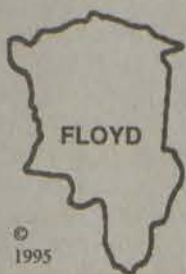


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FCEA offers analysis of school money woes

by Susan Allen
Staff Writer

The finger pointing continued at Wednesday's Floyd County Board of Education meeting regarding who is responsible for how the district came to be more than a million dollars in the red.

Bud Reynolds, speaking on behalf of the Floyd County Education Association, presented board

members with a financial analysis of the district prepared by Gretchen Lampe, research director for the Kentucky Education Association, which drew different reactions from board members.

Reynolds read the three-page report despite a comment from Board Chairman Ray Brackett asking Reynolds, "to give us some credibility; we can all read." The FCEA representative told Brackett

that he felt it was important to read the document and Brackett told him to continue.

Lampe, who has studied the district's finances since 1991 for FCEA, reviewed the districts' 1991-92, 1992-93 and 1993-94 working budgets. Lampe worked with local teachers and state officials in 1991 to develop a working budget in an effort to end a teachers' strike.

"In fact, in trying to review the fate of the 1991-92 working budget, I pulled my working budget files," Lampe's said in her report. "As you probably remember, a working budget reflects not just the estimates of revenues and expenditures for the current year, but it gives the actual revenues and expenditures for the past two years. I began to compare the 1991-92 working budget estimates to the 1992-93 working budget actual expenditures for 1991-92, only to find there was no difference in numbers. In fact, the district had just copied the previous year's estimates and recorded them as the

(See Analysis, page six)

Unstable cliff cited as reason for store closing

by Alisa Goodwill
Staff Writer

The Wickes Lumber Company facility near Dwale has temporarily shut down because of a rockfall hazard rendering the facility unsafe, company officials said.

The company shut down operations Thursday morning and will remain shut down until the property owner can remediate the hazard,

Douglas J. Woods, president of Wickes Lumber, said.

"We have just reviewed the report of a consulting geologist which indicates that the cliff above the facility is very unstable, creating the possibility of a rockfall which would pose an unacceptable risk to the lives of our associates, customers and suppliers who come

(See Wickes, page three)

Stolen goods are recovered, one arrested

by Susan Allen
Staff Writer

One person has been arrested and four more arrests are expected in connection with the theft of \$15,000 worth of equipment early Saturday morning.

Clyde Bentley, 24, of Hueysville, is charged with theft by unlawful taking and breaking and entering in connection with the theft at the home of Jeff Jones of Martin.

Jones said Thursday that most of the tools, heaters, a welder and a car engine stolen from his personal garage have been recovered by the Floyd County Sheriff's Department.

Sheriff Paul Hunt Thompson said Thursday that Jones provided him with a list of suspects Tuesday and that an investigation led to Bentley's arrest. Thompson said that "at least" four more arrests are expected in the case.

"A rumor came up that a person had bought a welder and I was told who bought it," Thompson said. "From the price the person paid for it, I don't believe that person thought it was stolen. I was informed who sold it and we arrested Clyde Bentley."

Thompson said the car motor was recovered from a strip mine site at Stephens Branch, but he declined to offer details about where the other merchandise was found.

Jones said that thieves apparently sawed the lock of his garage door and that the theft was discovered by his father, Tommy Jones. Jones said he is in the process of

(See Stolen, page three)



Power, cable and phone lines downed

Four telephone poles were snapped Wednesday morning by a malfunctioning truck bed which interrupted electrical, telephone and cable services. KY Route 3 was closed for several hours and Prestonsburg police officers Gerald Clark and William Petry investigated. (photo by Susan Allen)

Board pinches pennies in effort to curb costs

by Susan Allen
Staff writer

It was more like a meeting of the Floyd County Board of Paupers than education Wednesday, as board members pinched pennies most of the night and turned down several requests that would have called for the expenditure of funds.

One of the first orders of business Wednesday was close scrutiny of large expenditures in the monthly financial report, something the board has not done in some time.

Board member Ray Wilcox questioned several expenses, which turned out to be mostly routine costs associated with teacher training and professional development.

One expense that didn't go unnoticed was a \$1,000 model of the Prestonsburg Renovation project, which was displayed at the November board meeting.

Board member Eddie Patton said the issue should have come before the board for approval.

"This never came to the board before approval," Patton said. "Why not? How did this happen without bringing it before us?"

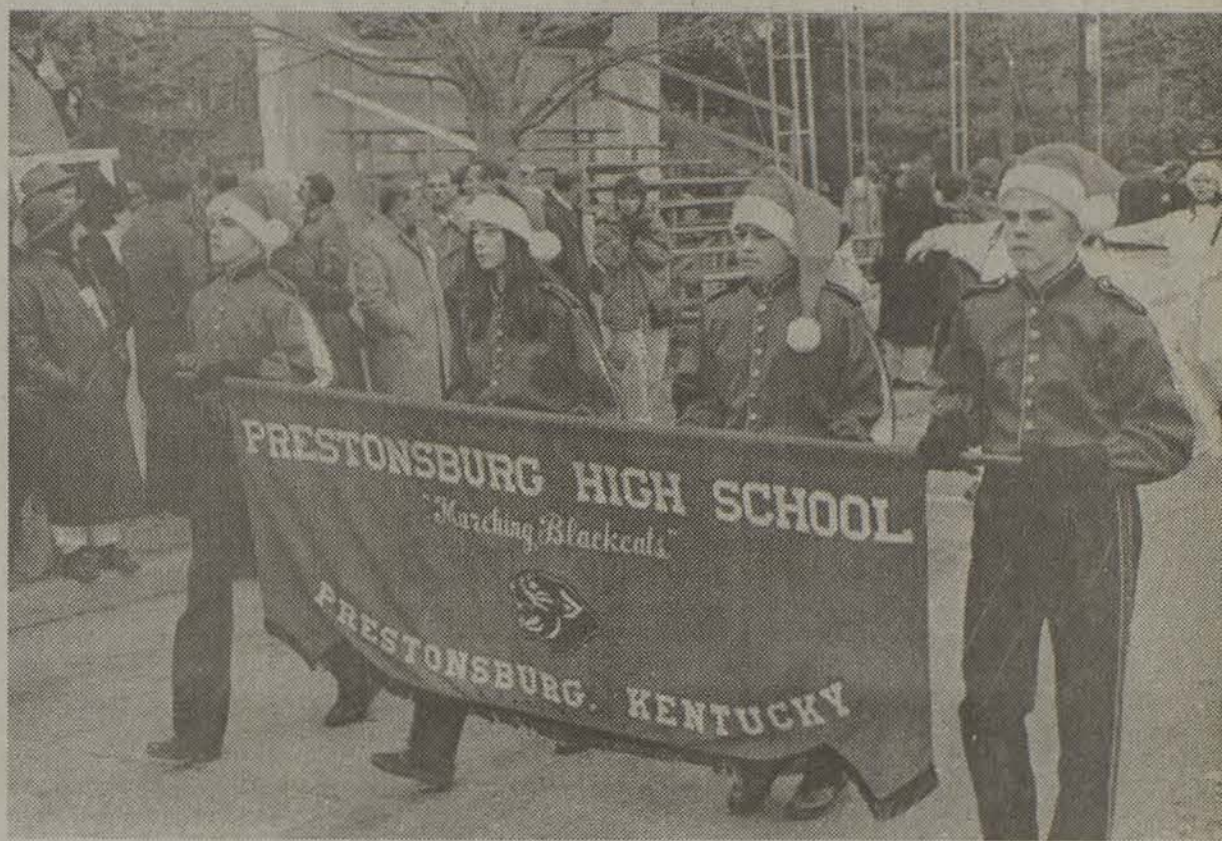
Operations chief Jim Osborne explained that board chairman Ray Brackett and representatives from the construction manager on the project discussed the model and approved the expense.

Board chairman Ray Brackett said the model would be paid for from the renovation construction project, but he acknowledged that it probably should have been brought to the board.

"I'll assume some of the responsibility because when you're dealing with the public a model is better to deal with than a picture," Brackett said. "I'll not do that in the future."

In the next breath, Brackett asked for a report on a \$75,000 payment to Lowe's Sporting. "I want information by the next meeting where the expenditure to

(See Pennies, page two)



Marching along to History

The Prestonsburg High School band, above, and the South Floyd High School band participated in Tuesday's Inaugural Parade in Frankfort, where Paul Patton was officially sworn in as Kentucky's 59th governor. Patton, a former Pike County judge-executive, Lt. Governor and a native of Lawrence County, is the first Eastern Kentuckian to serve in the state's highest elective office since Bert Combs.



Photos by Jerry Pennington-The Big Sandy News



Final foursome pleads not guilty

by Susan Allen
Staff Writer

Four people indicted by a special Floyd County Grand Jury last month entered not guilty pleas Thursday in Floyd Circuit Court and one case was remanded to district court.

Sheriff Paul Hunt Thompson, Harold Junior Joseph, radio station owner Dale McKinney and Calvin Howell appeared for arraignment before Circuit Judge Danny P. Caudill Thursday afternoon.

Two other persons indicted in the grand jury probe, Raymond Mike Jarrell, who is charged with theft, and Astor Hunter Jr., charged with perjury, entered not guilty pleas earlier this month.

Judge Caudill ordered that a willful neglect of duty charge against Floyd County Sheriff Paul Hunt Thompson be adjudicated in district court because it is not a felony charge.

"Since this is a violation, I'm not sure we have jurisdiction to proceed," Judge Caudill said.

Larry Fentress, special prosecutor for the attorney general's office, said he had no objection to transferring the case to district court.

Thompson is charged with failing to properly account for property tax receipts from January 1990 to the present.

Joseph and Howell are charged with vote buying. McKinney faces two counts of improperly accepting campaign contributions and one count of filing a false campaign report.

Judge Caudill placed the three

under \$5,000 surety bonds and set pre-trial conferences for February 9.

After Thursday's arraignments, McKinney's attorney, C.K. Belhasen, called the grand jury's charges "sickening" and said it was an act of political retaliation against his client.

"As most people know, Dale McKinney and Calvin Howell were the two who basically asked for an investigation and the charges

(See Foursome, page two)

Foursome

brought against them are nothing more than political retaliation against people who did their best to clean up the system," Belhasen said.

The attorney also said it was a "disgrace" and that he hoped the justice system would bring about the "right outcome." He accused the attorney general's office and the "powers that be" in Floyd County of giving false information to the special grand jury.

"They will not like the results of

what will happen," Belhasen said. "There will be a day of reckoning and there must be more indictments."

Belhasen added that McKinney was not a candidate for county judge-executive when he accepted money from an individual to determine if he wanted to enter the 1993 race.

The grand jury's actions send the message that anyone who tries to become involved in exposing wrongdoing will be indicted,

Belhasen said. He added that he will continue to ask for more investigations.

"Maybe they'll indict me and take my law license away," Belhasen said. "This is what is charged as justice in election cases in Eastern Kentucky."

Sheriff Thompson's attorney, Phil Damron, said his client's charge stems from poor bookkeeping, not neglect of duty.

"We deny the neglect of duty charge," Damron said. "Sheriff

Thompson works 16 to 18 hours a day. He is primarily involved in law enforcement and crime prevention. He hired other staff to perform the duties relating to tax collections. He has even hired a private CPA to give him direction on the best way to handle the office."

Almost two years ago, Thompson announced that there was approximately \$25,000 unaccounted for from tax receipts in his office. At that time, he asked the attorney general's office and the

state auditor's office to investigate. No report on those investigations has been released.

Damron said neither he nor his client are "worried" about the charges and that the amount unaccounted for represents one-tenth of one percent of total tax collections.

"Percentage-wise, the sheriff is 99.9 percent correct in his reporting," Damron said. "I don't get upset anymore. I think Sheriff Thompson more had his feelings hurt than he's upset. I don't think there is any basis to the charge. All they can do is fine us \$1,000 and take our office. We're not concerned with either."

Damron said he would oppose a

change of venue that has been proposed by the grand jury.

"The people of Floyd County elected us; the people who indicted us are residents of Floyd County; and the residents of Floyd County can try us," Damron said.

Thompson did not comment on the case on the advice of his attorney.

No date for an appearance in district court has been set.

Joseph was represented by attorney Ned Pillersdorf, who did not offer comments after Thursday's proceedings.

Jarrell is represented by Keith Bartley and Hunter's attorney is Tim Parker.

Pennies

Lowe's went to."

Since it was reported that the school district is facing a \$1 million deficit this year, the board ordered last month that all expenditures over \$1,000 be brought before them for approval.

Because Floyd County is a deficit district, any payments approved by the board must also be okayed by the state education department.

Patton did not like a recommendation by interim superintendent Ed Allen to escrow an additional three percent of the district's capital outlay funds as security to the bond holders for construction projects.

Allen explained that 80 percent of district's construction funds were obligated to pay debt service on previous bond issues next year, but that the additional monies needed to be put aside to ensure that an additional \$35,000 would be available for the Prestonsburg project.

Brackett commented that he would "hate to see a \$5.4 million project tossed aside because we can't come up with \$22,000.

The board voted 4-1 to escrow the funds, with Patton voting

against it.

Also, the board approved the transfer of funds from the technology account and construction accounts at Adams Middle School and Duff Elementary to cover the district's payroll expenses.

Since November 15, \$850,000 have been transferred back and forth between the general fund and those three accounts to temporarily solve cash flow problems.

Transfers of \$350,000 from the technology account; \$300,000 from Adams; and \$200,000 from Duff have been taken out and put back into those accounts.

Board attorney Phil Damron said during a break in the meeting that the board has state approval for the transfers because collection of 1995 property taxes has not begun.

When tax receipts start coming in, those funds will be returned to those accounts, Brackett said.

Board member Brent Clark was not happy with the transfers and said he would rather borrow the money needed to stem the cash flow problem.

"We ain't kiting checks are we?" Clark asked. "I don't like it. I'd

rather borrow the money and show who we borrowed it from."

Brackett assured Clark that it was a "temporary loan" from those accounts and that those accounts would be reimbursed.

The transfer of technology funds, though, surprised technology director Harold Burchell, who said he was unaware of any transfers from that account.

In other action:

- A request from the maintenance department to purchase 16 pagers at a cost of \$960 plus air time was nixed.

Interim superintendent Ed Allen said he would recommend the purchase because sometimes maintenance workers needed to be contacted while they were on the road.

Brackett said that he still believed in "Ma Bell" and that all schools had telephones in them if the personnel needed to be reached.

Floyd County Administration Association president Pete Grigsby asked the board not to rule out local candidates in its search for a new superintendent. Grigsby said he supports the process being used by the board, but he felt that "to a cer-

tain point" that Floyd County administrators were being discriminated against in the selection process. Grigsby also said he had not been contacted about appointing a FCAA representative to the district's budget committee.

Superintendent Allen told Grigsby that two principals and two central office administrators are currently serving on the committee.

- The board voted to have surplus property at Bonanza and Weeksbury appraised so that it can be sold.
- The board declined to renew the contract of board attorney Phil Damron until they receive a copy of his contract. Damron said it was the same as his previous contract and that he was not asking for a raise this year.
- After a closed session, the board voted to expel an Allen Elementary student for the remainder of the 1995-96 school year.

Orientation, assessment set at PCC

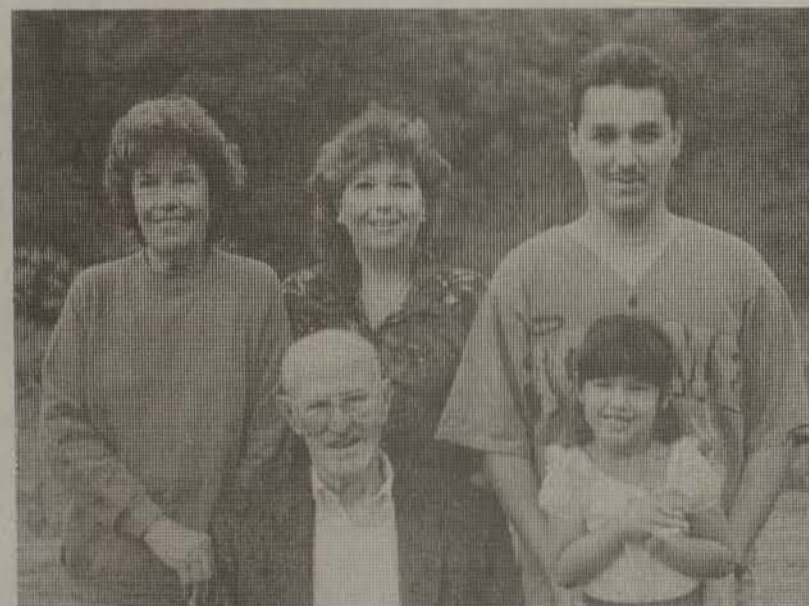
New students planning to enter Prestonsburg Community College during the 1996 Spring Semester to pursue a degree are required to attend an orientation session which will include the evaluation of academic skills. This program also provides an overview of the campus and the services available.

New students who attend orientation in December or January will be prepared to register during Open Registration in January.

Orientation and assessment sessions continue on both the Prestonsburg and Pikeville campuses January 2 from 1 to 4:30 p.m. Additional orientation and assessment sessions will be held on the Prestonsburg campus January 3 from 5 to 8:30 p.m. and on the Pikeville campus January 4 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Students who do not plan to seek a degree do not have to attend orientation or complete an assessment unless they plan to take an English or math course. There is no charge for the orientation or assessment.

Anyone planning to attend orientation should register in advance by calling the Counseling Center at 886-3863 or 432-4800.



Five generations celebrate
Berry Akers of Grethel recently celebrated his 86th birthday. Pictured above are Berry Akers, Jurlene Hall, Patricia Swanson, Joey Ortiz and Melissa Ortiz.

City man's death was from natural causes

by Alisa Goodwill
Staff Writer

A West Prestonsburg man, who was found dead in his residence early Thursday morning, died of natural causes, an autopsy shows.

Charles G. Hicks, 44, was found dead by his brother, Larry Hicks, at 1:30 a.m. Thursday.

An autopsy conducted in Frankfort concluded that Charles Hicks died of natural causes because of a heart problem, Floyd County Coroner Roger Nelson said.

Nelson pronounced Hicks dead

Police charge woman with forging checks

by Susan Allen
Staff Writer

A Lexington woman was arrested Wednesday by Prestonsburg police and charged with first degree forgery for allegedly passing forged checks at three Prestonsburg businesses.

Donna Asberry Harmon, 18, was arraigned Thursday in Floyd District Court and placed under a \$30,000 or 10 percent cash bond by Judge James Allen.

Prestonsburg officer Charles Shag Branham II had obtained arrest warrants in October for Asberry Harmon, who is Donna Harmon, for allegedly passing forged checks at local businesses.

Harmon was arrested at C & H Rauch Wednesday afternoon by officer Branham. Branham also served Harmon with six additional warrants from Fayette County for similar charges.

Court records show that Harmon passed the checks at Food City, Martin's Department Store and C & H Rauch. The name of Melanie M. Dean was allegedly forged on the checks which totaled \$1,244.45.

Prestonsburg officers have asked that Harmon not be released on bond until it is determined if there are other police agencies that may want her on additional charges. Harmon is also charged in Floyd County with theft by deception and criminal possession of a forged instrument.

Prestonsburg officer Mike Conn and Sergeant Mike Ormerod also assisted in the investigation.

The public defender's office was appointed to defend Harmon and a preliminary hearing is set for December 20 at 2:30 p.m.

