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Fugitive takes a dive, cop follows

by Chris McDavid
Staff Writer

Some people will go to great extremes to keep from being taken into police custody, and some authorities will do the same to apprehend a fugitive.

That was the scenario Saturday afternoon when Kentucky State Police Sgt. Les Stapleton pursued Francis Charles Hamilton, 30, a fugitive from Indiana, into the Big Sandy River at Auxier.

According to detective Joel Newsome, police received an anonymous tip that the fugitive was in the Auxier area.

Newsome said when police arrived at the residence to serve Hamilton with a fugitive warrant, he fled from the officers and jumped into the river.

"Hamilton was in a trailer on the bank of the river," Newsome said Monday. "He jumped out the back door, ran to the river, and jumped in the very swift, moving, cold water."

Although troopers were on both sides of the river, Newsome said Stapleton jumped into the water, to rescue Hamilton if necessary, and to apprehend him.

"Sgt. Stapleton didn't know if Hamilton was a good swimmer or not," Newsome said. "(Sgt. Staple-

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Ivel industrial project is in limbo as county, contractor bound for court

by Susan Allen
Staff Writer

Floyd County's economic development project at Ivel is on hold and it appears that the county and contractors will be headed to court.

At Friday's fiscal court meeting, county attorney Keith Bartley offered few details about problems with the project because it most likely will end up in court, but he said it would be completed.

Chief says race is not a factor in church vandalism

by Chris McDavid
Staff Writer

Officials do not believe that the vandalism of a Wheelwright church Friday night is connected with recent reports of Ku Klux Klan activity in the area.

The Friendship Baptist Church, which has a predominantly black congregation, received minor damage with the sign torn down, hinges removed from a glass case, and flower pots broken.

"There is no evidence that the damage done to the church is related to the KKK incident last week," police chief Thomas Engle said Monday night.

Last week, a Wheelwright resident found a bundle of tree limbs, along with literature from the Knights of the KKK, on her car Wednesday morning.

The police chief said some ju-

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Sign, sign, everywhere a sign...

Thunder storms and strong winds swept through the county Friday afternoon. The high winds caused considerable damage throughout the area, aside from toppling a sign onto a parked vehicle and damaging the roof at the Market Place. (photo by Chris McDavid)

Minutes confirm security contract okayed by board

by Susan Allen
Staff Writer

Floyd County Sheriff Paul Hunt Thompson says he has a valid contract with the Floyd County school system to provide school security services, and he produced it Monday at a special school board meeting.

Thompson's contract has come under scrutiny because state offi-

cials have said they were unaware of it and it had not been submitted for their approval.

Because of an emergency declaration due to a budget deficit, local school officials must have state approval for all contracts, personnel hiring and spending.

The sheriff told board members that former superintendent, Dr. John Balentine, asked him to draw up a contract for additional security

services at schools. Thompson said the contract was discussed and approved by the board, and signed by Balentine.

Minutes of the September 1996 board meeting show that the sheriff's contract was approved by the board.

Thompson said Balentine asked that two originals of the contract be made.

"Evidently, Dr. Balentine was a pretty smart man," Thompson said. "He requested two originals and I held on to my original." Copies of the contract were given to the board by Thompson and he also presented the original to interim superintendent Louie Martin.

Board member Ray Brackett, who looked at the original, said anyone would have a hard time disputing it was Balentine's signature on the contract. The document was notarized by Balentine's secretary Linda Wallen.

Brackett said there appeared to be "a breakdown inside the house" because the contract was approved.

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work at the site has ceased and the contractor's bonding company will finish the work, which is expected to take about a month.

"I'm not sure how far behind the project is," Bartley said. He said remaining work included final grading, moving dirt and cleanup.

Work will resume as soon as the details are worked out with the bonding company, Bartley said.

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Where there's smoke...

The Prestonsburg Fire Department and a few area residents worked for nearly three hours Monday afternoon to put out a brush fire near Dingus and Josephine streets. Fire chief Tom Blackburn said the hillside caught on fire because a resident was burning debris and the wind caused the fire to spread. (photo by Chris McDavid)

Charges are expected in fatality probe

by Scott Perry
Times Editor

Prestonsburg police officers investigating an accident last week that left four teen-agers dead are reportedly close to filing criminal charges in connection with the accident.

Police Sgt. Anthony Castle, who is heading the city department's probe, would not discuss the investigation Tuesday.

Castle would neither confirm nor deny reports that warrants have been issued for at least one adult, who is suspected of providing drugs and alcoholic beverages to teens gathered at a party February 15 at the Prestonsburg Super 8 Motel.

Four teens—Gregory Todd Walters, 17; Thomas Lee Word, 18; Forrest L. Howell, 17; and Sean Alexander Pilch, 19—were killed early Sunday morning, February 16, when their car, driven by Walters, slammed into the foundation of the Alamo building on South Lake Drive.

The teens had attended the party at the Super 8 Motel, deputy coroner Glen Frazier said, and alcoholic beverages were found in the car after the wreck.

Police have remained tight-lipped about their post-wreck investigation, but reportedly are working closely with state police and agents with the state Alcoholic Beverage Control commission in an effort to gather testimony and evidence related to the accident and the party at Super 8.

Authorities have not identified any suspects who may be charged in connection with the wreck investigation, nor have they confirmed or denied earlier reports that a second car may have been involved in the fatal mishap.

Walters, Word and Howell were seniors at Prestonsburg High School, and Pilch graduated last year.

Five are caught in ABC sting

by Susan Allen
Staff Writer

A sting by state Alcohol Beverage Control officers and sheriff's deputies Saturday night in Floyd County netted two arrests and five charges against three sellers, most of which were alcohol related.

In what is termed operation "Cops In Shops," Joseph Davis, 23, of Sika, was arrested and charged with unlawful transaction with a minor for allegedly giving Jason B. Crum, 20, a can of beer at Top Cat Liquors Saturday night.

Also arrested in the sting was Jimmy Hobson, 33, of Bowling Green, for DUI; driving while his license was suspended for a second offense DUI; attempting to elude police officers; and no insurance.

Hobson was arrested on old Route 23 at Auxier by sheriff's detective Tommy Shelton. His blood alcohol reading was .24, according to the arrest citation.

Cited during the operation were:

- Greg Scott Hicks, 20, of Hager Hill, for allegedly entering County Line Liquors and attempting to purchase a six-pack of beer. Hicks was also charged for not having his driver's license in his possession.

- Rodney Castle, 25, Lexington, South Carolina, for unlawful transaction with a minor for allegedly allowing Melinda D. Puckett to possess and drink a beer in his vehicle at Top Cat.

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Bomb threat suspect to finish senior year

by Susan Allen
Staff Writer

A Prestonsburg High School student who was suspended in November for allegedly calling in a bomb threat at that school can return to classes at a different school until his case is resolved.

Roy Thornsberry, 18, is accused of calling in one bomb threat during a rash of fire alarms and threats, which began at the high school last fall.

At a special school board meeting Monday, board members decided to allow Thornsberry to take classes at the district's alternative school in order to graduate early. Thornsberry was scheduled for an expulsion hearing Monday, but the board's chief witness, Prestonsburg fire marshal Larry Adams, was unable to attend.

In an open hearing, Thornsber-

ry's attorney Ned Pillersdorf asked to continue with the hearing because the student was two weeks shy of graduating.

Thornsberry told the board that he only needed to finish half a semester in order to graduate because he had failed some classes as a freshman.

Prestonsburg principal Thomas Tackett said if the student had not been suspended, he would have finished school prior to the Christmas break, which would be the end of the first semester.

Pillersdorf said he wanted the issue resolved because Thornsberry had been out of school so long without a hearing. The attorney added it was his understanding that the evidence against his client consisted of hearsay from another student.

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Kentucky State Police officials took 30-year-old Francis Charles Hamilton in custody Saturday afternoon after he resurfaced on the banks of the Big Sandy River in Auxier. Hamilton reportedly jumped into the river in an attempt to flee from authorities, who were serving him with a fugitive's warrant from Indiana. (photo by Chris McDavid)

Church

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veniles have already begun copycat activities, and he was concerned about further acts.

"Some juveniles wrote KKK on several cars in the Branham Heights area with shaving cream and tanning lotion," the police chief said. "This is not the place or time for this sort of conduct."

Engle said he still believed last week's incident was isolated and didn't want other residents to be alarmed.

"In Wheelwright we have a large group of people who thrive on rumors, gossip and tales. If they can make something out of nothing they're damn well going to do it,"

Minutes

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but not submitted to the state.

Board member B.J. Newsome said the contract had been found "in a folder" in the central office, but it was not produced at the board meeting. Newsome said the document was supposed to come before the current board for review.

Board member Jody Mullins asked whose responsibility it was to make sure the contract was forwarded to the state.

Operations chief Jim Osborne spoke up and said the sheriff's contract "was hidden from us" and when he asked Balentine for a copy "he wouldn't give us one."

"And, he's not here to refute that statement," Brackett commented.

Osborne said Balentine passed out copies of the contract to certain people and it was not given to him or the news media. He said there was no doubt Balentine signed the

contract or that "he wanted a contract."

The first hint of a problem with the contract, Thompson told the board, was when he presented his budget to Judge-Executive Ben Hale. The sheriff said he was told there may be a problem with the amount of money to be received by the sheriff from the school system. Thompson said he was not billing the school system for the entire amount, which is \$100,000. He said the figure would be closer to \$70,000 because he understood the board's financial problems.

The interim superintendent said he would send the contract to Frankfort immediately.

The sheriff said he felt "everybody agreed" it wasn't his responsibility to send the contract to state officials for approval and that he had fulfilled his obligations under the agreement.

Court

In other business Friday, Lloyd Goble asked court if the county's E-911 system would be adversely affected by the city of Prestonsburg's decision to operate its own service.

Goble also told the court that under state law, if the surcharge levied on county telephone customers for a 911 service was collected as a whole, it should be used to implement the service throughout the county, including Prestonsburg.

Judge-Executive Ben Hale explained that Prestonsburg chose not to participate in the county's 911 project and those residents were still entitled to have a 911 system. He urged Goble not to dwell on the county's past problems regarding 911.

"We need to proceed with Floyd County as a region," Hale said. "We don't need to look at fighting within the county. We'll get 911, there's no question."

Hale said officials are looking to give Prestonsburg some of the 911 equipment previously purchased as part of the city residents' share of monies paid for 911 service.

Goble said he felt the city's decision to pull out of the project would result in Floyd County having a

weaker 911 system because there would be two systems in the county. He said with the loss of revenue, the county system would be smaller and less capable than the city's.

Deputy judge-executive Chris Waugh assured Goble the county system would be equal to the city's.

"If we really felt, deep down in our hearts, that the citizens of Prestonsburg or the county would be shortchanged, we would get with (proper officials) and look at everything," Waugh said.

Hale said Prestonsburg's system would enhance the county's service because it would serve as a backup in case of a system failure.

Bartley said the city and county systems would be identical.

In other action, the court:

- authorized bidding for bids for a new air conditioning system for the courthouse;
- accepted several roads into the county road system;
- hired Mark Poe, William Callihan and Kevin Porter as temporary full-time deputy jailers; Stacy Johnson was moved to full-time and Theresa Bradley was hired as a full-time cook;
- hired Kenny Ray Conley as full-time pool manager at Allen

Engle said.

The police chief said that the city has had a problem with juveniles and vandalism in the past, and now residents want to blame everything on the Klan because of last week's incident.

"If vandalism happens, we shouldn't jump to the conclusion that it is Klan activity," he said.

Although the police chief received a call recently from a resident who advised him that the investigation should be handled by someone else, he said his investigation would continue. Engle would not identify the caller, but said he knew who made the call.

Suspect

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Thornberry is also facing a criminal charge of terroristic threatening, Pillersdorf said, and that is where he received information about the evidence to be presented.

Tackett said some teachers were in a "state of shock" after they had been informed that Thornberry had been charged in connection with a bomb threat.

"Several teachers thought highly of this student," Tackett said.

Board attorney Jerry Patton recommended that the hearing be postponed because Adams could not attend and it would not be fair for either side to proceed without the

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Park;

- accepted from County Clerk Carla Boyd over \$70,000 in excess fees;
- hired Terry Garten as a full-time secretary in the solid waste office;
- appointed Phyllis Grigsby, Rondal Hayes and Tim Martin to terms on the county library board; and

- authorized bond payments for the jail and solid waste department.

All members of the court were present.

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Dive

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ton) automatically jumped in without realizing the danger to himself."

The detective said Hamilton was taken into custody when he came out on the other side of the river.

According to a letter from Kosciusko County Sheriff C. Alan Rowenstine, Hamilton is wanted in the state of Indiana as a suspect in 50 to 80 burglaries in the area.

The letter also said that Hamilton had been going into residences while occupants slept, and he would steal purses and money.

Hamilton's charges from Indiana also include resisting law enforcement and causing bodily

injury.

Hamilton was also charged with resisting arrest because of Saturday's incident.

After informing a pre-trial officer that he anticipated waiving extradition, Hamilton changed his mind Monday during arraignments in Floyd District Court.

A hearing for Hamilton's extradition is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 4. He is being held at the Floyd County Adult Detention Center in lieu of a \$20,000 cash bond.

Stapleton and Newsome were assisted Saturday by troopers Mickey Watson and Matt Scott.

Sting

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Liquors.

- Melinda K. Puckett, 19, Paintsville, for possession of alcohol by a minor for allegedly telling officers she was drinking a beer which was seen in the vehicle she was riding in.
- Jason Crum, 20, Paintsville, for possession of alcohol by a minor, for allegedly having a can of beer between his legs while in a vehicle at Top Cat Liquors.

State ABC enforcement officer Mike Fitzpatrick said the sting was not a direct result of an auto accident just over a week ago that killed four teenagers. Officers found alcoholic beverages in that vehicle and ABC officials are investigating the crash. The officer said the sting operation had been planned prior to the accident.

Fitzpatrick explained that operation Cops In Shops is a federal program funded by the Century Council, a group founded by the National Liquor Wholesale

Association, to deter minors from purchasing alcoholic beverages.

Under the program, ABC officials work with local law enforcement officers and are usually stationed in liquor stores to catch minors trying to purchase alcohol. They sometimes pose as store clerks, Fitzpatrick said.

The program kicked-off in December 1995 and ABC officers were assigned specific areas within the state, the ABC officer said. Beginning this year, ABC officers can operate in any area of the state. The stings will continue on a regular basis.

Fitzpatrick added that the general public has a misconception about the duties of ABC officers.

"People think ABC officers are only involved in the purchase of alcohol," Fitzpatrick said. "They don't know that we are sworn to uphold all the laws of the commonwealth. We are certified in administering BA tests, field sobriety tests and other law enforcement duties."

Everyone should know first aid and CPR says the National Safety Council. When a person's heart stops, a delay of as little as four minutes can mean death if help has not arrived. Being able to perform correct first aid and CPR can save a life or lessen the severity of an injury.

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Floyd may get other counties' trash

by Chris McDavid
Staff Writer

The Floyd County Solid Waste Commission and United Waste Inc. are negotiating to market the trash transfer station at Garth to other counties.

Solid waste director Mike Vance said the commission had not considered the issue, but United Waste regional manager Carl Pound brought up the topic during the commission's meeting Monday night.

"The more garbage we can bring into the transfer station — the more money the county gets," Vance said Tuesday.

Vance said the county receives

15 percent of the money generated at the transfer station for in-county garbage, and 7.5 percent for out-of-county trash.

"The contract United Waste is working under specifies that the tipping fee is \$40 per ton," Vance said, but added that the commission passed a resolution for him to work with United Waste to establish a lower tipping fee for out-of-county garbage.

"We want to make it closer for them to haul their trash and have competitive rates," he said.

Vance said he was not concerned about the transfer station becoming "loaded down" with too much trash to process.

"We have the capabilities of processing 500 tons per day," he said. "Right now we are probably not processing 500 tons per week."

Vance said his negotiation with United Waste would probably not lower the tipping fee below \$30 per ton for out-of-county garbage.

In other action Monday, the commission authorized for Vance to contact Floyd Judge-Executive Ben Hale about the county repairing roads to the old Garth landfill.

"State law requires that roads have to be passable (to the landfill) for two-wheel-drive vehicles for state officials and engineers to get to the landfill," Vance said. "Right now, the engineers are having to hike up the hill."

Vance said the commission also met with several engineering firms Monday night concerning the firms' capabilities and qualifications for ground water monitoring at the old

landfill site.

Kenvron's Inc. has been doing the ground water monitoring since 1992, but "we want to get verification that we are getting the best price," Vance said.

He said the ground water monitoring is currently costing the county between \$2,000 and \$4,000 every three months.

Vance explained that the old landfill has to be monitored for two years after the state accepts the closure.

"I'm hoping that the county closes the landfill this summer," Vance said.

The engineering companies are expected to return to the commission to present bids for the ground water monitoring, the solid waste director said.

"Based on the costs and experience of each company, we will determine which to use," he said.

Two brush fires in county before season

by Chris McDavid
Staff Writer

Floyd County has been the site of two brush fires so far this year, though the official "fire season" has not yet arrived.

The Prestonsburg Fire Department extinguished a forest fire Monday on a hillside near Dingus and Josephine streets.

The department responded with nearly 20 firefighters shortly after 4 p.m. Monday.

"The fire was started when some workers were burning brush in a resident's back yard and the wind caused it to get out of control," fire chief Tom Blackburn said Tuesday.

Blackburn said Monday's fire was the second brush fire the department has responded to this year. He said the department had to extinguish a fire near Highland Cemetery. That fire was also started by workers burning debris to clean up the cemetery.

Kentucky law designates March 1 through May 15 as "Forest Fire Hazard Season." During that period, the law prohibits burning within 150 feet of the woods or burning anything capable of spreading fire into the woods between midnight and 4:30 p.m.

The burning law is intended to prevent fires by allowing burning only during the time when the wind is typically calm and humidity is increased.

"Last year 980 forest fires blackened over 18,000 acres of Kentucky's forests," Mark Matuszewski, director of the Kentucky Division of Forestry,

said. "Forest fires cause destruction of our forest resources such as timber supplies, wildlife habitat, scenic beauty and water quality. This destruction affects all Kentuckians."

Blackburn said residents should be careful when burning debris, even during the designated time.

"If you have to burn brush and other debris, it is important that someone stays with the fire to monitor it," Blackburn said.



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ALLAN S. PERRY III—Publisher-Editor

Liberty of thought is the life of the soul—Voltaire

Not acceptable

by Scott Perry

It is a tragedy itself that it has taken a tragic accident to open our eyes to a problem in this community, this county, but perhaps this costly lesson will not have to be repeated.

It is not acceptable any longer to shrug off the involvement our children have with alcohol and drugs by saying, "kids will be kids" or, worse, by denying that any such problem exists.

As much as we hate to admit it, there is a problem. And it is not one that families can handle on their own.

We must, as a community, resolve to protect our young people from the temptations that their youthful wills cannot withstand alone.

Protect them from themselves?

Perhaps.

As hateful as that might sound to our younger generation, it is not an indictment of them or an attempt to take control of their lives.

It's a commitment we adults

must make to ourselves to ensure that our children know there are alternatives to drug and alcohol use.

And, we must also let them know, as forcefully as we can, that drug abuse and underage drinking is illegal, is dangerous, and it will not be tolerated.

We must demand that every child obey the law, regardless of whose boy they are, and mete equal justice for equal offenses.

Getting tough is not the only answer, though.

We have to give kids choices and opportunities.

We have to give them something on which to focus their immeasurable energies and enthusiasm.

Boredom is the enemy.

Delinquency is its liege.

Today would be a beautiful day for our generations to begin talking, to begin planning, to begin solving the problems we face together.

There are too many graves to tend already.

Enough is enough.

Say it loud and clear.

POOR GUY...
TAKEN IN
SUCH A
RANDOM,
UNFAIR
MANNER.

DEATH
PENALTY
RECIPIENT

MURDER
VICTIM

Letters to the editor

Letters to the editor policy

Letters to the Editor are welcomed by The Floyd County Times.

In accordance with our editorial page policy, all letters must include the signature, address and telephone number of the author.

Letters must be received no later than 10 a.m. Tuesday for publication in Wednesday's issue and 10 a.m. Thursday for Friday's issue.

Letters may be sent to Editor, The Floyd County Times, P.O. Box 391, Prestonsburg, KY 41653.

Letters may be edited for clarity and length.

Placement of ad said inappropriate

Editor:

In the February 19 edition of the Floyd County Times, I saw a disturbing advertisement. Right after the Tragedy article ended, (on page two), which told about the deaths of four teenagers who were speeding and possibly driving drunk when they crashed into the foundation of the Alamo building, (a center used to treat alcoholics), there was an advertisement for Big Mountain Liquors.

My parents also read the article, but they didn't notice the ad because they were so upset about the accident. I may only be twelve years old, but I know just how dangerous liquor and other drugs are.

I believe that things like that should not be advertised in our newspapers, especially after articles about accidents involving drunk driving.

If you tell someone that drugs are bad for you, it doesn't make sense to turn around and try to sell drugs to them. I feel that this should be avoided in the future.

Mollie Ann McMillan
6th Grade
Betsy Layne Elementary
Dana

Health department serves all citizens

Editor:

The Community Encourager article in the Wednesday, February 19, 1997, paper identified five

areas of improvement the Mud Creek Community wanted in a health care system.

The Floyd County Health Department is presently providing three of the five identified needs to the entire county. I guess this again reiterates what you said in an article about the Public Health Department last year, "Public Health appears to be one of the best kept secrets in the county."

The health department has contracted physicians that provide services, Monday through Friday, at the Prestonsburg site. Physicians and soon a practitioner, will offer services at each of our outpost sites. Services are rendered regardless of the clients ability to pay.

Our home health agency has always provided home health services to any individual who has a physician's referral regardless of whether they have any method of payment.

The health department has an entire division dedicated to health education. Our health educators rank among the best qualified most highly trained professionals, the state has to offer. If there is a training program that this agency does not already have available, our professionals will gather the information and develop curriculum for any health education program requested.

The statement that the health department provides care regardless of a clients ability to pay, often carries with it a negative connotation. This is, that this agency provides care only to the indigent population of the county. The services of this agency are available and are used by citizens from all economic levels in this area.

Katie Newsome and I have discussed the fact that the wide array of preventive health services offered through the health department remain a major untapped

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Coffee Break

by Scott Perry

Most of Eastern Kentucky will get a reprieve from the March 1 deadline for implementing new rules on the eligibility of food stamp recipients.

Those rules would require able-bodied adults to work in exchange for food stamp benefits, but federal waivers have put off that mandate, for now.

While we may breathe a collective sigh of relief, we should not relax our efforts to create jobs for folks who need them.

The development of regional industrial parks is the key to making that happen, and cooperation among county governments is a must.

We can attract jobs here if we set our minds to it.

The federal reprieve on new food stamp rules is one thing, but a full pardon from needing them would be better.

Reducing or abolishing the federal capital gains tax, a decidedly Republican issue in the past, is starting to gain some bipartisan support from former critics.

Why the change of heart?

Well, it appears that opponents of the tax cut can't rely on their battle cry...the rich get richer...to counter claims that cutting the capital gains rate will stimulate the economy.

The growth of small businesses in this country is creating new support for the tax cut and the calls for change aren't coming from corporate boardrooms, they're coming from mom and pop's stockrooms.

The voice of America.

Wonder if Washington is listening?

We consider ourselves to be fiscally conservative, but we're

not ready to jump on the balanced-budget amendment bandwagon just yet.

You have to spend money to make money, the rules of business suggest, and we happen to agree with that premise.

Spending money in underdeveloped areas like ours to improve infrastructure, educational potential and job opportunities would do more over the long haul to enhance the county's economic future than would balancing income with expenses now.

Help us catch up with the rest of the country first, and the red ink in the budget could change color on its own.

If it is true, and we suspect it is, that many people become hooked on welfare after a single, catastrophic event impacts their financial stability, then a

new pilot program offered by the state may be the best invention since sliced bread.

The program, called Family Alternatives, provides funds to folks who find themselves in a pinch. If they agree to take a lump-sum jump start instead of signing up for public assistance, the program will supply them up to \$1,500 to tide them over until they can make it on their own.

Floyd County is one of four counties in the state experimenting with the program and early indications are that it might just work.

The state provides short-term cash to stave off long-term welfare expenditures, and folks who just need a little push can get the help without the habit.

This project is worth watching.

Stay tuned.

Being in the newspaper biz, we know what it's like to have a bare spot in our pages, but a filler used by one of our larger papers just about wiggled us out.

There it was, complete with a photo, a ten-inch story depicting the recent discovery that President Clinton is, in fact, getting a little thin on top.

Now there's a need-to-know bit of news.

Man, we can see it now. Bill Clinton starring in one of those Hair Club for Men ads...

"I'm not just a member, I am the President."

What's next, an essay on Hillary's water retainage or an insider's exposé on Socks' flea and tick collar?

Inquiring minds want to know.

Just the good stuff, please...

Miners to be focus of meeting

A meeting in Prestonsburg on March 6 will concentrate on putting out-of-work coal miners back into the workforce.

The Center for Rural Development will hold a Focus Group Meeting for displaced miners in Floyd County in the office of the Workforce Development Cabinet in Prestonsburg. The meeting begins at 3 p.m.

The Focus Group meeting will serve two purposes, organizers said. The meeting will be held to identify and recruit displaced miners for par-

ticipation in training programs, and to gather input from the miners about the types of training that they need to re-enter the workforce.

A grant to the Center for Rural Development from the Economic Development Administration will provide funding to retrain miners in ten counties in the state, at no cost to the miners.

The counties covered by the grant include Floyd, Harlan, Hopkins, Lee, Letcher, Martin, Muhlenberg, Perry, Pike, and Union.

Information gathered from meetings in these counties will allow professional curriculum development personnel to design the training modules to meet the needs of potential employers and business opportunities within each county and meet regional employability trends.

Training will then be provided to the displaced miners at locations within their communities.

For more information about the meeting, contact Carol Cox at (606) 677-6000.

Letters

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resource for many county residents. The public health department has been in operation for 70 years. If you think that birth and death records, baby shots and inoculations for communicable diseases are all that this agency provides to you, please call us or stop by, and we will be happy to tell you the rest of the story.

Carol H. Holbrook
Director
Floyd County Health Center

Teacher agonizes over children's future

Editor:

Four more youngsters killed! I gazed at the fresh, teenage faces pictured in the paper yesterday and wondered when this will end. When are we as a community going to put a stop to the slaughter of our young people?

