem Solving—1st place, Ashley Gearheart, Britt Coleman, Brooke Tackett and Jessica Flannery of Harold Elementary.
Quick Recall—1st place, Adam Newman, Misty Stevens, Steven

Jacobs, Brian Parker, Brooke Tackett, Rena Kidd, Angel Lawson, Jason Salisbury, Jennifer McKinney

Ashley Gearheart, Britt Coleman, Jessica Flannery and Beth Lawson of Harold Elementary; and 2nd place, Kelli Newsome, Brad Reynolds, Kenneth Johnson, Brian Martin, Jill Martin, Shane Dye, Brent Mitchell and Justin Akers of Stumbo Elementary.

March 11, 1994

Community service by teenagers rewarded by scholarships

For high school seniors who are graduating this year, who will continue their education in a college, university, or vocational school next fall and who have volunteered their time and talents to service projects in their communities, the Christian Appalachian Project (CAP) will recognize them with its Community Service Scholarship.

Students who are regular volunteers in hospitals, nursing homes, chambers of commerce, museums, or civic organizations; who participate in special service projects through a civic club, church, or school organization are encouraged to apply.

Applications and more information can be obtained from your guidance counselor, or by contacting Rose Price at Christian Appalachian Project, P.O. Box 1119, Martin, KY 41649, or at 285-5111. The application deadline is April 15.

March 18, 1994

Test progress is 'elementary' for schools

Susan Allen
Writer

Week's final test results restate officials offered no improvements for Floyd County schools in elementary schools. Some confusion over Floyd County's test results late last week because local officials have not received that information from testing officials in New Hampshire.

Assessment coordinator Phil Paige said Thursday that information for school districts was to be mailed from New Hampshire on Thursday.

Paige confirmed Thursday afternoon that the published results were accurate except for Prater Elementary. Other than the inaccurate scores

for Prater, Paige said the scores were much the same as reported late last year.

"There were no big changes," Paige said. "There were no surprises in this report. These (latest) scores included non-cognitive indicators, writing portfolios and performance events."

Non-cognitive indicators include the district's attendance figures, retention rates and dropout numbers. The greatest improvements were made in fourth grade test scores with eighth graders next in line and senior scores coming in last.

School-by-school results, section B, page 4

"This is the first year of the testing biennium," Paige said. "We were pleased with the results of the fourth grade; optimistic about the eighth grade; and concerned about the twelfth grade."

Paige said that state officials are talking about moving testing dates back for twelfth grades to October or to test students when they are juniors in high school.

One area of concern for school officials is the amount of time it takes to receive complete test results—about a year.

"It is a very legitimate concern," Paige said. "We do get preliminary reports in October. But that's still at"

(See Scores, page two)

Make staffing decisions: Board eyes plan offer flexibility

Perry
Editor

Superintendent Stephen Towler asked for and received non-binding approval from the board to proceed on a proposal that would revise the way non-instructional and special duty staffing is allocated at each school. Towler explained the plan would be "enrollment driven" rather than "program driven," adding that schools could ultimately decide how many employees would be assigned to particular departments and how much they would be paid.

For instance, Towler added, in the area of management support, which includes school secretaries, clerks and library aides, a "money pool" would be allocated to an individual school. From that set amount of money, schools would decide their own staffing needs and spend the dollars accordingly.

Each school, the superintendent added, would have the flexibility to address its needs without being required to apply a standard system-wide formula.

"We're trying to give as many decisions about the expense of money to the schools," Towler told the board.

(See Flexibility, page two)

February 25, 1994

Area math students win Big Sandy Chapter Math competition

This year's Mathcounts Contest was held on Saturday, February 12 on the campus of Prestonsburg Community College. The 7th and 8th grade math team of Mountain Christian Academy took first place and J.D. Adams Middle School took second place.

A \$300 scholarship was awarded to Ms. Sally Lambert of Mountain Christian Academy for being the top individual scorer. Also, a free weekend at one of the Kentucky State Parks will be awarded to Sister Monica Schieber for coaching the winning team.

Both teams will forward to the state Mathcounts competition to be held in Louisville, Kentucky on March 19th at the Galt House Hotel.

Mathcounts is a combination math coaching and competition and is sponsored locally by the Big Sandy Chapter of the Kentucky Society of Professional Engineers. It is designed to give 7th and 8th grade students a special opportunity to improve their math skills.

Mathcounts is sponsored at the state level by: Kentucky Society of Professional Engineers; Kentucky Association of Transportation Engineers (K.A.T.E.); Kentucky Field Engineers; and the generous support of the following businesses and industries located across the Commonwealth:

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Among top contenders
J.D. Adams Middle School ranked second in the Mathcounts competition. Pictured from left are Sheila Ortega (coach), Cara Stewart, Selma Badrudduja, Sulma Badrudduja and Jess Robertson.

April 1, 1994

Prestonsburg forensics team goes to state

Prestonsburg Elementary's Forensics team competed in the state tournament in Bowling Green March 24, 25, and 26.

Ten members of Prestonsburg's Forensics team earned the honor to compete in the state event by finishing in the top brackets in the regional tournament at Johnson Central on February 26.

Prestonsburg students competing in the state event were Telah Watkins, Michael Campbell, Amy Tackett, Tara Ortega, Nick Ratliff, Tiffany Frasure, Heather Goodman, Megan Barber, and Stephanie Dye. Donna Collins coaches the Prestonsburg Forensics team.

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“Nobody ever told you that you couldn’t do something.”

by Pam Shingler
Contributing Writer

When Sidney Grant Justice completed eighth grade in the late 1940s, he and his classmates had to go to Betsy Layne to take an examination for graduation.

The Betsy Layne High School principal congratulated Justice on his high scores and confided that he wished the young man could be a student at his school. But that decision was in the hands neither of the principal nor of Justice, who was black and growing up at a time when school segregation was the law of the land.

Instead, to go to high school, Justice had to get up before 5 a.m., do his farm chores, walk a mile from his home on Camp Branch to U.S. 23 and catch a Greyhound Bus to Pikeville, passing the all-white high school. Perry S. Cline High School in the next county was the only option then for an intelligent young man of color in eastern Floyd County.

Justice had gone to grade school at Tram, the only place in the county, other than Wheelwright, where blacks have lived in any significant numbers.

Though a part of the county system, the Tram school had been built by members of the community with money donated by a private benefactor. There, the black students' books had already been used and discarded by white schools.

What seems now like hardship was a matter of course then for Justice, the youngest of 15 children of Peter Nathaniel and Adeline Justice. "I grew up when people thought you had to work hard," he says.

The young man learned the work ethic from his parents. Besides working in coal mines, his father at various times cut logs, farmed and ran a store—in each role overcoming incidents of harassment and degradation because of his skin color.

Impatient to prove himself, Justice soon made the trek to Michigan, part of the infamous Rt. 23 outmigration copied by scores of Floyd Countians, white and black, in the 1940s, '50s and '60s.

After a stint in the Army, Justice landed a job as a production worker at General Motors' Fisher Body Division in Flint. In the 1950s, a production job was about as high as a black man could go, Justice explains, adding, "but anything I ever wanted to do, I wanted to get as high as I could."

Justice decided to take advantage of all the training GM offered. At General Motors Institute, he sailed through classes in math, drawing and shop with the same sharpness that had impressed the white high school principal back home.

Long before affirmative action programs sought to level the playing field for minorities, the Tram native landed a toolmaker's position, becoming the first black among some 400 whites in Fisher Body's elite skilled trades division.

A supervisor warned Justice about potential racial problems, but they never materialized, thanks greatly to the Kentuckian's ability and work ethic. Soon Justice was running the intricate tool machines and winning the respect of his coworkers. Within three years he was making "top money" and, he insists, "nothing was given to me."

That was just the beginning. Urged to go to GM's supervisory school, Justice signed up, although at the time he was making more money as a toolmaker than most supervisors were making. He saw another advancement opportunity.

And he was right. Soon he was a supervisor of 30 inspectors who covered half of the 3,000-employee plant. Next, he was promoted to senior analyst and then to senior

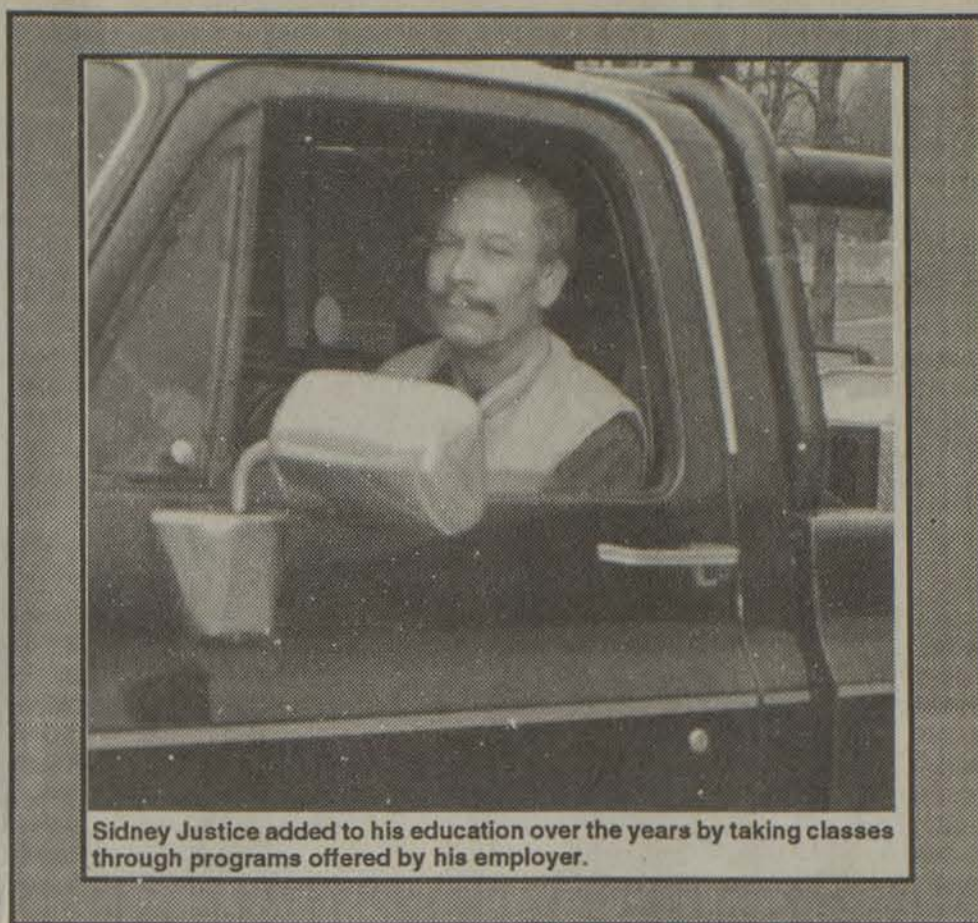
reliability engineer with his own office and "pictures of my kids on the wall."

Finally, he moved into the position of general supervisor of reliability engineering with six supervisors under him, overseeing quality control for the whole plant. "When I went to Detroit for meetings," he says, "I was the only black in the room."

Justice's advancement afforded him the opportunity to build a house, valued well into six figures, in the rural suburban community of Davison, where his was one of only five black families. But even there, the slightly-built, well spoken Eastern Kentuckian made his mark, serving 25 years on the planning commission and for a term as chairman of a regional planning commission.

He and his wife, the former Elizabeth Mays of Wheelwright, raised their four children there. Two are University of Michigan graduates, one is a registered nurse transcriber and the other works for the city.

In 1989, Justice took advantage of his final GM opportunity. The giant automaker, in downsizing its workforce, offered attractive early retirement packages to its senior, high-salaried employees, and Justice accepted. Besides comfortable retirement pay, he owns stock in the company and has used his resources to invest in other stocks.



Sidney Justice added to his education over the years by taking classes through programs offered by his employer.

Now the retiree is about to come full circle. Putting aside the hardships and prejudices he encountered in his youth, he dreams of settling at his homeplace on Camp Branch. Already he makes the trip south every month for a week or two at a time, making improvements on the family farm, which he now owns, and pursuing business interests.

Why would he return to a place that didn't welcome him as a young black man? "Because it's home," he responds. "I've always

felt this way. In Michigan a guy tried to sell me a cemetery lot. I told him we had a family plot here."

Justice is not the type to dwell on past slights. "Growing up here, nobody ever told you that you couldn't do something. But they put it to you in a different way. You just knew," he says. "But I have no regrets."

His life has been one of can-do. "I never dreamed a black man could do or go as far as I did."

Kentucky math classes solve puzzler for U.S. Senate

by Senator Wendell Ford

Here's a math puzzler for you. How do you get 17 members of the United States Senate to sit in on three Kentucky math classes at the same time, in three different regions of the state, with only one instructor teaching the classes, all without ever leaving their chairs in Washington, D.C.?

Impossible to solve? In fact, members of the Senate Rules Committee did this exact thing. During a recent hearing I held to explore new cost-saving technology, the Rules Committee sat in on a Kentucky mathematics class.

But this was no ordinary math class. Thanks to a technology called interactive distance learning, my committee could tap into a class taught by an instructor at the Kentucky Network (KET) in Lexington to students in three

different counties.

The committee is considering the technology pioneered by KET, to better facilitate their constituents and save money in the process.

And the students had plenty to teach us about increasing access through video technology.

One use of the technology would be to bring witnesses for hearings right into the committee room, without the person ever having to leave their own city limits.

Like the demonstration with the math classes, we could see and hear a witness hundreds or thousands of miles away, ask follow-up questions, and get an immediate response as if we were all in the same room.

The result is an increase in first-hand information, without the costs of travel expenses.

Since its inception in 1989, the distance learning system on the KET Star Channels has used satellites and computers to bring specialized courses such as foreign languages, physics, and precalculus to more than 4,200 students.

This year, KET will reach more than 1,700 students in 83 Kentucky schools, as well as schools in 19 other states.

As the instructor told us in the hearing, it all comes down to a question of equity. The big winners in a program like this are rural school districts that normally wouldn't have the funds to hire teachers and offer classes in such specialized areas.

The same goes for government.

There are plenty of experts or constituents who've got timely information that could help Congress. But many times this information is lost because of long distances and low

funds.

By reaching out to these people through video technology like KET's, we can assure equal access to government.

I'll have to admit there was one time the technology failed us. When I asked the instructor if he had a math formula to balance the federal budget, we lost contact.

While we didn't balance the budget that day, we did discover that the walls housing Congress can be removed as easily and cost-effectively as the walls of our classrooms, opening both up to the people they are supposed to serve.

One last thing. We also learned that even when the teacher is hundreds of miles away, they still check to see if your homework's done.

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"I Love to Learn"

by Carol Stumbo
Contributing Writer

An Interview with
Ambrosia Rene Cox

Ambrosia is ten years old and enrolled in the 4th grade at Maytown Elementary. She lives at Turkey Creek with her father who is a coal miner, her mother, her 13-year-old brother, and 16-year-old sister who attends Allen Central High School.

QUESTION: Ambrosia, what do your parents do?

My father works in the coal mines. My mother works at home. Sometimes, my father works on Saturdays.

He always gets Sundays off. I think they should give him more time off to rest. Most of the time he works on Saturdays. On Sundays, he sleeps most of the day. When he wakes up, my mom tells him to go back to sleep and he does. He sleeps most of the day. My mom won't take a break. I tell her, "Take a break. Take a break!" But she won't. Sometimes, I get her to lay down.

QUESTION: Tell me about school

My favorite classes are art, spelling, math, and gym. I like being with my friends and I love to learn. I just love to learn anything—as long as I'm smart and I have good grades.

I've thought about being a teacher. My mom was going to be a teacher but then she got married and couldn't. Then I decided I wanted to be a teacher because I want to help people and because I love children.

I have a little niece and she loves to play with me. I taught her how to read. I taught her how to spell her name, how to tie her

shoe. I am her favorite aunt.

Every now and then, we go to her place but mostly, she comes to our house.

I have never gotten a spanking. I have never gone to AEP (Alternative Education Program for in-school discipline problems). I have never gotten into that deep, deep, deep trouble at school. I have always answered the question—even if I'm wrong when she has a question. I have always been good.

I have some friends in the fifth and sixth grades and I have a lot of friends in the primary. Sometimes, I help them when they have homework.

QUESTION: Last year, you were in primary. Can you tell me about that.

I was in it for one year. The teacher was nice. She taught me a lot. At the end of the year, she taught us how to do a little division and times. During the year, we had to work with big numbers in math and in spelling, we had big words.

I was in a group. If you had any trouble, they would help you. If they needed help, I would help them too. It made you feel good. There were second and third graders in my class. I like to read.

QUESTION: Do your parents read to you?

No, I read to them. I read these big, big

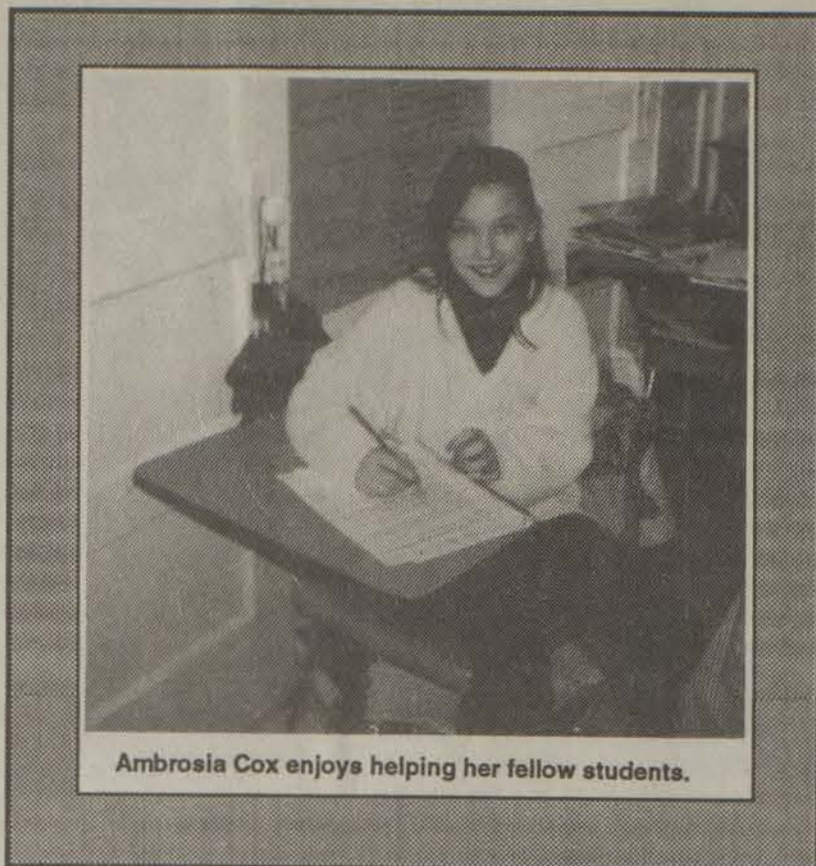
books (demonstrates with her hands) about that thick. Sometimes, it takes a couple of weeks to read them. If I have trouble with a word, my mother helps me. All of my family reads. I like mysteries like Nancy Drew.

