



### Crooked Creek

By Mrs. A. F. Shell

Mr. and Mrs. Burgess Shell and family, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Shell and family of Hamilton, Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Bond of Maple Grove spent the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Shell. Mr. Dewey Scott spent part of last week with home folks.

"Aunt" Elizabeth Scott is able to be out once more.

Mrs. Estelle Mullins of Livingston spent Christmas with her mother and brother of this place.

Miss Alpha Shell spent Thursday night with Eva Dora Allen of Poplar Gap.

Mrs. Annie McCracken spent part of last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Abney of Dis-

putants. Mr. Delmer Shell visited Mr. Frank Abney of Bummer last Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Hubert Vanzant spent Friday afternoon with Luther Abney and Delmer Shell.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Miller and two sons Cecil and Raymond spent the week end with relatives in White Lick and Scaffold Cane.

Mrs. Lee A. Gregory and sister Lena Miller were in Mt. Vernon having dental work done.

Mr. and Mrs. Kimber Jennings and children Cledia and Carol of Dayton, Ohio spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Jennings.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Hale of Indiana are spending a few days with friends and relatives of this part.

"Uncle" Owen and "Aunt" Julia Allen who are so very old are getting along just fine.

Mr. Amos Hale and Oscar Miller

visited Mr. Edward Scott Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee A. Gregory and family spent last Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Arvill Wilson spent Christmas with Ballard and Annabelle Owens.

Several people of this part attended church at Climax last Sunday.

Mr. Wolford Adams is reported some worse than common.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Jennings, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Abney and Mrs. Luther Shell visited friends on Copper Creek last Friday and Saturday. They reported their mother and grandmother a little worse.

Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Shearer of Orlando visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom McCracken over the week end.

We had a very nice Christmas Tree at the Brushy Ridge school last Tuesday. Every body reported a

very nice time. Miss Mercla K. Abney is the teacher.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Scott and daughters Laura and LueVada were in Mt. Vernon last Saturday.

Approximately 200 persons attended two pork cutting and meat canning demonstrations held in Owenscounty.



### THANKS TO YOU

1941 was a good year for our bank. We are grateful for everything.

As we stand on the threshold of a New Year we pledge our whole hearted efforts to help make 1942 a good year.

FOR YOU

### THE BANK OF MT. VERNON

MT. VERNON,

KENTUCKY

MEMBER FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION



Let us give a toast to the bright young New Year! Let us drink to the better, happier days we know must lie ahead in 1942! And here's to you, our loyal friends and customers! Good health, good cheer, and - HAPPY NEW YEAR!

BOSTON STORE. "Where Most People Trade"

### OUR WISH FOR YOU



- ...more sunny hours
- ...more joy and gladness
- ...more peace of spirit
- ...more true friendships
- ...more opportunities
- ...more health and happiness
- ...new joy in living

RENFRO VALLEY ENTERPRISES



### ... and New Year's Greetings to You!

Standing on the threshold of the New Year we look forward with great faith in the future, confident that the important and impressive lessons of 1941 will help light the way for 1942. Every member of this organization joins in wishing for you and yours a full realization of those fine opportunities and blessings of which the New Year is agent and herald.

And now as the New Year dawns we again express our appreciation to you and your neighbors for having contributed in such an important way to our continued success in this community.

### S. T. Proctor Lumber Co.



### A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

The world is deeply indebted to the Gregorian calendar for the omission of 10 days in the calendar year of 1582 to help catch up with Father Time. We are deeply indebted to the people of this community and it would take about 10 days of the calendar year of 1942

for us to express to each of you personally the gratitude we feel for your kindness to us in 1941. So we are simply sending this "blanket vote of thanks" to our many friends and customers with the wish that with New Year's dawn will come a brighter, happier future for you.

### Webb Electric Co.

Mrs. R. G. WEBB

RUSSELL and LUCILE WARREN



\* We'd like to say hello more than just "thank you," and hence more the best "Happy New Year," because your kindness has meant so much to us in 1941.

\* We'll say it during 1942, not with mere words, but with more value and service written into every transaction.

\* So at this time we simply say thank you, and Happy New Year!

Maggard Drug Store  
Mt. Vernon Kentucky



\* For many years at this time we have been wishing you a Happy New Year, and have found joy in the doing of it. This year it seems even more appropriate because of the troubled times through which we have passed.

\* We dedicate ourselves to still greater service to you, to greater courtesies. Everyone in this concern feels this responsibility and accepts it gladly.