I teach at PCC and deal with youngsters right out of high school. One of my students told me that in the last four years, nine of her friends had been killed. Others reported similar figures. I couldn't understand it. I come from New York City, supposedly a dangerous, crime-ridden place, and none of my friends were ever killed.

The causes of the deaths are not hard to pinpoint. The young people tell me that many accidents that occur are alcohol-related. Their idea of fun, they tell me, is to "party." When I asked what they mean by that, they say that it means to drink until you are passed out on the floor or almost. I asked why anyone would want to do such a thing and they tell me they are bored; there's nothing else for them to do.

When I was young we enjoyed dancing and that always kept me out of trouble. Why is there no place for them to meet, talk and dance, just for the young people? No alcohol or drugs could be allowed. Big cities have meeting places like that for teens. Why can't we? Why can't we teach our youngsters alternative ways to have fun and enjoy life? Where did some of them get the impression that passing out drunk is fun? And the problem is growing worse as the number of corpses rises.

It's time for this community to make some changes. We are losing our young people at a very high rate. Even one death of a teenager is unacceptable, so why are they allowed to be out partying half the night? Floyd Countians, there is nothing we love so much as our families. It's time for us to solve this problem and stop the slaughter of our teenagers.

Alice Adams
Prestonsburg

Personal comments can be slanderous

Editor:

It is unfair, biased, prejudicial and discriminatory to say personal things about another person. Usually this happens in the area of politics. It happens most often when people become confused and lose control over their emotion and their own behavior. In fact, things got personal for me in fiscal court once upon a time.

There are two main reasons why a person should not get personal with another person. Number 1, When you say personal things to another person you not only hurt him, you hurt his family. No matter if you are telling the truth, at the same time you hurt yourself. Number 2, If you say personal things about a person that's not the truth, the person being slandered can get two or more affidavits from people who have heard you say those slanderous things and sue you. If you go around slandering people and getting personal you could lose your money. The truth is I have worked and I simply don't

get personal.

The purpose of this letter to the editor is to inform everyone, especially the city fathers, that some of my friends have brought to my attention that personal things are being said about me.

Floyd Skeans
Bull Creek

Floyd's last window of opportunity may be closed

Editor:

Well, good people, another highly-touted, "Bringing jobs and prosperity to Floyd County" project has failed and lies belly up in the sun. The R & S Industrial Project site at Ivel looks like a World War II battlefield. Scarred, raw earth littered with scavenged, abandoned hulks of machinery, beginning to show streaks of rust. And it is quiet there—quiet as a tomb.

In reality, it is a tomb, the burial place of another orphan of the Floyd County Fiscal Court. Add the Ivel site to the Garth Land Fill and Solid Waste, the E-911 Project, Thunder Ridge, the "free of all costs" new jail, and R & D Lighting, and we have lost 15 years of critical development time and perhaps \$40 million in worthless failed projects.

Friends, let me put that another way. Over the past 15 years, these projects have cost, in county bonds, coal severance tax refunds, grants, and fiscal court general funds, about \$40 million.

To my knowledge and belief, these several projects, at a total cost of \$40 million, have produced fewer steady jobs and a smaller total payroll than the three fast food restaurants in Prestonsburg. This, fellow citizens, is our fiscal court in action and this is its history. And, almost to a man, they intend to seek re-election.

The fiscal court told us during its regular monthly meeting on February 19, that the project really wasn't "belly up," that it would be completed (some day). But there seems little chance. Some of the

contractors have filed for bankruptcy or intend to do so.

We are told that the subcontractors have not been paid for six months and are broke. Area landowners claim that the project created a swamp around their homes, and they apparently will bring legal action against the county. It is also said that some subcontractors and suppliers might do the same.

But the fiscal court, as it has so often said about other projects, says "Not to worry," the project will be finished. How? Why, they will sue the bankrupt contractor's bonding company.

Now can you imagine how long it will take to win a lawsuit against a New York (or wherever) bonding company? And then work through all of the appeals?

And finally get a judgment and get the money. I believe that you could make faster progress pushing a rubber hose down the Burma Road.

Rather like a soap opera, this little drama will now be played out in the courts and in the newspapers and on radio. Perhaps the fiscal court will blame the Area Development District, who will blame the contractor, or perhaps all three will blame each other. Such is irrelevant.

Kentucky's Constitution clearly created the county court, the county judge (now county judge-executive) and the magistrates or commissioners to conduct the county's business. So when they pass the buck, the buck very clearly stops with the Floyd County Fiscal Court.

So another window of opportunity for Floyd County closes. And good people, I don't think we have very many windows left. Matter of fact, that may have been the last window for a long time.

Lloyd Goble
Prestonsburg

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Sat.-Sun. Mat. 2:15, 4:25
CINEMA 3 "PG-13"
Dante's Peak
Mon.-Sun. 7:00, 9:20; Fri. Mat. 4:20
Sat.-Sun. Mat. 2:00, 4:20
CINEMA 4 "R"
Scream
Mon.-Sun. 7:05, 9:20; Fri. Mat. 4:20
Sat.-Sun. Mat. 2:05, 4:20
CINEMA 5 "PG"
That Darn Cat
Mon.-Sun. 7:10, 9:10; Fri. Mat. 4:10
Sat.-Sun. Mat. 2:10, 4:10
CINEMA 6 "PG"
Vegas Vacation
Mon.-Sun. 7:15, 9:15; Fri. Mat. 4:15
Sat.-Sun. Mat. 2:15, 4:15
CINEMA 7 "R"
Donnie Brasco
Mon.-Sun. 7:00, 9:30; Fri. Mat. 4:15
Sat.-Sun. Mat. 1:45, 4:15
CINEMA 8 "PG"
The Empire Strikes Back
Mon.-Sun. 7:00, 9:30; Fri. Mat. 4:15
Sat.-Sun. Mat. 1:45, 4:15
CINEMA 9 "R"
Gridlocked
Mon.-Sun. 7:05, 9:05
Fri. 4:05; Sat.-Sun. Mat. 2:05, 4:05
CINEMA 10 "PG"
Star Wars
Mon.-Sun. 7:15, 9:45
Fri. 4:30; Sat.-Sun. Mat. 2:00, 4:30

The Floyd County Head Start Program will begin accepting applications for the 1997-98 school year on Friday, March 7th, and March 21st, for four (4)-year-old children who will be (4) by October 1st, 1997. A special needs child becomes eligible on his/her third (3rd) birthday regardless of income.

Applications can be made at the following Head Start Centers beginning at 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. No applications will be taken from 11:30-12:30.

March 7, 1997

Melvin Head Start
Osborne Head Start
Drift Head Start
Duff Head Start
May Valley Head Start

March 21, 1997

Clark Head Start
Allen Head Start
Stumbo Head Start
Auxier Head Start
Prestonsburg Head Start
Betsy Layne Head Start

In order for the application to be complete the parent must bring the following:

- *Proof of Income (this includes all income) W-2 forms, paycheck stubs, award letters
- *Child's Birth Certificate
- *Updated shot record including HIB and TB skin test (White KY Immunization Certificate, also shot record of younger children in family)
- *Child's Medical Card Number
- *Child's Social Security Number (also Social Security Numbers on all family members in household)
- *Food Stamp Number
- *Completed physical examination (form can be picked up in any Head Start Classroom)

Federal poverty guidelines vary according to the size of the family and the income:

One family member	\$7,740	Five family member	\$18,220
Two family member	\$10,360	Six family member	\$20,840
Three family member	\$12,980	Seven family member	\$23,460
Four family member	\$15,600		

For more information, contact Vivian McGarey, Early Childhood Coordinator to the Floyd County Head Start at 886-1986.

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22nd—Kentucky Opry
25th—Bill Pinkney and the Original Drifters
30th—Community Easter Service

Obituaries

Ephriam Edwards

Ephriam Edwards, 90, of Lackey, died Monday, February 24, 1997, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg.

Born June 1, 1906 in Lawrence County, he was the son of the late Joel and Rhoda Preston Edwards.

He was a retired coal miner and member of the Lackey Freewill Baptist Church for ten years.

He was a member of the U.M.W.A. Local No. 1373 for 60 years.

Survivors include his wife, Louella Wells Edwards; three sons, Cecil Edwards of Middletown, Ohio, Bruce Edwards of Sullivan, Ohio, and Lloyd Edwards of Prestonsburg; two step-sons, Robert Chalfant of Wabash, Indiana, and Curtis Chalfant of Creedmore, North Carolina; two daughters, Ella Rose Lafferty of Franklin, Ohio, and Doris Jean Vanhoose of Mt. Vernon; three step-daughters, Winona Chalfant Blanton of Wabash, Indiana, Arvella Chalfant Martin of Garrett, and Dorlane Chalfant Runyon of Paintsville; one brother, Charlie Edwards of Prestonsburg; 26 grandchildren, 44 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, February 26, at 11 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel with the clergymen Johnny Collins, Buddy Jones and Dencil Ousley officiating.

Burial will be in Richmond Memorial Cemetery in Prestonsburg, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

Eula Ann Slone DeLong

Eula Ann Slone DeLong, 59, of Prestonsburg, died Friday, February 21, 1997.

Born March 25, 1937 at Blue River, she was the daughter of Osie Slone of Blue River and the late Charlie Slone. She was a member of the Middle Creek Baptist Church at Blue River.

In addition to her mother, she is survived by her husband, Bill DeLong; two sons, Bill Allen DeLong of Martin and Brian Neil DeLong of Blue River; one daughter, Connie Marie Reffett of Blue River; five brothers, Irvin Slone, Joe Ed Slone, Vernon Slone and Columbus Slone, all of Blue River, and Bill Henry Slone of Indianapolis, Indiana; three sisters, Clara Slone of Blue River, Louise Nelson of Prestonsburg, and Charlene Jones of Atlanta, Georgia; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were Monday, February 24, at 2 p.m., at the Middle Creek Baptist Church at Blue River.

Burial was in the Slone Family Cemetery at Buckeye, under the direction of Floyd Funeral Home, Prestonsburg.

Serving as pallbearers were Toby Slone, Charles Jason Slone, Shannon Slone, Anthony Bryant, Jason Slone, Grant Nelson, Charlie Hammonds, Brad Jones and Harrison Douglas Reffett.

Herbert Gibson

Herbert Gibson, 70, of Kettering, Ohio, formerly of David, died Thursday, February 20, 1997, at Kettering Medical Center.

He was a member of Kettering Assembly of God. He was a U.S. Army veteran of Korea. He was a life-member of the V.F.W. Post No. 5839 and of DAV Chapter No. 9. He was a member of the American Legion Post No. 49, and he held the title of Kentucky Colonel.

Survivors include his wife, Millie; two daughters, Nancy Michaels and Kathy Justice, both of Kettering, Ohio; four sisters, Julie Ousley of Martin, Thelma Gibson of Prestonsburg, Jolene Castle of Auxier, and Bobbie Jean Wright of Fayetteville, North Carolina; two brothers, Jack Gibson of West Prestonsburg and Jim Gibson of Prestonsburg; three grandchildren and two step-grandchildren.

Funeral services were Saturday, February 22, at 10 a.m., at the Tobias Funeral Home Chapel, with pastor Allen T. Rose officiating.

Burial was in David's Cemetery, under the direction of the Tobias Funeral Home-Far Hills Chapel in Ohio.

Gladys McKinney

Gladys McKinney, 79, of Pikeville, died Monday, February 24, 1997, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home.

Born February 25, 1917 in Floyd County, she was the daughter of the late Robert and Rebecca Jane Kidd Fife. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert McKinney, on March 23, 1975. She was a member of the Freewill Baptist Church.

Survivors include one daughter, Eamil Sue Justice of Shelbyville; eight grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Thursday, February 27, at 11 a.m., at the J. W. Call and Son Funeral Home Chapel with Robert Owens officiating.

Burial will be in the Lee Alley Cemetery at Galveston, under the direction of J. W. Call and Son Funeral Home, Pikeville.

Marie Conn Cook

Marie Conn Cook, 60, of Ypsilanti, Michigan, formerly of Floyd County, died Saturday, February 22, 1997, at her residence.

Born March 3, 1936 at Banner, she was the daughter of the late Leonard and Eunice Robinson Conn. She was preceded in death by her husband, Dallas G. Cook.

Survivors include one daughter, Sandra Lynn Conn of Banner; three brothers, Leonard Conn Jr. and Johnny M. Conn, both of Prestonsburg, and David Carl Conn of Ivel; two sisters, Thelma Anderson of Ypsilanti, Michigan, and Wanda Harris of Prestonsburg; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, February 26, at 1 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, with the clergyman French Harmon officiating.

Burial will be in the Conn Cemetery at Banner, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

Mary E. Everage

Mary E. Everage, 71, of Leburn, died Saturday, February 22, 1997, at Leburn.

Born May 6, 1925 in Perry County, she was the daughter of the late James Stidham and Sally Ann Williams Stidham. She was a member of the Rockford United Christian Baptist Church at Garrett.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George Everage.

Survivors include two brothers, Pearl Stidham of Perry County, and William Stidham of Leburn; and one sister, Maudie Daniels of London.

Funeral services were Tuesday, February 25, at 11 a.m., at the Rockford United Christian Baptist Church at Garrett, with Sterlin and Bethel Bolen officiating.

Burial was in the family cemetery on Big Branch at Hindman, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Elizabeth Emogene Skeans Elliott

Elizabeth Emogene Skeans Elliott, 71, of Hunter, died Thursday, February 20, 1997, at the Vencor of Louisville Hospital in Louisville, following a long illness.

Born March 3, 1925 in Prestonsburg, she was the daughter of the late Henry Skeans and Rosa Conley Skeans.

She was a former teacher for the Floyd County School System. She was a graduate of Pikeville College and taught for eight years at Spurlock, Arkansas, and Hunter grade schools.

Survivors include her husband, Richard Elliott; five daughters, Joan Gregory of Lexington, Angela Bentley, Felicia Elliott, and Melanie Elliott, all of McDowell, and Melissa Morley of Pikeville; four sisters, Audrey Salisbury and Hazel Osborne, both of Hunter, Ruby Howell of McDowell, and Sandra Moore of Minnie; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were Sunday, February 23, at 2 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, with the clergyman Ted Shannon officiating.

Burial was in the Meade Cemetery at Printer, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

Serving as pallbearers were Herbert Bentley, Dudley Morley, Leonard Skeans Jr., Dale Howell, Ronnie Elliott, Pete Moore, Marvin Reynolds and John Gregory.

Honorary pallbearers were Doug Osborne, Garland Elliott, Charlie Elliott, General Lawson, Delmar Howell, Raymond Lawson and Alan Howell.

Pallbearers listed for Loraine "Rainey" Hunter

Serving as pallbearers for the funeral of Loraine "Rainey" Hunter were Wes Taylor, Del Taylor, Wayne Taylor, Winston Taylor, Steve Compton, Gerald Robinette, Zachry Thomas and Alex Taylor.

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Card of Thanks

The Lona Childers family wishes to extend their heartfelt gratitude to all the many friends and relatives who expressed their sympathy upon the passing of our mother. Your generous gifts of flowers, food and comforting words were greatly appreciated.

A special thanks to the Regular Baptist ministers and the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home for their special kindness and consideration; and to the following pallbearers:

Glen Rowe, Jerry Martin, Riley Johnson Jr., Raymond Little Jr., Gary Isaac, Terry Clemons, James Elswick, and Carlos Elswick.

God bless you all,

FAMILY OF LONA CHILDERS

Card of Thanks

The family of Ronnie Edward and Christopher Moore wishes to extend our deepest thanks and appreciation to the community of Maytown and all family and friends for their support, flowers, food, and donations. It was a great comfort during our time of loss. A special thanks to Arkansas Church of Christ, Ronnie Samons and Delmar Jarvis, Allen Central High School, Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, and J&R Coal and its employees for their extreme generosity. Your kindness and thoughtfulness will not be forgotten.

With appreciation,

THE MOORE FAMILY

Card of Thanks

The family of Kenneth Ray Akers wishes to gratefully acknowledge the thoughtfulness and kindness of friends, relatives, and neighbors in the loss of our loved one. Thanks to all who sent food, flowers, prayers, or spoke comforting words. We are especially grateful to the clergymen Ted Shannon and Ersel Huff for their comforting words; the sheriff's department for their assistance in traffic control; and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and efficient service.

THE FAMILY OF KENNETH RAY AKERS

Card of Thanks

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Guest speaker

Stacy McQueen, with Mountain Comprehensive Care, was a guest speaker at a recent meeting of the Prestonsburg Rotary Club. Pictured with her is Carla Boyd, past president of the club. (photo by Allen Bolling)

Floyd woman arrested for burglary and theft

by Chris McDavid
Staff Writer

A Teaberry woman was arrested Monday for allegedly breaking into a neighbor's house and stealing nearly \$2,000 worth of cash and property.

A not-guilty plea was entered to Pauline Coburn's second degree burglary and theft by unlawful taking charges Tuesday during arraignments in Floyd District Court.

Both charges are felonies.

According to an arrest warrant, Coburn, 48, allegedly stole a watch, tools, jewelry and \$225 from her neighbor, Timmy Bryant, on Saturday, February 22.

Coburn is lodged in the Floyd County Adult Detention Center, where she is being held in lieu of a \$10,000 partially-secured bond.

A preliminary hearing is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 4 to determine if there is probable cause to refer Coburn's charges to a grand jury.

Wheelwright could have violated state meeting laws

by Susan Allen
Staff Writer

Wheelwright City Commissioners apparently violated state Open Meeting Laws Thursday when all of the members and their attorney curried into a back room for a closed-door discussion after the meeting was adjourned.

After being informed by the city clerk that there were allegations that an illegal meeting was underway, commissioners quickly came out of the room and said they were not discussing city business.

When asked what was being discussed behind closed doors, city attorney Tim Parker said, "I'm not going to tell you what we were talking about." He said it was not city business.

When other commissioners were asked what the discussion entailed, Parker interjected that commissioners would have no comment.

Under state law, "all meetings of a quorum of the members of any

public agency at which any public business is discussed or at which any action is taken by the agency, shall be public meetings, open to the public at all times..." except for specific exceptions under that law.

Commissioner Andy Akers said there was "no action" taken during the closed-door session.

According to state law, no action can be taken in an executive session, even when the closed session is called for legitimate reasons.

Parker and commissioners declined further comment and left the meeting hall.

In other business Thursday, Utility Commissioner Lowell Parker barely escaped being booted from the commission before recommending job cuts and raising utility rates to keep the department from bankruptcy.

Before his presentation, commissioner David Boyd made a motion to remove Parker from the commission and it was seconded by Jimmy

Little.

Commissioner Akers voted no and Mayor David Marlee Sammons voted no, saying he had given Parker his word he would not remove him.

"I don't approve of the things he's doing, but we need to straighten it out if it's going broke," Sammons said.

Boyd left the meeting prior to Parker's presentation, saying he had a previous commitment and could not stay. He apologized to Parker and the rest of the commission.

Parker informed the commission that the utility department was spending more than it was taking in and that unless positions were cut and rates were raised, it would be broke soon.

Every year the department routinely grants three percent salary increases, Parker said. Employee salaries "are very high" and revenues are down.

"You can increase rates or let us keep on dying," Parker said. "We

are being eaten alive on overhead. If we cut, cut, cut, an increase may not have to be so much. It's all about neglect. Nobody has ever increased the rates to offset the liabilities."

Commissioner Little said it appeared that only employee cuts were being looked at and said he felt other cuts should be looked at, too.

Parker said salaries accounted for \$141,000 per year in the office for six employees. He said the utility commission was also paying more for natural gas than it was charging customers.

Akers said he would never vote to raise rates in the city.

After much discussion, the city voted to hold a joint meeting with the utility commission. A meeting was set for Monday, but there was not a quorum of city commissioners present. The meeting has been reset for Thursday at 6 p.m.

In other business:

- commissioners voted to appoint David "Boo" Little and Fred Rife as auxiliary police officers; and

- commissioners declined to vote on a request by Commissioner Luther Johnson Jr. to switch the boundaries of a city park located adjacent to his home.

Sewer lawsuit revived

by Susan Allen
Staff Writer

Martin City Council voted Monday to redocket a lawsuit between the city and Mountain Christian Academy regarding an agreement for the city to pay for sewer line repairs.

At Monday's meeting, city attorney Tim Parker recommended the lawsuit so that business owners who have hooked on the system will pay the \$2,000 tap-on fee, according to minutes of the meeting.

Parker said the city agreed to pay a third of the costs for improvements to MCA's sewer system. He said because the agreement does not spell out how those costs are to be paid, and because the city cannot collect the fees, it would be best to take it back to court, according to the minutes.

Council unanimously voted to

reopen the lawsuit.

In other action, councilwoman Thomasine Robinson made a motion to lower the insurance tax on life and health insurance to seven percent. The motion died for lack of a second. Residents currently pay nine percent for life and health insurance on the first year's premiums collected from insurance policies.

In other business, according to the meeting minutes:

- Mayor Alan Whicker presented a letter received from Congressman Hal Rogers on behalf of Claudia Ward, who requested assistance for paying sewer and water hook up fees. Whicker said the fees were being charged to her son who moved a trailer on her property. He said that was not explained to Rogers. Council agreed for the mayor to respond to Rogers.

- Robinson asked about the collection of past due water accounts.

The mayor explained that there is around \$50,000 still uncollected. Parker said there is one bill for about \$5,000 which has not been paid. The mayor is to have a list of delinquent accounts at the next meeting.

No notice given for search meet

by Susan Allen
Staff Writer

Floyd County's superintendent screening committee met Monday night, but the media wasn't notified, in violation of the state's Open Meeting Laws.

Board member Eddie Patton,

who is the board's representative on that committee, emerged from the screening committee meeting at the Floyd County library during a break in a special school board meeting, which was being held at the same time in the central office.

Patton was asked why the press was not informed the screening

committee was meeting.

"I thought they had been," Patton said. "I don't know why (the press) was not notified." Patton turned to the board's consultant, Ed Ball, who was hired to oversee the screening process, and asked about press notification of the committee meetings.

Ball told Patton it was the local district's responsibility to make that notification.

Interim Floyd superintendent Louie Martin said he thought the media had been notified and could not explain how it was overlooked.

Linda Wallen, secretary to the superintendent, said Tuesday that she wasn't aware the local district was to notify the media about those meetings. She said in the future the press would be made aware of when the group meets.

Under state law, any committee "formed for the purpose of evaluating the qualifications of public agency employees, established, created and controlled by a public agency" are required to follow the provisions of the state's Open Meeting Laws, which requires the press be notified of its meetings.

Prestonsburg council votes to give out bags to boost recycling program

by Susan Allen
Staff Writer

There could be a few more plastic bags in the city of Prestonsburg with council's vote Monday to concentrate on a recycling program.

Councilman Gorman Collins Jr. recommended that residents who are participating in the recycling program be given clear plastic bags for their items.

Collins also suggested the city look at buying a recycling trailer which could be hauled by a pickup truck and has six bins to sort recyclables.

The price for a trailer is estimated to be just over \$10,000, Collins said. The councilman said he was not asking council to authorize the purchase because there is no money in the budget for the program.

After the meeting, city attorney Paul Burchett said the item would have to be bid if it is over \$10,000, but that companies would usually lower the price to "\$9,999" if informed it would have to bid.

Collins also reported that the city has saved \$12,000 in 20 months in revenue from recycling and lower landfill costs.

Also, Collins said he was going to talk with city officials in Paintsville about the two cities jointly operating a recycling program. He said he will give a report on the discussion to the city.

In other discussions, Councilman Estill Lee Carter said budget discussions are ongoing with the finance and revenue committee. He added the committee recommended the city accept its 1995-96 audit report. It was unanimously approved.

Councilman Ralph Davis was absent from Monday's noon meeting.



New members

Prestonsburg Rotary past president Carla Boyd welcomed new members Janet Conley, Sue Webb, Liz Miller, Carla Coburn, and Phillip Hunt. (photo by Allen Bolling)

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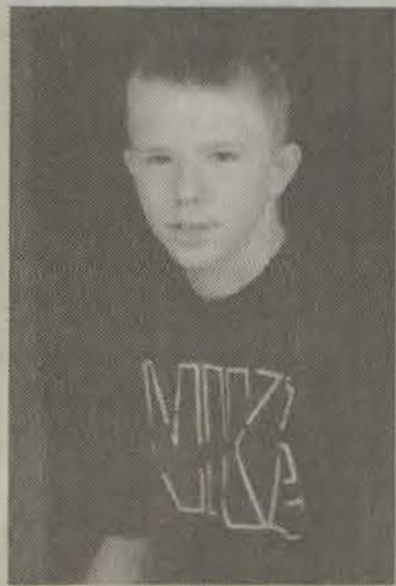
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Four Allen Central High School art students audition for Governor's School for the Arts



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Four students from Allen Central will audition in Lexington for admission to the Governor's School for the Arts in the area of Visual Arts. If they are chosen from this final competition, they will be students at the school this summer for

a period of four weeks, tuition free. This opportunity is available to only eighteen to twenty high school sophomores or juniors in the state.

Those students who will be in the final audition are John Case, Michael Combs, Barry Conley, and

David Poff. They are all members of Talented and Gifted Art at Allen Central.

John Case is the son of Jerry and Charlotte Case of Garrett and John and Jean Ann Estep of Prestonsburg. Michael Combs is the son of David and Jamie Combs of Lackey and Barry Conley is the son of Jackie and Wendy Conley of Garrett. David Poff is the son of Troy and Rose Poff of Hindman.

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The Center created the game to help educate the public about the long-term economic and social factors affecting Kentucky's budget and to demonstrate the difficult trade-offs required to balance the state's budget. One of the duties of the Center is to inform the public and policymakers about the potential impact of long-term trends and issues affecting the Commonwealth. The game should be particularly useful in high school and college classrooms, and the Center is going to provide a guide for teachers planning to use the game in their classrooms next fall. "What's nice about it is that it's not just a game," says Peter Schirmer, the principle author and designer of the game. "It's also a kind of electronic textbook, but one that's probably much more interesting to use than the usual textbook."

The game begins with players being nominated to run for governor. They receive a budget briefing and a review of possible budget scenarios from their advisers; then it's time to choose a political platform and run for governor. The political platforms include (1) a significant tax cut, (2) more spending for primary and secondary education, (3) more spending for higher education, or (4) more spending for health and safety.

After the election, players must make decisions about spending and taxing in order to balance the budget

over the next eight years. But they must also consider the political implications of their actions. If they cut spending or increase taxes too much, their political rating is hurt. If they fail to balance the budget or do not fulfill their campaign promises, the political consequences are severe.

