

Frith Hotel was the place to stay, but fire got it

For a visitor at Brodhead in the late 1890's THE place to stay, of course, was the Frith Hotel.

It was the finest, the most handsome, the most elaborate—yes, by all measurements, THE place to stay.

A statement like this would certainly have been on the road-side advertising had there been road-side advertising in those days. But since there were no signs for horsemen, word of mouth became the best advertising, along with the Mt. Vernon Signal.

One such item is in the Dec. 22, 1905 issue of the Signal that attests to the reputation of the hotel. It says:

"I heard one drummer remark to another yesterday after coming out of the Frith Hotel dining room. 'I was ashamed of you, for you ate like you were not used to good things at all.' The other answered: 'Excuse me, but I don't get square meals every day, and I always try to make hay while the sun shines.'"

Last Friday, an oil stove exploded in an apartment in the old hotel, and the history of the building came to an end in the ashes.

When the fire was over four families had most of their belongings destroyed: Mr. and Mrs. Johnny York; Mr. and Mrs. Omer Wilson; and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Spoonamore. Stored furniture belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Junior Leece also was lost.

As if not to care at all about the long, colorful history of the hotel, the fire roared unchecked through the old structure. Brodhead firemen fought it unsuccessfully. Mt. Vernon firemen came to help, but drafts and wind spread the fire too rapidly.

Many older residents of Brodhead stood by in silence in the cold wind as the flames shot high in the air, all remembering the hey-day of the hotel.

During the late 1890's up through the 1920's, the Frith Hotel was one of the best hotels between Louisville and Knoxville. Since the main modes of travel were by horseback and

train, and the hotel was near the railroad, it was a busy place for visitors as well as Brodhead residents.

On the hotel porch everyone gathered as the trains came in to see "Who's arriving?" Generally they were drummers and travelling salesmen, loaded with trunks filled with the latest from New York, or the newest type harness for the buggy.

The hotel, like hotels today, furnished a room for the salesman to display their wares to merchants who gathered.

A livery stable was also run by the hotel for ladies and gentlemen to ride before breakfast along the paths beside Dix River until they heard the sound of the large dinner bell. The bell survived Friday's fire.

The chronological history of the hotel is in the memory and records of Mrs. Ruth Frith Hendrickson, a Brodhead school teacher, and Charley Hurt, a Brodhead resident. Together they recount it.

The Frith Hotel was built in 1878 by J.G. (Uncle Jerry) Frith. A small building was constructed first and later enlarged to a two-story general store about 110 feet long. The hotel building was added about 1890 and had 24 rooms. John Williams was the carpenter. The building was owned and the business operated by the Frith family during most of its active use. Uncle Jerry finally sold the building to his granddaughter,

Mrs. Hendrickson, and her mother, Mrs. Emma Frith, in 1935. In 1947, they sold it to Marshall McKinney, the owner at the time of the fire.

three weeks and it was still snowing. It was at least a foot deep and winter had hardly started. On top of that, there wasn't much food in town. Everybody hid what he had, not only from the soldiers, but from his neighbors. It was even hard to find feed for cattle and horses. But now, there were few cows and horses left. He should have either moved North or South when war came. It would be better to be right in the middle of the North or South than to be just in the middle of nowhere with nowhere to go. He was positive, if he had it to do over again, they all would be safe somewhere.

The loud pounding on the door startled him. He jumped from the chair. William sat up in bed. "Who is it, Pat?"

"I don't know. But let me handle it. Lay still." He saw William's uniform and threw it to him. William shoved it under the covers.

"Who's there?" Granville called through the door.

The voice was booming. "Captain James Anderson, Confederate States Army. Open Up!"

Granville slid the wooden bolt and opened the door. The captain strode in followed by a sergeant. They shook the snow from their uniform.

"It's cold out there."

Granville nodded and motioned toward the fireplace. The two men went over.

"Hey, Captain, coffee!" The sergeant smiled.

"Have some." Granville got two cups and poured the steaming liquid. The two men drank in silence. The captain looked at Granville.

"This is some place. We've been looking for Mt. Vernon for hours and now that we're here, there's nothing."

"There's coffee, captain," the sergeant said.

"About all, but is sure tastes

good," the captain said, looking over the edge of the cup. He then saw William in the bed at the far end of the long room with just his nose outside the covers. "Who's that?"

"My son," Granville said, and added quickly, "He's kinda sickly." Granville changed the subject. "What brings you here, captain?"

"We're following a lone wagon. We think it has supplies. We traced it about a mile from town, but lost the tracks in the snow. Anyone stop here?"

"We don't have many visitors here," Granville replied. As you say, captain, we don't have much here, so most folks just go on."

"It takes a little thought and work to have things," the captain walked toward William.

"What's your trouble." His eyes

wandered around the room. "It's my chest." William coughed.

The captain appeared not to hear. Then his eyes found William's boots near the bed. Beds of melted snow still clung to the tops, shining like crystals in the light. The captain leaned over and felt the boots.

"They're wet."

Granville hurried over and picked them up. "I should have put my boots by the fire when I came in."

"Pretty bad night to wander around." The captain noted. He then turned to William. "By the way fellow, where's your clothes?"

William could feel the uniform under the covers like live coals against his feet.

"Clothes?" William's voice had a tremble in it.

and Mr. Frith's nephew, Harve Dunn. They operated it until Mr. Dunn's death.

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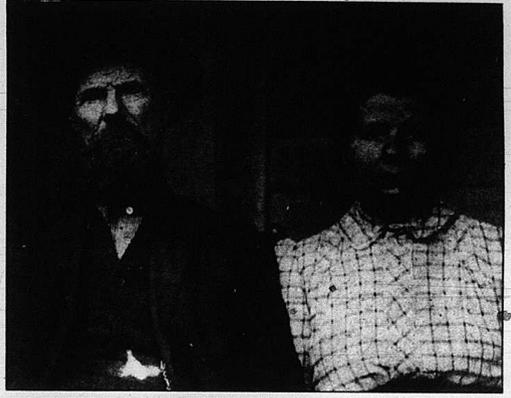
"I'm cold, where are your clothes?" The captain frowned.

"Well, you see Captain," William's voice took on a halting sound. "A couple of your men came by earlier and needed warmer clothes, so they took mine." There was a moment's silence.

"More coffee, gentlemen," Granville smiled and poured two more cups of coffee. The two soldiers drank. The captain broke the silence.

"I was just thinking, sergeant, let's go on down through town. A Union soldier would never be dumb enough to stop at a livery stable."

(Note: The preceding conversation in this story is, of course, not authentic. It is merely used as a framework with which to explore the life and times of that winter of 1862.)



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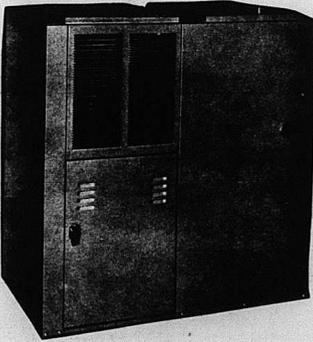
the room to the bed. He turned back the cover. "Guess I'd better get some sleep. Pa. Gotta get out of here early if we're not snowed in." He climbed into bed and pulled the covers up to his chin.

Granville watched his son for awhile in silence. He then spoke.

"We'll talk more in the morning." William didn't hear him.

Life in Mt. Vernon is really hard this year, Granville thought. There was the unseasonal snow that had been on the ground over

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Wildie kept 40-41 team from state tournament

By: Opp Bussell Jr.

If lady luck had been in our court the 1940-41 Mt. Vernon Red Devils could have been easily the first basketball team to represent Mt. Vernon in that paramount paradise known as the Kentucky State Tournament.

But this was not to be as sickness and injuries reached through our ranks and left us a badly crippled squad before the season ended, including Coach Bill Landrum.

After winning our first 10 games, the press began to notice this small mountain team, and we were small. The tallest member was William "Totie" Noe, one of high-scoring center and tip-inners tall. Totie was 6-foot, 3 inches tall. John "Med" Noe was 5-foot-10 inches. Curtis Harmon and Jim Cox, who were scoring guards were 5-foot-7 inches. Earl "Turkey" Harmon, Alfred Sparks and myself were about 5-foot 6-inches. Also on the squad was Lewis Perciful and Jim Mullins. We were a small team in comparison with today's high school giants.

Of course basketball has drastically changed since 1941. It was a defensive game then and 30 to 35 points a game was considered a good night. Several of our scores were in the 50 to 60 range and our wins came as a

result of speed, fast breaks and agility.

Among our wins in those first ten outings were highly regarded Hazel Green which had won the state crown the previous year and was predicted to repeat in 1941. We crushed them at home by a score of 45-23. Too, our antagonist, Highland, "The gymless wonders," were beaten here 42-27, a few games later.

We didn't stop at 10 straight wins. On our final game we racked up 17 straight and then the press was not only picking The Red Devils to go to the state but were predicting us to go far in the tournament.

But a traumatic blow had struck home. Totie only played one more game after the 10th win and was ordered by his doctor that he was through for the season. We were to play after that as this was to the squad we never gave up and had courage to go forward.

Our first loss came at London, our 18th game which we dropped by a 33-27 breaker. A basketball that was played in the old London gym which had cracks in the floor wide enough to lose a shoe.

Another giant blow struck us two games later when Jim Cox was injured. He had a high fever and was out for the season.

Our joyful game was a return

to Hazel Green where we were predicted to lose by a large score. Not to be, we played without three regulars and defeated the Bull Frog team 37-31. Robert Harmon scored 12 points, "Med" Noe 11, and I had 10. Some other members chipped in with 4 points.

We were nearing the end of a glorious season and sadness reigned as we had been so powerful. Highland came to Mt. Vernon and beat us 40-23. We went to Burgin and lost 46-34. Burgin had Jack Coleman who later played for U of L and professional ball.

We received another loss two weeks into the 46th District Tournament was held at Stanford. Curtis Harmon, our very fine defensive guard twisted a knee in a game at Livingston and was never to play after that. We could only play short periods of time.

As our regular season ended we had won 23 games while losing only 3.

Our first game in the district tournament found us a badly disabled team and we were defeated by Highlands which won the tournament.

As of today its such a pleasure to think what could have been. I know Coach Landrum, the cheerleaders and others, were profoundly proud of the team



Members of the 1940-41 Mt. Vernon High School Red Devils were, from row left to right, Earl Harmon, Lewis Perciful, Jim Cox, Opp Bussell, Jr., Jim Med Noe, Back row, left to right, Coach Bill Landrum, John (Med) Noe, William (Totie) Noe, Robert Harmon and Curtis Harmon.

and to me it was an honor to be a part of that glorious season.

Note: Totie Noe and Lewis Perciful live

in Louisville, Jim (Med) Noe and Opp Bussell Jr. live in Mt. Vernon. Robert Harmon lives in Oakland, Calif. Jim Cox, brother of John Cox, was killed in World

War II. Curtis Harmon, brother of Roby Stewart, Earl Harmon, Alfred Sparks and Jim Davis are deceased.

Riddle's 1972 Brodhead Tigers were school's only state tourney team

By: Willie Hiatt

It has been a Sweet Fifteen since the Sweet Sixteen for the 1971-72 Brodhead Tigers.

The decade and a half since they charmed Rockcastle countians by winning the 13th Region and a trip to the State Tournament in Louisville has hardly faded memories of that season.

Neither has it lessened Billy Riddle's conviction that there were forces at work greater than individual or team effort. That maybe it really was the weak God came to Brodhead, as he later said in a speech to Rockcastle County High School's FHA Club.

"When we seemed to need a spurt or seemed to need a basket, it worked out to where that it was that way," said Riddle, the coach of the team. "There was something bigger than Billy Riddle and the basketball team and (assistant coach) Johnny Hamm. It just seemed like it was a divine thing destined to be."

Everything did seem to come together for Brodhead. Like losing narrowly to Clay County in the 49th District, which, in retrospect, may have worked to Brodhead's psychological advantage. Erasing Knox Central's 10-point, fourth-quarter lead to force an overtime win in the 13th Region's opening game, won by Clayton Cash's two free throws with :01 left.

"And surviving a 29-point barrage by Cumberland's Larry Crocker in the semifinals, and getting Middleboro's Robert Mayhall in early foul trouble in the finals.

The players concede that a little good fortune was involved, but they also like to believe that it was their intervention, not divine, which paved the road to Louisville, that they were finally reaping the harvests of those countless games on Cash's basketball court.

In all respects, the trip couldn't have been more timely. Not only was it the last season at Brodhead before consolidation into RCHS the next year, but the county cast aside its differing loyalties to back the Tigers.

"It was the first thing that I had ever seen Rockcastle County high schoolers do," Riddle said. "I think it was probably one of the biggest factors in Rockcastle County High School going together smoothly."

Almost half the team grew up within dribbling distance of each other. Cash and Ronnie Brown were next-door neighbors in Castewa, as were Tommy Mullins and Duane Mink down the road in Quail. Terry Burton and Coy Taylor weren't much more than a rifle shot away.

The rest of the roster was fleshed out by Pat Crawford, who lived within five miles; Dennis Harris and Ronnie Arnold, both of whom lived in Spiro; and three town boys, Larry LaFavers, Derrell Proctor and David Collins.

"When the farm work was done, the boys spent a large part of their time playing hoops at 'Cash Coliseum,' the name given to Cash's dirt court by a New

York Times reporter after the Tigers captured the Region.

"The boys were pardoned from school one afternoon to show the reporter the goal Cash's brother had welded, one which was located in a cow pasture. They didn't need a broom for court and maintenance. Just a shovel to clean the area of manure."

It was in this arena, playing rain or shine, using jersey gloves when the weather turned cold, where the team's foundation was formed. Cash said as many as 25 boys would gather to play in pickup games.

The Tigers' record seemed to bear out the theory that the team really didn't unify until after the farm work slackened, freeing the boys to channel their energy and concentration into basketball. The Tigers lost seven regular-season games, six of which fell before January.

"I think that is one of the reasons we began to come along about December," said Mullins, the senior pivot on the team.

Riddle, a 1949 graduate of Brodhead was in his 13th season as coach when he was named head of Eastern Ky. University on a basketball scholarship, left for a stint in the Navy, went to Union College and back to EKV to finish his education before coming home to Brodhead in 1958.

He coached a controlled style of basketball - play solid zone defense, fast break when it's there, take only high-percentage shots - and he had the personnel to execute it.

Cash, a 5-foot-9 junior who averaged about 15 points per game, was the team's floor leader, the quintessential point guard, and the 6-1 Mullins (18 ppg) was the inside force. Burton (14 ppg) a senior, was a pure shooter. Brown (13 ppg) was a hard-nosed "banger." Harris, a 6-1 senior, filled the fifth spot most of the season, sometimes platooning with 6-4 junior LaFavers.

"After being excused from practice one day to haul in hay, Crawford showed up at the gym anyway. When Riddle asked why he explained that it was sprinkling rain and he wasn't working. Crawford, who lived out on U.S. 70, had run about two miles from home to get back for practice."

And Harris told Riddle just before the tournament that anytime he felt LaFavers should play ahead of him, "you be sure and play him for the team."

"This is the type of kids they were," Riddle said.

Strangely, Brodhead's 36-51 loss to Clay County in Manchester, in the finals of the 49th District Tournament may have worked in the team's favor. The Tigers trailed 16-10, 33-17 and 45-33 at the quarter intervals, but before asking a serious run at the end.

"I guess that this would probably be a bad philosophy," Riddle said. "But I feel like that we had beaten Clay County, that would have made us feel a little too good. I think the (five point) loss helped us more than it hurt us."

The top two teams in the 13th Region at Middleboro were Clay

and Middleboro, both placed in the upper bracket. That meant that the team coming out of the lower bracket had to beat just one of the favorites.

Brodhead earned a shot at Middleboro in the finals, but only after two games of living dangerously. The Tigers overcame a 48-38 deficit going into the fourth quarter to beat Knox Central, a team they had lost to in December, 60-58 in overtime.

What Cash remembers most vividly was that when he stepped he hit to beat Knox Central, but the facility of trying to guard Cumberland's Crocker in the second game. Crocker finished with a game-high 29 points despite being chased by Cash, but Brodhead solved Cumberland's press and staved off a late rally to win 62-60.

"I knew we had a good ball club, but that's when it really hit me that we could go," Mullins said. "We had won two games and I just had a feeling that we were going to beat Middleboro."

Brodhead now had to contain the 6-8 Mayhall, who reportedly was being recruited by the University of Kentucky at the time. The Tigers played a very deliberate game, but trailed all night before tying the game at 33 with 4:15 left. They went on to win 43-37.

At half-time of the Middleboro game, Joe B. Hall, then an assistant under Adolph Rupp at UK, was quoted as saying "Brodhead is the best-coached ball club I have seen all year."

Cheryl Riddle Brown, Billy Riddle's daughter and a member of Brodhead's cheerleading squad, who also won first place, said it was the most spirited crowd they had ever seen. The only chant she remembers leading in the second half was "We want to win!"

"If there was one thing in my high school years that I would like to relive, I guess it would be that," she said of the trip to the State. "Because it was really just fantastic."

The players snipped the nets, and Cash, Burton and Mullins were named to the All-Tournament team.

Cars dotted the emergency lane of Interstate 75 between London and Mt. Vernon waiting for Brodhead's bus. By the time it pulled into Mt. Vernon, a stream of cars snaked behind it, following it down to Brodhead.

"People started in and out of the Riddle house all night, Cheryl said. Needless to say, there wasn't a great deal of studying that week, with congratulatory cards and messages being sent to the school, the confutation over State Tournament tickets, the county-wide pep rally held on Monday night.

"It was one of the best (years) I've had, I guess," Mullins said. "You really felt special. It was something nobody in Brodhead had ever done."

While Brodhead was playing Middleboro Saturday night, Charles Norris, an assistant coach at Preston, Parrett at Livingston, was scouting Warren East in its 4th Region victory over Bowling Green.

Norris' report was simple (Cont. to 18)

Wildie Rockies won Tobacco League and ended adult baseball in county

By: Willie Hiatt

When the Wildie Rockies took the field in their baggy wool uniforms to open the 1951 season, the players never dreamed they were writing the last page of a glorious era.

Not only were the Rockies the county's last adult baseball team, which disbanded the next season when players left for the Korean war, they were writing the last page of a glorious era.

It wasn't just the day of Yogi Berra, the American League's Most Valuable Player in 1951. It was also the heyday of the Tobacco League, a loop formed in 1949 composed of teams from Berea, Richmond, Lexington, College Hill, Ford, Waco, Kirksville, Ravenscroft and Berea.

Wildie, an original member of the league, proved in its last three seasons that it could more than hold its own in a perennially strong baseball region.

After struggling to an 11-11 record in 1949, the Rockies captured the regular-season championship and the playoffs with a 24-8 record in 1950. Wildie successfully defended its regular-season title in 1951, the last season of play, but fell to the Central Scarlets of Richmond in the league playoffs.

Never again would fans crowd behind the chickens in backstop behind the visiting team, or players relive Sunday's game in their conversations the next week, or boys wear their uniforms to Sunday School when they had to leave church early for an away game.

"The game's not over till it's over," Berra was once quoted as saying. But in Wildie, a game which had survived two World Wars and the Great Depression was over, and with it a colorful chapter in the county's history.

There is no documentation of what Wildie took the first swing at a baseball, or when Alfred Wood, a Wildie native who made his fortune with Procter & Gamble and in Texas, owned the Wildie Kid Team shortly after the turn of the century.

The Kid Team, whose roster was filled with boys around the age of 10, was organized and coached by Moses McNew, one of the 30 years before Little League baseball began. The team sported uniforms and played in front of the old Wildie depot.

Wood, 91, recalls trying to show off his pitching prowess with a passenger train came through Wildie, only to have the batter knock his pitch for a home run.

"We tried to put on a good show," said Wood, who was a G-1 division manager for the Southwest section of the United States, now living in Dallas.

boy, when-players traveled to games on horseback, trains and wagons.

While Stewart's memory of early Wildie baseball is a bit cloudy, he and his contemporary, Reynolds, are clear about Albert Reynolds.

The late John French went to his grave showing off his swollen fingers - a result, he claimed, of catching Reynolds' heat.

French, who said that Reynolds could "bury it in a haystack," would signal every pitch in Reynolds' repertoire but his fastball.

Some believe Reynolds could have played in the majors, had he not died of tuberculosis in 1912 at the age of 22.

"His name would have been in the books, buddy, if he had kept his health," said Albert's brother, "Walk" Reynolds.

No one seems to understand why baseball was so popular in Wildie, why it was traditional for boys to toss to each other in front of the school building. It was just something that became synonymous with Wildie.

"You'd go into Wildie and there would be somebody out pitching the ball," said Stewart, 87. "Oh, it just seemed like everybody liked it."

Wrote John Lair in the Oct. 10, 1974 Signal: "Both Mr. Vernon and Brodhead always stood, and there was something with Wildie the other member of the triumvirate rather than Livingston. In fact, little Wildie, especially during the time of the Phillips and Fish boys, often kept the high and lows, the best communities pretty much on the run."

Apparently Wildie baseball was faddish, in for a few years, out for a few more. But it was a standard, and there was something evolved into a more sophisticated pastime. The teams in the 1930s played a schedule which included teams from Mt. Vernon, Berr, Ottawa and Brodhead.

"Nobody had jobs or anything," said Walter McNew, Moses McNew's grandson, who played before and after World War II. "Everything was at a time when there wasn't much to do. Back then nobody went any place, (unless they went) to Mt. Vernon on a Saturday night, maybe to see a movie or get a bag of popcorn or Cracker Jacks or something."

"That was the central thing in Wildie, the church and the ball team," said James Reynolds, who acted as manager and driver for the teams in the late '40s. "The high and lows, the best."

Maybe there was something more romantic about Wildie baseball than boys simply having nothing else to do. Maybe being in from meat to meat. Being in from meat to meat. Being in from meat to meat.

When a foul ball landed in the branch behind home plate, it was usually rubbed off and put back into play, waterlogged or not, while Claude Ford took up a collection for new catchers.

Umpiring in those days was probably as lopsided as some of the balls. Before protective equipment, plate umpires called balls and strikes behind the pitcher's mound.

Once when a player hit a home run off of Walter McNew, Bill Jones, a Wildie doctor, whispered to him, "call that ball back to first. Call that ball back to first."

When McNew appealed to first, Jones called the runner out for missing the bag.

Wildie baseball before World War II, however, unquestionably set the stage for the game in the late '40s.

The 1949 team struggled under a lack of direction. With no designated manager filling out the lineup card, the Rockies lost six straight games at one point that season, including forfeiting a double-header to a new entry from Lexington.

That Sunday afternoon part of the team drove all the way to Berea in Wayne Stewart's jeep before deciding to turn back.

"I was never just for getting back, I guess," said Billy Hiatt, a shortstop on the team.

The Rockies finished fourth that season, but it wasn't until 1947, when Julian "Buddy" Shaw took over as manager, that Wildie became a league contender.

Shaw, then a teacher at Kingston High School, had married Jerry Mullins (18 ppg) in 1947. He became friends with Hiatt and other members of the Rockies during his visits to Wildie.

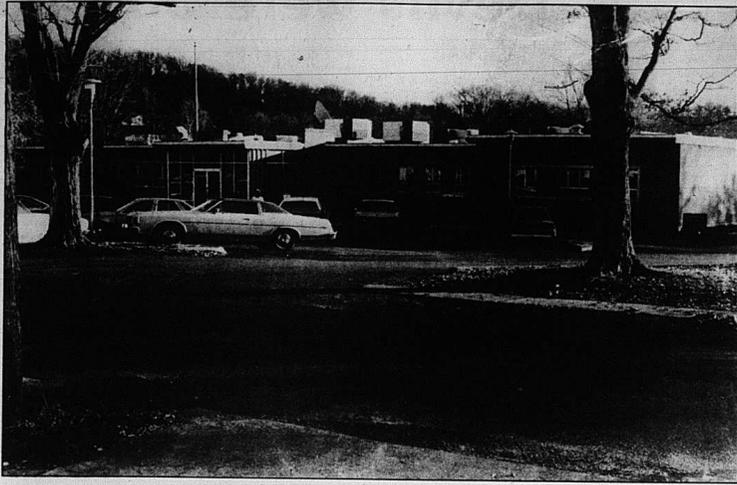
Shaw had played baseball in high school and later on a service team in Manila, but he contributed more to the Rockies in organizational ability than baseball savvy. Working closely with Hiatt, Shaw arranged practices and trips and served as the team's representative with the league.

"(Wildie) needed a little catalyst to bring them together," said Shaw, a retired assistant superintendent of Polk County Schools in Florida. "Fortunately, I was able to spend full time at doing that."

While earlier ballfields were located in different sites up and down the Wildie bottom land, the Rockies played in W.L. Hiatt's cow pasture around the railroad from the present location of the Wildie Christian Church.

The late Red Gutierrez was in charge of admission - 25 cents for adults, 15 cents for children - dropping the money into a cigar box at a gate leading to the diamond. Several hundred people showed up for the games, and the Mt. Vernon High School band played on opening day the last game still had room for refinement.

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Local firefighting has gone from bucket brigades to fancy trucks

FIRE! A frightening cry in the night; a word in the English language that spells dread for young and old alike. It means the end of things precious; mementos of family and friends; the accumulation of a lifetime.

It has been over the years locally, as fires have destroyed property as well as hundreds of acres of forest land.

In the past few weeks, several fires have been destructive. One such was Saturday night when a fire burned a clothing store and bus stop on north Richmond Street.

That building had originally been a filling station and a small store owned by the late Green Carpenter.

Last month, a fire burned a building that was once a restaurant belonging to the late W. H. Wood. The property was operated by the McGuire family U.S. 25 south of Mt. Vernon. A nearby house also burned.

The county has had several fires in recent months, and many homes that burned to the ground before firemen arrived, too far gone before the call was placed.

Currently, the county has three fire stations, with dedicated firemen to quickly answer a call. But often firemen face defeat when the fires are in the outer areas of the county hampered by distance to travel and late alarms.

Some think that there is a time when a fire in the county was never reported for days, or until someone came to town to sally tell about it. All that was left, usually, was a pile of charred ash and a lonely chimney.

The late Ralph Griffin remembered fires in Mt. Vernon during the days he wrote about county history. He recalled:

"In the early days of our fires were almost always destructive. Unless they were discovered in their very early stages, it was impossible to put them out with a bucket brigade, although many firemen always did have a dedicated force of firefighters. Many times buildings adjoining the actual fire were saved by what seemed to be an miracle."

The town has experienced several very destructive fires over the years. There was the Rockcastle County Courthouse that burned all of the county records in 1873, and again in 1876. The Miller Hotel, on the Signal Building, the Krueger and Baker buildings on the north side of Main Street; Cox's Hardware Store in 1908; the wooden Dixie Boone Hotel on Richmond Street in the 1920s; a stable located near the depot in which several horses were lost; a large stock barn just east of Jasper's produce, and the Bethurum house where the Bank of Mt. Vernon now stands.

Strangely enough, there has not been a major fire on the south side of Main Street where the building burned to the ground.

How did folks know about a fire in the early days, Ralph Griffin recalled:

"Talk about excitement; the old fire alarms surely did supply enough to wake a sleeper, or a light sleeper, the first alarm heard would be a distant cry of FIRE! Next, there would be a cough, or maybe a half-dozen, then a couple of explosions from the alarm and direction, and finally all Hades broke loose! It was an opportunity to see how the old firemen were working.

"Every male citizen in Mt. Vernon who was big enough to pull a trigger was out in the front yard blazing away skyward with a old blundering while the women and children carried out the smaller firearms and mementos. Until the fire was unusually destructive, the cost of ammunition expended was greater than the fire loss.

"Then the church bells and town square bell began to ring, and if there happened to be a train standing on the track, its whistle was tied down. Bedlam reigned supreme, but in spite of the general alarm, there was surprisingly little panic in getting to the fire, if it wasn't too far away.

"The citizens turned out in mass with tubs, buckets, stew kettles and even pig sized iron cups. If nothing else was available.

"When the fire had any degree of headway, the bucket brigade commenced, but being so long and the contents and the adjoining building.

"Some of the more venturesome firefighters seemed to glory in taking chances, and many times the fire in body combat before retreating. And if the water supply held out, they would make at least an impression upon the biggest, hottest fire.

"Usually the building was doomed, and when everything humanly possible had been done, and as many items of clothing, furniture and mementos were rescued as possible, and it was time to get out, and it was time to get out.

"Yes, Mt. Vernon has always developed an excellent breed of firemen. I think they could have put out the fires that destroyed Rockcastle and Chicago," Griffin concluded.

Years later, make the town siren atop the city hall building to call firemen, but that also gave way to radios and telephones. Sirens are only fired up at noon. These days, almost all the firemen in the three county towns are hooked to beepers and hand-held radios that call the firemen into action.

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technologist at Rockcastle Hospital; Mullins is meat department manager at Foodtown in Mt. Vernon; LaFavers sells insurance for Commonwealth of Kentucky; and Harris is employed by Okonite in Richmond.

Proctor works for a government-run credit union in Cincinnati; Crawford works for the railroad; Arnold is the stock manager at Foodland in Broadhead; Colson is in the Navy station in San Diego; Taylor farms and Mink lives in Ohio. Riddle, who coached at RCHS for seven seasons, retired from teaching last year. He still works as principal at Creston School, but now in the capacity of farm manager. Hamm teaches at Broadhead Elementary School.

Even 15 years later, memories of the day the bus pulled out of the depot and headed for Louisville come flooding back, especially during the week of the State Tournament.

The basketball goal still stands at Cash Coliseum, now empty except for a few grazing cows. Cash plans to make a similar goal for his two sons, Andrew and Aaron. Maybe they will have a chance to go back to the State Tournament like their dad did in March of 1972.

It's something I wish everybody could experience once, all kids," Brown said. "Of course if they did, it wouldn't be an experience."

Devils tie '53 Champs

By Willie Hiatt

The Jan. 23, 1953 issue of the Signal reported Dwight D. Eisenhower's presidential inauguration slightly above Mt. Vernon High School's victories over Broadhead and Hustonville.

If that seems like an odd juxtaposition of national and local news; it accurately reflects the excitement generated by MVHS basketball in those days. People stood three deep in the halls above the gym to catch a glimpse their motion offense and man-to-man defense.

But little did anyone know in January that the season would end in a magical March when the team earned a trip to the Sweet 16 in Lexington, the school's first and last such pilgrimage.

"It's an experience," said Charles "Tuck" Pitter, the point guard on that team. "If you have it, you'll never forget it."

Players no longer wear the Chuck Taylor canvas hightops or the satin uniforms with double numbers ranging from '00' to '99'. The set shot is now a relic belonging to that glorious age in high school basketball before consolidation eliminated the Cox Cardinals and McKees and Kingstons.

The players on the 1952-53 team stocked up enough mementos to last a lifetime. They kept five games in the 46th District Tournament and cashed their ticket to Lexington by upsetting Lily in the finals of the 12 Region. Their overtime loss to Newport Catholic in the opening round hardly blemished their 31-5 record.

"It gives you a great deal of gratification knowing that you did go," said Kenneth Cornelius, a freshman guard then. "Even today, I look back and say, 'Well, we did it.'"

The season might easily have spawned a movie script in the same genre as "Hoosiers," set in 1951 Indiana. Gene Hackman stars as a basketball coach who guides tiny Hickory High School in a mad drive to the state championship.

But instead of Hackman driving along flat roads and boys shooting on crude hoops in the open space, the Mt. Vernon varsity team was in 46th District. Hines walking slowly toward the school at 4 a.m. to stoke the furnace.