BANK'S Service Station

### JOY TO ALL

### Greetings



Best Wishes 1942

Blow, bugles, blow! 'Tis New Year again, time to be jolly, time to renew old acquaintances, time to make new friends. May 1942 bring a fulfillment of your ambitions, new prosperity and increasing happiness. May it mark a truly great milestone in your life.

LONDON LAUNDRY & DRY CLEANERS  
London, Kentucky



"Ring Around the Rosie," "Drop the Handkerchief!" and "Farmer in the Dell" are all symbols of happy New Year days of long ago. We say Happy New Year now to you with the hope that some of this old-fashioned spirit of New Year's, with its carefree festivities and its unalloyed enjoyment will sweeten and brighten this New Year's



"We are glad to say farewell to 1941 and rejoice with you at the dawn of the New Year, for we truly believe it opens wide the portals to better things. We hope that Father Time, with his quiver full of days, has many golden ones reserved for you, and that your New Year celebration will be full of justification and enjoyment."



# The Mount Vernon Signal

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"WHERE THE BOONE WAY JOINS THE DIXIE"

Rockcastle County,

## Signal Sold To Mark Meadows

### Louisville Man To Start Operation Monday

The Mt. Vernon Signal, owned by Clyde L. Jones and W. L. Simpson, was sold December 16, to Mark Meadows, of Louisville.

Mr. Meadows is 36 years old, and has had years of experience in the newspaper business. He operated a paper at Warsaw, Ky. for several years, and has worked on various newspapers in Indiana and Kentucky.

The new editor is married, and his wife plans to assist him in editing. They have one son, age 10.

The new owner takes charge, Monday, January 5. Mr. Simpson, former editor, has leased the Columbia Printing Co. at Danville, and this firm will now be known as the Advocate, Job Printing Co. Mrs. Simpson will assist in the front office, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Murphy will have positions in the composing room.

## A Farewell Message To Rockcastle Friends

It is with deep regret that we are forced to announce that this week's Signal will be our last issue. For over two years we have strived to give Rockcastle county a real newspaper, and our subscription list and general business shows that the people of this county have appreciated our efforts.

Contrary to popular belief, it is not easy to run a newspaper, and we have had our share of ups and downs in the last two years. However, in all our newspaper experience, we have never found people who showed such friendliness and willingness to assist in building up community spirit. We have made friends, not only in Mt. Vernon, but in Livingston, Brodhead, Wildie, and all over the county. These friends, we know, are not just fair-weather, but are the kind that stick through thick and thin. In fact these folks are the ones that have really made the Signal what it is today, and we hope they will continue to be loyal boosters.

No town can really prosper and grow without a good newspaper. A great journalist once said, "that a newspaper is the right arm of a community." All like to see their names in print, and a boost through the home town paper is always appreciated. Let a newspaper die in a town and that town will soon be dead. The more boosters a newspaper has, the better the paper. A community must support their home town newspaper.

The past two years have shown us, that Rockcastle should be a much better county. Better co-operation, needed, and friction between neighboring towns in the same county must be eradicated before this county will really prosper.


To our many, many friends and subscribers we wish you all the best that life has to offer and assure you that we will never forget Rockcastle County.

W. L. Simpson

## Pennies For Jap Poison

The Postmaster at Livingston was bewildered this week when she was handed a 3 quart lard bucket by Lucille Carpenter, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Carpenter which was filled to the brim with pennies. The little girl explained to the Postmaster that the bucket contained 1875 pennies with which she desired to buy a defense bond. A large part of the following morning was devoted by the postmaster to the task of counting and sorting the pennies, and a special trip was made to the bank at Mt. Vernon to deposit them.

Mr. and Mrs. Kearney Campbell spent the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Campbell at Taylorville.



**New Year Greetings 1942**

We welcome the New Year because we know it marks the beginning of another chapter. The stage is set for another act.

Looking backward we see the things we might have done, but did not. Looking forward we see the things we plan and resolve to do. May the sunshine brighter, the days grow longer, may new hope invigorate and cheer us. The Year of Grace One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-two is at hand, and we welcome its arrival.

We also welcome the New Year because we know it will bring many new opportunities to be of service to you, and to express through this service our sincere appreciation of your friendship. We wish you a very HAPPY NEW YEAR!