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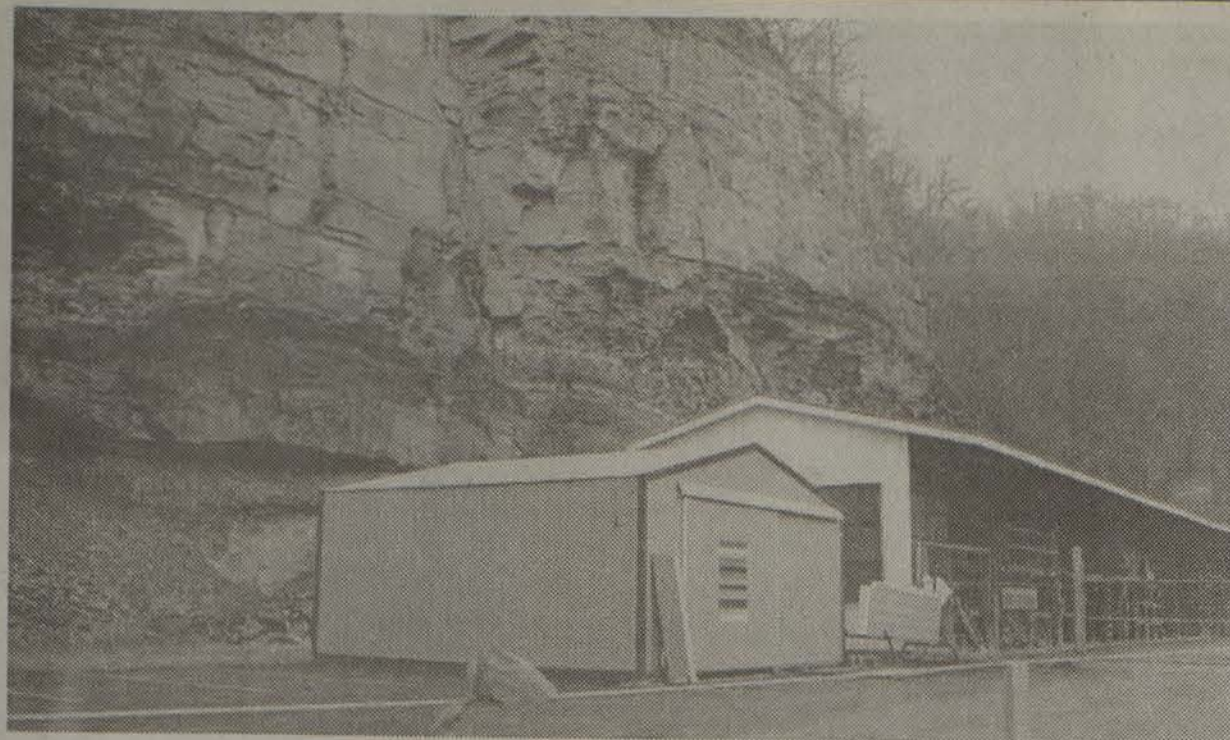
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Possible rockfall causes shutdown

Wickes Lumber Company near Dwale shut down Thursday after a geologist report said a possible rockfall above the facility was dangerous to customers and employees. The corporate office expects the shutdown to be temporary. (photo by Alisa Goodwill)

Wickes

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on site," Woods said. "We appreciate the business of our customers," he added. "However, under the circumstances, the company must act immediately, putting safety ahead of other business considerations." Robert F. Sherlock, vice presi-

dent of marketing and sales, said there is an employee on site to explain the reason for the shutdown and to keep the public from getting on the property.

"These are unusual circumstances and we did not make our decision lightly," Sherlock said. "But under the circumstances we had to act immediately to keep the public and our employees safe. We hope this will only be temporary."

owner's ability to make the place safe," he said. "My understanding is the owner has not as yet said he would do anything, but we have made our concerns known about the stability of the rock. Also, the geologist's report has been shown to the owner."

Some of the equipment and special order products were moved from the Allen facility Wednesday to make deliveries and to get the products to customers, Sherlock added.

Stolen

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building a race car in his garage. He added that he appreciated the quick action by the sheriff's office.

"Paul Hunt recovered most of my stuff," Jones said. "When I found out about (the theft), I called the sheriff's office and they came right out and filed a case and opened an investigation. They have been real cooperative and extremely nice. They have done all they can to help me. They returned most of my stuff Tuesday."

A preliminary hearing for Bentley has been set for December 20 at 2:30 p.m. in district court. Judge James Allen set bond at \$10,000 or ten percent cash for Bentley.

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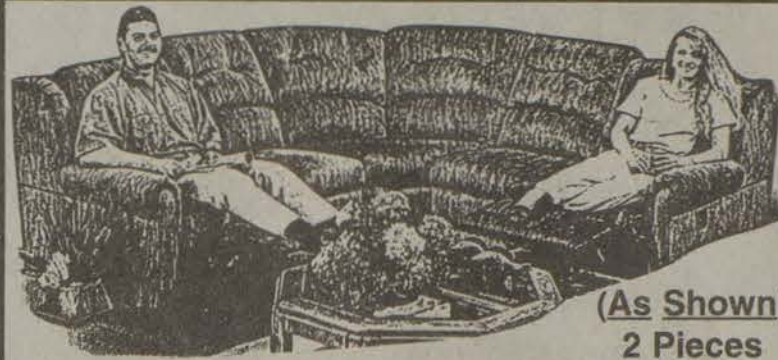


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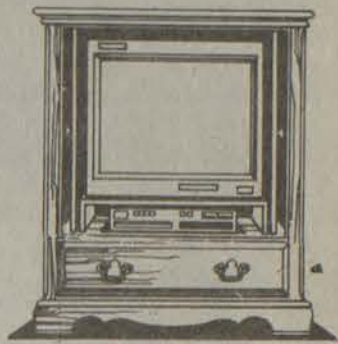


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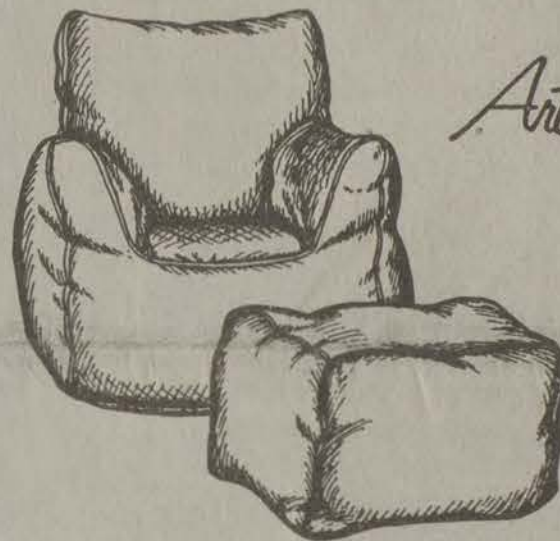
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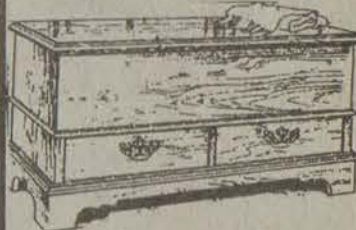
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ALLAN S. PERRY III—Publisher-Editor
Liberty of thought is the life of the soul—Voltaire

Get a bigger truck?

by Scott Perry

We've all heard this one...

Two fellows went into business together, selling watermelons.

They bought them for a dollar, sold them for a dollar, and were surprised that they had no profits to share when all the melons were sold.

Their solution to this financial crisis?

Get a bigger truck.

At first glance, you might suspect that the Floyd County School System has employed a similar method of accounting, with one notable exception.

The school system is paying out more than it is taking in, which means they don't just need a bigger truck, they need a new driver, too.

An independent researcher has reported to the Floyd County Education Association that her review of the system's financial management indicates a glaring lack of control and accurate reporting in the system's budgetary processes.

In one finding of particular interest, the consultant noted that budget estimates were just copied from one year to the next without regard to actual receipts and expenditures.

That's an odd way to run any business, let alone a \$40 million enterprise like the local educational system.

The result of that practice is not so odd. The board faces a \$1 million deficit and state control of future expenditures.

In the anecdote we offered at the beginning of this editorial, it is important to note that no financial harm came to either of the businessmen, despite their obvious lack of attention to the laws of economics.

In the real story, though, there is some pain and suffering.

Some people are going to lose their jobs and students are going to lose some valuable educational programs.

Like we said, a bigger truck won't help, either.

An ambulance might be more appropriate. Call one, please, before a hearse is required.



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Letters to the editor

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Exchange students create excitement

Editor:

As the holidays are upon us, another exciting time is approaching—a time when many families across our region begin to think about hosting a high school exchange student for the 1996-97 school year.

We have students available from several countries in Europe, Asia, and South America, as well as Australia. Files are arriving daily, and the selection is fantastic! Students come with their own spending money and health insurance. Host families are expected to provide room and board and a loving, nurturing atmosphere.

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Thank-you Freddie James

Editor:

I really appreciate all the good things Billie J. Osborne has done for the Kentucky Opry. The Opry, in my opinion, is the greatest thing Eastern Kentucky has experienced in many years. I watched the Telethon aired on WPRG Ch. 5, November 2 and really enjoyed the program. One person, I think, has not been recognized enough for his hard work, endurance, and dedication to the Kentucky Opry. I personally want to thank Mr. Freddie James for all the things he has done for the Opry, Floyd County,

Prestonsburg and surrounding counties.

Msgt. Scott R. Hamilton
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Students ask 'Why?'

Editor:

We, the undersigned, students at Prestonsburg Community College would like some answers to the following questions.

Why are we losing so many of our good faculty? The latest person to leave, among a very long list, was our head counselor Joe Sutton. It is our opinion that he did not want to leave, but was forced out by the administration.

Things like this need to come to an end. We are all suffering because of people's personal vendetta, if they don't like someone, just force them to leave.

This letter was signed by Suzanne Baker of Pikeville and 52 other students

Our Yesterdays

(Items taken from The Floyd County Times 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, and 60 years ago.)

TEN YEARS AGO (DECEMBER 11, 1985)

The Floyd County Board of Education voted to exclude a citizen's committee from formal participation in the selection of a new school superintendent... There died: Paul Edgar Hunter, 53, of Stratton Branch, near here, died Sunday; Fannie Spurlock Stumbo, 79, of McDowell, died Tuesday; Leonard Mullins, 68, former Hi Hat resident, died last Wednesday, December 4, at his home in South Point, Ohio; Lewis Knott Jr., 61, died last Saturday at his home at McDowell; Orel Delong, 73, of Prestonsburg, died last Friday; Etta Mae Blackburn Lafferty, 54, of Town Branch, Prestonsburg, died Monday; Sim Justice, 82, of Allen, died Monday; Oma May Shepherd, 62, of Blue River, died Monday; Erman H. Ratliff, 72, of Stanville, died Tuesday, December 3.

TWENTY YEARS AGO (DECEMBER 10, 1975)

The Floyd Fiscal Court last Friday may have passed up its last chance to comply officially by required resolution with the Federal Flood Insurance Act. The deadline for compliance had already passed for the incorporated towns of Allen, Martin and Wayland. Only Prestonsburg and Wheelwright have officially complied with the program...The city of Wheelwright may have the first husband and wife police force in the nation, with city marshal Harold D. Bates last Tuesday swearing in his wife, Mildred, as deputy marshal. The two comprise the community's entire police force...For the first time in about 20 years, an athlete from Prestonsburg High School has made the first string All-State Football Team. Mike Dixon, Prestonsburg senior, was chosen as a first team defensive guard on the Class AA All-State team

selected by the Louisville Courier-Journal; given honorable mention on the All-State team selected by the Lexington Herald, and named to the 1975 All-Area squad by the Ashland Daily...There died: Jack Ratliff, 73, of Wayland, December 3 at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Roosevelt (Preacher) Castle, 73, of McDowell, December 2 at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Robert Edgar Layne, 59, of Betsy Layne, December 3 at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Mrs. Viola Mitchell, 90, of Teaberry, Saturday at her home.

THIRTY YEARS AGO (DECEMBER 9, 1965)

A recent survey of food establishments in this county, undertaken by a representative of the State Environmental Health Division, the area sanitation inspector and the county sanitarian, revealed that out of the 52 or so restaurants located in Floyd County, 15 were found to be lower than the minimum public health rating...Congressman Carl D. Perkins announced this week that the Office of Economic Opportunity has made a grant of \$71,829 to the Big Sandy Area Development Council for a preschool Head Start program in Floyd County...Strip mining on Clear Creek, Knott County, was punctuated by gunfire and promised this week the added drama of women vowing to stand in the path of a bulldozer when and if it returns to work in the vicinity of their homes...There died: Dennie Tackett, 57, of Langley, last Wednesday en route to the Beaver Valley Hospital at Martin; Manuel Perkins, 63, December 8 at his residence at Tram; Ronnie "Buddy" Osborne, 26, of Prestonsburg, December 1 at the UK Medical Center, Lexington; David Marrs Jr., 70, December 6 at his home at Martin; Robert A. Burke, 85, of

Prestonsburg, Sunday at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; Mrs. Nora Martin Hayes, 89, December 7 at the Golden Years Rest Home, Lackey; Mrs. Tamey Hall, 77, December 2 at her home at Grethel.

FORTY YEARS AGO (DECEMBER 8, 1955)

If federal aid is not made available, the school building needs of Floyd County, to mention only one of the thousands of school districts in the nation, will never be met, said County Schools Superintendent V. O. Turner, this week...An estimated 2,500 youngsters and their elders thronged Prestonsburg sidewalks and stores Saturday to catch a glimpse of Santa visiting the town to open the Christmas shopping season...Wayland's Kelly Coleman turned in a one-man show in scoring 47 points to pace the Wasps to a 72-61 win over vaunted Flat Gap, Tuesday night...There died: Joe Sammons, 84, Nov. 26 at his home at Lancer; Alex M. Spradlin, 61, office manager here of the county Agricultural Stabilization Committee, Friday, at Veterans Hospital, Louisville; Mrs. Catherine M. Scott, 90, of Amba, Monday at the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville; Louise Allen Joseph, 78, of Prestonsburg, last Friday at the Paintsville Hospital.

FIFTY YEARS AGO (DECEMBER 6, 1945)

Two suits filed by defeated candidates at the November election were those brought by Mallie Conn, Republican candidate for magistrate, Dist. 4, and Dial Salisbury, Republican candidate for sheriff...The House Appropriations committee voted Friday a total of \$122,275,000 for flood control and navigation projects, thus restoring the construction of

a flood control dam at Dewey on Johns Creek to the list of projects to be developed...Mrs. Gertrude Chaffins Triplett, 21, of West Garrett, was killed Saturday night as she was struck by two of four revolver bullets fired through the window of a Garrett tavern...In this newspaper thirty years ago this week, we find a little girl's obituary that reads: "Nine-year-old Mary Ousley, of Martin, died Wednesday morning at her parent's home, a victim of leukemia, a rare blood disease." Thirty years later it seems leukemia is not quite so rare...There died: Mrs. Lucy Tackett, 38, of Manton, at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin, Tuesday; Jean Johns, 12, of Martin, at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Saturday; Miss Velve Thornsby, Sunday, at the home of her mother at Bevinville; Mrs. Hester Kidd, of Little Mud Creek, at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Monday; Ellis Carroll, 18 months old, Friday at Drift.

SIXTY YEARS AGO (DECEMBER 6, 1935)

Changes in the faculty of the Prestonsburg and Floyd County high school here were ordered Monday by the county and city boards of education in joint session in order to meet state department of education requirements and thus retain the school's accredited standing...Wiley Abrams, 40, died Sunday at his home at Minnie as the result of a knife wound...Cash Triplett and Frank Conley, of Lackey, are in the Beaver Valley Hospital, suffering from injuries sustained Sunday night when the restaurant in which they were sleeping was blown apart by a blast of dynamite...Mrs. Martha Hughes was seriously injured here Saturday morning when struck by an auto...There died: Will Duncan, of Hueysville, at his father's home, Thursday afternoon.

Courthouse News

MARRIAGES

Angela D. Adams, 20, of McDowell and Donovan Mullins, 24, of McDowell; Cherie L. Toppins, 24, of Prestonsburg and John D. Cable, 28, of Prestonsburg; Kathryn Lowe, 38, of Betsy Layne and Hershel Slone Jr., 31, of Harold; Elizabeth J. Johnson, 24, of Weeksbury and Kelly A. Berger, 20, of Weeksbury;

Heather M. Wampler, 19, of Auxier and Brian K. Spears, 23, of Auxier; Pamela Ison, 30, of River Ridge, Louisiana and Matthew T. Lane, 26, of River Ridge, Louisiana;

Ann M. Castle, 23, of Garrett and Joseph P. Conley, 22, of Garrett; Judy H. McFarland, 47, of Salyersville and Mark F. Rice Jr., 31, of Salyersville;

Kimberly D. Butcher, 19, of Meally and Robert D. Prater, 20, of Hueysville; Penny L. Tackett, 22, of Robinson Creek and Charles E. Carver, 22, of Printer;

Sherry Lynn Shepherd, 20, of Hueysville and John W. Shepherd, 21, of Hueysville; Valerie M. Spurlock, 19, of Harold and Jeremy R. Thacker, 18, of Harold;

Melissa L. Burchett, 19, of Endicott and John C. Goble II, 21, of Prestonsburg; April Leigh Adkins, 22, of Banner and Steven Alex Adkins, 27, of Banner;

Gwendolyn G. Kidd, 23, of Betsy Layne and Terry Case, 31, of Honaker; Kimberly Ann Robinson, 23, of Martin and Tony Wayne Grubb, 22, of Manchester;

Tiffany Dawn Pearson, 19, of Point Pleasant, West Virginia and Buford Lee Slone, 21, of Wayland; Terri Michael Tackett, 31, of Van Lear and Jeffery Alan Bailey, 24, of Van Lear;

Crystal Rene McCranie, 18, of Prestonsburg and James Elwood Hudson III, 22, of Prestonsburg; Brenda Lynn Scott, 25, of Garrett and Roger Dale Watkins Jr., 25, of Wayland;

Leatha Paige Durham, 18, of Prestonsburg and Robert Lee Craft, 18, of Prestonsburg; Rachel A. Johnson, 26, of Prestonsburg and Kevin L. Slone, 24, of Prestonsburg;

Karen D. Vanderpool, 18, of Hippo and Otis Ray Slone, 24, of Blue River; Melanie M. Akers, 19, of Betsy Layne and Kenneth R. Bolden, 22, of Harold;

Dusty M. Crum, 17, of Tram and Michael Sargent, 25, of Tram; Glenna F. Walden, 31, of Garrett and David Slone, 30, of Garrett;

Jennifer M. Robinson, 20, Hueysville and Scott A. Bellamy, 20, of Hueysville; Connie J. Gibson, 38, of Fairdale and Robert B. Boston, 31, of Fairdale;

Susanne Reynolds, 39, of Prestonsburg and Donald Reynolds, 36, of Betsy Layne; Hattie L. Akers, 32, of Prestonsburg and James M. Crisp, 65, of Martin;

Paula L. Hopkins, 18, of Elkhorn City and Amos O. Hamilton, 18, of Teaberry; Pamela J. Dye, 31, of Prestonsburg and Richard K. Sexton, 29, of Prestonsburg;

Tracy L. Conley, 22, of Hueysville and Michael D.

Wireman, 27, of Hueysville; Amanda L. Howell, 18, of Martin and Neil B. Slone, 22, of Martin;

Michelle R. Parsons, 20, of Prestonsburg and Melvin R. Morrison, 22, of Prestonsburg; Christy L. Reid, 24, of Prestonsburg and Gregory Ison, 27, of Martin;

Lona M. Compton, 16, of Prestonsburg and Walter A. Fulford Jr., 18, of Prestonsburg; Matilda J. Branham, 26, of Prestonsburg and William D. Hinchman, 27, of Ivel;

Cynthia E. Ousley, 26, of Prestonsburg and Mickey Lee Keller, 32, of Prestonsburg; Leslie A. Roberts, 24, of Prestonsburg and Phillip T. Tucker, 28, of Prestonsburg;

Jennifer Elieen Fox, 19, of Prestonsburg and Jeremy Garrett Townsend, 18, of Prestonsburg; Crystal Lynn Jarrell, 16, of Prestonsburg and Jimmy Lee Brown, 20, of Van Lear;

Belinda Rose Howell, 20, of Drift and Russell Kyle Shelton, 22, of McDowell; Dianna L. Maynard, 35, of Tomahawk and Dickie L. Branham, 30, of Melvin;

Samantha D. Tackett, 20, of Richmond and Ronnie G. Terry, 24, of Richmond; Irvonna J. Hunt, 22, of Prestonsburg and Robin E. Blackburn, 26, of Prestonsburg;

Denise Adams, 29, of Prestonsburg and Alex M. Johnson, 23, of Prestonsburg; Angela D. Case, 20, of McDowell and Barry D. Hall, 21, of Grethel;

Crystal D. Thornsberry, 17, of Prestonsburg and Michael V. Goble II, 19, of Auxier; Martha Renae Shepherd, 16, of Gunlock and Shawn E. Howard, 19, of Martin;

Teresa E. Ousley, 21, of Prestonsburg and John T. Martin, 21, of Langley; Rhonda K. Hall, 35, of Auxier and Edward Arnold Clay, 31, of Prestonsburg;

Sandra K. Gibson, 42, of Prestonsburg and Albert O. Gibson, 60, of Otway, Ohio; Annette Greathouse, 24, of Bypro and Richard E. Layne, 33, of Wheelwright;

Nancy Darlean Dye, 38, of Prestonsburg and Rickey Lynn Wireman, 39, of Prestonsburg; Kimberly L. Faine, 22, of Weeksbury and Barry A. Mosley, 31, of Bevinville;

Kathy Collett, 26, of Hurricane, West Virginia and Dallas Harold Young Jr., 23, of Hurricane, West Virginia; Sirena Rose, 17, of Minnie and James R. Stephens, 20, of Allen;

Carolyn Sue Blackburn, 39, of Tomahawk and Earl Dean Maynard, 39, of Tomahawk; Solina R. Puckett, 18, of Stanville and Delmer D. Cole Jr., 21, of Stanville;

Mary Christine Colville, 46, of Louisville and Roger Dale Shelton, 39, of Louisville; Casandra Fay Slone, 27, of Wayland and James Brian Fulks, 35, of Ivel;

Cheri Elaine Dings, 39, of Allen and Michael Ousley, 41, of Allen; Keesha Kay Newsome, 18, of Teaberry and Eric E. Hall, 21, of Craynor;

Cynthia K. Hackworth, 21, of Paintsville and Shawn D. Salyer, 22, of Hi Hat; Lisa D. Stapleton, 21,

of Lexington and Kenneth R. Hall, 27, of Galveston;

Toni L. Allen, 26, of Langley and Stephen Ray Farthing II, 24, of Martin; Ilene Moore, 40, of Martin and Carl M. Scott, 41, of Langley;

Elizabeth G. Smith, 18, of Hippo and Robert C. Williamson, 20, of Prestonsburg; and Elisa D. Blackburn, 27, of Prestonsburg and Randy Smith, 34, of Van Lear.