The game offers plenty of charts and text so people can learn how the state budget has changed over the past 20 years, what the state spends for different functions, and where it gets its money. Anyone may download the game from the Center's website or may request a copy of the game on diskette. The Center is currently soliciting comments and reactions for people testing the game. The game is only available for IBM-compatible machines and runs on Windows 3.x, Windows 95 and Windows NT. For more information, contact the Kentucky Long-Term Policy Research Center.

Dewey Lake News

CULTURAL HISTORY OF THE LEVISA FORK RIVER BASIN

by Park Ranger Shirla Wells

During the next several weeks the Corps of Engineers at Dewey Lake will present a series of six articles on the early inhabitants of the Levisa Fork River Basin and Dewey Lake. The articles will be entitled "Cultural History of the Levisa Fork River Basin" or "...of Dewey Lake."

The period of earliest human occupation in the Levisa Fork drainage in Eastern Kentucky is the Paleo-Indian period (10500-8000 B.C.) which is characterized as a highly mobile, big game hunting culture. The climate at this time was much colder and species such as mastodon (resembles an elephant), mammoth, musk ox and caribou were hunted. Settlements were widely scattered, temporary occupations. The most characteristic artifacts of this period are fluted projectile points such as Clovis, Cumberland and Folsom. One and two sided chipped tools such as knives, scrapers, spokeshavers

(removes bark from arrows), end-scrapers with spurs (removes fat from hides), drills and graters (carves or engraves) have also been recovered from Paleo sites.

The Early Archaic Period dates from 8000 to 6000 B.C. and is characterized by broad spectrum hunting and gathering. Indians hunted primarily deer and gathered a variety of nuts, berries and other plants.

Early Archaic social units were small, highly mobile bands whose camps were occupied for short periods of time.

Projectile points become smaller and have serrated edges. New projectile points styles consist of Kirk, LeCroy, St. Albans, Palmer and Charleston.

Next week will continue with the Middle and Late Archaic Periods.

Appalachian Commission addresses welfare reform

On January 21, more than 150 members of the Advisory Council of the Kentucky Appalachian Commission gathered in Paintsville to craft Eastern Kentucky's response to welfare reform.

This 'citizens' group addressed the problem by topic area: social services, workforce development, culture, economic development, justice, education and transportation.

Housing and health concerns were addressed at separate meetings.

Each group went through a strategic planning exercise, ending with suggestions of how the state should address the region's needs.

The proposals accentuated the positive aspects of life in Appalachia. Committees looked to Appalachia's strengths.

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The Floyd County Times



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Wednesday, February 26, 1997

A Look At Sports

Tournament should be good show for younger players and other stuff

It hasn't been a very good weekend for me as I have been laid up with a bad case of the flu. People keep telling me that it won't last long, and that I should start feeling better any day. Well, it all started last Friday, five days ago, and it doesn't seem to be letting up.

This is the worse that I have felt in the 56 years that I have been on this earth. It has zapped me good, and I just hope that it will let go before the district tournament starts tonight.

I want to take this space to wish Allen Central's Thomas Jenkins a happy birthday this coming weekend. Thomas will turn 18 on Monday, March 3. Happy birthday, Thomas.

There will be a host of good young players who will be showcased in this year's tournament. I don't ever remember a good group like we have this season. Betsy Layne boys will have a good influx of players, as will the Raiders of South Floyd. Prestonsburg has an array of talented young players.

A big time salute to Durward Hale of Prestonsburg. He is Mr. Blackcat when it comes to team support. Durward is always taking pictures of the Blackcats and putting together scrapbooks of the seasons. He is a very kind and humble person, and I just want to salute him.

I don't know if Betsy Layne coach Tim Rice will have a change of heart now that district tournament time is here, but the way things stand now Rocky Newsome is history for the Bobcats.

Rocky missed the two regular season games just before the season finale against Leslie County Saturday night. He did dress against the Eagles but did not play in the first half. He reportedly dressed and left the team at half-time.

Coach Rice says the senior guard is history at Betsy Layne and the team will go on without him.

Coach Bill Newsome, Betsy Layne, reports that several of his players have come down with the flu. Jessica Johnson is one of them. If you recall last year's tournament, Johnson was flu-stricken then.

This year's live telecast of the district tournament will be only the second time that has happened. Coverage of the girls and boys' district action will be carried live by WPRG.

With Ron Mercer going pro next season and UK losing Anthony Epps, Jared Prickett, and Anderson, you think Rick Pitino would be concerned over the loss of the players. But not so. He says the Cats will be better next season.

UK continues to snub Paintsville star J.R. Vanhoose. It has to be frustrating not to be considered by your state college after having a tremendous sophomore season last year and an even better season as a junior.

Will he wait until next year to announce his choice or will he sign early in November?

I would like to see both Vanhoose and Todd Tackett join J.P. Blevins at UK after their high school careers.

Baseball is in the air and the high school season is around the corner. We need for all coaches to send in their schedule for the upcoming season.

See where Jose Rijo says he is able to pitch this year. But the Reds' brass says differently. The best thing for the Reds to do is unload him if they can.

It looks like another down season for the Reds. It's the same old story. No pitching and players are getting too old.

Be sure to take in the 58th District tournament and support your team.

Until Friday, good sports everyone and be good sports!



Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

58th District Tournament tips off tonight

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

The Prestonsburg Blackcats and Allen Central Lady Rebels will carry the favorites' role tonight, when the 58th District High School Basketball Tournament tips off at the D.W. Howard Fieldhouse at Betsy Layne.

Both Prestonsburg and Allen Central come into the tournament with the number one seeds and will play opening round games tonight. The Blackcats are playing their best basketball of the season at the right time and will take on South Floyd in an 8 p.m. game tonight.

Allen Central's girls will face South Floyd in the opening game tonight, a 6:30 p.m. tip off time. The Lady Rebels defeated the Lady Raiders twice during the regular season, and rather handily both times.

Coach Jack Pack's ballclub finished with a good showing in their

Jarvis, Samons lead Blackcats past Cardinals

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Andy Jarvis scored a game-high 21 points, and Wes Samons added 15 points to lead the Prestonsburg Blackcats to a 65-45 win over the Sheldon Clark Cardinals, in both teams' season finale this past Saturday night at Sheldon Clark. John Ortega scored 13 points in hitting two three-point baskets.

Brandon Lafferty led the Cardinals with 12 points. Michael Marcum and Jimmy Goble each had eight points.

Prestonsburg fell behind early in the game but came back behind the play of Ortega to take an 18-13 first quarter lead. Ortega had eight points in the first, hitting a three-pointer and completing an old-fashioned three-point play. Jarvis scored six in the opening period.

Lafferty scored nine of his 12 points in the second period for Sheldon Clark, but it was the work in the post area for Jarvis that sent the Blackcats to the locker room with a 29-24 lead. Jarvis scored eight points in the second, and Joe Campbell hit only one of his two treys.

Prestonsburg opened up a 10-point lead after three quarters, leading 43-33. Samons, Campbell and Ortega each drilled three-pointers. Samons had five points in the third.

Neil Hamilton came off the bench and scored four points in the fourth period for Prestonsburg. Samons had eight points in the period.

Prestonsburg closed out their season with three straight wins and finished 15-11 on the year.

Coach Pack's ballclub will face South Floyd tonight in the opening round of the 58th District tournament at Betsy Layne.

Prestonsburg AAU edges Paintsville

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

The Prestonsburg 13-year-old's AAU team placed nine players in the scoring column in posting a 40-37 win over Paintsville last Sunday at Paintsville.

Shawn Newsome led the Blackcats with eight points, while Ryan Martin finished with seven points. Craig Fleenor and Kevin Younce scored six points each.

Prestonsburg led 15-9 after the first quarter on two three-point baskets by Martin. Newsome scored four points in the opening quarter. Paintsville trailed by two, 21-19, at the half.

Fleenor scored all six of his points in the third quarter as Prestonsburg took a 33-27 lead into the fourth quarter.

In the fourth, Collins hit two treys as Paintsville made a comeback attempt.

Kyle Calhoun had four points for Prestonsburg, as did Matt Turner. Aaron Neeley and Jeff Allen scored two points, and Josh Murdock added one point.

final three games coming away with victories in each to finish 16-11 on the season. But the Blackcats looked like a strong tournament team in winning three times to close out the season.

Andy Jarvis, 6'6", (24 ppg, 14 rebounds) leads the Blackcats and is one of the 15th Region's top big men. Jarvis has gotten stronger during the course of the season and will be a target of the Raiders tonight.

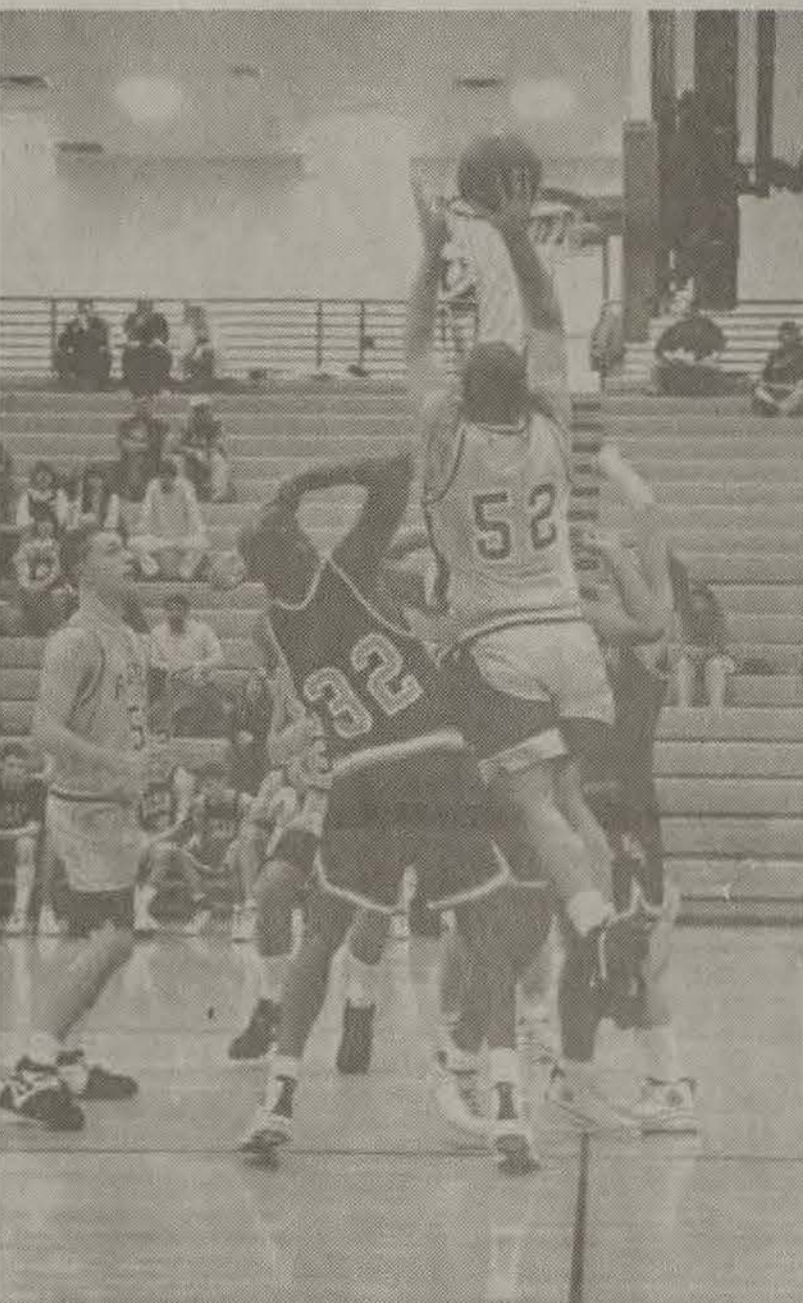
But there is more to the Prestonsburg attack in two-guard Wes Samons, point guard John Ortega, senior Gavin Hale and sophomore Joe Campbell. Prestons-

burg will put the most balanced line up on the floor of any team in the district.

South Floyd will be led by all-time leading scorer Jason Shannon, who is averaging just over 20 points per game this season. He is pulling down 11 rebounds per outing. But inconsistency on the part of the Raiders is the reason for their 6-17 record. They have good young players, but they failed to get toward the end of the season.

Justin Paige, Justin Holbrook, Coby Little and Nick Compton round out the starting lineup for the Raiders. Chris Moore will see time

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Back up

South Floyd's Jason Shannon (52) scored on this rebound basket against Hazard last Saturday night. Shannon scored 33 points to become the all-time leading scorer for South Floyd. Shannon scored his 1,000th point. (photo by John Frazier)

Shannon reaches milestone but South Floyd falls, 85-72

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

For South Floyd's Jason Shannon, it was only fitting that he would reach a milestone in his high school career in the Raiders final home game of the season against Hazard Saturday night at Raider Arena.

Shannon became the all-time leading scorer for South Floyd in their brief history, by scoring his 1,000th point in the first quarter. He scored on a lay up at the 5:25 mark. Shannon finished the game with 33 points. Chris Moore netted 15 points as the only other double figure scorer.

John Olinger had 22 to lead Hazard. Jesse Olinger added 17 points and Bentley scored 12 for the Bulldogs.

Both teams struggled in the early going with South Floyd missing easy shots down low. Hazard jumped out to a 6-0 lead but a lay up by Shannon made it 6-2 and his second basket of the game, a lay up, made it 6-4. The game was held up briefly acknowledging the feat of Shannon's 1,000th career point.

Hazard led 17-12 after the first quarter with Shannon scoring 10 points in the opening period.

The Bulldogs built a 27-16 lead behind Olinger to start the second quarter. Baskets by Shannon, Justin Holbrook and Justin Paige cut the

lead to seven, 29-22. But Hazard stayed in front with a 10 point lead and led 37-27 at the half.

In the third period, back-to-back three-pointers by Shannon and Moore cut the margin to five, 42-37. After a basket by Olinger, Moore scored on a lay up and free throw, and Shannon's lay up made it a two-point game, 46-44. That would be as close as South Floyd would come to the Bulldogs, trailing 57-50 after three quarters.

Hazard extended their lead back to 12 points, 66-54.

Three-point baskets by Moore and Shannon made it a 68-62 game, but the Raiders fell by 13 points.

"We played well enough to be in position to win the game," said South Floyd coach Barry Hall. "Jason played a great game for us and Chris stepped up and played a fine game."

South Floyd will face number one seed Prestonsburg in the opening round of the 58th District Tournament. According to Coach Hall, his team is ready.

"We are as ready to play as we can be," he said. "We're going to be tough to handle in the tournament. I feel we are playing well right now."

South Floyd got some quality minutes from their bench in the likes of Nathan Reed who finished with six points.

"Ryan Shannon and Adam Tackett gave us a good effort off the bench as well," said Coach Hall.

off the bench and had a 15 point night against Hazard last Saturday evening.

Coach Bonita Compton's Lady Rebels have a solid front line, plus some outstanding back-court players as well. Senior Amanda Samons will be joined by Crystal Martin, Misty Scott, Natlie Cooley and Jennifer Hopkins in the starting lineup.

South Floyd has been young all season and hasn't experienced the type of season that would build a lot of confidence in a team. Misty Berger, Jo Jo Pack, and Shawna Hall lead the Lady Raiders.

Tournament play continues Thursday night with first round action, as Betsy Layne and Prestonsburg meet in what could be the best girls game of the tournament.

Prestonsburg owns two victories over the Lady Bobcats, but no team is playing better than Betsy Layne coming into the tournament and no team is playing as bad as Prestonsburg.

Betsy Layne has won seven of their last eight games to build momentum for the tournament, while Prestonsburg lost six of their final seven. Prestonsburg will have gone nearly two weeks without playing a game and that could hurt.

Jessica Johnson seems to have found her stroke. Ashley Tackett is still playing. It has been the improved play of Sabrina Yates and Heather Kidd, plus the addition of Jessica Clark in the lineup that has lifted the Lady Cats.

Prestonsburg will rely on the play of senior Crystal Layne and sopho-

more Shelly Greathouse, who has led them all season, for leadership on the court. After Layne and Greathouse, the play has not been that consistent for Prestonsburg.

Jessie Burke gives Prestonsburg a strong inside game. Ladonna Stone and Kimi Nunnery will round out the starting five. Coming off the bench for Prestonsburg will be Brandi Lawson and Crystal Stone.

Coach Johnny Martin's Allen Central Rebels will face a Betsy Layne team that hasn't been playing that well of late. Betsy Layne has felt twice to Allen Central this season. Coach Tim Rice's Bobcats have had their difficulties this season and without leading scorer Rocky Newsome, it could be even more difficult for the Bobcats to handle the Rebels pressure defense.

Coach Rice has capable players in Craig Johnson, Jason Tackett, Neil Newsome, and Randy Coleman. Freshman Scott Collins has been a pleasant surprise for Betsy Layne.

The Bobcats will have to find a way to stop one of Kentucky's top players in Thomas Jenkins. Jenkins is averaging 23 points per game. But then there is junior Todd Howard (20 ppg) to consider as well. Beau Tackett has been scoring more of late, and Edmond Stone gives Allen Central a strong inside game.

The tournament's second round continues Thursday night with the finals scheduled for Friday night.

The entire tournament will be aired live by Intermountain Cable over WPRG, Channel 5 and simulcast over radio stations WXLW/WXKZ.

Leslie County Eagles ends Betsy Layne's season on losing note

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Randal Kootz scored 25 points and Gary Gamble added 13 to lead the Leslie County Eagles to a 78-65 win over the Betsy Layne Bobcats last Saturday night in the Bobcats finals regular season game. It was only the fourth loss of the season for Betsy Layne.

Jason Tackett led Betsy Layne with 22 points and freshman Scott Collins added 11. Neil Newsome finished with eight.

Betsy Layne shoot poorly from the floor and mainly because of poor shot selection. The Bobcats were playing without their leading scorer in Rocky Newsome. Newsome, according to coach Tim Rice, missed two games and came back to dress for the Leslie County game. The senior guard was on the floor warming up in pregame activities but did not start the game. At half time, according to Rice, he decided to quit the team.

With the loss of Newsome, Rice had to move Craig Johnson to the point guard which affected his scoring. Johnson finished with just five points against Leslie County.

The Eagles led 19-8 after the first quarter going on a 10-2 run in the final five minutes. The game was tied at 5 on Jason Tackett's three-pointer. Betsy Layne could only get a free throw and lay up the rest of the way.

Randy Coleman scored the first five points for Betsy Layne in the second quarter, but the Eagles had built a 29-13 lead. Baskets by Vernon Morgan and Greg Gamble gave Leslie County a 33-13 lead. The Eagles led 43-20 at the half.

Tackett, who was held to five points in the first half, scored 10 in

the third period but got no support from the rest of the cast. Betsy Layne trailed 58-36 after three quarters.

In the fourth, Betsy Layne kept chipping away at the lead and fell by the 13 point margin after trailing by as many as 27 points.

Betsy Layne faces number two seed Allen Central Thursday night in the first round of the 58th District Tournament at the D.W. Howard Fieldhouse.

Music scores 19 in win over Phelps

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

The Adams Middle School and Allen Elementary combined and formed a girls 13-year-old AAU team. The combination worked well with a 35-14 win over Phelps this past Saturday.

Ramanda Music scored a game high 19 points to lead the Allen team. Brittany Hites and Brittany Joseph scored six points each. Rachel Mitchell added four.

Music had eight first quarter points to lead Allen to a 12-3 first quarter lead. Joseph netted four points in the opening period.

Hites scored four points in the second quarter, and Music added five, as Allen took a 21-5 half time lead.

Tara Compton led Phelps with her six points. Lisa Hatfield added three, while Santan Prater and Jessica Wolford scored two each. Tiffany Smith netted one point.

Prestonsburg Little League to hold organizational meeting Saturday

The Prestonsburg Little League will hold their annual organizational meeting this Saturday, March 1, at the Adams Middle School with the meeting scheduled to start at 3 p.m.

Purpose of the meeting is to organize for the upcoming baseball season. All coaches are urged to be at the meeting.

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Floyd County Babe Ruth to hold election

Floyd County Babe Ruth president Harold Case has scheduled an organizational meeting and an election of officers for the upcoming baseball season.

The meeting will take place at the Convention Center at Stumbo Park in Allen this Sunday, March 2, beginning at 6 p.m. All coaches are urged to be in attendance.

NASCAR Connection

by Ben Trout

GORDON-SIMPLY PHENOMENAL

Look! Up in the sky! It's a bird! No, it's a plane! No! It's Super Gordon! Another race, another Jeff Gordon victory. This time "The Rock" was the victim. Hey folds. Whether you consider yourself a fan of this guy or not, straighten yourself up and take notice! You may very well be witnessing firsthand the makings of a career that might very well establish Jeff Gordon as the greatest driver in the history of NASCAR Winston Cup racing.

Now I know it's way too early to be making any far-fetched conclusions about how great Jeff Gordon is, or how great he will become. But no other driver in the existence of the sport has amassed such major accolades faster than this 25 year-old phenom. Now I know all you Petty buffs and Earnhardt enthusiasts cringe at the thoughts of this young gun surpassing your faves, but the brash young Gordon is re-writing the books faster than a green-flag lap at Bristol!

Let's take a quick look at his thoroughbred's numbers. In 126 races, he has collected 21 wins, 54 top-fives, 74 top-tens and 15 poles. Already, in just four complete seasons of racing, Gordon stands tied at 21st, with Benny Parsons and Jack Smith, on the all-time win list.

Hey, don't just look at "how many" races he has won, look at "what" races he has won! The Daytona 500, the Brickyard 400, the Coca-Cola 600, Darlington's

mountain Dew Southern 500, Talladega's DieHard 500, and the list goes on.

The 1995 Winston Cup champion has mastered the high banks of Bristol, the tight turns at Martinsville, the ever-changing track at Pocono, the super-fast Atlanta Motor Speedway. In fact, the only tracks that have not received a victory lane visit from Jeff Gordon are Michigan, Phoenix, and the Watkins Glen and Sears Point road courses—but remember, we have just started 1997.

And for good measure, let's go ahead and throw in his Busch Clash wins, his Gatorade Twin 125 victory, and his big win in The Winston. If he were to quit tomorrow, he has already had a truly outstanding career.

Just think of the drivers, past and present, who would kill just to have half the success that Gordon has experienced in such a short span of time.

And cash? How does \$10,797,329 sound? His winnings at Rockingham pushed him up to 8th on the all-time earnings list. How much you wanna bet that he doesn't stay there long?

It is impossible to fathom what levels Jeff Gordon will attain in his Winston Cup career. Providing he keeps his nose clean, avoids any type of physical tragedy, doesn't have some kind of rash experience that would prompt him to quit Winston Cup racing, and he is not abducted by aliens, we are going to see his mountain of astronomical accomplishments grow and grow by

the time he throws in the towel.

With each passing decade, this sport has seen its share of dominance by one or two drivers. The 1960s-1970s was witness to the Richard Petty/David Pearson era. The 1980s were dominated by the likes of Waltrip, Yarborough, and Allison.

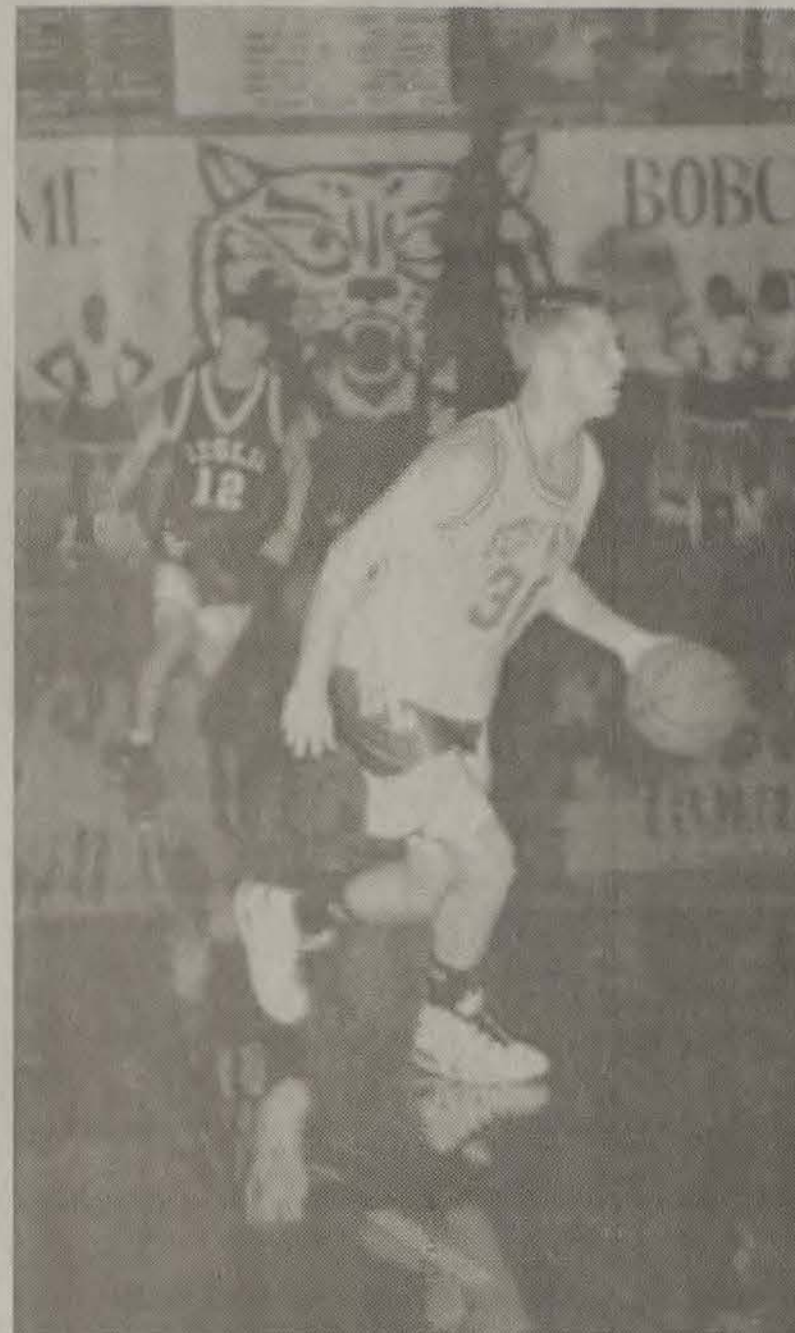
And although Dale Earnhardt rose to prominence in the late 80's, the 1990's have been his with four Winston Cup titles. Right now, however, we might be witnessing the changing of the guard. Jeff

Gordon rising fast, as the '90's decade enters its final stages, to take the sport into the next century.