Mostly, I read my brother's books. Sometimes, I check books out of the library. Beverly Cleary, I like her books. We have most of them.

QUESTION: Do you like to write?

We have to write in our journals. My biggest story was "Ghosts and Goblins." That was about Halloween. It was about these kids growing up in a haunted house and these ghosts and goblins were in these bushes waiting for them. The children knew it and were walking very slowly. They ran off. Only one little girl was left standing there and the ghosts and goblins got her. That is a false story (fiction).

Sometimes, we type our stories on the computers. We write stories and poems. Right now, we are working on our writing. If I describe more, I will get the reader's attention so I am working on that. My family loves to read, solve mysteries. My brother says when he grows up that he is going to solve mysteries and write books. I write stories at home—sometimes one a day. I read them over and pass them on to my family. They read them and give me ideas.



Ambrosia Cox enjoys helping her fellow students.

Kentucky businesses rely on higher education for training

by James J. Wiseman
Vice President, Public Affairs, Toyota

Say you're a business owner. And you want to make sure your employees keep up with the latest changes in technology. Where do you go for training help?

These days, the best answer just might be your local college or university.

Surprised? Don't be. Almost overnight, Kentucky's colleges and universities have become great training resources for business and industry throughout the state. For example:

• Madisonville Community College helped local businesses by providing training to nearly 2,000 of their employees last year. That's a 1,200 percent increase since the program started in 1986! Much of the training focuses on skills that improve quality, such as team-building and problem-solving courses for line workers.

• Northern Kentucky University just started a new course for local manufacturers to help their maintenance personnel keep up with new developments in robots, hydraulics and pneumatics.

• Hazard Community College is home to a fabulously successful program, which helps former coal employees and others start their own businesses. So far, some 300 new businesses have sprung up—ranging from sign shops and restaurants to equipment rental stores—and nearly all of them are going strong.

• Jefferson Community College has designed permanent company learning centers at the Ford Assembly Plant and General Electric's Appliance Park in Louisville.

There are similar success stories throughout Kentucky. Southeast Community College, in Harlan, works with 15 area coal firms to provide advanced training to some 1,000 miners each year. Western Kentucky University provides special training—all tailored to meet the needs of local industry—for more than 10,000 people annually.

The list goes on and on. In most all of these cases, the businesses are paying for the training, so it's not a financial strain to the school. Meanwhile, the college training is a bargain compared to what it would cost businesses to set up their own in-house courses. Plus, Kentucky gets a big boost in its efforts to woo new industry. In short, everybody wins.

Wes Archibale, Human Resources Manager at the Sachs Automotive plant in Florence, explains it this way: "The technology is changing so fast these days that we can't find people with the appropriate skills. So we turned to Northern Kentucky University. They

help us train our own. It's extremely valuable for us."

In today's new global market, any business like Sachs that hopes to succeed over the long term has to find some way to provide ongoing training for its employees. All companies have ready access to the newest technology, so there's no real competitive advantage any more in merely having the newest equipment. What counts most is the ability of the employees. In other words, people make the difference!

Nationally, some \$30 billion is spent on training each year by U.S. corporations, but most of that is accounted for by fewer than 10 percent of the firms. The federal government chips in another \$18 billion, but most of that goes to disadvantaged or dislocated workers, not to upgrade the skills of those already on the job.

So those dollar totals, big as they seem, are not really that great. The United States still lags far behind other industrialized countries in training dollars, most notably Germany and Japan.

Candidly, many American business managers have been reluctant to provide training because they fear the trained workers will be lured away by competitor firms before they have recouped their investment costs. But a new report indicates that workers who receive training are actually less likely to leave their employers than those who don't.

As more and more Kentucky business owners and managers realize that, look for them to keep turning to Kentucky's colleges and universities for help.

Editor's Note: James J. Wiseman is president of public affairs for Toyota Motor Manufacturing U.S.A., Inc. and is a former chairman of the Kentucky Advocates for Higher Education.

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While not everyone may not want to become professional writers, writing skills can be learned.

In the past, writing assessment has been filled with subjective judgments. Most people who have written essays in high school or college remember teachers that have sometimes given the same piece of writing two totally different grades. Portfolio analysis is helping students and teachers to identify the characteristics of good writing, and the assessment of student writing should be less subjective than in the past.

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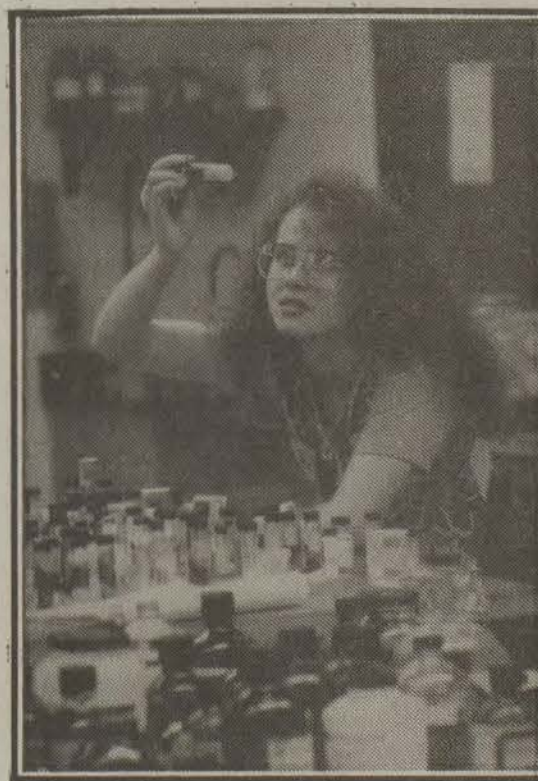
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Floyd County's Slone Mountain Squirrel Festival

One of Eastern Kentucky's most popular festivals is Floyd County's Slone Mountain Squirrel Festival. This family oriented festival is held each year on the Sunday following Labor Day weekend at McDowell, Kentucky on Route 1086 off Route 680 (Garrett-McDowell Road).

The festival, hosted by Ray and Kelly Slone is held on the top of one of the area's highest and most beautiful mountains. Natural landscaping and tree-lined roads that wind throughout the property give the site a pleasant park-like atmosphere.

The Squirrel Festival now in its fifteenth year actually began as a family reunion approximately thirty-four years ago when Virginia Slone and the late Helton Slone met with family and friends atop a mountain on their farm to enjoy a day of food and fellowship.

As more people became interested in the yearly event, the family decided to include the public in the celebration. Today, the old-fashioned family atmosphere remains, but the original small group has increased to thousands of folks from throughout Kentucky and bordering states.

Entertainment for both the young and young-at-heart is the order of the day. There are activities such as horseshoe pitching, the greasy pole climb, the greasy pig chase, the sack race, the caver's crazy crawl, the squirrel hunting safety game, and many other events. Those who like a more relaxed type of entertainment can choose a spot near one of the four stages to listen to music provided by several Bluegrass, gospel and country bands.

Lunchtime is probably the highlight of the day, but the arduous task of food preparation begins on Saturday afternoon.

Many dedicated cooks work throughout the night, and when it is time to eat at noon on Sunday, there

is plenty of food for everyone. The mountain cuisine is one of the things that makes the festival unique. The menu consists of a variety of wildgame (including squirrel and gravy) and other mountain delicacies such as roast pig, roast beef, mutton, venison, ribs, soup beans, sauerkraut, potatoes, bread, and kool-aid.

Many people are pleasantly surprised by the unusual flavors and aromas that were commonplace to their ancestors. People who feel that the menu is not of their liking or those who do not wish to brave the lengthy serving line may choose to bring a picnic lunch to enjoy while lounging underneath one of the tall shade trees on the premises.

An interesting part of the festival is the arts and crafts area where a person can easily become involved in his or her almost forgotten craft. According to Sandy Slone, the broommaker may ask you if you would like to try your hand at making a broom.

The dulcimer maker may, at any given time, have a group clogging to "Turkey in the Straw"; the chairmaker may let you sit in the chair that he has recently completed; and the soapmaker may let you stir the large boiling kettle of lye soap in the making. Dollmakers, quiltmakers, and other craftspeople greet visitors with a smile and eagerly talk about their crafts.

If there is someone who is searching for fun the old fashioned way, maybe he or she should pay a visit to the Fifteenth Annual Floyd County Slone Mountain Squirrel Festival which will be held Sunday, September 11, 1994, from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.

Interested Craftspeople call 606-886-3565

Interested Musicians call 606-377-2286

Other Volunteers call 606-377-6161 or 377-6346



Mountain food

The Slone brothers helped serve up a kettle of food, mountain-style during the Slone Mountain Squirrel Festival. The festival is fast gaining popularity. Mountain crafts and old-fashioned fun are main attractions at the event.

Cooperative effort:

Key to interstate marketing

For cities and counties with limited funds for interstate tourism and economic development promotion, the cooperative and cost sharing ideas employed by Prestonsburg, Paintsville and Pikeville Tourism Commissions are proving to be a cost-saving strategy. Working together is the answer to "where" and "how" advertising and promotion plans are developed.

These three sister cities and counties participate together in the 15-county region known as the Eastern Highlands-North. Representatives from each county attend travel and vacation shows in Cin-

cinnati, Columbus, and Indianapolis each winter in effort to lure vacationers to Eastern Kentucky. They publish a regional brochure which lists area accommodations, state park and historical sites, entertainment, festivals, and special events. The brochure is part of the state's matching-fund program which makes the effort affordable.

The region also utilizes matching funds to advertise in 15 interstate magazines.

Prestonsburg, Paintsville, and Pikeville have taken the "Co-op" ventures another step further by identifying their three counties as a

specific area where there is an abundance of accommodations for overnight guests.

The three tourism commissions have combined their funds to produce a promotional video that will be used to target tour groups in Ohio, West Virginia, and the bluegrass area of Kentucky. Additional travel and trade shows are planned in Louisville, Huntington and Charleston for 1995.

Tourism expenditures in these three counties total \$70 million in 1993, an increase of \$14 million over 1992.

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Floyd County parks offer summertime fun

Looking for something to do this summer or just some place where you can take the whole family for some fun in the sun.

Well, look no further than your very own Floyd County where three parks — Archer Park, Jenny Wiley State Park, and John M. Stumbo Park in Allen — offer plenty to do for all.

Whether you want to play golf, fish, or just relax by the pool, these three parks offer you all that and then some.

The 32-acre Archer Park provides numerous recreational opportunities

to local citizens as well as visitors to the area. Facilities include seven all-weather tennis courts, a skating rink, a basketball gymnasium with a stage for theatrical productions, a senior citizens center, three lighted baseball fields, an Olympic-size swimming pool, two fenced playgrounds, racquetball facilities, several camping spaces, a horse ring, and four shelters.

Classes in gymnastics and square dancing are also offered. A county fair and horse show are held at the park annually. A senior citizens recreational facility offers shuffle-

board, horseshoes, croquet, and a hiking trail.

Jenny Wiley State Resort Park, located near Prestonsburg, takes full advantage of its picturesque highland setting. The 1700-acre park offers facilities and activities such as a lodge, a dining room, a gift shop, cottages, a lodge pool, recreation rooms, campsites, picnic

areas, planned recreation, a playground, golf, hiking, sky lift, horseback riding, shuffleboard, fishing, and fishing boat and pedal boat rental. The Kentucky Opry presents weekly performances at the 250 seat Jenny Wiley Amphitheatre and Convention Center.

A county park at Allen, the Stumbo Park, located four miles

south of Prestonsburg, includes a nine-hole golf course, tennis courts, baseball diamonds, a swimming pool, convention center, and a reception area.

So whether you want a place to go for competitive sports or just a place to relax this summer, Floyd County and its parks are the total entertainment package.

Country Music Highway rolls through Floyd County

The 1994 General Assembly passed a statute which will permit counties in Eastern Kentucky to designate section of their highways which run near the hometowns of country music stars.

Known as the US 23 Highway of Country Music, Floyd County can be designate part of its highway honoring Betsy Layne's Dwight Yoakam and Goose Creek Kentucky can honor Charlie Gearheart of the famed Goose Creek Symphony. Floyd County can be joined by other counties in Eastern Kentucky which were the home counties of such stars as Billy Ray Cyrus, the Judds, Tom T. Hall, Ricky Skaggs, the late Keith Whitley, sisters Loretta Lynn and Crystal Gayle and Patty Loveless.

Eastern Kentucky can boast that the highway from Flatwoods to Elkhorn has produced more country music stars than any other 150 mile

stretch of highway in the U.S. of A., said Fred James, Prestonsburg tourism director.

This enabling legislation will give Eastern Kentucky a tremendous theme for tourism and entertainment promotion, James said. It will be a common asset for the various tourism commissions to enhance the musical entertainment of Eastern Kentucky.



The latest figures released from the Department of Travel Development in Frankfort reveal an increase of 12 percent in tourism expenditures in Floyd County for 1993. The department's estimates are generated through a stratified random sampling of businesses throughout the county. The increase over 1992 was nearly \$3 million for a total of \$24,940,718.

Floyd County ranked fourth as a member of the county of the East-

ern-Highlands-North Tourism Region and 32nd in the state.

For the state, district expenditures were over \$4 billion in '93, a 9.4 percent increase over '92. Indirect expenditures when considered were in excess of \$6.8 billion. About two-thirds of these estimates are attributed to contributions from out-of-state visitors. The industry generated \$76.9 million in tax revenues to local governments and \$443.1 million to state government,

for a total tax impact of \$520 million in 1993.

INCLINE
Other facts reported expenditures in the travel and tourism industry accounted for the equivalent of 143,097 full-time jobs in Kentucky. Floyd County recorded 659 jobs.

Jenny Wiley State Resort Park with 120 jobs ranked 21st in the commonwealth as the most visited attraction. Mammoth Cave National Park was first.

Little Theatre in second year

The Kentucky Opry's Little Theatre begins its second season in 1994. Opened last year, its first summer was an encouraging success, said Fred James, Prestonsburg tourism director.

Located in the Prestonsburg Elementary School's auditorium, the Little Theatre will again feature the Opry's four new Jr. Pro youth bands.

Other local talent will add blends of country, bluegrass, and gospel performances.

As a joint project of the Prestonsburg Elementary School, board of education, Prestonsburg Tourism Commission and the Kentucky Opry, the Little Theatre is enhancing the music education of Floyd County's youth.

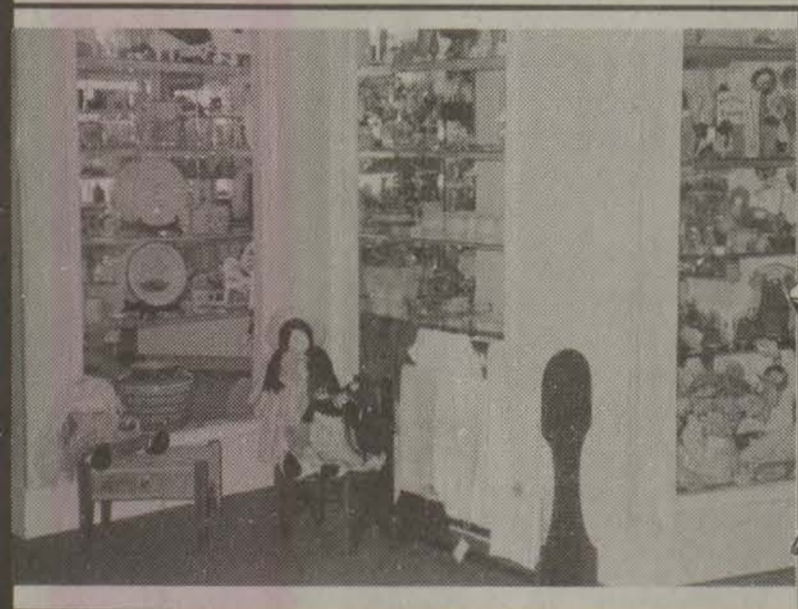
Their Friday night spotlight shows are indeed entertaining, but there is a lot happening behind the scenes. Musical instruction, rehearsals, talent auditioning and long hours of practice take place on a daily basis in the Little Theatre.

The Little Theatre is helping to prepare the Kentucky Opry and its audiences for the soon-to-be-built Mountains Arts Center.