Hines, a janitor at MVHS for 34 years who doubled as a varsity coach, led the team to the gym. It wasn't unusual for boys to rise before daylight, fix their own breakfast, meet Hines at school and shoot baskets until classes started.

Still, a major problem remains. Many fires are discovered too late to extinguish. But fire chiefs, John Cox at Mt. Vernon, Brian Busell at Broadhead, and Jerry Mink at Livingston, and their firemen keep going when they are called.

"That's the way they learned it," said Hines, who retired in the early '70s. Cornelius once told Hines that he was the underlying reason for Vernon made it to the State Tournament that year.

The cast of players included Earl Noe, the brothers Manuel and Charles Shepherd, Baker, Cornelius, Earl Pittman, Bobby Fields, Melvin "Snooky" Taylor, Bobby Spears, Billy Chaney and Jimmy Cummins.

Laswell meshed these individual parts into a unit, implementing his offense with constant movement and myriad picks, a tireless fast break and physical man defense. At the end of the season, Laswell's four-year record was 55-27.

The 6-foot-3 Noe, with his jumping ability and quick release and was a scoring threat inside and out. He averaged almost 22 points that season as a junior, including 39 in the Newport game, then a state tournament record.

"We all had different jobs and they knew I would turn it loose," said Noe. "That was my job, to Baker was the senior leader," "the glue that held the team together," Cornelius said. He averaged less than 10 points a game, but he got the ball into the hands of the scorers while being a stopper on defense. He brags that no player ever scored more than 14 points against him.

The Shepherd boys were pillars, fierce rebounders, strong defensive men. Charles, a senior,

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sophored a little more than his sophomore brother, but he scored 15. "Neither one of those boys knew what the word quit meant."

The scrawny 5-7, 110-pound Cornelius was the freshman scorer. His arsenal included a jump shot around the perimeter, a set shot on out to about 30 feet. He said he took 75 percent of his shots behind what is not the college three-point line.

His nicknames included "Bubblegum" and "Corny," the first because of the bubbles he blew unknowingly in games, the second as a play on his last name.

Pittman was a stout guard, a good rebounder and defensive man. Yet even with these players and a good bench, it wasn't until the 46th District Tournament at Wayneburg that the players decided to realize a trip to Lexington was within reach.

The Red Devils dispatched Livingston 59-48 in the opener, then beat Memorial 62-49 and Middleburg 80-42 to advance to the March 5 championship game at Newport. Vernon beat Broadhead 84-66 for the fourth time that season.

"I don't think that we intended to say at the start of the season that we were going to the District Tournament," Baker said. "But once we got in the District Tournament and got rolling, I think we believed then that we could go."

Noe, who scored 89 points in the four-game District, and Charles Shepherd represented MVHS on the All-Tournament team. Cornelius finished the tournament with 64 points. The plot thickened at Somerset High School, the site of the 12th Region Tournament. Mt. Vernon eased past Junction City 69-54 in the opening game, setting up a fifth meeting with Broadhead. There, Noe'set winner over Somerset.

But again Mt. Vernon beat the law of averages - and Broadhead 65-53, gave us just that number," said Noe, who added that Broadhead might have had the better talent that year.

Nonetheless, it was Mt. Vernon playing for a spot in the Sweet 16. The following night against the heavily-favored Lily Tigers. Baker remembers the Lily players laughing at Mt. Vernon's faded uniforms and mismatched shoes. "They weren't laughing at us," said the first quarter.

The Red Devils jumped on Lily early, taking a 19-12 first-quarter lead. Using his position at the scorers' table to evade Noe, tell his coach, "Before I can get there the ball's gone."

Mt. Vernon led 40-30 at the half and 74-40 at the end of the third quarter. Maybe the Red Devils tired a little, maybe because a little too confident, but Lily reportedly scored 20 points in a three-minute span to close the score to 61-58 with two minutes left.

Regretfully, however, mounted to stretch the lead back to 11, winning 77-66. Noe, who said it was the best game he ever played, and Cornelius were named to the Region's All-Tournament team.

"The Red Devils set up such an impenetrable defense that hapless, hard-charging, fast running Lily Tigers could get but one shot at the basket," wrote Tommy Gray, who covered the post-season games for the Signal.

The victory celebration took place at the old Belys Restaurant near Renfro Valley, where the players, coaches and cheerleaders were treated to a chicken dinner.

"Most people would like to be treated like a god," Hackman says in "Hoosiers," "if only for a few minutes."

Mt. Vernon superintendent Clyde Linville precluded any embarrassment in Lexington by embarrassing the players new uniforms and warm-ups for the Newport game.

A crowd of approximately 12,500 watched at Newport, late 17-12, 31-28 and 44-36 at the quarter intervals, despite the profligate scoring performance by Noe. The junior had 21 points at the half.

Mt. Vernon tied the score for the first time at 52 with 1:52 left on the clock. That's when the first of the two costly turnovers took place, ultimately leading to the Red Devils' undoing.

Cornelius admits making one of them, a cross-court pass that was picked off for a layup that tied the score. But he doesn't remember if it happened in regulation or overtime. The players can't reach an agreement on who made the other turnover.

But even then, Mt. Vernon had a chance to win. With the scored tied and time running out in regulation. Noe got the ball about eight feet from the basket, turned found himself wide-open and the ball rolled around the rim and finally fell off.

"When I jumped and turned to shoot, he wasn't there," Noe said about the man assigned to him. "If he had been there, I would have hit it."

Gay later told Noe that he could have taken a step and shot a layup. Noe answered that he was feeling a really believe here. Mt. Vernon wouldn't have needed the shot in the first place.

Noe hit two twisting jumpers in the three-minute overtime, but Newport ended the game with a 61-60 score.

"We were disappointed that we lost the ball game," Baker said, "because we knew that we were a better team than we were. In my own mind, we were only one team over there that was really better than us."

The team was eventual champion Lafayette, led by Vernon star LeRoy Anderson. Led by Vernon star LeRoy Anderson, the Rockies' team batting average was .340 in 1950. The team averaged 7.5 runs per game and only gave up 3.3 runs a game to its opponents.

The Rockies captured the 1950 Tobacco League Championship on a play made famous by Mickey Owens, the catcher who once dropped a third strike and then threw away the ball, and ultimately the World Series, at first base.

Leading Central by a game in the best-of-three series, Wildie trailed 3-1 going into the bottom of the ninth inning. With two men on Durham singled in Sap Parsons to close the gap to 3-2.

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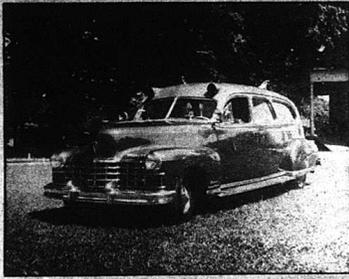
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Backfiring . . .

Fighting Fire With Fire— In the above photo, members of the London National Guard rake a fire line while forest ranger Donnie Snyder of Trigg County lights a backfire.

Fire destroys 2,285 acres of woodland in Rockcastle County

There wasn't a complaint heard Monday as residents awakened to the pitter-patter of raindrops on the roof, something forest firefighters had been hoping for for days.

It was the first rain in 11 days and quickly extinguished the remainder of 22 fires that have plagued Rockcastle since Nov. 1.

During that time, forest fires have blackened 2,285 acres of privately-owned woods in Rockcastle, not including federal lands in the Daniel Boone National Forest.

In the entire Daniel Boone Forest, a total of 105,700 acres have been scorched by 550 fires.

Forest rangers suspect that many fires have been set by arsonists.

In Rockcastle, two men were arrested for setting fires but were released after it was found that they had been setting backfires to control the blazes. However, they were charged with being drunk in a public place and driving under the influence of intoxicants.

Rockcastle Forest Ranger

Stephen Bullen said there are two suspects who will probably be charged with setting fires in the county.

Barns owned by Ronnie Rader and Gladys Chestnut at Maple Grove were destroyed by fire. That fire could have destroyed other buildings, but men coming out of a church service Sunday helped contain the fire.

Locally, major fires burned about 800 acres on Green Pond Ridge, about 500 acres at New Hope, 160 acres on Wolf Creek, 500 acres at Cleft Rock, about 100 acres on Chestnut Ridge and five smaller fires.

Two National Guard units from London helped fight the county fires, including four days spent on the Poplar Gap fire. Bullen reported about 150 volunteers in all helped fight the fires in the county. There was about 80 hours of bulldozer work. Bullen would not estimate the total cost of the fire fighting, but said it could be high.

"Friday and Saturday were

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Councilman says council 'dropped' the ball

By: Ray McClure

"We've dropped the ball," on annexation and zoning in Mt. Vernon, City Councilman Tom Welch told the city council in the meeting Monday night.

With only one more meeting

before the present council's terms expire—except Larry Burdette and Billy Ray Doan) Councilman Welch said the council should go ahead with annexation if the council has to borrow the money to do it.

"If this town is going to pro-

gress, we need to annex as we planned," Welch said. "We're losing revenue with all these businesses just outside the city limits. We need the money."

Welch said there should be a hotel-motel tax on four percent that is paid by tourists like in

other areas of Kentucky.

He also said the council should go ahead with zoning the town.

In order to annex, the city will have to obtain the services of a surveyor to survey the exact area to be annexed, estimated to cost about \$3,000. Also, if zoning is to be approved, zones would have to be established throughout the city also calling for professional documentation.

To prevent annexation, 50 percent of the property owners in an area to be annexed would have to petition against it. It would then be brought to a vote with 70 percent of the voters voting "No" to turn it down.

Mayor Elizabeth Baker reminded the council the city does not have the money to hire the surveyor. The council persisted, and the mayor agreed to consult with Charles A. Mullins, county surveyor.

Listening to the council during the entire meeting was Tommy Bussell, one of the councilmembers. The mayor welcomed him

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Council votes out water skiing at Lake Linville

The first reading of an ordinance prohibiting water skiing on Lake Linville was held at a meeting of the Mt. Vernon City Council Monday night.

The council made it unlawful to water ski on the lake or occupy any inflatable or other device pulled by a boat.

It made it unlawful to use floats or buoyant devices for the purpose of supporting a person.

The council also made it unlawful to operate motorized water skis, operate a boat greater than 25 miles an hour on the main channel of the lake, or any speed greater than idle speed in the south (Little Renfro Creek and Hysinger Hollow).

The council set a fine of no less than \$25 or more than \$50 for failure to comply.

A second and final reading on the ordinance will be held at the December meeting.

A second reading was held on an ordinance designating Mt. Vernon city elections as non-partisan.

The council earlier designated

no skiing on the lake, but subsequent rulings in Rockcastle District Court indicated the designation was unclear.

Rain around

A total of 1.68 inches of rain fell Monday through Wednesday, with the first snow of the year on Tuesday, according to figures from Cox Funeral Home Weather Station.

A total .06 fell on Monday, 1.54 on Tuesday and .08 on Wednesday.

It was the first rain of the month, the last was on October 28.

In the first 10 days of November last year there were 5.3 inches. It is estimated the area is about 11 inches behind the normal.

The low Wednesday morning was 28 with a few flurries. The low for November this year was 23 on November 1. The high this November was 82 on November 3.

Jail doors discussed by court

By: Ray McClure

Who pays for two doors in the Rockcastle County Jail now under remodeling still has not been decided.

The Rockcastle Fiscal Court had expected the contractor and a

state Corrections Cabinet official to come to the meeting of the court Tuesday to try to solve the problem of the wrong size doors, but the official, Brad Black, did not get to the meeting.

A representative of McKnight & Associates of London, contrac-

tor on the \$86,690 project, did appear but was reluctant to make any decision or commit himself.

Two doors on the old section of the jail were to have been used in the new section, but when they were brought to the new section to be installed they did not fit the door frames that had already been installed.

The contractor estimated the cost of the new doors at \$3,910. That cost, plus several other added items totalling \$3,876, has brought the total of the project to \$94,476, and as one magistrate put it, "For all we know this may not be the last of it."

The court does not want to pay for the mistake on the doors and neither does McKnight. The contractor did tell the court earlier the project had an architect but for only a short time. He said the court terminated the architect's employment, so there was no one to watch over the project resulting in the mix-up of doors.

The court decided to wait until it could hear from the state.

Jailer Billy Kirby reminded the magistrates that he would need beds for the prisoners in the new jail. The court voted to purchase the number needed, a number as yet unknown, not to exceed \$160 a bed.

The court also voted to pay \$1,750 for expenses incurred at the Kentucky Development Showcase '87 in Louisville in October.

Danny McKinney, representing the Rockcastle Chamber of Commerce, the Industrial Authority and the Improvement Council, told the magistrates the group had a booth at the event and talked with various companies about locating in Rockcas-

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Local school board hears abuse charge

The local department of child welfare was called in recently on an alleged child abuse case at Roundstone school, but local state officials could not find anything out of the ordinary.

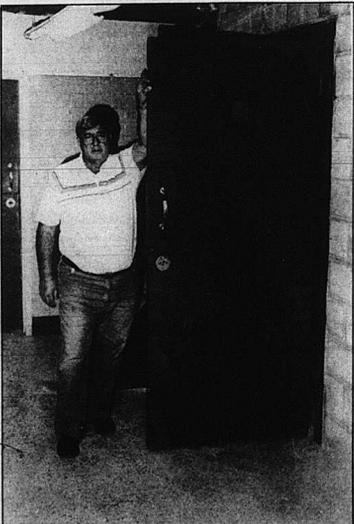
However, at last week's regular scheduled meeting of the Rockcastle County Board of Education, two parents, sisters Terry and Debra Poynter of Boone, told board members that they were highly dissatisfied with the way things had been handled at the school concerning the incident and a earlier incident involving their children.

Debra Poynter told board members that she had asked to talk to a teacher about the problem, but that the teacher refused to talk to her about the incident. But, when Superintendent Bige Towery asked Ms. Poynter if she has scheduled a conference with the teacher during the last teacher-parent day, she told

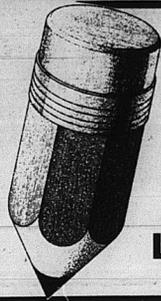
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Earl Cummins, new member of the Rockcastle Board of Education, was sworn in by Trial Commissioner Robert Robinson Tuesday night. Watching in the background is George Poynter, board chairman and Bige Towery, school superintendent.



Jailer Billy Kirby shows one of the two doors that has concerned the Rockcastle Fiscal Court for several weeks. The newly remodeled jail is expected to be ready for occupancy soon.



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<p>1985 FORD TEMPO</p>  <p>Air conditioning, am/fm stereo, power brakes. Sale price \$5,250.</p> <p>\$107.84 per month*</p>	<p>1986 CHRYSLER LeBARON GTS TURBO</p>  <p>Only 9,000 miles, cruise control, am/fm cassette, power seats, windows, steering and brakes. Sale price \$8,650.</p> <p>\$182.13 per month*</p>	<p>1986 CHEVROLET CELEBRITY</p>  <p>AM/FM cassette, power windows, power brakes, tilt steering wheel. Sale price \$5,490.</p> <p>\$118.80 per month*</p>	<p>1985 DODGE 600</p>  <p>Cruise control, power steering, power brakes, power seats, air conditioning, tilt steering wheel. Sale price \$4,390.</p> <p>\$101.25 per month*</p>	<p>1986 PONTIAC 6000 LE</p>  <p>Air conditioning, tilt steering wheel, cruise control, am/fm stereo, power seats and power brakes. Sale price \$7,790.</p> <p>\$161.66 per month*</p>
<p>1985 NISSAN KING CAB</p>  <p>Fiberglass camper, like new, am/fm stereo, power steering and power brakes, air conditioning. Sale price \$6,790.</p> <p>\$146.92 per month*</p>	<p>1983 CHEVROLET S-10</p>  <p>Tahoe package, like new, 23,000 miles, automatic, power steering and power brakes, air conditioning. Sale price \$5,890.</p> <p>\$160.40 per month*</p>	<p>1985 FORD RANGER</p>  <p>Sports package, 5-speed, power windows, power steering, power brakes. Sale price \$5,490.</p> <p>\$113.93 per month*</p>	<p>1985 GMC JIMMY</p>  <p>S-15, cruise control, power windows, power steering, power brakes. Sale price \$5,490.</p> <p>\$10,400 ..</p>	<p>1986 CHEVROLET S-10 KING CAB</p>  <p>Like new, 4 wheel drive, automatic, am/fm cassette, cruise control, air conditioning, tilt steering wheel. Sale price \$5,990.</p> <p>\$10,900 ..</p>
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<p>1985 FORD THUNDERBIRD</p>  <p>Automatic, cruise control, power windows, power brakes, air conditioning, tilt steering wheel. Sale price \$5,990.</p> <p>\$126.62 per month*</p>	<p>1985 FORD THUNDERBIRD</p>  <p>Like brand new! Automatic, am/fm stereo, power windows, power steering, power brakes, air conditioning, tilt steering wheel. Sale price \$6,900.</p> <p>\$149.71 per month*</p>	<p>1984 DODGE ARIES</p>  <p>Automatic, power steering, power brakes, am/fm stereo, air conditioning. Sale price \$3,900.</p> <p>\$78.52 per month*</p>	<p>1986 FORD ESCORT</p>  <p>Automatic, am/fm stereo, power windows, power steering, power brakes, air conditioning. Sale price \$5,990.</p> <p>\$118.80 per month*</p>	<p>1987 FORD TAURUS</p>  <p>Cruise control, automatic, power steering, power brakes, air conditioning, tilt steering wheel. Sale price \$8,990.</p> <p>\$169.57 per month*</p>
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Good Manners Contest

The Brodhead Elementary School Lunchroom and teaching staff recently began a Good Manners program for the month of October. The children, grades 1-8, competed each week to have the cleanest table and the winners for each week are shown. November's theme will be "Quiet As A Mouse" and the children will compete for the quietest table award each week.



Mrs. Martin's 1st Grade Cleanest Table - Week 1



Mrs. Dyehouse's 2nd Grade Cleanest Table - Week 2



Mrs. S. Hamm's class Cleanest Table - Week 3



Mrs. Parsons' 3rd Grade Cleanest Table - Week 4



Mrs. L. Cummins Class Winners - Week 3

"CITY COUNCIL" [Cont. From Front]

and commented on his interest in city affairs. In other action, the council voted to set aside two parking spaces on Main Street for loading/unloading zones. One of the spaces will be that occupied by Logan "Buster" Wilmon's taxi. The other space is across the street. It is the first space east of the brick steps in front of the former Norton Insurance Agency.

The council voted to have Police Chief Joe Howard auction off a wrecked city police cruiser at a Lexington auction and to buy another with the money he receives, if possible.

Policeman William (Bill) Mink was involved in an accident on West Main Street on Oct. 17 while in pursuit of another vehicle. Policeman Mink received minor injuries. The estimated worth of the 1986 patrol car is \$4,153.

An additional \$39,100 in property assessment for tax purposes has been written off by the council, bringing the total written off to date to \$110,100. The \$39,100 is actually only \$64.52 in tax revenue. The write-off is in connection with such items as homestead exemptions and fire damage.

The council said it would like to furnish water to Hasty's TV Shop on U.S. 25 south and to George Lakes on the Old Somerset Road, but the council said both would have to do their own installation.

A "children at play" sign will be erected on McCferron Street. Changes in street lights was left to the next council.

The council also voted 4-2 to continue buying gasoline at Phillips 66 station, leaving it to the next council to change stations or bid the product. "WONDERWORKS"

"Isaac Littlefeathers" When a native American boy is abandoned by his mother, he is taken in by an old Jewish man. Through this man's love, Isaac learns to overcome prejudice and accept both his old and new worlds. [Cont. to 10]

Rockcastle Hospital Report

PATIENTS ADMITTED

Robert Tillery, Conway; George Ray Long, Brodhead; Gladys Payne, Livingston; Mary Robinson, Mt. Vernon; Geneva Doan, Mt. Vernon; Ida Tankersley, Livingston; John McCferron, Mt. Vernon; Shelley Pike, Mt. Vernon; Thomas C. Hayes, Mt. Vernon; Annas McKET, Nov. 14th at 8 p.m.

"SCHOOL BOARD" [Cont. From Front]

Towery that she had not, but that she still wanted to talk to the teacher about the incident.

Terry Poynter told the board that she too had had problems with abusive teachers at Roundstone and that she was told that if she complained it would make it worse on her children.

The ladies would not say who told them it would make it worse on their children, but Debra Poynter said that Buford Parker, a son, who filled in for an acting

Bill Jack Parsons as principal earlier in this year, did tell her that she did not have a problem. Superintendent Towery said after the meeting that the alleged incident had been investigated by the state department and he was satisfied that the results of their investigation were accurate and fair to all involved.

In other business, the board voted to give the contract for managing the construction of a new Mt. Vernon school to Branscum Construction from Russell Springs. Branscum had a lower bid of approximately

\$33,000 on the project. Alliance Corporation of Glasgow was the other company that bid on the 4.1 million dollar project.

At the present time, the school system has access to approximately \$2.6 million of the needed monies for the school.

The board also voted to enlarge the parking lot at Roundstone school, hire Allen Pensol and Tammy Hamm as substitute teachers and extend Barbara Daugherty's bus route.

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2 ACRES - Near Family Dollar and Westgate Shopping Center. Ideal for commercial development. City water and city sewer. Priced at \$50,000. B99

THRIVING BUSINESS - with living quarters. Living quarters consists of 2 bedrooms, bath, utility room, kitchen, dining room and living room. Partial basement. There is approximately 1/2 acre of land with mobile home hook-up. Approximately 1500 ft. of retail area with stock and fixtures. Priced at \$52,000. B59

LARGE COMMERCIAL BUILDING - 1 Acre - 3,500 sq. ft. 175 and 015. Could be used for most any type business. - priced at \$65,000. B98

COMMERCIAL BUILDING - 6,000 sq. ft. Located at the junction of Highway 70 and 150. Has been a grocery but suitable for most any type retail business. Excellent location. Priced at \$74,900. All grocery equipment available at additional price. B63

OWN YOUR OWN BUSINESS - Crab Orchard. Landromat complete with 30 x 60 building. 24 GE washers 12 Cissell dryers. work tables. Storage room, city water and sewer. Almost new - well kept - great opportunity for an individual. Reduced to \$75,000. B32

ESTABLISHED BUSINESS - 1 mile out of Mt. Vernon. 50 x 80 garage building with front end alignment - radiator shop - computer wheel balancer - rotor and drum lathe - air compressor - floor hoists - jacks - battery charger - stands - work benches and office furniture. \$92,000. B10

BRODHEAD FEED MILL - Main Street property includes mill, building, store building, warehouse with crib and equipment. Priced at \$96,500. B45

COMMERCIAL BUILDING AND LOT - Located just off Main Street, Mt. Vernon. This large warehouse type building contains 10,000 sq. ft. and would be good for small manufacturing or storage. Has easy access and a large extra lot. Price reduced to \$119,500. B89

COMMERCIAL BUILDING AND LOT - South of Mt. Vernon on US 25. Building and business. Walk-out car. - Rockcastle Roller Rink. Although the building is being utilized as a skating rink, it could be adapted to most any type business. 70 x 125. Records available to qualified prospects. \$185,000. B12

COMMERCIAL BUILDING - For Lease - Over 8,000 square feet building with ample parking - refrigeration units. Formerly used as super-market but could be adapted for most any type business or small manufacturing. Call for details. B53

FARMS AND ACREAGE

02.39 ACRES near Orlando. Great place for building or mobile home site. Privacy - wooded. Owner has moved out of state. Priced at \$3,500. B39

12 Surveyed Acres With Privacy - Located in the Orlando section. Great building site. Priced at only \$6,500. B22

62 ACRES - more or less of undeveloped hill land. Ideal for a get-away or recreation. Good hunting. Close to river - good fishing. \$9,900. B16

50 ACRES - East Fork of Skaggs Creek. Good investment property. Primarily wood land. One suitable for clearing and pasturing. Priced at \$10,000. B56

10 ACRES - Green Pond Ridge. 450 lb. tobacco - pond - orchard - young timber - some cleared tillable land. All for \$11,900. B71

120 ACRES - near Blue Springs. Lots of young timber - 2 springs. Excellent investment or recreational land. Perfect hide-a-way! \$12,900. B70

34 ACRES - Near Johnetta. Coal and timber possibilities. Property also has 1972 12 x 60 mobile home and 2 room house. Good well - orchard. Reduced to \$18,500. B40

44 1/2 ACRES - Near Livingston. Improved with a frame house consisting of 2 bedrooms, kitchen/dining room combination, living room, egg bath. The house also has washer/dryer hook-up and city water. Also a detached garage. Reduced to \$19,900. B38

54 ACRES - Calloway. Approximately 10 acres pasture land - balance in woods. Some timber spring water. Improved with a 2 bedroom house. Priced at \$19,900. B48

15 ACRES - Near Oual on 618. City water - all tillable - backyard rock frontage - approximately 500 lb. tobacco base - approximately 300 ft. of frontage. Dandy small farm! Build to suit yourself. Priced at \$21,500. B54

91 ACRES - Just off Highway 25 at Pine Hill. 25 acres pasture and balance wooded. Improved with a small barn - approximately 800 lb. tobacco base. Priced at \$26,500. B54

100 ACRES - Located between Broedhead and Crab Orchard. Approximately 100 acres is pasture land and 100 acres hill land. Reduced to \$26,900. B21

186 ACRES - Located on East Fork Skaggs Creek. Ideal for investment or recreation. Some timber - only \$150 per acre. B62

146 ACRES - more or less. Copper Creek section of Rockcastle County. Approximately 15 acres cleared and the balance wooded - timber. Priced at \$29,900. B34

144 ACRES - Chestnut Ridge section of Rockcastle County. 15 acres cleared bottom land with 335 lb. basic tobacco base. Priced at \$32,900. B94

52 1/2 ACRE FARM - Near Livingston. Improved with a 4 room unfinished brick house, an 81 model 14 x 70 mobile home and a barn. Also has fruit trees and pond. Priced at \$44,900. B37

413 ACRES - Old Broedhead-Mt. Vernon Road. Includes house, barn, new equipment available, grain bins and silos. Reduced to \$325,000. B8

HOUSE AND 60 ACRES - Located near Livingston on Hwy. 1955. The house has living room, kitchen, 3 bedrooms and bath. Just right for the working man at \$24,900. B35

FARM BETWEEN BRODHEAD AND CRAB ORCHARD - 10 Acre Farm - Tobacco base - barn - plus 1 1/2 story house. House has 3 bedrooms, living room, kitchen and bath downstairs and 1 large bedroom upstairs. Also has washer/dryer hook-up, storm doors and windows and wall to wall carpet. Enjoy country living! Only \$39,900. B33

LAKE PROPERTY - 97 ACRES - On Lake Linville. Many possibilities. Over 1700 feet of shore line property. Priced at \$77,600. B47

100 ACRES - 1 mile off US 25 on the Orlando Road. 500 lb. tobacco base - frame house with 3 bedrooms, living room, kitchen and bath. Also has washer/dryer hook-up, electric heat. \$34,900. B4

20 ACRES - Located 1 mile out of Mt. Vernon on Old 461. City water. Suitable for development. Owner will consider dividing. All this for only \$39,900. B102

240 ACRES - Skaggs Creek Road. Approx. 2700 lb. tobacco base - 2 barns - 1 tobacco and 1 tobacco and stock barn - 4 room house in need of repairs - garage - timber - lots of firewood and some coal! Reduced!!! \$55,000. B19

Two Story Brick Home - Approximately 2000 sq. ft. Located near Mt. Vernon. Has living room, dining room, kitchen and breakfast room, den, 1 bedroom and 1/2 bath on first floor; 3 bedrooms and 1 bath on second floor. 11 closet, hardwood floors, fireplace, basement, garage, oak trim. One of Mt. Vernon's better homes. \$69,900. B86

MAPLE STREET - Near hospital. Brick home with 3 bedrooms, kitchen/dining room combination, family room, living room and bath. Finished basement with spacious family room, utility room and bath. Also has electric heat and wall to wall carpet. Large lot measuring 100 x 250. Priced at \$56,900. B72

EXCELLENT LOCATION - Williams Street - 1 1/2 story solid brick house. Has living room, kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bath and utility room on the first floor and 2 bedrooms and bath on the second floor plus a full basement. Block garage building - several shade trees - both fuel oil and wood furnace and fireplace. Reduced to \$56,900. B14

WHITE BRICK AND 5 ACRES - Small section of Rockcastle Co. House has 3 bedrooms, entrance hall, living room, dining room, kitchen, family room, utility room and 2 1/2 baths. Also 1/2 basement. Home is well decorated inside and has beautiful landscaping. Priced at \$84,900. B30

NEW SPLIT LEVEL - Located in the Barnett Subdivision. House has 3 bedrooms, living room, kitchen/dining room combination, den, 2 baths and garage. Priced at \$50,900. B81

CONTEMPORARY TRI-LEVEL WESTERN CEANR HOME - Fantastic wooded lot. Over 2,500 sq. ft. Home has 3 or 4 bedrooms, utility room, hobby room, dining room, kitchen, living room, same stone fireplace, balcony and built-in appliances. Truly a dream home! Excellent built! \$89,900. B73

QUALITY BRICK HOME - Near Library in Mt. Vernon. House has 3 bedrooms, kitchen/dining room combination, living room, family room, utility room and bath. Full basement with 5 rooms, large patio - washer/dryer hook-up and hardwood floors. Large lot with garden space. It won't last long at only \$54,900. B26

CHESTNUT HILLS - Lovely Traditional Brick Home with family room, exercise room, bath and utility room on the first floor and living room, dining room, kitchen, 3 bedrooms and 2 baths on the ground level. Wooded landscaping - 2 car garage with apartment - 20 x 40 pool - garage with grill. A fun place to live. \$84,900. B74

TRILEVEL HOME - 5 ACRES - 1 mile south of Mt. Vernon. House has family room, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, living room, dining room, kitchen, utility room, built-in cabinets, 20 x 40 horse barn, pond and orchard. All for \$52,900. B88

HOMES \$40,000 - \$50,000 - BEDFORD STONE HOME - Old Highway 461. This lovely home has 3 bedrooms, formal living room, kitchen/dining room/family room combination and bath. Also has washer/dryer hook-up, appliances, 2 car garage, electric heat/wood furnace and full basement. Also storage bldg. Owners taking job in another town and say sell! \$45,900. B77

NEW HOME - Houston Petal Estates Subdivision - Brick home has 3 bedrooms, living room, dining room, kitchen combination, utility room and 2 baths. Also has central air, washer/dryer hook-up and garage. Priced at \$47,900. B90

OLD HIGHWAY 461 - Bedford Stone Home - Home has 3 bedrooms, living room, dining room, kitchen, family room and bath. Also has full basement with 2 fireplaces. Priced at \$48,900. B5 Will consider trade!