*The Mt. Vernon Signal*

## Christian Church

By Aubrey Russell

During this week most of us will be making New Year resolutions. Among the many things that we promise to do for 1942, let us not forget to make some definite promise relative to the work of the Lord. The churches of the community need your help and you need the help the church can give. The many accomplishments of the church have, in times past, affected our lives in ways to numerous to mention. When we look at the condition of the community we wonder what they are. Contrast if you will the status of the church had been absent. It is through such a contrast that we see the real cause for the existence of the church. That the church has done no more is because many citizens of the community, while enjoying the blessings of the church, have done little or nothing to help in the task of building. So let 1942 find you in church every Sunday. Yes, the people in the church are not what they should be. But neither are all the people with whom you have business dealings. The individuals from whom you purchase things for your enjoyment are not all honest and truthful and friendly. Yet you continue to deal with them. We will be looking for you at the House of the Lord the first Sunday of the year. Make it a habit and it will remake you.

The sermon topic for Sunday morning will be "Our Job in 1942." Keep in mind the annual business meeting on Tuesday Jan. 6 at 7:00. The meeting will be in the basement of the church. Come and bring a friend. The meeting is free, including treats.

## To Whom It May Concern

All those who owe The Mt. Vernon Signal are requested to come in at once and settle, as the firm goes under new ownership, January 5. All accounts made previous to January 5th are payable to former partnership of Jones & Simpson. Payment at once will be appreciated.

Mrs. Lyman Ponder visited her husband in Louisville during the holidays.

## Tire Rationing Board Named For County

Gov. Keen Johnson, Monday, nominated, W. O. Yaden, of Brodhead, and L. D. Bryant of Mt. Vernon, as members of a county tire rationing board.

Gov. Johnson nominated boards for all the 120 counties in the State, but members must be appointed by the federal government. The Governor and State Adj. Gen. John A. Polin spoke at a meeting in Louisville, Monday, and they stated that tire rationing will go into effect, January 5. In order to buy a tire, the buyer must first get a certificate from the rationing board. Ordinary civilian purchases are barred entirely.

Polin said that tires would be allocated monthly to the counties on the basis of the number of commercial vehicles registered in each county. He said that "mighty few tires would be given to Kentucky. The tire shortage is very acute and the rubber in this country is limited. All car owners should drive only when necessary, and the smart thing to do, is to walk.

## Check Machinery Now For Repairs

An immediate check of all farm machinery and equipment for possible worn or damaged parts is suggested by the Kentucky State Defense Board.

A sharp reduction in the number of new farm machines to be manufactured in 1942 makes it important to take care of existing machinery and equipment, it is stated. Although the shortage of steel, copper and other metal means that fewer new tractors and implements will be available, farmers will be able to obtain repair parts for old machinery if they order them early. Because of the importance of food production to national defense, manufacturers will be allotted sufficient metals to produce repair parts.

The Defense Board advises farmers to order now any new parts required to put their equipment in top working condition for next season. Dealers and manufacturers can give better service if orders are placed early. The same advice applies to machinery which must be serviced at the dealer's shop of a factory.

## To The People Of Rockcastle County

For the past twelve years I have served the people of this county as an official. During that time I have tried to do my duty as an official, not being partial to any man or set of men. I can truthfully say I have done my best as an official.

I realize I have enemies as well as friends, but to one and all I take this means of saying good bye. To all my friends I wish you all health, happiness and success. To my enemies I simply say "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. Luke 23: 34. Good Bye Now. CHAS. CARTER

## Mrs. Mary Adams 85 Years Old

Mrs. Mary Adams observed her 85th birthday anniversary Friday December 28th at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. White 1308 Lafayette Ave. Matton, Illinois.

In an informal manner, a turkey dinner was served at noon, for the members of her immediate family. During the day she was remembered with cards, gifts and flowers from friends.

Mrs. Adams is well known in Mt. Vernon and is an Aunt of Mrs. U. G. Baker, Mrs. Shirley Riddle and Miss Ruth Mullins.

## F. L. Smith, 18, Killed By Auto

F. L. Smith, 18 years old, was fatally injured Christmas Eve night, when a car driven by Joe Thomasson, collided with him, while walking on the old Burr Road. He was immediately rushed to the hospital, but died enroute.

Smith lived near Burr, and was the son of Beecher Smith. Mr. Thomasson, the driver of the car, is a native of the county and has been employed by the same firm for several months.