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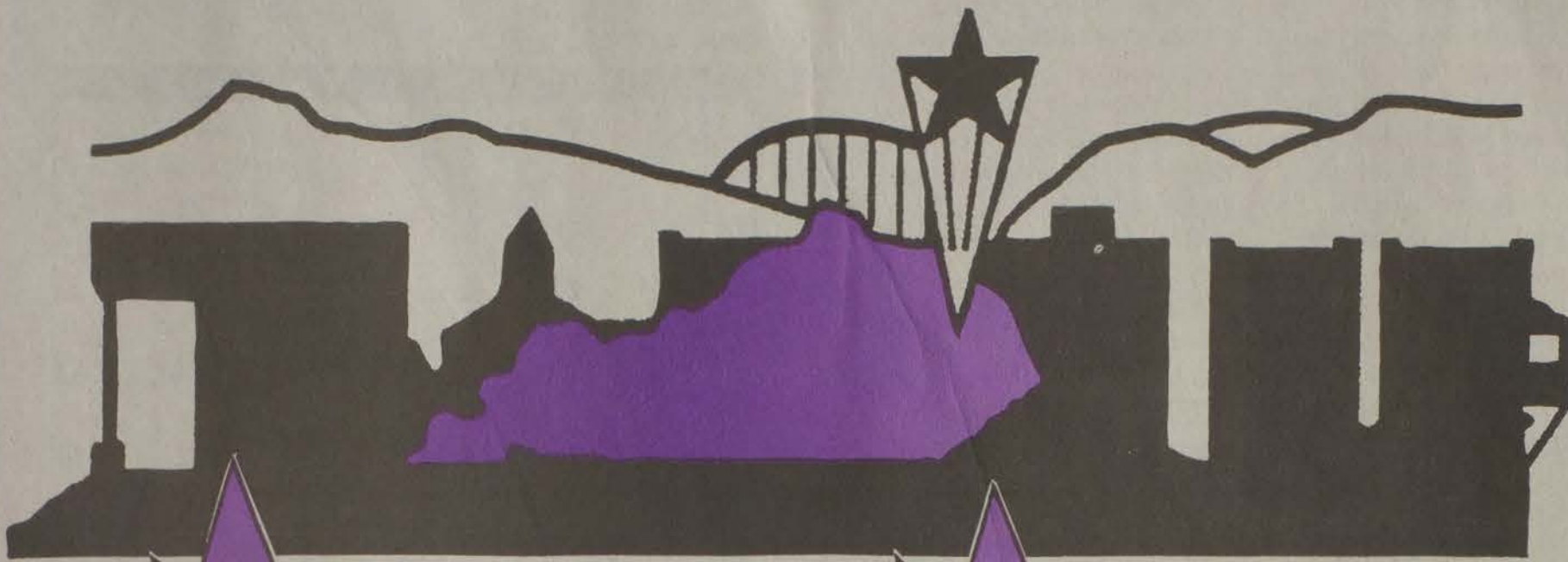
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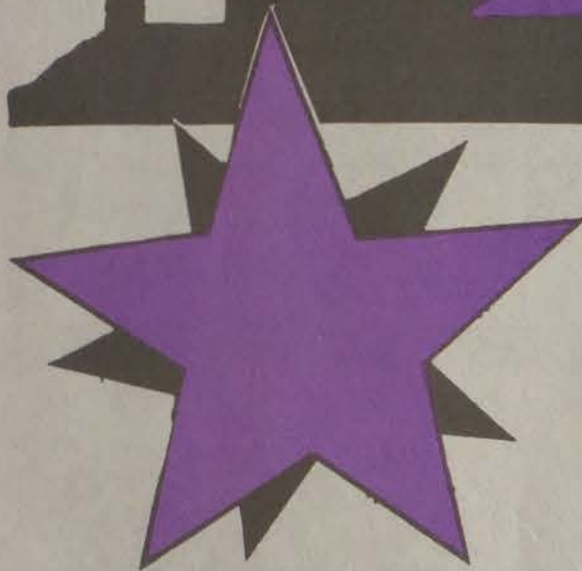


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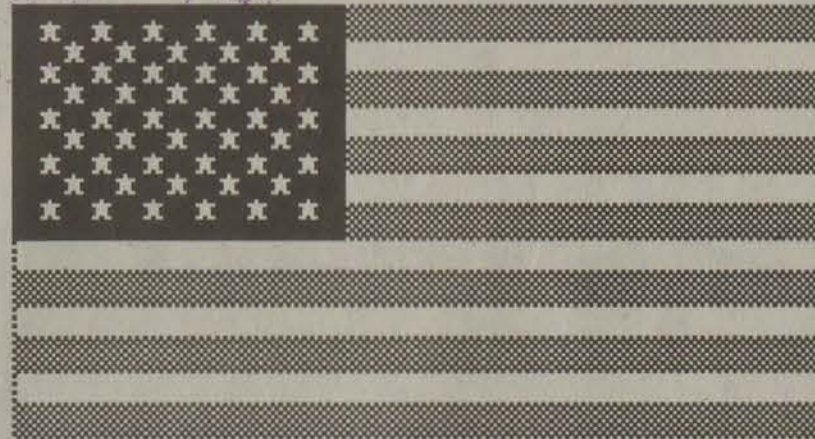
- Tourism expenditures in Floyd County increased from 22.1 million in 1992 to 24.9 million in 1993—a 13 percent increase.
- Tourism created 20 additional jobs in 1993. Tourism-related jobs rose from 619 in 1992 to 659 in 1993.



**Year 'round
Events**

- January *Old Christmas*
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- July *Archer Park Fair & Expo*
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This year Jenny Wiley Theatre celebrates its 30th anniversary. The celebration honors the commitment made by the theatre Board to enrich the regional community through the performing arts and the talented casts which ensure the theatre's longevity and success.

Jenny Wiley Theatre is one of the oldest outdoor summer musical theatres in the country. It began in the summer of 1965 when a small group of players from Paintsville presented South Pacific—Jenny Wiley Theatre's first musical. As one of the few rotating repertory theaters still in existence, Jenny Wiley Theatre presents Broadway musicals on a rotating schedule from June through August. Once the season is in full swing it's possible to see as many as five plays in five days.

Such an extensive repertory requires an abundance of talent, participation, and dedication. In order to fulfill those requirements, Jenny Wiley Theatre stimulates artistic development through a variety of workshops and programs. The theatre is especially proud of its Educational Outreach Program whose membership represents five counties and sponsors performance programs such as Poetry Alive and the Jesse Stuart Stories to over 5,000 students in regional schools. The Educational Outreach Program will also award its fourth annual college scholarship to an area resident this year.

An Apprentice Program is also offered for young adults ages 18-23. This program offers daily classes and workshops in aspects of acting, voice, movement, and auditioning. All Apprentices will have two performance opportunities in a

Jenny Wiley Theatre summer production. Staffed by theatre professionals, this program not only develops performers but theatre technicians and musicians as well.

For the children, Jenny Wiley Theatre conducts summer arts workshops. This year two three-week theatre day camps will be culminated by a Children's Showcase Cabaret production, as well as two Children's Theatre performances. In addition, Jenny Wiley Theatre presents special matinee performances for area schools.

Participants of these programs, along with the entire Jenny Wiley cast, will soon be putting their talent to the test as Jenny Wiley Theatre will open the 1994 30th Anniversary Season on Friday, June 24, with Peter Pan! This is the musical version of one of the world's most celebrated theatrical fantasies. Mardie Millit (who plays Peter) will be flown through the air with Wendy, Michael and John thanks to an elaborate truss system. Flying By Foy, the same company who flew Mary Martin and Kathy Rigby in Peter Pan will be flying Jenny Wiley Theatre's performers.

PETER PAN

Opening Thursday, June 30, is The Gin Game. This 1978 Pulitzer Prize winner is the story of Weller Martin and Fonsia Dorsey who live in a nursing home. They both hate the nursing home but they both love playing gin rummy together, as they share the secrets of their lives.



Next, enjoy a Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum, a musical comedy by Stephen Sondheim. The plot of this Roman holiday is an unashamed medley of mistaken identities, masquerades, loves sweet and loves profane, the absurdities of an aging man still trying to be a Romeo, and the desperate deceptions of a schemer always on the verge of being found out. This side-splitting comedy opens Friday, July 8.



Finally, if you've ever wanted to run away and travel with a carnival, here's your chance! Jenny Wiley Theatre opens the Broadway smash Carnival on Thursday, July 21. This musical pulls you right into the troupe as comedy blends with pathos under the Big Top.

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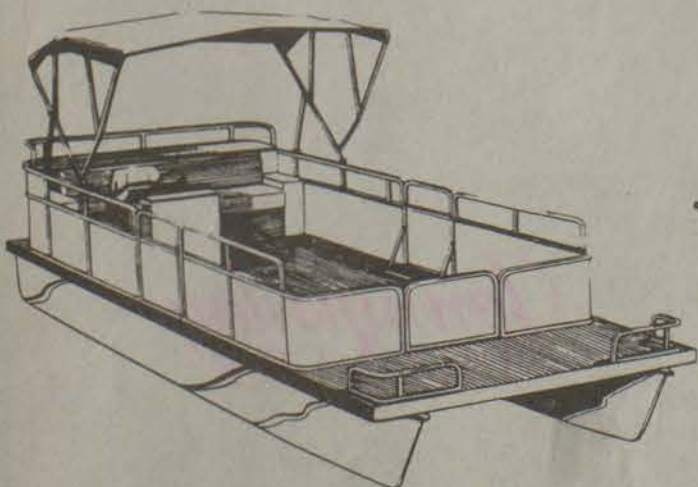
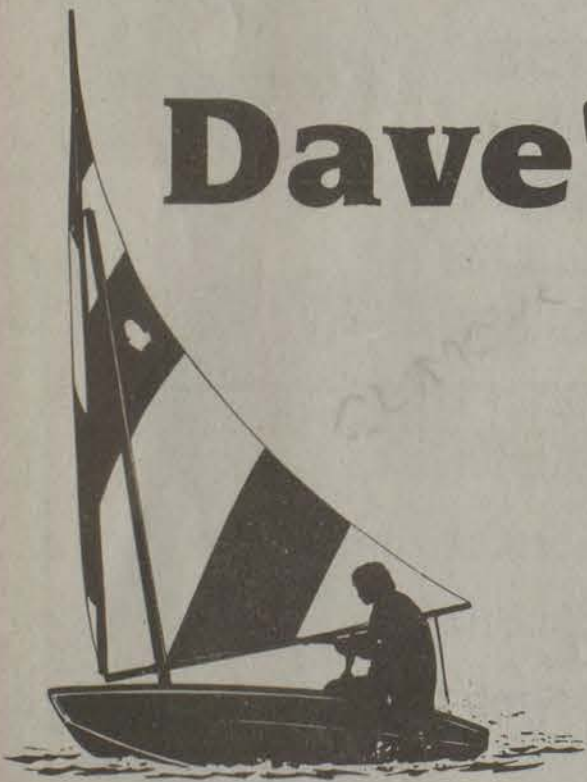
Dinner Theatre
A delicious buffet begins at 6:45 p.m., followed by the performance at 8:00 p.m. All tickets are \$26.00.

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Enjoy a luncheon buffet at 11:30 a.m., followed by the performance at 12:45 p.m. Seniors, clubs and church groups are welcome. All tickets are \$21.00.

JUNE-JULY 1994 SEASON						
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Peter Pan SOLD OUT 26		Peter Pan SOLD OUT 27	Peter Pan 28	Gin Game 30	Gin Game 8:45p Dinner Theatre 1	Peter Pan 2
Peter Pan 3			Gin Game 6	Gin Game 7	Funny Thing Happened 8	Funny Thing Happened 9
Peter Pan 10		Peter Pan 10:30a School Matinee 11	Gin Game 13	Gin Game 11:30a Lunch Matinee 14	Funny Thing Happened 15	Peter Pan 16
Peter Pan 17		Gin Game 11:30a Lunch Matinee 18	Gin Game 20	Carnival 21	Carnival* 22	Peter Pan 23
Funny Thing Happened 24		Gin Game 11:30a Lunch Matinee 25	Peter Pan 27	Gin Game 8:45p Dinner Theatre 28	Peter Pan 29	Carnival 30
Funny Thing Happened 31						
AUGUST 1994 SEASON						
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Peter Pan 7		Gin Game 11:30a Lunch Matinee 8	Carnival 9	Gin Game 8:45p Dinner Theatre 10	Children's Theatre 1:30p 11	Children's Theatre 1:30p 12
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Mountain Arts Center

Ann Latta
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Take a short ride into the future. Imagine for a moment it is Christmas time, 1995.

Amidst all the shopping, wrapping and general bustle, there is one "must-do" item on your list: Get tickets for the Kentucky Opry Christmas Show at the Mountain Arts Center!

The Big MAC, as folks around Eastern Kentucky, are affectionately calling it, has just been open a short time, and already, it's the hottest attraction in the region.

Folks who used to travel to Nashville for Christmas at the Grand Ol' Opry, are booking in at the Big MAC now, and tickets are scarce.

(Good thing you contributed to the MAC construction fund, and get advance notice of special events, like the Christmas show!)

Tourists are pouring down U.S. 23—The Country Music Highway—passing through the homelands of the Judds, Billy Ray Cyrus, Ricky Skaggs, Loretta Lynn and Crystal Gayle, Dwight Yoakam and Patty Loveless.

Their destination is the Mountain Arts Center at Prestonsburg. They're staying in area hotels, eating at local restaurants, and shopping in the region's stores.

Thanks to the tourism boom, and the new jobs created when the Big MAC opened, the economy is better than it's been in a long time.

You look over the list of coming attractions at the Mountain Arts Center, which as a contributor, you just got in the mail, and decide tickets to some up-coming concerts might be the perfect Christmas gift for family and friends.

There's big name country music stars, philharmonic orchestras, touring theatrical productions, special gospel nights—all booked in at the Mountain Arts Center next year, right in your own back yard.

No more traveling to Lexington to see some good entertainment!

Your children are loving it too. Your daughter's school choral group is practicing, rehearsing and playing at the Big MAC, and she's taking individual singing lessons there as well.

Your son learned to play the mandolin, was invited to join the Junior Pros, has played on stage at the Big MAC and performed in concerts away from here, too.

His school grades shot up, not only because it's a Junior Pro requirement, but because his interest in school has been re-kindled thanks to the new music programs sponsored by Kentucky Opry.

And, the Mountain Arts Center is so beautiful, too. You attended the grand opening, and couldn't believe how nice the facilities were, especially the theatre with its 1,000 seats, not one of which had a bad view.

Just a dream? It's happening.

Construction is slated to start on the Mountain Arts Center in late summer or early fall.

The site was purchased last year, on the Mountain Parkway near its intersection with U.S. 23.

Fund raising is almost complete. Federal, state and local funds (including \$1.5 million from the City of Prestonsburg), will make up \$4 million of the \$6 million total cost.

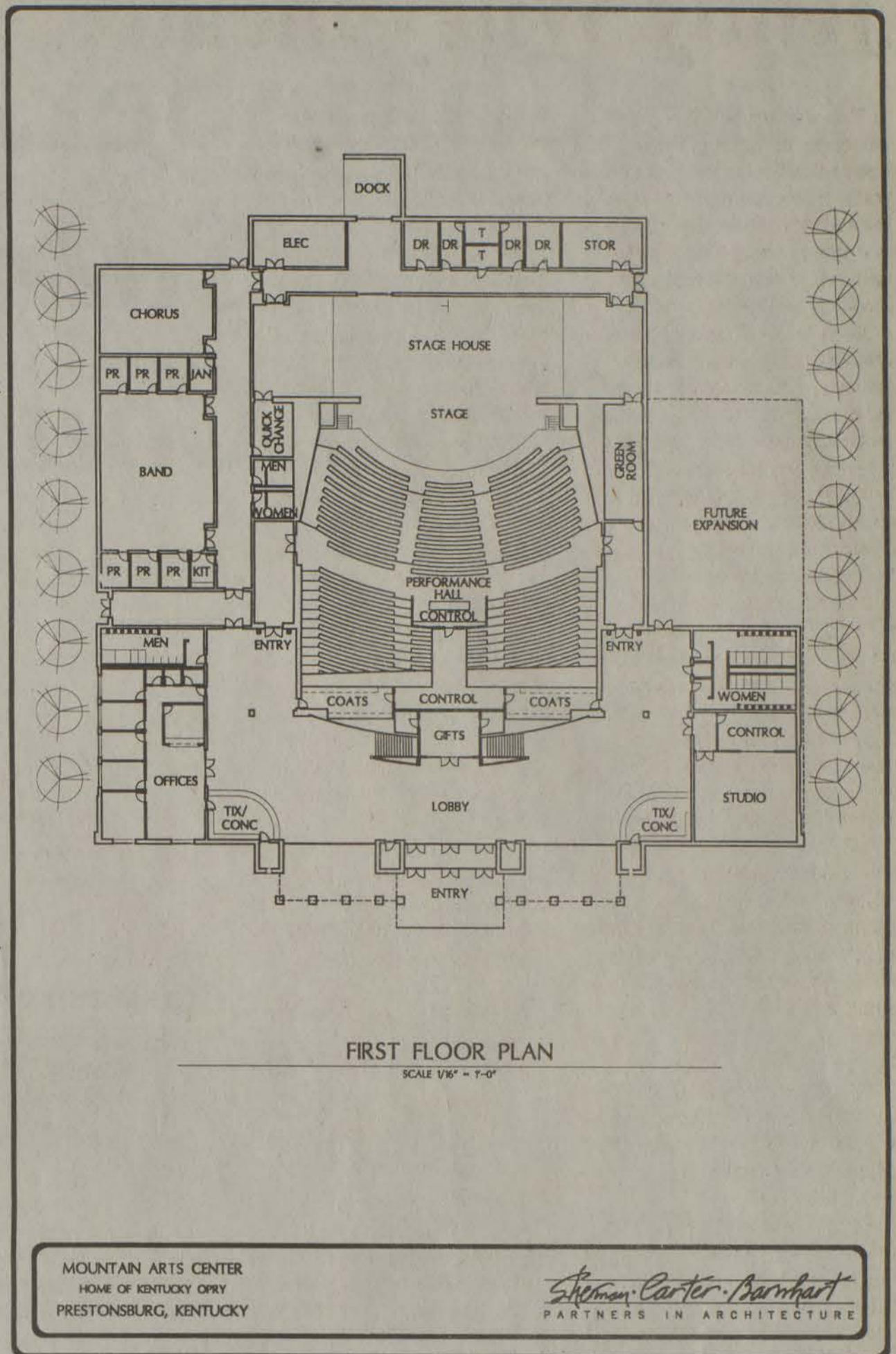
The remaining \$2 million needed is being raised by private donations, and nearly half of that has been pledged.

The private fund-raising drive kicked off its 1994 campaign at the June 27 opening of the Opry's fourth season at the Jenny Wiley State Park Amphitheatre.

Construction can start, according to Opry President Paul P. Hughes, "because our local banks have faith in our ability to raise the remaining money we need, and are willing to finance the balance."

"This last drive is critical, however" Hughes said. "We still need those final dollars, and time is running down."

And, Billie Jean Osborne, the retired Floyd County music teacher, whose dream the Mountain Arts Center is, echoes his words: "Our children deserve this center, right here in Eastern Kentucky. We can do it, if everyone will help!"