TRILEVEL HOME - South of Mt. Vernon. 3/4 acre lot - chain link fence. This home has family room, 3 bedrooms, living room, dining room, kitchen with built-in cabinets, utility room, extra bedroom upstairs and bath. All kitchen appliances, heat pump with air cond. Building which could be used for shop. etc. Only \$39,900. B79

3 BEDROOM BRICK - Located at Scaffold Cave. A nice home also has living room, kitchen with custom made cabinets, utility room, storm doors and windows and storage building. All for only \$32,900. B82

1978 MODULAR HOME & LOT - Buffalo section of Rockcastle County. Home has living room/dining room combination - kitchen - 3 bedrooms, den and 2 baths. Also has electric heat, central air, washer/dryer hook-up and appliances. Priced at \$32,900. B84

MCUIRE SUBDIVISION - Brick home with 3 bedrooms, living room, kitchen, bath and full basement. Also wall to wall carpet, washer/dryer hook-up, electric heat and garage in basement. Priced at \$32,900. B42

HOMES UNDER \$30,000 - NEAR HOSPITAL - House and large lot measuring approximately 90 x 165. House has

living room, dining room, kitchen, family room, bath and utility room on the first floor with 2 bedrooms upstairs. 6 miles from Berea. Additional acreage available at extra cost. Priced at \$49,500. B41

2 STORY HOUSE - Brick and Aluminum - House has 3 bedrooms, living room, eat-in kitchen, 2 baths, family room and garage. Only 6 years old. Walking distance of Main Street. Better hurry, this one won't last long! \$45,900. B52

RUSTIC 2 ROOM CABIN - 4 ACRES - Cabin has 2 restrooms, city water and fenced in swimming pool. Priced at \$24,500. B52

LIVE ON THE LAKE - House has 2 bedrooms, living room, kitchen; bath and total electric. Situated on a 175 x 125 lot. Owner financing available. Priced at \$24,900. B60

NEAR HIGH SCHOOL - Remodeled house with 3 bedrooms, kitchen, living room, family room, bath, washer/dryer hook-up, oil heat, large front porch, spacious lot. All for only \$24,900. B100

PAUL STREET - Mt. Vernon - 3 bedroom frame house with living room, kitchen, family room, bath, city water, city sewer, carpet. All for \$25,900. B101

NEARLY 1 ACRE IN MT. VERNON - 3 bedroom brick has family room, dining room, kitchen with built-in cabinets, bath, carpet and hardwood floors - and oil furnace. Also has workshop and orchard. Owner moving to the country. All for only \$29,900. B43

FRAME HOUSE - Near Orlando - Home has 3 bedrooms, kitchen/dining room combination, living room, utility room and 1 bath. Also has storm doors and windows. Situated on a dandy lot. Priced at \$14,900. B75

DOUBLEWIDE - To Be Moved - 1983 Clayton doublewide home - 24 x 40 - 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, kitchen/dining room combination, living room, large kitchen with oak cabinets, window air conditioner and walk to wall carpet. It won't last long at \$15,900. B55

MODERN HOME - Located in the Red Hill section of Rockcastle County. House has large living room, kitchen/dining room combination, 2 bedrooms, bath, utility room, oil heat and garage. Almost 2 acres. All for only \$19,900. B6

1971 12 x 70 Mobile Home - Home has 2 bedrooms, living room, kitchen and bath. Reduced to \$4,500. B67

LOTS

4 BUILDING LOTS - Old Highway 461 near Hammonds Market. City water. \$2,500 each. B9

BUILDING LOT - Hwy 70 to 610 on an acre. City water. 160 feet of road frontage. \$3,000.00. B11

BUILDING LOTS - Country Club Estates Subdivision. City water - near Mt. Vernon. Only \$3,000 to \$3,500. B2

BUILDING LOT - Overlooking Lake Linville. City water - improved with a storage building. \$4,500.00. B7

EVERGREEN ESTATES - Spacious building lots in Rockcastle County's newest subdivision. All lots have or will have city water and paved streets. Ranging in price from \$4,500 to \$8,000. These lots have been restricted for your protection. B1

CHOICE BUILDING LOT - Happy Acres Subdivision - restricted. Only \$6,500. B58

LOT - Crab Orchard - Approximately 1 acre lot in Crab Orchard with city water and no restrictions. Priced at \$6,500. B93

LOT - Between Broedhead and Mt. Vernon on Hwy. 150. Approx. 1 acre - city water - ideal for commercial or residential use. \$8,900. B95

BUILDING LOT - with city water and city sewer. Hillview Subdivision. Lot measures 100 x 183 - garden space - restricted for your protection - dandy neighborhood. Only \$4,500. B67

SCAFFOLD CAVE AREA - 1/2 acre to 1 acre lots. City water. Priced from \$800 to \$1,250. B50

SUBDIVISION NEAR LAKE - Located on the Barnett Road. 25 lots measuring 1/2 acre and up and restricted. Several of the lots front on a backlot road and city water is available. Ranging from \$1,500 to \$4,000. B3

2 DANDY BUILDING LOTS - Greenway Drive. Mt. Vernon. City water. Each measures 125 x 275. \$5,750 each. B105

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Mt. Vernon Social News

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Hunt of Illinois have been visiting Mrs. Sallie Hale and other relatives and friends for a few days.

Freddie Noy and David Ray Sowler celebrated their birthdays last week. We wish them many returns of the day.

Mrs. Elizabeth Stokes visited Mr. and Mrs. George Burton a while last Thursday.

James Reynolds is on the sick list. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Gravelly Burton celebrated his birthday Monday, Nov. 9. We

wish him many returns of the day.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Hanzel of Elmore visited his mother, Mrs. Josh King and family of London and her mother, Shirley Burton, during the week end.

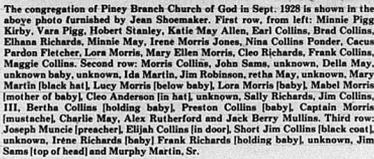
Shirley Burton was in Richmond Saturday evening.

Willis Hunt of Illinois visited Mr. and Mrs. George Burton a while Monday.

Sympathy is extended to the family of John Smith of Lexington in their time of sorrow.

Mr. Smith was formerly of Rockcastle Co.

We thank the Lord for the good rain we've had in the last



The congregation of Piney Branch Church of God in Sept. 1928 is shown in the above photo furnished by Jean Shoemaker. First row, from left: Minnie Pigg Kirby, Vera Pigg, Hobert Stanley, Katie May Allen, Earl Collins, Brad Collins, Ethana Richards, Minnie May, Irene Morris Jones, Nina Collins Ponder, Cucus Pardon Fletcher, Lora Morris, Mary Ellen Morris, Cleo Richards, Frank Collins, Maggie Collins. Second row: Morris Collins, John Sams, unknown, Della May, unknown baby, unknown, Ida Martin, Jim Robinson, retha May, unknown, Mary Martin (black hat), Lucy Morris (below baby), Lora Morris (baby), Mabell Morris (mother of baby), Cleo Anderson (in hat), unknown, Sally Richards, Jim Collins, III, Bertha Collins (holding baby), Preston Collins (baby), Captain Morris (mustache), Charlie May, unknown, Rutherford and Jack Berry Mullins. Third row: Joseph Mullis (preacher), Elijah Collins (in door), Short Jim Collins (black coat), unknown, Irene Richards (baby), Frank Richards (holding baby), unknown, Jim Sams (top of head) and Murphy Martin, Sr.



Roundstone Brownie Troop 1079, along with their leader, Kathy Coffey, gave the SPH/TMH class a special Halloween surprise. The troop sang some of their favorite songs, and presented the class with a Jack-O-Lantern. All thirty of the troop had a hand in the carving.

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few days. It was really needed.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Stephens and family of Lexington visited Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kirby and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Kirby Saturday.

We extend our sympathy to the family of Kenneth W. Tyler of Lexington in their time of sorrow. Mr. Tyler was formerly of Rockcastle Co.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Curt Fitzpatrick of Wildie.

Mrs. Sylvia Fitzpatrick and Mrs. Adna Chaney Bullock, both of Somerset, visited with Mrs. Willie Nicoley Wednesday of last week.

Jack Nicoley visited his parents last week from Monday until Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Abrams of Florida recently visited with Mr. and Mrs. Willie Nicoley.

Lawrence Abrams of Franklin, Ohio visited Mr. and Mrs. Willie Nicoley last week.

Choose your telephone service

Continental Telephone customers in Laurel, Knox, Pulaski, Clay and Rockcastle counties have only a short time to complete ballots mailed to them in September, asking that they choose a primary long distance company.

"It is very important for Contel customers to choose a long distance company right away," said Bill Dezan, Superintendent - telephone services for this area. "Customers who do not return their ballot will be randomly assigned to one of the three participating long distance companies. We would prefer that the customer make the choice," he said.

The deadline for returning the ballots has been extended to Nov. 13. After that date customers who did not respond will be assigned to a long distance carrier according to a random formula and subsequently notified of the company they are assigned to.

Customers who have lost their original ballot are asked to call their Contel business office.

THE MEDICINE CHEST

By: Tina Cain Hasty

Many users of dental adhesive products feel that they help them chew better, provide greater security, and add personal comfort. These are important, but denture adhesives can also promote irreversible deterioration of the denture bearing structures of the mouth when not used properly. Adhesives encourage users to continue wearing ill-fitting dentures that should be adjusted by a dentist. Adhesives can be safely used but only with well fitting dentures.

Here are some tips on proper denture adhesive use:

- "Unless your dentist has recommended otherwise, these products are for temporary use only.
- "The choice between a powder and a paste is based only on personal preference. There is no significant difference, unless your mouth is unusually dry. Then a paste is the best choice.
- "Use the product as the label directs. Apply a small amount evenly to your dentures, using the same amount each time. If it leaks out from under your dentures you are probably using too much.
- "If you develop a foul taste when using an adhesive, remove, clean, and rinse your dentures, applying fresh adhesive twice a day.
- "If you develop allergy symptoms (runny nose, watery eyes,

and itching), choose another product with different ingredients. Your pharmacist can help you pick one

"If you think you need to reline your dentures, you should check with your dentist first. Over-the-counter reliners may lead to tissue damage and denture damage.

If you have any questions about denture adhesives, check with your pharmacist or dentist.

"FOREST FIRES"

[Cont. From Front]

our worst days," Bullen said. "It was a disaster. It seemed fires were breaking out as fast we could contain them."

Bullen thanked all those who helped in any way during the fires. "We really appreciated it," he added.

Adjoining Laurel County also had its problems with fires and fire-related incidents all those who helped in any way during the fires. "We really appreciated it," he added.

Basil Vaughn, 48, fire chief at Cross Roads Volunteer Fire Department in northern Laurel County, died of an apparent heart attack while fighting a fire that threatened to burn a church and home off Winding Blade Road, believed to have been the work of an arsonist.

In Perry County, a judge sentenced Sanah Jones, 45, to two years in prison after he pleaded guilty to intentionally setting fire to a hillside last spring.

"It's true," a forest service officer said, "A lot of people are setting fires and if they are caught, they should be dealt with severely."

A Scott County man was charged with three felonies for throwing a firebomb at a county sheriff's car at a fire scene, and three men were arrested Sunday in Hart County for setting a bonfire.

The statewide fire ban has now been lifted. However, Bullen warned that if, as predicted, dry weather returns with temperatures in the 60's by Sunday, fires could rekindle.

"We're not out of the woods by a longshot," said Charles Craik, information officer for the Daniel Boone forest.

BULLETIN

Friday night, Nov. 20, there will be a basketball panorama at RCHS. At 6:45, Leslie Co. and Russell Co. will play. At 7:45, Rockcastle Co. will meet Burgin. And for the nightcap at 8:45, Wayne Co. will play M.C. Napier.

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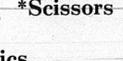
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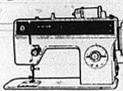


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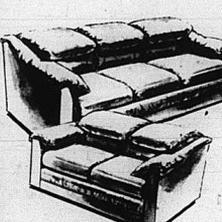
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Edited by Richard Anderkin

Four are tied in bowling league

The Pin Busters, NAPA, Misfits and Pin Crushers are all tied for first place in the Rockcastle Mixed League at Maroon Lanes at Richmond with 22 wins and 14 losses.

There is also a two-way tie for second place between Rebels II and the Alley Cats with a 21 and 15 record.

High team series for the week went to Rebels II with a 2443 and the Low Rollers were second with a 2390.

The Alley Cats took high team game with an 884 and the Low Rollers were second with an 844.

High men's series was taken by Henry Vanzant with a 627. Clifton Daugherty was second with a 624 and Rick Anderkin, third, with a 561.

Rick Anderkin had high men's game with a 234. Clifton Daugherty was second with a 233 and Henry Vanzant third with a 215.

Jamie Bryant had high women's series with a 523. Lois Noe was second with a 507 and Evelyn Mullins third with a 487.

Lois Noe had high women's game with a 192. Jamie Bryant was second with a 190 and Vickie Shearer and Jamie Bryant tied for third with a 188.

High men's series HDCP went to James Hamilton with a 709 and Clifton Daugherty was second with a 678.

Rick Anderkin took high men's game HDCP with a 268 and Clifton Daugherty was second with a 251.

Lois Noe had high women's series HDCP with a 675 and Jamie Bryant was second with a 652.

High women's game HDCP went to Lois Noe with a 248 and Vickie Shearer was second with a 240.

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1000 yard season ...



Senior Chris Larkey gained 1021 yards in leading the Rockcastle County Rockets to a 9 and 2 season. Senior Pete Harrison lead the defense with 104 tackles from his linebacker position.

New three-in-one-tag possible

The Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources Commission, during its December meeting, will be considering a new three-in-one deer tag and bag limit change for the 1988 deer season.

According to the proposal prepared by John Phillips, deer program coordinator and Lauren Schaaf, wildlife division director, the new system would consist of three deer tags to be purchased as one package by the hunter. Single deer tags would no longer be available, except as a "youth tag" for hunters under 16 years old.

The three permits would allow hunters to harvest one deer of either sex, one antlered deer and one antlerless deer, but zone

regulations would still dictate the number, method and sex of deer which may be taken in any given zone or county. The cost of the three tag package has yet to be determined, but the increase would be modest — perhaps \$17.50 for the three tags. The current price for a deer tag is \$11.50.

Kentucky's growing deer population has necessitated some changes in harvest management strategies, especially in the western and northcentral portions of the state. Statistics show that Kentucky's deer herd is growing at a rate of 28 percent each year and also that there are not enough hunters in some areas to effectively control increasing

deer numbers. One problem that has arisen in managing the deer herd is that hunters in areas with higher deer populations are reluctant to harvest does. With the increased availability of deer, more hunters have turned to trophy hunting or strictly buck hunting.

As a result, not enough does are being harvested and reports of crop depredation have increased, even with the increased amount of either sex hunting permitted over the last few years.

A deer tag that allows for the taking of up to three deer, under certain conditions, is an incentive to harvest a second or third animal. In addition, the three tag

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Deer hunter safety

There is nothing more important in hunting than being a safe, conscientious hunter, particularly during the deer season.

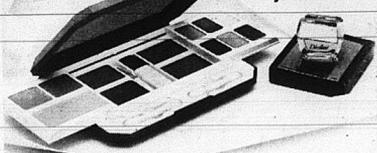
The popularity of deer hunting has increased rapidly in recent years, following the unprecedented growth of the state's deer population. There will be

well over 100,000 deer hunters in the woods during the Nov. 14-23 deer gun season. These numbers, plus the excitement of the hunt, make an awareness of safety rules among all hunters a necessity.

Actually, hunting is among our safest sports, but last year there

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High percentage of farm families depend on off-farm jobs for income

Nearly 65 percent of Kentucky farm families depend on income from off-farm jobs. And that percentage is likely to increase. "We found that the underlying factor that prompted farm families to depend on income from off-farm jobs was the availability of jobs," said Louis Swanson, a member of the research team of agricultural economists and rural sociologists that polled some 1,500 Kentucky farm families in early 1986.

The desire to raise the standard of living by farm families has led them to increase their income by off-farm employment, he said, and to the extent that jobs are available in the rural areas, they have taken advantage of those opportunities.

Of the 65 percent of farm families that depended on off-farm income, nearly 28 percent reported that both husband and wife were employed in off-farm jobs, he said.

More than half of the part-time farmers had total farm sales of less than \$10,000 and only 12 percent had sales above \$40,000, Swanson said.

The survey also found that only 28 percent of Kentucky farm families reported total family incomes before taxes of more than \$40,000 and 42 percent had incomes of less than \$20,000, Swanson said.

"Although the survey was conducted when talk of the farm crisis was great, we have seen little since then to suggest that incomes have improved in the farm sector. It seems more likely that incomes have continued to erode," Swanson said.

Farm men reported working more off the farm than farm women, with the average being 235 days per year.

"That figure approaches full-time employment which suggests that farming is actually a secondary enterprise in terms of time available to devote to it," Swanson said.

Farm women who work off the farm reported an average of 221 days of off-farm work each year, he said.

"One of the interesting findings from the survey was that farm women who worked off the farm had better education than their male counterparts, but earned only 53 percent of what they did," he said.

"One reason for the difference in earnings may be due to the availability of sex-stereotyped jobs. Women tend to work in certain low paying jobs and men tend to work in more higher paying jobs," Swanson said.

FROM OUR FILES

5 years ago, 1982—John Bullock, Doris Durham, Lance Dillingham and Willetta Owens, election officers in the South Mt. Vernon precinct, reported a light voter turn-out for the General Election.

Michael and Lynette Barr became the proud parents of a baby girl, Bobbi Jo, born Oct. 24 at Central Baptist Hospital. Bobbi Jo weighed 7 lbs., 15 ozs.

Earl and Sallie Mason of Orlando celebrated their 37th wedding anniversary Nov. 3rd at their home.

10 years ago, 1977—Tex and Connie Amyx of Livingston, announced the birth of a son, James Aaron, born Oct. 1, at the Rockcastle County Hospital. He weighed 8 lbs. 4 1/2 ozs. and was 19 inches long.

Dale Noe, age 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. Freddie D. Noe, of Mt. Vernon was one of the 120 FFA members from across the nation selected to participate in the National FFA Band.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis E. Coffey of Route 3, Mt. Vernon, announced the birth of twin daughters, Melanie Edna and Marsha Ethel, born Oct. 25, at the Pattie A. Clay Hospital in Richmond.

15 years ago, 1972—Homecoming Queen and attendants were freshmen; Lori Stewart and Kim Payne; sophomore; Cheryl Riddle and Jeannie Wheeler; junior; Cindy Whitehead and Kathy Bullen;

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PERFORMANCE AT THE WHITE HOUSE

"Tribute to American Music: Jerome Kern" President and Mrs. Ronald Reagan host an evening of Jerome Kern's music at the White House. Kern composed a number of popular musicals, including the enduring "Show Boat" on KET, Nov. 18 at 8 p.m.

Fall Harvest dance sponsored by CAP

When the air gets crisp and the leaves begin to turn, our thoughts turn to hayrides, bonfires and other ways to celebrate the end of summer.

The Christian Appalachian Project's Special Needs Home, located in Mt. Vernon, Kentucky, decided to celebrate by hosting a Fall Harvest Dance for mentally retarded teens and adults.

"We had such a good time with the formal dance in the spring," explained Pat Montgomery, manager of the Special Needs Home. "that we decided to have another one. We decorated the Family Life Recreation Center with bushel baskets of chrysanthemums, bales of hay, leaves, gourds, pumpkins and everything that our western theme country music was provided in addition to games and a clogging exhibition by The Renfro Valley Rockers."

Pat continued, "These dances are being held for the physically and mentally handicapped young adults who haven't had many opportunities to attend dances where they would be accepted by their peers."

The spring dance had been such an instant hit, that invitations to the fall dance were sent out to service groups in five counties asking them to join in the fun. Nearly 60 young adults attended, some who traveled from as far away as Clark County.

Assisting the Special Needs Home staff in this activity were the CAP volunteers, along with Lisa Reams, Cathy Shori who provided the games, Debbie Tudor, who deejayed the music, and Liz Phelps who arranged for the clogging exhibition.



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Mr. Clarence Bryant is reducing his farming operation and divided his farm into lots. These lots range in size from .66 to almost 2 acres and all front on the Bowling Ridge Road which has recently been blacktopped. City water is also available to all of the lots. Mr. Bryant divided these lots with the idea of giving the purchaser a large country lot with plenty of "elbow" room. Any of the lots offer ample space for building, mobile home or garden, plus much more. All of the lots offer a fantastic view.

Auctioneer's Note: If you're in the market for some of the best lots to be offered at auction in this area, then mark your calendar now to attend this auction, **Saturday, November 14th at 1:30 p.m.**

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For additional information, contact Mr. Clarence Bryant at 758-8936 or:

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"New three-in-one tag to be discussed"

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system gives hunters the option to harvest a doe and still be able to buck hunt. Zone regulations would direct the hunting pressure to those areas that need a larger reduction of does, while maximizing the use of the entire herd in all areas.

A recognized drawback of the proposed system is that hunters living in the zones that permit antlered deer only hunting would have to travel to other counties to fill their doe tag. However, hunters would be able to harvest two antlered deer with a gun, whereas previously only one antlered deer could be taken.

"We feel this is a necessary step to effectively manage and maximize the value of our growing deer herd," said Schaaf.

"Our research indicates that while the herd could safely accommodate a higher reduction of bucks, we are more in need of developing a system that will encourage hunters to harvest does," said Schaaf.

"This system would give us infinite flexibility in providing quality deer hunting opportunities in Kentucky," Schaaf added.

"Deer Hunting should be a safer sport in Ky."

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were more accidents than usual in Kentucky. Twenty-seven hunting related accidents were reported, seven of which were fatal. Big game hunters were involved in only 10 of these accidents, and eight of the 27 total were non-firearm related. Accidents include any mishap while hunting, such as self-inflicted wounds from mishandling firearms, mistaking hunters for game and falling from tree stands.

Over the past seven years, there have been approximately 15

reported hunting related accidents per year. Only nine accidents have been reported so far in 1987, none of which have been fatal. This record indicates that Kentuckians are safety conscious, but an annual reminder of the rules of safe gun handling never hurts.

Although the law requires deer hunters to wear a hunter orange garment (vest, coat, coverall, hat or cap) during the gun season, exercising common sense and good judgement when handling a fire arm is something only the hunter can control. He alone must make sure his equipment is in good condition, his fire gun is loaded properly and is fired only after the target has been unmistakably identified and the background is clear.

The excitement of coming face to face with a big buck is enough to cause anyone to forget to be safe, yet it is no excuse for taking an unsafe shot and possibly putting a human life in danger. Almost all hunting accidents that occur during deer season could be avoided by following some simple rules.

Always remove the cartridge from the chamber when climbing into a tree stand and use a rope tied to the stock of the unloaded gun to pull it up into the stand. Keep your gun on safety until you have positively identified your target and are ready to shoot. When climbing down from a stand, unload your gun first and lower it to the ground with the rope tied to the barrel to prevent dirt from becoming lodged in the barrel.

The most common type of hunting accident is a self-inflicted wound caused by mishandling firearms. However, there seems to be an increase in accidents due to one hunter mistaking another hunter for game, according to Marion Mattingly, assistant director for the division of conservation education for the department.

"Crunching leaves and crackling branches from behind trees and bushes do not constitute a deer and do not warrant a spray of gunfire. At best this practice will prevent a chance at harvesting a deer. At worst, it could cause the death of a fellow hunter," said Mattingly.

"A gun should never be pointed towards anything the hunter does not intend to kill and the target should always be positively identified before a shot is fired," added Mattingly.

"Bowling News"

Cont. from A-7

James Noe has high men's average with a 186. Henry Vanzant is second with a 183 and Clifton Daugherty and Jamie Noe are tied for third with a 181.

Debbie Bugb has high women's average with a 180. Evelyn Mullins is second with a 160 and Jamie Bryant third with 150.

NAPA and Misfits are tied for first in the Rockcastle Bowling League at Maroon Lanes in Richmond with 21 wins and 11 losses. In second place are the Alley Cats at 20 and 11.

High team series for the week went to the Pin Busters with a 2440. The Misfits were second with a 2436 and the Low Rollers, third, at 2418.

The Low Rollers took high team game with an 888, followed by the Misfits and Pin Crushers with an 854 and the Pin Busters were third with an 845.

High men's series went to Jamie Noe with a 618; Jim Cromer was second at 605 and Henry Vanzant, third, at 583.

Henry Vanzant took high men's game with a 223 and Jamie Noe had second and third high game with a 221 and 212.

Wavelene Mullins had high women's series with a 520; Jeannine Parsons was second with a 473 and Evelyn Mullins, third, at 472.

Wavelene Mullins also took high women's game with a 192 and tied with Annette Faulkner for second high game with a 179.

James Noe holds high men's average with a 187. Bill Reynolds is second with a 183 and Jamie Noe, third, at 182.

Debbie Bugb still has high women's average with a 180. Evelyn Mullins is second at 159 and Perlina Anderkin, third, at 149.

High men's series HDCP for the week went to Jamie Noe with a 699. Jim Cromer was second with 665 and David Craig, third, at 659.

Henry Vanzant had high men's game HDCP with a 251. David Craig was second with a 246 and Perry Noe, third, with a 243.

Wavelene Mullins took high women's series HDCP with a 664. Jeannine Parsons was second at 605 and Pennie Mullins, third, at 601.

Wavelene Mullins also took high women's game HDCP with a 240. Annette Faulkner was second with a 227 and Aslee Bray, third, with a 223.

"Hospital Report"

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Cracken, Orlando; Bobby Wilson, Mt. Vernon; Alene Hasty, Mt. Vernon; Ernest Aaron Mobley, Orlando; Gernie Amiburge, Berea; Ernest Wilson, Delta; Andrew Johnson, Orlando; and Eva McCollum, Berea.

PATIENTS DISCHARGED

Lesley Poynter, Ambrose Brockman, George Ray Lons, Ernest Aaron Mobley, Denver Sandlin, John McFerron, Mary Elizabeth Robinson, Alene Hasty Ann McCracken, Shelley Pike and Robert Addy.

"From our Files"

Cont. from A-2"

senior, Debbie White and Pam Cummins, Homesteading Queen, Livingston Chapter No. 353, Order of Eastern Star, celebrated its fiftieth anniversary on Oct. 21 with a banquet in the Masonic Hall at Livingston.

Woodcarver William McClure of Mt. Vernon, was a guest of Berea College's weekend craft exhibitions. Mr. McClure held a free demonstration.

20 years ago, 1967-Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Carter of Mt. Vernon announced the engagement of their daughter, Claretta Lou to Pfc. Tommy E. Hodges, son of Mr. and Mrs. Estill Hodges, also of Mt. Vernon.

Miss Linda Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Jones and Glen Woodall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Woodall, were elected King and Queen of the Mt. Vernon Halloween Carnival.

Leading the cheers for the Livingston Blue Devils this season will be Darlene McClure, Vicki Ross, Teddie Allen, Carcilie Carlottis, Sue Kelly and Koula Carlottis.

25 years ago, 1962-Casper Coldiron, of Brothead, grew a seven pound turnip. It measured 24 inches around.

Attorney Felix Bowman, of Mt. Vernon, suffered a broken leg while on a fishing trip.

Mt. Vernon water users got their first bill which reflected the new increase in water rates. The base is now \$3.30 with a tax of 10 cents for a total of \$3.40. The council also voted an increase in sewer but it will not go into effect until the proposed sewer is completed.

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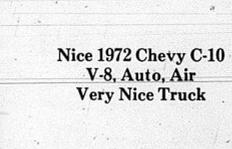
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Around BRODHEAD

By: Mary McWhorter

Tony Cromer, son of Patty Cromer and Carlos Cromer of West St. in Brodhead, is now employed as Director of Respiratory Therapy at the Sycamore Hospital in Sycamore, Ill.

Mrs. Jewell Bengé and son, Pfc. Tracy Bengé visited his brother, Troy Bengé, and wife, Kay, in Rising Sun, Md. recently. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. Ben Lakes in New Castle, Delaware. Pfc. Tracy leaves soon for two year's duty in Japan. Troy is a member of the Presidential Honor Guard stationed in Washington, D.C.

Friday afternoon visitors of Mary McWhorter were Suzanne Graves, Robert Lear, Jr., Bob and Betty Lear, Corey Craig, Billy Graves and Freddie Pruitt, Jr., Kenneth and Mabel Sutton of Plainfield, Ind. spent two days recently with his sister, Mrs. Marie Wallin and son, Roscoe Wallin.

Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Pence of Stanford were visitors of Marie and Roscoe Wallin recently and also visited their daughter, Mrs. Sandy Bengé and husband, Bill, and their two sons, Bobby and Eric.

Pat Pruitt and Mary McWhorter visited Mickie Lea at Wendys's in Richmond Sunday afternoon.

I talked to Velma Croley Pingleton Sunday night who reported that her mother, Cuba Croley is improving some. She has been ill for several weeks at the home of her daughter in West Chester, Ohio.

Recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Long were Wallace and Ardie Brown, Jimmy and Evelyn Blevins, Don Hopkins, Harrison and Lela Johnson of Clay City, Oakley Collins, Diane Helton, Johnnie Taylor and Jessie Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Thomas of Mt. Vernon were Sunday afternoon guests of Mrs. Elva Mobley and they had supper with Mr. and Mrs. James Boone and family at Quail.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Elder of Cincinnati spent the week end

with their daughter and sister, Clara Proctor and her husband, Bobby.

We are so thankful that young Corey Scott is able to return to his home after a three-week stay in the Ephraim McDowell Hospital in Danville due to a broken leg in a football game. He must remain in a full body cast for some time. His parents, Gary and Vicki Riddle Scott, who have taken all their leave from their teaching job, have hired Ann Denney Craig to care for him while they are away. Corey is the grandson of Ted and Verla Scott and Bill and Carol Riddle. He is a fine boy and we hope he can soon be better and back in school.

Ernie Helton of Ohio was Saturday guest of Maggie and Audrey Fletcher.

Jimmie and Jennie Phelps of Somerset were Sunday dinner guests of Jack and Virginia Fletcher.

Kristi, Ashley and Ricky Dee Bussell were Friday night guests of their grandparents, Dee and Mary Bussell.

Mrs. Janet Bussell Bowman has returned to her home and is recuperating fairly well after undergoing serious surgery on her head.

I had a letter recently from Mrs. Ruth White and Mary Adams in Louisville informing me they had been to Virginia attending the funeral of their brother-in-law and their niece. They certainly have our sympathy.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Taylor were recent guests of Willie and Mabel Taylor.

Mrs. Fanny L. Albright was Sunday dinner guest of her daughter, Mrs. June Latham and family. Her recent guests were Rinda Brown, Clyde and Ruby McWilliams, June, Alice and Bruce Latham.

R.L. West visited his mother, Mrs. Mary Preston in Ohio recently and also Mrs. Eleanor West visited her sister, Mrs. Dixie Flannery in Ohio.

Recent visitors of Grace and Evon Brown were Mildred Thompson, Marie Alcorn, Kim Bond, Teresa Bussell, Alma Jean Cable, Jewell Denney, Vennie Payne, Eleanor West, Verla

Brown, Georgia Thompson, Donald and Maggie Cable and grandson, Joshua Howard.

Mrs. Lena Blanton Griffin and her friend, Mrs. Geraldine Day of West Carrollton, Ohio, spent a day recently with Mr. and Mrs. Carrel Blanton. Mrs. Blanton said they sure enjoyed their company.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Brock of Somerset, Virgie Spoonamore and Dixie Blanton were in Reading, Ohio the first of November for a reunion of the late Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Brock's eight children. They all enjoyed the occasion very much.

Recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Carrel Blanton were Mr. and Mrs. Odus Wilson of Richmond, Ind., Palmer Lee and his sister, Mattie, of Harlan, Mr. and Mrs. Junior Blanton and Rodney of Mt. Vernon, Mr. and Mrs. David Blanton and daughters and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lee Cash.

Mrs. Brenda Bradley visited Mrs. Florence Owens in Crab Orchard last Friday and, on Sunday, she and Stephanie visited with Mrs. Bessie Noe in Mt. Vernon.

We are happy to hear of Mrs. Rachel Pittman being much improved after a serious illness which struck her suddenly in a department store in London recently. She was taken to the Marymount Hospital then transferred to the Pattie A. Clay Hospital in Richmond. We hope she will continue to do well.

We were sorry to hear of Rick Bryan's accident on the Negro Creek Road Saturday night. He remains in a Lexington hospital. Our prayers are for him.