SUITS FILED

Suits filed are not indicative of guilt but represent only the claims of those filing the action.

John C. Hall Enterprises Inc. d/b/a Hall Funeral Home vs. Bascom DeRossett, alleged debt; Terry Sherman Tackett, Drift vs. Lola Faye Tackett; Langley, dissolution of marriage;

Doris Flannery, et al. vs. Smith Patrick Trucking Company Inc., compensation for alleged injuries sustained in an auto accident on or about August 18, 1994, on U.S. 23 near Prestonsburg;

Shelia McDaniel, as administratrix of the estate of Marvin McDaniel, deceased vs. Jim Blackburn, et al., compensation for alleged injuries sustained in an auto accident on or about October 1, 1993 on Highway 114 near Prestonsburg;

Roger Keith Owens, of Grethel vs. Virginia Ann Walters Owens, of Grethel, dissolution of marriage; Jimmy M. Hammond vs. Masten Childers II, et al., contract dispute; Rhonda Stepp, of Harold vs. Ernie Stepp, of Antioch, Tennessee, dissolution of marriage; Harvey Ratliff vs. Robert M. Crisplip, et al., compensation for alleged injuries sustained in an auto accident on or about January 31, 1995 in Johnson County;

Mildred Fannin, of Endicott vs. Paintsville Foods Inc. d/b/a Sav-More, compensation for alleged injuries sustained on or about September 30, 1994 while the

defendant was in the Prestonsburg store owned by the plaintiff;

Curtis Light, et al. vs. Russell Hamilton, et al., compensation for alleged injuries sustained on or about October 4, 1994 while the defendant was on rental property owned by the plaintiff;

Denise Adams, of Prestonsburg vs. Patricia C. Sexton, of Craynor, compensation for alleged injuries sustained in an auto accident on or about May 24, 1995; Roger

Woodrum, of Langley vs. Sallie Woodrum, of Langley, dissolution of marriage;

Patricia L. Densmore, of McDowell vs. Edgar Allen Densmore, of Prestonsburg, dissolution of marriage;

Jewell H. Savage, et al. vs. Heilig-Meyers Furniture Company, et al., compensation for alleged injuries sustained in an auto accident on or about July 24, 1995;

Linda Briggs, of Martin vs.

Angela Good, of Bypro, compensation for alleged injuries sustained in an auto accident on or about July 24, 1995 on Ky. Route 80 near Water Gap;

Donna Mullins, of Garrett vs. Eddie Mullins, of McDowell, dissolution of marriage; Teresa Ann Hamilton vs. Rodney Duran Hamilton, of Teaberry, dissolution of marriage.

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CINEMA 7 "PG" Father of the Bride, Part II Mon.-Sun. 7:10, 9:20; Fri. Mat. 4:20 Sat.-Sun. Mat. 2:10, 4:20	CINEMA 8 Starts Friday "PG" Jumanji Mon.-Sun. 7:10, 9:20; Fri. Mat. 4:20 Sat.-Sun. Mat. 2:10, 4:20
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State finalist

Cliff Daniels, son of Cliff and Deedra Daniels of Beaver will compete in the state martial arts finals Saturday, December 16, at Belfry. He won first place in Division, 9-11, at the Mountain Martial Arts Karate Tournament held October 28 at Millard High School. He will be representing T.J.'s School of Martial Arts. He is a student at John M. Stumbo Elementary.

Open registration at PCC

Open registration for the Spring Semester at Prestonsburg Community College begins January 4 and runs through January 8. Classes begin January 10. The college is offering more than 500 classes this Spring in subjects ranging from accounting, art and biology, to business and office technology, and computer science, to law enforcement, nursing and real estate. Courses are offered at the main campus in Prestonsburg, as well as at the Pike County Campus in Pikeville, and at off-campus centers in Inez, Paintsville, Salyersville and Belfry.

On Thursday, January 4, registration begins at 9 a.m. for those whose last names begin with T-Z. Those whose names begin with P-S may begin registering at 10 a.m., K-O at 11 a.m., G-J at noon, C-F at 2 p.m., and A-B at 3 p.m. Registration for all students who missed the earlier sessions will begin at 4 and 5 p.m., while registration for evening classes will begin at 6 p.m. for all students. All registration on January 4 will take place in Room 102 of the Johnson Administration Building on the Prestonsburg campus.

Registration will continue on the Prestonsburg campus at 9 a.m. Friday, January 5. Two sessions, from 9 to 11 a.m. and from 1 to 3 p.m., will be held for anyone who still has not registered. These sessions also will be held in Room 102 of the Johnson Building.

Open registration will be held on the Pike County Campus Monday, January 8, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and from 3 to 6 p.m. Registration for evening classes will begin at 6 p.m. All registration on the Pike County Campus will be held in Building B, Room 207.

Late registration on both campuses will begin Tuesday, January 9, and run through Wednesday, January 17, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day except Friday, January 12,

when hours will be from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. only, and Monday, January 15, when offices will be closed for the Martin Luther King Jr. Day Holiday. Monday night classes may be added through Monday, January 22.

Additional information about available classes, fields of study or a class schedule may be obtained by calling the Prestonsburg campus at (606) 886-3863, or the Pikeville campus at (606) 432-4800.

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Analysis

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actual expenditures.

"There is no wrongdoing in this practice since the working budgets are merely reporting forms," the report said. "But, as a citizen of Floyd County I would certainly be upset that I could not get accurate information about the spending of my tax dollar. And, I am very dismayed that this action occurred while Floyd County schools were under an improvement plan devised by the state."

The analysis said the same type of procedures were used in preparing the 1994-95 budget, which resulted in overspending in the superintendent's salary; assistant superintendents' salaries; salaries for clerks and stenographers; secondary, elementary and special education teachers' salaries; salaries for secretaries and clerical assistants; and teacher aides' salaries in the amount of \$1,163,569 in 1992-93.

Lampe's report also noted a \$461,817 overestimate of grant revenues last year and overspending in high school and elementary school supplies and miscellaneous accounts.

Brackett conceded that the district's finances were "problematic" during the time noted in Lampe's report and added that state officials were not overseeing the finances of the district at that time.

Reynolds said to Brackett that during that time "the ship sank" and that proposed cuts to eliminate the deficit are going to hurt children.

"I know that," the chairman said.

Reynolds asked that FCEA and district budget committee members be allowed to work with the board to revise a deficit reduction plan and to "insist on accurate figures" related to the district's finances.

"We are going to insist on getting accurate figures," Brackett said. "We have to know who was the captain of the ship and who called the plays. We are the ones charged with stewardship. We can't spend all year looking (at the budget)."

Board member Brent Clark thanked Reynolds for the report, saying even he had some understanding of the budget areas that were overspent. Clark asked Reynolds if teachers would be willing to give back a portion of this year's salary increase "until we get caught up" financially.

Reynolds said he could not speak for the whole organization, but that personally he didn't "see any good faith" from the board and that until issues could be "honestly" discussed, he didn't foresee that happening.

"Ever since I've been here I've not been able to get inside," Clark said. "I'm upset. I'm tired of someone else sitting back and doing the cooking and we have to eat it."

Interim superintendent Ed Allen agreed with portions of the report and said some of the items noted could be accounted for in other areas of the budget.

"Nevertheless, we ought to get it right," Allen said.

Brackett commented that it would be impossible to get accurate budget figures because of the fluctuating number of teacher aides that could be hired in a year.

"There is no way anyone can project the number of aides," Brackett said.

Board member Phyllis Honshell also thanked Reynolds for the report, but she said the board and the teachers' group seemed to be adversaries, rather than partners in the school system.

"What bothers me most is that we seem to be adversaries," Honshell said. "The bottom line is that you and I and this board want the same things. We want the best education possible for the children of Floyd County."

Reynolds countered, "How many times have we heard that? We're out for the kids of Floyd County. It's coming back as a repeat of history."

That comment caused board member Eddie Patton to speak up.

"I don't think anybody on this board is a C.P.A. and we can't project if someone comes and makes a recommendation on inaccurate figures. I will not, I will not take the blame for that kind of stupidity. I won't do it."

Honshell said the board may not have "made the wisest choices on some issues that were recommended to them, but she said the board's intent "was good."

The budget discussion ended without any action being taken.

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A Look At Sports

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Board should implement ban on Sunday athletics

Much discussion is going around about the fighting that involved Allen Central and Johnson Central players last Sunday in the finals of the Johnson Central Invitational tournament. A lot is being said of parent involvement in the melee and how parents should stay in the stands.

Why doesn't our board of education implement a board policy banning any Floyd County school from participating in any school activities on Sunday?

If the game had not been played Sunday, this might not have happened. Why wasn't the tournament finished out Saturday night? The semifinals were played Saturday afternoon.

I got in touch with Pete Grigsby Jr., president of the Floyd County Administrator's Association, which includes principals and central office personnel, about the situation and he says their organization has tried to do something about it.

"We had such a policy when Ron Hager was superintendent," Grigsby said. "Our organization has tried to get the board to approve a board policy as such, but we were defeated by a 3-2 vote. The board was split on the subject."

Grigsby agrees that such a policy would be a good one.

"It takes kids out of church. Other ministers have contacted me about it," Grigsby said. "If people don't go to church, then they can just enjoy the day together. Kids could get their study work done."

"It is getting worse all the time. It's the Lord's day and a day of rest for people," he said.

I think not just basketball, baseball and football should be affected, but academic meets, cheerleading competition as well.

According to Grigsby, the school principals, as well as teachers, do not like the Sunday activities.

"It's another day they have to be away from home," Grigsby said.

In Pike County, they have such a policy and it includes Wednesday nights as well. I know some will holler the separation of church and state. That's a cop out. These kids are out six days a week most of the time the way it is and a policy that would give them one day off will not hurt. Going to church or not going is not the issue. It is allowing the

(See A Look at Sports, page 8A)

Tigers vs Blackcats highlight weekend schedule

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

After three years, the Prestonsburg Blackcats and Paintsville Tigers will renew an old rivalry that was put on hold after a gym-clearing brawl took place at the Paintsville gym during the '92-'93 season.

The outbreak occurred in the fourth quarter with Prestonsburg holding a seven-point lead. The scuffle did not occur between players, but fans at the far end of the gym.

The fight between Prestonsburg and Paintsville fans soon spilled out onto the floor as the few policemen present tried desperately to restore some kind of order.

After a long delay, the gymnasium was cleared of all fans allowing only the players, coaches, timers, scorers and media to remain.

The game was completed and the Blackcats got the victory.

Tonight, all that is history as the two teams meet on the hardwood under different surroundings. Paintsville holds the number five ranking in the state (preseason) and the Prestonsburg Blackcats will be under the tutelage of new coach Jackie Pack.

Paintsville is a clear favorite to repeat as 15th Regional champions and on their home floor are hard to handle.

Prestonsburg is 0-3 out of the gate for the '95-'96 season. Coach Pack's ballclub was expected to be one of the top contenders this season in the 15th Region. But they haven't been able to get things together or find that right chemistry through three games.

Paintsville's lone loss came at the hands of the Knott County Central Patriots out of the

14th Region. Prestonsburg has dropped games to Magoffin County, who Paintsville beat 89-79 last week, Greenup County and Elkhorn City. The Blackcats dropped a five-point game to the Hornets, but fell hard to Greenup and Elkhorn City.

CONFERENCE MATCH UP....

Also highlighting the weekend games will be South Floyd visiting Allen Central. Coach Jim Rose and his Raiders are off to a 2-1 start, falling at home to Hazard Monday night. They own victories over Jenkins and Shelby Valley (this past Tuesday night).

Allen Central has been a surprise in the first six games, owning a 4-2 mark and winners of the Johnson Central Invitational Tournament last week. The Rebels fell in their opening game to Paintsville before reeling off four consecutive wins. With three

starters suspended against Pike Central last Tuesday night, the Rebels fell to the Hawks for their second loss of the season.

T.T. Pack and company will try and keep their momentum coming into the J.E. Campbell Arena tonight. A win at Allen Central would be a boost for the Raiders and give them their best start ever. Pack has support in seniors Terrence Mullins, Bear Stephens and junior Jason Shannon.

Junior standout Thomas Jenkins brings a 30-points-per-game average to the conference battle and he is pulling down 15 boards a game. Sophomore guard Todd Howard has played excellent basketball for the Rebels through the first five games and "Big Man" Chris Bailey has been the talk of the campus,

(See Weekend, page 8A)



Hard drive

Prestonsburg's Gavin Hale (44) went hard to the basket against Elkhorn City Tuesday night at the Prestonsburg Fieldhouse. Prestonsburg lost to the Cougars 69-52 to drop to 0-3 on the season. The Blackcats will travel to Paintsville tonight for a renewal of a long-time rivalry with the Tigers. The series was suspended during the '93 season because of a fight between fans. (photo by Ed Taylor)

Prestonsburg opens flat against Elkhorn City, falls 69-52

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

The first two minutes of Tuesday's game against Elkhorn City, the Prestonsburg Blackcats were ready to play basketball.

But the remaining 30 minutes of the game they were flat and stayed flat as the Cougars rolled 69-52 for their third straight win. It was the third consecutive loss for Prestonsburg.

The Blackcats looked confused on offense as they tried to run their motion offense against the quicker Cougars. There was little guard play out front for Prestonsburg as Bret James and Wes Samons scored six points between them.

With the lack of fire power from the outside, Elkhorn City concentrated on the inside play of senior Jason Bevins and sophomore Andy Jarvis. While both scored in double figures — Jarvis with 15 points and Bevins 12 — it was an adventure when the ball came to the middle.

Turnovers early and often cut down the scoring for the Blackcats as they were guilty of 18 (unofficially) turnovers in the game.

Senior forward J.P. Skeens, along with Jarvis and Bevins, were bright spots. Skeens used his quickness and hit some nice base line jumpers in finishing with 13 points. He had a three-point basket while taking the ball to the basket at other times.

After falling behind 3-0 at the onset of the game, Prestonsburg reeled off seven unanswered points with Jarvis scoring the first five on two rebound baskets and a free

ELKHORN CITY (69)				
players	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Ahn	1	0	0-0	2
Morgan	2	0	2-1	5
Robinson	3	0	4-4	10
May	2	1	4-2	9
Mullins	0	1	2-2	5
Hawkins	3	2	0-0	12
Leathers	2	1	1-0	7
Clevinger	2	0	4-4	8
Ratliff	4	1	0-0	11
totals	19	6	17-13	69

PRESTONSBURG (52)				
players	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Skeens	3	1	5-4	13
James	1	0	2-2	4
Bevins	4	1	3-1	12
Jarvis	6	0	4-3	15
Samons	1	0	0-0	2
Jarrell	0	1	2-0	3
Hale	0	0	4-3	3
totals	15	3	20-13	52

throw, and Bevins hitting a short jumper that gave the Blackcats their only lead at 7-3.

Two treys by Jason Hawkins and a six-foot jumper by Shawn May gave Coach Randy McCoy's ballclub an 11-9 first-quarter lead. Gavin Hale hit two free throws in the quarter for Prestonsburg.

Consecutive turnovers to start the second period saw the Blackcats fall behind the Cougars, 17-9, as Elkhorn scored the first six points of the period. Prestonsburg could not find the hoop in the second quarter, getting only two field goals — a three-pointer from J.P. Skeens and a three-point layup.

The Cougars hurt the taller

(See Flat, page 8A)

Pike Central slips past short-handed Allen Central, 72-63

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Inexperience.

It caught up with the Allen Central Rebels in the second half of their game against the Hawks of Pike Central.

Coach Johnny Martin's Rebels had to play without three starters and it was evident in the second half of the game. Allen Central, who defeated Pike Central 84-80 last week in the Johnson Central tournament, fell to the Hawks, 72-63, but it wasn't the same as they played in the semifinals.

"We dressed one senior, one junior, three sophomores and four freshmen," Martin said. Suspended were starters Corey Patton, John Moore and Chris Bailey for an altercation at Johnson Central in Sunday's championship game. Each had to serve a one-game suspension.

Allen Central looked as if it could overcome the tragedy and played very well in the first half, holding a 42-33 lead going to the locker room at the half.

But the inexperience, according to Martin, showed up in the second half.

"We played a great first half,"

PIKE CENTRAL (72)				
players	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Hamilton	2	4	6-5	21
Hinkle	5	1	1-1	14
Hall	4	1	0-0	11
Stamper	3	0	1-1	7
Gillispie	3	0	5-3	9
Thacker	0	1	2-2	5
Fields	0	1	0-0	3
Johnson	0	0	2-2	2
totals	17	8	17-14	72

ALLEN CENTRAL (63)				
players	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Jenkins	5	2	6-3	19
Howard	6	1	2-2	17
Baker	7	0	0-0	14
Slone	2	0	0-0	4
Crawford	3	1	1-0	9
totals	23	4	9-5	63

Pike Central	23	10	17	22-72
Allen Central	20	22	7	14-63

the coach said. "But inexperience showed in the second half."

Coach Martin said he feels his team was not ready to play Pike Central, and he took the blame.

"I did not prepare them well for this game," he confessed. "And with young players in the game it was hard to make the proper adjustments."

The success for Pike Central was

in its ability to stop junior Thomas Jenkins. Jenkins led the Rebels in scoring with 19 points, but 15 of those came in the first half when Allen Central built their seven-point lead.

Jenkins was stopped in the third period with a single free throw and scored only three points in the fourth period. He had two three-point baskets in the second stanza, but was unable to score in the final two periods.

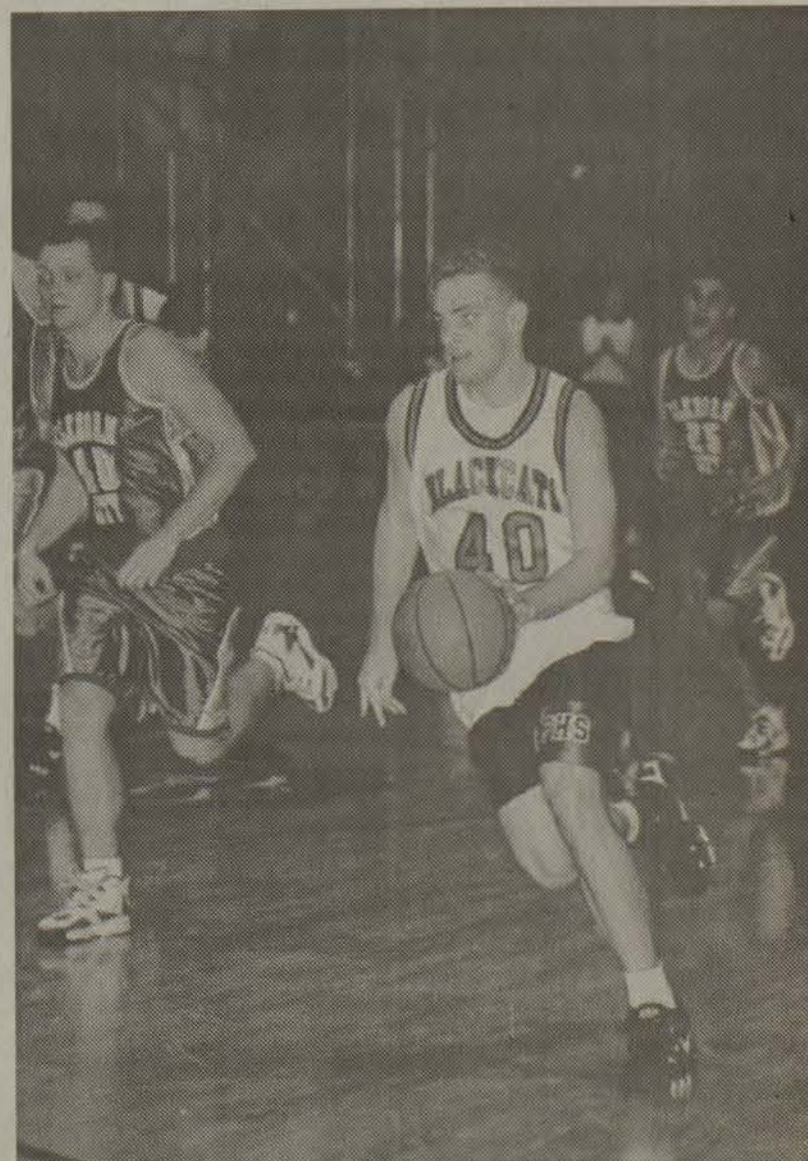
As a team, Allen Central scored only seven points in the third period, while the Hawks outscored them 17-7 to take a 50-49 lead after three quarters.