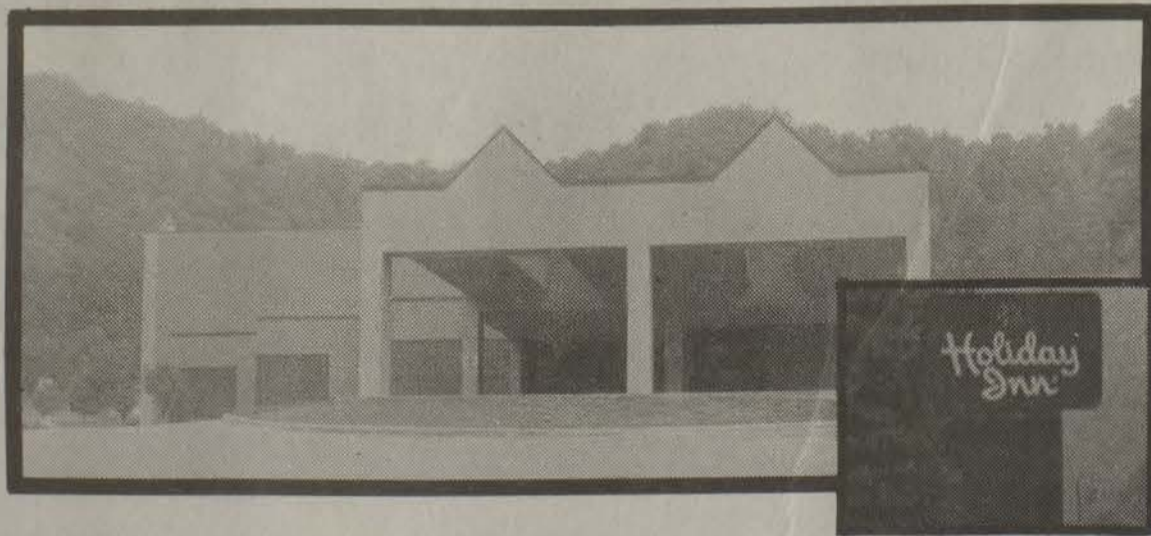


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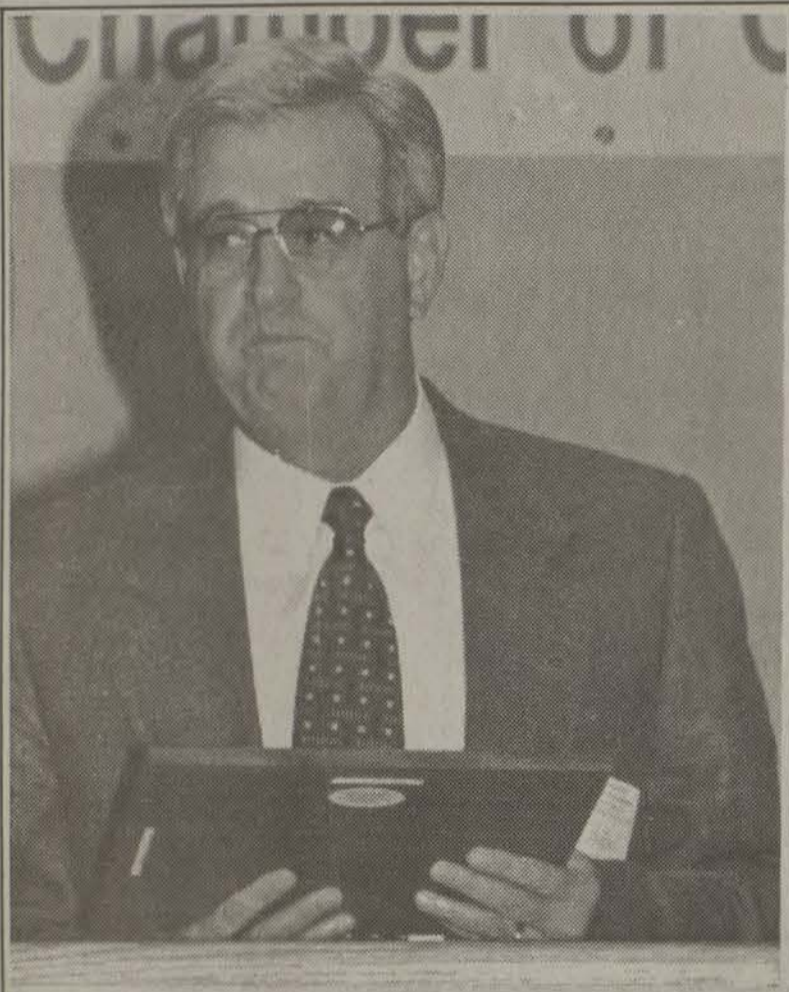
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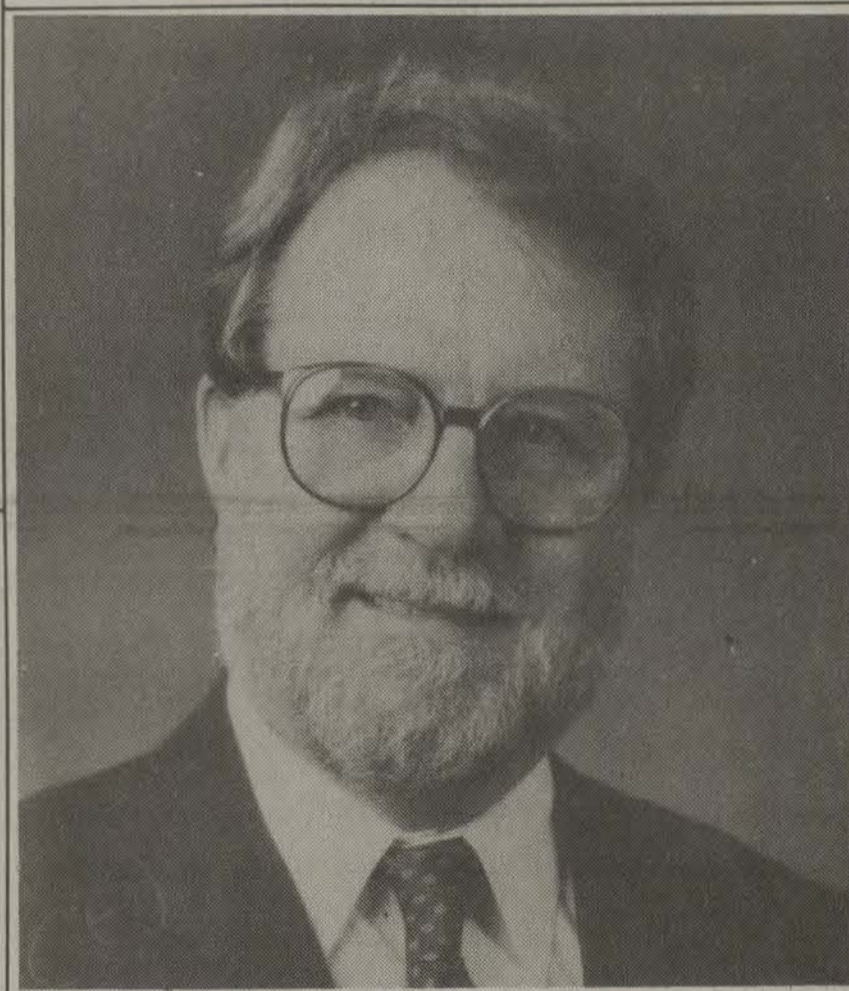
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Howard is rocking the country music scene

by Janice Shepherd
Managing Editor

Eastern Kentucky's newest star on the horizon is Rebecca Lynn Howard.

Howard, a sophomore at Magoffin County High School, has performed at the Grand Ole Opry where she received a standing ovation for her rendition of "Wind Beneath My Wings" and has just released her album "Rocking the Country."

She also shot a video in Nashville to go with the song for which the album was named that promoters expect to climb the county charts. The video is about rocking the country with country music, Howard said.

The video shows an old jukebox to symbolize where country music started and then the video progresses to what country music has evolved, Howard said.

"(In the video) country music has taken over the world. It branches off to different ages, different races and different careers."

Howard said she was "kind of nervous singing" on the video, but "once I got into it (about two hours) I didn't worry about it anymore." It took 12 hours to make the video. Howard said she enjoyed making it, and got "lots of breaks."

Concept for the video was written by Eric Stratton and the song was co-written by Howard, Jack Fultz and Jim Whitaker.

Howard also wrote "Daddy, I Never Knew You," which has been sent to George Jones to review. She has written several songs with her 15-year-old cousin Amanda, including "Love Worth Dying For" and "Momma, Daddy Needs Me More Than You."

Another song that she co-wrote with her cousin is "Take My Hand"

which she plans to put on her second album. She finished the demo for the song in May.

Howard said she is not a steady writer. "It has to be there. I have to ponder on it for a while."

Howard has a full summer of performances planned. On June 16, she was the opening act at the Huntington Civic Center for Doug Stone, who opened for Marty Stuart. On July 2, she's performing in Central Park in Ashland with Laurie Whitley, John Whitley and Rona Reeves.

Independence Day, July 4, Howard will open for Ricky Van Shelton during the Stern Wheel Regatta in Huntington. On July 23, she'll be in River Park with Turner Nichols for the Tri-State Fair and Regatta.

Howard isn't star struck. "I've been to Nashville so many times, I've seen them (the stars backstage). I don't look at them the way I used to; I have a career now, too," she said.

Howard said her trek to become a Nashville performer hasn't been easy. "I know how it feels to get doors slammed in my face and get ugly looks."

"I am a better person for it. I've grown inside and out. I've gained more knowledge about the business and I'm living in the real world."

The doors for Howard are being opened by her sponsor Addington Productions and her manager Tommy Howard.

"I feel comfortable with the people behind her," said her mother, Judy Howard. "Her manager has been really good about looking out for her. I think they'll do what is in her best interest. She doesn't have some major producers demanding things from her and who don't



Eastern Kentucky star

Country music is exploding throughout this great land; be a part of the explosion and catch on to the rising star of Rebecca Lynn Howard. She has performed at the Ohio State Fair as a guest of Dwight Yokam, at the Long Hollow Jamboree with Bill Monroe and at The Nashville Palace.

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In a joint effort by the Floyd County Fiscal Court and the Prestonsburg City Council and tourism Commission, the largest ever fireworks celebration will take place in the skies above Archer Park during the Independence Day celebration in Floyd County.

The display will set off a week of fun for young and old alike as the

James H. Drew Exhibition begins its annual carnival.

The fireworks will be celebrating the nation's birthday, but will also salute the country's 50th anniversary of the World War II European military campaign.

An extra effort is being made this year to commemorate that victory, said Fred James, Prestonsburg tourism director.

with three festivals which, according to Maxine Bierman, director of the Jenny Wiley Festival, are designed to "teach our children more about our heritage."

The festivals are also designed to present the Eastern Kentucky and Floyd County heritage to people outside of this area and at the same time to encourage tourists to visit Floyd County.

The Kentucky Highland Folk Festival, which is in its 29th year, is held the Friday, Saturday and Sunday after Labor Day.

The Festival features an accumulation of folk singers and dancers who perform the old folk tunes and ballads passed on to them by their forefathers. The songs and dances are still in style and delivered as

was originally.

Within the festival also lies various artists and craftsman who depict old-fashioned ways of tool making, furniture making, and quilting. The festival also has storytellers and writers' workshops.

The Jenny Wiley Festival is held the second week of October and is in its 13th year. The festival will also feature arts and crafts exhibits and a gospel sing will be one of the many highlights of the event.

Always a crowd favorite is the parade and the festival will have a tennis tournament, a car show, the 5K run and the Jenny Wiley Bowl.

Other events associated with the festival are the presentation of the citizen's award, sales booths, decoration of homes, properties and

schools and school activities.

This year's festival has been combined with the Festival of FACES (Family, Arts, Culture, and Education).

The 25th annual Red, White and Blue Festival at Martin will be held the weekend after the Jenny Wiley Festival on the third Saturday of October.

The festival will feature arts and crafts as well as a car show, fireworks, music, dancing and much more still in the planning stages.

So if your an elderly person who wants to relive some of your childhood or a younger person interested in what it was like when your grandparents were your age, Floyd County's festivals are the places for you.



Coal Mining Music Festival is tribute to area workforce

Native Floyd Countian Lonnie Prater returned to his home county in 1993 with his country music band, Southern Exposure, to initiate the first Coal Mining Music Festival in Prestonsburg.

Three August days were filled with various country music and pop music bands during the event.

Prater, now with Ford Motor Company in Michigan, had the idea of raising interest and support for the people of Eastern Kentucky who worked for the coal industry.

The idea was to promote the industry and provide a weekend of fun and entertainment.

The concert was free and was

held in the municipal parking lot in Prestonsburg.

One of the guest entertainers was Bobby Cyrus, who rocked the crowd with his sensational, spirited songs.

Again this year, Lonnie and his friends hope to return to Prestonsburg with more guest entertainers for the second annual coal mining festival.

Latest word, according to Tourism Director Fred James, is that this effort is being planned simultaneously with the Jenny Wiley Festival to be held the second weekend in October in 1994.

Prater's goal this year is to get

more participation from the coal-related industries in the area by showcasing new and innovative equipment and techniques.

Last year, the Black Lung Association participated with food booths and is expected to return to this year's festivities.

The schedule this year will include gospel singing on Friday night and country and pop music throughout Saturday and Saturday night.

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respect our opinion about how much traveling she does."

Howard said she also has strong support from her parents. Her mom travels with her on her concert trips and her practice sessions, but her dad stays home. "Her dad has a lot of patience," Judy Howard said. "He's come home a lot of nights and no supper (had been cooked)."

"We made a deal," said the 15-year-old singer. "I get to buy him a boat."

Howard held her debut concert in Magoffin County at the Parkway Music Center on May 27.

Howard is a well-known performer in Floyd County. She got her start with the Kentucky Opry Jr. Pros, founded by Billie Jean Osborne.

"We owe a lot to the Kentucky Opry. Billie Jean really helped us," said mom Judy. "She gave Becky a lot of good advice. She taught the children discipline."

"It helped me a lot," said Becky. "I'm a lot more responsible now. I've learned that if you don't get discipline in your life, you'll never make it in this world."

Though Howard doesn't get to perform with the Junior pros because her schedule conflicts with most of their performances, she said she "will always be a Junior Pro."

"I feel like I'm part of them. I sang with them for two years. I wouldn't be where I'm at now — (in terms of) stage presence and experience. I wouldn't be as comfortable as I am now. But I've got my own thing. I've got to do this now, but I'll always do things for them," said Becky.

Members of her band, Gran Madison, are also part of the Junior Pros. Ritchie Ferguson of Paintsville is the drummer; David Baker of Floyd County plays bass; Tony Hall is the lead guitarist. John Branham plays the rhythm guitar and the harmonica. John Craft is the keyboard player.

During her years with the Junior Pros, she has learned to play the fiddle from Kentucky Opry performer David Morris. "He's great," she said.

"It's (playing the fiddle) fun but frustrating, too. It's hard to learn at first. Once you get used to it, it goes pretty easy."

"After so long playing it, you get tongue-tied with your fingers," she said.

Becky also plays the piano. She learned to play the piano at six. She took one lesson from her cousin who taught her three cords. "She figured out the rest herself by watching people play the piano in church," said her mom.

"I play by ear. I don't read music," Becky said.

The teen plays the guitar, as well, and has been taking lessons from a fellow Junior Pro, Beau Tackett.

Becky's mom describes her music as "southern gospel-type sound like Mariah Carey."

"She expresses herself through her vocal chords," said Judy Howard.

Becky also bases her style on Reba Mcintyre. Her first public performance at Founders Day in Salyersville when she was age of five was Reba's hit "Kathy's Clown."

"She used to get in the bedroom when she heard a song of Reba's, and practice it. Then she'd come into the living room and say 'Listen to this' and that was as much of a show as we got," said Judy Howard.

Becky saw her idol during a performance at Music City tonight. "I 'bout had a heart attack," said Becky.

Becky said she and Reba have a lot in common. "Reba couldn't get anyone to listen to her (when she first tried to break into the country music business). Everybody says I'm too young. She started playing the guitar when she was young — 13, and she started playing in the

band when she was young."

"They (the producers) had no interest in a woman singer. She just pitched her song and they were interested in it."

Reba's church roots were in the Pentecostal church as is Becky's. "Her (Reba's) grandmother went to a Baptist Church and they threw her out. They told her she needed to go to a Holiness Church."

Opry star is teaching students tradition

Kentucky Opry star David Morris recently visited the Piarist School along with Carolyn Kanney, and together they demonstrated a wide variety of styles of mountain and bluegrass music.

Morris regularly visits Floyd and Pike County schools for the opry as part of their education program. He gives music lessons to promising young performers, some of whom belong to the Kentucky Opry Junior Pros.

Sometimes he gives seminars on different aspects of traditional bluegrass and mountain music. At the Piarist School, a private, college-preparatory high school, in Martin, he surveyed the entire history of the music of Eastern Kentucky and gave examples of each type on a wide variety of instruments, including the fiddle, hammered dulcimer, and steel guitar.

"I thought he was wonderful," said student council president Marisa Tinder after Morris' presentation. "He is so talented and really kept my interest."

Morris is also a member of and the music director of St. Martha Catholic Church in Prestonsburg. He is one of the founding members of the Kentucky Opry, which soon hopes to break ground for their new Mountain Arts Center, which will be both a performing and educational facility.

Becky said a couple of major record labels have expressed an interest in her, but she won't discuss those until she has signed, if she signs.

"Your life is no longer your own then," said mom Judy.

Becky also did several radio interviews in June. She was interviewed on the Coal Country radio station in Williamson, West Vir-

ginia; WZLK in Pikeville; WSGS in Hazard; and K93 in Lexington.

Becky is not the only talent in the Howard family, according to mom Judy. Becky's brother, James, draws cartoons and writes fables.

He won an art contest and Becky expects him "to be a famous writer or cartoonist" one day.

"The Kentucky Opry is unlike any other group in the country," said Morris, "in that most groups like the opry concentrate on performance, but a major part of our focus is on education."

Morris now goes around to the different schools in the area, but once the Mountain Arts Center is

built, it will have a lot of classroom space, chorus rehearsal space, and even a recording studio to help give fresh new talent a break.

Morris usually thrills Kentucky Opry audiences with his own fiddle playing, especially his renditions of the classic "Orange Blossom Special."



Hammering the music

David Morris demonstrated the hammered dulcimer to students at the Piarist School recently. Morris has been teaching Eastern Kentucky students at the Little Theatre in Prestonsburg.