Quail

Mrs. Florence Albright is ill at her home. Those who visited her recently were Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Ponder, Deborah Philbeck and Jennifer, Mrs. J.C. Reynolds, Roxanne, Jamie and Rhonda. Mr. and Mrs. Billy Owens and sons, Mrs. Thelma Bullock and daughters, Linda Reynolds, Mrs. Ola Phelps, Mrs. Brenda Bradley and Stephanie and Mr. and Mrs. Austin Mobley.

Dr. and Mrs. A.P. Tada-jewski of Louisville visited her sister-in-law, Edna Pope, Saturday. They also visited Mr. and

Mrs. Gordon Pope and family and with his mother, Edna, and Aunt Alma.

Tuesday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Albright and Tootie were Mr. and Mrs. Billy Gordon. Mrs. Audrey Hamm and Don Stevens.

Sunday afternoon visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Rogers were Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Kersey of Houstonsville, Mrs. Dean Barson and daughter, Stacy, Mrs. Vivian Owens and Mrs. Wayne Taylor and family.

Saturday visitors of Mrs. Pattie Baker were Tex Payne and daughter, of Ohio, Mrs. Marshall Thompson of Eubank and Mrs. Christine Brown.

Children's Book Week Nov. 16-22

The Rockcastle Co. Library is answering the call of Secretary of Education William J. Bennett who said: "Let's have a national campaign...Every child should obtain a library card and use it." Elaborating on this theme, Linda K. Wallace, director of the American Library Association Public Information Office said that libraries "aim to stop illiteracy before it starts by reaching out to parents of young children...based on the premise that a child without access to libraries and books is handicapped for life."

The Rockcastle Co. Library is joining with other Kentucky Libraries, Kentucky Library Association, Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives and libraries throughout the nation in encouraging all county residents to use the library and get a hometown library card. At present, there are about 3500 registered borrowers out of a total county population of 13,784.

Librarians are encouraging Kentuckians to take time to read because nearly sixty million Americans are poor readers. Kentucky ranks near the bottom on the literacy scale where more than 400,000 adults need reading help. More than 10% of Kentucky's work force reads and writes at about the fourth grade level.

Recent research also shows that parents are the primary

influence on a child's development and that 50% of a child's intelligence is developed by the age of four. You can give your child a head start on life by making regular library visits, attending story hour at 1 p.m. on Wednesday and reading to your child for at least fifteen minutes per day.

You can get "The Card With A Charge" at the library and use it to check out a variety of materials including books,

records and magazines. The wealth of materials can be used for information, education and entertainment. Library cards are free. You can register for a card during regular library hours. The library is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 11 p.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Sat. 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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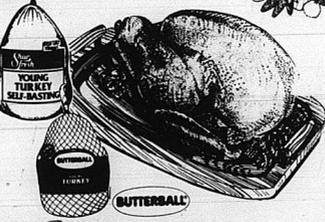
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Gilbert Mink dies in Oklahoma

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He was a member of the Brindle Ridge Baptist Church, and is survived by his wife, Sybil Mink; two sons, James and Dean Mink, both of Sapula; two step-sons,

Charles Bussett of Mt. Vernon and Bob Marcum of Richmond, Ind., 26 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Services and burial were November 11 in Sapula, Okla. Obit courtesy of Dowell and Martin Funeral Home.

By: Austin Mobley, Minister
Providence church of Christ

Crowns



The Psalmist says, "Verily, there is a reward for the righteous" (Psa. 58:11). That reward is called a CROWN in the Bible.

Literally, the word "crown" is used to denote "a reward of victory or mark of honor; a royal or imperial headdress" (Webster).

Figuratively, the word is used in the Bible many times to describe the victory in Christ Jesus. It is called:

The Incorruptible Crown (1 Cor. 9:24-25). In the ancient games, a crown woven as a garland of oak, ivy, parsley, myrtle or olive was placed upon the head of the victor. Paul uses the term for victorious overcomers of the flesh, the world and the devil in the race set before them. The literal crown of ivy, etc. would soon wither and perish. But when God rewards, He does not reward with something cheap. The crown He gives will be incorruptible.

The Crown of Rejoicing (1 Thess. 2:19). "For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming?" This can apply to be called, "The soul-winners crown." Rejoicing is frequently connected with salvation (See Luk. 15:7; Acts 8:39). Those who have helped to save others will be wearing this crown when Christ comes again.

The Crown of Glory (1 Pet. 5:1-4). "And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away." This crown is reserved for elders who tend the flock of God well. A rich reward is promised for "watching for souls" (Heb. 13:17).

The Crown of Righteousness (2 Tim. 4:7-8). This crown is prepared for those who watch for His coming and "love his appearing." If we are clothed in righteousness in this life, if we fight the good fight of faith, if we keep (guard) the faith, the reward will be a crown of righteousness in heaven.

The Crown of Life. In Rev. 2:10 this crown is especially intended for believers who suffer martyrdom rather than yield to the enemy. In James 1:12 the crown of life is promised to those who endure temptations in this life.

Christ will be the giver of these crowns at the judgment day. Please observe that the crown one wears in heaven must have been worn upon the earth.

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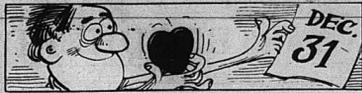


Fright Night at Food Fair on Halloween saw these Ghosts and Goblins (and your everyday Vampire) on the scene. Upper photo shows, from left: Darrell Stewart, Dennis Deborde, Mike Phillips and David Gibbs all dressed up as their favorite whatever. In the photo at left, Vampire Dennis Deborde tries to defend himself from Rambo Darrell Stewart.



Mrs. Lisa Clontz, pharmacist, is shown after talking with a group of first graders at Brodhead. Mrs. Clontz presented a program about drugs and safety as related to Halloween.

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Second Section

Thursday, November 12, 1987

Bray announces bad weather procedures

As the winter season approaches, plans have been made concerning inclement weather and the transfer of information regarding school closings to the public, according to Richard Bray, Rockcastle County Schools Transportation Director.

As has always been the case, in any decision relating to inclement weather, the safety of all students is the primary concern. Therefore, weather and road conditions over all the county will be evaluated before any decision is made, according to Bray.

Bray said that if weather conditions exist that make it necessary to begin the school day later than the regular time or to close school for the entire day, this information will be given to various radio and television stations to broadcast as soon after 6 a.m. as possible. The stations contacted to broadcast this information will be as follows: Radio-WRVK (AM 1460), WHAS (AM 840) Louisville, WVLC (FM 93) Lexington and television station WLEX (Channel 18) Lexington. If school is delayed or cancelled the night before, television station WKYT (Channel 27) Lexington will be notified in addition to the other sources.

Also, if weather conditions appear to be getting bad while buses are making runs or while school is in session, students may be sent home early. If this situation does occur, parents not at home during the day are advised to have some alternatives available in receiving and caring for their children.

During any event that could possibly cause altering the regular school schedule, parents and students should not call radio stations, schools or school staff members at home. These calls will tie up telephone lines and delay important broadcast information that everyone should know. Please listen to the radio for announcements.

Many tobacco farmers would quit if price support program ended

A third of Kentucky's burley tobacco farmers say they would quit producing tobacco and another 50 percent said they might not produce it if the price support program ended, according to a survey of Kentucky farmers conducted by a team of University of Kentucky agricultural economists and rural sociologists.

"We found in the survey that farmers desired the stability that a price support program offers and many would be unwilling to produce burley if they had no assurance of price," said Mike Reed, one of the economists who conducted the study.

Of those who said they would continue producing tobacco without a price support program,

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Farmers-Business Banquet ...



Tammy and Bobby Cox, Jack Dailey, Russell Parsons and Dr. Rudolph Burdette enjoyed the meal Friday night.



Entertainers from the Valley at the banquet were, from left: Patti Flye, Bee Lucas, Virginia Meece, Swance Cornett, Country Charlie and Terry Clark.



Mrs. Ann Henderson was guest speaker for the banquet. She spoke briefly on the Valley and then let entertainers from the Valley perform for the audience. At right is Robert Robinson, master of ceremonies for the occasion.

Local teen part of movie being made in McCreary

Deep in the woods of McCreary County, Somerset entertainer Jay Perkins assembles a couple cast members for another day of filming.

A scene is supposed to be shot today at a log cabin located not far from the Big South Fork and the Tennessee line. Those involved in the filming have driven 60 miles to get there, some of it by gravel road.

Using a Panasonic video camera, a script he wrote himself and a cast of 47 people, Perkins has spent about six months taping scenes for his movie.

It's a western, he says, that tells the story of a colorful McCreary County native John West.

West, who died in the 1950's, was a gunslinger-turned-preacher whose story fascinated Perkins, a country music singer born in McCreary County.

Perkins borrowed West's story as the basis for his movie, but the final product - expected to be completed in a year or so - will be a fictionalized account set in a different time period and different part of the country.

"It covers a time span from 1865 and we have him dying in 1923," Perkins explains. "You can cover a lot of different cultures and a lot of different time periods. But the story is still based upon his life."

"We're having a lot of fun with it," says Louvon Whitaker, Perkins' co-producer and ex-father-in-law. "But we've had three or four bad days."

Whitaker, of Shopville, handles the camera and other technical aspects of the filming. Like Perkins, he is a member of the popular local band, Stardust. He also runs the Log House Recording Studio in Pulaski County.

The movie will use three actors to portray West as a child, young man and older man. As a young man, he returns to the homelance from the Army, learning the civil landowner "has burned up his ma and pa in the cabin."

(The log cabin used will be before the fire scenes belongs to Sam Boggs, a retired agricultural Extension agent in McCreary County. A second, already-burned cabin will be used in the "after" scenes.)

"Then he becomes a different person," Perkins says. "He's out after everybody - but this guy primarily - he doesn't trust anybody, in other words."

So the enraged John West commits many violent "deeds".

"He winds up spending 20 years in the federal penitentiary for the last deed," Perkins says, "in which he buries the landowner's son in a hole in front of the corral, cuts the fence and turns loose a couple hundred of the cattle over his head."

"So then he goes to federal pen for 20 years. He comes back and he becomes converted, he becomes a minister and not necessarily the minister that's going to tithen the other cheek. He's

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"Mass Appeal" to be presented by Arts Council in November

For their fourth annual dinner theatre production, the Rockcastle Council for the Arts is pleased to announce the presentation of "Mass Appeal" by the Actors' Guild of Lexington. "Mass Appeal," written by Bill C. Davis, is about a priest and a deacon, and though that sounds like the start of a Henry Youngman joke, Mr. Davis' script is a dazzlingly funny and warm play about conflict and collaboration, about faith lost and love found.

Father Tim Farley has found peace and lost his faith. Seminarian Mark Dolson is a flame with love for his Lord, in hot water for his ideas and subjected to a baptism of fire by a priest he calls a song-and-dance theologian. And yet, behind the humor is the deeper message that what is ultimately important is love - the love you have for others and the love you have for yourself. The New York Times called it "first rate...a wise, moving and very funny comedy about the nature of all kinds of love." Time Magazine said it was a "luminous...glowing parable about the indivisibility of love."

Presented last month in Lexington, Dan Smith, contributing theatre critic to The Lexington Herald-Leader, said, "The humor comes through strong...it is a particular strength of Bill Davis' 'Mass Appeal' that religion is a very funny business...Thanks largely to John B. Lynaugh's (Father Farley) comic charm...this production makes for an engaging evening."

Returning to stage work after an absence of several years is John B. Lynaugh in the role of Father Tim Farley. John holds a Ph.D. in theatre from the University of Wisconsin and is a former faculty member of the University of Kentucky's theatre department. Lexington audiences know him from his outstanding performances in American Buffalo and Fiddler on the Roof. He is the owner of Lynaugh's Irish Pub and Grill in Lexington.

Chase Clark is renewing his portrayal of Mark Dolson in this production of "Mass Appeal." His first appearance in this role was with the Pegasus Players in Frankfort. He has also performed in "The Elephant Man" and "Grandma's Flower Garden." He is a free-lance special events coordinator.

Director Carol Spence is one of the founders of Actor's Guild and is producing director of that

group. She holds a B.A. from Penn State and an M.A. in theatre from the University of Kentucky. Carol comes to "Mass Appeal" with experience of several highly successful productions, including "The Slab Boys" and "A Lesson From Ales." She is also a television producer-director for UKTV.

Reservations for this very popular event, held at the Cedar Rapids Recreation Center, are \$12.50 per person and must be made in advance with Mrs. Sue Rowe at 256-2148, no later than Monday, November 16th. Dinner will be catered by the Rockcastle Steak House and will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. with the program following at 8:30 p.m. Treat yourself and your family to an entertaining evening and support your local Arts Council.

Anderkin elected to KPA board



Richard Anderkin, 50-year-old owner and publisher of the Jackson County Sun and reporter and advertising manager for the Mt. Vernon Signal was elected last week to the Kentucky Press Association's Board of Directors. In his first attempt to gain a spot on the 25 member KPA board, Anderkin defeated incumbent Earl Burchfield of Middlesboro Daily News.

Anderkin will assume his duties on the board at the 1988 KPA winter convention and his four year term will end on January 1991.

He was elected from the 13th district composed of member newspapers in Knott, Whitley, Laurel, Clay, Bell, Rockcastle and Jackson Counties.



Brakes failed on a National Guard army truck, parked on a steep hillside, Saturday while the Guard were fighting forest fires in the Clear Creek area. The truck struck and damaged two other vehicles before hitting a tree and stopped in a deep gully. The dozer was used to pull the truck. Luckily no one was injured in the incident.



Mt. Vernon Quarry Gang

Men who worked at the Kentucky Stone Company Quarry in 1929 posed for their picture that year. Front row, left to right, are Luther Cummins, Boyd Payne, Joe Cromer, Bill Cummins, Robert Peas, Bert Cromer, Ab Sparks, Crip Langford and John Brad Cummins. Back row, left to right, Ben Price, Frank Harmon, Logue Arnold, Billy Barnes, Clarence Perciful, Ambrose Hasy, Otis Rash, Elmer Payne (in truck), George Jarber, Ed Payne (in truck), Bud Rowe, Robert Sparks, Murt Cromer and Will Logue Cummins.



A section gang of clysterark at Dudley Station at Brush Creek. In the 1929 photo, front row from left, are Garfield Clark, Charles Ball, E. Mullins, Robert Leger. Back row from left, Berry Clark, Bill Reams, Bill Smith, Willie Higgins and Oscar Gadd.

five sons, Johnny, Terry, Charlie and Bill Smith, all of Lexington and Bobby Smith of Nicholasville; six daughters, Mrs. Catherine Stevens of Stanford, Mrs. Joyce Landerman of Burlington, Mrs. Helen Price of Burgin, Mrs. Jean Burns, Mrs. Judy Johns and Mrs. Sue Carmichael, all of Lexington; a brother, Joe Smith of Mt. Vernon; two sisters, Mrs. Anna Tyler and Mrs. Ethel McFeron, both of Mt. Vernon; 14 grandchildren and one great grandchild. He was preceded in death by two sons.

Services were held Sunday afternoon, Nov. 8 at the Cox Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Byron Jessup officiating. Burial was in the Smith Family Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Charlie Smith, Terry Smith, Bobby Smith, Johnny Smith, Roger Landerman and Bobby Carmichael.

Tyler

Kenneth Wayne Tyler, 34, of Lexington, and formerly of Mt. Vernon, died Nov. 6, 1987 at St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington.

He was born in Berea Aug. 26, 1953, the son of Willie and Anna Smith Tyler and was a 1975 graduate of Berea College. He did graduate work at the University of Kentucky and the University of Naples in Naples, Italy. He was a coach of the Henry Clay High School academic team, a member of the faculty at Henry Clay High School and was a member of the Park Methodist Church in Lexington.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Tyler and a sister, Arlene Todd, all of Mt. Vernon. Three nephews and a niece also survive. He was preceded in death by a brother, Johnny Tyler.

Services were conducted Monday, Nov. 9 at the Dowell and Martin Funeral Home by Rev. Eugene Barber. Burial was in the Smith Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Don Taylor, Mike Jerrell, Evan Adams, Jerry Wakefield, Tony Mink and Dwayne Adams.

Obituaries

Smith

John William Smith, 73, of Lexington, and formerly of Mt. Vernon, died Nov. 5, 1987 at his home.

He was born Oct. 4, 1914 in Rockcastle County, the son of the late Harvey and Nellie Smith and was a retired plumber and electrician for the University of Kentucky.

Survivors are his wife, Anna McClure Smith of Lexington;



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1980 Honda Accord: 4 dr., Red, Auto, Rear Defrost **\$1,795.**

1980 Buick Regal: 2 Dr., 2 tone tan/beige, tan vinyl interior, V-6, Auto, AC, AM/FM Cass. **\$2,450.**

1979 Pontiac Grand Lemans Station Wagon: Lt. Blue w/vinyl interior, V-6, Auto, AC, Roof Rack **\$995.**

1978 Pontiac Bonneville: 4 Dr., Beige w/velour interior, V-8, Auto, PS/PB, PW, AC **\$1,995.**

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1985 Dodge 1/2 Ton P-Up: Blue w/vinyl interior, long bed, 318 Cl. V-8, Auto, PS/PB, Step Bumper, Custom Wheels **\$5,495.**

1985 Ford F-150 XLT Lariat P-Up: 2-Tone Charcoal/Silver w/red cloth interior, fuel injection, V-8, Auto, PS, PB, Tilt, Cruise, Step Bumper, Auxiliary Fuel Tank **\$8,295.**

1985 Chevy S-10 Longbed PU: V-6, AT, AC, PS, PB, Blue, Blue Vinyl Int. **\$4,895**

1981 Chevy 1/2 Ton P-Up: long bed, V-8, Auto, PS/PB, Bed Rails, Step Bumper, Bronze w/Vinyl Interior, Rally Wheels **\$3,795.**

1977 Ford F-150 Super Cab P-Up: V-8, AC, PS, PB, Sliding Rear Window, Step Bumper, Long Bed, Walk-in Camper Top. Only **\$2,495.**

1973 Dodge 1/2 Ton P-Up: V-8, Standard **\$395**

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School Happenings

Dr. Hedrick will serve as chairman of regional committee against drugs

Dr. Charles Hedrick, pastor First Baptist Church of Mt. Vernon has been asked to serve as Chairman of the Cumberland River Regional Action Committee of the Champions Against Drugs in Kentucky. The state is divided into 12 regions and Dr. Hedrick will be chairman of the regional committee which includes Rockcastle County. He will continue to represent Rockcastle County on this board. Champions Against Drugs is a public awareness and educational program designed to mobilize communities to work together in addressing the drug and alcohol problems faced by all citizens of Kentucky. This program seeks to address this problem in the areas

of prevention, awareness, education, intervention and treatment, and law enforcement. One of the local projects underway now with Dr. Hedrick's involvement on this regional board is the starting of "Just Say No" clubs in all the county Elementary Schools, the S.A.D. club at the high school, and working with the local school board committee in the development of a stronger drug and alcohol approach through the local school system. Other organizations and individuals who are concerned about this problem and want assistance may contact Dr. Hedrick or the local Comprehensive Care offices.



Moonshine was a way of life for many Rockcastle Countians of the past. In the picture above, federal revenue officers find a still in a remote section of the county. At left, with the rifle, is George Griffin

of Renfro Valley who led the raid. The cost of making "shine" finally became higher than legal whiskey and the practice gradually ended except for a few who made it for their own use.

Schools Menus

Rockcastle County Elementary Schools
MENU
November 16 - 20, 1987

Monday: Cereal, toast/jelly, juice, milk.
Tuesday: Pork loaf, applesauce, biscuit, juice, milk.
Wednesday: Peanut butter/honey sandwich, juice, milk.
Thursday: French toast sticks, syrup/butter, juice, milk.
Friday: Scrambled egg, toast/jelly, juice, milk.

Lunch
Monday: Ravioli casserole, whipped potatoes, green beans, roll, milk, frosty creme.
Tuesday: Hot dog on bun, potato chips, baked beans, milk, cobbler.
Wednesday: Chili, toasted cheese sandwich, crackers, milk, fresh fruit.
Thursday: Chicken on bun, potato rounds, lettuce & tomato, milk, peanut cluster.

Friday: Pizza, garden salad, buttered corn, milk, fruit.
Rockcastle County High School MENU
November 16-20, 1987

Monday: Chef's salad or breaded fish and macaroni/cheese, green beans, cornbread, milk, choice of offered desserts.

Tuesday: Chef's salad or pizza, garden salad, buttered corn, milk, choice of offered desserts.

Wednesday: Chef's salad or chicken paity on bun, french fries, lettuce & tomato, milk, choice of offered desserts.

Thursday: Chef's Salad or chili and sandwich, crackers, vegetable sticks, milk, choice of offered desserts.

Friday: Chef's Salad or Pig 'n' Blanket, potato chips, baked beans, milk, choice of offered desserts.

Special Halloween
Mrs. Judy Dean's Job Training Partnership Agency (JTPA) class gave the SPH/TMH class at Roundstone Elementary a Halloween they will long remember. On October 30th, the class carved Jack O' Lanterns for

each of the students to take to their home. A drawing was held to see whose creation Mr. Parsons would take home and Jerry Smith's Jack O' Lantern was chosen.

The next day, the class read poems, stories and Halloween recipes. They also presented the class with Halloween and fall artwork to display in their room. Members of the class are Johnny Ballard, Tommy Dees, Mike Peters, Jason Poynter, James Robinson, Jerry Smith and Robert Willis. Their volunteer work was greatly appreciated. Mrs. Janice Dooley assisted in this endeavor.

CUMBERLAND COLLEGE NEWS

A student from Brodhead is among 119 students attending Cumberland College on academic

scholarships this semester. An academic scholarship is awarded on the basis of college entrance exams, grade point average (GPA), rank in class, and participation in extra-curricular activities. It is the highest award given to an incoming freshman.

Cumberland College, located in Williamsburg, is a four-year, private liberal arts college founded in 1889.

Students awarded academic scholarships include: Johnny D. Harris, son of Arthur Harris, Jr.

PRE-REGISTER FOR COLLEGE NOW

Pre-registration for spring semester classes at Cumberland College will be held Monday, Nov. 9 through Friday, Nov. 20, according to Cumberland College,

president Jim Taylor. Students planning to take classes this spring including students not enrolled this semester, incoming freshmen and transfer students should pre-register.

"3 - 2 - 1 CONTACT"

"3-2-1 Contact" brings the worlds of science and technology alive for 8- to 12-year-olds. The series is not in its sixth season on KET and airs Wednesdays at 10 a.m. This season, cast members visit West Africa for Mammals Week and practice the art of judo during Japan Week.

Book fair

The Kentucky Book Fair, set for Nov. 21 in Frankfort, will feature both nationally-known

and home-state authors, including Albert J. Fritsch of Livingston.

Fritsch, an area priest and public interest worker, has joined forces with Berea photographer Warren E. Brunner to produce the work, "Appalachia: A Meditation." The book combines Biblical scripture with the sparse reflections of the Jesuit, Fritsch, and the striking images of Brunner's photographs.

The co-authors, having identified 72 characteristics of the Appalachian region and its inhabitants, have illustrated each trait in black and white photos they believe to be "typical" of the region. Fritsch states in the preface, "If we are drawn to Appalachia and its culture in any way, we can make the land itself our teacher." Brunner has documented the land and people

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Some of the employees of Druther's Restaurant got into the Halloween spirit last week as they dressed up as their favorite Halloween creature. They were, from left: Tammy Barnett, Rhonda Miller, Beverly Price, Sara Braley and Darrell Stevens.

ramblings . . .

by: perlina m. anderkin
Rick told me Monday of this week that he was "getting excited" about our anniversary issue. Thinking about it later, I realized that that was an unusual statement from anyone connected here because, after a while, it is hard to get "excited" about anything in this business. That is a problem because

there are always many things going on to get excited about but you tend to become very cynical very quickly in this business. I was really glad to hear Rick say that because it meant to me that he is not completely jaded to the business and can still get excited about things connected with it. Everyone at the Signal has worked hard on this issue and especially Rick and Raymond McClure. Rick sold all the ads which were necessary to publish it

and contributed heavily to the content. But, Raymond McClure was mostly responsible for this job. We realize, of course, that somebody, somewhere is going to be offended because we missed something of import that happened in the past 100 years. That can't be helped and we can only plead the fact that Signal files were very spotty until we came in 1966 at which time we began having them professionally bound in volumes of 1 year each. Of course, we had the library's microfilmed copies to draw on but a section of these is missing also and Rick complained of a headache constantly from having to try to read the microfilmed copies.

Anyway, it's over for another 100 years and, not to be facetious, I wouldn't mind being around for the 200th anniversary issue. Of course, that's an impossibility and I don't suppose I really mean it. My physical condition would be such that it certainly couldn't be termed a

"BOOK FAIR"
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of Appalachia from his Berea studio for 25 years.

The local author will share the spotlight at the 1987 Book Fair -- the sixth annual event of its kind -- with some 80 writers from across the country, including such headliners as Rosalynn Carter and David Halberstam.

The Kentucky Book Fair is a fund-raising event that provides grants for buying books to public, school and academic libraries. Last year, the Book Fair committee awarded \$8,000 in such grants to six schools and four public libraries. The committee hopes to distribute \$10,000 in grants this year.

This year's fair will begin at 9 a.m., Nov. 21 at the State Department for Libraries and Archives Building, Coffee Tree Road, Frankfort.

An R.C.H.S. Minute

By: Leslie Norton

This week at the high school the senior class ordered their pictures. Money for the pictures was to be brought on Nov. 4. A magic show presented by Fred Smart can be seen Thursday, Nov. 5 in the high school gymnasium. There is a \$1.00 charge for any students who wish to attend. Six weeks tests will be given this Thursday and Friday and report cards distributed on Nov. 16.

Students at the Rock were amused Friday to see that the teachers and faculty had decided to dress up for Halloween. Also on Friday the second issue of the school newspaper, The Rocket, went on sale and the Rockcastle football team played their last game of the season against Whitley County. The Rockets won by a score of 16-6. Congratulations to Coach Tom Larkey, his staff, and the Rocket football team for their great 9-2 record, the best ever at R.C.H.S.

quality existence."
I have thought a great deal lately about getting old. I really faced up to it with the birth of Allison which I thought at the time I could just take in stride as I had the others. But, I soon realized that those 2 o'clock feedings, the colic hours, the perpetual watching over were actually meant for younger folks. I have managed thus far (or at least I think I have, Allison might think differently) and the joy of a baby in the house far outweigh the creaks and groans of the body as I struggle to fulfill my responsibilities toward a very active 2-year-old. Jim has been very helpful, along with her older brothers and sisters. The only drawback to the older brothers and sisters is that they think I am not strict enough with her and quite often relate this to me. This is probably true. As you get older, you realize that things which you used to place such importance on aren't really all that important as long as the child is happy, well-adjusted (?) and cared for and doesn't wind up in a reformatory at too tender an age.

Recently I was keeping Rick's three-year-old and Allison of course and Allison referred to me as Momma to which Aaron immediately took issue and informed her that I was his "Granny." This was a little confusing to both of them but they are relatively bright children and will understand it all one of these days. Travis has probably borne the brunt of a baby around more than anyone and he has adjusted nicely. She sees something she wants that he has, she screams and it is immediately turned over to her. So you see, Travis has learned the law of supply and demand very quickly. Allison demands it and Travis, if he can, immediately supplies it.

I really didn't mean to get started on this column about the children and I guess I had better quit right now before I decide you must hear about our granddaughter, Kayla...



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Bob Jasper

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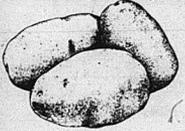

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"Tobacco Farmers would quit"
[Cont. From Front]

most said they would keep their production at about the same level as it is now.

"Keeping tobacco production at about the same level, even without a program, probably is the most reasonable response for those who plan to continue. Barn space is fixed for most farmers and because of uncertainty they are not likely to increase it without a great deal of thought," Reed said.

Of the farmers who are leasing out their quota, 12 percent said they would produce tobacco even if there were no quota, but 41 percent were not sure what they would do, Reed said.

Farmers who were leasing in their quota were more likely to indicate they would produce without a program, with 28 percent saying they definitely would and 31 percent saying they would not, he said.

Nearly half of the farmers in the survey favored the current 15,000 pounds lease-in limit. And only 7 percent said they thought the lease-in limit should be increased.

Overall, Reed said, Kentucky farmers favor government support of burley production, with 70 percent affirming the role of government in keeping the price of burley stable. Eighty percent said they favored the continuance of the quota system.

Farmers are pessimistic that burley support prices will be at their current rate and are somewhat unsure that the support program will continue, Reed said.

"The average expected support prices for 1990 was \$1 per pound. A quarter of the farmers said they expected the program to be discontinued by 1990," Reed said.

"McCreary Movie"
[Cont. From Front]

still John West."

So what are we talking about here? An "outlaw minister"?

"Basically that's what he was," Perkins replies.

As a minister, John West is the kind of guy who pulls out a .45 Colt when he lays out the options of "eternal life" or "eternal hell" to a congregation.

"There's been gobs of westerns depleting preachers but they were probably all fiction," Perkins says. "This one actually happened."

Rather than push a particular message, the film Perkins has in mind simply tells the story of a flamboyant character in the rough-and-tumble Old West.

"That coupled with the fact the we needed to make a movie," he says. "It's just something I've wanted to do for a long time. It's been boiling in me, it's been eating at me, something I wanted to do."

Perkins envisions the finished product as like a pilot film and would like to see it run on Kentucky Educational Television. Part of the filming has already been done at a Civil War re-enactment site in Perryville. Other portions may be filmed in Utah or Wyoming.

Scott Thompson, a 16-year-old junior at the Rockcastle County High School plays the part of Carl Braddock in the movie.

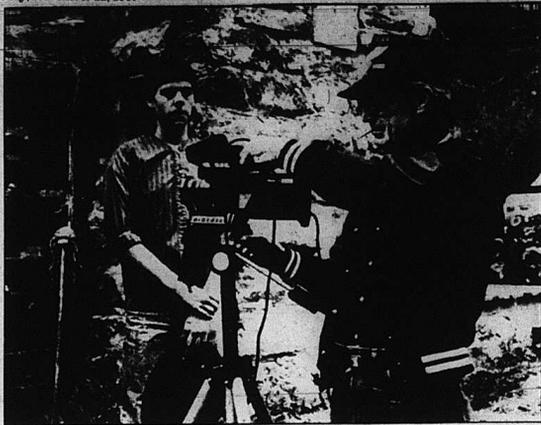
Thompson's first endeavor in the entertainment field has him cast as a bully, but Thompson doesn't mind.

"Jay and my Dad use to play music together all of the time and he thought I was perfect for the part," Thompson said. "I've known Jay Perkins for a very long time and who better would know if I am right for the part than him."

Scott said that he was receiving some money for his efforts, but that the actual amount would depend a lot on the success of the film.

This is Scott's first crack at acting, but Scott is looking forward to it. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Thompson of Mt. Vernon.

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Scottie Thompson, 16, of Mt. Vernon, watches as Jay Perkins readies his camera to shoot a movie scene. Scott plays the part of Carl Braddock.

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By: Cheryl Witt
County Extension Agent
for Home Economics

KENTUCKY WINTER SQUASH AND PUMPKIN

Squash is the fruit of a vine-like plant of the cucurbita family. It is classified as summer or winter, which is merely a way of distinguishing between tender-skin squash and hard-rind squash: Winter squash has a hard rind. It is mature and may be small or large depending on variety; neither peel nor seeds are eaten. Winter squash includes butternut, acorn, buttercup, Hubbard and banana. Pumpkin is probably the most widely known of the winter squash varieties.