Allen Central trailed 23-20 after the first quarter, but outscored the Hawks 22-10 in the second period to take the 42-33 halftime lead.

Jamie Hamilton, who led Pike Central with 21 points, was perfect at the free throw line in the fourth period hitting four straight and scoring six points to help the Hawks stave off an Allen Central rally. Nathan Hinkle and Jeremy Hall had four points each in the final stanza.

Sophomore guard Todd Howard chipped in with 17 points for Allen Central, hitting a three-point basket

(See Allen Central, page 8A)



Can dribble the ball also

Prestonsburg's Jason Bevins, senior, demonstrated that he can dribble the basketball for a big man. He also stepped outside the three-point arc and drilled a three-pointer in scoring 12 points in his team's 69-52 loss to Elkhorn City Tuesday night. (photo by Ed Taylor)

Branham scores 21 :

As Pikeville upends Betsy Layne, 61-55

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Dustin Branham and Jeremiah Akers combined for 35 points to lead Pikeville Elementary past a very strong Betsy Layne team 61-55 in the first round of the Adams Middle School Invitational Tuesday night at Adams.

Branham had a game-high 21 points and Akers added 14. Matt Walls scored nine points for the winners.

Josh Howell topped Betsy Layne with 17 points while Shannon Williams

scored ten. Chase Gibson came off the bench and netted nine points. Scott Collins was held to just eight for the Bobcats.

Betsy Layne trailed by 12 points, 52-40, after the third quarter, but rallied to within one point of the junior Panthers, 56-55, and had the ball with a chance to take the lead.

But Branham completed an old-fashioned three-point play that put Pikeville up 59-55 inside the final minute. Brandon Thompson was fouled and sank two free throws for the final six-

point margin. Matt Walls scored seven points in the first period that helped the Panthers to a 21-16 first-quarter lead. Gibson netted six of his nine points in the Betsy Layne first. Howell was limited to a three-point basket in the first period.

Pikeville took a six-point, 33-27, lead to the locker room at the half with Matt Branham scoring four points for Pikeville along with Akers. Howell had five second-quarter points for Betsy Layne.

Dustin Branham scored 11 points for Pikeville in the third period as the team built the 12-point lead. Howell scored nine of the Bobcats' 13 third-quarter points.

Nick King finished with five points for Pikeville. Nick Lynch added four as did Matt Branham. Brandon Thompson and Jeremy Collins scored two apiece.

Josh Kidd had a three-point basket and finished with five points for Betsy Layne. Justin Bartley scored three and Aaron Swiger totaled two points with Brad Daugherty scoring one.

PIKEVILLE (61)				
players	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
D. B'ham	8	0	9-5	21
Walls	4	0	2-1	9
King	1	0	4-3	5
Akers	5	0	4-4	14
Collins	1	0	0-0	2
Thompson	0	0	2-2	2
Lynch	1	0	2-2	4
M. B'ham	2	0	1-0	4
totals	22	0	24-17	61

BETSY LAYNE (55)				
players	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Swiger	1	0	0-0	2
Bartley	1	0	2-1	3
Collins	3	0	3-2	8
Howell	4	1	9-6	17
Williams	5	0	0-0	10
Gibson	3	0	7-3	9
Kidd	1	1	0-0	5
Daugherty	0	0	2-1	1
totals	18	2	23-13	55

Pikeville	21	12	19	09-61
Betsy Layne	16	11	13	15-55

Stumbo slows Williams in 55-36 Holiday Classic win

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

The John M. Stumbo Mustangs didn't completely stop Melvin's leading scorer, but they slowed him down and handed the Cougars a 55-36 setback to advance to the finals of the Osborne Holiday Classic.

Charlie Williams finished with just six points for Melvin on two three-point baskets, both in the first period. Dusty Tackett picked up some of the scoring slack for Melvin, scoring 17 points.

But it wasn't enough to off set the scoring of Aaron Prater and Adam Tackett who combined for 36 points. Prater led the Mustangs with 19 points and Tackett added 17. Larry Kiser scored eight points.

Stumbo held a slim 11-9 lead after the first quarter with Williams

hitting the treys. Tackett scored five for Stumbo with Prater tossing in four first-quarter points.

Prater opened up his offense in the second period with 11 points to lead Stumbo to a 33-16 halftime lead. Tackett had seven points in the second period.

Dusty Tackett hit a trey and a field goal in the second quarter for Melvin as Williams was held scoreless.

Rusty Tackett had two treys in the game for Melvin. He connected from the 19' 9" circle in the third period and buried his second trey in the fourth quarter. Casey Rogers had two points for Melvin and James Slone finished with three.

Nathan Tackett scored six points for Stumbo. Jon Howell netted three and Stevie Mitchell had two points.

Lady Mustangs win AMS Invitational

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

The John M. Stumbo Lady Mustangs won their second consecutive basketball tournament Tuesday night with a 28-18 win over the Adams Middle School Lady Blackcats.

Sheena Akers scored 12 points and Jenny Parson added eight to lead the Lady Mustangs to the championship of the Adams Invitational.

Brittany Hites led Adams with seven points. Meredith Jarvis and Tara Ortega scored four each.

Akers had six points in the first period as Stumbo led 10-5 after the first stop. Stumbo led 18-8 at the half and 23-10 after three quarters.

Angela Howell scored two points for Adams in the fourth quarter. Julie Stewart had one point.

Heather Hamilton scored four

STUMBO (28)				
players	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Parsons	4	0	0-0	8
Hamilton	2	0	0-0	4
Akers	5	0	8-2	12
Hamilton	1	0	2-1	3
Biliter	0	0	3-1	1
totals	12	0	13-4	28

ADAMS (18)				
players	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Jarvis	2	0	0-0	4
Ortega	2	0	0-0	4
Howell	1	0	2-0	2
Hites	3	0	3-1	7
Stewart	0	0	2-1	1
totals	8	0	7-2	18

Stumbo	10	8	5	5-28
Adams	5	3	2	8-18

for the Lady Mustangs, all in the third period. Lesli Hamilton had three and Amber Biliter scored one point.

Stumbo Lady Mustangs advance to Classic finals with win over Melvin

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Shenna Akers scored 14 points, Jenny Parsons and Lesli Hamilton had eight each as the John M. Stumbo Lady Mustangs posted a 42-20 win over the Lady Cougars of Melvin and advanced to the finals of the Osborne Holiday Classic at the Wheelwright gym.

Tiffany Williams led Melvin

with 12 points. Monica McKinney and Ashley Thornsbury scored four each for the Lady Cougars.

Melvin stayed close with the Lady Mustangs trailing by only four at the first stop, 14-10. Melvin was held to one field goal in the second quarter by Thornsbury as they trailed 28-12 at the half.

Gigi Henson scored seven points for the winners. Heather Hamilton tossed in four and Amber Biliter scored one.

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returning after missing the past three seasons. Jason Baker looks to have returned to top form after a bout with mono.

TURNER'S EAGLE INVADE...

Johnson Central Coach Johnny Ray Turner will bring his Golden Eagles to the D.W. Howard Fieldhouse to face Junior Newsome's Betsy Layne Bobcats. The two teams met earlier in a pre-season panorama which resulted in a brawl.

But these two teams could be a surprise in the 15th Region this season and make some noise. The Golden Eagles are 5-1 on the season, losing only to Allen Central in the finals of their own tournament Sunday.

Betsy Layne, who has looked good at times, is 1-2 on the season with a loss at Phelps this past Tuesday night.

Coach Turner has his bombers in James Butcher, Davey Turner and

Beecher Butcher.

Coach Newsome will rely on the play of junior Rocky Newsome and look to get a respectful performance from Willie Meade, Chris Hamilton and Jason Tackett. Chris Hicks must become more actively involved in the Bobcats' offense. Betsy Layne is a strong rebounding team and works the offensive boards well.

LADY RAIDERS VISIT LETCHER CO....

Coach Henry Webb will take his South Floyd Lady Raiders on the road Saturday night against Letcher County. Coach Webb's ballclub is off to a 1-2 start and playing aggressively on defense.

Tiffany Compton brings the senior leadership to the Lady Raiders team and Chrissy Tackett has stepped up her game at point guard. Others include Jenny Meade, Crystal Tackett, Tina Newmand and Deana Holbrook.

Trio leads Osborne

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Osborne Coach Roger Johnson played a lot of players when the Eagles faced the Prater Creek Cougars Tuesday night in grade school basketball and 12 players made the scoring column in a 73-29 win over Zenith Hall's team.

James Walker led the Eagle scoring with 16 points while teammate Jarrod Johnson added 15. Dale Elliott tossed in 13 points.

Adam Collins led Prater with his ten points and the only double figure scorer. Michael Goble, Adam Akers and Nick Spears scored four each. Wes Senters finished with three points with Craig Keathley and Daron Akers scoring two each.

It was all Osborne from the start as they built a 21-5 lead after the first quarter with Johnson scoring 11 first-quarter points. Elliott had six points in the opening period.

Collins hit a three-point basket for Prater and Adam Akers had a field goal to account for the five Prater points.

It was a 42-16 game at the half with the Eagles owning the lead. Randal Matthews came off the Eagle bench and hit two three-point baskets in the second period as Johnson went deep on the bench. Walker scored six points in the quarter and Brad Meade had two points.

Collins had his second trey of the game in the second period for

Flat

Blackcats on the offensive board getting eight points on put backs. Elkhorn led 30-16 at the half.

Skeens, who was held scoreless in the first two quarters, picked up the offense in the third period scoring eight points for Prestonsburg. But Elkhorn City kept the lead at 14, 15 and 16 points throughout the period and led 51-32 after three periods.

Coach McCoy used his time outs well. When it appeared that Prestonsburg was poised to make a run, he would call time out and regroup his team.

Skeens hit a three-pointer to start the fourth quarter for Prestonsburg and then connected on two free throws with 7:19 left to bring his team to within 13 points. But the Cougars were hitting from the outside, inside and free throw line to build a 64-41 lead with 4:03 left to play.

OSBORNE (73)				
players	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Bryant	3	0	0-0	6
Walker	7	0	2-2	16
Reynolds	1	0	0-0	2
Elliott	4	1	2-2	13
Johnson	7	0	2-1	15
Little	2	0	0-0	4
Meade	1	0	0-0	2
Brown	2	0	0-0	4
M. Hall	0	0	2-1	1
Matthews	0	2	0-0	6
Tackett	0	1	0-0	3
H. Hall	0	0	2-1	1
totals	27	4	10-7	73

PRATER CREEK (29)				
players	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Goble	2	0	0-0	4
Akers	2	0	4-0	4
Collins	3	1	0-0	10
Spears	2	0	0-0	4
Senters	1	0	4-1	3
Keathley	1	0	0-0	2
Akers	1	0	0-0	2
totals	12	1	8-1	29

Osborne	21	21	19	12-70
Prater	5	11	4	9-29

Prater, scoring five points. Goble had four second period points.

B.J. Bryant finished with six points for Osborne while Sam Little and Jason Brown tossed in four points. Wendell Tackett buried a three-pointer in the fourth quarter to finish with three points. Keith Reynolds and Meade had two points each with Heath Hall and Michael Hall scored one each.

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Jarvis scored six of his 15 points in the final minute of the game on some baskets in close.

Prestonsburg Coach Jackie Pack went deep on his bench, running players in and out looking for a combination that would work. James did not score a field goal until he scored on a layup with less than three minutes to play in the game. James tried to rally his team back, but his outside shots just would not fall.

Elkhorn City placed nine players in the scoring column with balance throughout. Hawkins led the scoring parade with 12 points. B.J. Ratliff tossed in 11 with one three-pointer. Payton Robinson finished with ten and Shawn May scored nine.

Prestonsburg (0-3) will travel to Paintsville tonight for a renewal of a rivalry that had been suspended for the past three seasons.

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kids to have one day where they don't have to be concerned with basketball practice or games or meets.

Grigsby is hoping that others will become concerned over the need for a policy and voice their opinions.

Well, here is one, for what little it means, that is set against Sunday athletics. If the kids don't need a day of rest, I do!

BLACK TUESDAY

It was a "black Tuesday" for high school teams in the county this past Tuesday night, except for South Floyd. Betsy Layne went down to defeat at Phelps, short-handed Allen Central lost to Pike Central and Prestonsburg was routed by Elkhorn City. The Raiders defeated Shelby Valley.

Is it just me or are the teams really playing as hard as they could? It just seems they are going through the motions on the court. Winning doesn't seem important to them.

I don't see that intensity we were accustomed to. Coaches don't appear to be geared for the season as well. They are not excited about coaching. Maybe it is just me.

What a big crowd that turned out for the Prestonsburg/Betsy Layne girls' game last Monday night. A very good crowd showed up at the D.W. Howard Fieldhouse.

Oh yeah, they were very excited and into the game — both sides of the fieldhouse. Some asked if it was noisy enough for me. Why ask me? The kids are the ones who had begun to wonder where the fans had gone.

Big grade school holiday tournament coming the last week of December right after Christmas. This promises to be a very good one. Stay tuned for more later.

TIDBITS....

Here is a name to stick in the back of your mind....Dustin Branham. Dustin is the son of Bobby Branham (insurance fame) and he is going to be a dandy. He plays for Pikeville Elementary and is a very, very good basketball player....Pikeville is coached by former Allen Central Rebel Mark Martin who is doing an excellent job....Pikeville will be part of the holiday tournament....Coach Danita Johnson's Stumbo Lady Mustangs won their second tournament of the season in the Adams Middle School Invitational. Congratulations, Danita.

Until Wednesday, good sports everyone and be good sports. Take the kids to Sunday School and church this Sunday.

Allen Central (Continued from 7A)

in the first quarter. Senior forward Jason Baker had 14 points in the game. Brian Crawford is looking better and better with each game as he came up with nine points for the Rebels. Crawford had a three-point basket in the fourth period.

Edmon Slone scored four points. Freshman Gary Hunter got the starting call, but did not score.

Hinkle finished with 14 points for the Hawks and Hall netted 11 points. Mike Gillispie totaled nine points with Benjie Stamper scoring seven.

Pike Central hit 14 of 17 free throws and buried eight three-point baskets. Hamilton had four treys in scoring 21 points. All four came in the first quarter when he scored 15 points. Allen Central held him scoreless in the second and third periods.

The three-point barrage continued in the third quarter for Pike Central by Hinkle and Hall. Stamper had five third-quarter points. Allen Central (4-2) will host South Floyd (2-1) tonight in the first conference game of the season for the team.

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Communities

New pastor delivers first sermon

David Fultz delivered his first sermon as pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Prestonsburg on June 25.

Fultz says he likes to deliver "first person messages" to his

congregation. In other words, he dresses in costume for Biblical passages he quotes. Fultz also uses his talents of set design, lighting and sound for dramas that impart his first-hand mes-

sages of salvation.

He was ordained in the Christian Church in December 1970, and also graduated from the University of South Florida that same month. He graduated from the Lexington Theological Seminary in 1981. He served as an elder in 1982 and has served on the conference committees of leadership development, which he chaired; research and planning; worship; and communications.

A native of Charleston, West Virginia, Fultz previously worked for Avco Electronics, where he installed and tested Air Force Radar equipment and for Bell Telephone Laboratories, where he worked with the development of telephone switching equipment. He also served with the Navy for four years.

Fultz's wife, Sue, is a Sunday School teacher and has chaired the Ministries Council and the Education Committee. She has also conducted disciple training. She is a certified lay speaker and serves on the Conference Abortion Alternative Task Force.

She was a realtor, broker and officer in a family construction company and retail business. She worked for Buffalo Trace Area Development Agency, the City of

Ashland, and the KIPDA Area Development Agency.

She did her college work at the University of Kentucky and at various community colleges.

She says her gifts that she will use in her ministry at the church include discipling skills, speaking skills, administrative skills, planning skills, creativity in programming and Bible study.



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In helping to keep the spirit of Christmas in Appalachia alive, however, the doors will once again be open December 16-21, permitting public tours of the farm time this year until the reopening in April, 1996.

On Saturday and Sunday, tours will be given from noon to 5 p.m.

Santa will be available to visit with children on these two days with an opportunity to have their picture made with the jolly ol' man. Oxen drawn wagon rides for the children will be another highlight. Christmas carol singing provided by Loretta Hammond will be held on the farm site at the Fishtrap Church on Sunday afternoon.

Monday through Thursday, December 18-21, will see the HomePlace open for tours as usual. The gift shop in the Welcome Center is still open for those who wish to purchase a Kentucky craft Christmas present.

Mountain HomePlace prints, collection by Tom Whitaker, depicting the various buildings on the HomePlace farm are available for sale.



Make a difference

Several members of the Marrowbone Senior Citizens visited Mountain View Health Care Center of Elkhorn City recently. While there they gave residents a homemade fried apple pie party. Diet pies were provided for the diabetics, also. The senior citizens went from room to room to give pies to residents who were unable to attend the party. Several times each year this group visits Mountain View, sharing gifts and special attention to these residents. Some residents pictured receiving pies are Melster Cole, Florida Hall and Mollie Smallwood.



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Trial (Continued from page one)

"Are we at the point in our society where the FBI and the government has nothing better to do than go after a man who gave two Loratabs to someone because he had a headache?" Smith said.

Smith reminded jurors it took Starnes 12 days to get the first batch of cocaine and 10 days to get the other.

Smith defended Starnes' character by telling jurors his client was standing trial because he wouldn't sell out.

"Randy Starnes doesn't have to be sitting over there," Smith said.

"He could have sold his soul... He wasn't willing to give up his friends."

Wohlander responded in his rebuttal that to talk about Starnes' soul was to discuss a moot point.

"He'd already sold his soul to the devil years earlier. It wasn't for sale anymore. It was already bought."

Wohlander also told jurors Starnes could not have been protecting Huffman's reputation because he had suggested two drug dealers to him and was putting out the word that Huffman wanted

cocaine. "He's out like the town crier. 'Hear ye, hear ye? Judge Huffman has a problem with drugs,'" Wohlander said.

In cases that are prosecuted by the federal government, it is allowed to present closing arguments first and then to have a short rebuttal after the defense has given its closing arguments.