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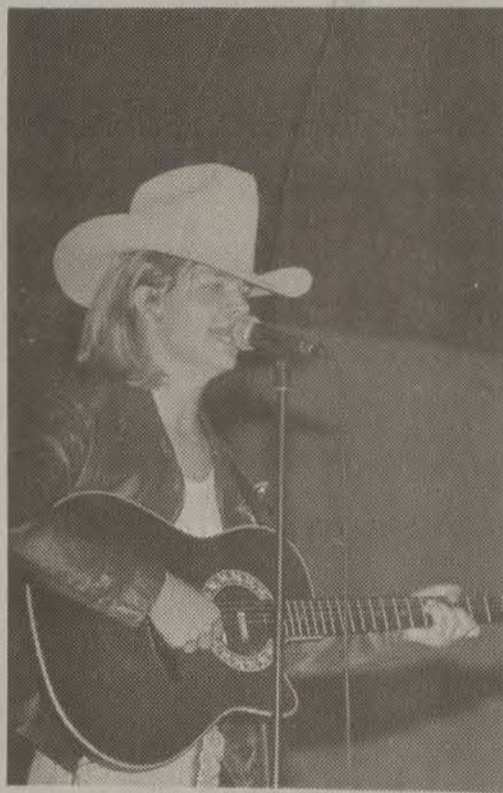
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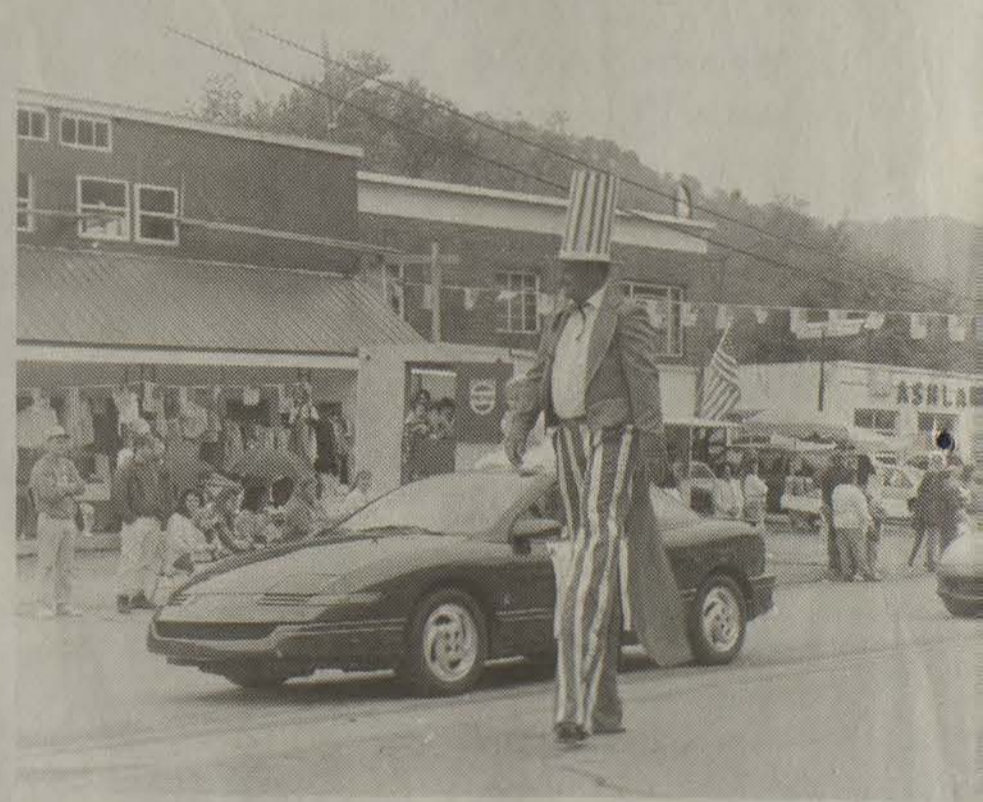
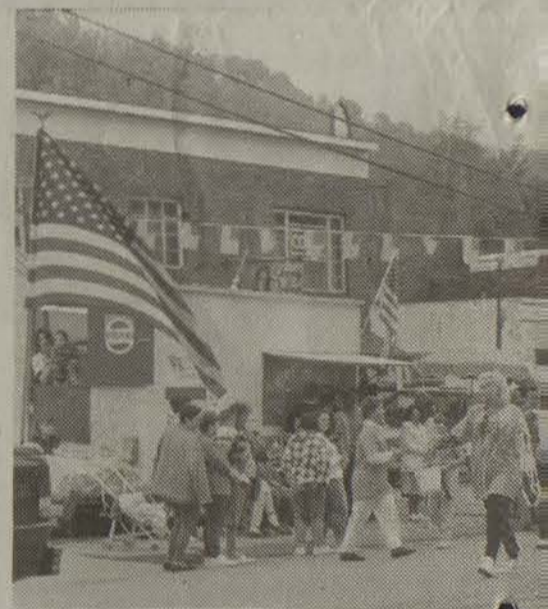
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Kentucky Opry has hit the big time

Ann Latta
Contributing Writer

The Kentucky Opry—Eastern Kentucky's own premiere performance group—has hit the big time.

Shoney's Restaurants recently produced tee shirts to distribute throughout its chain, promoting U.S. 23 as the Country Music Highway.

On the back, a map of U.S. 23, from the Ohio border to Tennessee, shows where some of the greatest names in country music came from along its route.

At Prestonsburg, sandwiched between Loretta Lynn and Dwight Yoakam, is a marker for the Kentucky Opry.

June 27 marked opening night for the Opry's fourth year of Monday night performances at the Jenny Wiley State Park Amphitheatre.

The shows, featuring a blend of country and pop music, plus comedy and dancing, draw sell-out crowds and enthusiastic audiences.

Most people in Eastern Kentucky know the Opry was actually formed to help show off the region's talent and prove the need for a regional arts education and performance facility.

Billie Jean Osborne, who taught music in the Floyd County schools for 30 years, put the Opry troupe together, and her dream of a Mountain Arts Center is about to come true, with construction scheduled to start later this year.

While the Opry succeeded in its goal of getting the Mountain Arts Center underway, it has been even more successful as a toe-tapping, finger snapping, musical treat for family audiences.

Requests come in on a regular basis for the troupe to perform, from the Governor's Mansion in Frankfort, to the Tall Stacks Regatta

on the Ohio River at Cincinnati.

The Opry responds to as many of these as possible, but the universal dream of the 14 young musicians is to be on stage in their permanent home, the Mountain Arts Center.

This dream is shared by the new

groups spawned by Kentucky Opry—the Kentucky Opry Junior Pros, and three other groups just formed this year.

Composed of young students ranging in age from eight to 18, the new groups are also in demand for

concerts, and will open for the original Opry from time to time this summer at the amphitheatre.

The Kentucky Opry performances will continue on Monday nights at the Amphitheatre through August 15, and will sponsor a

gospel show on Saturday, August 27 as well. Tickets for all shows are \$10 adults; \$8 senior citizens; and \$6 students, and reservations may be made at the Jenny Wiley Theatre Box Office: 886-9274.



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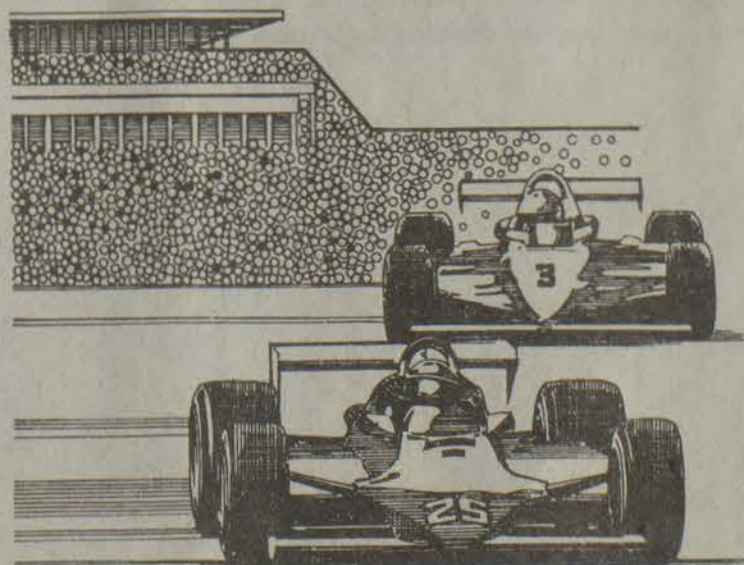
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Kentucky cuisine can be found in May Lodge's dining room. This 224-seat dining room serves breakfast, lunch and dinner. Two private dining facilities that can accommodate up to 70 people are also available.

For those who desire more private facilities, Jenny Wiley State Park has one and two-bedroom cottages. Each cottage offers a lake or a wooded view. Tableware, cooking utensils and linens are provided, with fresh linens available daily.

Jenny Wiley State Park also offers a conference center for meetings and banquets. Wilkinson/Stumbo Conference Center is located near the amphitheatre.

For the outdoor family, Jenny Wiley State Park's campground is open April 1 through October 31. The 117-site campground offers utility hookups, two central service buildings with showers and restrooms, a grocery store, and a dump station.

For "reel" excitement, Jenny Wiley is the place to be. Dewey Lake is stocked with largemouth, smallmouth and rock bass, bluegill, catfish, crappie and muskie.

Dewey Lake also offers boating. The boat dock has 199 open slips, three launching ramps and pontoon boat rental. Pedal boat rentals are available at the olympic-size community pool located in the park.

The park abounds with nature trails and picnic areas. There are seven miles of easy to medium hiking trails in the park. Picnic tables, grills and playgrounds are also located throughout the park.

For those who would rather spend their day on the green, Jenny Wiley's nine-hole golf course will test their skills. Take advantage of the fully equipped pro shop with rental clubs, pull carts and riding carts. An 18-hole miniature golf course provides entertainment for the entire family. The course is open year-round.

The park hosts many special events throughout the year. In January, the park hosted Buffalo night. Mountain Crafts, dancing, and story telling were some of the planned activities. Buffalo was served three different ways and with assorted vegetables in the Dining Room.

In February each year, bring your honey to a dance of the top 40 music in May Lodge during the St. Valentines' Dance.

A Knife and Gun Show is held at the Wilkinson/Stumbo Conference Center in March. Also in March, a St. Patricks' Square Dance is held. Folk and Country Line Dances are taught.

Children can meet the Easter Bunny in the park in April. A Dewey Lake Trash Bash is also held in April. Campers' Appreciation Weekend is the last weekend in April. Campers get two nights in the campground for the price of one with special activities and entertainment all weekend long.

In May, the Big Sandy Senior Games are held at the Dewey Lake Recreation Area. The annual event is sponsored by the Big Sandy Area Development Commission, Jenny Wiley State Resort Park, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. This is a five-county event for senior citizens to compete with each

other in special events.

Memorial Day Weekend Celebration at Jenny Wiley Park features square and folk dancing with numerous activities planned for the weekend at Jenny Wiley.

Upcoming activities this year include the following:

June-August: Jenny Wiley Theatre: The shows for the season include: "Peter Pan, A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum, Carnival, and The Gin Game."

July 1-4: 4th of July Celebration: Square and folk dancing, along with activities for all ages are planned for the weekend.

September 2-4: Labor Day Weekend Celebration: This is Jenny Wiley's Traditional Labor Day Weekend Celebration featuring Square and Folk Dancing. Planned activities for all ages.

December 31: New Year's Eve Dance: Dance that night at the Park with a package deal for meal, room, and dance.

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The May House, begun in 1816 and completed in early 1817, is the oldest brick residence in the Big Sandy Valley. Located in Prestonsburg, it was home to a prominent Floyd County settler, Samuel May.

May was appointed Justice of the Peace in 1811, and in the 1830s, served as State Representative, and then State Senator.

In 1814, local authorities granted Samuel permission to operate a ferry across the Big Sandy River at his house. Several years later, he was commissioned by the court to build a new courthouse which was completed in 1821.

The house also has strong ties to Civil War history. Andrew Jackson May, Samuel's son, used his boyhood home as a recruiting station for the Confederate Army. In

addition to organizing what was to become Company A of the 5th Kentucky Infantry, he formed the 10th Kentucky Cavalry.

Furthermore, Colonel May used the house as his headquarters whenever in the area, and General Humphrey Marshall used the house as his base of operations before the Battle of Middlecreek.

There is little doubt the house figured prominently in Floyd County and in the whole Big Sandy Valley during the war.

The Friends of the Samuel May House, Inc., formed by a group of Floyd County residents in March 1993, is currently trying to restore the house to its original state. They feel that the May House can help bring Floyd County and Eastern Kentucky's colorful history to life and present a great place for tourists to visit, with the home providing a unique focus for special events, festivals, and conferences.

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by Pam Shingler
Contributing Writer

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"There was a great deal of misunderstanding," said company owner Ralph Bowen. "There were rumors that we would hire 200 to 400 people.

"That was never in our plan," Bowen said. "Nobody even called me up and asked, but local officials knew. We always intended to phase in."

RND, which opened in November, employs 20 people now, but Bowen projects a workforce of 50 to 70 by this time next year. "If some of our products take off, we can employ hundreds," he said.

Bowen has reason to be optimistic. A lighted poinsettia arrangement will be sold by the Target chain of stores for Christmas. A Wisconsin-based corporation with 100 stores in the Midwest recently bought a large order of lighted floral arrangements. Another chain of stores headquartered in Virginia Beach has taken an assortment of arrangements on a trial basis.

Bowen is betting on the success of the round, concrete slabs, ringed in lights, that the company produces as practical and beautiful walkways for home gardens, parks and other public areas. In full production, the RND crew will turn out about 1,000 a day, he said.

The company's most recent patent could be a life saver as well as a profit maker. Marketed as "Life Lites," the device looks deceptively like a chic string of flashing lights to enhance the walls of a fine home or a pricey hotel.

The real purpose of the tiny baseboard lights, however, is to warn building occupants of impending danger and to direct them to exits. Bowen said the lights have sensors that are activated to flash on by smoke, gas fumes, bacteria and radiation.

Life Lites are intended for large public buildings, such as hospital and schools, Bowen said. "This product alone could make this the largest employer in Eastern Kentucky," he said. Marketing has just begun for the product and Bowen is optimistic about its success.

Optimism has a lot to do with RND's existence.

Bowen was vice president of marketing for a wood products company when the opportunity arose to get into lighting manufacturing.

"I never thought about going out and buying a company," he said. "But I had so much faith in the product that I invested my life savings."

The business climate in California, where the company was originally located, was "going from bad to worse," so Bowen began to look around for a place to relocate.

He credits Darrell Gilliam, director of the Floyd County Economic Development Authority, Judge-Executive John M. Stumbo, and First Commonwealth Bank with tipping the scales in favor of Floyd County.

On seven railroad cars and in three semi trucks, he moved the California operation to Kentucky. Only one company official, the marketing director, remains on the West Coast, and Bowen hopes to have him here by next year.

Originally from northeastern Ohio, Bowen said the small-town atmosphere was a major attraction. "I'm really a small-town boy," he said. "I find the people here very pleasant."

The sense of family also was a plus for Bowen, who runs a family operation. His son, Chuck, is the plant manager, and his wife, Dora, also works with the company.

Bowen was also attracted by the mountain scenery which he describes as "just beautiful." Mowing the lawn at his Prestonsburg home recently, he said he stopped and sat on his mower looking at the mountains in front of him for a long time. "I was moved by how beautiful it was."

The company president said he is committed to the area and to producing a quality product. "We don't make junk. Our products are very high quality. One of our mottoes is: If it's not good enough for me to take home, it's not good enough for customers."

Can you buy an RND product here?

Well, yes and no.

The floral arrangements and some outdoor lighting are marketed in retail outlets. Chandeliers, and other indoor and outdoor lighting are marketed primarily to architects and designers. However, RND does do custom work. Homeowners or businesspersons who want special fixtures, such as a custom-made curtain of lights or a floor-length chandelier, can contact the company directly.



Phil Conrad of Prestonsburg attaches a ring of lights to a concrete stepping stone which RND produces. The stones can be arranged to provide lighted walkways around homes or in public areas.

Portrait of Home

"It's never wrong to expect a lot"

by Pam Shingler
Contributing Writer

Just about everybody in Floyd County knows, or knows of, Delores Smith. She's as close to celebrity status as you can get without being an entertainer or politician.

Yet, a stranger might pass Smith on the street and say she blends in. She doesn't dress in Parisian designer clothes, though she probably could. Her hair, while attractive and neat, isn't fashioned by Hillary Clinton's hairdresser, though it could be.

Her feet generally sport "comfortable" shoes. Her language is the same as anyone else who was raised on Mud Creek. And there's not an ounce of aloofness about her.

In fact, to use an old mountain expression, she's "as common as an old shoe."

Yet, Smith is quite likely the most successful businesswoman in Floyd County, perhaps Eastern Kentucky. And she's quite likely the county's strongest rebel and activist.

For the former attribute, she received this year's Businessperson of the Year Award from the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce. For the latter, she has been appointed to the Floyd County Board of Education and been chosen chairperson of the organization she spent years criticizing.

As for business, Smith and her husband, Bill ("my safe haven"), are owners of R&S Truck Body in Allen, Floyd County's largest manufacturing operation.

Bill, who is from Northern Kentucky, and Delores met at Morehead State University and married in their sophomore year. To complete their education, they often worked a semester to save money to go back to school the next.

After a few years of Bill's working in a bank and with International Harvester, they returned to Delores' home to open the factory with her parents, Marcum and Gilva Reynolds.

The company started as a small operation, serving the coal industry and employing about 30 people with the Smiths and Reynolds pulling double

and triple duty. Today, it employs 180 people, serving all phases of the trucking industry and allowing the Smiths time for community involvement.

R&S builds truck bodies, suspension systems and other related items. Whereas most of its business was originally with coal trucking companies, now only about a fourth of its products go in that direction. Most is marketed to the construction trade, Smith said.

At one point, the couple started similar plants in Richmond, Ky., and in Florida, but both of those have been sold.

The biggest reason for getting out of the Florida plant, Smith said, was the difficulty in getting good workers. "We have tremendous employees here," she said. "There is no comparison between the employees here and there. The work ethic is here."

Smith's activism began in a non-descript way. "I was always involved with my children's education," she said. "If I felt something was wrong, I never hesitated to say so."

In the mid-1980s, she attended a meeting of a fledgling parents organization. "I couldn't believe a lot of things that were being said. But later I came to think if we don't start talking about it, nothing will get better."

Along with other parents, Smith began to push for higher educational standards, less politics in the school system, and what she saw as a better all around learning environment.

"I don't buy that we can't do as well as anyone else," she said. "I believe we have to give our young people the best we can give them. They have to at least be on a level playing field."

When changes in the county school system began to take place in the late 1980s, Smith was at the forefront, presenting impassioned pleas at school board meetings, supporting a teachers strike, and talking to media and anyone else who would listen.

As a member of the school board now, Smith's vocalism has not abated. "We have made some strides," she said, "but we have to work harder. We have to go

above the average level in order to change the perception about us."

She adds one of her watchword statements: "It's never wrong to expect a lot from people."

Education is one of the prime components for altering outsiders' perceptions of Floyd County and for fostering economic growth, Smith believes.

"All the perceptions are going against us," she said. "We're perceived as being backward. Some of our leaders have wanted to keep people dependent. We're somewhat getting out of that, but we've got a ways to go."

The way Eastern Kentuckians treat the environment also hinders growth, said the former Chamber of Commerce president.

"The trash on roadsides and around houses says we don't have pride. When outsiders see the garbage and hear that our education is not good, there are not enough financial incentives to bring them here," she explained.

A lack of cooperation is a further obstacle to economic development, Smith said. "We need to learn to work together and not worry so much about who's going to look good or who's going to look bad," she said. "I don't think we're skillful enough at working together."

She has high praise for economic developer Darrell Gilliam, calling him "one of the best in the state." But she adds that everyone must help him. "We've got to get out of the mode of thinking that you hire someone and let them do it without help."