Fresh is Best
Although some varieties of winter squash can be purchased year-round, the greatest selection of fresh winter squash is available in the late summer and throughout the fall. Winter squash has a mild flavor that combines well with more flavorful vegetables as well as with herbs and seasonings. Tasty flavorings are basil, cloves, fennel, ginger, mustard seed and nutmeg. It can be served as a cooked vegetable, used in main dishes and baked goods. For example, pumpkin is found in recipes for pies, breads, cookies and cakes.

All varieties of winter squash, including pumpkin, are extremely high in vitamin A. They contain some phosphorus, calcium, potassium and niacin and are practically sodium-free.

Winter squash is not as low in calories as summer squash: However, in terms of vitamin A, it's a bargain for the calories. One half cup of cooked, cubed winter squash without any added flavorings has only 40 calories yet more than 100 percent of the U.S. Recommended Daily Allowance



for vitamin A.

Selecting and Storing

Winter squash and pumpkin should be heavy for the size, have a hard skin and be free of blemishes and soft spots. Refrigerate winter squash or store at room temperature and use within a few weeks. Pumpkin should be stored in a cool, dry place and used within a month. Buy one pound of squash for 2 to 3 servings.

Tips on Handling

To prepare winter squash, rinse in cold water, cut into halves or quarters and discard seeds. To prepare pumpkin, halve or quarter and remove seeds and stringy portions. Use very little water in cooking winter squash to avoid loss of flavor.

Freezing

Winter Squash - Select firm, mature squash; wash, cut into pieces and remove seeds. Cook pieces until soft in boiling water, a pressure sauce-pan, or in the oven. Remove pulp from rind and mash or press through a sieve. To cool, place plan containing squash in cold water, stirring occasionally. Pack into containers, leaving 1/2 inch headspace, seal and freeze.

Pumpkin - Select full-colored, mature pumpkin with texture that is fine rather than coarse and stringy. To prepare, follow directions for winter squash.

Pumpkin-Orange Chiffon Pie
1 1/4 cups graham cracker crumbs (about 14 squares)
2 tablespoons margarine, melted

2 eggs, separated
1/2 cup water
1 envelope (1 scant tablespoon) unflavored gelatin
1/2 cup brown sugar, divided
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
1/8 teaspoon ground ginger
1 tablespoon grated orange peel
1 cup pureed pumpkin*
*To puree, prepare pumpkin as for freezing. After cooling, process in blender until smooth.

CRUST: In a small bowl, combine the crackers crumb and the margarine thoroughly. Press the mixture onto the bottom and sides of a 9-inch pie plate. Chill the crust in the refrigerator or freezer.

FILLING: In a small saucepan, combine the egg yolks and water. Sprinkle in the gelatin, and let the mixture stand for 5 minutes to soften the gelatin. Add 1/4 cup of the brown sugar and cinnamon, nutmeg, and ginger. Stir to blend thoroughly. Cook the mixture over a very low heat, stirring constantly, for several minutes until the gelatin melts. Take care not to let the yolks cook into a solid mass. Transfer the mixture to a medium-large bowl. Stir in the orange peel, orange juice and pumpkin, blending the ingredi-

ents thoroughly. Chill the mixture, stirring it occasionally, until it begins to set (the mixture should form soft mounds when dropped from a spoon).

In a clean bowl, beat the egg whites until they form soft peaks. Beat in the remaining 1/4 cup of brown sugar until the mixture forms stiff, shiny peaks. Gently fold the egg whites into the chilled pumpkin mixture, blending well. Pour the filling into the chilled crust. Chill the pie in the refrigerator until the filling is firm, at least 4 hours. Makes 8 servings, 190 calories each.

Whether you take it through the nose, under the tongue or as an injection, vitamin B-12 probably will not boost your energy level.

Recent claims are that taking vitamin B-12 through a nasal spray gives you an energy high that lasts 48 hours. Not true.

Promoters of under-the-tongue mixtures of B vitamins tout them as a way to increase athletic stamina and reduce stress. False.

Others claim that B-12 will not pep you up unless your tiredness is caused by a deficiency of that vitamin.

The likelihood of a B-12 deficiency is rare in the United States. It occurs in only two groups - among vegetarians who eat no

meat, fish, chicken, dairy products and eggs, and among people who cannot absorb the vitamin from food, such as victims of pernicious anemia.

The fact is, most people get all the vitamin B-12 they need from their diets. The recommended daily allowance is about three micrograms, about three millionths of a gram a day.

However, vitamin B-12 is found only in animal foods, so strict vegetarians must use an extra source such as B-12 fortified soy milk or a supplement. Supplements in nasal spray form are very expensive and are no more effective than regular tablets.

Tiredness caused by depression, infection, cancer or any other illness will not be helped by B-12 injections. If you are tired often, see a doctor. A nutrient deficiency is not always the cause

of fatigue. So don't believe the miracle claims associated with B-12, these claims are designed to boost sales. There is no scientific research to back them up.

Homemakers club formed

On Oct. 15, Cheryl Witt met with seventeen staff members and residents of Sowder Nursing Home to help form a Homemakers club. Mrs. Witt explained the purpose of a homemakers club as being people who want to learn and do different things.

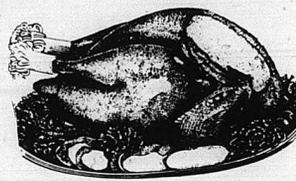
Mrs. Witt read the devotions and led the group in prayer. A name was then discussed for the club and the names, Wheelchair Club, Hot Wheels and The Golden Years were voted on with The Golden Years being selected.

Officers for 1987-88 are: Eva Mullins, president; Pearl Owens, vice president; Betsy Roach, secretary and Jean Gentry, club contact.

The title of this month's lesson was nutritious snacks with Mrs. Witt giving each present a booklet with recipes and information on nutritious snacks.

After the lesson, enrollment cards were filled out and Mrs. Witt called the roll and each member answered with their favorite treat.

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4-H NEWS

By: John McQueary
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Farm & Home News



TOM MILLS
County Extension Agent
NEW TAX RULING MAY HELP FARMERS

A new Internal Revenue Service ruling allows grain farmers to refile their 1986 taxes and receive a refund if they used a procedure commonly called PIK and Roll in which they redeemed 1985 grain in Commodity Credit Corporation storage and also sold grain they harvested in the same year.

The ruling revokes a previous interpretation that stipulated that farmers who used PIK certificates to redeem grain in storage had to report it as a taxable event. And for some farmers that meant that they had to report two year's of grain sales in one tax year, said University of Kentucky Extension agricultural economist Fred Benson.

The new rule states, Benson said, that if a farmer uses the PIK and Roll procedure, he does not necessarily have to treat it as a taxable event. Rather, the taxable event is when he sells or feeds the grain, if he chooses, Benson said. However, if a farmer pays off his CCC loan with PIK certificates, he can choose to include the face amount of the loan as income for that year. Then, when the CCC loan is repaid, there will be no taxable gain unless it is sold for a value greater than the certificates face value, Benson said.

Farmers who filed their taxes for 1986 using the older ruling probably will want to file an amendment to their return using the new ruling. They may be able to receive a refund for overpayment of their 1986 taxes, he said.

Rockcastle YFA enters test plot in county

The Rockcastle County Youth Farmers Association has entered a test plot in the "Chapter Soil and Water Conservation Corn Contest" for 1987. This is the first time Rockcastle has entered

this contest. Competition is with the fifty other chapters in Kentucky for cash prizes totaling \$4,850 for the top ten entries. Sponsorship for the corn yield contest is by Pioneer HI-Bred.

The plot consists of six acres planted to corn on Stephen Trebolo's farm near Brodhead. Half of this plot was plowed, no-till and half was plowed, disced, and planted. No-till planting was done May 11 at 24,600 seed per acre. Conventional planting was May 15 at 22,600 seed per acre. The variety used was Pioneer 3378. Weed control used on no-till was 2,4-D, Aatrex and Lasso. Conventional weed control used was Eradicane Extra and Aatrex with two cultivations. This provided good weed control for both plots.

Harvest was October 13th with corn weighed and yield verified by Pioneer representatives. The conventional plot yielded 115.2 bushels per acre with 16.6 percent moisture and the no-till plot made 118.9 bushels per acre with 15.2 percent moisture. A number of young farmers and others observed the harvest.

Soil loss from erosion was estimated based on the universal

soil loss equation. The no-till plot lost one ton of soil per acre while the conventional plot lost three and a half tons per acre. This figures to about 60 pounds of soil loss per bushel of corn produced conventionally, while only 17

pounds of soil loss per bushel of corn produced with no-till. The members plan to complete a scrap book on the entry and have it ready for judging January 15. Much has been learned by this project.

COUNTY-WIDE 4-H TALK MEET NOVEMBER 19TH

The Rockcastle County 4-H Council will hold their Annual Speech Contest, Thursday, November 19th at 6:30 p.m. at the Mt. Vernon Elementary School. Just as last year, the contest will be held as a joint project with the schools. Through 4-H, winning speakers will have the opportunity to advance to area and state competition.

The number of participants eligible for the county contest per class has been determined according to how many students in each grade at each school. Teachers may wish to work together to determine grade (age) representatives.

The maximum number of representatives that can be sent to the county talk meet per age group at each school is as follows:
Brodhead - 4 - age 9 - grade 4; 5 - age 10 - grade 5; 5 - age 11 - grade 6; 5 - age 12 - grade 7; 5 - age 13 - grade 8

Livingston - 3 - age 9 - grade 4; 3 - age 10 - grade 5; 3 - age 11 - grade 6; 3 - age 12 - grade 7; 4 - age 13 - grade 8

Mt. Vernon - 6 - age 9 - grade 4; 6 - age 10 - grade 5; 5 - age 11 - grade 6; 6 - age 12 - grade 7; 8 - age 13 - grade 8

Roundstone - 3 - age 9 - grade 4; 3 - age 10 - grade 5; 4 - age 11 - grade 6; 3 - age 12 - grade 7; 3 - age 13 - grade 8

24 Representatives from the high school and 2 representatives from community clubs. Any boy or girl, age 9 - 19 may participate in the 4-H Talk Meet program, they do not have to be currently enrolled in 4-H. The top speeches from each grade will compete against other youth of their own age category and not necessarily against their own grade. The age category is determined as of age on January 1st, 1987.

Junior age categories are 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13

Senior age categories are 14, 15, 16 - 19

Junior category talks are to be 3 to 5 minutes long, and senior speeches should be 5 to 7 minutes long. Speeches will be timed at the county contest, and contestants penalized.

A participant may secure assistance from anyone he

chooses in writing or preparing his talk. There is no specific topic, any suitable topic can be used.

Talks should not include introductory material dealing with himself, 4-H, club name, projects completed, etc. Contestant should not repeat the title of his talk.

After winning at the school contests, each representative must register for the County-Wide 4-H Speech contest by calling the County Extension Office at 256-2403. Contestants will need to give their name, address, date of birth, grade, teacher, school and title of their talk. This information must be called in by Friday, November 13.

Alison Sowder goes to Horticultural Convention

Youth from 11 Kentucky counties participated in the 53rd National Junior Horticultural Association annual convention held in Indianapolis, Indiana from October 30 - November 2. Over 300 youth and their leaders from 22 states attended the convention. Among these participants was Alison Sowder from Rockcastle County. The 4-Hers participated in speaking contests, illustrated talks, demonstrations, project reports, and the horticultural contest involving identification, judging and a written test.

Gwendolyn Hartley, a resident to Mason County and a sophomore in horticulture at the University of Kentucky was elected 1987-88 National President of NJHA. Jami Branham (PIK) and Delynn Jones (Mercer) represented Kentucky as youth coordinators.

Contest winners from Kentucky included: Alison Sowder, National Winner in Extemporaneous Speaking Contest in the 15-17 year-old group.

We would like to say a special congratulations to Alison. Alison has also been very instrumental in helping with Rockcastle County Vegetable Judging Team. Thanks a lot and congratulations.

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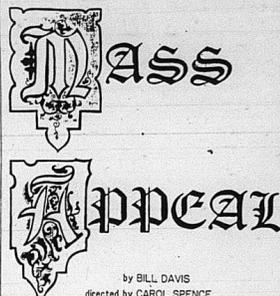
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Report to Kentucky

SENATOR WENDELL FORD

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CAMPAIGN REFORM NEEDED

We are at the beginning of a new political year. Twelve months from now voters will choose a new President and Vice President as well as vote on all seats in the House of Representatives and a third of the membership of the Senate. Kentucky voters will also have decisions to make on who will serve in the state General Assembly.

Not surprisingly, it's a time when a number of groups and organizations are talking about changing - and hopefully improving - the rules of the political process.

Recently one of the powerful newspapers in the state finished a "year-long investigation" of campaign finance in Kentucky and concluded among other things that:

• "Regulation is sorely lacking."

• "The influence of special interest is on the rise."

• And "unless public attitudes change, changes may be a long time coming."

I found the series interesting, but I would have to quarrel with some of the conclusions. I don't believe the voting public is apathetic about campaign financing or that you would read much about the subject in newspapers if there was a general lack of interest. From letters I have received from Kentucky and conversations I've had in the state, I believe voters in our Commonwealth are concerned with two main areas - the very high cost of running for public office and the negative nature of many political and public-issues campaigns.

When I became chairman of the Senate Rules Committee at the beginning of this year, we began immediately to mold what I believe was a comprehensive and responsible campaign reform bill. It set a ceiling on the amount of money a Senate candidate could spend for election, and it said that if you were going to make charges against your opponent on television, you couldn't get some TV actor or hidden voice to do the dirty work for you. You had to do it in person using your own voice. The Rules Committee approved the bill, and it went to the Senate floor only to be stymied for the time being by a minority party filibuster. It's my belief that each political level should deal with this problem, as it knows workable solutions do exist. Our forefathers meant for the Congress to set standards for the elections of members of the Congress and for the states to maintain election standards in their own jurisdiction. In that spirit, it is my hope the Senate will return to this issue and accept campaign reform during this 100th Congress.

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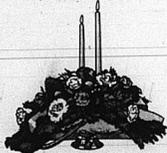


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Crawford, who owns and operates the Byron Crawford Insurance Agency in Danville, where he resides with his wife, Shelby, was inducted into the U.S. Army Field Artillery Officer Candidate School's Hall of Fame.

The ceremony was conducted by Col. Charles S. Beeson, OCS Hall of Fame administrator, and included Crawford's photograph being permanently placed in the Hall of Fame gallery.

Selection for the honor was based on Crawford having attained the rank of colonel and rendering outstanding service to his community and profession.

As an Army reservist, Crawford is currently serving as the Chief of Staff of the 100th Armor Training Division in Louisville.

Crawford has almost 30 years of active and reserve service, and is also a graduate of the Field Artillery-Advanced Course, the Infantry School's Airmobile Course, the Armor School's Senior Commander's Course and the U.S. Army Command and

General Staff College.

His awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal and the Army Service Ribbon.

The 100th Division is the Army's largest reserve unit in Kentucky and is composed of 3,800 men and women. The Division has units located in 44 cities throughout the state.



Col. Byron Crawford, left, watches as his photo is placed in the Hall of Fame at Ft. Sill, Okla. by Col. Charles Beeson, administrator.

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A good time was had by all last Friday night at the Rockcastle County Farmers-Business persons banquet. That is how they used to start most stories in the early SIGNAL's, and it was certainly appropriate for last week's 28th annual banquet.

Other banquets have been less than entertaining, but this year, Mrs. Ann Henderson and husband, Joe, brought some of the performers from the Renfro Valley Barn Dance, who played for the crowd. Mrs. Henderson said she was giving folks a sample of what goes on at Renfro on Saturday night.

Mrs. Henderson gave a short talk about the Valley before the entertainers played.

The food was good and the night traveled on very quickly....

Last week, while all of Green Pond Ridge was burning up and many other areas of the county, a man from Harrodsburg saw all the smoke coming from the fire near Wildie.

He got in his pick-up and decided to find out just where the smoke was coming from. Of course, when he started out he thought the fire was in Garrard County only a short drive from his Harrodsburg home. Harrodsburg is on the other side of Danville in Mercer County.

Although the man was greatly deceived and the fire was not in Garrard County he kept driving anyway. He finally found the source of the smoke when he got to Wildie. Jan Stevens at Wildie General Store, said that was one determined man....

With the printing of this week's anniversary edition, I am sure that we have left something or someone out that should have been included. Of course nothing, except for murder, tragedy and so on was left out on purpose. We apologize for anything we may have missed. We simply tried to recall some of the highlights of the Signal and the county for the past 100 years.

In the section there is no mention of the people I think should be thanked most of all, they are the ones that are really responsible for the continued existence of the paper, the advertisers. Many businesses have come and gone that supported the paper each week with their advertisements, of course they got a service for their dollar, but we certainly appreciate their deciding to spend their dollar in the paper. We have a lot of good advertisers that have been with us for the past several years and we appreciate your support....

Last week, there was much talk about Wilkinson coming so close to carrying Rockcastle County. After all Rockcastle County is a 4-1 Republican registered county, but on the other hand, Rockcastle was one of only 5 counties that Harper carried in the state. So instead of criticism of the Republican leadership maybe a 'good job' is in order from those that were criticizing.



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Signal observes 100th Birthday

By: Ray McClure

On a cold Nov. 10, 1887, with snow flurries in the air, the first newspaper that was to become the Mount Vernon Signal came off the press to the applause of several curious townspeople.

Next Tuesday, the Mount Vernon Signal will celebrate its birthday—100 years of publication.

Its founder, editor and publisher, James Maret, recalled later to friends that the ink was sticky because of the cold, and admitted he should have known that would happen and should have waited until spring.

Maret named his newspaper, the Mountain Signal, and the first eight-page edition was published in a building located on U.S. 150 in the vicinity of what is now the Appliance Service Center.

Maret, who would later be called the Boone Way Man because of his interest in, and efforts to establish a paved road, from Middleboro to Crab Orchard, confided that his first winter of newspapering in Mount Vernon was very nearly his last. He called it a trial by fire.

Maret wrote in a later edition that at times it seemed they would never get the first Signal off the press. He did not mention who "they" were, but apparently they were his partners, J.E. Vowels and J.W. Brown, local businessmen. Maret chose as his



Colonel Maret with his 1919 Model T

associate editor, W.B. Fox to whom Maret assigned most of the necessary leg work.

He reported the initial circulation was 350 and a subscription was \$1.25 a year, reduced two editions later, to one dollar a year.

The first press used by Maret was known as a "flat bed." Maret had found it at the Federal Army Headquarters at Crab Orchard and had it transported to Mt. Vernon by rail.

It is noted in an early edition that a large gathering of townspeople watched as workmen struggled to get the

press off the rail car. No one knew at the time for what it was to be used, and Maret remarked later that the watchers were a "curious bunch."

"In those early days type was set by hand, as compared later by Linotype and now by computer. Handsetting was a time-consuming job and as most editors in those days admitted, hard on the fingers and back."

A similar type flat bed press was used by the Signal until 1965 when the newspaper gave up the press and had the paper published at another plant, currently at London.

Maret, an engineer by trade, grew tired of the hassle of the newspaper and his confinement, and sold the Signal to Edward Smith, who reportedly was from one of the counties in Eastern Kentucky, possibly Carter County.

A flamboyant and energetic man who did not like the word "Signal," Smith renamed the newspaper the Mountain Eagle. An outdoors type person, he kept a live eagle caged in his office as a mascot.

Under the administration of Smith, the Signal grew modestly in circulation. Smith's news items tended more to the local than to news from other areas of the state and the nation, something local readers were surprised to see.

For no known reason, Smith re-sold the Signal to Maret in October 1896, and Maret, not interested in birds of any kind, renamed the newspaper, the Mount Vernon Signal.

During Maret's last ownership, the newspaper reportedly grew by several hundred subscribers. An accurate accounting of that time was not found in back issues of the newspaper.

During his second tenure as publisher, Maret became interested in telephones, and established the first system in Rockcastle County, mostly covering Mount Vernon.

With the increasing number of automobiles, Maret's interest again shifted to roads which he said would "open the mountains



Col. James Maret

to civilization."

In 1899, he sold the Signal to Edgar S. Albright of Mount Vernon. Albright is said to have been "closer to the people" and closer to Mount Vernon than any publisher of the Signal up to that time.

Maret continued to write a column for the Signal titled "Notes and Clips" until shortly before his death on Feb. 28, 1936.

Albright, after several years and because of ill health, decided to sell the Signal and move to Colorado which he did. He later became a Colorado state legislator.

Albright sold the Signal to Ann Evans Miller, who was Rockcastle county clerk. She operated the Signal for several years. During that time she met E.C. Walton, publisher of the Interior Journal at Stanford and later married him. He bought the Signal from her and became publisher.

Mrs. Miller's granddaughter, Mrs. Gillis (Dorothy) Craig of Mt. Vernon, remembers Walton as a dignified, straight-laced gentleman whose sense of humor was often reflected in his editorials. A slender man, who was very active in the community, he was sometimes abrupt in speech. Although a Democrat, he continued the Signal's conservative views and beliefs. Mrs. Shirley Chrisman of Mt. Vernon is also a granddaughter.

After a fall and an illness, Walton sold the Signal in 1925 to W.H.W. Reynolds, a Stanford attorney and acquaintance of Walton.

Reynolds was said to have been more interested in the legal profession than in newspapering. He hired an editor and foreman to operate the Signal in the person of W.T. (Bill) Davis of Mt. Vernon.

In 1927, with little interest in the Signal or Mount Vernon, Reynolds sold it to Davis, a very active, well-liked local man.

Davis was interested in both the news and the business of the Signal. He was one of the first

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In the good old days

The more things change, the more they remain the same, so someone once said, and in some ways that seems to be true.

Take for example, the Mount Vernon Signal. There has been many changes in how it looks, how it's put together and the amount it costs. But in content, lots of people do the same things in much the same way.

Take advertising. When the Signal began publication on Nov. 10, 1887, there were a few merchants and attorneys who advertised their wares and legal knowledge.

That 1887 Mountain Signal, as it was entitled at the time, had its share of items of various kinds with a small heading entitled "Mixed Pickles." To say the items were mixed would be an understatement. They were a hodge-podge of odds and ends with a few jokes thrown in such as:

Very stout lady (looking at corsets): "I will take one of these, I think."

Clerk: Yes, ma'am. Will one be enough?

The left hand column of the front page was for many years devoted to a column of advertisements entitled "Professional Cards." The cards ranged from one inch to three inches. There were also a couple of displays on the front page. The content of the cards are about the same as classifieds are in today's Signal. Here are a few:

J.J. Brown, M.D., physician, Main Street. Call at Post Office or residence back of jail.

McClure & Williams, attorneys at law, office situated in courthouse yard. Special attention to collections.

J.C. Carter, attorney at law, Office in Daniel's Drug Store.

S.C. Davis, physician and superintendent of schools, Office first door below Whitehead's Drug Store. Having made a special study of children's diseases, I am now prepared to treat them after the latest and most approved theory.

Blacksmith Shop, Near Railroad Depot, Horseshoeing a specialty, Thomas Taylor.

Newcomb Hotel, Convenient to Railroad Depot, Baggage transferred free.

M.J. Miller, general merchandise, old reliable house. A larger front page advertisement.

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With Thanks

Compiling history for a special edition of a newspaper is not a simple task. It requires many questions to many people, with the hope that historical errors will not occur.

On this 100th birthday of the Signal we are indebted to Opp Russell Jr., whose interest in the history of the area is well known. His pamphlet, "The Boone Way Man," the story of the life and times of James Maret, the founder of the Signal, was invaluable. He also furnished several pictures as did Don Walker and Mrs. Sadie Ramsey.

Page one of this edition is about the Signal and a few persons who were associated with it. In subsequent pages we have reprinted several stories that were published over the years that subscribers have requested for souvenirs, plus a few "firsts," meaning stories about people or incidents that will never happen again.

A detailed history of the entire county will have to await some other year, perhaps 2010 the 200th year of the founding of Rockcastle County.

Church was Signal's home

Spike Simpson called it "the big house," Alva Hoffman said it was a "lost cause." Elmo Anderkin grumbled that it used

too much coal. They were all publishers of the Signal and they all were talking about the home of the Signal for

many 40 years. "The old home place," as one employee named it, was the Signal Building on the corner of U.S. 150 and Church Street that home of the newspaper from the time of W.T. Davis to James and Perlina Anderkin.

It had first been the Christian Church in which many a soul had been saved over the years. The date it was first constructed for a church seems to be lost in history, but a good guess was that it was in the early 1900s.

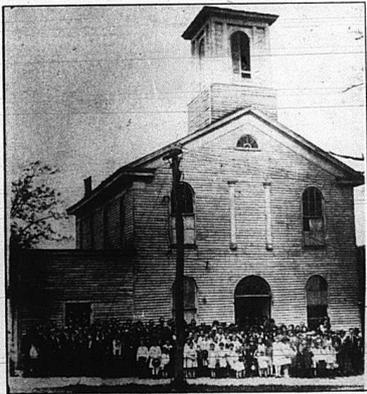
In its church days, it was a two story building with side classrooms and upstairs classrooms. Its auditorium and office was on the main floor.

In a time when heating was a problem, many a worshiper left with cold feet and numb fingers, so the church members were happy to say goodbye to the old structure and hello to the new on West Main Street.

Shortly after the church move, the W.T. Davis family moved the Signal across the street to the vacated church which was eventually sold to Dr. John D. Henderson.

Whether it was a mistake, the

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Lambert Building replaced the Signal's old home

Letters told the story

Politics has always caught the eye of subscribers

Politics has always been the dangest in Kentucky, and Rockcastle County is no exception as attested when looking through old editions of the Signal.

From the time the Signal became the newspaper of the county, candidates for public office have been inclined to pounce on their opponents with both feet, so to speak.

In recent memory, it was always a gleeful experience to read the advertisements of Rockcastle Circuit Court candidates, particularly J.S. Sandusky and R.C. Tarter in the 1950s and 1960s.

Judge Sandusky would win on

occasion followed in four years by Judge Tarter, usually when constituents decided it was time for a change, and that was usually every other election.

During one campaign, Judge Sandusky invited Judge Tarter out back of the courthouse to discuss the campaign in more detail. Judge Tarter refused accusing Judge Sandusky of failure to hold his temper. As soon as the election was over Sandusky and Tarter resumed their friendship.

Politics in the early days of the Signal sometimes resulted in violence, and it was unusual for the Signal to report it in detail. It was not unheard of for a candidate to shoot at another. Most

of the time the bullet went astray. Public officials seldom met a violent end while in office.

In those early years of the Signal candidates had the columns of the newspaper to air their differences, and did. A few such letters to the editor appeared in the Signal in 1897, such as:

To the citizens of Rockcastle County: From reliable and trustworthy persons I have learned that there was a neatly hatched scheme by the "ring" to launch a baseless charge against me a few days before the November election, thereby giving me no time for explanation or defense. Therefore, I am told, had arranged to spring the

charge that I had been indicted some years ago in Jackson Circuit Court for some offense; what crime they meant to mention I cannot state as it is more than likely that since they have stooped so low they might have mentioned any and all the offenses mentioned in the statutes. However, in their despicable work they over-reached themselves. It was such a good scheme they told it to many of their supposed friends, one of them placed me on my guard and at once I requested certificates from the clerks of the County and Circuit Court of Jackson County which are printed herewith. When politicians are

obliged to stoop so low and do such dirty work to defeat a man there is certainly "something rotten in Denmark" and Rockcastle also. I stand on my record and am not afraid for the world to investigate it. I am in this race to win and win I will by fair means not by falsification and misrepresentation. Respectfully, J.W. Baker.

And another: Dear Editor: I wish to say that if R.G. Williams is elected, he will be elected by Republicans and those kluksuk spoken of in the Republican Party are not in it. I wish the gentlemen would tell me what the county judge has to do with the finance of our county.

No more than a new born babe. As the editor of the Republicans has stooped so low as to souse his political pig to dig up the past 30 years I will throw him a bone. One Leonard Bethrum said in Brodhead he was opposed to kluksuk but I deserved to be kluksuked for writing the letters I have against his father. You need not attempt to deny it for I have the proof as a responsible man as there is in Brodhead. Shame on a party who will stoop so low as you are stooping to save a ring of the most damnable corruption as entered into my party. I am an Abraham Lincoln Republican. D.R. Totten.

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Cooper Dedicates New Courthouse As Symbol Of Justice



PART OF CROWD AT DEDICATION

Bro. Murphy Cuts Ribbon

Prior to dedication ceremonies at the Rockcastle County Courthouse Saturday, Bro. George Murphy cut a ribbon across a door to officially open the courthouse to the public. His official statement is printed below:

"Judge Carter and distinguished guests: In great recognition of the nice distinction you have conferred upon me. I consider it a real joy and pleasure for me to cut this little string of ribbon, and by so doing, it tells you and me: This Is Our Courthouse."

"Permit me to say before I cut the ribbon, that some 93 years ago, a new building was opened to the citizens of this good county. Those old men of some 92 years ago had just had the misfortune to lose the old log courthouse that stood in one corner of this lot by fire. So they decided they had to have a courthouse to take care of the county's business. So they raised the funds to build the courthouse by levying a \$5 poll tax."

"I feel assured on the day when the doors were opened and the officers walked into their new quarters they were proud of their new, wonderful structure."



SENATOR COOPER DEDICATES BUILDING

"But time rolled on, and after 93 years of weather, storm, change, decay, and the need of space in all the offices, it became obvious to men like myself, who had served you for 24 years, that something must be done. Moreover, enlightening the Grand Jury would make an inspection of the courthouse and jail, and reported to the court, the jury would always say the old one was, and the jail was, an eyesore, and there was much need for a new courthouse and jail."

"I was very much interested in the matter -- voted for, made speeches, wrote letters, and did what I could to get a place that future officers could occupy, and have something that we could all be proud of."

"So here today, standing at the front entrance of this stupendous, magnificent, new structure with our flag waving proudly over us, I cut the ribbon, and by so doing, say: Enter into your new courthouse, and my new courthouse."

JUDGE TARTAR ALSO SPEAKS

Sen. John Serman Cooper dedicated the new Rockcastle County Courthouse as a symbol of justice to the individual and faith in the nation at ceremonies Saturday in the Circuit Courtroom.

Senator Cooper told his audience that it is his hope that the men and women in his audience "will instill in the hearts of those who come after a love of justice and a faith in the worth of the individual."

The senator traced briefly what he called the "roots of our system of government," and related how current jurisprudence is derived from Roman and Anglo-Saxon law.

Senator Cooper said many opportunities now, and in the future, await the citizens and young people of Rockcastle County, but he warned that even with all the material things of life "in this most prosperous time in our history," we should not forget to give continuing thought to producing free men -- men and women who believe in our free way of life and the justice for which the courthouse stands.

Generally, the courtroom was nearly filled for the ceremonies presided over in a non-political way by County Judge Charles C. Carter.

Some seats were vacant, but there were many persons standing in the hallway outside the courtroom. Some of the audience left when they found the air conditioning was not up to expectations.

Just prior to the ceremonies, Bro. George Murphy officially opened the doors of the courthouse in a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Preceding Senator Cooper's speech, Circuit Judge R. C. Tartar told the audience the courthouse is a symbol of orderly government and a stable social order, the nation will die.

"We talk of Communism," Judge Tartar said, "But the great threat today is creeping crime that threatens to corrode and destroy. We must be wary of this threat."

Judge Tartar called the new courthouse a "Temple of Justice," and said he felt a

"mighty thrill to stand in the results of the sweat, toil, money, and courage it took to make this courthouse a glorious reality."

Unable to attend the ceremonies were Rep. Tim Lee Carter, Gov. Edward T. Breathitt, and Dr. Johannes Hoerber of a federal agency in Washington. All had previous engagements and all expressed their regrets.