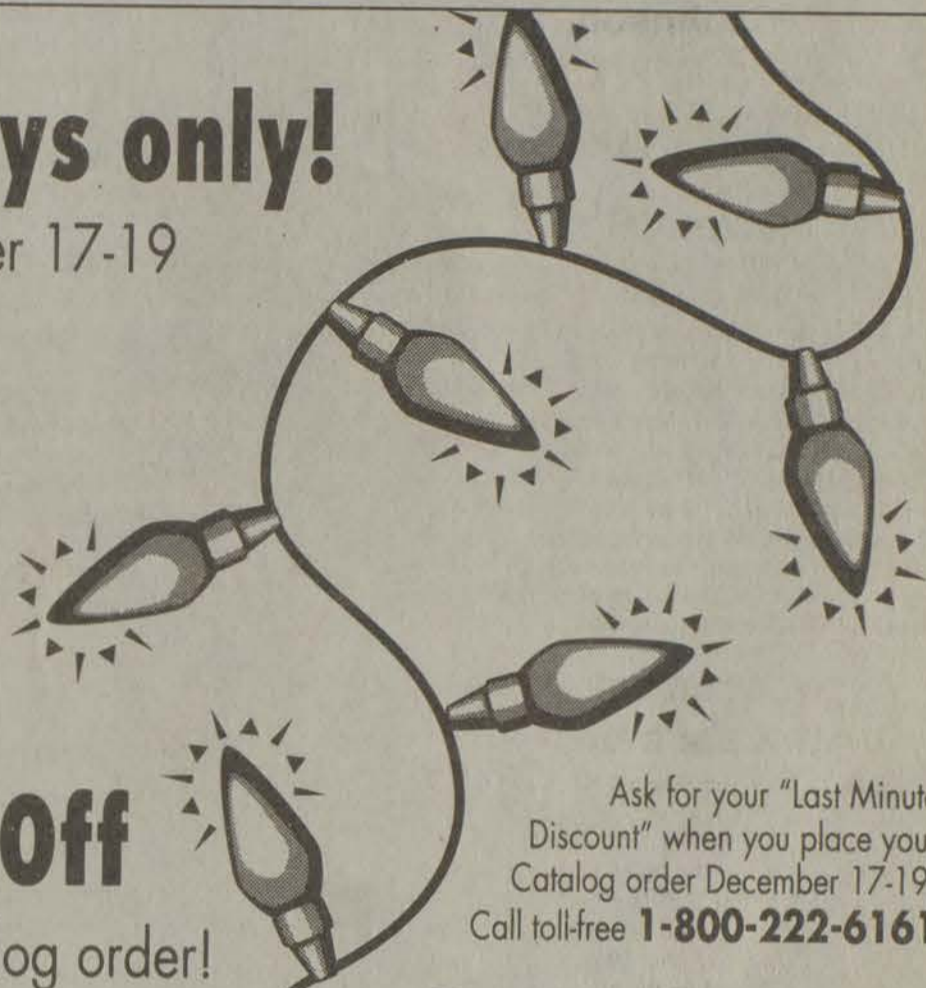
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Legals

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Twin Oak Construction Company, Inc., General Delivery, Hi Hat, Kentucky 41636, has applied for Phase I bond release on Permit Number 836-5072 which was last issued on July 2, 1991. The application covers an area of approximately 93.79 acres located 2.30 miles southeast of Hi Hat, Floyd County, Kentucky.

The permit area is approximately 2.40 miles east-southeast of the junction of KY 979 with KY 122 on Tackett Fork of Clear Creek of Left Fork of Beaver Creek. The latitude is 37 degrees, 23 minutes, 00 seconds. The longitude is 82 degrees, 41 minutes, 24 seconds. The bond now in effect for Permit Number 836-5072 is a surety of \$35,400. Approximately 60 percent of the original bond amount is included in the application for release.

Reclamation work performed includes: backfilling, final grading, seeding and mulching completed in the Spring of 1994. All disturbed areas have been seeded as to provide adequate growth for plant species and provide appropriate conditions for the surrounding wildlife. 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 January 22, 1996.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for January 29, 1996 at 1:00 p.m. at the Prestonsburg Regional Office of the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, 2705 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653-1455. The hearing will be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by January 22, 1996.

F-12/11, 12/8, 12/15, 12/22

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Progress Land Corporation, One Progress Plaza, St. Petersburg, FL 33701 has applied for Phase II bond release on Permit Number 836-8031 which was last issued on November 5, 1993. The application covers an area of approximately 10.45 acres located 1.5 miles south of Weeksbury, Floyd County, Kentucky.

The permit area is approximately 3.50 miles south of the junction of KY 466 with Hwy. 122 and south of Left Fork of Beaver Creek. The latitude is 37 degrees, 18 minutes, 32 seconds. The longitude is 82 degrees, 42 minutes, 04 seconds.

The bond now in effect for Permit Number 836-8031 is a surety of \$11,700. Approximately 25 percent of the original bond amount of \$20,300 is included in the application for release.

Reclamation work performed includes: backfilling, final grading, seeding and mulching completed in the Fall of 1991. All disturbed areas have been seeded as to provide adequate growth for plant species and provide appropriate conditions for the surrounding wildlife. Results thus far indicate growth of vegetation is according to the re-vegetation plan.

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 January 22, 1996.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application 836-5342

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Richardson Fuel, Inc., 16232 U.S. Route 23; Catlettsburg, KY 41129 has filed an application for a permit for an underground coal mining operation located 0.9 miles northeast of Ivel in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 3.5 surface acres and will underlie 1,219.5 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 1,223.0 acres.

The proposed operation is approximately .09 miles Northeast from Ivy Creek Road's junction with U.S. 23/460 and located 0 feet west of Kinney Branch Creek. The latitude is 37° 36' 10". The Longitude is 82° 39' 17".

The proposed operation is located on the Harold U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Hatcher Trimble (Trust). The proposed amendment will underlie land owned by Daniels Creek Development Corporation, Otto & Stella Endicott, Jacob & Olive Jarvis, James Osborne, Ralph & Virginia Lewis, Estill & Ella Jane Jarvis, Ricky Jarvis, Betty Jane Jarvis, James & Dixie Lewis, S.D. Davison & Laura Est., Hatcher Trimble (Trust), Eugene Lewis Heirs, Henry & Inez Lewis, Birkley & Rebal Lewis, Dallas & Janice Lee Justice, Viola & Eulis Osborne. The operation will affect an area with 100 feet of Ivy Creek public road. The operation will not involve relocation or

closure 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, KY 41653. Written comments, objections, or request for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Permits; #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, US 127 South, Frankfort, KY 40601.

F-12/11, 12/8, 12/15, 12/22

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-5307, Amendment 1

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given MATT/CO., Inc., 432 Meadows Branch, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653 has applied for an amendment to an existing underground coal mining and reclamation operation located 0.5 mile northeast of Emma in Floyd County. The amendment will add 4.54 acres and delete 1.00 acre of surface disturbance and will underlie an additional 56.62 acres making a total of 21.00 acres within the amended permit boundary.

The proposed amendment area is approximately 0.24 mile north from State Route 1428's junction with State Route 194 and located 0.08 mile east of Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy River. The latitude is 37° 38' 30". The longitude is 82° 41' 45".

The proposed amendment is located on the Lancer U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed by the amendment is owned by Eddie B. Merritt. The amendment will underlie land owned by William H. Amburgey, Ed Leslie Estates, and Brodis Gobel. The operation will use the underground and contour methods of 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, Kentucky 41653. 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.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 836-5294, Renewal

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that The Elk Horn Coal Corporation, 415 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653 has applied for a renewal of a permit for an underground coal mining operation located 0.8 miles southeast of Grethel in Floyd County. The operation will disturb 5.8 acres and underlie 595 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 600.8 acres

The proposed operation is located 0.5 miles southwest of Frasure Branch Road's junction with KY 979 and located 0.3 miles south of Frasure Branch. The operation is located on the McDowell U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map at latitude 37° 28' 21" and longitude 82° 20' 23"

The surface area to be disturbed is owned by The Elk Horn Coal Corporation. The operation underlies land owned by Milford Adams, Edgel Moore, Betty Carrol, Harvey and Frances Hall, The Elk Horn Coal Corporation, Charles and Ivel Howell, Carlos and Linda Hall, Goldie Hall, Delmar and Omer Frasure, Anthony Akers, Dennis and Shelby Jones, Silas and Lona Akers, Denzil Hall, Eric Frasure, Glen Dale Spradlin, Elisha Hall, Doc Jr. and Debbie Reynolds, Maggie Mitchell, Willis and Joyce Newman, Hall Super Market, Walker and Hershall Tackett, John F. and Mae Hall and Charles and Milvina Howell.

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F-12/11, 12/22, 12/29, 1/5

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Put UL's "Operation Decoration" Into Effect This Holiday Season

(NAPS)—Electrical decorations and lights can help brighten the holiday season, but misusing or using damaged decorations may lead to injury or fire.

This holiday season, Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL), an independent, not-for-profit product safety testing and certification organization, has launched "Operation Decoration," an educational campaign to help promote holiday decorating safety.

The safety experts at Underwriters Laboratories Inc. encourage you to refer to this handy checklist when decorating your home this holiday season. YESNO

Whether decorating indoors or out, do you read and follow the manufacturer's instructions concerning proper installation and maintenance of the electrical decorations you'll be using? When it's time to store decorations, pack the instructions for future reference.

Do you use UL Listed light strings? The UL Listing Mark on a product means UL engineers have tested representative samples of the product for foreseeable safety hazards, such as fire and electrical shock. UL Listed electrical decorations such as candlelights and illuminated ornaments bear holographic labels—easily identified by their silver base and UL Marks that appear to "float" in the background. UL Listed decorative light strings

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Before plugging in electrical decorations, do you carefully inspect each one? Cracked or frayed sockets, loose or bare wires, and loose connections may cause serious electric shock or start a fire. Replace damaged items with new UL Listed decorations.

Do you unplug light strings and electrical decorations before replacing light bulbs or fuses, or making repairs? Check the instructions to determine which maintenance and repairs the manufacturer recommends you perform. Don't attempt a repair unless the instructions indicate the proper procedure and equipment for doing so. Decorations may overheat or safety mechanisms may not operate properly if you don't use the replacement parts specified by the manufacturer.

Do you keep light strings, candle lights and other electrical decorations away from children? Electrical decorations aren't toys and could produce a deadly electric shock or cause a fire if misused.

Do you turn off all electrical light strings and decorations before leaving home or going to bed? Do not leave electrical light strings and decorations unattended for long periods of time.

Is your home equipped with working UL Listed smoke detectors and fire extinguishers? Don't forget to install, test and maintain these devices in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

Before using light strings, animated displays or other electrical products outdoors, do you make sure the product has been evaluated by UL for outdoor use? Look for the UL Listing Mark and the phrase "for indoor use and outdoor use." UL Listed products marked for indoor and outdoor use have been designed and evaluated to withstand the damp conditions and extreme temperatures related to outdoor use.

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No choice is a choice too.
—Yiddish Proverb

The Friday Comics

Farcus

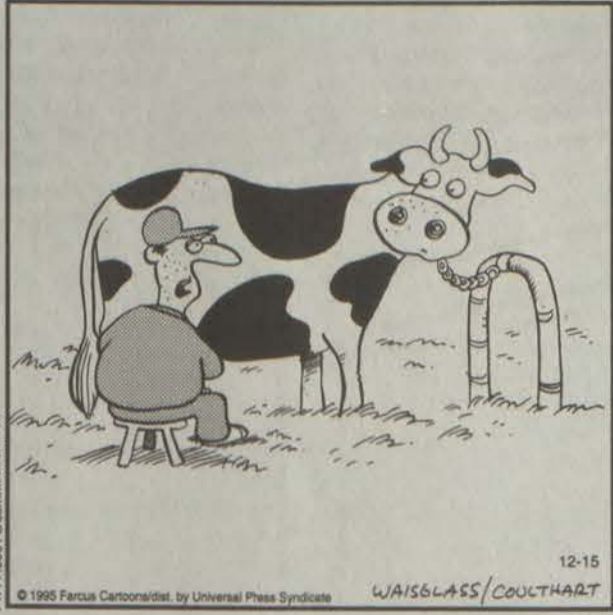
by David Waisglass
Gordon Coulthart



"You can come back in now ... we're finished talking about you."

Farcus

by David Waisglass
Gordon Coulthart



"On high tech farms, they call this downloading."

BUTCH AND DOUGIE by ALEX HOWELL



FLASH GORDON



BRINGING UP FATHER



R.F.D. by MIKE MARLAND



THE SPATS by JEFF PICKERING



OUT ON A LIMB by GARY KOPERVAS



GEORGE by MARK SZORADY



Super Crossword

ACROSS	53 Submarine funder	94 Morning scrape?	2 Ready for business	36 Off-the-wall Mecca men	82 Porthos' pal
1 Jupiter's alias	55 In front for one	95 Took in a taco	3 Apt anagram of "vote"	37 Mecca men	84 Unsold of basketball
5 Ontario	58 Mature	96 "Islands in the -" ('83 hit)	4 Narcissus' nymph	38 Pallid	85 Granola or oatmeal
9 Rope fiber	59 Shaped like Humpty	99 Immoral	5 Summer refreshment	39 Boat bottom	41 Zhivago's portrayer
13 Stove sight	61 Part 2 of remark	101 Sign of the future	6 Supplied with Stens	40 Flat rate	87 "— People" ('92 film)
19 Crude cartel	63 Sought office	102 Push a product	7 Ukraine's capital	42 Forum	88 Irene Cara hit
20 Author Murdoch	64 Offend Paulsen	104 Hair dye	8 To be, to Trajan	43 Like some stockings	89 Pizzeria fixture
21 Skater	65 React to Frankie?	105 Poem of praise	9 Emperor Selassie	44 Second largest planet	90 Flat rate
22 Plain	66 Desert refuge	106 Give in	10 Emperor Selassie	45 Addison's partner	91 Delights
23 One of the Marches	68 Actress Linda	108 Atmosphere	11 Runs out	46 Synthetic fabric	92 Art subject
24 Fr. matrons	69 Super, for short	110 Jeune	11 Pigsty	47 Chop (off)	103 Permissible
25 — facto	72 Heir, often	112 Justice Fortas	12 Agatha Christie's forte	48 Gets a galley going	105 Animated Olive
26 Persians, at present	73 Part 3 of remark	113 End of remark	13 Kind of cuisine	49 United	107 Emulate
27 Start of a remark by John Yeck	74 Half a cocktail	121 Courageous	14 Actor Buchholz	50 Sharpshooter	108 Betsy Ross
31 Paw part	77 Benz chaser?	123 Oodles	15 Explosive	51 Hotshot	109 Robert Ruark novel
32 "Freischütz"	78 Devour Dostoyevsky	124 — about (approximately)	16 Jocular Jay	52 "Da — Ron Ron" (song)	111 Tricks
33 Apollo's mom	80 Prepare to propose	125 Flicka's foot	17 Elm City collegian	53 Sharpshooter	112 Battery part
34 Boxer Charles	81 Latin dance	127 Go limp	18 Cobb and Hardin	54 Gets a galley going	113 Noun suffix
38 "Wanted"-poster acronym	82 Tell's missile	128 "Rule Britannia" composer	20 Educ. network	55 United	114 Handy bit of Latin
40 Senator Kefauver	85 Heal	129 Big vein	21 Junior size	56 Sharpshooter	115 Time past
43 A bad figure?	86 Part 4 of remark	130 Memo start	22 Maxwell or Martelli	57 Sharpshooter	116 Ms. Montez
47 Inventive sort?	91 Chili con —	131 Scribe's tool	23 Utah National Park	58 Hotshot	117 Handle
48 Celtic	92 Poetic preposition	132 Meadowslands	24 Maxwell or Martelli	59 Da — Ron	118 Ghastly ride
50 Make a pile	93 German steel center	133 Confined to a cot	25 Utah National Park	60 Hotshot	119 Sharnal Nixon
52 Singer Benatar	94 Morning funder	134 Pedigreed pup	26 Ready for business	61 Hotshot	120 English city
		1 Chore	27 Ready for business	62 "Da — Ron Ron" (song)	121 Greek consonants
			28 Ready for business	63 "Da — Ron Ron" (song)	122 Tiny colonist
			29 Ready for business	64 "Da — Ron Ron" (song)	123 Charge

Vision Teaser



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Painting is inverted. 2. Dumbbell is raised. 5. Book is smaller. 6. Windowpanes are added. 7. Wheel is larger. 8. Pedal is raised. 9. Dumbbell is raised. 10. Windowpanes are added.

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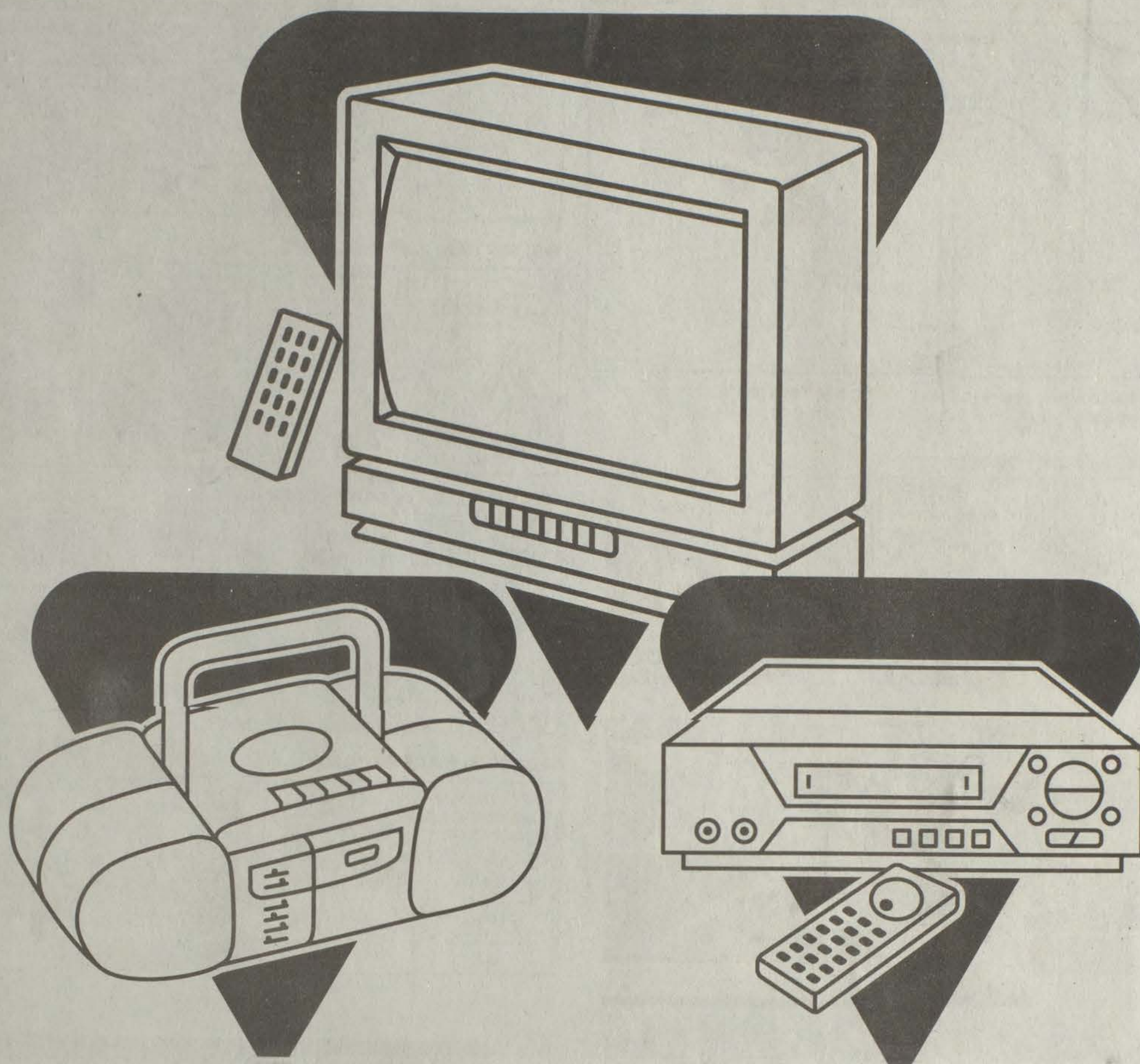
— OIL (Answers on B 6)

H	U	R	T	O	K	H	D	A	X	U	O	P	N	K
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions—forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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| Coal | Fuel | Mineral | Salad |
| Coconut | Lamp | Motor | Shale |
| Corn | Linseed | Olive | Snake |
| Crude | Midnight | Peanut | |

(Answers on B 6)



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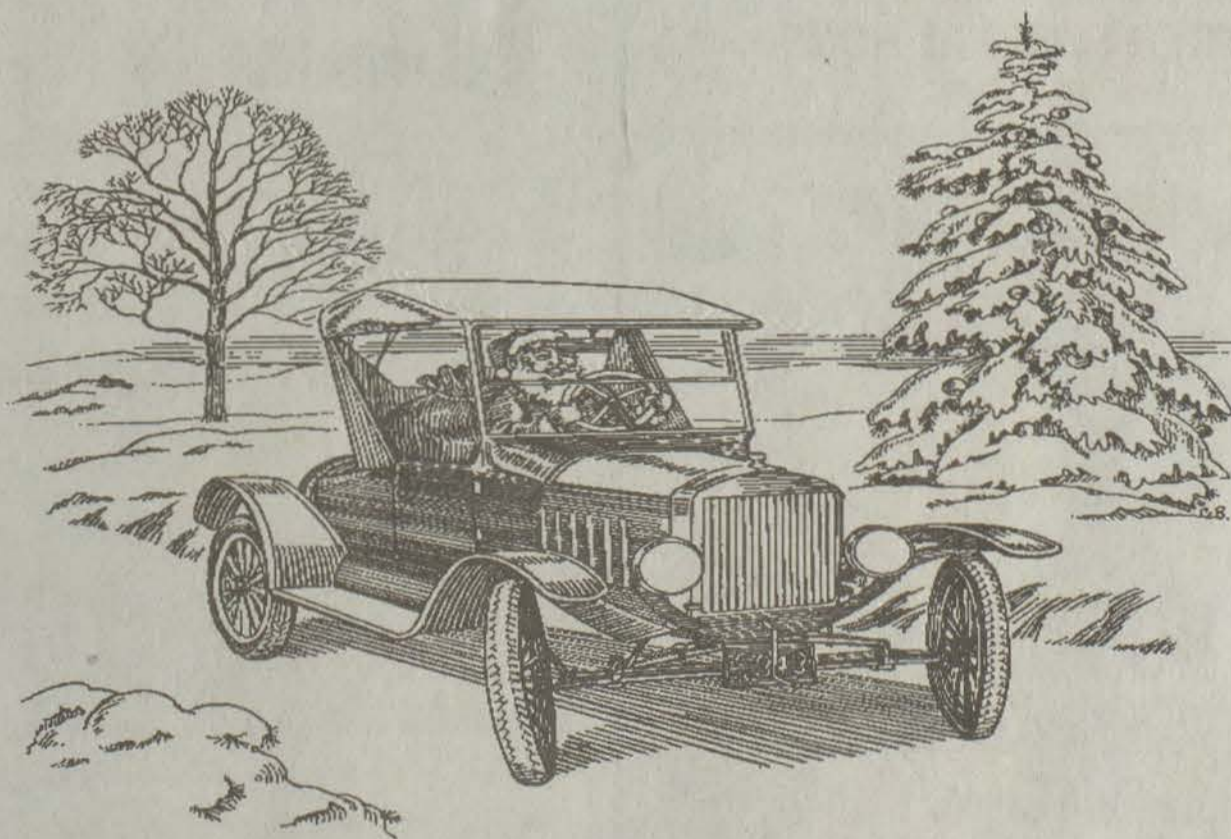


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The Floyd County Times

December 15, 1995

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Where did that Christmas custom come from?