The road up, she said, involves changing the way we train the next generation. "We don't teach young people to think or that their thoughts are valuable," Smith said. "We need to instill in our people a desire to be involved in their government and not to turn it over to somebody else."

"If they want good government, it's going to happen. If we can instill that in our young people, the hope is there."

Smith believes strongly that successful people ought to give back to the community. "You have a lot of obligation to prepare for the next generation," she said.



Businessperson of the Year

Delores Smith isn't just talking about improving Floyd County; she's playing an active role in improving the business community and education.

Highways

Major highways serving Prestonsburg are U.S. 23/460 and Kentucky 114, both "AAA"-rated (80,000-pound gross load limit) trucking highways. Access to the Mountain Parkway is twenty-two miles west of Prestonsburg via Kentucky 114. The Mountain Parkway intersects with Interstate 64, ninety-eight miles northwest of Prestonsburg. Kentucky 80, four miles south of Prestonsburg, is a multi-lane highway which provides access to the Daniel Boone Parkway, forty-six miles southwest of Prestonsburg near Hazard. The Daniel Boone Parkway then provides access to Interstate 75, 105 miles southwest of Prestonsburg.

Improvements to U.S. 23 are currently being made between Prestonsburg and Paintsville. The 13-mile stretch of U.S. 23 will be converted to a four-lane trucking highway. Completion of the project is scheduled for early 1995.

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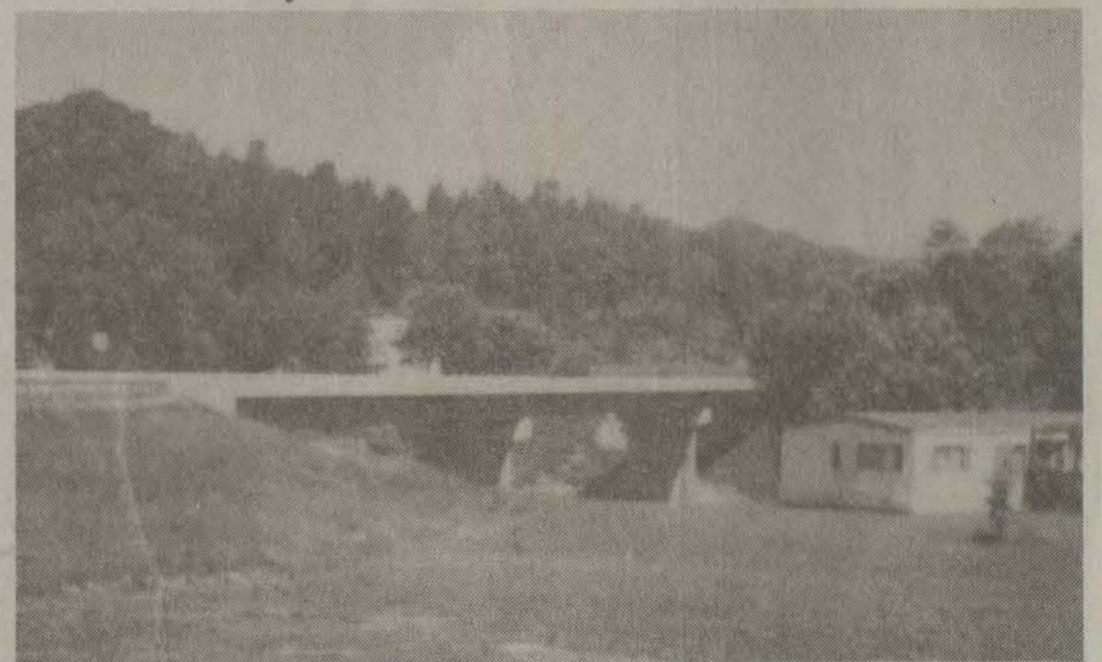
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World class labor-management

by Pam Shingler
Contributing Writer

Bloody union battles and wildcat strikes that took place 50 to 75 years ago in the mountains helped create a negative image of workers that remains today in the minds of manufacturers and business developers.

That image should be changed. So says the Clinton administration's top labor mediator — who happens to be a Floyd Countian.

"Eastern Kentucky still suffers from a negative labor-management image, and in many ways it's an unfair stigma," said John Calhoun Wells II, an Auxier native who directs the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service.

"Today the region has a pretty stable labor-management relationship," Wells said, adding that Eastern Kentuckians need to correct the misconception of companies that might consider locating here.

Wells called the American Standard plant in Johnson County "a model of world class manufacturing."

On a recent visit to the plant, the labor expert said he was impressed with what's been done by the "outstanding cooperation" between workers and managers.

"I urge leadership in Eastern Kentucky to seek out examples such as American Standard and air them to potential developers," he said.

The process of correcting the image of labor unrest in the region, he said, should include representatives of labor. "Get the leadership of organized labor to help sell the area. Make them a part of the sales force. Make them a part of the team," he urged in a recent telephone interview from his office in Washington, DC.

Wells came to his present position in large part because he had strong support from both labor and management. Among organizations that pushed for his selection by the president were the Kentucky AFL-CIO, Ashland Oil and Associated Industries of Kentucky.

The 1962 graduate of the old Auxier High School has seen both sides of the labor-management scene. His father, the late John C. Wells, was a miner and UMWA member before becoming a school teacher and later a principal.

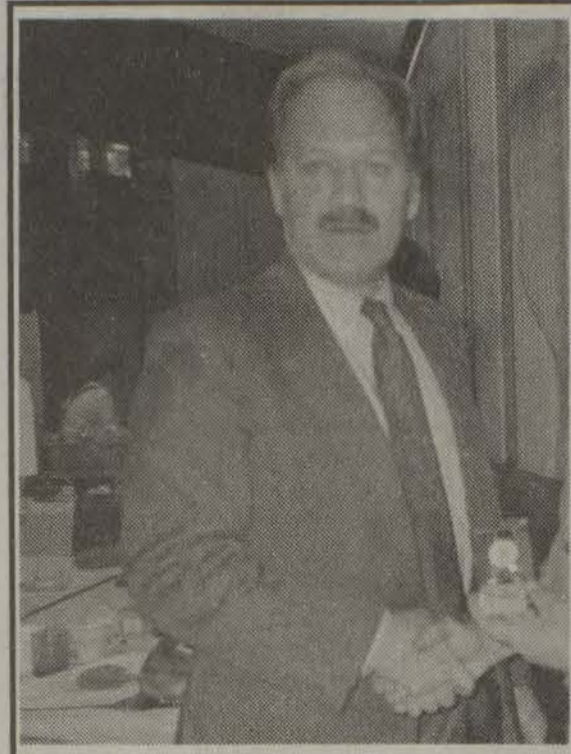
The son, who would become the top Kentuckian in the Clinton Administration, was a union member when he worked in a New Jersey chemical plant when he was younger.

Working for U.S. Sen. Wendell Ford and in a succession of state government jobs, including a stint as Kentucky's first

Secretary of Labor, Wells experienced the management side.

He knows from experience the importance of strong labor-management relations. As Kentucky's Secretary of Labor he mediated two significant disputes, one involving the UMWA and Massey Coal and the other the Building and Construction Trades' conflict in the building of the Toyota plant in Georgetown.

In fact, he played a leading role in attracting Toyota to Kentucky by focusing on the state as a place where labor and management do co-exist peacefully.



John Calhoun Wells

As the state's Labor Secretary, he also emphasized workplace safety, a higher minimum wage, and increased opportunities for women and minorities.

From state government, he took his knowledge and experience to the university level where he did research and consulted on topics related to improving labor and management relations. He was a Senior Research Fellow at Harvard University's JFK School of Government and then president of the John Gray Institute at Lamar University in Texas.

Wells was tapped for the federal post in November of 1993. He describes the agency he directs as a "small, independent agency whose purpose is to promote good, sound labor relations throughout America."

His staff of more than 300 travels the country to mediate strikes and, more important, to try to prevent them. They

attempt to create, he said, a "win-win situation" for both labor and management.

His goal, he said, is "improvement in both the image and substance" of labor relations.

Much of Wells' time now is spent talking with business and union leaders. His next appointment after the telephone interview with The Times was with the president of one of the nation's largest unions. The following day he was to fly to Louisville to speak to a conference on labor relations.

In the spring he came back home to speak at the annual breakfast of the Big Sandy Area Labor-Management Committee.

A University of Kentucky graduate who holds a PhD from Rutgers University in New Jersey, Wells remains proud of his Floyd County and Eastern Kentucky roots.

The one-page resume he gives to groups as an introduction includes the fact that he is originally from Auxier.

He also keeps track of developments in the area. He is particularly impressed by the Eastern Kentucky Leadership Conference. "It is enormously important. I urge people to become active in it," he said.

Wells believes the future of the region depends on its leadership working more closely together. "There's a strong core of political power in Eastern Kentucky," he said. "The economic and business leadership needs to form an alliance with the political leadership. The close relationship would pay rich dividends for the area."

Coal Highlights

Production

Kentucky produced 174.3 million tons of coal in 1992, compared to the record of 179.4 million tons set in 1990.

Kentucky was the nation's number one coal producer from 1973 to 1987, was number three in 1992, behind Wyoming, and has retaken from West Virginia the number two spot during 1993. Kentucky has been one of the top three producers in the United States for the last 47 years.

Employment

The Kentucky coal industry directly employed 25,722 persons and indirectly provided an additional 75,000 jobs in 1992.

The Kentucky coal industry paid almost \$1 billion in direct wages in 1992.

Economy

The Kentucky coal industry brought \$3.3 billion into Kentucky from out-of-state during fiscal year 1992-93 through coal sales to customers in 29 other states and foreign countries.

Kentucky coal companies paid \$179.6 million in coal severance taxes in Fiscal Year 1992-93 and induced economic activity leading to approximately \$530 million in revenues in state taxes.

Coal Markets

Electric utilities are the major market for Kentucky coal, accounting for 77 percent of the Kentucky coal sold.

Over 80 percent of Kentucky's coal is sold in other states or exported. Almost all (95 percent) of Kentucky's electricity is generated from coal. There are 20 major coal-burning electric utility plants in Kentucky.

Environment

All surface-mined land today is reclaimed equal to or better than it was prior to mining. Kentucky received three of twelve national reclamation awards in 1992 for surface mining; totaling 7 awards in the past three years.

Coal mining creates valuable lands such as wetlands, wildlife habitats, flat mountaintops and industrial sites where only steep, unproductive hillsides had once existed.

Kentucky operators have paid over \$544 million into a federal fund since 1977 to reclaim abandoned, unreclaimed coal mines.

Coal Resources

Kentucky has two distinct coal fields, one in Western Kentucky and one in Eastern Kentucky.

Kentucky's 91.1 billion tons of coal resources remaining represent 87 percent of the original resource.

Unmined mineral taxes contributed \$10.2 million to state (23 percent) and local (77 percent) revenues during 1990 and will continue to be paid yearly.

A banking tradition continues

The Bank Josephine was incorporated by special Act of the Kentucky Legislature, Chapter 255, Acts 1890, in which this act became a law on February 25, 1890. The Bank Josephine was the first bank in Floyd County.

The term of its charter was for a period of 25 years, which in due time was extended for a further period of 25 years, and since it was extended for a term of 50 years. It was provided in the act that the first Board of Directors should consist of

Walter S. Harkins, John G. Johns, Frank A. Hopkins, A.J. Davidson, Hiram H. Fitzpatrick and John Finlayson.

The bank was named in honor of Mrs. Josephine Davidson Harkins, wife of Walter S. Harkins one of the original founders and the stock certificates still bear a reproduction of her picture.

The bank first opened its doors on February 2, 1891, in one-room of the law office of Walter S. Harkins; about April 1, 1892, it moved to a small building owned

by A.J. Davidson, on Main Street; on June 9, 1907, it purchased the site on the corner of First and Court Street, and constructed a modern banking facility.

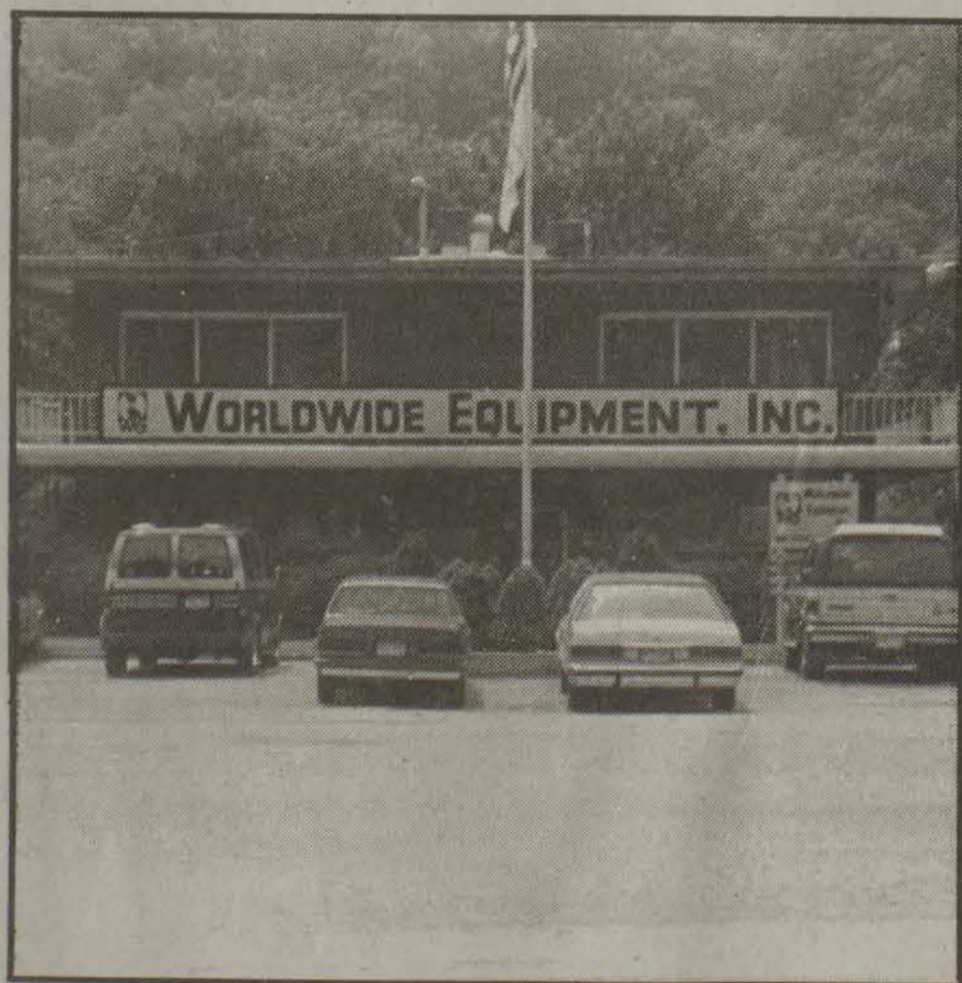
The building was destroyed by fire on May 24, 1916, but the bank remained in business. Business continued in the law office until its present building was completed on December 26, 1917.

Since it opened it has expanded into six locations, more than all other banks in the county.

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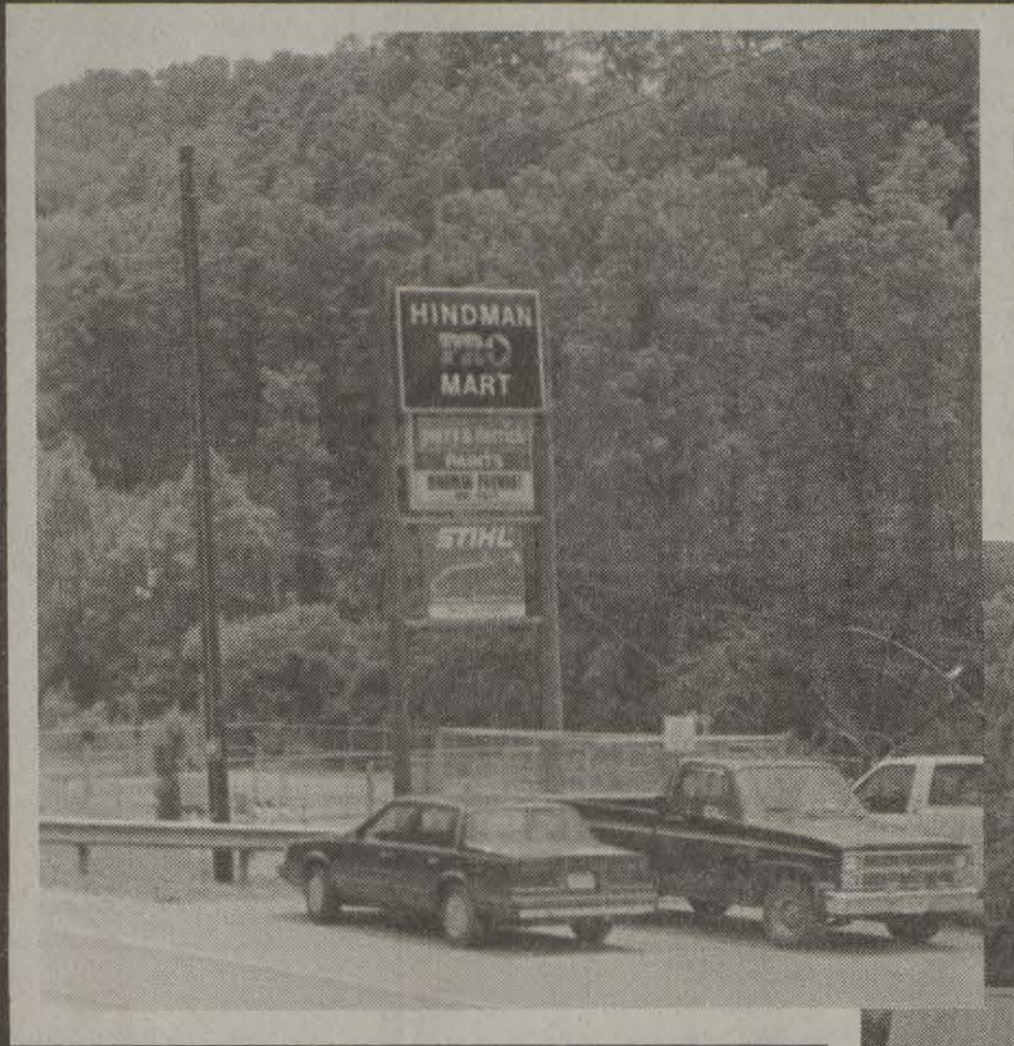


Terry L. Dotson, president and CEO of Worldwide Equipment Inc., Speaks about progress.