Also taking part in the ceremonies were: Bro. H.L. Ponder, who gave the invocation; the Rev. J. William Hall, who gave the benediction; the Rev. and Mrs. Howard E. Ray, who

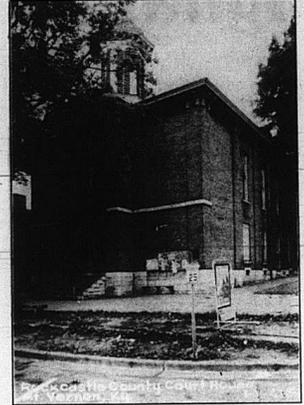
led the group in singing, and the Mt. Vernon High School Band.

In an interview before the dedication ceremony, Senator Cooper answered briefly questions of a more universal nature.

He said "we have learned a lesson from Castro" in moving into the Dominican Republic upheaval.

He also noted "once the president and the nation are committed to actions taken in the Dominican Republic and South Viet Nam, the Republican Party can hardly go opposite."

Senator Cooper is a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. May 20, 1965



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We salute you and your service to Rockcastle County for the past 100 years



We, at **Citizens Bank in Brodhead**, have always made that extra effort to provide our customers with the service they deserve since we opened in 1904.

We recently remodeled our main office in Brodhead to make banking with us easier for our customers and, soon, we will open the county's first branch bank in Mt. Vernon to make banking with us easier for our customers in other parts of the county. The opening of this branch is just another sign of the commitment we have made to Rockcastle County.

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Only memories left of Langdon Memorial School

By: Ray McClure

"Oh, for our friends both true and true Oh, for the girls in polka-dot blue."

This anonymous refrain found in the papers and memoirs of a former student tells the wonderfully personal story of Langdon Memorial School that was Mt. Vernon's most important educational institution for a quarter of the 20th Century. The refrain, however, does not indicate the hard work, the dedication to church and education, and the ever-present missionary zeal of the Presbyterian Church that affected the lives of many residents of Rockcastle County and Kentucky from 1899 to 1927.

What was Langdon Memorial School?

The school, shown in an accompanying picture, was a boarding school for girls from 1905 to 1927. It was located on the lot now occupied by the residences of Dr. George Griffith and Cynthia Cox, and was owned by the United Presbyterian Church, USA. Also associated with Langdon, and existing before Langdon was constructed, and for sometime after, was the Mt. Vernon Collegiate Institute, located on the lot now occupied by Convenient Food Mart.

From all areas of Kentucky girls came to Langdon -- girls who were especially studious, serious, and talented, and who could not afford a formal and expensive education.

The school was a mixture of grade school, high school, and junior college, and its teachers boasted they were college professors who had come to teach the children the beauty of the classics, the miracles of the Bible, sprinkled with Greek, Latin, Hebrew, World Literature, music, art, drama, mathematics, algebra, science, and to also give them a practical insight into the lesser art of plain everyday living.

Over on Richmond Street at the Institute were the non-boarders from the town who attended day classes. There were also night classes when Mt. Vernon's Negro population came to the school for instruction.

The advanced curriculum and practical education were not the only areas of endeavor in which Langdon excelled. It should be remembered today for its many "firsts" in practical administration, such as--

The first intelligence tests ever given to a student group -- one of the first student groups to study home economics -- one of the first mission schools in Kentucky -- one of the first mission schools to institute a surgical clinic -- one of the first Vacation Bible Schools in the nation -- one of the first schools to institute a school hot lunch program--

To further its home economics work, the school eventually constructed and maintained a house in which the girls cooked, sewed, planned household duties, and generally "kept house." This residence still stands as the home of Cynthia Cox. (Mrs. Cox came to Langdon as a teacher)

It is needless to say most of the girls who came to Langdon did so without a great deal of money. As a Langdon pamphlet pointed out in 1915: "We want only those girls who are earnestly desirous of training both in the academic and industrial departments. Our aim, and the aim of all instruction, is to furnish a practical elementary education, which shall young women for places of usefulness and service."

For this reason scholarships (actually very low tuition) were given to the girls who qualified for admission.

All the girls at Langdon dressed alike, and were required to march to and from the school and church and other areas where they were to go as a group. Their "uniform" consisted of a navy-blue serge jacket-suit for dress wear; dark blue percale dresses for house wear, and simple white dresses for social affairs and warm weather. Neatness and simplicity were the elements desired in all matters of dress.

Later on, the girls were allowed a polka-dot blouse with their blue jacket-suit, and because of this blouse they became known locally as the "polka-dot girls."

From the 1899 beginning as the Mt. Vernon Collegiate Institute until Baker-Stewart-McCord School (MVHS) was opened in 1928, the Presbyterian educational institutions, which includes Langdon, flourished throughout this section of the state. Langdon's prestige mounted

steadily. Its physical plant expanded rapidly. Its name became almost an educational legend in Kentucky.

Then, quite suddenly, and quietly in 1927, the school ceased to function as a school and became a Christian home-for mountain girls attending public schools. From the day until 1938 when the property was finally sold, the school no longer exerted an influence in the daily life of the community.

We say, quietly...for it was quietly...when the decision came to discontinue the school, public education in Rockcastle County had begun to bloom. The times were quickly changing. The horse and buggy had been parked forever. The slow pace of the county was giving in to a race with machines. There were few local people to argue the need to continue Langdon. The times had simply passed Langdon by.

To be more technical, the present Mt. Vernon Grade and High School (Baker-Stewart-McCord School) was being constructed and a need for the Presbyterians to operate a mission school at Mt. Vernon no longer existed.

Miss Anna Belle Stewart, the guiding light of Langdon in its last influential days, reported the facts to the town.

The Presbyterian Church, she said, came to Mt. Vernon and established a mission school because there was a great need for a mission school. So the school had to move to the mountains of Eastern Kentucky where an educational need existed.

In 1934, the school closed forever.

Looking back over the 30 years since it closed, there is one facet of the entire history of the school that is amazing, and it is a religious factor.

The great majority of county young people attended Langdon or its associated school for many years--a school belonging to the Presbyterian Church. The school

even constructed its own church on West Main Street, which was later remodeled into a home by Alex and Norine Milen. Most of these children at one time or another went to services in that church.

With the educational and religious roots of Rockcastle so firmly planted in Presbyterian soil, why is it that 30 years later there is hardly a sprig of Presbyterianism left in the community?

We found in our search for pictures and our talks with former students, that all of them have but the fondest and kindest memories of the school and church. But all agree, the Presbyterian Church did not make a concerted effort to enlist community children in the Presbyterian faith. Quite the contrary, it was stressed that non-boarding pupils who attended the school make up their own mind on the church to which they would belong. In the case of boarding pupils from other areas of Kentucky, if there were no

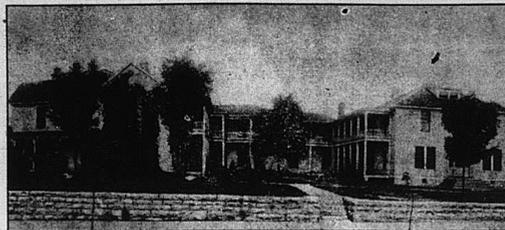


The late Kate Mullins, postmistress at Mt. Vernon for many years, stamped many a Signal in her time in office. She followed Mrs. Mattie Robertson as postmistress. During Mrs. Robertson's years the post office was located where Young's Pharmacy is today.

Presbyterian Church in their home towns, they were also told to join the church of their choice. Since the Baptist and Christian

churches were represented in most areas of Kentucky, most students chose one or the other. Whether this failure to stress

presbyterianism to local people was a local administrative error or an error on the national level is not clear. (Cont. to 12)



--Langdon Memorial School--



This serene view of Lake Linville, the source of water for most of Rockcastle County, was made in 1987. The lake was formed when I-75 was completed with the roadway as the dam. In 1987 the lake was the lowest it had been since it was formed because of drought conditions.

Congratulations!

Mount Vernon Signal

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Sammy, Danny, Roy Adams, Willard Bullock, Paula Mink, Judy Ford, Sonja Bratcher and Jeff Burdette would like to congratulate the Signal on their 100th Birthday.

Old swimming hole was a pool way back then

Kids, if Papa and Mama by chance shouldn't like the idea of a new swimming pool in Mt. Vernon, just remind them that they had a pool way back in their young days, and what's good enough for them should be good enough for you.

And indeed, Mt. Vernon did have a swimming pool that everyone appreciated, but admittedly it didn't last long.

As a matter of fact, if you had looked in on Mt. Vernon in the summer of 1925, you possibly could have seen and heard your father, or mother, or grandfather, or grandmother, happily

splashing and yelling in the Mt. Vernon swimming pool, incidentally, the only pool known in Eastern Kentucky at the time.

The story of this "unusually progressive" endeavor was re-told this week by Fred Baker.

One afternoon in August 1924, nine men from Mt. Vernon conferred on what they believed to be a money-making adventure. They were: Fred Baker, Bentley Sparks, B.H. Parsons, and the late R.A. Sparks, Fred Owens, R.H. Miller, F.E. Miller, F.L. Durham and R. L. Langford. The group formed the Mt. Vernon Amusement Company and

purchased 5 shares each at \$20 a share. Later they contributed additional money.

A swimming pool apparently was a good idea at the time. Swimming and water-fun had taken over. "Watering places," as they were often called, were blooming all over the place and "the" place in this area on Sunday afternoon was Parker's Creek, actually the Rockcastle River on old US 25 near the Rockcastle-Laurel counties bridge. There, packed along the low, sandy bottomland, hundreds swarmed, gleefully yelling, splashing and dunking friends in the often-muddy river.

So the nine Mt. Vernon men approached the idea of a swimming pool "close to home" with confidence. They chose a site on Town Branch near Spout Springs, the only spot where water was available.

So they built the pool for about \$1,400 and opened it in the summer of 1925. It was about 50 feet by 30 feet, and 10 feet deep at the deepest point. They hired the late Andy Fish to watch over the pool and to rent bathing suits at 50 cents, including the swimming fee, or 25 cents if the swimmer owned his own suit. There was no lifeguard.

Mr. Baker reports Bob Langford then had another idea. He argued folks would want to watch the swimmers, so the group built a grandstand for spectators at a considerable cost. This later proved a mistake, Mr. Baker said, since they did not charge the spectators and many preferred to watch rather than swim.

How did Mt. Vernon take to the swimming pool? Many enjoyed the pool, but others did not use it. It is generally agreed, many people did not care to have a grandstand audience, so they didn't swim. Since there was no filtration, the pool frequently became muddy. It took a week or longer to refill it. Big rains that year overflowed the pool. But mostly, whereas Parker's Creek was many people from many places, the Mt. Vernon swimmers were from Mt. Vernon and in those days bathing suits were not completely approved public attire.

It is recalled by a local resident who was an avid swimmer that one merchant placed an order for swim suits "of the day," generally with long sleeves and ankle-length, leaving the bather fully clothed. When the suits arrived they were the latest creation from

France with short legs and shoulder straps. Unaware young ladies purchased them "like hot cakes." Result: There was a marked increase in spectators, but no increase in swimmers.

Swimming got underway late that first year. The pool was also plagued with a rainy season and slides which overflowed the pool area. All these things and several

others joined to cut swimming. The pool didn't open the second summer.

Which all goes to say, kids, that if Papa says anything about the proposed pool, just remind him how many times you've heard him sigh and say: "Oh, for the good old days."

Oct. 25, 1962



John Lair, left, founder of Renfro Valley Barndances, and Ralph Griffin, Mt. Vernon businessman, were two who wrote articles for the Signal about history and other items of interest in Rockcastle. Lair was compiling family trees to write a history of the county at the time of his death.

Lambert county's first Supreme Court Justice

About 200 friends and relatives gathered at the Rockcastle Courthouse Monday to watch Attorney Joseph E. Lambert take the oath of justice of the Kentucky Supreme Court administered by Chief Justice Robert F. Stephens.

It was a memorable day for the Lambert family whose members were on hand for the impressive ceremony.

Justice Lambert is the first Supreme Court justice to be elected from Rockcastle County. At one time, Robert B. Bird served as chief justice of the then Kentucky Court of Appeals. He had been a Rockcastle County Attorney, but was living in Laurel County at the time of his service on the high court and was a Whitley County native.

Justice Lambert was elected in November to the 3rd District court seat by nearly 11,000 votes, and at 38, will be the youngest justice to serve on the high court. He will serve an eight-year term that will begin next week. He will have offices in Frankfort and in the Rockcastle County Courthouse.

Justice Stephens told the audience the court looks forward to the service of Lambert on the court, commenting that Lambert will bring a more youthful look to the court. He added that the new justice could also look forward to a lot of work.

"I accept the trust placed in me," he said. "I accept the trust with humility; with a deep desire to do what is right; with no master but the law, and with love

for all of you."

Following the ceremony, Justice Lambert thanked those present who had helped and encouraged him during his election campaign and promised to serve his term on the court with fairness—and according to the laws.

"In the weeks and months ahead, it will surely happen that you will hear about a decision of the Supreme Court which appears to be totally wrong, and that Justice Lambert voted for that decision," he continued. "You will ask yourself, What on earth is wrong with Joe Lambert? Let me answer now by saying that my decisions will be made only after the most careful study, research and thought."

He concluded with, "The Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of Kentucky and the law of Kentucky will control my decisions and I shall never forget ours is a government of laws and not of men."

In the audience was Judge John White who took the seat Lambert now holds that was vacated by Justice Calvin Aker, who resigned; Judge Robbie Dyche of the Kentucky Court of Appeals; Circuit Judge William T. Jennings of Madison County; and Judge Walter McGuire of Rockcastle District Court. Circuit Judge Daniel Venters did not attend due to a memorial service for Somerset Attorney Don Cooper, who died last week.

(1987)



Justice Joe Lambert



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The Parsons Family and all the Employees of Parsons Gas at Roundstone would like to Congratulate the Signal on their 100th Birthday.

Hospital construction underway; cornerstone laid

About 100 hear speakers

Rockcastle County's new hospital got its cornerstone put securely in place in ceremonies Tuesday at the hospital site. About 100 persons assembled on the grounds to hear speakers and to place scrolls or plaques in the copper cornerstone box only to be opened by future generations.

They heard the Rev. Howard Ray, pastor of the Mt. Vernon Christian Church, recite the need for a hospital in the community and tell his listeners that "God is glorified through the ministry of healing."

Reverend Ray declared Rockcastle County citizens built a hospital because they were prompted by the thought "I am my brother's keeper" and therefore saw the need for a hospital.

He told the group that Rockcastle County has never had a hospital to answer the need of the ill and dying by building a hospital "it is the continuation of the great Christian heritage." "We have saved souls," he said. "Now we want to save lives." He described the hospital as a "blessing to the word progress."

Following Preacher Ray, the Rev. Raymond Lawrence, pastor of the Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, in place of the Rev. Wendell-Below who was unable to attend, told the assembly virtually what he told the Sunday rally at the Mt. Vernon High

School, that the Christian spirit of the hospital should equal the Christian spirit of the church.

Another afternoon speaker was Gaston Herd, hospital administrator from the office of Paul Hickey, federal administrator, Louisville.

Mr. Herd brought greetings from the State Board of Health and congratulations on the hospital project.

Said Mr. Herd: "Operating the hospital will require the participation and interest of all if you want to assure yourselves of the best. You have a good building and ample personnel so you have an asset to your community."

Following Mr. Herd, O.V. Hilton, master of ceremonies for the afternoon activities, read names of participating organizations and representatives from each organization dropped a scroll or plaque into the 4 1/2 by 4 1/2 by 10 inch copper box. Several other individuals in the audience also placed mementos in the box.

Mr. Hilton then called on Mrs. Delores Witt Inman, R.N., from Berea College Hospital, and formerly of Rockcastle, who sealed the copper box.

Others participating in the ceremonies included Bro. George Murphy who delivered the opening prayer and Rev. Martin Stepp who recited the benediction.

November 3, 1955



CAPS AND PINS were awarded to Gray Ladies at ceremonies November, 1956, at the Rockcastle County Baptist Hospital. Making awards were Floyd Owens, hospital administrator, the Rev. Raymond Lawrence, president of the Board, and W.E. Hunt, county chairman of the Red Cross. The group shown included left

to right, front row, Mrs. Jack R. Craig, Mrs. Carl Baker, Mrs. Edna Cummins, Mrs. Arthur Franklin, Mrs. Carrie Baker and Mrs. Tom Hansel. Back row, Rev. Lawrence, Mr. Hunt, Mrs. O.C. Meece, Mrs. Martin Stepp, Mrs. Clyde Linville, Nancy Helton, Mrs. Rissie Wright, Mrs. Alfred Sparks and Mr. Owens.

Campaign underway here for county hospital

The campaign to raise \$20,000 for operational expenses for the new Rockcastle County Hospital got off to a flying start this week, according to a report by Earl Turner, treasurer of the drive.

In the first four days of the campaign, \$4,100 was pledged. The first gift to be received with a check for \$100 from Maggard Drug Store.

Other pledges included \$1,000 from Mr. and Mrs. O.V. Hilton; \$500 from Edwin Denney; \$1,000 from Mrs. Carrie Baker; \$500 from the Mareburg Baptist Church, and \$1,000 from F.M. Porter, Manchester, and Mrs. Alza Wright, Anchorage. Mr. Porter and Mrs. Wright are the brother and sister of Mrs. Martha Pennington. They are memorializing the nursery in honor of Mrs. Pennington.

Mr. and Mrs. O.V. Hilton are

memorializing a bedroom in memory of their son, O.V. Hilton, Jr. Mrs. Baker is memorializing a bedroom in memory of U.G. and Martha Baker.

Hospital officials report there are a limited number of rooms still available and persons interested in memorializing a room may do so by contacting Mr. Hilton. He has a blueprint showing the location of the rooms.

All churches have been asked to contribute. Those doing so will receive recognition for their gifts on a large bronze plaque to be erected in the hospital waiting room. Pledge cards are to be turned in to R.B. McKenzie and checks are to be made payable to the Rockcastle County Baptist Hospital.

November 3, 1955

Fort Sequoyah newest county tourist attraction

Rockcastle County now can toast another tourist attraction, one expected to draw visitors from far and wide.

The Indian Village 16 miles south of Mt. Vernon and five miles south of Livingston is attracting not only state-wide interest, but stopping tourists from other states literally dead in their tracks.

Signs advertise the village as Fort Sequoyah, replica of a Cherokee Indian village of 200 years ago. White tepees standing out in the night cause tourists to suddenly throw on their brakes and turn back, to make sure they aren't missing anything.

During the daytime the Indians can be seen lounging around the gift shop or silently standing at attention as car after car stops to investigate the phenomenon.

The Indians are real. Red-blooded Cherokees from the reservation in North Carolina.

Eight of them are living near the village, where they work and relive the civilization of their ancestors.

Fort Sequoyah was the brainstorm of an ex-newspaperman, Carlos Carlotis, formerly associated with the Manchester Enterprise. Carlotis supervised the building of the village, with the able assistance of William Walkinstick, handsome young brave who has the title of tribe lecturer and shows visitors around the premises.

Entering the village, the visitor is suddenly in another world.

The village is surrounded by a palisade, a high fence constructed of mill slabs. . . and hidden from the Highway 25 by forest and brush. The visitor walks down a long flight of clay steps and suddenly is confronted by an Indian maiden, her coal black hair partially covered by a bright red

bandana and Indian moccasins on her feet.

In the center of the palisade is a square, a replica of the square used by Cherokees of two hundred years ago for the only bathroom available, but now the family has the luxury of not only water in the house, but hot water and a modern new bathroom. Plans call for a log room to be added to one end of the building for Lucille Carlotis' dream living room. Knotty pine, oak and cherry will be used for the paneling inside.

The Indians will live in barracks and remain in Rockcastle County the year round, working on their handicrafts through the winter months to make ready for the tourist season of the coming year.

The village will be known as Fort Sequoyah and according to Carlotis is the only Cherokee village in Kentucky. Through its location in Rockcastle County Fort Sequoyah becomes an attraction of the Scenic Cumberlands, tourist test area of the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce.

The location is about thirty miles south of Berea's Indian Fort Theatre, home of the Paul Green drama, "Wilderness Road" and is expected to provide an interesting contrast to the Kentucky mountaineer families one meets in the drama.

As William Walkinstick will explain in his lectures . . . "the Cherokees were in Kentucky when the first white man settled here."

Now only 3400 of them remain in existence and eight of them have settled in Kentucky on land which might once have been a happy hunting ground for their ancestors.

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LIVINGSTON DEPOT BEING TORN DOWN
--Bill Moore, Bill Smith, Preston Smith in the Windows--

Depot On The Way Down

By: Robert Waddle

Time and modern methods of transportation have laid waste to what was once the busiest place in Rockcastle County.

On July 5, demolition began on the old Louisville & Nashville Railroad Depot at Livingston.

Records are scarce and information as to the station's age is not reliable, but we are sure that the present structure, which was the second and possibly, the last station here, was at least 75 years old.

On one of the days at the beginning of the wrecking job, and before the bricks and timbers began to fall, I took time out for a "memory trip" back to the old depot of 50 years ago.

I entered the building by the office door, opening off the main tracks, and caught J.B. Donnelly, the operator, out for some reason, I sat down in his chair and put on the carphone and began to listen in on the operation of a busy railroad.

The hum and crackle of the wires, amid the clatter of the Morse Code Keys, and the nasal

twang of dispatchers and operators up and down the line soon brought on a drowsiness that was in keeping with the age and I must have fallen asleep. For suddenly, the four time train from the engine after the long train of empties cleared Livingston. I told the operator by wire at Hazel Patch, that all was clear.

Next came the task of clearing the "mians" for No. 33 the last and only train that did not stop at Livingston.

Next came a request from Station Agent C.A. Blanford for a line-up on Nov. 23, a passenger and mail train out of Louisville. Giving C.A. a nod, I followed No. 33. Lucie Bill Owens, the assistant agent, began to move his mail and express trucks into position.

W.O. Simdleton, chief boiler from the roundhouse, came with an available lot of boiler engines and crews that had been made up by C. Mack Martin, the roundhouse clerk, and assigned by K.B. Arnold, E.B. Owens, the freight agent, in order for information on the station

local. It seemed, people were clamoring for fresh meat that the food carried, and the possibility that the river mansion and Eight Cables Hotel, plus the Sue Williams, Farley, and Nigley boarding houses would not have a roast for dinner would be a calamity.

Gradually, the usual morning rush began to ease up and things became so quiet that I could actually hear the exhaust and pumps at Dad Cooks pump house above the "boils," and yes, that scraping sound I was hearing was Dad Hayes cleaning up after filling all the switch lights with signal oil.

Now I had time for a few words of local gossip with D.B. Rambo and W.H. Ponder who are part of the car repair crew. Here I made a request for more signaling station supplies for Tarkenton.

Section Crew foreman G.T. Helford wanted a caution order at mile post 6-145 to replace a broken rail.

H.M. Summers reported that he would be on duty tonight as

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Renfro nearing 50th birthday

"When it's springtime in the mountains, and the dogwood blossoms blow; we'll be back in Renfro Valley, as in days of long ago."

In the late 1920's, John Lair wrote these words, concluding a song that described his feelings about where he was born and raised and where he longed to return.

He had left his quiet Kentucky valley and entered the bustling world of America's glamorous new industry, radio, in the fast town of Chicago. But glamour and fast living were not Lair's style -- the simplicity of life and song in the Kentucky hills was, so the innovative country boy went to work to bring the two together. Lovers of old time country music have been listening ever since.

The Kentucky highway marker erected in Renfro Valley, Kentucky by the state of Kentucky and the Governor begins with these words: "From Renfro Valley in November of 1939 originated the first series of radio broadcasts aimed at preserving the customs, culture and music of pioneer America. The Renfro Valley Barn Dance and Sunday Morning Gatherin' consisted of local people and unknowns who later, under the direction of John Lair, became prominent in Country Music."

On Nov. 4, 1939, Lair began his program with "Howdy, folks, welcome to Renfro Valley Barn-dance." The historic occasion marked the beginning of over 40 years of weekly broadcasts from the Valley.

Most people were skeptical of this venture and new approach to radio, but not Lair. People come from every state in the union and several foreign countries to see this unique little community and to meet the man and his entertainers who still welcome them to Lair's beloved Valley, which he calls the "The Valley where time stands still."

The "Barns" are filled with people who keep coming back, bringing their children and their children's children to get a glimpse of and to hear in song the way their forefather's lived.

Renfro Valley is a heritage to all of us, thanks to the dreams of

a young Kentucky Hill-boy who did not want this time in history to be forgotten and so he has preserved it for all of us.

What started out as a dream, by Lair, born July 1, 1894 and who died Nov. 12, 1985, has

become a reality that will never die. Yes, there is a place where you can go back in time, away from the noise and pressure of today's world, to a little valley in Kentucky, where time stands still.



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Depot was once a busy place at train time

The public still loves a choo-choo train, and that was much in evidence recently when the last excursion train chugged its way across Rockcastle.

Love was obvious as hundreds of children and adults took the ride that began at Corbin and ended late in the day at Louisville, with several stops along the way in the county.

Called as the last train, it may be the last passenger, but it won't be the last freight, of course. The Kentucky Railway Museum in Louisville, the sponsor, won't make another excursion because of escalating insurance rates.

Unofficially, all trains on the Lebanon Line will be phased out in the next year or so, leaving only a spur between Sinks and the

Rockcastle Industrial Park, and if that turns out to be a money losing proposition, it too might go.

When the train came through the other day summoning a crowd with its lonesome whistle, it brought back memories, especially to those over 50 who lived in Brodhead, Mt. Vernon and Livingston.

In those days the passenger trains through the county were a portal to the world. They were a focal point of county life. With the train taken away, residents were left with the horse and buggy. In their hey-day, the four passengers through the three towns, drew a curious crowd. That was before Henry Ford came up with a horseless carriage

that was to replace the train and horse and buggy.

The late Ralph Griffin often wrote about the trains of his day, and how they were the centerpiece of Mt. Vernon, Brodhead and Livingston life—the outstanding social gathering places for the entire populations of these towns. He wrote: "It was standing claim for years that census takers never left the trains at these points, but simply made their enumerations by counting the crowds which surrounded the depot."

Sometimes their total might have been a half-dozen or so, due to the serious illness of approximately that number of citizens, but taken as a whole, their figures must have been pretty reliable.

was once very active and handled thousands of claims and payments. But as the number dwindled, the agency was abolished (several years ago) and the accounts were shunted into the general budget.

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She now lives with grandchildren and great grandchildren in a small house across the railroad from the Citizens Bank of Brodhead.

Recalling her husband, she said: "He was a farmer. The best you ever saw. He'd drop corn down and it would come up before your eyes. We got along very well in those days, but there are lots of changes now."

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"Meeting the afternoon train was decidedly our most popular form of out-door amusement and recreation, as far back as I can remember and up until the wholesale invasion of the automobile."

"There were four passenger trains which passed through Mt. Vernon and Brodhead then, just as now (1940), bearing the same numbers and running at approximately the same hours. Livingston, during its heyday as a terminus, boasted of many more trains and became very blase as a consequence.

(Note: Trains will still run through Livingston since it is on the Main Line of Seaboard and not on the Sinks/Lebanon line. However, it is not an Amtrak line which provides passenger service.)

"It eventually got to be a matter of pride down there (Livingston) that there were people living in town who never went down to the depot to meet any trains at all. This was undoubtedly an exaggeration, but it became a matter of county pride just to bask in the reflected glory of such a center of culture.

"Mt. Vernon and Brodhead citizens however, enjoyed the trains, they were going to meet as many trains as possible, come hail on high water, and they didn't care who knew it. Businessmen and housewives often found it impossible to meet the noon train, number 23, and only the sporting element met number 21, which was due about midnight."

"Only the convivial and the diehards had the stamina to consistently let 24 by at 3 a.m., but everyone could and did turn out for 22, which arrived at what is now supper time."

"The very moment that the duties of the day permitted, a general movement was begun in the direction of the depot. The more fortunate could sometimes get there by three o'clock, which made them certain of at least two hours of pleasant chat and social intercourse with friends and neighbors.

"For several months there was a period when 22 arrived at Mt. Vernon just three minutes after five o'clock, although it usually came about five or ten minutes after the hour.

This worked a great hardship upon Dave Craig and Rob McKenzie and Charlie Davis, all of whom had to work until five sharp. They always made it, but frequently they shot across the track to the cheers of the populace, with the cowcatcher brushing their coat or shirt tails, depending on the nature of the weather.

It was always a moot question whether winter or summer time was nicest. It was much more pleasant to be outside in the summer, of course.

The young courting couples could stroll up and down the track, the younger kids could play leap-frog, marbles and mumblety-peg; the older men could sit on the platform trucks and discuss the events of the day, while the older ladies gathered in little groups for their intimate chats.

The worst trouble with summer was that the train almost always arrived on time, which meant the gathering didn't last too long after the train arrived. Nice people didn't hang around depots except when they were waiting for

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Last Confederate widow at Brodhead

Mrs. Rachel Lunceford of Brodhead is now the last surviving widow of a confederate veteran receiving a state pension check according to the records of the State Finance Department in Frankfort.

She receives a check for \$50 a month paid quarterly as long as County Judge Wayne Van Hook certifies that she is alive.

Her pension check comes from a state fund which has the indefinite title of "appropriations not otherwise classified."

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12 months, the number has been reduced.

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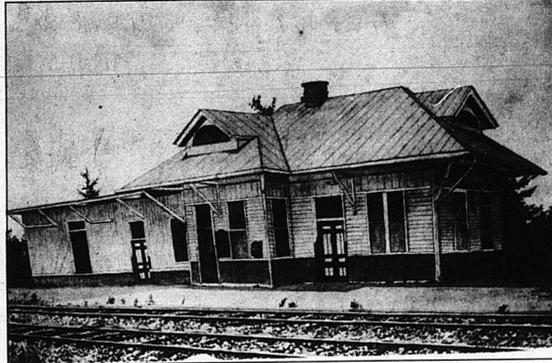
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—OLD MT. VERNON DEPOT—



MRS. RACHEL LUNCEFORD

—She is the Sole Survivor—

July 14, 1966



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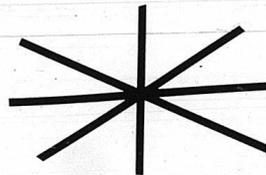
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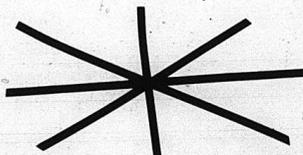
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Court gave him a cent; he said it was worth it

Until the day he died, Marion insisted the trial was worth the heartache, Friends said, barely. The story of Marion's "trial by fire", so to speak, was a sensation in Rockcastle Circuit Court in 1875, and most observers at the time agreed, if Marion had left well enough alone he would have been better off.

His story is true. Only the names have been changed to protect the innocent, whatever they may have said or done.

"True, it was an unusual suit as remembered in 1902 by former Kentucky Governor W.O. Bradley who told it to the Cincinnati Enquirer newspaper.

Governor Bradley admitted in later years that he was "highly amused" by the trial despite his feeling that it set jurisprudence back a hundred years.

Governor Bradley, then a highly respected lawyer, recalled he was hired by a Pine Hill man named Marion to represent him in a suit in which Marion was suing for damages from a neighbor woman, Mrs. Jones.

Marion's complaint alleged that Mrs. Jones uttered and published charges concerning Marion to the effect Marion had killed his wife by poisoning her. Mrs. Jones admitted she made the charges and insisted she spoke the truth.