The next time you trim your tree, enjoy the sound of carolers or set out cookies and milk for Santa Claus, you might like to consider the origins of these delightful traditions.

The tree, it's said, stems from a walk in the woods Martin Luther took one night near Christmastime. He was so intrigued by the beauty of the starlight shining through a pine tree's branches, he brought the tree home and decorated it with candles.

As for the carolers, they may well come all the way from Olde England, where, in pagan days, a

song and dance were done to celebrate the shortest days of winter.

That jolly old elf, Santa Claus, it's said, was a Turkish bishop, Saint Nikolaus, who would drop gifts of gold down the chimneys of the poor. One Christmas Eve, when a poor girl hung her stocking up to dry by the fire, the story goes, the gold landed in the stocking and a tradition was born.

Many families are starting a new tradition these days by getting tasty and attractive cookies for Santa, for themselves and to give as gifts,

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Gifts from the heart can show others the true meaning of the Christmas season

Exchanging Christmas gifts has become a highlight of the holidays. From making out a wish list to shopping for the perfect gift for that special someone, there is a feeling of anticipation throughout the season.

Buying gifts is a fine way for people to show others how much they care; the time and thought put into the selection expresses love and appreciation. However, giving a present that they made themselves can be even more meaningful.

The handmade gift is always eagerly received, and it doesn't have to be a complicated project. Baking cookies and packing them in a holiday tin or making preserves and putting them in a decorative jar is a wonderful gift that brings the flavors of Christmas to life.

For those who aren't talented in the kitchen, there are many other gifts to make. A hand-knit sweater or scarf is always well-received, as is a needlepoint pillow, an embroidered wall hanging or a handmade sachet. While these projects may seem difficult, people can use simple patterns that are easy to create.

Even if the gift isn't homemade, the wrapping paper and card can be. Nothing will bring a smile to someone's face faster than receiving a gift wrapped with a personal touch. One way to be creative is to wrap a gift in a gift. For example, if giving presents for the kitchen, people can wrap them in fabric napkins or decorative place mats. They also can decorate plain sheets of paper in their own way.

A personalized card is the best way to show people how much they are loved. The givers can say exactly what they want to say in their own words. Whether using crayons and markers, pictures cut out from magazines, or handmade bows, they can add a sense of warmth to their holiday greetings.

Another way to make Christmas-time even more special is for people to give of themselves. They can help older relatives decorate their home, work in a soup kitchen for an afternoon, organize a toy drive for needy children, or deliver gifts to people in hospitals and nursing homes. This will give them a sense of joy that they may not have thought possible.

The true spirit of the season is happiness and goodwill — sharing a sense of love with others. Giving a gift from the heart this Christmas will bring a special sense of joy to those receiving the presents and to those giving them.



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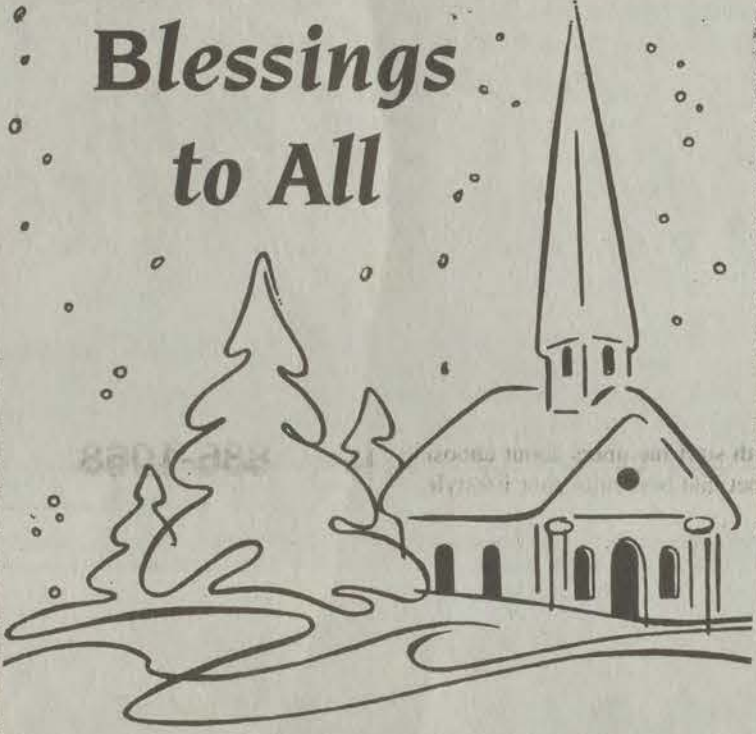
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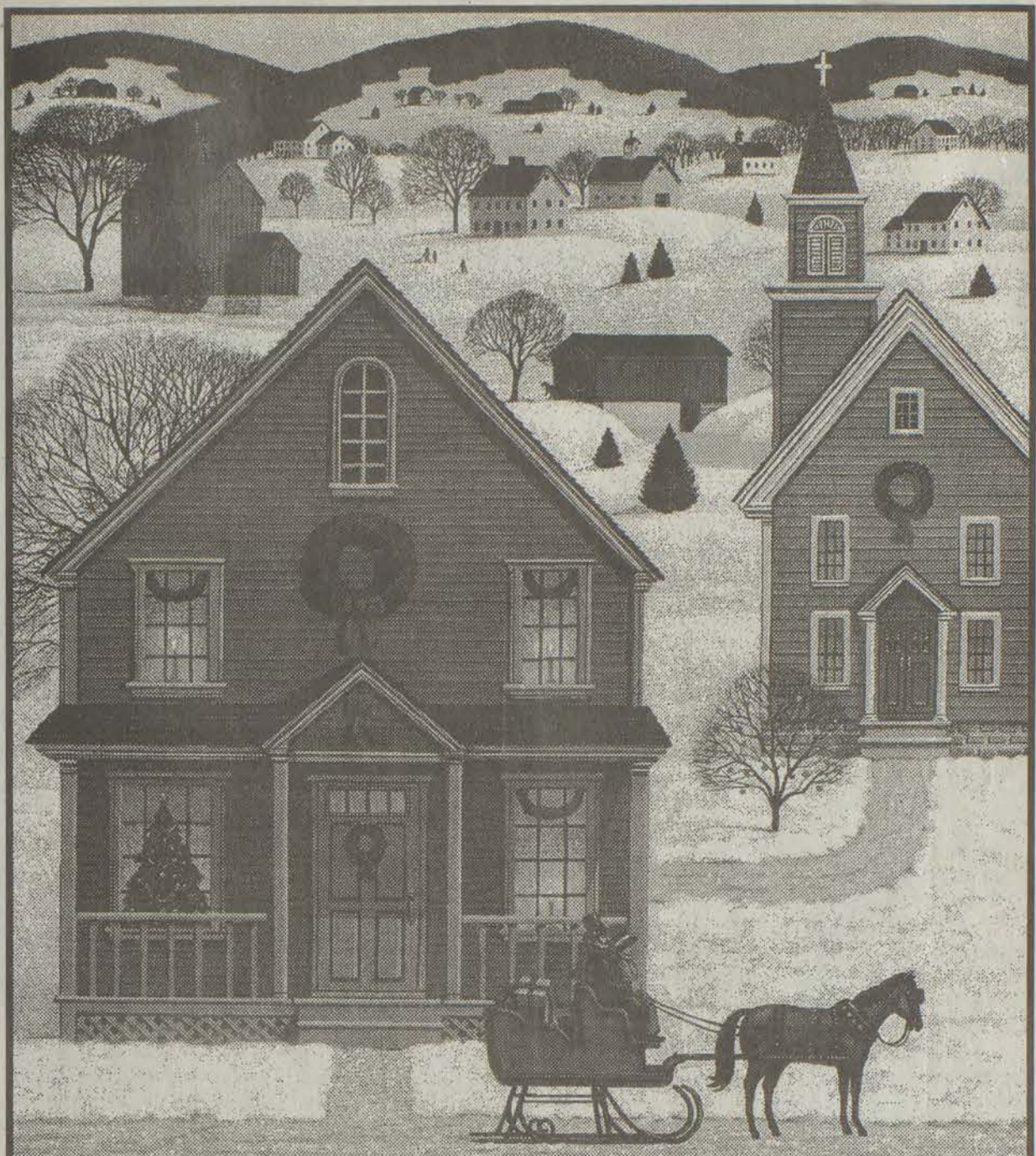
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Innovative gifts make Christmas shopping fun

As the holidays approach, so does the pressure to find great gifts without spending a fortune in money, time and energy. In our mad rush to "wrap it up," we lose sight of what the holidays are really about—sharing special time with friends and family. That's why a holiday shopping strategy is not only smart, it's essential.

Professional shoppers know that putting an innovative twist on traditional gift ideas is the key to success. With that in mind, accessories can be your best bargain for the buck:

- Anyone who doesn't consider a beautiful pen an essential accessory hasn't seen the art deco-inspired, wide-bodied Townsend pen by A.T. Cross. Available in seven fashion finishes and styles such as fountain pen, rolling ball and ballpoint, the

Townsend is available in fine stores nationwide.

- Seiko Corporation of America has introduced JAZ, a line of affordably priced fashion watches. Because he's always in fashion, an entire sector of the JAZ collection showcases over a dozen interpretations of Mickey Mouse's famous face.
- The contemporary styling of Capezio Bags' Mystique-collection makes it a must for women-on-the-go, whether traveling cross-town or cross-country. Available in black, cocoa, hunter and wine, the soft, supple shape is easy to handle yet comfortably carries wallet, make-up—even a portable phone.
- Perry Ellis Handbags and Accessories also offer smart, modern bags such as the Belmont Collection, featuring handbags and

totes trimmed with fine leather. Both handbag collections can be found at fine stores nationwide.

- With "Casual Friday" causing fashion havoc, Hanes Casual Hosiery brings socks and tights from the back yard to the boardroom by offering them in up-to-the-minute textures and colors such as argyle, jewel tones and nubby knits.
- Can't resist the allure of lingerie? Josie Natori offers undies that feel as luxurious as they look. The hottest trend—garter stockings, cami stockings and body stockings—are sleek, sexy and a fresh addition to any woman's wardrobe.
- For a friend or loved one who wants tomorrow's heirlooms today, a gift by jewelry designer Force Hunsicker is the perfect call. Force is known for mixing antique luggage tags with pearls and semi-

precious stones, then fashioning them into exquisite earrings, bracelets and necklaces. For stores nearest you, call 1-800-722-1987.

- Accessories for the body can offer a friend peace of mind after a hectic day. Brighten up a bubble bath with a handful of red and green Bath Confetti by H2O Plus, or try an H2O Plus Christmas satchel complete with Tahiti Twist shower and bath gel. Casaba Melon Botanical Bar and colorful Santa Sponge.
- Why not light up her life—literally—with a scented candle for the boudoir or dining room? Sculpted in the shape of a rose, Perfumer's Workshop's floating candles come in six scents including gardenia, vanilla and tea rose.
- Marithe and Francois Girbaud have long been lauded for their

innovative design philosophy and "Made for Life" pan-cultural clothing. Overall, a timeless fashion hit. Available for both adults and children, they've practical fashion for the whole family.

- If your loved one has a fetish for footwear, step up to Jungle Boots. Constructed of durable, hand-rubbed canvas and leather, they are rugged, water-resistant and perfectly in tune with the popular "mountaineering" look.
- Fairisle sweaters by Laura Ashley come in a melange of soft colors and can be worn over leggings, skirts or on their own with woolly tights.
- With the trend toward "nesting," accessories for the home are more welcome than ever. The Bombay Company offers well-

priced, antiqued-inspired gifts such as jewelry boxes, mahogany-finished tables and a wide array of wall decor. All items are easy to carry, flat-packed for convenience and immediately available. To order by mail, call 1-800-829-7789.

- Wines are the traditional way of sharing the holiday spirit. Now family-owned Sequoia Grove Vineyard, in Napa Valley, has the holiday gift that gives twice. For every cork returned from Sequoia Grove Chardonnay or Cabernet Sauvignon, the winery will donate a dollar to restore the trails of the Sequoia-Kings Canyon National Park, home of the world's largest trees, the Sequoia.

For more information, call 1-800-628-2921.

Seeking a unique gift? How about a gift of life?

by Richard J. Davey, M.D. Chief Medical Officer American Red Cross

If you're like I am, and you already feel exhausted and financially drained at the thought of fulfilling your holiday gift list, then consider giving a present that will cost you nothing, yet may be the greatest gift you will ever give—the gift of life.

Every ten seconds, someone in America needs blood. That's some 8,000 people a day and approximately four million people each year. To maintain an adequate national blood supply, 40,000 Americans must donate blood every day. Unfortunately, we as a nation do not always meet that goal, at times causing blood supplies to fall to critically low levels. In fact, in the past five years, blood donations

have fallen in the United States by ten percent.

If that trend continues, America may very well be faced with a national blood supply crisis at some point in the not so distant future. Paradoxically, the season of giving—the holiday months of December and January—is historically a period when blood donations are down in many communities, sometimes requiring the American Red Cross to issue appeals for blood donations.

Today, fewer than one in 10 eligible Americans gives blood. And of those few who do give, many of them forget how important it is to give regularly. Blood donors are giving less frequently these days. As a nation, we give little thought to the miracle of modern medicine unless someone dear to us needs

that miracle. As simple as it is, a blood donation is one of those miracles that will save a life—perhaps someone you know.

Often, the people who receive blood transfusions are experiencing a life-or-death medical emergency. Thousands of other Americans also require blood transfusions regularly to survive, such as people suffering from sickle cell anemia, cancer, leukemia, hemophilia, and heart disease—to name just a few.

Perhaps, it's easy to think that our neighbor or co-worker will donate, but the truth is, the responsibility begins with each of us.

The holiday season is the perfect time to pause and take stock of what each of us has accomplished and what we hope to achieve in the new year. We'll promise to become more involved in our community. Many

of us make lists of humanitarian organizations we'll support.

Consider making a promise to give blood. With this gift you will know you are helping others. And more importantly, you will be giving the gift of life to someone who needs you now.

Giving blood is truly a great act of kindness, and a unique gift that will be remembered for this season and forever.

The American Red Cross is the largest collector, processor, tester and distributor of blood in the United States, supplying approximately 3,000 hospitals. It does so through the generous donations of some 22,000 people daily. Anyone interested in donating blood can schedule an appointment by calling 1-800-GIVE-LIFE, America's BloodLine.

Animal shelter pets are a gift of love

Although the holiday season should be filled with joy and frivolity, it is generally not an ideal time to consider introducing a new pet into the family. At any time of year, however, serious thought should be given to adding a new pet to your household.

- Don't give pets as gifts. Companion animals should be considered a lovable but lifetime commitment. However, many pets given as presents are frequently surrendered to shelters. It's best to wait until after the hectic holiday season before adopting a pet. If your family is considering adopting in the near future, books and videos about animal care make wonderful presents and can help adults and children prepare in advance for the responsibility of pet ownership.
- Don't adopt exotics. While some people believe that animals such as hedgehogs, snakes and hermit crabs, make wonderful pets, nothing could be further from the truth. Wild animals can never be truly domesticated and are best left in the wild where they can survive and flourish.
- Talk to your children about pet care and responsibility. One of the greatest gifts you can give your children is respect and compassion for other creatures.

A growing number of homes in need of a lovable pet are finding pets in need of a home at shelters and humane societies. Each year millions of healthy and lovable dogs, cats, puppies and kittens are surrendered to these shelters. The

shelters can also provide information on affordable vaccines, spay/neuter services and behavior training.

Experts at The Humane Society of the United States suggest that if you already own a companion animal, make the holiday's a special time to reestablish your bond.

A gift of love

While millions of companion animals are being euthanized due to lack of homes, one of the greatest gifts you can give your pet is to have him or her spayed or neutered. Many local animal shelters now provide low-cost spay/neuter programs. Some offer spay/neuter gift

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Baby boomers are caught in a three-way squeeze: hectic careers, rearing children and caring for aging parents. But technology can relieve some of the stress, especially in the case of aging parents.

Almost 50 percent of the pagers sold during this holiday season will be purchased as gift items, and many of those gifts will be used to link generations. So says PageMart Inc., one of the nation's fastest-growing providers of wireless communications.

Surveys by the company's Consumer User Group indicate beepers are fast becoming the communication tool of choice for boomers looking for easy, affordable ways to stay in touch with their aging parents.

By the end of the decade, virtually all parents of baby boomers will be elderly. Providing some degree of care for them will be an everyday concern for about 30 per-

cent of the work force, says American Demographic magazine.

The magazine also observes that today's seniors want to live independently of their children. By 2010, an estimated 13 million Americans aged 65 and older will be living alone.

"This is a time when families really take stock," says Paul Turner, Page-Mart's vice president of customer service. "When parents are alone, they're perceived as more vulnerable and the need to stay in touch becomes more real."

Boomers, wise in the ways of juggling jobs and child care, are discovering eldercare is inherently more difficult. Experts note caring for an aging parent is sharply different from caring for children in that it's far more unpredictable. That unpredictability may be a natural part of aging, but it's also a major contributor to stress for caregivers. Unfortunately, boomers are learn-

ing that the emergencies and crises that accompany aging are more likely to increase than decrease. To complicate matters, an aging parent often lives 100 or more miles away.

Turner says carrying a beeper is one way boomers alleviate the stress of caring for aging parents. "Beepers are rapidly becoming an integral part of the complex lifestyle support system people are piecing together," he says.

Beepers offer caregivers freedom of movement and freedom from worry, because wireless search-and-find technology can find them anywhere, anytime. And aging parents like being able to easily reach their busy children.

Features such as personal 800 voice-mail numbers let older folks use pagers to leave long-distance messages free of charge, an added benefit to those on fixed incomes.

When aging parents are confined to nursing homes, administrators

welcome pagers as a means of quickly contacting responsible parties in an emergency. Hospice workers are also using pagers to ensure special personnel—spiritual advisers, social workers and hospice family counselors—are available to dying patients and grieving families.