Like I said, it's too early to make any final calls. I'll just sit back and watch. And when it's all over (if I'm still gracing this great planet), I'll say, "Man, that son-of-a-gun sure could drive, and I saw the whole thing!"

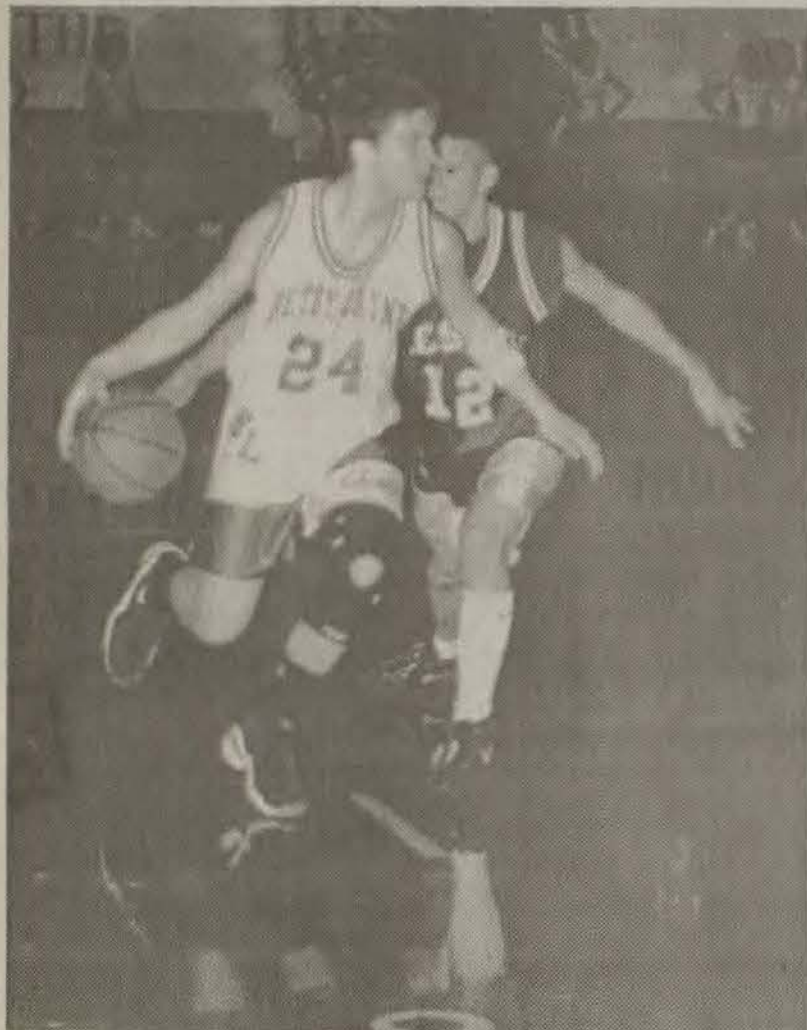
This week it's Richmond's Pontiac Excitement 400.

ESPN will get things started at 1:00 P.M. And, of course, Jeff Gordon is the defending champion.



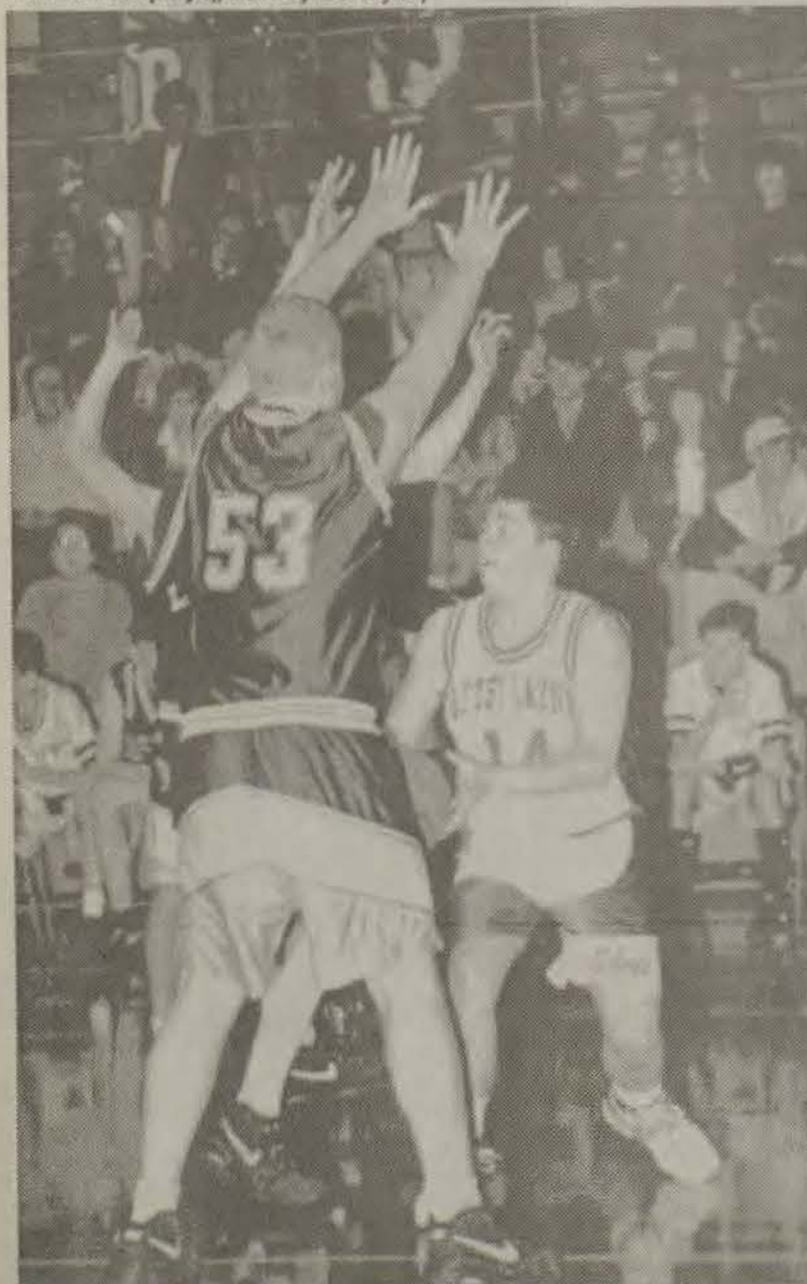
Strong game

Betsy Layne's Jason Tackett scored 21 points against Leslie County last Saturday night as the Bobcats closed out their regular season with an 85-72 loss to the Eagles. (photo by Ed Taylor)



To the basket

Freshman Scott Collins (24) of Betsy Layne took the ball to the basket and scored 11 points against Leslie County in his team's 85-72 loss to the Eagles. Betsy Layne faces Allen Central Thursday night in district tournament play. (photo by Ed Taylor)



Road block

Betsy Layne's Craig Johnson (14) found Leslie County's Greg Gamble (53) in the way when he drove the baseline last Saturday night. Johnson and the Bobcats fell 85-72 to the visiting Eagles. (photo by Ed Taylor)

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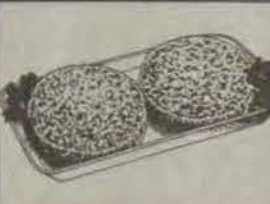
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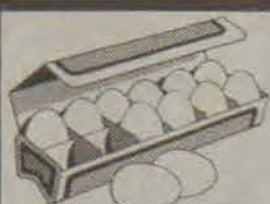
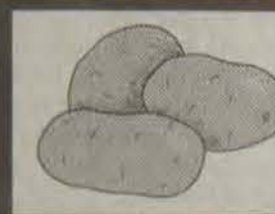
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The Racing Reporter

by Gerald Hodges

Jeff Gordon takes Goodwrench 400 at Rockingham for second win of 1997

ROCKINGHAM, N.C.—One year ago, after the second Winston Cup race of the season, Gordon was 275 points behind leader, Dale Jarrett. Today, two races into the 1997 season, he sits on top of the Driver Point Standings, and many observers ask if he can be beaten, and if so, by whom?

Gordon and his team didn't lead a lap of the Goodwrench 400 at North Carolina Motor Speedway until lap 351. But after passing Dale Jarrett with 42 laps remaining in the 393 lap race, Gordon steadily pulled away and posted a 2.32-second margin of victory.

"We never gave up," he said. It just goes to show you, that you could never give up. I was following Dale (Jarrett) and I saw him slip a little in turn two, and I said, oh boy, this might be it."

Top Twenty Finishers: 1) Jeff Gordon 2) Dale Jarrett 3) Jeff Burton 4) Ricky Rudd 5) Ricky Craven 6) Rusty Wallace 7) Terry LaBonte 8) Geoff Bodine 9) Ernie Irvan 10) Morgan Sheperd 11) Dale Earnhardt 12) Ted Musgrave 13) Mark Martin 14) Bobby LaBonte 15) Lake Speed 16) Jeremy Mayfield 17) Brett Bodine 18) Ken Schrader 19) Dick Trickle 20) Sterling Marlin

MARTIN BEATS OUT JARRETT TO TAKE BUSCH WIN

ROCKINGHAM, N.C.—Mark Martin won the Goodwrench 200, Saturday at North Carolina Motor Speedway with a last lap pass of Dale Jarrett.

Martin, who had dominated the race, leading 133 of the 197 laps, pitted for four fresh tires during the last caution on lap 177, while Jarrett remained on the track.

Back on the track, Martin was in sixth spot, but with fresher tires he was able to work his way up through the field, and by lap 195, he was on leader, Jarrett's rear-bumper.

The cars of Jarrett and Martin remained side-by-side until turn two of the final lap when Martin was able to pull away for a four car-length victory.

Top Ten Finishers: 1) Mark Martin 2) Dale Jarrett 3) Randy Lajoie 4) Phil Parsons 5) Elliot Sadler 6) Ricky Craven 7) Todd Bodine 8) Mike McLaughlin 9) Glenn Allen 10) Tim Fedewa

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BOBBY ALLISON IS STILL TRYING

Bobby Allison says he has had the good, the bad, and the ugly. One thing is for certain though, fate has not been kind to him since his near-fatal crash at Pocono Raceway in 1988. Nine years after that accident, Bobby Allison is still a favorite at the race tracks, even though he no longer drives or fields a Winston Cup team.

Winner of the Daytona 500 three times, the last one coming in 1988 at the age of 50, Allison won 84 Winston Cup races in 718 starts between 1961 and 1988. His total career purses as a driver total over \$7 million.

For the first time since 1990, when Allison Motorsports was formed, Allison didn't have an entry for the 1997 Daytona 500.

In 1995 after years of struggling, it appeared Allison's team was headed in the right direction. He had a good sponsor in Straight Arrow, and Derrike Cope was a capable driver. But things didn't turn out in the team's favor. The team finished 15th in the final standings. After the 1996 season they wound up 34th.

"The team is inactive at the moment," Allison said. "We have sold a couple cars and a little equipment. One of my business partners wants me to race, and the other wants me to give the balance of the stuff away."

Derrike Cope, who drove for Allison since August 1994, is now with the MB2 Motorsports.

"After the 1996 season there wasn't any light at the end of the tunnel," said Cope. "We failed to qualify for the last race in Atlanta, and the Allison team was losing its sponsor. I know Bobby has a desire to be around the sport and be involved. He needs to surround himself with people who can help him manage. Right now they don't have the means to take care of and

procure the necessary funding. That's the only thing that has kept the team from reaching its potential.

However, funding for his racing team is only one of several major problems Bobby has faced.

Clifford Allison died in a wreck at Michigan in 1992. Approximately one year later, another son, Davey, was killed in a helicopter crash at Talladega.

Following those two family tragedies, Allison and his wife, Judy have separated and are in the final stages of divorce.

Then in 1996, Bobby filed bankruptcy and sold off many of his personal belongings, including championship trophies.

Now, Allison continues to frequent the race tracks, but he doesn't know what to do with himself.

"I'm talking with some people to see if we can do something sensible to return to a competitive position," Allison said. "Because I don't want to be here just to be here. I've had the good, the bad, and the ugly. Every day I do the best I can. Some days that's not very good. Some days it's not my best, but I keep trying."

NASCAR JOINS FIGHT AGAINST LEUKEMIA

Fans watching the Daytona 500 on television saw the telephone number, 1-800-MARROW2 dis-

played on the dashboard of several Winston Cup cars, including those of Hendricks Motorsports drivers Terry LaBonte, Jeff Gordon, and Ricky Craven.

They are the result of efforts by NASCAR Pres. Bill France to launch a program to recruit bone marrow donors and raise funds to help victims of leukemia, a disease that has stricken NASCAR Winston Cup Series champion car owner Rick Hendrick.

Among the NASCAR family members joining France was Interstate Batteries Pontiac owner Joe Gibbs, who sought the help of Hendrick when he formed his own team in 1992.

"Rick has made helping others a way of life," said Gibbs. "Now Rick needs our support. He is looking for a way to turn the negatives about his illness into something positive and help others with the disease. Since discovering he had the disease in November, not once has Rick said, 'why me, Lord?'"

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TIME OUT

Howdy Y'all

John Frazier
Times Outdoor Writer

Is it spring yet? Not yet. A



few days of warm temperatures and sunshine do not a spring-time make.

Well, what does it make? It makes everybody sick. Just when you think it's warm enough to leave your jacket at home, surprise, temperatures drop, the rain falls, and you're sick. Just ask our sports editor, Ed Taylor. By the way, if you see Ed at the tournament, wish him a hearty get well soon. What a time for a sports writer to have the flu.

Outdoorsmen should take advantage of early season warm spells. Anglers should use these occasional warm days for a trial run. Now is a great time to experiment with new equipment and take note of any additional items you will need once the fishing activity kicks into high gear.

Now is also the time for hunters to visit the woods. Turkey season is only six weeks away. An occasional warm, sunny February or March day is an excellent opportunity for pre-season scouting. It is also a good time to try out those new boots you got for Christmas. The middle of a hunt is no place to find out your boots aren't quite as comfortable as you thought.

Deer hunters, just because your orange hat is buried in the closet, that is no reason to put off scouting for next season. This is also the right time to look for shed antlers. Not only can these antlers be used for rattling next season, they are a sure sign of the mature bucks that survived the past season. The antlers you find may very well be those of the buck you hunt next November.

With the warm weather of spring also comes the plows. Now is the time to begin planting wildlife food plots and identify "no mow" zones on your property. For more information on improving wildlife habitat on your property, contact the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources or your district wildlife biologist.

Last but not least, I need to ask one more favor of my readers. As spring approaches and the number of visitors to the great outdoors increases, please take your trash with you when you go. Leave it like you found it. Your children's children will thank

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Little people can be fishermen too

Nearly every child in the world dreams of the day he or she will be able to play the games the big kids play. Although it may not always show, youngsters admire their parents and other adults, and often try to imitate them. It is for this reason that I choose to take my little girl fishing with me, and encourage others to do the same. Fishing is a challenging and rewarding experience. When properly supervised, children can enjoy and learn from this wonderful sport.

As a parent, I understand the hardships involved when taking small children on such endeavors. However, it isn't quite as bad as you may think. Hopefully, my experience and hard-learned lessons can provide a few pointers for the willing chaperone.

Perhaps the most important thing to remember when taking the kids fishing is the kids. Keep in mind that this particular trip is for them and make plans accordingly. Every detail of the trip should be considered with the children as top priority. You should seriously consider leaving your own rod and reel at home so you can give the children your undivided attention. You've had your chance and will most likely have many more, but this trip is for the kids.

Take the time to select appropriate gear for the children. Not only will the child enjoy the excitement of owning his own rod and reel, but fishing will be easier with equipment designed with his or her little hands in mind. Be

NWTF to hold banquet

Saturday, March 8, the Big Sandy Valley Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation will host a banquet at the Carriage House Hotel and Conference Center. Doors open at 6 p.m., with dinner scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. The evening's activities will include a presentation by state turkey biologist, George Wright, door prizes, an auction, and fine dining. Door prizes and auction items include shotguns, limited edition wildlife prints, and much more. You need not be a member to attend. Admission is \$15 per person at the door.

careful not to spend a fortune. The kid may not like fishing once he's had a taste of it. Start out with a simple rod and reel. If the kid develops an interest in the sport, then you can work on compiling a complete equipment package for the young angler.

If this will be the child's first fishing trip, I recommend staying off the boat. Teach one thing at a time, fishing first, boating next month. Select a sight with easy access and smooth terrain. The kid will have enough to think about without worrying about falling in the water.

Try to select a fishing hole that will allow you to park your vehicle relatively close. Children will require drinks, snacks, and other items too numerous to carry long distances. Try to pack anything your child may desire during the trip. A lack of soda pop, potato chips, or even toilet tissue can make for a short, unpleasant experience. It is also a good idea to be close to the car in case of emergency or if one of the children decides to take a quick nap in the back seat.

Keep in mind that most young children have an attention span of about three seconds. Try fishing for bluegill or some other plentiful species. Children don't care if they break the state's largemouth bass record. They just want to catch a fish. Use a slightly larger hook than necessary for the fish's sake. I would rather see a few get away than risk having a future record book crappie swallow a hook and die. Once the child learns the timing involved in setting the hook, you can switch to a smaller one.

Lures should be left in the tackle box for starters. Children must first learn to cast and retrieve before attempting the intricacies of working a lure. Select a bait that will not turn the kid against fishing. Salmon eggs, corn, or even marshmallows will be better than stabbing a hook through a live minnow. If the child is learning to bait his own hook, corn has a tendency not to wiggle as much as a worm or minnow.

Never underestimate the abilities of children. Many children lose interest when everything is done for them. Allow the children to do as much as possible for

themselves. If the child encounters an obstacle he will ask for your help. Certain things must be done by adults if the children are very young, such as baiting sharp hooks or using a knife to cut line, but if there is no danger involved, allow the children to try it on their own.

Use your fishing trip as a learning experience. Children are curious by nature and will undoubtedly ask more questions than there are fish in the lake. Answer as many questions as possible, using words the child will understand, and explain each answer thoroughly. Make the experience as interesting as possible and be sure to

teach your child the value of nature and the importance of preserving our lakes and streams.

The age-old tradition of fishing can become a satisfying, life-long hobby for those that get off to a good start. I've heard it said that first impressions are the most important. The same holds true for fishing. A bad first experience can turn a youngster against fishing permanently. Careful planning, attention to detail, and above all else, patience can assure your children of a memorable experience. Not only will your child learn the joy of fishing, but you may end up with a future fishin' buddy.



Rain Rain go away

Local fishermen took advantage of the recent warm weather to practice their sport but a quick shower had them running for the truck. (photo by John Frazier)

Visit one of Kentucky's fine State Parks

March 1
Frontier Day Buffalo Dinner, Rough River Dam State Resort Park. A delicious Buffalo Buffet dinner featuring buffalo prepared a variety of ways. Don't miss the Frontier Buckskin Camp, with reenactors dressed in authentic attire. See marksmanship demonstrations with flintlock rifles and tomahawks. An event the whole family will enjoy.

March 7-8
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March 8
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March 14-15
Kentucky Hills Weekend, Cumberland Falls State Resort Park. A festival of our Kentucky heritage. This year's theme will focus on how the Civil War affect-

ed Kentuckians. Reenactors dressed in authentic attire, encampments and infantry demonstrations are part of this living history weekend. Guest speakers and traditional music will be featured along with crafters demonstrating and selling their wares.

Do you have any questions or comments concerning an article you've seen or haven't seen in Time Out? Send your letters to
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REALTREE OUTDOORS TIPS



Walter Parrott

WHICH CALL IS BEST?

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"Good caller/good diaphragm" are the key words here. Getting good with a diaphragm is simple. Merely practice a lot. Finding the best diaphragm for you is more difficult. You should try many different styles of diaphragms. Most likely one will perform better than the others for you.

However, that's not the end of it. As your calling proficiency increases, try newer styles (and maybe some of the old ones, you initially rejected). As your calling style matures, your "best call" often will change.

Watch "Bill Jordan's Realtree Outdoors" on TNN Outdoors



OUTDOORS



Penny Berryman
PRO FISHIN' TIPS

Here's a good spinnerbait tip for catching short-striking bass that also tends to attract fish in muddy-water conditions.

Put a 1.8-inch (90-degree) bend in the end of a No. 3 or 5 willow-leaf blade. The bend gives the blade more vibration and a slightly different wobble.

And when fishing heavy-cover, you can make a spinnerbait more weedless by extending a small rubber band from the line-tie to the barb of the hook. The fine rubber band protects the hook, yet breaks away on the hookset.

Penny Berryman lives in Dardanelle, Arkansas.



Thrill seekers and adventurers listen up. I have uncovered a new sport guaranteed to push you to the limit. This event requires stamina, endurance, and quick thinking. You will find yourself challenged at every turn, not only physically, but mentally as well.

First, a little history of the sport. I began about two years ago as an amateur. I ran the department store circuit regularly and considered myself to be a worthy competitor. After a rather successful career on the amateur tracks, I felt I was ready to move on to the next level, the pinnacle of the sport. If I had only known the grueling challenges which lay ahead of me.

I awoke the day of the big event with confidence. I anxiously prepared for every possible contingency. After a last minute double check of my equipment and supplies, I departed for the arena with confidence in my abilities and eagerly anticipated a successful endeavor. Arriving at the scene, my anxiety grew to an immeasurable level. It was time.

Shortly after entering the arena,

I was off to a good start. I felt strong and in control, but that was the last time I would feel that way for the remainder of the day. The 1st annual running of the Toys 'R Us 400 would not be kind to this young rookie. The leader, a fiery young red-head by the name of Holly, was relentless. She kept a constant pressure on her competition throughout the event. At times she appeared to toy with her competition, allowing them to feel they were gaining control and then snatching that control from their grasp at the last second.

Holly continued to brutalize her competition lap after lap. In addition to setting a blistering pace, the four-year-old champion added insult to injury by refusing pit stops. One spectator was overheard as saying, "That little pink bunny ain't got nothin' on that girl!"

Midway through the race I changed strategies and began to gain on the leader. I muttered phrases like "We'll tell Santa to bring you one," and "Maybe for your birthday." Just as I began to edge alongside the leader, her

teammate burst on to the scene, an equally vicious competitor known as Mommy. I suddenly found myself sandwiched between the two females and being led very nonchalantly from the clearance aisle to the Barbie dolls. Did you know Barbie is actually French for triple the price?

Once again I was being hampered with a barrage of "I want's" and "gimme, gimme, gimme." After completing 187 of the 212 laps, I realized defeat was inevitable. I looked for ways to salvage any self-respect I may have left and put an end to my agony as quickly as possible. Young Holly cleared the finish line with a new bicycle, and I was forced to be content with enough gas money to get home.

The event was not a total loss. I gained a great deal of experience during the three-hour escapade, and learned a lesson that I hope others will not have to learn the way I did. Never take a four year old to Toys 'R Us with under two hundreds dollars in your pocket, or a heart condition.

Sports in Kentucky

by Bob Watkins

Vandy game defines fans' rock star romance with Kentucky Wildcats

There it was plainly. Definition for the rock star romance fans in Kentucky have for UK basketball. The all-time leader in college victories isn't it. Beating Indiana and Louisville and Arkansas isn't it either. And trips to the NCAA, even NCAA championships, not it. Those are ice cream cones and pop-sicles for summertime talk.

No, the magical love affair Kentucky fans have with their team this season and so many like it, is woven into what happened in Nashville last Saturday. A broad seam in the fabric of Kentucky folk has more to do with never giving up and coming from a low place to achieve something. That's the victory. Sitting on the bench Saturday Ashley Judd was the ideal symbol.

Happens this way. Embodied in a basketball player with big eyes, leering into the face of an opponent. Like Anthony Epps bent over in defensive stance, looking into the eyes of Pax Whitehead and communicating. "You had your run... we're gonna get you... we got you... nice try, go on home."

Exhilarating moments, these. The passion Kentucky fans have for this Basketball Business Inc. in Lexington is about seeing for themselves the process of ignoring, dismissing the idea of losing and grabbing success out of the virtual certainty of not succeeding. It has made the man who on the sidelines all an idol of such proportions as to make the spirit of Alolph Rupp quake.

Down 22 points at Vanderbilt Saturday, the Wildcats, as Kentucky teams have for much of half a century, took a tongue lashing from their coach, went out and expected to win. As the game clock melted down from 13 minutes of the second half the Commodores saw that expression on the faces of Epps, Wayne Turner, Ron Mercer and the others, just the way opposing teams did when Larry Conley and Louie Dampier wore shorts, and a parade of other blue-clads through seasons past.

Vandy's players recognized what had to be, what UK fans expect to be. They wilted. Went quietly into that good night.

As much as all the victories and trophies and gold statues housed at UK, the Vandy game epitomizes what basketball means to Kentucky fans. And the time of year is perfect also.

PITINO SPIN DR. AGAIN

UK basketball coach Rick Pitino was at it again last week. Spin doctoring, leaving some of us to scratch our noggin.

First, Derek Anderson. Lemme get this straight. A 23-year-old college student-athlete drove a late model utility vehicle to the big city where, at 4 a.m., he ran two traffic lights, was unable to provide proof of ownership or insurance registration to police officers who pulled him over. Anderson was put under arrest until police could sort out why his driver's license was suspended, what vehicle belonged to whom and who had not paid what outstanding court fees.

Pitino told the media herd he thought Anderson did not deserve to be handcuffed, in effect should have been given special treatment because of who he is? Da Coach deftly drew attention away from what would happen to you or me if we drove through two stop lights on a city street an hour before day-break and had no proof of ownership or insurance and a suspended driver's license.

One metro columnist took the 'boys will be boys and the cops should wink and go on' approach to the Derek Anderson matter.

Incredibly, the writer dredged up the name of former Nebraska troublemaker and current St. Louis Rams troublemaker Lawrence Phillips to make his point.

In fact, Phillips is a perfect example of how special treatment for sport stars is part of the problem and not enlightenment to a solution. Not to mention such special treatment demonstrates to kids today "... if you get in trouble, don't worry about it, coach will pull some strings."

✓ Ron Mercer. Last week's other Pitino spin involved another promo. 'Better get a look at Ron Mercer while you can' because come springtime, he's on his way to the NBA Draft.

Four months ago in a statement released by the UK basketball office, Pitino was singing a different tune. Da Coach was adamant that he wanted to be part of a movement to stop the flow of college underclassmen going to professional basketball.

Wonder when Da Coach plans to start?

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL IS BEST—WOODEN

First, to the mountain top. When John Wooden speaks, some of us listen. Carefully. The UCLA wizard demonstrated his uncommon wisdom once again recently, endorsing women's professional basketball and—in my mind, women's basketball generally—as the purest form of the game today.