## COUNTY AGENTS NOTES

By Robert F. Spence County Agent

**MASTER FARMER**  
Last summer Mr. J. H. Wolfe, Disputants, was selected and declared to be Rockcastle's Master Farmer for 1941. This decision was reached by a committee of qualified farmers after a number of visits and score cards studied of the various farms. Being Master Farmer of Rockcastle county qualified Mr. Wolfe in the State Master Farmer's Contest. He entered the state contest promoted by the Progressive Farmer. Since a number of people have been making enquiry as to how "Jim" came out I am authorized to have the following letter published which shows Mr. Wolfe's standing in the judgment of the State committee. Letter follows:

"Dr. Mr. and Mrs. Wolfe: "From the fine list of Kentucky Farm Families placed in nomination for the Master Farm Family Award this year, five have been named to receive the award.

"The state committee congratulates you on the fine record presented in your behalf and on the fine record of achievement that is yours and expresses to you its regret that the opportunity was so keen that a record as fine as yours could not receive the award.

"It is a source of regret to the committee that more awards could not be given. Even though you failed to receive the award this year the opportunity for consideration might come again and you most certainly should be proud of the fact that you were placed in nomination within your county, that in itself is a high tribute to you and your family. I congratulate you on having attained that standing in your home community and again I express the regret of the state committee that the competition was a little too keen and that one of the awards could not come to you.

Please accept our best wishes for a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and a most prosperous 1942. Sincerely yours, W. C. Lassetter, Editor"

## FRAM MACHINERY & REPAIRS

There is now, and will be, a greater shortage of farm machinery available this coming year due to war. Farmers again are urged by the County Agent to check on all needed farm machinery and tools for the coming two or three years. If a new machine or tool is needed it should be purchased right away. A shortage of 50% or more may occur next year or two.

We should not forget to utilize all the old equipment in the way of tools and machinery. Much of it can be repaired and should be in order to save expenses and new equipment.

## REPAIR SHOP SET UP

A farmer repair shop is being set up at Mt. Vernon on the Mt. Vernon High School grounds in the building known as the F. F. A. Farm Shop. This shop is under the direction of Mr. Kearney Campbell, teacher of F. F. A. boys. This shop proposes to repair all farm machinery brought in under the auspices of National Defense. Since this shop is offering to do farm machinery repairs the County Agent advises all farmers who desire to take advantage of this opportunity to get in touch with Mr. Campbell at Mt. Vernon.

## PATRIOTIC HENS

According to reports, the County Agent has received the last week, the hens' have decided to support the Government's war effort by producing more eggs than ever.

tion and some to supply the call for more eggs "now" and "more pullets, next winter."

The culling did not make this increase of eggs that Mr. Gentry speaks of. It was the feeding of the birds which would help, if properly fed and getting rid of the non layers thereby saving the food.

Mrs. Blain McKinney, Level Green, reports that she is getting 45% egg production from her "White Rocks by proper feeding."

Mrs. Edward Burton, Willalla, reports around 60% egg production from her Barred Rocks.

All these flocks were culled but at the same time started on a grain and egg "rash ration. It takes the proper kind of feed to make eggs.

## Miss Shirley Miller Weds Robt. Chrisman

The wedding of Miss Shirley Evans Miller of Mt. Vernon, Kentucky, daughter of Mrs. W. H. Miller and Mr. Robert Chrisman Jr. son of Mr. R. H. Chrisman of Berea, was quietly solemnized at 7:00 p. m. December 27th 1941 at the Chrisman home in Berea before an improvised altar of holly and ferns.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. A. B. Robertson, pastor of the First Christian Church of Berea. The bride chose for her wedding, a blue wool costume suit with diaphanous accessories and a corsage of Talsman roses.

Mrs. Bergey Bordes of Lexington was her sister's matron of honor. Mr. Ray Chrisman of Berea was his brother's best man.

Guests were Mrs. W. H. Miller and Mrs. Kate McKinney, Mt. Vernon; Mr. and Mrs. Bergey Bordes and Miss Evan Bordes of Lexington; Mr. R. H. Chrisman Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Chrisman of Berea, Ky.

## Chicago Couple Killed Near Mt. Vernon

Jesse Sissman, 45, of Chicago, was killed outright and his wife, Mrs. Frances Sissman, 45, was injured fatally in an automobile accident three miles south of here Tuesday night.

The Sissman car and a heavy truck loaded with five tons of limestone collided on U. S. Highway 25.

Mrs. Sissman died at the Pennington hospital at London in adjoining Laurel county. She suffered head injuries and a leg fracture. The Sissman car was northbound.

County Attorney Walter B. Smith of Bell county, who came to the scene of the accident while enroute