Pagers are low-cost, easy-to-use technology that provides immediate accessibility. Boomers scouting gift ideas for friends and family will find beepers are welcome and practical stocking stuffers. Pagers are available for as little as \$59 and local numeric paging begins at \$6.95 a month.

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Planning ahead helps keep the peace when going home for the holidays

A happy family sitting around the hearth reading heart-warming cards. That's the picture most of us have when we think of going home for the holidays—but that's not the way it is with most families, says Radford University psychology professor Jeffery Chase. "Usually there is warmth and caring," he says, "but there are also disagreements over everything from politics to how to raise children."

When we go home, it's easy to fall into the old roles of compliant child, disagreeable child, critical parent or whatever roles we adopted in the past, says Chase. "And we're exquisitely sensitive to old irritations. We don't have to hear something very loudly for it to drive us crazy, because it's the same stuff that's always driven us crazy."

RU counselor education professor Paula Stanley agrees that when adult children go home for the holidays it can be easy to fall into old roles and resume old conflicts.

"Don't idealize your holiday expectations," she says. "Realize

that it's easy to revert to behaving like a child and fall into the same kinds of cycles that have always existed."

Your parents may never approve of your friends' or the way you dress, but there's no need to take their criticism personally, she says. "As adults, we need to see our parents as people and try to maintain a good relationship even if that means some self-restraint. Also, instead of focusing on your differences, try to find some common ground."

Chase suggests planning shared activities like shopping or going to a museum or play. "Activities give you something neutral to talk about and something shared," he says, "which is especially important if you've lost touch and aren't really sure what to say to each other."

Shared holiday time will be less strained if you make an effort to stay in touch throughout the year, he says. "Then it won't seem so artificial."

"Sometimes during the holidays

we get pulled in many different directions and different demands are put on us," says Chase, especially if many relatives are involved. "We need to decide who we're going to see and how much time we'll spend with them. For couples, it can help to negotiate this beforehand and let family members know your plans ahead of time. That way, at least you've laid the groundwork."

If you run into conflict, don't shut down or get defensive, suggests Chase. "Instead, plan for success," he says. "Adapt and figure out how you can make things work."

"Sometimes it helps to think of yourself as a guest instead of a person who is going home," he says. "Then, you'll be more willing to be polite and less willing to contradict or be argumentative."

Another pointer from the experts: Don't stay too long. There will be less stress if you leave before you wear out your welcome.

Give a gift back to the environment

Real or plastic? Many consumers will be asking themselves that question this holiday season.

In this age of environmental awareness it's appropriate to know a favorite family holiday tradition of choosing a real Christmas tree over an artificial tree is still the environmentally sound choice.

A benefit to the atmosphere, real Christmas trees absorb carbon dioxide and other gases, emitting fresh oxygen. This helps prevent the earth-warming greenhouse effect.

One acre of Christmas trees produces the daily oxygen requirement for 18 people. With approximately one million acres producing Christmas trees in the United States, that translates into oxygen for 18 million people every day. For every real Christmas tree harvested, three seedlings are planted in its place.



Real Christmas trees are an all-American, recyclable resource. Artificial trees, most of which are manufactured in Korea, Taiwan or Hong Kong, consist of plastics and metals that aren't biodegradable. When disposed of, the artificial trees will never deteriorate. Their effects on our environment are evident and will remain for countless generations.

Christmas tree farms stabilize soil, protect water supplies and provide refuge for wildlife while creating scenic green belts. Often,

Christmas trees are grown on soil that could not support other crops.

Real trees are easily reused and recycled, artificial trees cannot be recycled. Here are some post-holiday ideas for real Christmas trees:

- Christmas trees are biodegradable—the branches may be removed and used as mulch for gardens, parks or in animal stalls. The trunk can be chopped for the same purpose. Mulching programs have become popular with communities throughout the nation. Check with your local department of public works for information.


- Large quantities of Christmas trees make effective sand and soil erosion barriers, especially at beaches. Sunk into private fish ponds, trees make excellent refuge and feeding area for fish.

- Christmas trees also make excellent bird feeders, adding color and excitement to the winter garden. You may attract birds with orange slices, suet and bird seed. They will come for the food and stay for the shelter in the branches.

- In some areas of the country, living trees are gaining in popularity. Living trees have their roots intact and can be re-planted outside following the holiday. NOTE: Living trees have a better survival rate in mild climates.

For some consumers, buying a real Christmas tree is as easy as picking up the phone. Tree buyers can place their orders in advance for delivery of a fresh tree. Buyers can place their orders in advance of the holiday season for delivery of a fresh tree, usually in early December. Mail order trees make easy festive gifts for friends, family and business associates.

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Cellular phones can save time, money at holidays

You've been hearing it for years—some new product will "save you time and make your life easier." Yet it seems as if, with every new technological advance, life gets busier and more complex.

But one product has found widespread acceptance because it does deliver on its promises of convenience: the cellular telephone.

According to Dennis Strigl, president of Bell Atlantic NYNEX Mobile, the profile of the "typical" cellular phone user is changing dramatically. "It was predominantly business users who, in the early years of wireless communications, saw the advantages of this service and were willing to invest the money."

"Now, with the wide array of affordable price plans available, a

whole new wireless customer is emerging."

Every day, Strigl says, approximately 28,000 Americans are joining the ranks of cellular phone users, and with each of them comes a whole new range of convenient ways to use the phone—especially at holiday time.

• **Avoid holiday traffic.** Cellular phone owners don't have to wait for their favorite radio station to issue a report at the top of the hour—they can use their phone to get up-to-the-minute traffic reports anytime. Most wireless carriers provide a free traffic information line to customers.

• **Last-minute shopping.** With a cellular phone, shoppers can confirm store hours, call for directions, check a credit card or bank account

balance, or find out if a store has the item you're looking for in stock. And they can avoid the long lines at pay phones—which always seem to be at the other end of the mall—and find out the size or favorite color of everyone on their gift list in minutes.

• **Deal with delays.** Whether traveling by car, train or airplane, travel delays during the holidays are inevitable. Cellular phone-carrying travelers can let friends and family know they'll be late, request roadside assistance or reschedule a flight with their travel agent.

• **Help the baby sitter.** With a cellular phone, parents can be accessible almost anywhere they travel during the holidays, all evening long.

• **Make holidays safer.** Holiday revelers who may have enjoyed too much "holiday spirit" can call a cab or a friend to provide a safe ride home.

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Giving the gift of memories

Looking for the perfect gift this holiday season? Why not give something that shares happy memories and adds style to any room? Give an attractive photo album, photo frame or even a decorative photo storage box and you've created the perfect gift that can be enjoyed year after year. Following are some gift-giving ideas that will add festivity to the season and create memories to last a lifetime.

Fill an album, frame or Showbox photo viewer with photos of special moments shared with friends or family and you have a thoughtful present with your own personal touch—a great idea for holiday time or any time. Burnes of Boston, for example, offers a wide variety of albums and frames to suit every style. For yourself or for

friends, they personalize the decor of any home year-round.

Another great gift idea is a matching album and photo storage box. Consider Burnes' designs, which include simple patterns to elaborate details; they are ideal for anyone who likes to save their photos in a special place. No need for wrapping paper—photo and video storage boxes are a clever way to present small gifts. After the holidays, these boxes can store tree decorations or special holiday greeting cards throughout the year.

Need photos of friends and relatives? Create them on the spot at holiday parties to make your gift part of the celebration. Bring a single-use camera and a gift such as a pocket album or Burnes Showbox. Take photos of the whole gang,

then present your gift to be filled with the photos you've just taken. Be sure to order double prints so there are plenty to go around!

Make a tree-trimming occasion magical for children by getting them involved. Have them decorate the tree with mini frame ornaments, such as the Gold Ornaments from Burnes of Boston, which they can personalize with favorite photos. They also make special gifts for grandparents, teachers and friends.

Whichever albums or frames appeal to your taste, giving the gift of memories through photographs will ensure that the holiday season is cherished for many years to come. For more information about Burnes of Boston, or to find a retailer near you, call 1-800-998-8090.



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Holiday Gift Ideas

by *Betty Boop*

Every holiday season I seem to get stuck for gift ideas for friends and family. It's so hard to find just the right gift—that's also in the right price range. Here are some of the gift-giving rules that have served me well, followed by some actual gift suggestions. You'll notice that all the gifts have my picture. (blush, blush)

GIFT-GIVING RULES

1. Decide ahead of time the price range for each gift.
2. Jot down any known preferences, such as type of gift, loves silk, always wears size XL.
3. Also list any negatives, such as can't wear wool, hates purple, never wears a hat.
4. Don't forget about the option of giving "group gifts." Instead of getting a small gift for everyone, buy a big gift that everybody can enjoy. This could be an office group gift, a family group gift or a bowling group gift.
5. Make a list of the most likely stores for purchasing the gifts. Shop ahead of time, so if your gift choice is unavailable, the store can order it, or you can make another selection and go on to the next gift purchase.
6. Don't get stuck if you can't find the right gift for someone. Go on to the remaining people on your list. Chances are you'll come up with a gift idea when you least expect it.
7. Keep all gift receipts in an envelope for safekeeping. If, for some reason, the gift has to be returned, you won't waste time searching for the receipt. (It also helps to write the name of the person you gave the gift on the back of the receipt.)

GIFT SUGGESTIONS

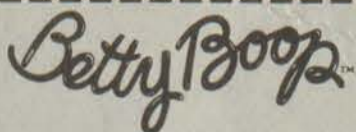
- Stocking Stuffers (Under \$5)
Just a little something, but special because it has my picture on it!
1. Holiday socks, Snowflakes and Betty Boop Santa design. Handcraft Manufacturing Corp. \$3-\$5.
 2. Keyrings/Address Books/Checkbook Covers. Various designs and colors. Reedproductions, \$1-\$5.
 3. Pens/Pencils/Die Cut Erasers. Many designs.

- Bright Ideas Unlimited, \$2-\$5.
4. Magnets. Fun Betty Boop poses and messages make good refrigerator reminders. N.J. Croce Company, Inc. \$2-\$5.
 5. Magic Gloves. One size fits all. Red, blue or black with embroidered Betty Boop face. Accessory Network. \$3.99.
 6. Trading Cards. All the rage, Betty Boop cards make good "keepers" and "traders." Nine cards per pack. Krome Productions. \$1.99.
 7. Cardboard Standup. A standup Betty Boop that's 12 inches tall, full color, various poses. Triangle Enterprises. \$4.50.



- Fun Stuff for Kids (Under \$10)
Even the little ones respond to my smilin' face. They smile, too!
1. Just for You. Personalized children's books, clocks and paint kits. D & K Enterprises. \$9.95 each.
 2. Sweet Dreams. Betty Boop pillowcase. Choice of 3 designs. Earth Image Designs. \$9.99.
 3. Dolls. Soft Betty Boop dolls, 11 inches high, choice of two outfits. Dakin, Inc. \$10.
- Great for Guys (Under \$15)
Guys get a kick out of Betty Boop gifts. I think they all love me! (Secretly, of course.)
1. Ties. Many patterns and colors, including holiday motif. Ralph Martin & Co., Inc. \$10-\$15.
 2. Silk Boxers. Many patterns & colors, S,M,L. Briefly Stated. \$15.
 3. Suspenders. Gray with red Betty Boop classic pose. Snap-on fasteners. The Rainbow Connection. \$15.
- Great for Gals (Under \$20)
Lots of gals identify with me. (I'll bet they wish they were just like me!)

1. Vest. Synthetic print (red/gray/black) with solid black back. S, M, L. Accessory Network. \$15.
 2. Purses. Black leatherette shoulder bags/various shapes. American Toons. \$15-\$20.
 3. Body Sheet. Large (30 x 60), 100% cotton towel, 2 designs. Jay Franco & Sons, Inc. \$16.99.
- Family Gifts (Over \$20)
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1. Cookie Jar. Large (12 inches) ceramic jar. Lyon Design/Vandor. \$28.
 2. Computer Accessories. Computer mouse pads & wrist pads. Computer Expressions. \$10-\$15 each, \$22 for set.
 3. Beverage set. Clear acrylic tray, pitcher, ice bucket, glasses and mugs. Several designs. Zak Designs. Sets for \$24.
- Individual items \$4-\$20.
- For That Special Occasion (Over \$30)
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1. Formalwear. Bow tie & cummerbund set. Black with multicolor design. After Six Limited. \$40.
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Kentucky's toy inspectors take buying toys seriously

'Tis the season to play it safe with toys bought for all good little girls and boys. And Santa's helpers get extra help this time of year from Kentucky product safety inspectors.

Toy inspectors from the state's Department of Health Services are making the rounds to approximately 75 Kentucky stores. They're checking their lists more than twice for toys that pose a choking hazard, sharp edges or points and of poor construction.

They also are making sure none of the 50 toys and children's products on the federal Consumer Product Safety Commission's recall list are in stores. In addition, inspectors have their own list that do not meet state standards.

Terry Wescott, manager of the department's consumer product safety branch, said they have not found any of the items on the federal list in stores.

"We're targeting discount stores this year," Wescott said. "We are finding some of the toys that don't meet state standards. The inspectors will continue checking stores through mid-December. If consumers find questionable toys they should contact us."

Consumer complaints can lead to product recalls.

Wescott urged adults buying toys to become safety inspectors when they shop. He offered the following toy buying tips.

• Shoppers should look for sharp edges and loose parts themselves, because warning labels and age rec-

ommendations are not always accurate.

• Pay attention to age guidelines listed on toys but also consider the individual child's maturity level. For example, not all three-year-olds are ready for all toys marked for that age group. Also, toys for older children should be kept out of the hands of younger brothers and sisters.

• Check instructions to make sure they are clear to you, and when necessary, to the child.

• Make sure soft toys, such as dolls and stuffed animals are well constructed and buttons and eyes are firmly attached.

• Don't let the price tag and appearance be the only guiding factors. Look for toys that are durable.

"The holiday season is the most intense toy buying time of the year, but parents and other adults who buy toys should be thinking about safety any time they purchase something for a child. Parents also should periodically check their children's playthings to look for items that should be repaired or discarded. Many injuries occur when toys are misused or when broken items become hazardous," Wescott said.

Parents or other consumers who

spot toys or other products that appear unsafe can contact Wescott at Product Safety Branch, Department for Health Services, 275 E. Main St., Frankfort, KY 40621 or call him at (502) 564-4537.

So far this season, several toys have been found in small retail stores and toy liquidator stores that fail the state inspectors' small parts standards. Wescott said the following toys pose an aspiration or ingestion hazard for small children. All of the items were made in China.

• Wooden Toy Truck (eight styles)—colorfully painted and of simple construction. They are easily broken when dropped, exposing small parts.

• Wood Caterpillar—colorfully painted pull toy of simple construction, approximately two feet long with segmented body. The eyes of the caterpillar easily break off.

• Chopper Commander—plastic, free-wheeling colorful action helicopter, packaged in blister packs in units of three. The tail rotor can be easily removed.

• Bi-wing Bandit—colorful free-wheeling plastic action airplane packaged in blister pack in units of three. The propeller can be easily

removed.

• Toy Xylophones, two brands—orange plastic and metal construction with animals planted on metal surfaces. Packaged with three

attachable legs.

• Wild Eagle—pull-back action plastic car with two side-by-side drivers. The heads of the drivers can easily be removed.



"When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy."

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Mutual fund just for kids: gift that keeps on giving

If you are looking for gift ideas for your children this holiday season, consider opening a mutual fund geared to kids.

Stein Roe, a Chicago-based investment management firm, manages the Young Investor Fund, a mutual fund designed to help provide a competitive long-term investment return and to help educate young people about investing. The fund's portfolio invests in stocks that kids identify with, like Disney, Nike, McDonald's and Coca Cola.

The fund's annual and semi-annual reports are written in kid-friendly language. Investors also receive "Dollar Digest," Stein Roe's Young Investor Quarterly newsletter that features interesting educational topics to help children learn about money.

"We have received terrific feedback from the kids and their parents for providing the fund and the educational information," said Timothy Armour, president of Stein Roe Mutual Funds.

dren to start investing an early age and to add to their investment consistently over time.

New shareholders receive a welcome kit that includes a workbook and fun investment activities that the child and parent can work on together to learn more about the importance of regular saving and investing.

Liberty Financial, the parent company of Stein Roe, also has developed a free interactive computer game for kids that helps teach the fundamentals of money and investing. The PC-based game allows the players to make their way around an electronic board earning points by correctly answering randomly selected questions.

For more information about the Stein Roe Young Investor Fund, including a prospectus, or to obtain a copy of the free interactive computer game, Young Investor, call 1-800-403-KIDS.

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Accounts may be opened in the Young Investor Fund through January 31, 1996, with an initial investment of \$100, provided the investor agrees to subsequent investments of at least \$50 monthly. The regular minimums for all accounts, which are higher, go back in effect after January 31, 1996.

If you are worried about saving for your child's future college costs, the Stein Roe young Investor Fund is a great way to get your chil-

Selecting the right bike

During the holiday season, when more bicycles are purchased as gifts than any other time of the year, it's important to know how to choose the right bike for your child. Today's kids want rugged tires, wild colors and cool components. However, parents want their child's bike to be durable, safe and reasonably priced.

Huffy Bicycles, the largest manufacturer of children's bikes in the U.S., and maker of a hot bike for kids, the "Electro-Light," provides the following buying tips:

• Select the appropriate bicycle size for your child. Three- to five-year-olds usually require a 16-inch, while six- to nine-year-olds generally need a 20-inch. The best way to check the appropriate size is to have your child straddle the bicycle. With feet flat on the ground, there should be a two or three inch clearance from the bicycle frame to the child's groin area.



• Take a close look at the seat—a soft, mid-size saddle makes riding any bike much more comfortable.

• Make sure the chain guard covers at least the top half of the chain. A large chain guard decreases the danger of loose clothing becoming tangled in the chain.

• If your child requires training wheels, make sure they are made of rubber. Plastic wheels wear out more quickly.

• Be sure to purchase a helmet, as eight out of ten injuries involve the head! In many states, they are required by law.

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Stumped on what toys to buy the kids?

With all the hot new dolls, toys, electronic gadgets and sports paraphernalia out there, you would think that buying gifts for the kids would well be child's play. But if you don't have kids of your own, or if they're grown up and past the toy stage, how do you know what to buy?

Well, you could get ideas by watching the commercials on Saturday morning television or you could hit the malls and hope for the best. However, the most hassle-free way to shop for the kids could be Spiegel's holiday catalog, with more than 60 pages of the hottest toys of the season.

Lincoln Rodman, Spiegel's toy buyer, advises shoppers to check the age range listed on each toy to make sure it's appropriate for the child. Says Rodman, there's nothing more frustrating to a child than a toy that's too juvenile or too difficult. And age appropriateness is especially important when buying one of the new electronic learning toys.

So what to get? Here's an easy guide to the most sought-after toys this year. Any one of them will turn you into an honorary Santa.

• The Ultimate Rocking Horse. A

perfect gift from the grandparents is a classic hardwood rocking horse personalized with your favorite cowpoke's name on the saddle. This is an heirloom-in-the-making.

• Play Tools. Boys will be boys and some of the hottest gifts this season will be aimed at young fans of the popular TV show, "Home Improvement." One of the most sought-after gifts is the Playskool® Cool Tools™ Power Workbench, which sounds like a real workshop, and includes a wrench, circular saw, drill and tool holder.

The Cool Tools™ Collector set contains ten real metal tools, and a Cool Tools™ Tool Box holds them all.

• Barbie. As the ultimate babe doll turns 35, she's hotter than ever, and Spiegel's exclusive Theatre Elegance™ Barbie® looks ultrachic in a long black velvet gown and crystal accessories. Also on the list is a remote-control Dance 'N Twirl™ Barbie® and a three-foot-tall My Size Bride™ Barbie® for the ultimate little girl fantasy.

• Power Rangers™. No doubt they already have the action figures, but you can keep the Morph Magic going with a whole range of Power Rangers™ products such as the

Mighty Morphin Power Rangers™ Watch, the Megazoid Electric Toothbrush and the Power Rangers™ slumber bags, tote bags, bean bag chairs, walkie talkies and playhouse. For any Power Rangers™ item, be sure to shop early...they have the power to sell out quicker than any other toys around.

• Brio® Train Sets. These almost indestructible beechwood trains from Sweden have been delighting boys and girls for decades. The basic set contains 19 pieces and there are lots of accessories to give as add-on gifts for special occasions to come.