Governor Bradley admitted the evidence showed that Marion had indeed given his wife a harmless dose of medicine, and then later, she had taken another drug without his knowledge. The combination of the two chemicals had created a deadly poison. Therefore Marion was innocent of any guilty intent. That being so, Marion had been libeled and he asked for \$500 in damages from Mrs. Jones.

Mrs. Jones countered that actually Marion had been in love with a young lady named Nancy Jane, and despite having a sick wife, had tried to entice Nancy Jane to elope with him, which was the real reason he poisoned his wife.

To prove her point, from a pocket of her dress, she produced a letter supposedly from Marion to Nancy Jane written even while his poor wife lay dying from an overdose of something or other.

After much discussion, many objections and many rulings, the letter was admitted into the record. The defendant demanded

it be read and it was:
 Pinehill, Kentucky,
 Rockcastle County
 Oct. 12, 1874

Nancy Jane:
 "I am goin tew rite tew you won moar time tew let you no that i ha not forgot you, and i hoop you hav not forgot me, me deare. i thinkboutyoumoar and moar awl the tyme. i am sorr to think that u ha treat me so mi darlin. it grievs me hart to thank that you wood believe what other peple say before yu wood believ me. i ha bin a frien to you awl mi life, and have allus told yu how to do, an i am agoin to tri year father won time moar. i love yu mi darlin still, an i will never hatit yu, but there is won thing that i hate, mi deary, to thob, and this is yu ha treat me so.

"i am agoin tu rite tu yu and ask yu tew rite tew me one tiam, and tell me what yu hev hered. pleze honie, if yu hev hered what i hev hered yu have hered it is a dinged lie. i doan keer who toald it tewyu, mi darlin. i want to speek tew mi honie, when i see yu, lit it be nit ar day. if yu louf me, i no that yu cant hait me.

"now if yu want tew go i will taik yu and marric yu, and bring yu back home liak a ladie, honie, an i want yu tew tell me iffer you told i had ask your pappy for yu or no. yu told me yu wud lovf me if i was the last man in the worl. if yu ment this yu aut tew pruv it in some way, yu was mistaken when yu tolt that i had axed fur yu, i hev not but i can fen yu say so.

"i want yu tew tel me what yu want me tew do wif tew cloas

that i baut fur yu. if yu want thim, honie, yu kin hv them, fur i lov' yu mi darlin nancy jane. i fast yu tew let me see this letter onlie the dun that red it tew yu honie.

"now remember it is mortel fer yu tew lay down this bodie tew dye, so mi honie, remember me till yu see the pall bees of deah and his ridur acomin, and may the Lord get uy, and the devel miss yu, is my humbil prair, mi honie.

(At this point a large red spot what looks like blood appears on the page, and the letter continues.)

"here is bludd. it is frum the sentar of mi hart. i will send it tew yu tu let yu no that mi hart is bork in-tew, mi darlin. this is the best i kin do now, and nancy jane, i want u tew praef for me, mi darlin, at hoam and abrawd. get sistur to rite fer yu an tell me sum of the questins-i have axt yu, mi honie. so i must cum tew a cloas. marion tu nancy jane

come?" hissed Kirtley.
 "I got it onto a chickens laig," Marion whispered.
 After much laughter and gavel pounding, the verdict was read. Marion was awarded one cent, which was duly paid.
 Whatever happened to Marion and Nancy Jane, you may ask? Marion finally, in later years,

married Nancy Jane. It was the second marriage for her and the third for him. Her first spouse and his second came to sad endings. One of them fell off a cliff while hunting. The other choked to death on a piece of chicken. Marion and Nancy Jane, reportedly, lived happily ever after into their 80s.

Little Tom TAYLOR

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Governor Bradley reported following the reading of the letter, defense attorney Kirtley asked Marion if the letter was written by him and Marion admitted it was. Kirtley is described by Governor Bradley as "a little hunchbacked lawyer of wonderful acuteness and ability, and whose wit was as keen as a Damascus blade."

In his cross examination of Marion, Kirtley suddenly pointed to Marion and said: "Was everything you said in this letter true?"

Marion swore that it was, every last word of it.
 "That drop of blood, on the letter came from the center of your heart, the very center?"

There was a long pause and perspiration broke out upon the brow of the witness, Governor Bradley remembered, and Marion finally gasped, "No!"

"Then from whence did it

Just another ad . . .

I had just stepped out of my store on the corner of Church and Main and was talking to one of our town's dentist. It was in the early 1960's long before I-75 had crossed our county and all north and south bound traffic came directly through Mt. Vernon. As we were talking, a car pulled up beside us and stopped. Calling upon our native intuition, we immediately sized up the occupants as outsiders. A man in the car rolled down his window and inquired as to the location of the Mount Vernon Signal. Before I could respond, the dentist quipped, "It's right up there in the First Christian Church," while pointing in a southward direction.

With one stroke of the tongue these "foreigners" became acquainted with Dr. Joe Henderson, the location of the Signal office, and the building where the Mt. Vernon Christian Church congregation had once shared with other local congregations. (For the young of age or those with short memories, this building has since been torn down and replaced with Lambert's law office building.)

The Mount Vernon Signal has been around longer than about anybody alive. Even longer than my Aunt Bessie Chestnut who is ninety-eight years and ten months old. For the past 27 years, I personally have had a close affinity with the Signal. Even though it has moved a couple of times in recent years, it has always been within a stone's throw of my business on the corner of Church and Main.

Most of us associate the Mount Vernon Signal with the Anderkin family. First, it was the Elmo Anderkins who purchased part ownership in the paper in the early 30's. During those years, I had a close working relationship with Henry Hines, Betty-Shehan, Arletta Norton, Raymond McClure, Georgia Clark Harmon and others who worked for Elmo. After Elmo, then really came the Anderkins. Lots and lots of them. First came Jim and Perlina, the present owners; Rick, Jamie, Jane, Paige, Sara, Travis and Allison. If my memory serves me right, there hasn't been any more since. They all frequented my store to shop and I grew close to each of them. I would joke and kid with them and eagerly await the next one to be born. It was good for my business.

It has been my good fortune to have written several articles which the Signal has been kind enough to publish. My two children, Leigh Anne and Willie Lee, have also had the privilege of writing for the Signal. I am glad they were given the opportunity of sharing in the history of the paper.

I personally have one claim to notoriety via the Signal. In the early 1970's my picture appeared in the weekly paper along with a billiard goat that had been chained in the back of my truck. Incidentally, the goat had been placed there by Lloyd Cain with the aid of some other local citizens of renown.

In conclusion, "The Way I See It" is not always the way Rick sees it and I am going to tell him sometime. I think Perlina should ramble more in her column because she has plenty to ramble about. As for Jim, he should fish less and help with the kids more.

And if again I am standing on the corner of Church and Main and some out-of-towner drives up and asks me where the Signal is, I will point toward the west and say, "It's right up there beyond Maggard's Drugs in the Rockcastle Hotel.

Congratulations, Mount Vernon Signal, upon your first 100 years of publication from Hiatt's 5 & 10, which has been around a mere 27 years; the clerks; and Billy, Barbara, Leigh Anne and Willie Lee Hiatt. And best wishes always to the present owners, the Anderkins.

For all you readers, shop on the corner of Church and Main in Mt. Vernon at Hiatt's 5 & 10, where shopping is easy and satisfaction is guaranteed.

Located on U.S. 25, Save-A-Lot Supermarket has been serving the needs of Rockcastle County since they opened in July of 1985.

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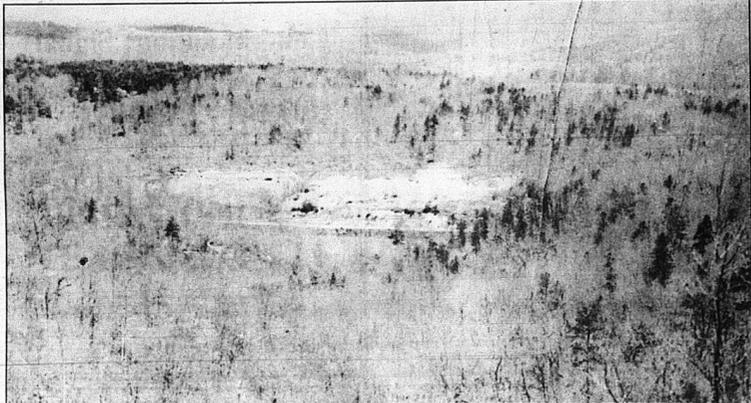
At our location on U.S. 25 south of Mt. Vernon, we offer quality foods at the lowest prices in the county.

Rodney Jones and all the employees would like to congratulate the Signal on their 100th years of service to Rockcastle County.

Battle At Wildcat Mountain Stopped Southern Offensive--

By: Ray McClure

(For much of the material used in this story on June 1, 1961, I was indebted to James Henderson of Hamilton, Ohio, for loaning me "A History of the First Kentucky Calvary" by Eastham Tarrant; also, letter to Confederate and Union officers compiled from War Department files in a book, "War of the Rebellion," Series 1, Vol. 4, as well as many other sources, and including a map that was drawn by Glenn Fisher of Mt. Vernon. As a note of interest, Henderson's grandfather, A.J. Henderson, Company F, First Kentucky Calvary, Casey County, fought at Wildcat Mountain, which at the time of the Civil War, was a part of Rockcastle County. He survived the war and spent the remaining 30 years of his life at Brodhead. Making this trip to Wildcat Mountain in 1961 were attorney William D. Gregory, Opp Bussell, Jr., Leo Hopkins and Henry Hines).



—The General Sent the Private For A Look At Distant Livingston--

On a night in October, when the moon is full, and the mist swirl over the Rockcastle Hills, they say a visitor can look toward Hoosier Knob on Wildcat Mountain and see a solitary sentinel, standing in a blue uniform, and leaning on his rifle.

They also say, if you listen closely, you can hear the low cannon-rumbles bouncing along the gloomy, forbidding cliffs. It is General Zollicoffer still fighting the battle for the South that he lost on Wildcat Mountain.

This is the spot near Livingston, an area now in Laurel County, that prompted Confederate Gen. F.K. Zollicoffer to write: "I reached the enemy's entrenched camp. The country is very poor indeed. The Rockcastle Hills are natural fortification, almost inaccessible." And Gen. George Thomas, of the United States Volunteers, to later pen: "I cannot remain in this inhospitable place any longer."

This is the Wildcat Mountain where, on October 21, 1861, forces under the command of General Zollicoffer, and forces under the command of Union Gen. Albin Schoepf, clashed in the first battle of the Civil War in Kentucky.

The area of Wildcat Mountain is much the same today as it was when Brig. Gen. W. T. Sherman, commander of the Army of the

Cumberland, vowed Confederate troops would not cross the Rockcastle River and endanger Camp Dick Robinson and all of Central Kentucky.

"Do everything in your power to keep the enemy from crossing the Rockcastle River," Gen. George Thomas, commander at Camp Dick Robinson, wrote to Col. W. J. Landrum of the First Kentucky Cavalry.

Today it is the same Wildcat Mountain, possessed only by newer briars and tangled weeds. Cooperheads and rattlers still coil and slither in the rotted stumps and piles of rocks. The long trenches studding the ridges are quiet but for the wind that piles them with leaves and then whips the leaves out again like soldiers charging into battle.

Over on Infantry Ridge, the forest has come back into its own, camouflaging the trenches in green. Two graves yawn that one held fallen Union men. On around Infantry Ridge toward Livingston towers Hospital Rock, that once served as an aid station for Union wounded. Generations, before and since those days in 1861, have left their name and dates scratched in its sandstone. One inscription worn by water drops, reads: Roy McCoy, May 1849.

Along the mountain toward Mershons, towers Union Point. From this cliff Union soldiers

looked over a radius of 15 miles, across the canyon cut by the water of the Rockcastle River. Four miles in the distance Livingston sits, sleepy and silent. To all, the magnificent scene from Union Point emphasizes the reason the Union was determined that Zollicoffer would not pass beyond the Rockcastle Hills.

It is said that once in anger, Third Infantry Regiment Col. T.T. Garrard ordered a grumbling, homesick soldier to Union Point, after the soldier called the area God-forsaken. Garrard is reported to have said: "Take a look boy, and dare to tell me what you see in God-forsaken."

This is the landscape yesterday and today; magnificent in its ruggedness; treacherous in its stillness; challenging in its mystery; lonely in its beauty, and much the same as it was when it all began late in September 1861.

The South and the War

The objectives of the South, Kentucky-wise, during the early days of the Civil War was to scatter Union sympathizers in Kentucky, discourage Union recruiting and firmly establish Kentucky as a Confederate state, eliminating the chance of a flanking military movement by the Union into Virginia when Lee's forces had thundered north.

In September, 1861 the South was in need of a general who was near at hand that would be able to muster a force great enough in number to over-run Eastern and Central Kentucky and join forces with other Southern forces heading into Kentucky from the southwest. It chose F.K. Zollicoffer, then in Tennessee, and Zollicoffer moved his forces relentlessly from Cumberland Ford, through Pineville, Barbourville, and finally near London where he went into camp with about 1,400 men and six pieces of artillery.

From London Zollicoffer put out feelers, mostly in the form of patrols. As the days passed, he became assured through talks with natives in the area, and an occasional captured Union sympathizer, that the Union Third Regiment Volunteers, under Colonel Garrard, had without question fortified Wildcat Mountain as the point of defense in halting his march into the Bluegrass.

Zollicoffer had made contact with the Laurel Home Guard, and it had scattered. Some of the Guard had gone north to the area

of the rugged and desolate Rockcastle Hills. Because of the ruggedness, the generals decided to fortify Wildcat Mountain and its road over the summit.

General Thomas dispatched Col. T.T. Garrard and the Third Regiment for outpost duty to Wildcat Hill and when Zollicoffer chose to make an attempt to cross the Rockcastle River. Later, he sent Col. Frank Wolford for an inspection of Wildcat Mountain defenses. Colonel Wolford returned to his command of the newly recruited First Kentucky Cavalry at Camp Dick with his report early in October.

The situation at Camp Wildcat was summed up by Colonel Garrard on September 29, 1861, in a letter to General Thomas:

"Colonel Wolford came into camp bringing with him the Home Guard (Laurel) under Colonel Brown (G.P. Brown).

The enemy have taken London. The Colonel says they are in large force, and have about 600 cavalry. We might defend this place, and could if they were to come the road, but they can go through the woods with infantry. They could go the Richmond Road until they cross the Rockcastle River several miles, then there is a good road that intersects this side of the mountain. It is 8 miles from this to the Richmond Road, and it runs nearly parallel for some 15 or 20 miles, several miles beyond Mt. Vernon.

Hawkins, Burton, Walker and five others are with the rebels, they having been conveyed through the woods or by-ways. They passed the Home Guard under the pretense that they were from Camp Dick Robinson and sent there as spies to report to you. I have no doubt Burton and others were sent by their friends to carry the rebels into Madison County, knowing they were defenseless.

From what I have written, you can see through the scheme (provided I am not mistaken). The best heard of the pickets they were this side of London, about halfway between London and the forks of the Richmond road.

I consulted with Colonel Wolford before writing this. One of Colonel Wolford's men fired on another of his men, wounding the man, and killing one horse and wounding another. The private that shot himself at camp, which I informed you of, died yesterday, so the bearer of your dispatch informed me.

There is but little water here, not sufficient for horses and men without hauling, which we could do."

General Thomas relayed this letter from Garrard to Pres. Abraham Lincoln through Brig. Gen. Robert Anderson at Louisville. A short time later, General Anderson ordered two regiments to re-inforce Camp Wildcat. The regiments were from Indiana and Ohio.

In another dispatch to General Thomas: Colonel Garrard reported that: "The rebels have taken Manchester, pulled down the flag, tore it up, and placed theirs on the same pole."

On the same day General Thomas also posted a dispatch to Col. W. J. Landrum in the area of the Big Hill that set the stage for the defense of the Bluegrass and the battle at Wildcat Mountain:

"The enemy is reported to me as occupying London in force. I therefore wish, and direct, you to obstruct the Richmond Road by cutting trees across it and filling it up with rock from the cliffs, commencing on the Laurel side of the Rockcastle River, and extending as far back as the Natural Bridge, on the Big Hill, and station your men at the most advantageous position and defend the road. Also send men and the Home Guard to the Mount Vernon road obstructed so that troops cannot march along it. Do anything in your power to keep the enemy from crossing the Rockcastle River."

The Battle

Major Helveti, who that day, acted as aid for General Schoepf, came forward and told the officers of the regiment, it was the general's orders the First Kentucky Cavalry should move to a position along the left wing of the position to support the 33rd Indiana Infantry.

As they approached the area designated, they met several Indians carrying dead animals to Hospital Rock. The 33rd Indiana was already in position on the left, with its right extending to the point of the ridge.

Company A joined the Indians' right, and the other companies fell into designated places on the right side of the ridge. Two regiments formed a line around the point of the ridge, resembling a horseshoe.

On the way to the position Company A met several soldiers. Each soldier told the company to hurry on, that fighting was in progress. But up to that time the men in Company A had heard only a scattering shot from the skirmishers below. It was at this point on the way to the position, the men of Company A could look down on the narrow valley below, which the pickets had left only a short time before. It was swarming with rebels, on their way to meet the position. At the point of the men in Company A wore serious expressions. With the exception of a few Mexican War veterans, none had been in battle.

The forces of Zollicoffer formed the lines in the shape of a semi-circle around the lower point of the mountain. A Union officer gave the cry to hold the position on the mountain at all hazards. It was the key to the position.

As the rebels advanced, their battle shout could be heard through the surrounding hills and valleys. It was responded to by the Union men from every area of the mountain.

Bushes, rocks, and trees obstructed the view of the men of Company A, but they stood with loaded guns ready to fire and watching for a glimpse of the enemy. All the while the officers in all areas were yelling "Keep Cool!" Don't fire! Wait till you see 'em good!"

Suddenly, someone shouted, "I see 'em!" and the Union men let loose with a volley of shots.

The battle began in earnest, with the men firing from behind trees, stumps, and rocks. The cry of an injured man could be heard occasionally over the din. Somewhere in the distance, the boom of Confederate artillery shook the ground. One man was hurt when a cannon ball sliced through a tree limb and the limb crashed to the ground.

The ringing voice of Adjutant Durham, of the 33rd Indiana, could be heard shouting at the left: "Rally here, Indians!" The rebels had approached unseen to within 30 to 40 yards of the parapet. The Indians rushed to the threatened point and fired into the line of rebels one of the hottest volleys of the day. This was too much for the rebels and they fell back to the main line. The firing diminished.

The day had suddenly grown dark. A blue smoke hung over the mountain, burning the eyes of the soldiers. It had become very quiet, with only the stillness that brought uneasy movements in the men. Then several rebels were seen below stealthily moving

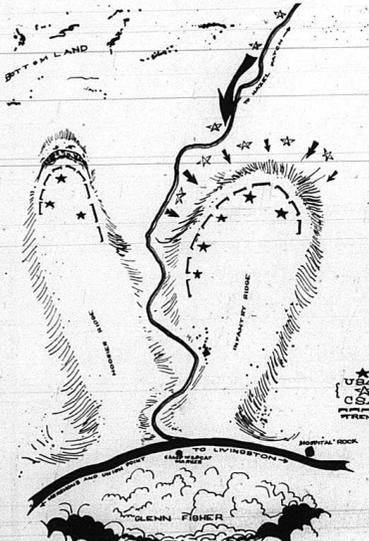
of the Big Hill; some had gone to Camp Wildcat, and some had gone home. Now the way lay open, he believed, to the Rockcastle River, except for the few hundred Union troops of Garrard. Zollicoffer decided to test the Union defenses only when it was practical.

The decision to defend the Bluegrass at Wildcat Mountain was made by Generals Sherman and Thomas.

With a look at the map it was obvious the straight-line attack into Central Kentucky would be along the state road and over the Rockcastle Hills into Garrard and Madison counties.

The generals were both reasonably sure Zollicoffer would need to take the shortest route, since his supply line would be jeopardized by a longer route, and since his troops were already poised at London.

The most defensible position between Zollicoffer and the Bluegrass along this route were



WILDCAT MOUNTAIN
—Zollicoffer Struck From The South—



Was First Major Civil War Engagement in Kentucky

toward the points. Then more appeared, and more, and formed an unbroken line in a semi-circle around the entire positions on the ridges. The rebels began firing again, sending volley after volley into Union positions.

During another lull in the firing, some of the men of Company A, First Kentucky Cavalry, rushed some 30 or 40 feet beyond the selected line on the brow of the ridge. Here they were exposed to a front fire from the rebels across the hollow, who were attacking the Seventh Kentucky and the 17th Ohio, and also to a cross fire from the rebels attacking the position on Hoosier Knob.

Lieut. Silas Adams, of Company A, seeing the exposed position, ordered the men back to the main line. As the men retreated up the hill to the main line, the other Union men on the field, not knowing the cause, showed signs of wavering.

Adjutant Durham, whose eyes never failed to be alert, ran among the men yelling: "Damn you, stand your ground if there is a million of them!"

Colonel Wolford and Major Brown, of the First Cavalry, and Colonel Coburn of the 33rd Indiana, hurried forward and order was restored. The men turned back to the battle, firing time and again into the rebel lines. Soon, the rebels retreated down the mountainside. Union forces were still in command of Wildcat Mountain.

It might be noted here, that some news correspondents at the scene claimed in their stories that the Kentuckians fled in confusion. But the best authorities seem to believe this episode could be termed a "temporary wavering of the line," an occurrence that often happens in battle and is often the result of misunderstood orders and a temporary breakdown of communications. A later inquiry into the episode, showed two First Kentucky Cavalrymen left the field, and one Indianan, a mere boy. Several casualties did take place at the time of the confusion.

Firing Is Over

The position of the First Cavalry and the 3rd Indiana had seemed to be the principle point of attack. After the shooting had subsided, a detachment of the 14th Ohio Infantry re-enforced the First Kentucky, but the Confederates had apparently given up the attack. They did not respond greatly to the shooting of the Ohio men. They had attacked the ridge three times, but each time with weakening force.

Sometimes during the afternoon of October 21, the rebels even ceased sporadic firing. It was generally agreed by Union officers that they were regrouping

for a grand assault. Picks and spades were now sent to all areas and distributed among the men who began digging up breastworks, so that by 10 p.m., the Union positions were well fortified.

Sentinels were placed around the area, and the other soldiers lay down for needed rest.

Numerous fires burned in the rebel camp just before daylight, as if they were preparing for a breakthrough. Wheels had also been heard rumbling in the bottomland during the night, supposedly trains bringing rations and artillery.

Union officers and men stayed with their positions a considerable time after daybreak awaiting the attack. It did not come. Scouts were sent out, and they returned a short time later to report that Zollicoffer had gone. The road to Central Kentucky was secure in Union hands.

Colonel Garrard wrote General Thomas on October 25: "Your aid arrived in time to save us from certain defeat. It is not necessary for me to say one word about the fight, for you have no doubt been fully posted. Though don't be deceived as to the number killed by us; my impression is that we did not kill to exceed 16 and wounded some 30 or 40. Many say we lost a great victory by not pursuing the enemy. It is true, if we had known as much then as now, we might have done wonders."

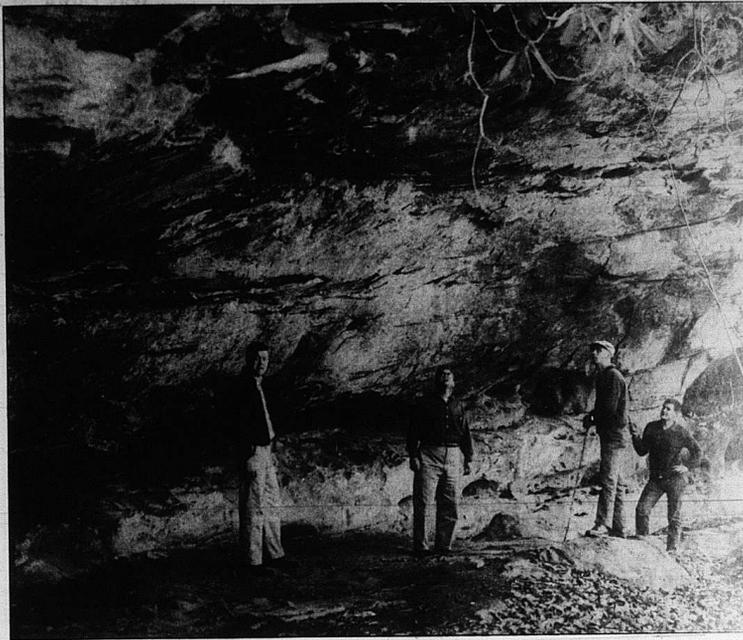
The Union forces on the ground, and in supporting distance, according to General Thomas' official report, were 5,000 men. His report, in part, reads:

"I have just received another dispatch from General Schoepf, in which he reports that his scouts had just returned and reported the enemy have fully retreated in the direction of London. Our loss is ascertained to be four killed and 18 wounded."

Later correspondence confirmed Zollicoffer had decided to bypass the Rockcastle Hills far to the south. This he did and was successful on his mission of the conquest of Kentucky, until death cut short his offensive at Mill Springs several weeks later. In that battle many of the men who were at Wildcat Mountain fought him again.

In one of his last reports, General Zollicoffer wrote from Camp Flat Lick, Knox County, on October 24, of the action at Wildcat Mountain:

"On the 21st I reached the enemy's entrenched camp, on Rockcastle Hills, a natural fortification almost inaccessible. Having reconnoitered in force under heavy fire several hours, from heights on the right, left and in front, I became satisfied that it could not be carried otherwise than by immense exposure,



HOSPITAL ROCK

—Visited by Gregory, Bussell, Hopkins, Hines—

if at all. The enemy received large re-enforcements.

Our loss was 42 wounded and 11 killed and missing. We captured 21 prisoners, about 100 guns, and 4 horses. The loss of the enemy in killed and wounded unknown.

The country is so poor we had exhausted the forage on the road for 15 miles back in twenty-four hours. Our subsistence nearly exhausted. Under these circumstances I deemed it proper the next day to fall back. Enemy's camp said to be 7,000 strong, with large reserves near at hand.

The Final Accounting

The action at Wildcat Mountain was "played-up" considerably by the Union in the days that followed the engagement. But as the years passed, it gradually lost its significance in the public eye because the number of casualties were not high, and because later battles were more spectacular.

It is generally agreed in subsequent correspondence between

the military family of both sides that the reason the loss of life in the battle was so light—in an engagement where powder was used so freely, was that the rocks, trees, bushes and logs provided good shelter, and the soldiers had not yet become expert in the use of fire-arms as they did as the war progressed.

The engagement at Wildcat Mountain is definitely important in three ways:

1. It was the first regular engagement in the State of Kentucky.

2. It temporarily halted the advance of Southern forces, giving the Union time to organize for the rebel onslaught from Tennessee that ended in defeat for the Confederacy at Mill Springs and Perryville.

3. It was the first victory for the Union cause in the war, which was at that time shadowed with gloom because of former reverses.

In the days following the battle, General Schoepf ordered Union forces to move into a more habitable position near London, leaving only sentinels behind to guard the "inhospitable place."

Now, on an October night, when the moon is full, and the mist swirl over the Rockcastle Hills, they say a visitor can look toward Hoosier Knob on Wildcat Mountain and see a solitary sentinel, standing in a blue uniform, and leaning on his rifle.

The Wait Begins

During the intervening days between September 30 and October 21, both Union and Confederate patrols probed the area between London and the Rockcastle Hills. Every bit of information—even gossip from residents in the vicinity—was weighed and judged. One report to the Union estimated Confederate forces in the area to be 10,000, with 30 pieces of artillery. Colonel Garrard hurriedly dug in for the impending strike that Zollicoffer was expected to make as soon as Zollicoffer secured his position.

Colonel Garrard looked at his own position. Wildcat Mountain had two well defined ridges that formed into a V. (See Map) Along the two ridges Garrard entrenched, in order that the road winding down the mountain between the ridges could be observed.

The best observation point was the summit of the left ridge, known later as Hoosier Knob. From a steep incline, it reached upward to a sheer rock cliff. On top of the cliff and below, he dug his trenches and stationed his men. Along the less sloping and less rugged Infantry Ridge he also dug trenches and assigned post to the remainder of his 975 men. It was October 2.

On that date, Colonel Garrard

again wrote General Thomas: "Since General Carter arrived (to look over defenses) we have been over considerable country. The general thinks when the work is completed we will be secure against almost any force. With strangers they could find passways, but persons acquainted with the country could get into our camp many ways. Still, they could not do so if we had a small force at each point. The distance from the Little Rockcastle to the Big Rockcastle is some 3 1/2 miles. A considerable portion of this distance is defended by natural cliffs, so that it relieves us from performing much labor at those places. Ten miles of the road south of our camp is almost a dense thicket on each side of the road, and could be defended, or at least we could annoy the enemy with infantry the entire distance, whilst we could be comparatively secure, provided we acted cautiously.... Colonel Brown has now enrolled in and camp some 250 twelve-months' soldiers. He has muskets, but no cartridges boxes, caps, pouches, nor bayonet scabbards. He desires to hear from you as soon as convenient. Mount Vernon is the post office if sent by mail."

From that date until October 17 Garrard waited for Zollicoffer to make an offensive move. Scouts had informed him earlier, that Zollicoffer had gone back to Barbourville, but if this were true, Zollicoffer had assuredly come back to London.

Garrard became anxious. Tension was mounting in his men. On October 17, scouts brought information that seemed to settle the reason for Zollicoffer's wait-and-see attitude. Zollicoffer had apparently gone back for more troops. Colonel Garrard's dispatch to General Thomas was short and had a note of urgency: "Two Messengers have just arrived from 9 miles beyond London, informing me certainly that Zollicoffer with his force is approaching.... I must have aid here tomorrow.... Your artillery can reach here before the enemy does."

General Thomas was ready for action when the message came. Recruiting had been going on and the First Kentucky Cavalry had been formed, made up of men from Casey, Lincoln, Garrard, Pulaski, Boyle, Wayne, Marion, Clinton, and a few men from various other counties.

The First Kentucky Cavalry, and its commander, Col. Frank Wolford, was ordered to Camp Wildcat, along with the 14th Ohio, the 33rd Indiana; Battery B; First Ohio Artillery.

Early on October 19, Special Order 15, was issued by George E. Floyd, assistant adjutant general:

"Brig. Gen. Albin Schoepf having reported in these headquarters for duty, agreeably to Department Orders, No. 58, is assigned to the command of the troops now in the Rockcastle Hills. He will proceed at once to that point and make all disposition in his power for the defense of his position against the advancing enemy."

The order sending reinforcements to Colonel Garrard at the Rockcastle Hills came as a surprise to the men of the First Kentucky Cavalry at Camp Dick Robinson. For days rumors had been whispered that Garrard's Seventh was in trouble.

The men of the First Cavalry had also been called together for a briefing by Colonel Wolford. In effect, his speech was:

"Men, in a few days we are going to meet the enemy. Right now it appears it's going to be along the side Garrard at Rockcastle Hills. That's down on the Rockcastle River. I want you to meet the enemy with courage when we are called on. Do nothing to desert the section of your birth. All of you volunteered as soldiers of the United States Army to defend your country.... I want good soldiers—soldiers who can look in the barrel of an enemy gun. If there is a coward among you, let him step out. I will give him a discharge. He is free to go home."

No one stepped from the First Kentucky Cavalry ranks. Early in the afternoon of October 19, the First Kentucky Cavalry began the march to Camp Wildcat—with General Schoepf and Major Francis N. Helvey leading the column. The other units left a short time later.

The fading fall days, shortening as each day passed, stopped the column about an hour's march beyond Crab Orchard. There the Cavalry fed its horses, ate supper, and slept.