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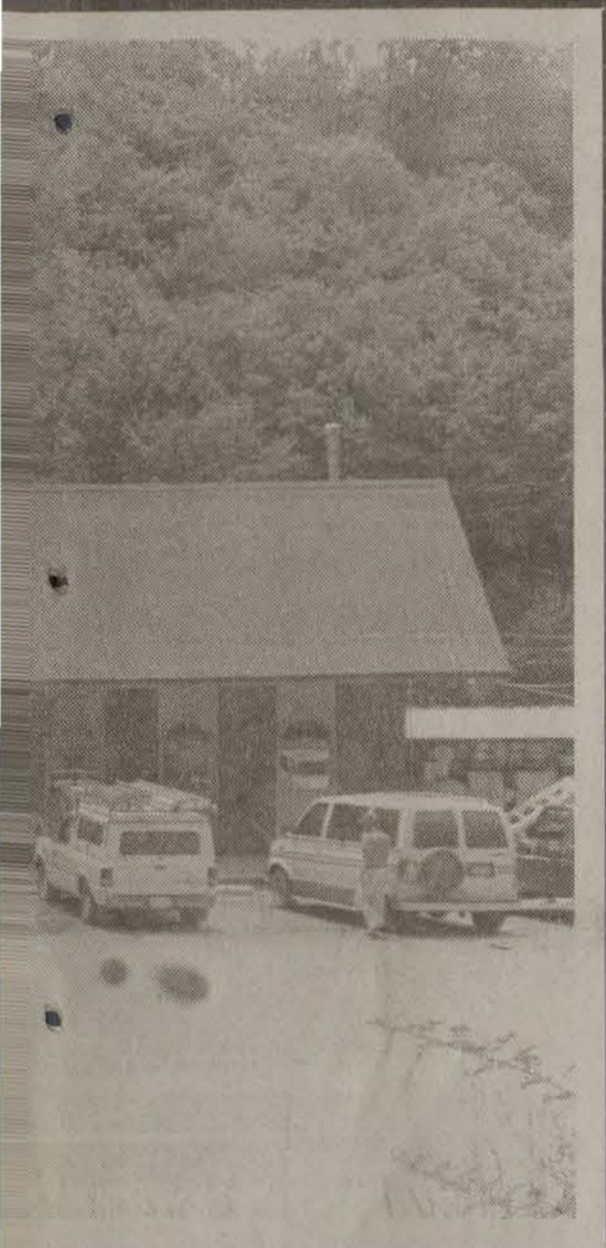
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"...We can have more jobs and more development"

by Pam Shingler
Contributing Writer

Paul Hughes, one of Floyd County's most successful businessmen, believes the surest way to lure economic developers to the area is to improve the quality of life of the community.

"The big debate," said the Chamber of Commerce's Floyd Countian of the Year, "is whether to give developers all the tax breaks you can or to improve the quality of life and the infrastructure and attract growth that way."

"The true long-term solution is to improve the area to the degree that industries want to come in."

Over the years Hughes has put his time and his money where his mouth is.

He and partner Estill Carter have developed two of the most successful car dealerships in Eastern Kentucky — Music-Carter-Hughes Chevrolet and Carter-Hughes Toyota, both on South Mayo Trail in Prestonsburg.

Both Carter and Hughes have worked hard to improve the quality of life in the area and to promote economic development. For many years, they've been, in

Hughes' words, "kind of greeters" for business prospects that have visited the county.

Hughes' energies these days — his passion, in fact — is the Kentucky Opry and the building of the local entertainment group's headquarters, the proposed Mountain Arts Center, on Ky. 114, just off U.S. 23 in Prestonsburg.

At his first meeting as a member of the Opry's board of directors in 1992, Hughes was elected board president. And the outlook for the talent conglomerate has been rosy ever since.

Hughes, a long-time member of the Prestonsburg Industrial Foundation, has spearheaded fundraising for the Mountain Arts Center, which to date had brought in about half of the \$1.5 million needed for construction.

With Hughes' business contacts and his commitment to the project, the rest is forthcoming.

"We'll probably start stirring some dirt in the next little bit," he assured, "and we should be able to bid out the construction by fall."

Hughes' involvement with the Opry wasn't strictly altruistic at the outset, even

though he said he "fell in love" with the youth team when he first saw them perform.

"Estill (Carter) and I were looking for a way to publicize our business," he admits.

There's no doubt the ploy worked. Toyota Corp. used the local dealership and the Kentucky Opry in a national advertisement shortly after the group's formation. And the car dealers have gotten a good bit of positive public relations out of their support of the entertainers led by Billie Osborne.

But the commercial aspect is secondary now. In fact, Hughes estimates his time is split about evenly between his business and his involvement with the Opry and the arts center.

Since being chosen to head the Opry board, Hughes has almost doubled its size, bringing in more business leaders and grounding the operation on a "businesslike basis."

He is in no way hesitant to ask businesses to support his pet project. "I'm a real believer that all who make a profit from us (in Eastern Kentucky) should give some money back to us."

The fundraising effort has already garnered a \$150,000 gift from Martin County Coal, as well as smaller gifts from several other coal companies. Other large corporations are being approached for donations.

Part of Hughes' motivation ties to his strong belief that tourism, which the arts center will promote, is a viable form of economic development.

"Anyone who believes tourism isn't economic development hasn't been to Galinburg, Tennessee, or Branson, Missouri," he said.

The Mountain Arts Center, he projected, will directly create four or five full-time jobs on site, with the Kentucky Opry already claiming three full-time employees.

Up and running with regular shows by the Opry, as well as concerts by traveling groups, and other entertainment activities, the center will ultimately result in more jobs for the area, he said.

"The economic impact with the many activities we plan will create many part-time jobs and will bring tourists from the local region and from regions farther out," said the former seven-term City Councilman.

He sees the county's new harness racing track, proposed golf course, state park and the arts center as a hub of activities for tourists. From there, he would like to see a tie-in with attractions in surrounding counties, such as the Loretta Lynn home and the Mountain Homeplace in Johnson County and Breaks Interstate Park in Pike

County.

"My real dream is that this area would be a one-week vacation spot for tourists," Hughes said. "There's no reason we can't be in the near future a three- or four-day vacation."

The businessman does not discount the importance of other industries in the area,

but he tries to be realistic.

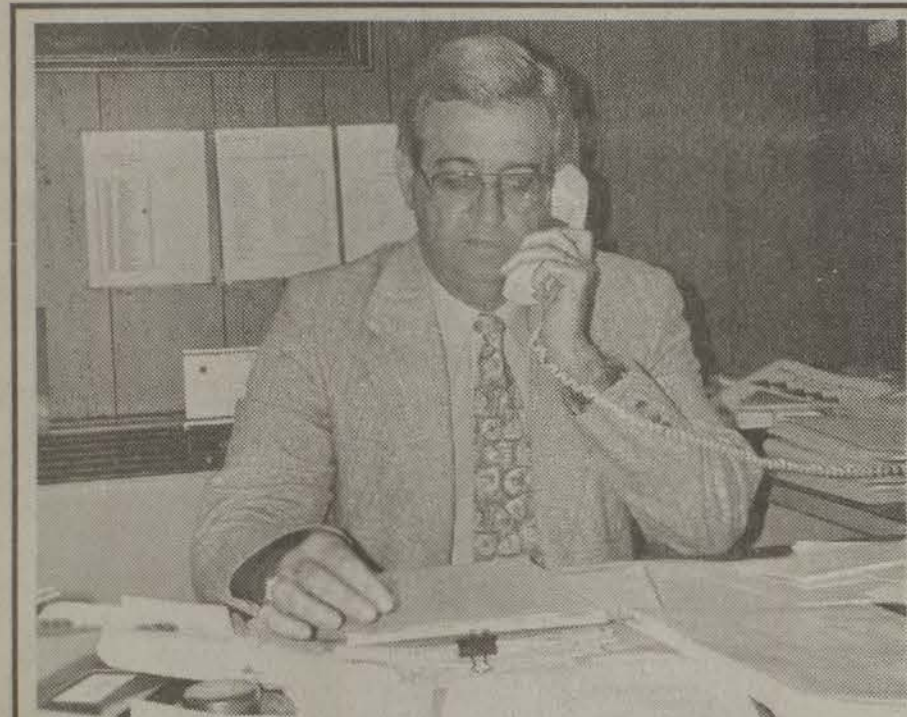
"It will be very difficult to attract any large industry, so we need to continue to attract smaller industry, especially as we improve the quality of life here," he said. "But the reality is we can have more jobs and more development through tourism than any other means."

Existing Industry

Floyd County manufacturing firms, their products and employment.

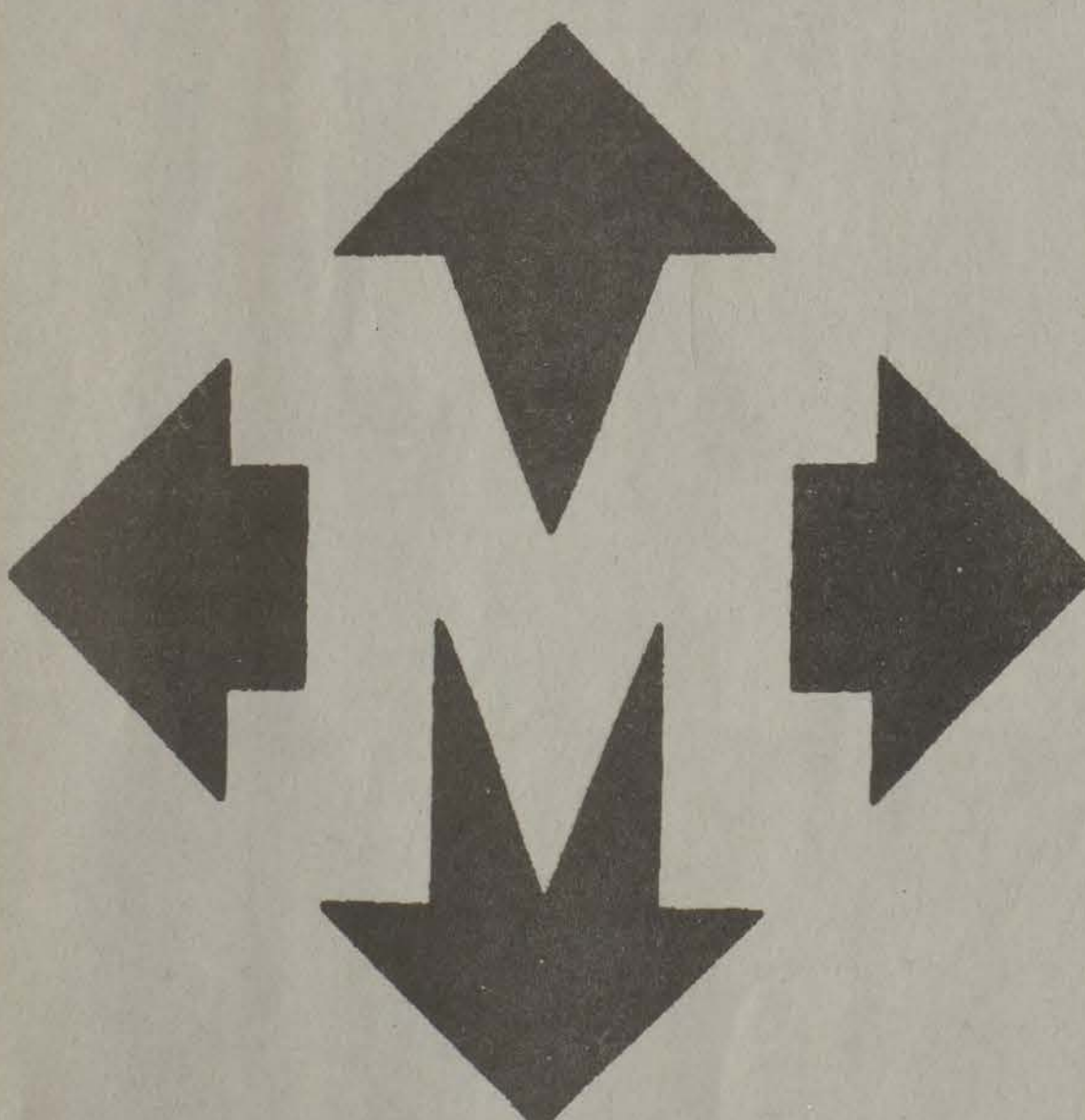
Firm (establishment date)	Product	1993 Average Employment
Prestonsburg		
Floyd County Newspaper Inc. (1937)	Newspaper, printing	37
Inner Mountain Manufacturing Co. (1986)	Mining equipment/personnel carriers	7
State Wide Press (1950)	Printing envelopes, business forms, letter-head, commercial printing	4
Wells Ready Mix Concrete Inc., (1958)	Ready-mix concrete	8
Allen		
Hall Concrete Products Company (1945)	Precast concrete, concrete block	11
May Metal Products, Inc. (1977)	Truck bodies	30
Porter Industries, Inc. (1950)	Industrial battery chargers, belt conveyor systems, high voltage power distribution centers	14
R&S Truck Body Company, Inc. (1968)	Aluminum and steel dump trailers, steel fabrication, steel and aluminum truck bodies	150
Dwale		
Arrow Printing Company (1981)	Commercial printing	2
Hippo		
S&H Manufacturing Company (1975)	Mining scoops, tractors, backhoes	21
Ivel		
Unisign Corp. (1952)	Wood, metal and plastic signs	35
Martin		
Frasure Manufacturing Electric Service Co. (1979)	Mining equipment	6
RND, Inc. (1993)	Low voltage outdoor lighting	8
Shirt Gallery (1982)	Screen printing	8
Warco Manufacturing Company, Inc. (1990)	Metal fabrication	5
West Prestonsburg		
ICI Explosives USA Inc. (1965)	Explosives	70

Source: Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Division of Research; Floyd County Development Authority.



Floyd Countian of the Year

Paul Phillip Hughes thinks businesses and individuals must contribute to their communities. One way he is doing that is by chairing fund-raising activities for Kentucky Opry's Mountain Arts Center. (photo by Pam Shingler)



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The bank's most dramatic change occurred in 1980 when the board of directors authorized the conversion of the bank from one with a national charter to one with a state charter. Accordingly, on April 7, 1980, The First National Bank became The First Commonwealth Bank of Prestonsburg.

The county's second bank chartered

Until 1904, Floyd County had only one bank, The Bank Josephine, which was chartered in 1890. On May 2, 1904, the Articles for Association for Floyd County's second bank were drawn up. The 22 shareholders for the venture believed in the need for a second bank to serve Floyd County, and they named the new establishment The First National Bank of Prestonsburg.

Seven of the 22 shareholders were named directors of the bank and they charted the operation's early years. Among the first directors were: William R. Callihan, M. M. Collins, James Goble, R. E. Stanley and J. M. Weddington.

Five days later, on May 7, those directors elected four officers: R. E. Stanley, president; James Goble, vice president; J. M. Weddington, cashier; and L. P. Mayo, assistant cashier.

The bank was located in a room in the law office of May & May in Prestonsburg and first day of business was on June 8. By 1907, the bank had outgrown its cramped office quarters. Two years later, the board had authorized the purchase of "lot number three of Old Public Square" on Front Street in Prestonsburg, and had secured plans for a new building. Over the next 13 years, the bank was so successful that, in 1920, an addition was built.

The Stock Market Crash of 1929 and the Great Depression of the 1930s didn't devastate First National to the extent it did Wall Street. First National in 1934 and 1935 sustained losses in bonds that resulted in a reduction of salaries to avoid layoffs. Perhaps as a result of the 1930's experience, in 1935, a remodeling contract for the first floor of the bank included an order of 230 safe deposit boxes.

During the remainder of the 1930s, and through the war years, the bank underwent a period of growth to position itself for the prosperity of the 1950s. Serving as president during those years were B. F. Combs, Henry Stephens Jr., and Beriah M. Spurlock. During that same period, A.B. Combs and B.F. Combs were named, at different times, chairman of the board.

In 1944, a new shareholder, Burl Spurlock, joined the board. Over the next 28 years, Spurlock would serve on the board as executive vice president and president. His tenure from 1954 to 1972 remains the longest of all the First National presidents.

In September 1953, the bank moved to new headquarters on Lake Drive and Court Street. The logic of this move was obvious.

The heavily-traveled U.S. 23, also known as the Mayo Trail, was at the doorstep of the bank building.

In 1953, the bank's total assets were approximately \$5 million. Just three short years later, in February 1957, the new headquarters were submerged under nine feet of water from one of the most devastating floods of the Big Sandy River in the 20th Century. It took many months for the bank, the community and the region to recover from the effects of the flood.

During the 1960s, under the direction and leadership of Burl Spurlock, the bank grew and prospered with total assets growing to \$14,635,208.86 by December 31, 1966.

During the 1970s, the bank continued to assert its leadership in the community as

shown by its continued asset growth. In 1972, after the death of Burl Spurlock, Russell Hagewood became president until his passing in 1976.

The board of directors of the bank serving in 1976 were Burl Wells Spurlock, Mrs. Burl Spurlock, A.B. Meade, Clifford B. Latta, and Marvin Music. The board named Spurlock, who was executive vice president, as bank president, a position he still holds.

In 1978, Blaine R. Hall and Woodrow Burchett were elected to the board of directors, followed by Charles W. Miller in 1981; Elizabeth J. Lambert, daughter of Burl Spurlock, in 1984; and Raymond Bradbury in 1987.

When the bank was converted in 1980 to The First Commonwealth Bank, total

assets at that time had grown to \$98,475,536.86. The main office on Lake Drive and Court Street was no longer adequate because of the substantial asset growth and 80 employees.

To meet the need for expansion, land was acquired on 100 North Arnold Avenue for the construction of new banking headquarters. The land was the property of the heirs of Professor Julian Harlow and is the site of the old "Garfield Place," the headquarters, in January 1864, of Major James A. Garfield, Union Army, during the battle of Middle Creek.

In October of 1986, the new modern building was opened for business, offering customers a wide variety of financial services.

Source: History of Floyd County

"I'm kind of proud of my record"

by Matt McCarty
Staff Writer

As Marvin Sturgill walks to the back of the store to get his apron and a load of produce, he passes by the produce section where he sees some strawberries out of place. He stops, straightens them up, and then continues to the back.

He takes pride in the produce section at Krogers, where he has been employed for 38 years.

And that is something else that gives him a sense of accomplishment.

"There's not too many people that stays with a company like that," Sturgill said. "I'm kind of proud of my record, 38 years and never been tardy."

That's right, never tardy.

In fact, in 38 years Sturgill only missed one day of work and that was when his mother was sick.

"People who call

in all the time, that's a bad record," Sturgill said. "I think if you got a job, if you're not sick, you should work."