• Arts and Crafts. Boys and girls alike enjoy expressing their creativity through arts and crafts. Easels, paints, markers and crayons are always welcome. Or how about a deluxe sand art kit? For the electronic crowd, the Master Video Painter™ transforms your TV into a drawing and doodling pad. It paints in 14 colors using 20 pre-programmed patterns, six drawing tools with sound effects, and 12 editing tools, including zoom and animation techniques.

• Six-In One Championship Game Table. Here's a gift that gives

the most bang for your holiday buck. It's brand new and perfect for the whole family. The convertible game table features pool, table tennis, foosball, table-top hockey and two kinds of basketball. Built-in storage compartment holds all accessories.

• Steel-Tec™ Construction System. Kids can build all kinds of cool and crazy vehicles with real nuts and screws, all with moving parts and battery- or friction-powered motors.

• Incredible Edibles® and Creepy Crawlers®. Because kids love anything gross, these two items are surefire hits. The Incredible Edibles® Grosseries™ Maker lets them serve up some piping hot Hamboogers with Macaroni and Sneezes on the side. The Creepy Crawlers® Workshop makes it easy to bug everyone with wiggly, jiggly insects they bake up themselves.

This top toys list should make it easy for you to know what to buy all the young people on your list. And to make things easier, shop by catalog to avoid crowded stores and long lines.

To order a copy of Spiegel's holiday or gift catalog, call 1-800-345-5000.



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The Christmas pet: what to expect when the holiday is over

Thinking about buying/adopting a new furry friend for your children this Christmas? You might want to do some research to avoid making a rash decision.

"Many parents, caught up in the holiday spirit, buy a pet without considering whether or not their family is ready for one," says Dr. Dan Carey, a veterinarian with The Iams Company. "Truth is, a new puppy or kitten is like a baby; they require a tremendous amount of attention, time and money, but the rewards of having one are immeasurable."

Is your family ready for a pet? Here are some things worth considering.

• Do you have time, time and more time? All new pets command a lot of attention, but this is especially true of puppies. Until a puppy is housebroken and comfortable with his surroundings, he will need constant supervision. A comfortable crate is effective while everyone is at work or school (providing that someone is on hand to walk and feed the dog at certain times during the day). Remember, puppies thrive on human companion-

ship and will not hesitate to let you know this, at any time of the day or night.

It will be your job, not your children's, to properly housebreak your pet. This takes time and an abundance of patience. Good training from the start means less headaches for you, fewer messes on your carpet and a happier Fido or Fluffy.

• Veterinarian visits are vital to your pet's good health. It is important to remember that pets need yearly veterinary check-ups, even if nothing is wrong. Preventative medicine is easier—and often less expensive—than curing an illness or correcting a problem. At the yearly check-up, make sure your pet receives its proper vaccinations. Also, unless you plan to breed your dog or cat professionally, spaying/neutering is essential. Along with helping to alleviate the growing number of unwanted pets in this country, spaying can prevent some forms of cancer in pets. The operation is safe; your veterinarian can advise you of the proper age for your pet to be spayed/neutered.

• The right match. Here's the sit-

uation...you live in an apartment in the city. Your kids have been begging Santa to stuff their stockings with a Siberian Husky this Christmas. Against your better judgment you get them the Husky pup. Really, a puppy so little and cute can't get that big. Right?

Many people purchase puppies based on pressure from their kids or on the puppy's appearance. They do not take into account how big that puppy will get, that the breed may not adapt to young children, or is high-spirited and needs room to run. It is best to research the breed before you purchase the puppy to save yourself the heartache of owning an animal that's not a good match for your family's lifestyle.

• Some (pet) food for thought. You spend plenty of time picking out the best foods for your family, and chances are you'll do the same for your pet. Here are some tips: Growing and active pets need a high-protein, high-fat diet; what's good for you is not necessarily good for your pet. Read pet food labels carefully to be sure your dog or cat food is high in animal-based

protein (chicken by-products, lamb, egg)—it should appear at the top of the list.

To prevent stomach upsets, find a well-balanced, dry pet food and stick with it, using a nutritious, canned food for variety. Foods with better quality ingredients are more readily absorbed and utilized, which means pets need less food and produce less waste.

Owning a pet can be a wonderful, rewarding experience—if you do your homework. Also, giving your children a pet not only gives them a best friend, but teaches them the basics of responsibility and reliability.

Do you have questions about adding a new dog or cat to the family? Call the Iams Pet Nutrition Center and Hotline at 800/863-4267. The hotline operates Monday-Saturday, 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m., Eastern time. Iams also offers free brochures and literature about all aspects of pet care.



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(NAPS)—The holidays are a time many families find they love their computer all the more. Those who have a quality color printer can come up with all sorts of creative and colorful new ways to make the season bright.

Here are few you may care to consider:

• Make your own holiday cards, using family photos, children's drawings, even your favorite art reprint, plus the computer's own graphics to customize Christmas cards that say Happy Holidays just your way.

• Deck the halls, the walls, the tree and the table with decorations you've designed yourselves on the computer and printed out in Christmas colors.

• The computer can also print out attractive labels and gift tags that feature your special flair. They're particularly fine for putting on those cookies you baked or that scarf you knitted.

• To wrap it all up, make your

own wrapping paper. Show your creativity both in the gifts you give and in the package they come in.

Don't have a color printer? Consider getting yourself and your family the gift of an Epson color ink jet from an electronics or computer store. If you do before January 31, 1996, you'll be able to receive free Easy Photo or Print Artist software.

Easy Photo by Storm Software lets you easily add photos to your computer and create personalized documents. With it, you can make great reports for school or business, prepare presentations, and design your own letters and flyers. In addition, you can use it to organize, edit and enhance your family or corporate photographs and it comes with its own stock of more than 200 beautiful full color pictures.

If you prefer, you can select Print Artist 3.0 by Sierra On-Line, Inc. which can be used to create personalized greeting cards, stationery, envelopes, flyers and busi-

ness cards for almost any occasion. It comes with hundreds of pre-designed layouts, graphics and fonts.

Think of the Christmas gifts you can make with such software: photo albums, stationery sets, tree ornaments, decoupage—whatever your imagination can come up with. Your Christmas letter can look terrific with family photos or bright graphics, and your holiday cards, party invitations and decorations, this year can be more creative and colorful than ever.

For more information about Epson's colorful printer line, call 1-800-BUY-EPSON.



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The 18th and 19th centuries come to life during the annual Yuletide Tour

People can celebrate the holidays in 18th- and 19th-century style at the annual Yuletide at Winterthur tour, running from Nov. 8 through Jan. 7. The Delaware museum's guided tour will feature more than 20 rooms highlighting events from a Hanukkah celebration to Twelfth Night festivities.

One room on this year's tour will re-create Jenny Lind's 1850 Christmas celebration in Charleston, S.C. Known as the "Swedish Nightingale," Lind (1820-1887), who was on her very successful American-debut singing tour, invited troupe members to her room on Christmas Eve. She had a surprise in store for them — a Christmas tree decorated with presents for everyone. Each person received a small "joke" gift. For instance, Lind's conductor had to remove 40 layers of wrapping to find a piece of tobacco. Lind also received a surprise of her own — her fans placed a decorated tree outside of her window for her enjoyment. Winterthur's room will take visitors back in time to this holiday evening.

Another room on the tour will re-create an 18th-century dance in a Philadelphia tavern during the British occupation of the city at the time of the Revolutionary War.

Other holiday settings will include a ball supper in the 1830s, a Hanukkah celebration in 19th-century Rhode Island, a Twelfth Night party and a New Year's calling. Visitors also will be able to see many traditionally decorated trees, from one adorned with cookies and apples to an elaborate Victorian tree that has come to represent an old-fashioned Christmas to many.

Everything on the tour is historically documented through diaries, correspondence, prints, paintings and books, helping to ensure people that they are viewing authentic re-creations.

For more information about Yuletide at Winterthur, call 1-800-448-3883.

A RE-CREATION OF JENNY LIND'S 1850 Christmas celebration, featuring a tree decorated with gifts for every member of her troupe, will be just one of the rooms highlighted at the annual Yuletide at Winterthur tour at Winterthur Museum in Delaware.



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Take a magical journey into Christmas past at mystic seaport



Visitors can be a player in a Victorian Christmas drama that unfolds by lantern light in exhibition buildings and on board Mystic Seaport's ships. They may find themselves spying on a silver-haired St. Nick, singing carols in a horse-drawn carriage or kicking up their heels with revelers in the tavern.

Fires crackle in old-fashioned coal stoves and harness bells ring in the crisp evening air as Mystic Seaport Lantern Light Tours are ready to begin.

Each evening during the holiday season, the unparalleled collection of historic ships and buildings of this world-famous maritime museum become the stage for the dramatic performances of Lantern Light Tours, a holiday tradition for thousands. The clocks turn back 100 years, and modern-day visitors begin their dramatic journey into Christmas past.

A flickering lantern light and a costumed guide lead the way to Christmas Eve 1876. Visitors may find themselves riding in a horse-drawn omnibus over cobblestone streets, kicking up their heels with revelers in the tavern or spying on a

silver-haired St. Nick. Christmas happens on sea, as well as on shore, and visitors can board a historic tall ship, go below deck and visit with the sailors in port for the holiday. They'll also meet shopkeepers bubbling with lively conversation, hospitable families eager to share 19th-century festivities and good-hearted "wharf rats" warming themselves by the fire they've built in a giant cauldron on the docks.

To order tickets for Lantern Light Tours, call 1-800-522-1841 beginning Oct. 2. Lantern Light Tours run from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. on selected evenings from Dec. 1 to 21. The cost for the one-hour experience is \$18 for adults and \$10 for youths ages 4 to 15.



Christmas wagon rides are just one of the many activities highlighting an old-fashioned Country Christmas at Roscoe Village in Coshocton, Ohio, this holiday season.

Relive holiday history at a charming village

Guests will experience the warmth and charm of this 19th-century living-history community at Country Christmas at Roscoe Village in Coshocton, Ohio. Handmade evergreen wreaths and the glow of light in every window will decorate the aged-brick buildings and quaint shops this holiday season.

Highlighting the celebration will be the annual Christmas Candelighting Ceremonies on the first three Saturdays in December, featuring the lighting of a 35-foot Christmas tree.

The festivities also will include the reading of a special Christmas story and the singing of traditional yuletide carols.

The ceremony will conclude as the honorary candlelighter lights the first candle and watches as the

flame is passed from one person to another. Within minutes, thousands of visitors will share the spirit of the season as the passing flame illuminates the village.

In addition to these ceremonies, seasonal activities also will include visits by Santa and Mrs. Claus, open-hearth cooking demonstrations, roasted chestnuts and horse-drawn Christmas wagon rides. Outdoor holiday music will fill the streets of the village, and on weekends, visitors will enjoy the sounds of strolling costumed carolers.

Complimentary ginger cookies and hot mulled cider will be available to warm everyone up.

Roscoe Village features 19th-century living-history buildings, old-time shops, outstanding restaurants and a 51-room country inn. Guests can begin their visit to this

historic village at the Edward E. and Frances B. Montgomery Visitor Center, which is highlighted by its interesting exhibits and dramatic wide-screen theater show.

Roscoe Village is also home to the Johnson-Humrickhouse Museum, which includes an extensive display of Oriental and Native American artifacts.

Roscoe Village, open year-round, was listed by Early American Life magazine as "one of the 20 best sites to discover historic America."

The village is located on state Route 16/83 near the junction of US 36 in east-central Ohio. For more information, contact the Roscoe Village Foundation, 381 Hill St., Coshocton, OH 43812, or call (614) 622-9310 or toll free (800) 877-1830.

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An Evening of Tradition

In 19th-century tradition, a ball supper will be served at Yuletide at Winterthur, running from Nov. 8 through Jan. 7 at Winterthur Museum in Winterthur, Del. Servants will bring guests an array of period dishes, including candied orange peel, grape and sweetmeat pyramids, and croque en bouche. For more information about the month-long event, call 1-800-448-3883. (Photo courtesy of Winterthur Museum)

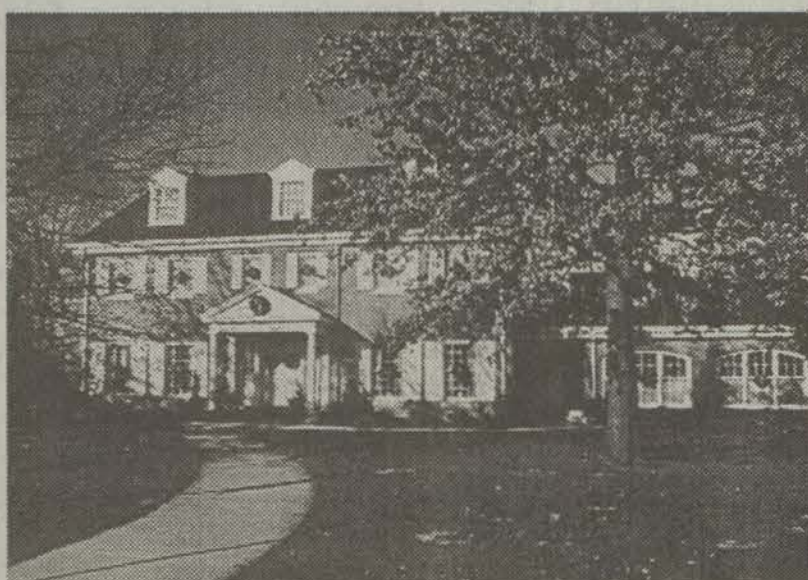
Civil War towns make holidays bright

The sights and sounds of Christmas come alive at A Gettysburg Yuletide Festival. Set for the first two weekends in December, the holiday festivities are sure to enliven this historic Pennsylvania town.

The event begins with a candlelight walk with the Three Wise Men in search of Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus. A live Nativity and a handbell choir performing traditional Christmas carols await travelers at the end of their journey.

With the theme of a Civil War soldier and his family celebrating the season, the Dessert Sampler continues to show the holiday spirit. Area chefs will prepare delicious desserts to please visitors as Christmas music from near and far plays in the background. A highlight of the sampler will be a silent auction, with all proceeds benefiting the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

As hearts begin to glow with the pleasures of Christmas and thoughts turn homeward, the townspeople will open their doors to guests as they prepare for the holidays. The Gettysburg Area Open House Tour will show visi-



HOMES WILL BE DECORATED inside and out during A Gettysburg Yuletide Festival as area residents open their doors to visitors and show them the area's traditional holiday preparations. This open house is just one of the many events highlighting the festival.

tors the unique architecture of the area, antiques and maybe even a room where a Civil War bullet is lodged.

The Shoppes of Steinwehr and stores in downtown Gettysburg also will have an open house, offering people the opportunity to find that special gift they've been looking for. Festive decorations and refreshments await those ready to explore the quaint shops.

Santa Claus will be making a stop at the Gettysburg Steam Railroad to get everyone's Christmas list and spread some holiday cheer.

These events can fill anyone with the Christmas spirit. For more information about the festival, call (717) 334-6274. To learn more about Santa's railroad stop, call the Gettysburg Railroad at (717) 334-6932.

The holiday spirit can last all year

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Christmastime means many things to many people, but one thing remains constant — the holidays are a time of "goodwill toward men."

After a year of hustle and bustle and dealing with the stress of day-to-day living, Christmas is when people can relax and enjoy the happiness that infuses the season.

Warmth and generosity seem to fill everyone's heart as they spread joy to their family, friends and even strangers on the street.

Whether remembering the delightful Christmases spent with grandma and grandpa or planning a special holiday for their own children and grandchildren, people are filled with the spirit of the season. A feeling of harmony is in the air, bringing people from far and wide together. They share their time, their thoughts and even special gifts with each other, and they seem to forget about the troubles they faced just a short while ago.

Christmas is a time of reflection and rejuvenation, allowing people to recover from their hectic daily lifestyles. This feeling of calmness, a part of the fabric of the holidays,

helps people prepare for the new year ahead of them. However, once Christmastime has passed, many people go back to the way they were — stressed, frustrated and too busy to take time out for the pleasures of life.

This year, they should let the spirit of Christmas live throughout the year. Not only will they be happier, but their kindness will brighten another person's life, and hopefully, he or she will spread this joy on to others. This is just one small way to make the world a better place.

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Choosing a real tree

"Choosing a real Christmas tree can be fun for the whole family," says Bob Scott, President of the National Christmas Tree Association. He suggests a few simple steps to follow when selecting a tree.

- Do a freshness test. Gently grasp a branch between your thumb and forefinger and pull it toward you. Very few needles should come off in your hand if the tree is fresh. Take a look at the ground around the tree. You should not see an excessive amount of green needles on the ground. Some loss of interior or brown needles is normal and will occur over the lifetime of the tree.

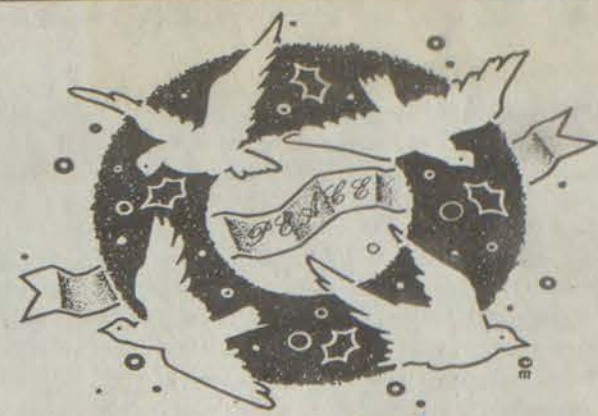
- Once you've chosen your tree, keep it in a sheltered, unheated area such as a porch or garage to protect it from the wind and sun until you are ready to decorate it.

- Before you set up your tree, make a fresh, straight cut across the base of the trunk (about a half inch up from the original cut) and place the tree in a tree stand that holds two or more quarts of water.

"Caring for your real tree is easy. The most important thing to remember is that real trees need water daily," says Scott. "Never let your tree stand go dry."

A seal of dried sap will form over the cut stump in four to six hours if the water drops below the base of the tree, preventing the tree from absorbing water later when the tree stand is refilled. If a seal does form, another fresh cut will need to be made.

- In addition, keep your tree away from heat and draft sources like fireplaces, radiators and television sets. Test your light cords and connections before hanging them on the tree to make sure they're in good working order. You don't want to use cords with cracked insulation or broken or empty sockets. Also be sure to unplug the lights before you go to bed or leave the house.



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Great holiday gifts, stress-free

In order to make holiday shopping quick and stress-free, more and more consumers are avoiding crowded stores by choosing convenient and distinctive gifts available by phone or mail.

In fact, according to Simmons Market Research Bureau, 54 percent of the U.S. adult population ordered merchandise or services by phone or mail in 1994.

As a result, more companies are offering a wide variety of unique products that can be enjoyed all year long.

For instance, a gift membership to Beer Across America®, the original mail order microbrewery beer-of-the-month club, includes two

six-packs, one from each of two different microbreweries, sent each month. Selections include a wide variety of specialty lagers and ales, with names like Crazy Ed's Ale and Outrageous Bock, from more than 150 microbreweries across the country.

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For more information, or to order gift memberships of microbrewed beer call 1-800-854-BEER; for international wine call 1-800-333-WINE; and for gourmet coffee call 1-800-205-JAVA.

Classics make holidays merry

This holiday a lot of parents will be sharing their childhood memories with their children thanks to a growing number of animated film classics now in the video stores.

• Starting the holiday fun is Walt Disney's masterpiece Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. This classic tale of Snow White and Doc, Bashful, Grumpy, Happy, Sneezy, Sleepy and Dopey and the Wicked Witch is still enchanting to children and is a film that parents can share with their youngsters.

• From Jim Henson Video there's Muppet Classic Theatre

where six fairy tales take a wacky twist. The video showcases the zany humor of Muppet superstars Kermit the Frog, Miss Piggy, The Great Gonzo, Fozzie Bear and a large, hilarious supporting cast of Muppets.

• Next is the Pooh holiday classic, Winnie the Pooh and Christmas Too. In the film, Winnie and his friends write a wish-list of Christmas gifts for Santa Claus. When Pooh fails to deliver the note to the North Pole, he and Piglet dress up as Santa and a reindeer to deliver everyone's Christmas gifts.

• Be sure to look for Disney's Family Christmas Collection, seven favorite family videos that include The Muppet Christmas Carol. Dickens' classic holiday story sparkles with humor and whimsy in the hands of the hilarious Muppets. Michael Caine stars as Scrooge. Also included in the collection is Disney's Sing-Along, The Twelve Days of Christmas.

If you're looking for a jingly delightful Christmas gift, local stores have a sleigh-load of videos to choose from, all for less than \$20.

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*And while we make our special plans
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