Wooden knows what some of us have forgotten. This is a team game and not a Michael Show or a Rodman comedy, and not a Pitino sideline dance routine either.

Wooden points out the women's game is horizontal (instead of a dunk fest or a Nike commercial), underpinned by solid fundamentals and team play instead of dazzling one-on-one Wow-session too often fawned over by television analysts (all men and mostly ex-coaches) who want to be the show instead of reporting it.

The hope here is coaches of successful women's programs such as Pat Summit at Tennessee and Paul Sanderford at Western Kentucky can marshal enough solidarity to preserve the quality of basketball, do a better job than have many of those who administer the profit-conscious men in suits who have sold out to athletic wear companies.

With the arrival of two professional women's leagues, now is the time for those who oversee the college women's game to be vigilant against trends to make their programs a farm system too for pro leagues. The NCAA administration and heavyweight coaches Bob Knight, Mike Krzyzewski, Dean Smith and Pitino — themselves pitchmen for athletic companies — can be expected to maintain the status quo. But women's coaches should learn from mistakes of their counterparts and profit from them. John Wooden knows.

KYLE MACY: JEERS!

Dick Fick, Morehead State's lame duck men's basketball coach, was just out of the hospital last week recovering from a bout with bleeding ulcers. Wonder how Fick felt knowing Kyle Macy has been publicly campaigning for his job the last two months?

Despite Macy's long standing popularity with UK fans, his method of lobbying for a job that was not yet open was sleaze. If he wanted the Morehead job, Macy should have made his interest known to the 'right people' as he calls them, through right channels instead of using the media to proclaim his qualifications. Macy

should have submitted his application quietly, professionally, like every other candidate.

Says here, if Morehead State could lure him, Florida assistant John Pelphrey would be a better choice anyway.

NCAA SEEDINGS

Anyone who thinks No. 3 ranked and defending NCAA champion Kentucky will not receive a No. 1 seed in the upcoming NCAA Tournament, please stand up. Nobody? The more intriguing question at least in these here parts: Will the Louisville Cards, projected to be a No. 4 seed, be bracketed in the same regional with UK?

Meanwhile, UofL seems to have righted itself after an early February sag. The difference? The Cardinals have found ways and gained confidence in how to win when DeJuan Wheat is off his game or being smothered by enemy defenses.

Much applause has been levied on how effectively Rick Pitino has platooned Jamaal Magloire and Nazr Mohammed at center, but Denny Crum deserves high praise as well for shuffling Alex Sanders, Beau Zach Smith and Troy Jackson.

READERS (RIGHT) WRITE

✓ About high school football recruiting in Kentucky...

Edward Henry, Central City pointed out Kentucky, Louisville, Eastern Kentucky, Western Kentucky and Murray State signed an aggregate 22 "Kentucky boys" and 82 from out of state.

"It's hard to believe," he writes, "that only 22 high school players in Kentucky are good enough to be recruited and signed in Kentucky. Wonder why? UK signed seven from Texas. Is it because players in Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee and Texas are promoted more? Could it be that high school coaches in Kentucky do not promote their better players?"

COMMENT: And one could make a sound argument that the best three prospects left Kentucky for Notre Dame (Tony Driver), Tennessee (Jerrod Hayden), and Wisconsin (Artie Steinmetz).

✓ About Leslie Co. High sophomore basketball star Jody Sizemore...

Leslie High coach Wendell Wilson writes: "I would like to know if there is a better girl (sophomore or otherwise) who has the states of Leslie County's Jody Sizemore?"

Through 25 games Sizemore averaged 23.9 points and 13 rebounds. She was shooting 63 per cent from the field and had 122 blocked shots.

COMMENT: Impressive numbers. An outstanding underclassman to rival Sizemore who bears watching is Montgomery County junior Beth Vice.

HALL OF FAME CANDIDATES

"Corky Withrow is one of the best athletes ever in Kentucky and it's about time someone mentioned him for the (KHSAA) Hall of Fame," said Bob Butler, native of Madisonville who now resides in Mt. Sterling. "Corky is a legend in Central City and a one in a lifetime athlete in a small community. He really deserves to be in the hall. And so, for that matter, does Roger Newman of Greenville."

COMMENT: Inductees for the KHSAA Hall of Fame for 1997 are poised for induction next month. 1998? Nomination forms are available to all fans. To receive one on which you can nominate a candidate for the hall, write to Butch Cope, KHSAA, 2280 Executive Dr., Lexington, Ky. 40505.

WORTH REPEATING

✓ How healthy is the talent level of Kentucky high school girls basketball? One in-state college said recently, "Let me have (Terica) Hathaway (Providence) and (Carolyn) Alexander (Hazard) and I'll start a real program."

Hathaway is the state's leading scorer, 34.9 and leading rebounder 16.8. Alexander averages 23.9 points for top ranked Hazard. "There are some good senior girls out there, but those two could be the best to college prospects in the state," he said.

✓ Just wondering ... is this newest NBA villain and man with bad 'tude, the same Jamal Mashburn who was a UK sweetheart, and who gave thousands of dollars to the University of Kentucky?

And so it goes.

Have a point of view you would like to share? Write to Bob Watkins, Sports In Ky. P.O. Box 124, Glendale, Ky. 42740. Or, E-Mail SptsInKy@aol.com.

FCYSA to hold registration for upcoming season

Registration of players for the fourth season of Floyd County Youth Soccer will be held at the Prestonsburg Community College on Friday, February 28, from 3 to 6 p.m. Other registration dates are: Saturday, March 1, 10-2 p.m.; Friday, March 7, 3-6 p.m.; and Saturday, March 8, 10-2 p.m.

Registration fee is \$20 per player. The season will begin practice in late March to early April. The season is set to start April 26 with games being played on Saturdays at the PCC field in Prestonsburg, in Pikeville and in Hindman.

Crusaders fall hard to Hazard, Letcher Co.

Last week was a rough week for the June Buchanan Crusaders, as they fell twice to 14th Region teams as district tournament nears.

The Crusaders lost to regional powerhouse Hazard 68-50 and took a loss at Letcher County, 72-58 on Friday night.

Buchanan played the Bulldogs close in last Tuesday night's encounter. They trailed 18-10 after the first quarter, but outscored the Bulldogs 11-8 in the second period to trail 26-21 at the half. The Crusaders stayed within five points of the Bulldogs with four minutes to play when Hazard pulled away.

Jeremy Osborne led Buchanan with 25 points and seven rebounds. George Potter added 11 points and pulled in seven boards. Jason Osborne finished with seven points, Daniel Risner netted four and Jary Arnett two. Nathan Mullins totaled four points, while Josh Luster scored one. The Crusaders continued to be without the services of guard Travis Stepp who is still nursing an ankle injury. At Letcher County, Buchanan had to face the Eagles without three of their players. Stepp missed because of his injury, but also missing were Jeremy and Jason Osborne.

Potter led the Crusaders with 16 points and he pulled in 13 rebounds. Risner also had 16 points and Luster finished with 12. Jay Arnett netted eight.

The two losses dropped Buchanan to 16-10 on the season.

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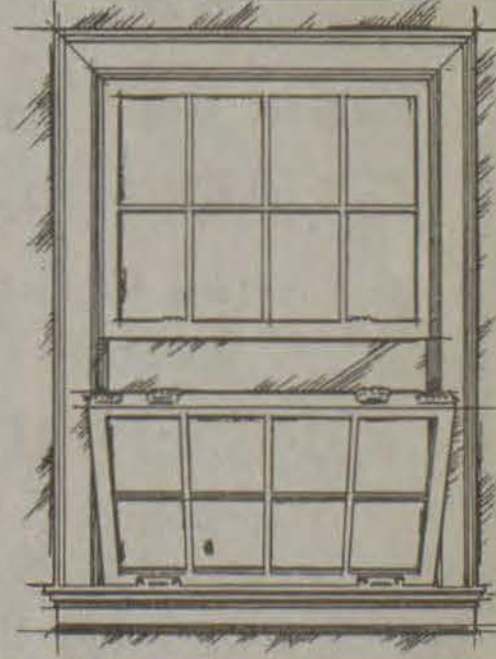
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Hazard's seven-footer Phil Graham (42) watched as Jason Shannon launched a three-point shot last Saturday night at Raider Arena. Shannon finished the game with 33 points in an 85-72 Raider setback. (photo by John Frazier)

Bassin' with the pros

OVERLOOKED COVER OR BRUSH OFTEN PRODUCES BIG RESULTS

Professional bass tournament angler Randy Dearman likes to remember a fishing trip to Louisiana's vast Atchafalaya Basin where, from a two-foot wide ditch, he caught and released 110 bass in two days.

"It was just a tiny little place with running water that for some reason had attracted a lot of crawfish that in turn attracted a lot of bass," remembers the Johnson Outboards Pro Staff fisherman. "All the other fishermen in that particular tournament had probably ridden right by the spot several times, but no one ever stopped until I did."

Therein lies one of Dearman's professional fishing secrets that has served him well during more than two decades of professional guiding and tournament competition. He looks for cover and structure other bass fishermen overlook.

"Today, if you concentrate in the obvious places such as main lake points, islands, or the mouths of creeks, you can be certain they've already been fished hard," explains Dearman. "Fishing pressure on our lakes is so much greater now than even just five years ago that I rarely, if ever, fish visible targets."

"I look for subtle places underwater that are hard to find. The smaller it is and the harder it is to find, the more productive it can be in producing bass."

The Johnson pro especially likes to look for breaklines, but not major ones everyone else can find.

He likes one and two-foot drops, and he likes to find them out in the open water of the main lake rather than in the more confined spaces of a creek.

"Before each tournament I spend a lot of hours just cruising the lake and looking for little places like this with my depthfinder," he says. "I look for places so small they're not on the maps, either."

When I do find something that looks promising, I start fishing. I don't even like to run my boat over the spot because I think the outboard motor noise could spook the bass. I'll fish and explore the water with my lures as well as study it with the depthfinder, but only when I'm using my trolling motor."

Dearman says the level of competition and skill of today's anglers is so high that more and more fishermen are looking for the same things he is, and that many of the subtle spots aren't overlooked anymore.

"The places I like to fish are definitely getting harder and harder to find," he admits. "Of course, the irony of it all is that if you do find such a place and do well there in a tournament, your little hidden spot immediately becomes common knowledge to everyone else, and you lost it."

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Good Luck to area teams in the
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Adams team wins first place

by Rita Brock
contributing writer

Adams Middle School had an outstanding academic meet Friday, February 1, and Saturday, February 2.

The 1997 KAA District Governor's Cup Competition, Middle School Grades Division, was hosted by Mountain Christian Academy in Martin.

Students may compete in a total of three events; if a student competes in three events at district competition, no events may be added at the regional or state competition.

Each school may enter up to three students in each written assessment event and three students in composition.

Adams had 46 points, placing first.

In the regional competition in English Composition, the first place winner was Amanda Arnett, a seventh grade student and the daughter of Charles and Nan Arnett of Prestonsburg; second

place went to John Layne, an eighth grade student and son of John and Linda Layne of Martin.

The third place went to Alicia Slone, seventh grade student and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Slone of Blue River.

In Social Studies, placing third was Brandon Gibson, a seventh grade student and son of David and Paula Gibson of Prestonsburg.

Language Arts second place winner was Penelope Spradlin, eighth grade, and daughter William and Edna Spradlin of Prestonsburg.

General Knowledge, fourth place winner was Tommy Greene, eighth grade student and son of Tom and Virginia Greene of Prestonsburg.

Tara Ortega was the first place winner in the Math category. She is an eighth grade student and daughter of Sheila Ortega of Prestonsburg, and John Ortega of Tampa, Florida.

Eighth grade student Penelope Spradlin won fourth in the category.

Winning in the science category,

first place, was Joel Wayne Castle, eighth grade student and son of Ellis Castle III and Carla Castle of East Point. The second place winner was Tommy Greene, eighth grader.

In Quick Recall, double elimination, students winning were Brandon Gibson and Zack Slone, seventh grade; and Tommy Greene, Penelope Spradlin, John Layne, and Tara Ortega, eighth grade.

The Adams Academic Team sponsor is Evonne Woods.

When asked, "How much research does the team do to prepare for the event?" Woods said that she encourages her students to review quick recall questions from the previous meet before the next event.

Ms. Woods said that "the team uses previous recall questions each Friday to prepare for upcoming events."

Principal Janice Allen was asked about the advantages that students received from participating in activities such as the academic team.

She responded: "At the beginning of each school year, I remind the students that their participation in after-school academic activities help place them a step ahead."

"These activities help to move students ahead in personal academic accomplishments, give them an opportunity to meet new people outside our school community, and provide them an avenue to be part of a competitive team to bring recognition to our school."

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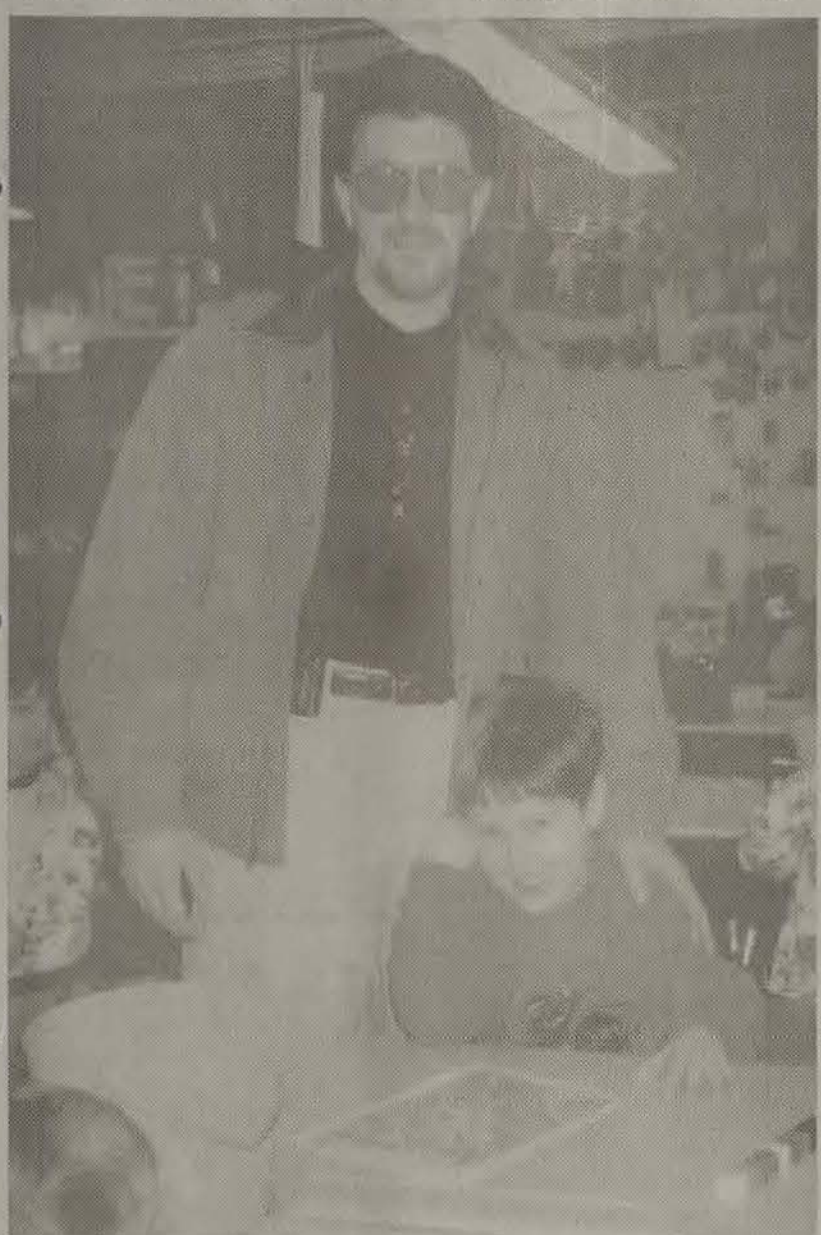
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Sixteen students qualify for MAP

Mountain Christian Academy recently announced that the following fourth and fifth grade students have met the qualifications of the MAP (Motivation for Academic Performance) Program by Duke University.

Students are required to obtain scores of 95 percent or above on a standardized test such as the CTBS. Students earning the honor were Charlie Beatty, Molly Burchett, Grant Campbell, Caitlin Clark, Samantha Farthing, Jessica Jarrell, Brian Jones, Lauren Preston, Kristyn Buckley, Lora Gibson, Andrew Greer, Derreck Murrell, Shawna Peters, Chayla Reid, Tessa Shepherd, and Derek Stone.



Samantha Farthing



Charlie Beatty



Lora Gibson



Andrew Greer



Derek Murrell



Shawna Peters



Chayla Reid



Tessa Shepherd



Derrek Stone



Molly Burchett



Grant Campbell



Caitlin Clark



Jessica Jarrell



Brian Jones



Lauren Preston



Kristyn Buckley

Community Calendar

Calendar items will be printed as space permits

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

Change of address

U.S. Senator Mitch McConnell's Eastern Kentucky field office has relocated. McConnell's new office is located at 301 South Main Street in London. The zip code is 40741, and the phone number is (606) 864-2026. Senator McConnell's Eastern

Kentucky field representative is Scott Douglas.

PHS reunion preparation

The Prestonsburg High School class of 1987 is currently seeking addresses of its members in preparation for a ten-year reunion. Mail your name, address and phone number to Class Reunion, c/o Susan Cooley Greene, 95 Trimble Branch, Prestonsburg, KY 41653.

4-H events

• 4-H camp applications are being distributed this month.

Anyone who does not have a project book and still needs one must contact the extension office at 886-2668 before February 28.

"Godspell" comes to Pippa Passes!

The musical "Godspell," is an interpretation of the Gospel of St. Matthew. Under the direction of

Lucinda Huff, June Buchanan School students will star in two shows, free and open to the public: a noon matinee performance on Wednesday, February 26, and an evening performance at 7 p.m. on Thursday, February 27.

Both shows will be performed at the Campbell Arts Center, on the campus of Alice Lloyd College in Pippa Passes, ten miles from Hindman on Route 899.

Health education program

February is American Heart Month. In response to this, local senior citizen programs are sponsoring a health education program on congestive heart failure.

This is a disease that strikes slowly and most often senior citizens. If you have questions or are simply interested in learning more about staying healthy as you mature, attend the educational program in your area.

The locations, dates and times

are: Floyd County, February 28, at 1 p.m., at the McDowell Senior Citizens Center; Johnson County, February 27, at 10 a.m., at the Johnson County Senior Citizens Center.

For more information, contact your local senior citizens center.

MHS reunion preparation

The McDowell High School class of 1987 is currently planning a ten-year reunion. There will be a meeting Saturday, March 8, at 11 a.m., at the Little Rosa Church luncheon at McDowell. All graduates are encouraged to attend.

For more information, contact Sandra Justice at 478-4298, or Steve Jones at 377-6244.

Volunteers to meet

The KFWC Drift Woman's Club members class contact persons and volunteers will meet at the McDowell Grade School library Thursday, February 27, at 6 p.m., in

preparation for the second 1934-1993 McDowell High School reunion. Plans are for all letters to be mailed by March 1 for the reunion August 29-September 1.

Classic Cooking

Classic Cooking of Inter-Mountain Cable, WPRG TV-5, with chef Mark Sohn and special guest Judi Patton, will air on February 27 and March 1, at 7 p.m. Sohn will prepare a mountain country dinner.

Martin advisory council meeting

The Martin Middle School Youth Service Center advisory council is having a special called meeting at the center on Wednesday, February 26, at 12:30 p.m.

Self-esteem program

Neva Francis from Our Lady of the Way Hospital will be presenting a program on self-esteem to the sixth and eighth grade girls on February 26 and 28 at the Martin Middle School.

Support group for handicapped children

The Parents Support Group for Handicapped Children will be meeting February 28, at 6 p.m., at the Floyd County Library. For more information, call Barbara Burchett at 886-8426.

Retired teachers to meet March 6

The Floyd County Retired Teachers Association will hold its next meeting March 6, at the Floyd

County Extension Office in Prestonsburg. Registration will start at 10 a.m. The guest speaker will be Kentucky State Treasurer John Kennedy Hamilton. All retired teachers in Floyd County are encouraged to attend this meeting.

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P'burg/Auxier council meeting

There will be an advisory council meeting on Wednesday, March 5, at 5 p.m., at the Auxier Family Resource Center.

May Valley advisory council to meet

May Valley Family Resource Center advisory council meeting will be held March 4, at 4 p.m., in the school library. Everyone is invited to attend.

PES site-based council to meet Monday

The Prestonsburg Elementary School site-based decision making council will hold its monthly meeting Monday, March 3, from 6-8 p.m., in the Prestonsburg Elementary auditorium. Everyone is welcome to attend.

CE/CS continued to offer new, interesting class at Prestonsburg Community College

The spring semester has begun for the Office of Continuing Education and Community Services at Prestonsburg Community College.

Each semester, CE/CS brings new classes of interest to the public to anyone living in the Big Sandy region. This spring is no different.

As always, CE/CS is offering

Driver's Education training, High School Correspondence courses, GED training and the Homemaker and Single Parent Career Development program. Each of these programs is designed to help people in our region get the basic help they need to master everyday life.

Also offered through CE/CS are courses to become a Certified Nursing Assistant, an Emergency Medical Technician, certified in CPR and/or First Aid and to upgrade current EMT licenses.

Of special interest to the community are courses to prepare for taking the ACT, GRE and NTE tests; an English Brush-Up class; Info To Go, a class to learn how to use the library of the future; and Tales for Tots, a class on children's literature for the parent who is trying to choose quality books for children.

For people who are looking for something difficult to expand their horizons or add new skills to their lives, CE/CS has Tai Chi, the ancient Chinese art of exercise, flexibility and relaxation; Discover the May House, a class for the historian or merely curious to learn about the renovation of this classic Prestonsburg landmark; Doing A Local History, a class in researching local history, either personal or community; Preparing Middle Eastern Food, a class to learn a whole new way of preparing healthy food; Picture Framing, a

class with well-known local artist; Tom Whitaker, to learn how to display your precious pictures; Introduction to Voice, a class for the amateur singer who would like to make singing more enjoyable and Conservation Biology, a club that meets to learn how to make a positive impact on the local environment.

The Continuing Education office at Prestonsburg Community College is dedicated to bringing new ideas, skills and services to the community served by PCC. Businesses who have update training needs can call PCC and create training programs to meet the needs of local workers.

CE/CS will work with anyone in the Big Sandy community to design from scratch anything the community needs or wants.

The CE/CS office is located on the Prestonsburg campus in the Johnson Building, Room 105. More detailed information about these classes or any other classes or trainings of interest to the public may be obtained by calling 886-3863, ext. 240, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Taxpayer service centers provide assistance with 1996 Kentucky Individual Income tax forms

Taxpayers who need assistance filing their 1996 Kentucky Individual income tax returns can receive help during special filing days at Kentucky Revenue Cabinet (KRC) Taxpayer Service Centers (TSCs) statewide. This annual program has offered special assistance to the Kentucky taxpayers for nearly 40 years.

In order to receive assistance from KRC, taxpayers must bring completed copies of their 1996 federal income tax return and supporting federal schedules.

TSCs offer help with individual income tax returns on Monday and Thursday at the Pikeville office located at Ashland, 134 16th St., (606) 920-2037; Corbin, Falls Road Place, 1707 18th St., Suite 5, (606) 528-3322; Paducah, 555 Jefferson St., Suites 302-306, (502) 575-7148; 5333 North Mayo Trail. Help is available from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call (606) 433-7675.

Kentucky income tax forms can

be ordered from the Property and Support Services Branch, Kentucky Revenue Cabinet, 200 Fair Oaks Lane, Frankfort, KY 40620. Forms are also available at many banks, post offices and libraries; through KRC's fax-on-demand system, TaxFax, by calling (502) 564-4459; or on KRC's Web site at <http://www.state.ky.us/agencies/rev/enue/revhome.htm>.

Take a first aid inventory

The National Safety Council recommends that all businesses provide their employees with first aid and CPR training to ensure that help is always at hand.

Take a first aid inventory of your workplace.

At a minimum, each department or work location should have a first responder available at all times, on all shifts and practice an emergency response plan.

Proper training means proper care and lives saved.

Words of Life

"You can't just sit there"

by Rev. Thomas R. Biddle
Pastor
Lancer Baptist Church

Not too long ago I read a story that was so incredible it was hard to believe it was true. And I probably wouldn't have, except that I remember hearing about it when it first happened. The story is this.

It seems that Larry Williams was a man with a dream, a dream to someday fly. He had joined the Air Force but his eyesight was too poor to let him become a pilot. So now he was a truck driver. Each day for several years he would come home from work sit in his back yard, eat a peanut butter sandwich, drink a beer, and watch planes crisscross in the sky above him. On Saturdays, he would do the same thing except eat more than one sandwich and drink an entire six pack.

Then one day he got a bright idea. Either that, or he had sat in the sun too long. Larry had decided to go down to the army-navy surplus store and purchase a tank of helium and forty-five weather balloons. Then he invited several of his neighbors over and they filled the balloons and tied them to his favorite lawn chair. They anchored the chair to his jeep and Larry packed some sandwiches and drinks and loaded his BB gun. Larry's idea was for him to sit in the chair, have his friends cut him loose from the jeep, and then he would slowly rise into the air and take flight. The BB gun was in case something went wrong, he figured he would shoot a few balloons and would come back down.

Well, everything was set and the cords were cut, and Larry was set

free. However, as you might expect, plans didn't go the way they were supposed to have. Instead of lazily floating up, Larry and the chair shot up like a cannon shot. He went up so fast he was unable to get the BB gun into action. Before he knew it he was at a startling height of eleven thousand feet. A commercial airliner actually spotted him and radioed the airport control tower. (Now that's a conversation I would have liked to have heard.) Eventually as Larry began to drift out over the sea a Navy helicopter rescued him from his incredible flight. Once on the ground, reporters asked him why he ever tried such an incredible stunt. To which Larry responded rather nonchalantly, "You can't just sit there."

Well I guess all of us have a little Larry Walters in us. Not the part that wants to fly in a lawn chair, but we do all have some dreams of life that seemingly go unfulfilled. As a result we begin to wonder about the whole meaning of life and our purpose in it. Then before we know it, we find ourselves like Larry sitting in our lawn chair thinking of paradise lost.

The good news is that we really have no reason to feel that way. In John 10:10 we read the words of Jesus Christ telling us, "I have come that you may have life, and have it to the full." With Jesus Christ we may still have our dreams crushed, but He will give us new hope and new dreams that will make us feel good again. Life does not have to leave us feeling empty. So if you feel like your life needs a change, why not give Jesus Christ a chance. He will keep you from just sitting there.