At dawn, the men ate their breakfast and rode toward Mt. Vernon. Through Brodehead the column wound, and down the Old Brodehead-Mt. Vernon Road.

Two miles west of Mt. Vernon, about 10 a.m. on October 20, a rider approached the column. He saluted and handed Colonel Wolford a message. It was from Colonel Garrard:

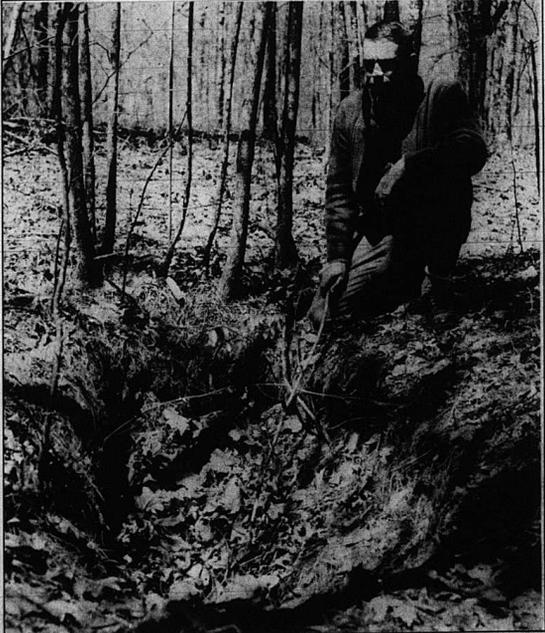
"You will join us immediately. Our advance guards are firing, and have been at it for sometime. I have no means of telling the force that is engaged against us."

General Schoepf endorsed the dispatch and forwarded it to General Thomas: "The Ohio Regiment is up, and the Indiana will be up by 1 p.m. The whole force in the rear has been hurried up. Send us all you can spare."

The column then rode into Mt. Vernon, stopping just west of town for a rest period. The column passed along Main Street in Mt. Vernon and wound up the hill, along the old state road.

The land had become mere

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HOPKINS AND OPEN GRAVE

—The Dead Were Later Taken Away—

Battle of Wildcat Mountain

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were approached quickly from the rear. The advance pickets of both the Union and the Confederacy had fired at each other several times from bushes and heavily wooded areas.

The advance picket force of Colonel Garrard still remained along the sides of Hoosier Knob and Infantry Ridge. One infantry force had been posted at the foot of the mountain to offer firm resistance, and when Zollicoffer attacked the fortifications, Artillery was set up to face downward into the general area of Hazel Patch, more particularly a bottleneck.

The advance pickets of Zollicoffer continued hit and run tactics. The pickets of Garrard did the same, not interested in any major contact until Zollicoffer attacked the fort.

"THE GOOD OLD DAYS"

(Cont. From Front)

The First Kentucky Cavalry had just bedded down on the northwest side of Wildcat Mountain when orders came to saddle and pack immediately at the rear positions on top of the mountain. The cavalry reached the top of the mountain and dismounted. Almost immediately a wild-eyed horseman rode up and reported that he had seen a picket not far from the bottom of the mountain.

He told the officers and men who gathered, while he and his comrades were being surrounded them and all his companions were killed or captured, and he alone escaped.

This sudden event left the main body of the army at the foot of the mountain with the exception of a company of Seventh Kentucky Infantry at the foot of the mountain.

Colonel Garrard, decided that he would mount a picket at the bottom of the mountain, and he detailed 18 men from different companies under command of Lieut. R.C. Blain, Company F, First Kentucky Cavalry.

The picket was intended to go 500 yards beyond the infantry post, and within 100 yards of the lower end of the bottleneck. Two videttes were to see 100 yards to the front of these men.

The main road down the mountain was blocked, and the pickets had to go around it by a narrow, steep pathway. In one place it was so steep the men dismounted and let the horses "slide" down.

When the group reached the designated position, they were in an open area. The moon shone brightly, contrasting with the dark woods in front of them.

W.M. Williams, formerly of Ohio, has bought the W.F. and W.M. Mullins 90 acres of level land near Freedom Church for \$600.

Misses Lena Newcomb and Molly Coyle favored our office with a pleasant call Tuesday. Of course we were pleased with their visit and hope they will find occasion to repeat it often, bringing their lady friends with them.

John McClure has sold his 12 1/2 acre farm to D.P. Bethuram for \$32.

A milk cow strayed to the farm of William Towns on Skaggs Creek some two months ago and is still there.

H.C. Carter has a twin turning -- or twin turns -- the two growing on the same stem, or root, outside the other.

Mr. Singleton of Skaggs Creek died of dropsy Sunday morning. He leaves a wife and grown son. (So much for obituaries on those days.)

In the case all of the Royal family of Germany become extinct by death or lunacy, etc., this place could furnish several subjects that would make healthy old eyes.

Not all of the 1887 Signal's eight pages were devoted to a jumble of personal items. The Signal had sections on such topics as Russia (even then), thefts at the Woods, public libraries, schools and churches, and the unusual: "Kiss of Death" -- Strange Superstition in Mexico.

One long story in an early edition is entitled: "Wildie-- the Woods on Politics. This Thriving Town."

Early Signals had no editorials, only a few quips, leaving opinions up to the readers. There were a few letters to the editor, mostly on politics.

There were few headlines. Most were small and contained in a one column width.

One memorable Signal advertisement that was a sign of the times, the Rockcastle and America is recalled: Men Wanted-- To break rock with hammers for placement on Sand Springs Road. 50 cents a day.

enemy following at a distance of a 100 yards or more. Before the Union men could level their guns to fire the rebels dodged behind trees on the roadside.

The group remained in line ready for action the entire night of October 20, but nothing further occurred.

At daylight the next morning, the infantry and cavalrymen returned to the main forces on the mountain. Some of the men went to the position where the enemy had been seen the night before. On their return they reported the Southerners had departed, but left signs a large number had been there the night before.

Since the men who had gone on picket duty had orders to remain only until morning, they climbed the mountain, and were sent down to the river to feed the horses at the breakfast.

The group had just finished eating, when orders came to remount hastily and go back up the mountain. The Union position were under general attack.

The group rode hurriedly up the mountain and dismounted, forming a line to await orders.

"Signal's Home"

(Cont. From Front)

steep and the side structures were removed which eventually caused the building to lean.

During the Davis years, one of the local clubs used the upstairs for awhile and eventually it was closed and used for storage.

Many old Signals were stored upstairs and eventually were lost. To heat the downstairs, an old furnace was installed and fed hot air to the area, but the high ceiling got out of the heat causing cold feet problem. It was no problem with summer heat. The high ceiling kept the building cool.

Over the following years, the old building continued to deteriorate and was only painted about two times.

"I remember the cold times," a former employee said. "We huddled around the old stove, but all that heat just went up to the ceiling. It was zero you could sit on it and not get burned."

The old building again lost its tenants when James Perlin, Ferdinick and now the Signal Printing shop is now Henry Hines print shop, and later to the Rockcastle Hotel.

The Hendersons then sold the building and it was replaced with the Lambert Building, attorneys-at-law.

"Langdon Memorial School"

(Cont. From Front)

church level, or a deliberate decision, we do not find any former student or teacher ready to voice a definite opinion.

When we venture to guess, could the church begin its school again under the same existing circumstances of 1899, it would not likely allow its students to steer so obviously a non-secular course.

"FRITH HOTEL"

(Cont. From 15)

Hamm purchased the store and was the proprietor for several years. Mr. Frith again purchased the store and operated it until it became a restaurant in 1925. It remained a restaurant until 1948.

Uncle Jerry and his wife, Betty McRoberts Frith, operated the hotel for a few years after that section was built. Through the years it was operated by Fullen Francisco, Mrs. Emaline Wilmont, Bob Collier, J.J. McCall, Galen Rogers, "Mammy" Durham, Burt Sams, Alec Tyree, Mrs. Maude Sprules and Mrs. Bradford Albright.

In 1925, O.A. "Catty" Frith and his wife, started a restaurant in the store area. After his death on the railroad in 1931, Mrs. Frith continued to operate the restaurant until 1946.

During this time, the hotel became well known in another way. Mrs. Frith prepared box lunches for patrons on the passenger trains that stopped at Broadhead. During the war, she would serve as many as 300 box lunches to troop trains.

But as in the case in many towns, as the railroad business declined, so did the hotel patrons, and the box lunches and the memories of other days in Broadhead.

It is some kind of a commentary on what is, and is not, important in our time in the statements of one of the rebels watching bug-eyed as fire destroyed the hotel: "Gee, that's a dandy fire. It's better than on television." March 8, 1962

"Depot on the Way Down"

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night roundhouse foreman. Telephone repairman C.L. Mounts asked about a trouble spot on Crooked Hill.

Joe Tierney, engineer on the main run, wanted three days off, and Engineer T.C. West stopped by for an ice water drink and reported that his youngest was beginning to talk.

Now, the day was getting along and things had been as usual. The people began to gather in the waiting rooms and C.A. opened the ticket window and he heard the question over and over again: Is she on time? This meaning, of course, No. 22, the passenger Louisville.

After assuring C.A. that No. 22 is on time, I relaxed for a few minutes and talked to J.H. Dickerson who would be on duty as the night agent.

Suddenly, we heard music. Yes, it was vocal and it was coming from the south end of the station platform. There was Sodian Carter, Norris and Ed Colton.

The resty, raucous, sound of the horn (not whistle) of a modern diesel engine brings me out of my day dream, and I realize that it is July, 1966.

I began to think back to reality. I have something locked in my memory that time or demolition cannot erase.

Today, infamy, I realized a life-long ambition. I sat in the seat home to Mr. Vernon, a vice operator and helped to run a railroad.

July 14, 1966

"Depot was busy place"

(Cont. From 8)

the passenger train to come in. During the winter number 22 was always certain to be from one to five hours late, and while everyone had to crowd into the seat, the waiting room was nice and warm; in fact, due to this extra extension of visiting hours, almost everyone held out for winter.

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The first report upon the winter 22 was usually a hazard to the passenger train. When Fern (Clarence) Ferguson came out and marked up this fairy story he always got a general razz.

The peculiar thing about this whole process was that everyone attempted to give the impression that he was meeting the train for some important reason, and very few openly admitted that they met the train just for the fun of it.

Everyone pretended to be mad at the railroad company when the train was late, and loud were the denunciations of the service, as Fern came out to mark up additional minutes and half-hours.

The automobiles have brought us many advantages, but they lost something in community spirit when we gave up these general meetings around the old depot.

If Ralph Griffin could see us now in this time of speed and joy-riding, he would indeed be startled.

Now instead of out-running the train cow catcher, often times the public has to run the auto bumpers, and some don't make it. And, gathering places nowadays are parking lots, service stations, drive-in theaters, and so on.

However, it was noticeable when the "last" excursion train came to Mt. Vernon, like those days gone by, it was nearly an hour late.

"Politics always caught eye"

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And another: Dear Sir: see a letter in the Signal from that Saintly City where no one never gets drunk or ever gambles in the Court House. I reaffirm that my figures are correct. I made them the spring prior to D.P. Bethuram taking charge of the office and are true. A party, as a drawing man will grab at a straw, it is useless for you to attempt to deceive the people further, even if you are a patriot. No sensible thinking Republican will listen to you longer. The ring of corruption must go. Today you are standing on the water's edge and on the first Tuesday, November we intend to push you in. We will baptise you and cleanse you from all your filthy lucre, and will confess your guilt before God and man and walk in newness of life. A Yoter.

Of course, politics did not completely dominate the scene in the early part of the century. There was other interesting news over the years. The 1950s and 1960s were especially active. Here are a few headlines, if you are old enough to remember.

First Picture Show Tonight (1914)
Winter Stock Barn Burns (1925)
Local School Closes For Good (1927)
Baker, Stewart, McCord School Opens (1928)
Cotton Bank Broke (1930)
Depression Deepens in the County (1930)
Liquor Sales Legal in County (1934)
Flood Victims Housed in Churches, Schools (1937)
Service Open For Business (1939)
First Renfro Valley Barndance held (1939)
Japs Attack Pearl Harbor (1941)
Draftees Leave For Military Service (1942)
During the war years, people were concerned about national problems and surviving under rationing. Then in the late 1940s and the 1950s life picked up in the county, but only to be faced with another war, this time in Korea.

Fire in Broadhead Destroys two businesses (1951)
Broadhead Tigers Win District Tourney (1951)
Foster, Leggett, Sandusky in Judge Race (1951)
Real "Gasser" Struck on Ray Scoggins' Farm (1951)
39 Men Report for Physicals (1951)
Auto Accident on Renfro Bridge fatal to Five Young People (1951)
Fiscal Court Approves Bonds for Local Hospital (1952)
New Telephone System Approved (1952)
3 Die Following Bank Robbery at Mt. Vernon (1952)
Chandler defests Ed Denny for Governor (1955)
Rockcastle County Baptist Hospital (1955)
Roundstone School Opens (1959)
Frith Hotel in Broadhead Destroyed by Fire (1962)
McCerron House, Town's Oldest, Torn Down (1962)
7 Mile Traffic Jam Clogs U.S. 25 (1966)
Interstate-75 Arrived in County (1966)
Charles Carter Sues to Get on Ballot (1966)
Track Hills Livingston School, Hogs Killed (1966)
Vocational School Will Cost \$300,000 (1966)
Million Dollar Lake Project Approved (1966)
Hundreds Stranded Here in Snowstorm (1966)
Rockcastle County High School Opens (1972)
Tornado Hits County, One Killed (1973)
Broadhead Citizen's Bank Robbed (1973)
Cook Spends \$52,000 on Garbage Last Year (1982)

"Signal Observes 100th Birthday"

(Cont. From Front)

editors to be involved personally in the community. He originated the Signal's slogan that appeared on the front page for many years: "Where the Rebels Meet to Join the Dixie." He left a lasting legacy of dedication to the newspaper business. He died in 1936 after a career as a police judge in Mt. Vernon.

Davis' helpmates at the Signal were his daughters, Mrs. Lelia Stokes, Mrs. Amanda Maggard, Mrs. Cepha Kincer and Mrs. Ethel Greenwood, all of whom survive him.

At the time Davis became owner and publisher, the Signal was moved from the building on U.S. 150 across the street to the recently vacated Christian Church building. The church had moved to a new building on West Main Street. The Lambert building now occupies the former Signal site.

In 1938, Davis sold the Signal to the Signal Printing Co., specifically, Charles L. (Spike) Simpson, who was a professionally trained newspaper man. He reportedly came originally from one of the Virginias.

A busy man, Simpson operated the Signal as a purely business venture. He came determined to present the news in an absolute impersonal manner, something new for subscribers. And although he had his detractors who pointed out he was from "somewhere else," he also had his proponents who maintained, like him, that objectivity was the key to good journalism.

Simpson remained at the Signal until the mid-1940s when he sold the Signal to Alva Hoffman of Ewing, Kentucky. Simpson and his family moved to Missouri where he lived for many years and had a very successful newspaper career.

Alva Hoffman, dentist, photographer, and antique restorer, continued to operate the Signal as a "after-thought," as someone once chided him. He spent more time sitting on the porch at the then Mt. Vernon Hotel where he took a photo shop than at the Signal.

A quiet but pleasant man with a good sense of humor, Hoffman once said he got tired of looking into mouths and decided to try another profession. An admirer of factuosity, he was often seen driving around town in his Buick convertible.

Saying he "felt all hemmed in," Hoffman sold the Signal in 1952 to Albert Schumacher and Elmo Anderkin who at the time were employees of the Berea Citizen newspaper. Anderkin was from Rockcastle County. Hoffman left the area, became a merchant and his descendants operated the Signal.

Schumacher, who was an avid bicyclist, took over the editorial and news gathering at the Signal. Anderkin operated the print shop and related jobs.

In 1955, Schumacher died unexpectedly and Anderkin became the sole owner. Not a newsman, Anderkin had several editors during his publishing days, including Ray McClure, Arleta Norton and Georgia Clark Harmon.

Although a professional printer, Anderkin's interest, like Marc, before him, was in the outdoors. In 1966, he sold the Signal to his brother, James Anderkin Jr., who came to Mt. Vernon from Versailles where he was a printer for the Woodford Sun. Elmo Anderkin went into other businesses and still lives in Mt. Vernon. James Anderkin is the current publisher. His wife, Perlina Anderkin is the editor.

Since 1966, the Signal has moved twice, first to the building now occupied by Henry Hines printing shop and then to the former Rockcastle Hotel.

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People

Hackney's Corner

Civil War tragedy remembered



Rockcastle's one and only candidate for Governor of Kentucky on the Republican ticket was Edwin R. Denney shown here with his wife, Eleanor, and children, Joe Ed and Susanne. Attorney Denny lost his race to Gov. A.B. (Happy) Chandler in 1955 by a wide margin, but won Rockcastle 2896 votes to 842.



First Rockcastle County agent was Robert Spence, right, who spent many active years in the county and was a popular agent with farmers. With him is one of those farmers, Roy G. Brown.



First Rockcastle Health Department official was Dr. Walker Owens, right, who practiced medicine in the county for many years. With Dr. Owens is Dr. George Griffith.

(Note: The names of persons, other than well-known personalities, mentioned in this story have been deleted or changed in order not to embarrass descendants who still live in Rockcastle County.)

"If I live to be a hundred, I will go to my grave remembering that day."

So wrote Union Sgt. Allen Benson on November 6, 1862 in a letter to his aging father at his farm in Rockcastle County a few miles from Crab Orchard.

His letter echoed sadness, and reflected the depths to which over a year of Civil War had plunged the nation. Sergeant Benson noted:

"I see all of us reduced to beasts of the jungle. Though I feel our cause is justified, I also know within my heart all that I have been taught about God's mercy has been subordinated to man's inhumanity to man."

Sergeant Benson lived to go home to Western Rockcastle County, to teach in the schools, and to die, but as his letter indicated, until he died he remembered that black day of November 5, 1862.

Sergeant Benson had been called to patrol duty while in camp near Wildcat Mountain then in Southeastern Rockcastle County. He recalled the story:

"I remember the day was cold. Some snow lay on the north side of the hills as if waiting for more. Almost every day in October there had been snow on the ground, and on many days it had snowed continually.

I got up that morning when Lt. John Gibson had shaken me. I remember saying, "Go away!" But the lieutenant was insistent.

"Sorry, sergeant, but you've got patrol duty," he told me.

"One of our bushwhackers—excuse me, home guard—was here during the night. Folks are getting edgy in Rockcastle. It seems that business down at Cumberland Ford a few days ago is being talked around. I want you to go over in the Hackney's Corners area and check around. We don't want disturbances. Take privates Jones, Smith and Walker with you. And remember

to watch out for Confederate patrols and Confederate bushwhackers—excuse me, home guards. We don't want to lose any men. We also want to keep the population from getting upset. As long as things are quiet through here, the better."

It would be worthwhile to note here that Joe Jordan, Civil War Centennial Committee in Kentucky, writes that: "While a present-day dictionary may define 'bush-whacker' as a 'guerrilla,' at the time of the Civil War there was a distinction between the two terms that was well understood by military men. A bushwhacker was a civilian who (usually from ambush) fired at troops. Not being in uniform or under military discipline, he had no rights as a combatant; he was a criminal and could be summarily executed. A guerrilla was a criminal, too, and subject to the same penalty upon conviction, but usually he had been a member of one army or the other, had deserted, and was engaging in irregular warfare as a member of a predatory band.

Writing in a humorous vein, Mr. Jordan reported, that Gen Basil Duke said a bushwhacker was a "gentleman of leisure who lives in a wild and, generally, mountainous country, does not join the army, but shoots from the tops of hills or from behind trees or rocks at those who are unfortunate as to differ with his politics. It is his way of expressing his opinions -- A guerrilla was, properly speaking, a man who had belonged to some army, had deserted and gone to making war on his private account. He was necessarily a marauder."

"In an official report in which Col. Clarence Prentice mention bushwhackers, he wrote: "It is gratifying reflection that many of them will whack no more." Mr. Jordan penned, "Both armies were merciless in killing bushwhackers and guerrillas and in this — provided they caught the guilty ones, as often they did without doubt -- they were

justified by the accepted rules of warfare."

Sergeant Benson recalls the four of them left camp a short time later. He recounts: "The four of us left camp as soon as it was light enough to see. We rode along the Rockcastle River for a considerable time. It was very cold. After about an hour of riding we stopped, got off the horses, and walked around, stomping our feet in an effort to get warm."

Below, the river was partly frozen. Looking at it, I remembered the days I used to play in the creek below the house, and how different it was here on this day. How lonely it was and how rocky and rough.

We four talked, but mostly I remember the men were cursing the cold weather, the army, and having to leave the warm fires at the camp. Later, we re-mounted and rode along slowly for about 30 minutes. We were by that time about two miles from the river.

The Rogers place was just ahead. Everything was quiet when we got to the front gate. Smoke came from the chimney and we all perked up. We were pretty sure Mrs. Rogers would have coffee. They said she kept coffee hot all the time for folks who took the wrong road at the Corners.

"Sure, there's coffee," she said as we went into the house. "Always got hot coffee. They take the wrong road nine times out of ten, so I just keep it biling."

Mrs. Rogers, in her 40's with five children and her husband in the Union army, told us we were the first ones that day. Yes, she said, things were quiet, but folks were pretty mad about the hanging down at Cumberland Ford. Yes, she knew they were bushwhackers, but that was no cause why folks should be rounded up and slaughtered like pigs. Things had reached a pretty place when folks couldn't step out of the house without being strung up to a tree by Confederate men. Yes, she related, she'd heard

rumors that something might be done about it. But so far as she knew things were quiet. But now that she thought about it, maybe too quiet.

"Can't say though as I'd blame folks," she said. "I heard, but don't say I said it, there could be trouble up at Mt. Vernon. A couple of them that was hanged was from somewhere around there. But don't say I said it. I don't want my name mixed up in it. Me and mine try to stay out of this thing."

I remembered then the disgust and anger I had felt reading the official report that had come by rider to the camp several days ago: "This is to inform you that early today 16 men, volunteers for the defense of Crab Orchard, were condemned as bushwhackers and hanged at Cumberland Ford. All officers and men of the Kentucky command should take appropriate action and issue necessary instruction on the attitude to be followed when the news becomes general knowledge to the citizenry."

We said our thanks and good-byes to Mrs. Rogers for her coffee and fire and rode on westward from the river.

I recall we had rode nearly to the crossroads at the Corners when we heard the shots and yells.

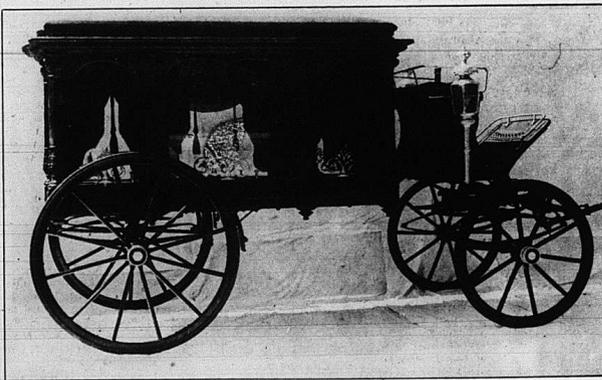
We jumped from our horses and took cover behind rocks that formed a bend in the road. After several minutes of silence, and unable to see anyone, we decided the shots were meant for someone on up the road. We mounted and rode along the twisting road almost to the edge of an open field which allowed a view of Hackney's Corners. We stopped and dismounted.

At the far edge of the field several hundred yards away, we saw about 15 armed men near two large trees. Under the trees we saw several men sitting in the snow.

"Wonder what they're doing, sergeant? Walker whispered.

I suddenly felt my stomach tighten and my hand shook. It

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Union soldier stayed in bed when rebels came

"Hey! Anyone there?" The voice was clear and the knock on the door was like an explosion on that quiet night in October 1862.

"Hey! Anyone there?" The door of the house opened slightly and a man stuck his head into the cold night followed by a lantern.

"Whadda you want?" The wind flickered the flame of the lantern, but not before Granville Proctor saw the tall, straight, Union private standing knee-deep in the snow.

"Ain't you gonna let your son in?" The door opened wider and the light spread over the snow brightening the soldier's face.

"William, bless my soul! Get in here."

The soldier hurried inside and the door closed shutting out the zero night.

"William, what are you doing in Mt. Vernon? The Rebels are everywhere. How'd you get through?" He took the soldier's arm.

"Had to bring a wagon through." The young soldier unwound the scarf from his face and moved to the fireplace.

"Where's Ma?"

"She's gone to spend a few days with brother. Got her out of this area. There's too many Rebels around. You can get hurt around Mt. Vernon. After last week, it's just no fit'n place for wimmin. Fact is, it's no place for much anything."

"Has it been that bad pa?" Concern showed on William's face.

"Well, can't say as I ever saw a worse time. Food's scarce. The weather's the worst I ever saw. In the daytime Mt. Vernon looks like the North Pole. And the Rebels have picked us clean. Last week they took seven horses from the stable and left me six scrawny ones."

Granville Proctor stopped and looked at his son as if remembering again.

"Son, you're in danger here in that uniform. There's a skirmish down near Wildcat Mountain last week. Both Rebels and the Union men have been here off

and on since."

"I know." William pulled a chair close to the fire. "That's why I'm here. The wagon I'm driving is full of food and clothing. I got to get it to Wildcat. If I don't the patrol on duty is dead ducks, if any of them is still alive."

"Wouldn't no one come with you?" his father asked.

"Naw, I could do it alone. I know the roads and it's better to risk one man than several. I come from Camp Dick through Crab Orchard. There's not been a soldier between here and Camp Dick. It's not far now. If I can get through I'll leave the supplies and go on to Cumberland Gap."

"Where'd you put the wagon?"

"Out back of the stable and the horses inside. The snow is covering the tracks pretty fact. Thought I'd stay till about five in the morning and go on. How's

Jasper?"

"Jasper's around. Still shoeing horses. He's been making trips to Lexington with the wagon. He takes knitted garments and brings back food. Everybody in town has been sewing. But when the Rebels come they take everything that we can't get hid in time. They even got your old clothes."

While William talked about his trip, his father prepared food. Granville pushed the coffee pot against the live coals of the fireplace and hung a pot of soup over the coals.

"Your Ma left me a big pot of soup and with the cold biscuits and the coffee, it's all I've got."

"Anything will taste good," William said.

Granville watched him in silence, remembering the days when the boy was young, running over the hills and down the streets of Mt. Vernon.

Granville Anderson Proctor

hanging from the tree swinging back and forth. Suddenly, our visitor was joined by three other men who formed a semi-circle around us. I had become calm, knowing now that these people were citizens of the county and Union sympathizers.

"Have these men done wrong?" I asked. "If not, in the name of the United States Army, I ask you to turn the prisoners over to us."

"Done wrong!" Our visitor frowned. "Perhaps. Who can tell? As a matter of fact, sergeant, we have collected nine Rebels and we are in the process of eliminating them from the war. We hope you and your men will not be so foolish as to try to halt the proceedings. Should that be the case, we will have to restrain you. Now, proceed ahead of us on foot." His well-educated voice was demanding.

Halfway across the clearing there was another yell and another body swung from a tree limb.

When we were near the group we saw all of the men carried guns. I did not recognize any of them, but I felt sure they were all from the immediate area. Nor did

come to Rockcastle County when he was a youth. Years later when the Civil War came, like many Mt. Vernon men, he decided to serve the Union cause. But for some reason, unknown, he did not become a Union soldier. Instead, his son, William Harrison Proctor, was allowed, by William's choice, to take his father's place, a common occurrence.

The record of William's service is unclear, but J.B. Proctor, of Richmond, remembers his father, William, became a wagon driver for the Union Army. He also recalls William was often chased by Confederate troops. William occasionally told of the hardships of the "old fashioned" winter of 1862, but he also spoke often of the hardships of that same summer. Many times the soldiers were hungry and thirsty. Often, hearing the wagon wheels splash into a puddle, the troops would

I recognize the seven prisoners sitting on the ground. Apparently, they had been taken prisoner from various areas of the state by Union sympathizers. They probably didn't know each other.

When we came close to the group they gazed at us only slightly before returning to their business. The next prisoner was dragged away from the others. His hands and feet were tied. A rope was thrown around his neck while he lay making groaning sounds and kicking and twisting his shoulders and body. I tried to talk to the men, but they either did not hear, or did not want to be heard.

I noticed one of the prisoners was a young boy not more than 16. His head was down and he was crying. Two others were cursing in fury at their captors. The others were silent, fear frozen on their faces.

One by one the eight men were hanged, leaving only the young boy.

I went over to the youth. His eyes were full tears and his cheeks were streaked from crying.

"What's your name, son?" I stooped down.

"Marcus."

jump off and drink.

Granville Proctor remained in Mt. Vernon through the war, the owner of the livery-stable and blacksmith shop. He was assisted in his work by Jasper Ricketts, who later became William's brother-in-law and the father of Mrs. Bettie Davis, of Mt. Vernon.

The second skirmish at Wildcat Mountain referred to in the conversation took place almost to a day one year after the first battle at Wildcat Mountain. It was between patrols of the Union and Confederate armies. The skirmish was not of great importance from a military standpoint, but after it was over, Union troops still held on to Wildcat and protected one Union supply route into Eastern Kentucky and Virginia.

William wiped his mouth on his sleeve. "How's the war, Pa?" "Don't know, William. We don't get much news. The Union men who came through say the South is losing, and the Southerners say the North is on the run. I just don't know."

William undressed and crossed

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"Where are you from?"

"South Kentucky. Please, sir, don't let them hang me. I didn't do nothing. I've never done nothing."

I called to the man I had talked with. He came over.

"Sir, I beg you. This is only a boy. He couldn't do very much. This is a terrible thing you're doing. Let him go."

"I am sure you have noble intentions, sergeant," he replied. "But I'm afraid there's nothing I can do. He was found with one of these men. He was doing their bidding."

I made another effort: "We'll take him back to camp. We'll find out about his activities. But don't prey on children."

He looked at me crossly and I readily saw his mind was closed.

"Sergeant, we have made our decision. A boy helping today is a man fighting tomorrow. As a man fighting tomorrow, the Rebel didn't listen to the pleas of 16 of our men. We are not inclined to listen today. It's a shame, this war, but what can we do? Someone must pay for the murder at Cumberland Ford."

"And who will pay for the murder at Hackney's Corners?"

There was no answer as the bushwhackers grabbed the struggling, screaming boy, threw a rope around his neck and pulled him up into the tree. He twisted and squirmed for over a minute and then became still.

I remember it was suddenly quiet. The job was over. When I raised my head we four were

alone. In the two large trees nine men were swinging gently in the cold November breeze."

Once again, according to Joe Jordan, this was the most widely publicized case in the nation of executing admittedly innocent men in retaliation against the enemy for supposedly illegal executions.

"There was no contention that the nine Confederate soldiers hanged at Hackney's Corners

were the same men who had performed the hangings near Cumberland Ford, or indeed that they had even heard of the earlier executions. They were simply selected as the ones to be put to death in reprisal. This practice was to grow into one of the most tragic aspects of the Civil War in Kentucky. It would finally reach the extremity of four-for-one retaliation slayings. There is no evidence that it ever was effectual as a deterrent," Mr. Jordan writes.

Today when the cold winds of November begin to blow and the leaves fall, there is nothing at Hackney's Corners but the cold winds and the falling leaves, and two rotting stumps, that are the remains of two large trees. From that day to this no one has spoken the words Hackney's Corners. On that November 3, 1862 Hackney's Croners ceased to exist. Its location was stricken from maps of the state, and its name was lost in the tragedy and neglect of the remaining years of the Civil War.

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