Sturgill, who is from Prestonsburg, began working for Krogers in 1956 when he worked at the Prestonsburg store.

From there Sturgill went to Pikeville where he was the head meat cutter. Now he

is in Paintsville working in the produce section.

He has had some instances where it was difficult to make it to work, but he did anyhow.

"In the winter time it is kind of rough getting here," Sturgill said. "The roads are slick."

Sturgill's outstanding work record is even more incredible to some of his co-workers.

"Could you imagine being on time for 38 years?" Tim Lewis said.

While working for Krogers, not only has Sturgill been at three different stores, he has seen 15 different store managers and has seen quite a few different customers, which is one thing he really likes about his job.

"I like people as a whole," Sturgill said, "especially the older people."

But who benefits when an employee has that type of work ethic.

"I think you would benefit and the company would benefit," Sturgill said.

Sturgill, however, is considering retiring after this year and then he says he would like to travel, maybe out west.

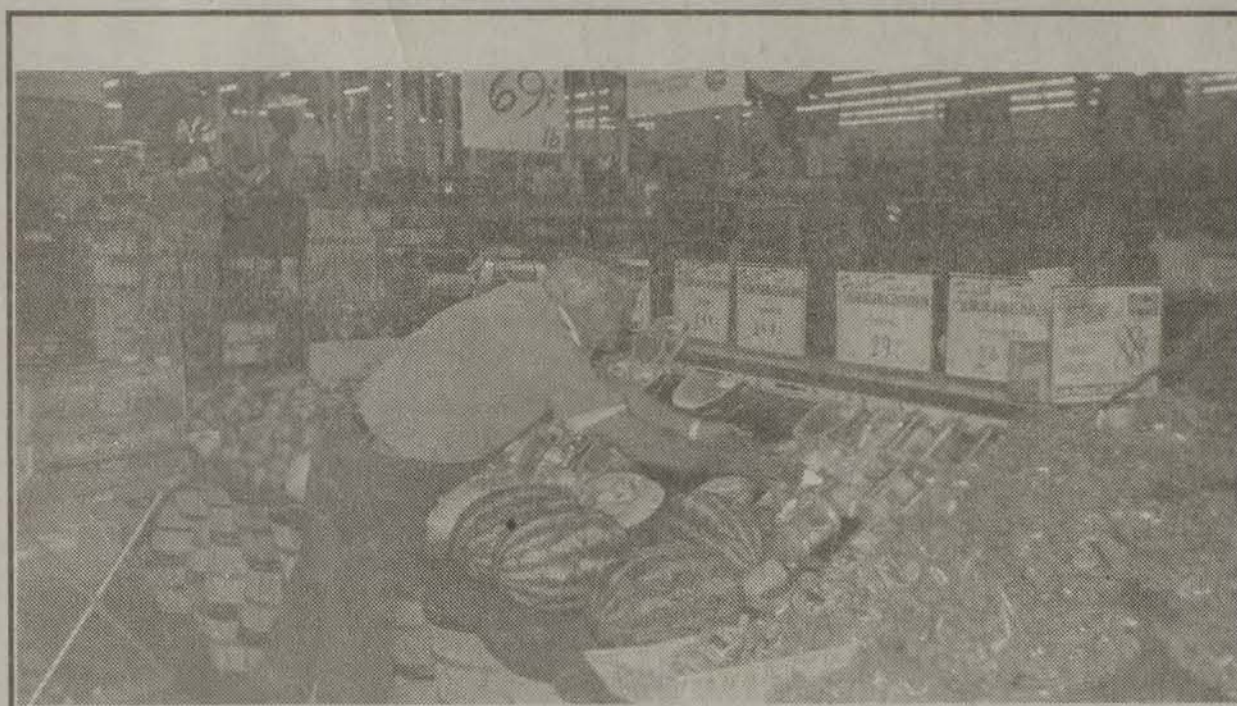
But if he decides to stick around Krogers a little longer, there's no doubt he could do it.

"I think Marvin could go another 38 years," Lewis said.

Another co-worker asks Sturgill what it's like being with the same company for 39 years.

Sturgill smiles and says, "It's 38 years." Then he adds, "I think it's quite an accomplishment. I think it's something to be proud of."

When Sturgill comes back from the back with some produce, he picks up some lettuce that had fallen to the floor, greets a few customers, and then continues stocking the produce section.



Fruits of labor

Marvin Sturgill arranges the produce section in an orderly way and takes pride in his 38 years of employment with Krogers. (photo by Matt McCarty)

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In 1993-94 the FCDA led the way in the recruitment of RND, Inc., which has located at Martin. RND is a manufacturer of low-voltage landscape lighting and other lighting products. RND currently employs 20 people and expects employment to reach 50-60 the first year.

The FCDA has also taken an active role in the development in Prestonsburg of a Mountain Arts Center, which will serve as the permanent home of the Renowned Kentucky Opry. The organization has participated, too, in the development of a harness racing/convention center near Auxier. The facility is the first of its kind in Eastern Kentucky.



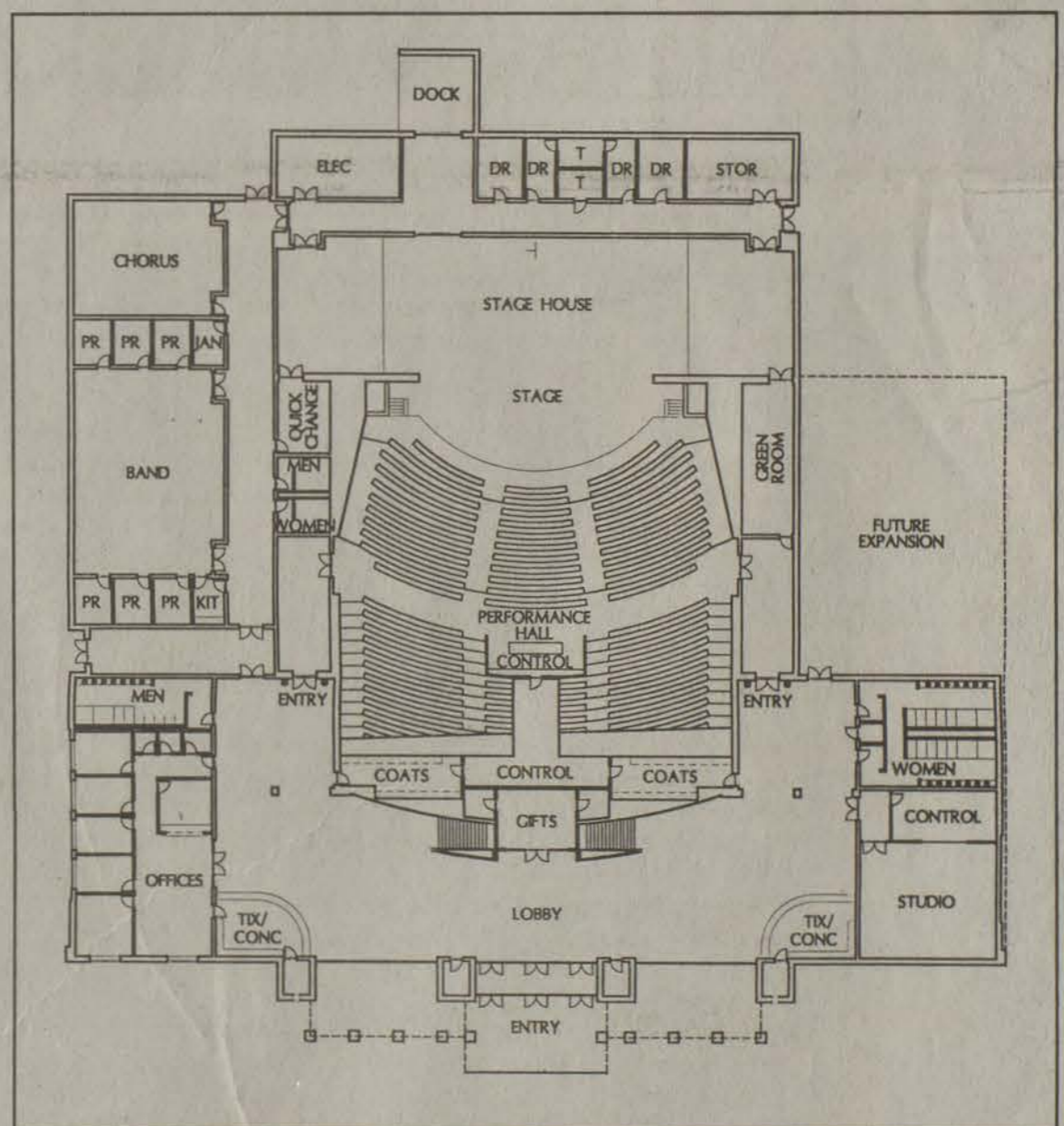
Appalachian Racing opens in July.

The Floyd County Development Authority was created in 1989 by the Floyd County Fiscal Court to acquire and develop industrial sites, recruit industry, and market Floyd County for job creation.

Since its inception, the FCDA has been involved in numerous job development activities.

The FCDA has, in 1994, purchased an option on a 36-acre industrial site near Allen.

The FCDA has begun the development of a 21,000 sq. ft. "spec" building on Prestonsburg's industrial site at Cliff.



The Mountain Arts Center is underway.

The FCDA is currently working with a number of industrial prospects, two of which could soon bring between 350 and 370 new jobs to our area.

Floyd County Development Authority

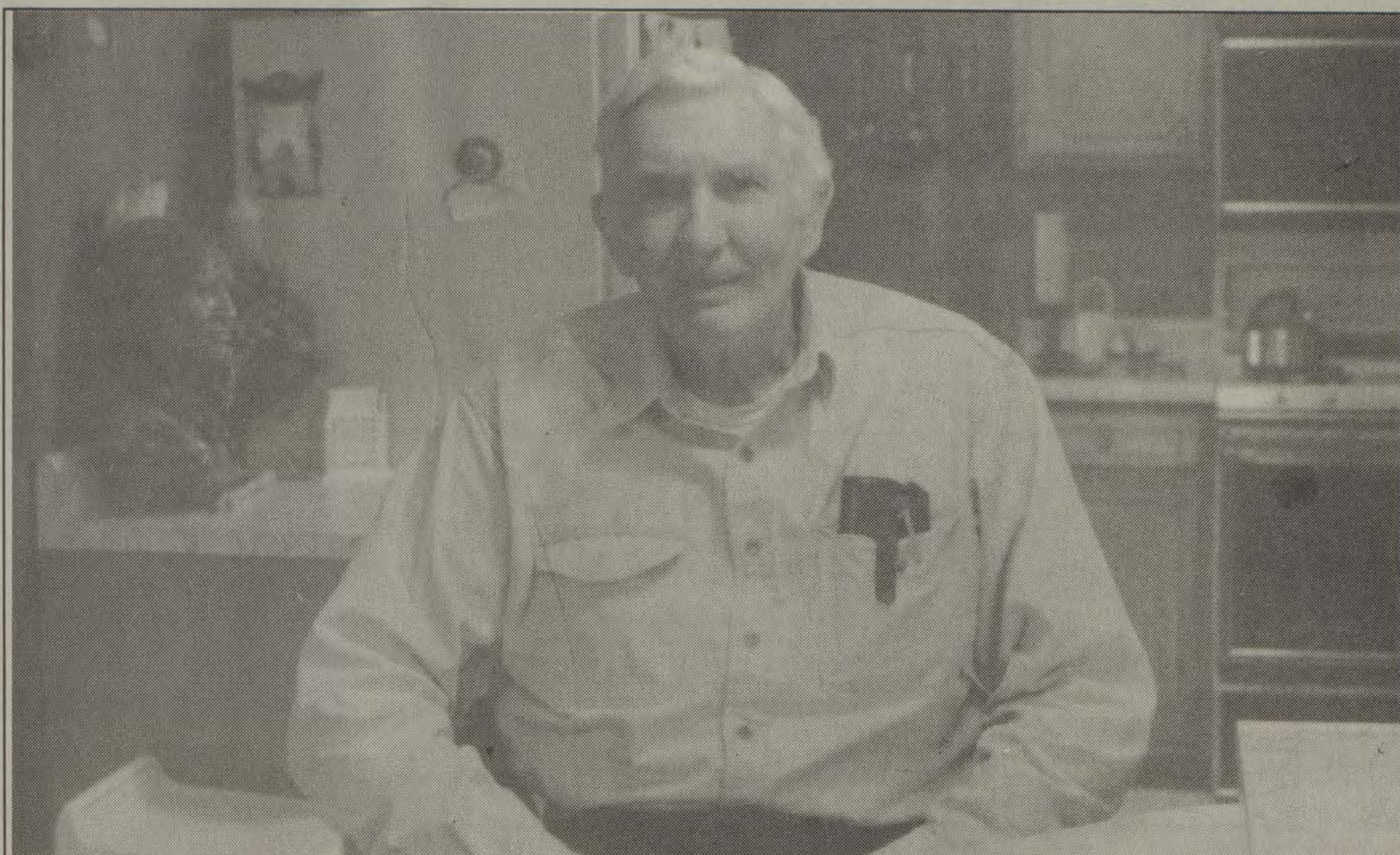
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Born to farm

Miles Whitaker is relaxing in his home, something he doesn't have a lot of time to do between keeping up with two farms. (photo by Patricia Watson)

Miles Whitaker: Farm owner

by Patricia Watson
Contributing Writer

Miles Whitaker would have been a full-time farmer if he could have supported his family from farming, alone. Instead, until his retirement, farming has been a part of his life. It was a second job as he finished his day of teaching welding at Mayo State Vocational Technical School at Paintsville. Now that he has retired, he does devote his energies towards the management of not one, but two farms! He owns about a 160 acre sized farm located about a mile after you turn onto Highway 404 from the Mountain Parkway, and he owns a 221 acre farm located at Mt. Sterling, KY.

At a time in his life when he might be encouraged to slow down, this man is working as hard as ever. Why did he want to buy a second farm? His answer: "I've always wanted a cattle farm where you could drive a tractor over it." That's what he does at Mt. Sterling; he drives his 255 Massey Ferguson diesel tractor over all of the property, except for about six acres.

With the Massey, his summer work is divided into cutting and baling the hay and into working with a crop of tobacco which is produced on halves with his tenant at Mt. Sterling. His mower is equipped with a conditioner which rolls the mixture of red clover and alfalfa and other grasses so the drying process takes less time. This process encourages quick drying of the hay which is extremely important since one can never be sure of having the desired dry weather conditions in the hay cutting season.

He has many convenient pieces of equipment to make the work on his farms easier. What's his favorite? He likes his round baler. Why does this one stand out from the others? "It's a one man operation. The round baler picks up an already raked and conditioned wind-rolled hay. Belts inside the machine, roll cylinder-shaped bales about 6 1/2 x 6 1/2 feet in size," he explained. One bale weighs about fifteen hundred pounds. As the baling is completed, he uses his tractor lift to stack the bales on a higher-elevated section of his field to keep the water from collecting at the base of the bale. Bales left in the open are subject to all weather. Rain, sun, snow and wind all effect the nutritional value of the

round bale. Depending upon the elements of the weather, about 8-10 inches of the outer bale is ruined. Still, he prefers the round bale because it is a labor saver. Having a good hay crop is especially important as the summer pasture is gone and the winter arrives. Last summer, his fields produced 256 round bales which have been, especially, needed to feed to his herd of 100 cattle.

The majority of his cattle stay at his "Double M" Farm at Mt. Sterling. He makes a trip at least once a week to see to their care. Otherwise, they are fed and cared for daily by his tenant. His cattle herd consists of mixed breed which include: Herefords, Charolais crossed with Limousine, Black "Baldy" (black cows with white face), registered (pure bred) Limousine cows, and he owns two registered Limousine bulls for breeding. The Limousine breed has become part of his herd in the last three or four years. He was impressed by an exhibition of Limousine cattle at the Kentucky State Fair, and they again, drew his attention at the North American Livestock Expedition; both, events were held in Louisville. Advantages he saw for owning this large golden-reddish colored breed of cattle were their ease of breeding and the fact that the cattle were popular on the market. He decided to acquire two registered (pure bred) Limousine sires for populating his own herd. They are above a medium size and may weigh, easily, 1,000 pounds or more.

Caretaking of the livestock is an important part of his work. Preventative vaccinations for the cattle are necessary to deter such diseases as "black leg," "pink eye," and "lepto." Each of these diseases can cause serious defects or, eventually, death of the animal. Every spring, there is an annual round-up, lasting two to three days, of all cattle and their calves for vaccinations and giving an ear identification tag to the young. During that same time, he implants the male feeder calves to help them gain weight faster, so they will be ready for the fall sales. Every ninety days, he must repeat the implant. However, the implant does not work alone; these young males must have milk and proper food with nutritional value in order to grow properly. As these young males leave for the sale, they are expected to weigh about 500-600 pounds. In mid-summer, he must see that another implant is inserted in these young males, all his livestock are

wormed, and a treatment against flies is completed.

Faithful record keeping is part of knowing what care the animals need. With careful planning, Whitaker has calves to be born in the spring, preferring March or April as birth months. "A spring calf grows well with the fresh grass and clean pasture," he stated. Both, the cows and the calves benefit from the pasture through the summer months. He prefers not to have winter offspring because they are harder on the mother's health, and the mother cow requires more feed to produce milk.

Along with his interest in his cattle, Whitaker has taken care of his land as well. He has worked to prevent erosion from occurring along the creek banks. He has planted bushes, cane and sown other seeds which would produce seeds in the winter months upon which the birds could feed. Hundred of birds of all species feed upon these plants each winter. Also, in the bottoms, he has laid tiles in the low lands to drain the water in order to let crops grow. Both the county extension office and the soil conservation office have been resources to him as well as many livestock journals.

Whitaker's appreciation for the land and farming stems back to childhood. He grew up living on a farm and working with animals. When he was about ten years old, he started with his own billy goat and a harness. "I worked that big old white goat like you would a pony," he said with a smile of reflection. He enjoyed visits with his grandfather who owned oxen. He watched his grandfather make the yokes and break the oxen to work. "They were slow to work, but they had a lot of stamina," stated Whitaker. Eventually, as a young man, he had his own yoke of matched Hereford oxen calves which he worked. This early love of animals has stayed with him through these many years.

Miles is married to Mildred Whitaker, a retired teacher from Floyd County Schools. Their farm is the very one previously owned by Miles' parents. In 1967, this couple moved from the original homeplace to a comfortable, new brick home located just across the field. Their Pomeranian pet, "Go-Go" (as the name implies) divides her attention between the couple. The Whitakers enjoy the visits with their two children, Gary and Cathy, who both live out of state, their two grandchildren and their one great-grandchild.

Portrait of Home