May God be with you, and try to attend the church of your choice this Sunday!

Faith Freewill Baptist Revival/Homcoming

Beginning Wednesday,
February 26-Sunday, March 2, 1997
Special Singing Nightly
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Friday, February 28, at 7 p.m.
Pot Luck Dinner on Sunday, March 2, 1997
Services held by
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Auxier Freewill Baptist Church

Sunday Morning,
March 2nd
at 11:00 a.m.

The Castles will be singing
Sunday Night at 6 p.m.

Everyone invited.

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Boone-doggled

Pat Boone showed up on the American Music Awards on January 27, dressed like a heavy metal rock singer.

That might have been funny had it been a Halloween costume party.

But it wasn't.

What it really was, was an obvious publicity stunt to promote his new album, In a Metal Mood/No More Mr. Nice Guy.

A couple of weeks ago I saw Boone dressed in heavy metal attire on an episode of Dave's World, and take it from me, folks, it wasn't pretty. I mean, red leather pants and a sleeveless red leather shirt? Pat Boone?

It sort of sickened me in a way, because Pat Boone and Elvis were the two individuals from my teen years that were most influential regarding my taste in music. Now, they've both let me down. Elvis couldn't help it, though.

Actually, Wilma is the one that suffered most when Pat came on TV looking like a reject from Let's Make a Deal. She's always liked him and stayed mad at me for months one time simply because I stated in this column that he wore a wig. Recently, she learned I was right about that.

That's okay, though. A feller can't help getting bald.

As tragic as it all is to those of us who felt there was at least one constant carried over from our young lives, there is also a bit of ironical humor here.

I read in the paper that the people at the Trinity Broadcasting Network have decided to cancel Boone's weekly half-hour show "Gospel America" because, in part, for the way he dressed on the awards show. Supposedly,

Trinity executives have gotten complaints from too many of their prayer partners. (I'm not sure, but I think a prayer partner is one who sends his money to God but uses Trinity's address.)

Obviously, I'm not a Trinity

watcher. I have, however, occasionally passed through the channel on my way to TV Land, and you talk about

dressing funny. Some of those TV preachers' outfits make old Porter Waggoner look like a pauper.

I saw one guy on there one night with red hair, a red Van Dyke beard, and wearing a red suit with a red tie. Being an old Meade Memorial Red Devil, it was about all I could do not to jump up and sing our old fight song. I'm not going to mention the woman with enough hair to stuff a mattress that wears enough make-up to make Tammy Faye Bakker (at least that used to be her name) look like a pimply-faced teenager.

I guess it's pretty safe to say that Pat Boone got some pretty bad advice. Even if there might actually be merit to the lyrics of heavy metal songs, why couldn't he have just sung them like Pat Boone is expected to sing them? A nice sport coat and a pair of white bucks was good enough for April Love and Love Letters in the Sand. Why did he have to abandon everything that set him apart from all the riff-raff that have come and gone over the years in the music business?

Oh, I know that the clothes don't really make the man, but it's bad enough for me to imagine Pat Boone singing a Black Sabbath song, let alone seeing his wrinkled, 62-year-old body with fake tattoos.

I feel a bit betrayed.

Poison Oak

Clyde Pack



Building "ramps to freedom"

by Janice Shepherd
Managing Editor

Rudy Little and Geoff Barrett are making "miracles" happen for Floyd Countians.

Little, who is with the Floyd County Health Department's Waiver Program, and Barrett, home repair manager for Christian Appalachian Project, have combined elements of their agencies to lend a helping hand to some special Floyd County citizens.

The two agencies are building "ramps to freedom" for Floyd County residents who have had a difficult time leaving their homes because of the impossibility of maneuvering their wheelchairs or walkers down steps or across rutted yards.

One of those residents is Erma Webb of Bonanza. Webb, 73, underwent surgery on her foot in January. "I've been laid up ever since," she said last week.

She is learning to walk again with the aid of a walker, but she mainly uses a wheelchair.

Webb lives in a mobile home that sits fairly high off the ground. Before Little and Barrett became

involved in making her life a little easier, the outside world was almost inaccessible to Webb.

"I had 14 children. They're all living, but one was born dead. Most of them live far away. That's what makes it hard for me to get help," she said.

When she went to the doctor, an ambulance had to pull into her yard and Webb had to be carried out of her home to the ambulance.

"They couldn't get the cot into the door," Webb said. "They had to carry me all the way out... I feel good. I don't have to do that anymore."

Webb's plight came to the attention of Rudy Little, with the Floyd County Health Department. Webb is a client of the health department's waiver program, which provides homemaker and respite services.

"She called and said, 'I can't get in and out of my trailer,'" Little recalled. "The very next day, I got a call from Geoff, who said 'Rudy, I got the wheelchair ramp built you wanted (for a client).'"

Opportunity phoned and Little responded. He asked Barrett if he

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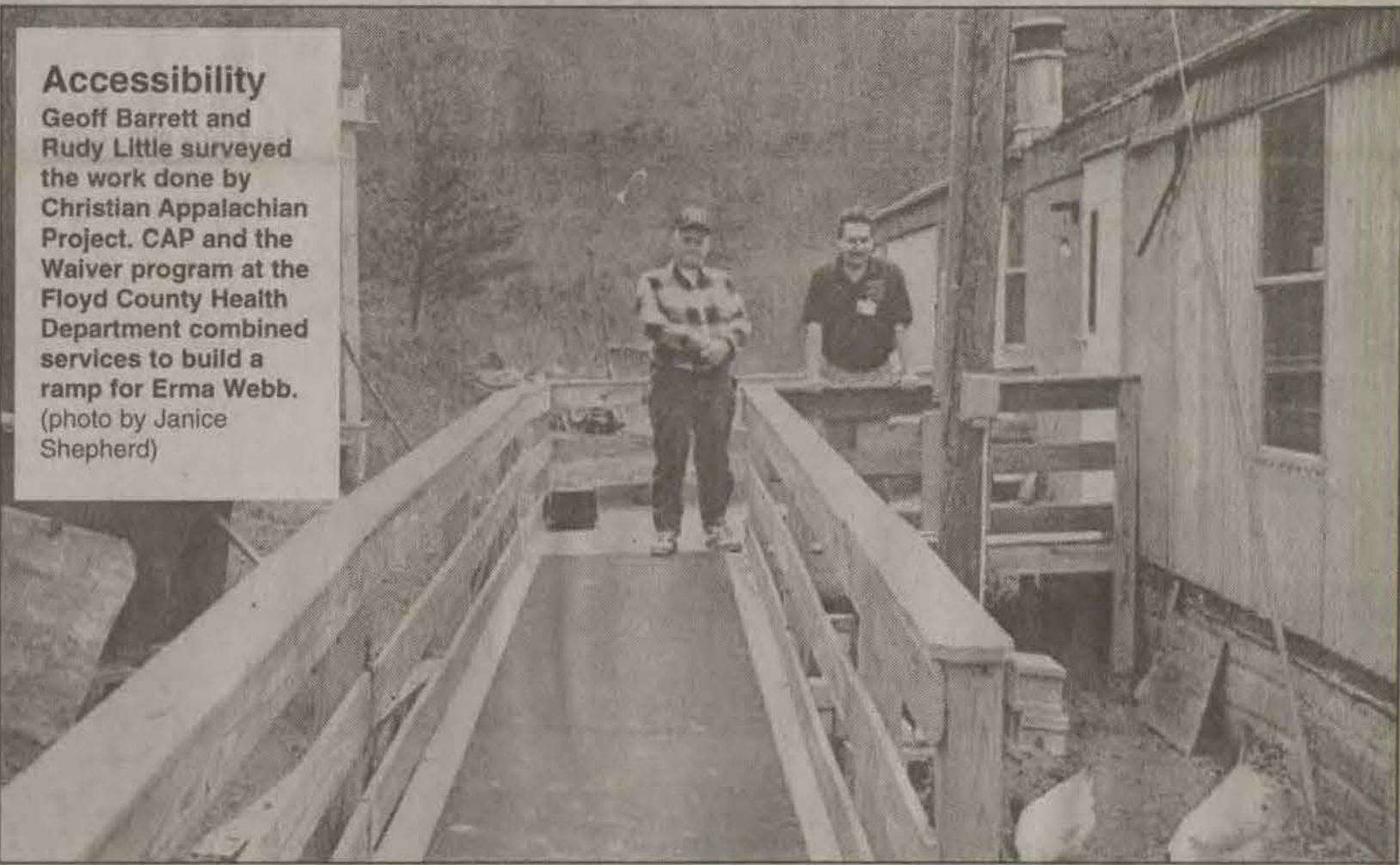


Solving problems

Rudy Little and Erma Webb talked about religion, her health, and her problems with a taxi service during a recent visit at Webb's home at Bonanza. Webb underwent surgery on her foot in January. (photo by Janice Shepherd)

Accessibility

Geoff Barrett and Rudy Little surveyed the work done by Christian Appalachian Project, CAP and the Waiver program at the Floyd County Health Department combined services to build a ramp for Erma Webb. (photo by Janice Shepherd)



Ten Years Ago (March 4, 1987)

In addition to various state offices, two county-wide posts and the Prestonsburg City Council will be at stake her during the May primary...Rumors of a major management shakeup at the Bank Josephine are "untrue," according to Earl Martin McGuire, chairman of the bank's board of directors. "There have been very minor changes, nothing out of the ordinary," McGuire said...Pike County officials have begun taking the first steps toward construction of a 106-bed regional jail that is expected to ease overcrowding problems and accept dangerous prisoners from county jails in Floyd, Knott and Letcher counties...Accused of deliberately ramming his truck twice into a car full of neighbors, Forrest Gibson, 37, of Tram, pleaded guilty Friday to the reduced charge of a Class A misdemeanor and was sentenced to 12 months in jail...Directors of the Mountain Christian Academy launched an "aggressive" campaign to raise \$10 million for an endowment fund at the school by August 15...There died: Canton Lafferty, 76, of Dwale...Eva Allen, 88, of Lackey...Don Edward Prater, 33, of David...Rebecca Ellis Messer, 78, of Prestonsburg...John Leedy, 72, of Betsy Layne...Anthony Hall, 86, formerly of Dema...Ruth Lunsford Allen, 73, formerly of Garrett...and Eugene Perkins Harris, 83, formerly of Prestonsburg.

Twenty Years Ago (March 2, 1977)

Found guilty of the fatal stabbing of a local

man, two teenage girls were ordered last week by Circuit Judge Hollie Conley to be committed to the Morehead Treatment Center for delinquent girls...Local businessmen have been warned to be on the lookout for at least two juveniles who have recently forged and cashed checks at two drug stores here...The organization and first meeting of the board of directors of the Floyd County Chapter of the American Red Cross was held here last week...When Big Sandy ADD last week committed itself to the temporary management of the Allen water system, a part of the discussion hinted at an idea that, sometime in the future, a single, giant water system may serve the Big Sandy Valley...When dust from the mid-west speckled the atmosphere here last week

Floyd County residents were reminded of televised scenes of the scorched, cracked earth of other states...Prestonsburg residents will be paying 20 cents per thousand cubic feet more for natural gas burned after today, the City Utility Commission announced Monday...Secondary roads are in "terrible" condition, members of the fiscal court were told at their meeting here Monday morning, and they moved to allocate gravel for each of

the county's four, magisterial districts...The Water Gap-Bull Creek Water District was presented last week by the Prestonsburg office of the Farmers Home Administration a letter setting the conditions that the district must meet to assure federal funding in the amount of \$571,000 for construction of a water distribution system in its area...KY 292 in Martin County has suffered a battering by the weather, nobody has done anything to repair it, and as a result it was blocked for more than an

hour Monday by protesting coal truckers and their friends...Without waiting to see if its location will be chosen by the five counties of the Big Sandy Area Development District for a regional airport, Pike County is ready to begin work on the site at Cowpen...There

died: Virgil Smallwood, 69, of Bevinville, February 23 at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Ballard Thompson, 71, of Martin, February 27 at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Lealie Blair, 60, of Martin, February 20 at a hospital in Willard, O.; Sally H. Smith, 68, of Wheelwright, February 26 at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Burlie Shepherd, 78, formerly of Hueysville, February 24 at a nursing home in Kendallville, Ind.; Sue Allen

Crowder, 66, of Mayfield, February 15 at a hospital in Wichita, Falls, Tex.; Sadie Moore Hall, 59, of Bevinville, March 1 at her home.

Thirty Years Ago (March 2, 1967)

As of Wednesday morning, the beginning of a new month, Floyd County had 464 men in the Work Experience & Training (Happy Pappy) program, but it is fairly certain this number will be reduced by April 1 because of a cut in federal funds...The political pot, slow to heat this year, began simmering within the week as new candidates entered the primary campaign, a move was reported to be afoot to remove one major candidate, and yet another moved into this county in preparation for the primary battle...The Betsy Layne High School gym was destroyed by fire last Thursday afternoon, within an hour after school had recessed for the day, and the high school structure itself was damaged...The newly-organized Floyd County Masonic Officers' Association at its meeting Sunday afternoon elected officers to serve for a one-year term...The 58th district basketball tournament got off to a four-night stand here Wednesday night, with a near-capacity crowd on hand for the first round...Married: Miss Ruie Berniece Horton, of Grayson, and Mr. Emery Gayle Colvin, of Prestonsburg, Feb. 10 at the Irene Cole Memorial Baptist Church here...There died: Elder William Sherman Gilliam, 78, of Bypro, Friday at a Louisville hospital;

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Our Yesterdays

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

Society News

David Hereford
Society Editor
886-3093

Visit in Winchester

Winifred Blackburn and son, Tom, of Prestonsburg visited her sister-in-law, Emma Grace Blankenship and family in Winchester last weekend.

In hospital here

Chalmer Frazier of Prestonsburg is a patient at the Highlands Regional Medical Center. His many friends and family are concerned about him.

62nd wedding anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Hargus Pigman celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary Sunday, February 16 at their home on the Lancer-Water Gap Road.

Friends and family called throughout the day bringing Hargus and Dockie Bell congratulations and best wishes.

In hospital

David Fraley of Prestonsburg was a patient at the children's wing of the University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington last week.

His mother, Pam Fraley and granddad, Dale Tackett, were with him during his stay.

Visit in Louisville

Rhonda Heinze and children, Leslie Ann and Michael of Prestonsburg were in Louisville last week visiting her aunt and uncle, Katy and Ed Boston.

Visit from Ohio

Alleane Adkins and Gary and Robin Johnson of Weeksbury had as their guests recently Hud and Patty Haley from Columbus, Ohio.

Visit in Lexington

Raymond and Clara Bradbury of Prestonsburg visited Maurine Mayo at her home at Lafayette Place in Lexington recently. Mayo was a resident of Prestonsburg for many years and was very active in The First United Methodist Church.

Attend Cooley funeral

Relatives coming from a distance to attend the funeral of Gladys Parsley Cooley at the First Presbyterian Church in Prestonsburg on February 21, include Julian Blake Cooley and Rebecca Bonny of Hudson, Wisconsin; Wally Rose, Jimmy and Stella Parsley of Fairmont, West Virginia; Jack and Jo Clayton of Columbus, Ohio; Donna and Sherell Allen and Cora Allen of Lansing, Michigan; Roger and Judy Rose of South Carolina; Ronnie Goodman of Mullins, South Carolina; Robert Goodman of Harrodsburg; Rick and Helen Goodman and Larry and Faye Goodman, of Lexington.

Sisters celebrate birthdays

Alka Hackworth celebrated her 91st birthday on February 6, and her sister, Marie Neeley celebrated her 92nd birthday on February 7 at their home on University Drive. Mrs. Neeley and her husband, Tom, operated a grocery store in Porter Addition for many years. Her sister, Alka was the Postmistress at Cliff.

Valentine's Day Pageant winner



Pamela Shepherd

Pamela Nicole Shepherd competed in the 4-6-year-old category in America's Sweetheart Valentine's Day Pageant on February 14 in Lexington.

Pamela won queen in beauty, best model, prettiest hair, and best portfolio/composite. As the winner of this contest, Pamela's beauty fee will be paid to the nationals in Indianapolis, Indiana, on May 29-June 1. Pamela will have a chance to win a \$10,000 savings bond.

Pamela is the six-year-old daughter of Wendell and Brenda Shepherd and sister of eight-year-old Brandon, all of Staffordville. She is the granddaughter of Woodie and Ethel Caudill of Staffordville, Margo and Johnny Conn of Abbott and the late Wendell Shepherd.

GED graduation luncheon

The staff at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park honored three of their staff, Jeannie Crace, David May and Fred Reed, with a graduation luncheon at the Convention Center on completion of their GED. Jim Kennedy, manager welcomed friends and guests. Mary Ray Oaken, commissioner, Department of Parks, was the guest speaker.

Historical Society meets

The Floyd County Historical and Genealogical Society met Monday night, February 17, at the Floyd County Library for their regular monthly meeting.

President Jim Daniels presided. After a brief business session, the meeting was turned into genealogical work.

Members present were Russell L. Whitlock, Betsy Lambert, Jim Daniels, Sam Hatcher, Bobby Wells, Marshall Davidson, William and Janet Rowe, Ellis Buchanan, Fred and Joy James, Robert Perry, Brenda McKenzie and David R. Hereford.

Visit college in South Carolina

Leslie Fannin and daughter, Gina, of Prestonsburg visited Charleston Southern College in Charleston, South Carolina last week.

May House group meets

Friends of the Samuel May House were host last Thursday night at Prestonsburg Community College to the noted author and historian, Gary C. Walker of Wytheville, Virginia.

Walker has written five books concerning the War Between the States in South Western Virginia. Many men from Floyd and surrounding counties saw action there.

Members and guests attending were Edward and Betty Hazlett, Steve Witten and Joe Ward from Paintsville; Eddie Hazlett from Morehead; Tom Bormes from Printer; Ken Slone from Raven; Sam D. Hatcher from Pikeville and Owen Wright Jr., Marshall Davidson, Sam D. Shepherd, Chris Fannin, William H. May and David R. Hereford from Prestonsburg.

Rebekahs meet

The regular meeting of Miriam Rebekah Lodge No. 31 was held February 18, at 7:00 p.m. in the I.O.O.F. Hall with Vice Grand Lorena Wallen presiding due to the absence of the noble grand.

Several sisters remain on the sick list and will continue to be remembered in prayer.

Bills and communications were presented and action taken on them. A letter was received from Lofty Oaks Association of Bethlehem, New Hampshire, regarding the planting of trees in memory of Myrtle Allen and Mrs. Dolly Pettrey, both late members of Miriam Rebekah Lodge and arranged by Carter Funeral Home. These two trees will be planted in the spring by the Lincoln Heritage Boy Scout Council.

The secretary stated she had mailed Valentines to all shut-in members. She also mailed bake sale letters to all members.

A report was given on those members who visited at Mountain Manor Nursing Home on Sunday, February 16th for singing and visiting with residents. Attending were Beverly Hackworth, Hope Whitten,

Jean Hickman, Lorena Wallen and Mabel Jean LeMaster.

Plans were partially completed for serving of dinner at the Odd Fellows District Meeting on Saturday, March 8th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Prestonsburg I.O.O.F. Hall.

The members were reminded of the Rebekah District 4 meeting to be held on Saturday, March 15th, at 6 p.m.

Birthday greetings were extended to Mary Zemo.

Members present for this meeting were Lorena Wallen, Hope Whitten, Jean Hickman, Mary Zemo, Violetta Wright, Beverly Hackworth, Claudine Johns, Paulena Owens and Mabel Jean LeMaster.

Next regular meeting will be held March 18th, at 7 p.m.

Forensics debate

Tamri Sue Tussey and Ashley Conn, students at Clark Elementary School, were winners in the regional competition in forensics at Johnson Central High School in Paintsville recently. Tussey did story telling and Conn did poetry.

The state competition will be held in Bowling Green, in March.

HRMC Auxiliary general membership meeting minutes

The general membership meeting of the HRMC Auxiliary was held February 11, at 4 p.m. with president, Garnet Fairchild, presiding. Minutes of the previous meeting were read by the secretary, Dorothy Stover.

An inspirational reading was given by Anita Snavely. She also reported that the auxiliary was making at least 20 baby bags every Friday.

Unfinished business: A temporary permit for the lottery calendar has been received for two months. It was decided to wait for the permanent permit before starting this project; as for the Secret Pal Sale, bags of candy will be made up for the sale which is February 12, 13 and 14; the finance committee reported it would wait until April to decide what equipment to buy for which department.

Under new business: Workers were asked to stay in the coffee shop to answer the phone as long as the shop is open; Kathy Allen explained that the "feedback" was a publication about volunteers and she would like to see someone in the group submit an article.

Kathy also announced that April is volunteer month and she would like to see the group do something or go somewhere special to celebrate this.

Members attending in addition to the volunteer director, Kathy Allen were: Susie Burchett, Myrtle Burchett, Jane Back, Kathleen Setser, Earlene Daniels, Margaret S. Ackerman, Garnet Fairchild, Jean Burke, Anita Snavely, Helen Chafin, Allie Ann May and Dorothy Stover.

Aloha from Hawaii

Ronald and Betsy (Whitt) Melnick of Westland, Michigan, have just returned home from a great trip. It took them from Detroit to San Francisco. They then flew on to Honolulu, Hawaii, where they spent several days.

They boarded the S.S. Independence Cruise Line. They had a lot of great food and also visited a lot of memorable places. They visit-

ed the Islands of Hilo Hawaii, Kava, Maui, Kana Hawaii. While in Honolulu they visited Pearl Harbor.

Dinner was served one night at the Captain L. Richard Haugh table. The seven-day file-ports and four-island trip was a treat for the Melnicks. Betsy Melnick is formerly of Prestonsburg. She is the mother of Jeffery Whitt, Steve Whitt, Deborah Bailey and Tommi Bailey of Prestonsburg, Kathy Sparks of Harold and Billy E. Whitt of Kissimmee, Florida.

KFWC Drift Woman's Club

The KFWC Drift Woman's Club met January 20, at the Viola Bailey Community Center Building.

The president, Ruby Akers, welcomed everyone by reading "I am KFWC and Welcome You."

The devotional was given by Celia Little who read a poem, "Love You" by Helen Steiner followed by prayer and Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

The secretary, Celia Little, read the minutes of the previous meeting. The Drift Woman's Club will recognize the Year-Of-The-Month during May, June, July and August.

New members welcomed were Ruby Damron, Alice Skeans and Loraine Corley. Treasury report prepared by Jerri Turner was passed out.

Doris Lawson education chairman presented Eddie Patton, chairman, Floyd County Board of Education, who spoke on education in Floyd County schools. Eight schools had won awards this year. Questions and answers followed a discussion of plans for the schools—a very informative program.

The hostess Donna Allen served refreshments to Celia Little, Ruby Akers, Alma Mosley, Roney Clark, Geraldine Ward, Brooksie Gearheart, Doris Lawson, Alice Skeans, Loraine Corley, Ruby Damron, Roberta Luxmore and guest Eddie Patton.

Announcements were made as follows: the second 1934-1993 McDowell High School reunion will be Labor Day weekend, August 29-September 1. Letters will be mailed in February. The Drift Woman's Club Horse Show will be July 12, at Archer Park. The next Drift Woman's Club meeting will be March 17. The hostess will be Roney Clark.

Consults with doctor

Winston "Sonny" Ford of Prestonsburg was in Lexington last week for a post-surgery check with his doctor.

Celebrates birthday

Maxine Adkins Conley celebrated her birthday last week with a family gathering at her home in Allen.

Helping her celebrate were Ashland and Linda Gearheart and David, Susan and Adam Gearheart of Prestonsburg; Kenny Conley and Joyce Conley and Kyle of Allen.

1957 PHS reunion

Plans are still being made for the Prestonsburg High School 1957 Class Reunion. Members may contact Judy Curnutte at 874-2742 or Glenn Copley at 886-6378 for more information.

Attend UK basketball game

Gary and Robin Johnson of Weeksbury attended the University of Kentucky-Louisiana State University basketball game at Rupp Arena in Lexington, recently.



Carlos Neeley clowning around with Munroe during a birthday party in Neeley's honor.

Surprise birthday party

A surprise birthday dinner at the Holiday Inn was given to honor Carlos E. Neeley's 60th birthday.

Those in attendance from Prestonsburg, were his wife, Norma Neeley, his son Charles Neeley, Lorrie Russell, Robert and Sally Allen, the Reverend Sam and Myra Knox of the Community United Methodist Church, Roy, Betty and Pamela Montgomery, Fred and Beverly Goble, William and Janet Rowe and JoAnn Johnson. Those in attendance from McDowell were Ray, Violet and Keisha Slone, Kelly, Mary and Beth Slone, Ralph and Lynn Slone

and Sandra Slone. Manitoba, Canada, was represented by Rick and Micki Workentin who have dedicated two years of their lives to assisting Hindman Settlement School.

After dinner and games, the group was entertained by the hilarious anecdotes of Appalachian Mountain humorist "Munroe" of the Mountain Arts Center in Prestonsburg. Needless to say, "a great evening was experienced by all."

The same day that Carlos was 60, his mother, Marie Neeley was 92, and the preceding day, Marie's sister, Alka Hackworth was 91.

Anniversary



58th anniversary

Coet and Laura Scutchfield of Water Gap Road, celebrated their 58th anniversary at their home on February 18. Their friends were there to help them celebrate.

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- 15 to 16 million Americans suffer from bronchial asthma
- asthma is thought to be a benign disease but over 5,000 Americans die from asthma each year
- asthma is the #1 cause of school absenteeism and the #1 cause of pediatric hospital admissions
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- 1 out of every 9 doctor's visits in the United States is asthma and/or allergy related
- the expense of asthma which includes office visits, hospitalizations, and medications is a staggering 4 to 5 billion dollars

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For The Record

Prestonsburg Police Dispatch Logs

Editor's note: These logs are taken from the logs of the Prestonsburg Police Department.

FEBRUARY 10

8:41 a.m. — Fire alarm activated at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Caller advised that everything was okay.

12:52 p.m. — Burglar alarm activated at a residence on Bob White Road. Resident advised that the alarm was accidentally set off.

6:02 p.m. — Respond Ambulance advised that a woman from Dixie Apartments called for help and they didn't have a unit available.

10:32 p.m. — Sheriff's department advised that there was a wreck with subjects injured on Holiday Inn hill.

FEBRUARY 11

7:16 a.m. — Caller advised that her husband passed out in a chair at his residence on North Arnold Avenue.

7:19 p.m. — Alarm activated at Cato's.

1:57 p.m. — Caller said that her husband was having severe head pains.

9:52 p.m. — EMS run to Haywood Apartments. Caller advised that a 40-year-old subject was having chest pains.

FEBRUARY 12

7:50 a.m. — Caller from Adam's Middle School advised that a student was coming in the school and cursing teachers. The juvenile's parents advised the caller to contact police if he continued to be out of control and disorderly.

9:15 a.m. — Burglar alarm activated at Cato's.

2:23 p.m. — Fire alarm activated at Hopson's Jewelry.

10:41 p.m. — Caller advised she wanted to report a missing person.

FEBRUARY 13

12:39 p.m. — EMS run to East Graham. Officer advised that a female subject was having trouble breathing.

FEBRUARY 14

1:30 a.m. — Sheriff's department advised that a white truck left Cactus Jack's with three subjects. One of the subjects reportedly pulled a gun on the manager.

11:10 a.m. — Sheriff's department requested the fire department in front of the court house in reference to a suspicious package.

11:33 a.m. — Report of an accident with injuries at the Route 23 and Route 1428 intersection. Caller advised that his mother had a head injury.

8:51 p.m. — Caller advised that two subjects were stuck in a room at Super 8 Motel.

FEBRUARY 15

12:49 a.m. — Caller said his ex-girlfriend was tailgating him in a white Thunderbird. He advised he wants an officer to tell her to stop.

1:25 a.m. — Caller said that they threw a subject out of the bar at Holiday Inn and he is in front under the canopy harassing others.

6:38 a.m. — Burglar alarm activated at Kent Rose's station.

12:43 p.m. — Report of an accident without injuries. Caller advised that a wrecker hit two vehicles.

2:27 p.m. — Report of an accident without injuries at Heilig-Meyers.

5:43 p.m. — EMS run to the juvenile detention center. Caller advised that a 17-year-old may have dislocated his shoulder and busted up his hand.

9:15 p.m. — Caller advised that four "blacks" and one "white" were going outside Evergreen Bowling to fight.

FEBRUARY 16

12:22 a.m. — Caller advised that a tan truck was in his driveway in Green Acres and he would like to have it moved if he doesn't know the owner.

12:44 a.m. — Caller said two male subjects were trying to get in her apartment at Neeley Apartments because she kicked them out for being drunk.

1:38 a.m. — Caller advised that a maroon Pontiac 6000 ran a lady off the road near Prestonsburg Village.

5:37 a.m. — Caller advised that she heard a loud explosion at the Alano Club. Officer requested coroner and advised that four subjects had been killed in a wreck.

8:42 a.m. — Caller from Super 8

Motel advised that a drunk driver just left the motel en route for Salt Lick.

9:11 a.m. — Burglar alarm activated at Cato's.

1:02 p.m. — Caller advised that an 11-year-old juvenile was out of control and kicking holes in the wall at Cliffside Apartments. Caller also said the juvenile was a regular patient at Mountain Comp.

5:17 p.m. — Caller advised that a possible drunk driver left Ashland Happy Mart.

February 17

2:52 a.m. — Alarm activated at Prestonsburg Elementary.

5:25 a.m. — Alarm activated at Prestonsburg Elementary.

9:38 a.m. — Caller advised that her tenant was possibly dead.

11:44 a.m. — Caller advised that two female shoplifters were in custody at Wal-Mart.

11:57 a.m. — Report of an accident without injuries at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

5:39 p.m. — EMS run to Goble-Roberts. Caller advised that a female subject was having chest pains and she could hardly breathe.

6:42 p.m. — Report of a fight-in-progress at Ray Howard's lot, across from Briarwood Apartments.

10:55 p.m. — Caller advised that her ex-husband dropped his mother off at a Wheelwright restaurant and she was afraid he would come to her house.

February 18

6:35 a.m. — Intrusion alarm activated at the kitchen door of the Market Place.

7:59 a.m. — Report of a red Ford driving reckless and all over the road at the Holiday Inn hill on Route 23.

3:01 p.m. — Caller advised he was sick and his children were causing him trouble.

5:30 p.m. — Shoplifter in custody at Food World.

9:25 p.m. — Caller advised that he husband left in her car and all her money and food stamps were still in the car. She wanted to know what she could do.

10:05 p.m. — Report of a drunk driver and intoxicated person leaving Tiger Mart.

10:20 p.m. — Report of a fight-in-progress behind Cactus Jack's. Caller advised that about 50 subjects were fighting.

FEBRUARY 19

12:02 p.m. — Caller advised that her neighbor had a cancer spot removed from his hand several weeks ago and he stopped taking his medication. She also advised that his wife was worried and wanted his vitals taken to see if he needed to go to the hospital.

12:30 p.m. — Caller advised that a juvenile was out of control at Adams Middle School.

5:54 p.m. — Caller reported that some juveniles were pulling on a door.

10:50 p.m. — Caller advised that loud noises were coming from an apartment, but he could not advise if there was a party or fight.

FEBRUARY 20

9:58 a.m. — EMS run to Hager Street.

10:00 a.m. — Report of an accident without injuries at the Wal-Mart intersection.

2:10 p.m. — Alarm activated at Prestonsburg High School.

4:40 p.m. — Caller advised that dogs next door to his residence were barking all the time and he wanted them moved. Officer advised that the dogs were on another property.

5:36 p.m. — Report of an accident without injuries on Route 114, mouth of Spurlock.

6:08 p.m. — Caller advised that three juveniles were trying to stretch fishing wire across Cliff Road.

7:43 p.m. — Caller advised that a dog had been locked up in a vehicle for three hours. Officer said dog was in a cage and that the windows were cracked.

9:50 p.m. — Caller advised that someone was knocking on her door and would not tell her who he was. Officer advised that the subjects were lost and went up the wrong driveway.

11:21 p.m. — Caller reported that a subject was walking in front of cars at Ball Alley curve. Officer advised that two male subjects from the Job Corps were walking and one of the subjects had a Mercedes Benz ornament, which may have been stolen from the Prestonsburg Inn.

FEBRUARY 21

No time given: Caller advised that a tree had fallen on a telephone line on University Drive.

No time given: Fire department

checking carbon monoxide detectors at Happy Hollow residence.

5:19 a.m. — Caller advised that a 95-year-old female subject was having abdominal pain and bleeding through her bowels.

6:47 a.m. — Subject stopped officer and reported an accident with injuries in front of the Plantation Motel.

8:59 a.m. — Subject advised officer that a deer was lying in the road at Ball Alley curve.

9:10 a.m. — Report of an accident without injuries at the Johnson Building, at Prestonsburg Community College.

12:23 p.m. — Caller advised that a juvenile was leaving Adams Middle School and walking toward the bowling alley.

1:22 p.m. — Caller reported that a green garbage can was in the middle of the road on Court Street.

2:18 p.m. — Caller advised that a female was possibly dead at Green Acres.

3:09 p.m. — Report of an accident without injuries at Central Finance.

4:01 p.m. — Caller advised her sister was out of town and someone was in her West Prestonsburg home.

4:39 p.m. — Caller said her porch awning was torn down during the wind storm and she wanted a report made for her insurance company.

5:08 p.m. — Caller reported that three boys wearing black t-shirts had thrown a rock at her car.

7:16 p.m. — Caller advised that a vehicle was swerving over North Arnold Avenue at a slow speed.

FEBRUARY 22

2:23 a.m. — EMS run to Hager Street. Caller advised that an 84-year-old male was having severe abdominal pains.

2:57 a.m. — Alarm activated at Food World.

10:54 a.m. — Caller advised that a female subject, who was staying at Super 8 Motel, requested to leave her stuff in the room. When employees entered the room they found a large knife under the Bible in a drawer. Officer advised that the subject's family said the subject has done this before.

5:06 p.m. — EMS run to Food City. Caller advised that a female had a nose bleed and it wouldn't stop.

FEBRUARY 23

1:58 a.m. — Caller advised that a drunk driver had just left Center Stage.

9:10 a.m. — Alarm activated at Cato's.

1:33 p.m. — Caller advised that a pop machine on University Drive had been broken into.

Floyd County Sheriff's Department Dispatch Logs

Editor's Note: These Logs are taken from the logs of the Floyd County Sheriff's Department

FEBRUARY 9

00:45: Caller advised someone had taken an overdose of medication.

01:43: Caller advised a drunk driver just left the Mountaineer Lounge.

02:26: Caller advised a drunk driver on Rt. 80 at Martin.

07:59: Caller advised an alarm at a residence in Auxier.

FEBRUARY 10

09:59: One-vehicle accident in Town Branch, vehicle in creek and no one around vehicle.

17:19: Caller advised a pit bull was chasing his son.

17:59: Caller advised an accident in the parking lot at Eastern Autobahn.

21:54: Alarm at Moore's Hardware on Rt. 80 at Garrett.

23:13: Loud music complaint on Left Fork of Abbott Creek.

FEBRUARY 11

01:05: Vehicle stolen from Branham Hollow.

12:55: Accident at Martin Dairy Queen.

18:31: Suspicious person in Ivel Bottom.

19:37: Accident at Bypro Market.

21:32: Subject on John Hall Branch has a gunshot wound. Transported to McDowell ARH.

FEBRUARY 12

02:00: Vehicle lockout at Cactus Jacks.

04:45: Alarm at a residence in Hippo.

06:55: Vehicle lockout at Prater Creek Elementary.

19:42: Someone tried to purchase items from Allen Citgo without money.

21:56: Loud music behind Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

23:30: Caller heard shots fired somewhere behind McDowell ARH.

FEBRUARY 13

04:21: Drunk in the roadway at Drift.

07:29: Someone hit a deer on Rt. 80 at Warco.

12:06: Drunk driver at Price.

16:59: Accident on Rt. 114, subject hit a deer.

17:30: Stolen vehicle from Wheelwright.

19:31: Alarm at Slone's Market at Jacks Creek.

19:38: Reckless driver at Steeles Creek.

20:43: Vehicle stolen from Price area.

21:03: Vehicle lockout at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

23:30: Domestic dispute at Regency Park Apartments parking lot.

23:48: Alarm at Slone's Market at Jacks Creek.

FEBRUARY 14

01:25: Drunk driver left Cactus Jacks headed for Paintsville.

04:58: Assist KSP on a burglary at Betsy Layne Pharmacy.

18:17: Juvenile assaulted by an adult.

19:09: Fuel Spill at Buckingham.

19:50: Male assaulted female at Big Branch of Bull Creek.

20:32: Report of two drunks at Allen Elementary school dance.

20:45: Accident Minnie BP, subject hit building and left.

20:54: Accident with injury on

Rt. 550 behind Eastern Autobahn.

21:42: Alarm at residence on Rt. 850.

23:52: Drunk driver near McDowell Elementary.

FEBRUARY 15

00:50: Drunk driver somewhere in Martin area.

02:47: Two subjects shot and one stabbed on Arkansas Creek.

05:55: One-vehicle accident at Minnie with injuries.

09:55: Hit and run on Rt. 7 at Salyers Branch.

11:36: Red lights at Martin on Rt. 80 malfunctioning.

13:56: Theft of copper wire at Prater Creek.

14:35: Caller advised strange vehicle parked in his driveway and requests it be removed.

15:23: Caller advised drunk driver in ditch at Tinker Fork.

17:34: Drunk driver in Martin area.

22:45: Report of vehicles drag racing on Rt. 114 near the old flea market.

District Court

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

Eugene Tackett, 44, of Galveston; DUI (1st offense)—\$257.50 and \$200 fine or two days public service.

Jeff Turner, 33, of Martin; operating on suspended license (2nd offense), amended to AI (3rd offense)—\$72.50 and 20 days in jail.

Brian D. Wallen, 24, of Langley; improper start from a parked posi-

tion—merged; DUI (1st offense, BA .17)—\$467.50.

James D. Garrett, 44, of Prestonsburg; DUI (1st offense, BA .28)—\$267.50 and \$200 fine or two days public service; improper registration plates—\$25.

Kenneth R. Jackson, 28, of Harold; DUI (1st offense, BA refused)—\$257.50 and \$200 fine or two days public service; no operator's license—\$50.

Robert D. Williams, 25, of Hi Hat; attempt to elude/failure to comply—\$97.50; reckless driving—\$50; no insurance—\$50; improper passing—merged; disregarding a traffic control device—\$25; driving on wrong side of road—\$25.

Lonnie Jervis, 22, of Prestonsburg; DUI (1st offense, BA .12)—\$257.50 and \$200 fine or two days public service.

Michael D. Kimmel, 22, of Pikeville; reckless driving—\$157.50; operating an ATV on Roadway—\$50; operating an ATV without headgear—\$50; attempt to elude/failure to comply—\$500 and 90 days in jail; criminal mischief (3rd degree)—\$250 and 60 days in jail.

James C. May, 33, of West Van Lear; DUI (1st offense, BA .04), amended to AI—\$112.50.

Timothy R. Hitchcock, 46, of Paintsville; assault in the 4th degree (minor injury)—\$72.50 and 15 days in jail.

Albert Osborne, 46, of Printer; resisting arrest—three days in jail, credit three days served; criminal mischief (3rd degree)—\$52.50, \$25 fine suspended on condition restitution is made; terroristic threatening—three days in jail, credit three days served; menacing—three days in jail, credit three days served; harassing or simple assault on police officer—\$25 suspended on

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condition no other violations within six months.

Tammy L. Woods, 25, of Allen; operating on suspended/revoked license—\$132.50.

Claudia Hall, 36, of Printer; disorderly conduct—\$112.50.

Roger D. Sammons, 24, of Martin; reckless driving—\$100; failure to illuminate headlamp—\$25; no insurance—\$500; operating on suspended license due to a prior DUI conviction (2nd offense)—\$210.50 and 10 days in jail probated.

Manuel J. Adams, 36, of Shelbyville; assault in the 4th degree (spouse abuse)—\$72.50 and ten days in jail.

Otis G. Shepherd, 28, of Garrett; no Kentucky registration plates—\$25; no registration receipt—\$25.

James M. Conley, 46, of Prestonsburg; DUI (1st offense, BA .23)—\$267.50 and \$200 fine or two days public service.

Tarzan Prater, 32, of Prestonsburg; AI (1st/2nd offense)—\$112.50.

Jeffrey Tackett, 22, of Weeksbury; criminal trespass (1st degree), amended to 3rd degree—\$102.50.

Sherry Diane Hurley, 35, of Virgie; prostitution—\$162.50 and 30 days in jail.

Felisha Lynn Hall, 20, of Estill; criminal mischief (2nd degree)—make restitution of \$382.91; criminal mischief (3rd degree)—make restitution of \$53.

Amy Stone, 23, of Wayland; criminal mischief (3rd degree)—make restitution of \$382.91; criminal trespass (3rd degree)—make restitution of \$53.

Christopher D. Stumbo, 21, of Drift; DUI (1st offense, BA .08), amended to reckless driving—\$122.50; excessive window tint—\$25; no tinting label on vehicle—\$25; improper equipment—\$25; failure to wear seatbelts—\$25; failure to wear seatbelts—merged; one

headlight—\$25.

Melva J. Harvey, 28, of Salyersville; AI (1st/2nd offense)—\$102.50.

James G. Crager, 40, of Wayland; AI (1st/2nd offense)—\$112.50; drinking alcohol in public (1st/2nd offense)—\$50.

Mattie M. Howell, 40, of Wayland; AI (1st/2nd offense)—\$102.50.

Michael S. Macelhose, 29, of Wayland; residential hunting/fishing without a license or stamp—\$77.50.

Anthony G. Howell, 20, of Topmost; theft by unlawful taking (shoplifting)—\$162.50.

Ronald G. Chaney, 49, of Prestonsburg; AI (1st/2nd offense)—\$102.50.

Walter Moore Jr., 20, of Grethel; AI (1st/2nd offense)—\$102.50.

Jimmy E. Hall, 32, of Topmost; no insurance—\$57.50; no operator's license—\$10.

Robert D. Bailey, 19, of Hueysville; failure to wear seatbelts—\$82.50; failure to wear seatbelts—merged.

Arick H. Hall, 18, of Bevinville; six counts of failure to wear seatbelts—all counts merged into one, \$97.50.

Charles D. Salisbury, 29, of Harold; no insurance—\$97.50; failure to wear seatbelts—\$25.

Ronnie D. McCoy, 24, of Salyersville; no tinting label on vehicle—\$10.

Michael Paul Caldwell, 30, of Busy; improper parking on shoulder—\$72.50.

Jessica D. Hall, 19, of Ivel; no insurance—\$97.50.

Kenneth L. Gilliam, 28, of Pikeville; operating on suspended/revoked license—\$132.50.

Robert W. Lynch, 22, of McCombs; failure to wear seatbelts—\$25.

Charles Hall Jr., 27, of Prestonsburg; no operator's

license—\$132.50.

James L. Spencer, 27, of Salyersville; no insurance—\$97.50.

Billy R. Hall, 24, of Auxier; no headgear/motorcycle—\$72.50; license failed to be in possession—\$25; no insurance—\$250.

Earl Jude, 29, of Tomahawk; AI (1st/2nd offense)—\$87.50; unsworn falsification to authorities—\$50; use/possession of drug paraphernalia (1st offense)—two days in jail to be served concurrent; license failed to be in possession—\$25; possession of marijuana—five days in jail to be served concurrent; disorderly conduct—\$50.

Donnie L. Newsome, 27, of Ligon; AI (3rd offense or more)—\$97.50.

Douglas G. Webb, 42, of Teaberry; AI (1st/2nd offense)—\$25; disorderly conduct—one day in jail.

Rebecca Waddles, 23, of Prestonsburg; violation of EPO—\$72.50 and ten days in jail.

Johnny Perkins, 47, of Melvin; AI (1st/2nd offense)—\$97.50; disorderly conduct—one day in jail.

Restaurant, School, and Mobile Home Park Inspections

Editor's Note: All inspections are made by Floyd County Health Department environmentalists John L. Bailey and Russell Wallace.

• May Valley Elementary, 96: One hand wash lavatory in bad repair.

• May Valley Elementary Cafeteria, 95: No self-closing door on restroom. Outside dumpster not properly covered. Leak over light in kitchen. No items in food service marked. Kitchen is very clean.

• Hardees, 93: No proper hair restraints. Wiping cloth under counter. Coke heads may need to be

cleaned. Outside dumpster not covered. Apron improperly stored on equipment.

• Holiday Inn, 93: One food item not covered at salad bar. Filter over grill needs to be cleaned. Plates not inverted. One faucet leaking. Ceiling needs repairs in kitchen. One coat improperly stored.

• Sav-A-Lot, 91: Wood meat block cracked. One wiping cloth stored on table. Styrofoam trays stored on the floor. Restroom ceilings in bad repair. No towels in men's restroom. Outside dumpster area littered. Floor in bad repair. One area near meat cooler needs to be cleaned.

• David School, 78: Not 50-foot candles (luminous). Floors, walls and ceilings need repairs. No self-closing doors. Inadequate number of restroom facilities. Fire extinguishers discharged and outdated. Notice to correct will be issued. New school near completion and students should be moved in the near future.

• Mt. Manor, 98: No lid on outside dumpster. Inspector's Note: Facility is very clean and in excellent repair.

• A & C Jiffy Mart, 96: No self-closing door in restroom. Floor in bad repair. Ceiling in bad repair.

Marriage Licenses

Shannon Marie Johnson, 21, of Bevinville, and Ary Lee Patrick, 18, of Carrie.

Jennifer L. Bailey, 23, of Banner, and Jessie M. Booth, 22, of Prestonsburg.

Jennifer Lynn Parsons, 18, of Allen, and George Abner Alexander Kidd, 20, of Honaker.

Joyce Joseph, 19, of Gapville, and Benjamin Dorsey Ferguson IV, 18, of Prestonsburg.

Teresa P. Stanfield, 41, of Langley, and Jeffery L. Jones, 34, of Lackey.

Suits Filed

Editor's note: Suits filed are not indicative of guilt but represent only the claims of those filing the action.

Regina Lynn Powers of Endicott vs. William Orville Powers of Emma; dissolution of marriage.

Angela Osborne vs. Deanna Nanny of Prospect; compensation

for alleged injuries sustained in an automobile accident on or about June 23, 1996, in Floyd County.

Donna R. Blackburn vs. Anna Stumbo of Harold; alleged debt.

Devina Dawn Hall of Grethel vs. Charles Stacy Hall of Craynor; dissolution of marriage.

Sarah Lovett Jackson of Prestonsburg vs. Van Jackson of LaGrange; dissolution of marriage.

Matewan National Bank vs. Tommy Keathley of Harold et al.; alleged debt.

Evva Jean Fields Hicks of Pikeville vs. Mickie A. Meade of Martin et al.; compensation for alleged injuries sustained in an automobile accident on or about June 30, 1995, on Ky. Rt. 122.

Willis Hall vs. American Homes Inc. of Allen et al.; request for judicial dissolution.

Susan Hill Martin of Teaberry et al. vs. Lois Waller of Grethel; compensation for alleged injuries sustained in an automobile accident on or about July 15, 1996, on Ky. Route 979, at Grethel.

May Bernice Pryor of Wayland vs. Ed Pryor of Premium; dissolution of marriage.

Property transfers

Carolyn Mahan to Brook Mahan, property on Mink Branch of Big Mud Creek.

First Commonwealth Bank and Ervin and Doris Akers to Steve Pack, Jerry Fannin, Hansel Cooley, and David Layne, property location not listed.

Charles T. Vance and Janet G. Vance to John Isaac and Shella Denise Isaac, property on Left Beaver Creek.

James O. Campbell and Rita Campbell to Charles T. Miller and Brenda K. Miller, property location not listed.

Heather R. Keathley to Chester Keathley, property on Branham Creek.

Morris Hylton III and Marcus James Hylton by his guardian Morris Hylton Jr. to Helen Ratliff, property on Trail Fork Hill of J.S. Reynolds Addition at Allen.

Helen Ratliff (Keene) and Earl Keene to George Jarrell and Charolette Jarrell, property on Trail Fork Hill of J.S. Reynolds Addition at Allen.

Clark Akers and June Akers to Clayton C. Akers and Lora Katherine Akers, property at Prater

Creek.

Brenda Collins Vanasco and Michael Vanasco to Margie Maynard, property location not listed.

Ruth Holt to Mason and Janice Holt, property in Melvin Frazier Subdivision.

Tessie Campbell to Leo Thornsberry and Betty Thornsberry, property on Stone Coal.

Bill Paige to Kermit Paige, property on Tackett Fork.

James Crum III and Renee Crum to Glada Spradlin, property in Prestonsburg.

Diana Owens to Ronald Owens, quitclaim deed to property in Midway Addition, Garrett-Lackey.

Crata DeRossett by her attorney, Joann Benoit, to Hatton-Allen Insurance, property on Tob Derossett Farm.

Dallas Freeman and Marcelline Freeman to Dallas Freeman and Marcelline Freeman, property in Auxier.

Girvie Moore to Ray Moore, property on Stone Coal Creek.

Gladys Martin by Earl Martin McGuire (master commissioner) to Trans Financial Bank, commissioner's deed to property on Second Street, (city not listed).

James R. Turner to Susan Turner Williams, property on Bays Branch Connector Road.

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James R. Turner to Susan Turner Williams, property on Bays Branch Road.

Sterling Turner and Wava Turner, Barbara A. Prater and Otes Prater, Brenda L. Turner, Clennon Turner and Diana S. Turner, Glenda Turner, and Clara Turner to Ivan Turner, property on Stone Coal Branch of Right Beaver Creek.

Wilda Stout and Steve Stout, Georgia Howard and Joe Howard, Shelia Akers and Kenneth Akers, Donna Griffith and Raymond Griffith Jr., to Charles E. Justice, property location not listed.

Stallard Martin and Betty Martin to Jerry L. Blackburn and Carlie Blackburn, property on right hand fork of Bull Creek.

Helen Hill Neeley to David Neeley and Mary Neeley, property on Abbott Creek.

Norma Jean Riley Martin to Brenda Akers, property location not listed.

Kirk Shepherd and Della Shepherd to Kirstina S. Strohschein, property on Lick Fork of Salt Fork.

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Yesterdays

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Michael Anthony Boyd, 15, of Allen, Sunday at a Frankfort hospital; Bill Bailey Moore, 61, of Harold, Friday at the Williamson (W. Va.) Appalachian Regional Hospital; Burlie Beckham Hunter, 63, former Martin barber, last Wednesday at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Roy David Souleyrette, 55, of Wheelwright, last Wednesday in a slatefall in an Island Creek mine at Buckingham; W. H. Sexton, 64, formerly of Wayland, Feb. 11 at his home in Arcadia, California.

Forty Years Ago (March 6, 1957)

The Floyd County Health Department and assisting agencies here during the recent flood emergency have administered 35,000 typhoid shots, according to M. V. Clarke, county health administrator...Floyd County schools lost in the recent flood 10,809 textbooks, valued at \$13,986.17. V. O. Turner, county superintendent of schools, said this week...Three flood debris dump sites to serve this county are now being used by the Civil Defense, it was announced Tuesday by M. V. Clarke, health administrator...Red Cross disaster headquarters for Floyd County announced with the closing of applications on March 4, that 956 families have applied for Red Cross assistance...The Prestonsburg City Council enacted an ordinance at its Monday evening meeting increasing garbage collection fees. Fees for collection from residences will be increased from 50 cents to \$1.00 a month...Grady Wallace, of Mare Creek, and former Betsy Layne high school net star, this week became the first basketball player from this area to be named an all-American...Married: Miss Florence Billiter, of Martin, and Mr. John F. Anderson, of McDowell, Feb. 16 at the home of the bride's brother at Allen; Miss Phyllis Deen Martin, of Hi Hat, and Mr. Donald Gene Moore, of Orkney, Dec. 27 at the bride's home...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Billy D. Hale, of Prestonsburg, a daughter, Cynthia Elizabeth, Feb. 15...There died: James Horn, 88, last Wednesday at his home at Brainard; Bee Hayes, 81, of Maytown, last Thursday at the home of a sister; Melvin Carroll, 71, recently at home at Alphoretta; Raymond Ousley, 50, of Willard, O., formerly of this county, Sunday at Toledo, O.; Lewis Bentley, 56, formerly of Toyled County, Tuesday of last week at a Huntington hospital; Mrs. Lillie Smith Rainey, 66, of Wheelwright, Wednesday at the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville.

Fifty Years Ago (February 27, 1947)

The Princess Elkhorn Coal Company's No. 1 mine at David is strikebound for the second week, with approximately 280 men idle since Monday of last week...Crushed by a "trip" of empty cars which ran wild into his "room" of the Inland Steel Company mine at Wheelwright last Saturday midnight, George

McCarty, 49-year-old miner, was instantly killed...Semi-finals of the VFW basketball tournament now in progress here will be played tonight (Thursday) with Garrett meeting Pikeville and Prestonsburg engaging Betsy Layne...William R. Callihan Jr., of Prestonsburg, has been named chairman of the 1947 Red Cross fund drive...Four Prestonsburg firms burglarized Tuesday night were Cooley's Service Station, the Pure Oil Service Station at the corner of Broadway and Richmond, the Cooley Motor Company and the newsstand of E. D. Ward...Married: Miss Sadie Pitts and Mr. Columbus Shepherd, of David, Saturday, here; Miss Betty Castle and Mr. Arnold Triplett, of David, Jan. 25 at Paintsville; Miss Myrtle Lewis and Mr. Clarence W. Clark, of Mare Creek, Feb. 10...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Joe A. Spradlin, of Prestonsburg, a son—Joe Spradlin, Jr.—Feb. 15 at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Ousley, of Maytown, a son—Gary Randall; to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Morrow, of Betsy Layne, a son—Gary Eugene, Feb. 8 at the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville...There died: Mrs. Nelle Davis Wicker, 82, of Lackey, Monday at the Stumbo Memorial Hospital, Lackey; Mrs. Eula M. Stanley Conley, 26, at home at Garrett, Tuesday night; Sam Kimanska, 42, last Thursday at his home at Martin; Arthur Lee, 10-day-old infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul D. Kingsley, of Osborn, at the Gearheart Hospital, Martin, Friday.

Sixty Years Ago (February 26, 1937)

The highway department this week is surveying the Mayo Trail from Paintsville to Louisa in preparing to give the 26-mile stretch a high-type surface in accordance with Federal Bureau of Roads specifications...Following the dynamiting of a tractor, February 17, a result of the dispute between teamsters and the field officials of the Inland Gas Corporation, the company has abandoned further construction of a 12-mile Lackey-to-Hindman pipeline, pending an investigation by federal authorities...A tention suspension bridge, to be built at Banner, is now being advertised for bids by the Floyd Fiscal Court...Residents from all sections of Eastern Kentucky and Northern Virginia will meet at Pikeville, Saturday, to form an organization to push the proposed game preserve and park at the Breaks of the Big Sandy in Kentucky and Virginia...The purchase of the Eagle Bus Line by the Sparks Bros. Bus Company, of Prestonsburg, was announced here this week...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Howard, of Prestonsburg, a son—Donald Lee—February 18; to Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Neeley, of Prestonsburg, a son—Carlos Edward—February 7...There died: Solomon Perry, 18, of West Prestonsburg, at the Stumbo Memorial Hospital, February 18.

Freedom

could possibly do one more wheelchair ramp and he explained Webb's circumstances.

Barrett did not view the need for the ramp and his phone call to Little as a coincidence, but as the will of God.

"The Good Lord provides. There was a higher power (at work) there," Barrett told Little at Webb's home last week.

Webb expressed amazement at how swiftly her plea for help was answered.

"I didn't think I'd get it 'afore spring. It surprised me to death. They just went to work at it and it was done 'afore you knew it."

Normally, applicants for home construction projects through Christian Appalachian Project must meet stringent guidelines, but Barrett said those guidelines are waived for clients using the health department's waiver program.

"If they qualify for (Rudy's) program, I waive all our requirements. If home health call us, that's all the waiver we need," Barrett said.

Little called Barrette a "miracle-maker." CAP's home repair service recently aided several of the health department's waiver patients, including the construction of two ramps for multiple sclerosis patients.

"Over the last three years, we have built a couple of dozen of (ramps)," Barrett said.

They have also put roofs on homes, put rails on ramps, and built a set of stairs. They also built a long wheelchair ramp for Barrett. The ramp extends from Webb's back door to a graveled pathway that leads to a dirt driveway. The walkway, which is tightly packed with finely chipped gravel, was also built by Christian Appalachian Project.

Webb, though, is encountering problems with the graveled path. "My wheelchair buries down in the gravel. One (person) has to push and one has to pull (the chair)," Webb said.

One day last week, Barrett took a look at the pathway in an effort to make it more accessible to Webb's wheelchair.

The waiver program contributed \$450 toward the cost of the ramp at Webb's home, but that's only a small

portion of the cost.

"It could cost a lot more than that with the material and labor," Barrett said. "They run anywhere from \$500 to \$1,600."

One ramp cost \$2,000. The ramp was built for a man with cancer who lived on a hillside.

"He had no way to get from the hill to the road," Little recalled. "Now, he's got an electric wheelchair. He can get up and down with the wheelchair."

Christian Appalachian Project provided materials for the ramp and

members of a church provided the labor.

After leaving Webb's residence, Little said CAP needs donations and he encouraged members of the community to contribute to CAP so Waiver patients "can get more ramps."

"There is nothing on earth as good as going to someone's house and they're happy with their life, and they're at peace with God. Erma (Webb) is one of those people. Erma is very at peace with God — and with herself," Little said.

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Births

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February 3: A daughter, Cassie McKenzie, to Michelle Marie and Ronald Brian Gearles; a son, Zachery Stephen, to Mary Lee and Gregory Stephen Caudill; a daughter, Emily Ravon Chrissia, to Samra and Christopher Conley.

February 4: A son, Brandon Corey, to Sherri and Eddie Mullins; a son, Tyler Dwayne Thacker, to Mary Elizabeth Thacker and Denver Dwayne Bartley; a son, Seth Alexander, to Dena Renee and Leslie Craig Hall.

February 5: A son, Dalton Boone

Michael, to Lyla and Mark Frasure.

February 6: A son, David Michael, to Susan Jane and Clyde David Thomas; a daughter, Courtney Breanna, to Cathy Lynn and Mallie Anderson; a daughter, Alyssa Lashae, to Cynthia Gail and Harold Dean Fraley.

February 7: A son, John Daron Collins, to Glenna Arlene Bentley; a daughter, Morgan Alexandra Nicole, to Grethen Lea and Ricky Dale Hensley.

February 8: A son, James Isaac Joseph, to Laura Lynn and Bruce Bernell Lucas Jr.; a daughter, Chelsea Michelle, to Stephanie

Michelle and William Bryant Justice.

February 9: A son, Toby Clinard Daniels II, to Mollie Ann and Toby Clinard Daniels.

February 10: A son, Stephen Chase Daniels, to Amy Jolene York; a son, Wesley Jerrad, to Jacqueline and James Harold Layne; a son, Bradley Seymore Lawson, to Mona Lisa Williams; a son, Michael David, to Christy Ann and David Loren Pickett.

February 11: A son, Seth Christian, to Stephanie Leigh and Shannon Dale Shepherd; a son, Jonathan Dylan Slone, to Machele

Ratliff and James Donald Slone; a daughter, Makayla Brooke, to Brandy Lee Stumbo; a daughter, Kaitlin Elizabeth Ward, to Amy Elizabeth Osborne and Richard Ward.

February 12: A daughter, Alexandria Kay-Lee, to Kristal Kay and Danny Lee Casey; a daughter, Summer Danielle, to Chrystal Ann and Gary Wayne Younce.

February 13: A son, Talob Anthony Wright, to Dolly Rebecca Wright and Daniel Stewart; a son, Jamie Nicholas, to Brandi and Jamie Darrell Keene; a daughter, Briana Lynn, to Kimberly Lynn and

Brian Keith Hedgedus; a son, Tristan Ryan Blair, to Melissa Justice and Wesley Ryan Blair; a son, Cody Lee, to Tonya Lea and Kevin Craig Charles.

February 14: A daughter, Krystal Renee Smallwood, to Billie Jean Caudill and Homer Jackson Smallwood II; a daughter, Megan Breann Stiltner, to Jennifer Lynn Bowers and Gary Lee Stiltner Jr.; a son, Stacy Cole, to Amy Michelle and Troy Michael Hunt; a son, Joseph Dwayne, to Helen Marie and Jerry Dwayne Pinion; a daughter, Seandra Ranae Belcher, to Stephanie Lynn Poree and Sean Edward Belcher.

February 15: A son, Zachary Tyler, to Crystal Gail and Jackie Leon Plumb; a son, Larry Gene Braxton, to Jamie Rayleena and Larry Mullins.

February 16: A son, Michael Lee, to Sandra Dee Johnson; a daughter, Sydney Paige, to Mechelle Lea and Charles Dean Jones; a son, Ethan Ray, to Rebecca Lynn and Earl Ray Casey; a son, Chatlin Cole, to Rella Sue and Vincent Edard Jarrell.

February 17: A son, Gregory Dwayne Swiney II, to Heather Sue and Gregory Dwayne Swiney; a son, Blake Andrew, to Tonya Marie and Brian Christopher Rejcek; a

daughter, Larissa Faith, to Tammy Sue and Larry Gene Ratliff.

HIGHLANDS REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

February 11: A son, Malik Mohammad Maadat, to Lovelle Rachelle McCarty of Keaton.

February 12: A son, Nicholas Damian, to Charlotte Faye and Millis David Hall of Wheelwright.

February 13: A daughter, Lauren Haley, to Lisa Michelle and Stephen Craig Delong of Hager Hill; a daughter, Taelor Renee, to Billie Sue and Michael Scott Blevins of Prestonsburg.

February 14: A daughter, Brittany Gail to Crystal and George McGinnis Jr. of Tomahawk; a daughter, Sheila Danielle Conn, to Sheila Marie Tackett of Betsy Layne; a son, Matthew Kelly Akers, to Ella Mae Risner of Grethel.

February 15: A son, Mark Austin, to Shannon Dawn and Brian Adkins of Winchester; a daughter, Sandra Neshae Cavins, to Jackie Lynn Bailey of Thealka; a daughter, Allison Nicole Lovely, to Lillian Rose and Timothy Lovely of Royalton.

February 16: A daughter, Savannah Chantel, to Angela Rena and Kevin Gerald Spurlock of Minnie.

Mary Ingles, Early American Heroine

Adam Harman, his wife, son and daughters, hardly recognized their friend and neighbor Mary Ingles after she showed up at the edge of their property in November of 1755.

Mary had been kidnapped in July of that year along with her two sons and sister-in-law. She gave birth to a daughter during the travel to the Indian village in Ohio. Mary's sons and baby were taken from her. The infant was adopted by an Indian chief but died not long thereafter.

Mary Ingles escaped with Duchess, who had been captured by the Indians several years before. During the lengthy trek through the wilds with little food, tattered clothing and worn out moccasins, Duchess became deranged and threatened to kill and eat Mary but she was able to escape and get to the opposite side of the river.

It wasn't long after Mary, emaciated and weak, was taken to the Harman home that she asked about her husband Will.

Will had urged the settlers to pursue the Indians and rescue their family members in July, but their guns, lead and gunpowder had been taken by the Shawnees. Will's neighbors knew it would be foolhardy to take such a risk.

Will and John Draper, Mary's brother whose wife was also kidnapped, had spent the weeks that followed petitioning the government to scout the position of the Shawnees, attack them and rescue their prisoners. Virginia Governor Dinwiddie agreed to send such an expedition but a sufficient number of men were not available and by October the plan was quashed.

Ingles and Draper were livid. It had been weeks since their wives and children were taken. Draper's infant son was killed at the time of the kidnapping.

"Will, the gov'ment has had some success in using the Cherokees in such matters," Draper said. "It's probably our best chance of getting them back before Christmas. I'm afraid if we wait 'til spring we'll never get them back alive."

Will agreed to the plan and the two sought approval of the authorities at the state capital. It was quickly granted. Early explorer and settler Christopher Gist and great Indian fighter Matthias Harman agreed to join them on their journey to the Cherokee towns on the Little Tennessee River.

The Cherokees knew Gist and Harman and agreed to assist them with their plan but insisted on postponing the effort until the following February since the cold nights were already signaling an early winter. Ingles and Draper were returning to the fort at Dunkard's Bottom and camped five miles away on the night Harman found Mary Ingles and took her to his

cabin.

They rode on to the fort the following morning and were surprised to learn that Mary had returned.

"I must warn you Will," one of the settlers told him. "She doesn't look like your Mary. She's as scrawny as can be and no bigger than my 70-pound Naomi. She musta walked 300 miles through the woods. I'd say she was lucky not to be eaten up by bears or black panthers."

"What about my Elizabeth?" Draper chimed.

"You'll have to learn for yourself, John," came the answer. "They said she was too weak to say much exceptin' for wanting to see Will."

The men quickly rode on to the Harman cabin where Will had a joyful reunion with Mary.

"What about Thomas and George?" Will finally asked. "And what happened to the baby?"

"Oh, Will," Mary said weakly as tears formed in her eyes. "They took our boys from me. 'They are living in huts on a big river. They took our baby, a pretty baby girl, and she's dead. Oh Will, how can we

ever get back our Thomas and George?"

"I'll get them back, Mary, if it's the last thing I ever do," Will answered.

Mary told them about Duchess and asked that a party be sent on a voyage to rescue her if still alive. Early Americans often used the word voyage to mean a trip or journey.

"We won't go for her after doing what she did to you, Mary," Adam Harman said.

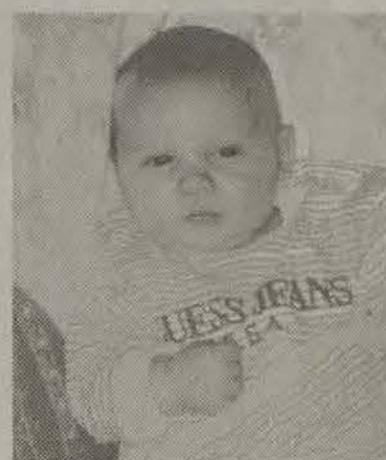
"Adam, you must go because I told God in my prayers that we'd go back for her if I returned safely," Mary answered. "God might strike me dead in my tracks if we don't go for her."

Adam and several others went looking for her and within three hours heard a female voice periodically calling out, "haloo, haloo." It was Duchess. They returned to the fort with her. Though Mary and Duchess had a violent separation several days before, their reunion was filled with tears of compassion and concern. They both knew the traumatic circumstances had caused their extreme actions.

Will nursed his wife back to health in the weeks that followed, but Mary had recurring dreams of being recaptured by the Shawnees and by being trampled by reincarnated mammoths whose huge bones she saw in the bone yard at Big Bone Licks from where she escaped.

Editor's note: Read the conclusion of Jadon's story about Mary Ingles, an early American heroine, next week in the Floyd County Times.

FROM THE MOUNTAINS by Jadon Gibson



Birth announced

Tommy and Kathy (Whitt) Sparks of Harold, announce the birth of their second son, Joshua Ronald Martin Sparks. He was born November 9, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. He weighed 9 lb. 5 oz. and was 19 inches long. Joshua's maternal grandparents are Ronald and Betsy Melnick of Westland, Michigan, and the late Billy Ray Whitt. His paternal grandparents are Irene Sparks of Harold, and the late Thomas Sparks Jr. Joshua has a big brother, Justin Sparks.



Birth announced

James Ellis and Laurie Sharpe Howard of Nicholasville announce the birth of their son, James Andrew, born February 10, at U.K. Medical Center, Lexington. He weighed 7 pounds and 12 2/10 ounces and was 20 inches long. Paternal grandparents are Lawrence and Louise Howard. Maternal grandparents are Mary Ann Merriman and J.W. Sharpe.

Birthdays

Celebrates seventh birthday

Tia Lashae Salisbury celebrated her seventh birthday with her father, Danny Salisbury, of Hunter.

She received many gifts from her family.

She is the granddaughter of Ervin and Bernice Salisbury of Eastern.

She also is the daughter of Joetta Slone of Ligon and granddaughter of Virgil and Joyce Slone of Hi Hat.



Tia Lashae Salisbury

Celebrates second birthday

Lucas Donovan Blake Hamilton, a son of Elmer Donald and Michelle Newsome Hamilton, celebrated his second birthday on February 13, at McDonald's.

He is the grandson of Elmer and Thelma Hamilton, and Kermit and Priscilla Newsome, all of Teaberry. He is the great-grandson of Victor and Mildred Osborne of Beaver and Nellie Newsome of Teaberry.

Guests attending his party were Shellie and Dillon Hamilton, Leslie and Chelsea and Bethany Newsome, Amanda and Victoria Osborne, Dustin and Austin Burchett.



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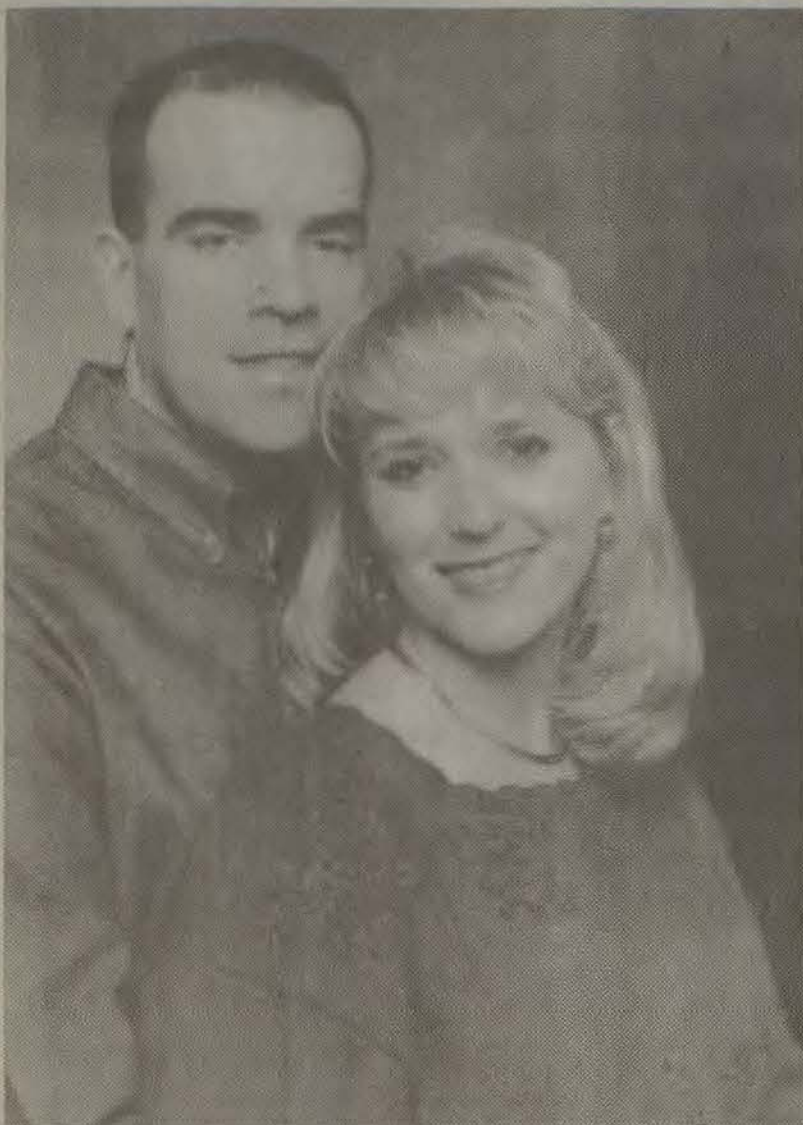
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Engagements



Carla Hall and Craig McGlone

Hall and McGlone to wed

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hall of Banner announce the engagement of their daughter, Carla, and Craig McGlone, the son of Dan McGlone of Huntington, West Virginia and the late Carol McGlone.

Ms. Hall will graduate from the University of Kentucky Physicians Assistant program in June. Mr. McGlone is a graduate of Alice Lloyd College and is employed by the Kentucky State Police.

Ms. Hall is also the granddaughter of Virginia Hall of Martin, the late Carl Hall and Jean Rice of Banner, and the late George Rice.

A November wedding is planned.



Hereford-Cooper to exchange vows

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas M. Hereford III of Prestonsburg announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Dr. Mary Callihan Hereford, and Dr. Scott Cooper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Cooper of Atlanta, Georgia. Dr. Hereford is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Callihan of Prestonsburg and the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas M. Hereford. The wedding is planned for July 12, in Atlanta. Doctors Hereford and Cooper will reside in Atlanta where they are employed.



Gregory A. Ousley and Stephanie Hitch

Ousley, Hitch to wed

Orville and Alvie Ousley of Prestonsburg, announce the engagement of their grandson, Gregory A. Ousley, of Lexington, and Stephanie Hitch of Grave Pointe Woods, Michigan.

A July wedding is planned.

Hitch has a bachelor of science degree in child development elementary education from Michigan State University.

She is a teacher with Jefferson

County public schools.

Ousley earned his bachelor of arts degree in political science from the University of Kentucky and a J.D. degree from the University of Louisville School of Law.

He works in the office of the commonwealth's attorney in Louisville.

Gregory is also the grandson of George Wyatt of Prestonsburg, and the late Hazel Wyatt.

Understanding depression leads to early response

If you are struggling with serious depression, you're not alone. About 50 million Americans, or one out of every five—become seriously depressed at some time in their lives. Depression can affect anyone of any age, at any time.

There's good news through: depression responds very well to treatment, and usually does so in a fairly short time.

Nearly everyone occasionally struggles with "feeling blue," or being "down in the dumps" or "in a bad mood." These are common reactions to the inevitable hardships of life. However, if the sadness continues for some time or intensifies, you may be experiencing more than moderate feelings of being "down" or sad. You may have the condition mental health professionals call depression or clinical depression.

Depression is an emotional state of feeling sad, lonely and dejected, usually accompanied by negative thinking, and often involving physical symptoms such as fatigue and headaches.

According to the Journal of Clinical Psychiatry, depressive illness in the United States costs almost \$44 billion each year. Yet the most devastating costs of depression cannot be measured economically—the anguish and pain, the lost creativity, and the enormous spin-off effects on family, friends and organizations.

Two percent of all children and five percent of all adolescents suffer from depression. People over 65 are four times more likely to succumb

to depression than the rest of the population.

Since depression—whether mild or severe—is so common and since it responds well to both self-help strategies and professional care, it's important that you know how to recognize the signs of depression in yourself and others. This is an important first step in enabling you and those you care about to overcome depression and lead healthier, happier lives.

Some common signs of depression include: feelings of sadness, hopelessness, worthlessness or loneliness; withdrawal from people

sult a qualified mental health professional.

It is absolutely not true that only weak people battle with serious depression. In fact, depression often strikes some of the most intelligent, capable and creative individuals: Abraham Lincoln, Joan Rivers, Winston Churchill, Vincent van Gogh, and Emily Dickinson to name a few.

It doesn't help much to blame yourself for being depressed. You may be no more at fault than if you had asthma or diabetes. Also avoid blaming other people and circumstances. Assigning blame is of lim-

er. Self-help strategies and support groups also can be effective in combating depression.

If you or a loved one have been depressed for a long time or experiences severe mood swings, seek assistance from a qualified mental health professional. The earlier you seek treatment, the better, although it's never too late. When in doubt, reach out.

Seeking help with depression does not mean that you are crazy or that something is wrong with you. It doesn't mean that you can't handle your own problems. It's just smart. Getting help when it's needed is a sign of strength and intelligence, not weakness. Successful people know when to seek expert advice.

In choosing a qualified professional counselor, don't hesitate to ask questions and do some shopping around.

Look for a therapist you feel good about, one whose skills are well-suited to your needs. Often this can be done with a few phone calls. Counseling and the insight and behavior change that come from it can be very positive and growth producing.

Remember, even in its most serious forms, depression is very treatable. Among those seeking professional help, the recovery rate is high.

For the vast majority of depressed persons, counseling, medication or a combination of both can bring relief, significant improvement, and often full recovery.

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and activities; concentration problems, crying spells, or lack of emotional expression; low self-esteem, slow movements, and unkempt appearance; suicidal thoughts and wishes; and physical problems such as aches, fatigue, digestive and sleep disturbances, weight gain or loss, and decreased sexual interest.

Manic depression shows up in frenzied activity—constantly on the go, non-stop partying, racing thoughts, and reckless activities.

If you suspect depression, con-

sulted value; learning and healing and getting on with life are what's really important.

Clinical depression can be treated by a range of therapies as well as with medication. Sometimes depression involves biochemical imbalances in the body that are best treated with specific antidepressant medications. Usually, although not always, medication is used in combination with counseling. When medication is not accompanied by counseling, the relapse rate is high-

Health Matters

OVERCOME YOUR FITNESS HURDLES

Our mind is a special gift. It can talk us into and out of many things including exercise. Sometimes the greatest hurdles we have for becoming fit are our own thoughts. Here are some of the tips to overcoming the mental hurdles in becoming active.

Most of us believe we have no time. This is one of the most common reasons people give not to exercise.

To overcome this problem you need to make fitness a priority and you will find the time.

Often our old habits can get in our way to a fitter life. Inactivity can be a hard habit to break. The hardest step is always the first. Each time you exercise, the next one will be easier.

People give up too quickly on exercise. They expect a miracle in one week. If you have been inactive for 20 years, you should not

expect a turn-around in just one week. As a general rule of thumb, you need to give exercise at least three months before expecting to see significant results.

If you prepare mentally, just as an athlete before a game, then beginning an exercise program will be a success.

As 99% of the game is mental, so is beginning a fitness program. Prepare both mentally and physically for beginning a new lifestyle.

Tip: Aerobic activity can reduce your risk for cancers such as breast cancer.

EXERCISE IS THE BEST WAY TO LOSE WEIGHT

Many individuals think that starving themselves will help them lose weight. However, true maintenance of weight loss is most likely to occur when exercise is included. You cannot live on a starvation diet for the rest of your life, but exercise can be main-

tained for a lifetime.

Why is exercise so important for weight loss? Exercise burns calories during and after exercise. Exercise may keep metabolism up for as long as 24 hours.

Exercise also increases muscle mass. Every pound of muscle burns 25 to 100 calories per day versus 5 calories per pound of fat. Thus your metabolism increases after exercise as well as due to the increase in muscle mass.

Most studies show that overweight people do not eat more calories than lean people, they just burn few calories in activities. Thus correcting caloric intake is attacking the wrong problem. You need to increase your physical activity.

So turn off the TV and begin moving. You will lose those extra pounds that you want and feel better.

Most people who continue to exercise do not do so because of

their weight loss but because they feel better and enjoy it.

Tip: When losing weight through exercise, your weight on the scale may not reduce but you may lose inches.

Christopher G. Fleming is Instructor of Kinesiology and Health Promotion and is the Director of Project Health at Prestonsburg Community College. He has a bachelor's degree in Health and Physical Education, a master's degree in Education, and a Master's plus Thirty with emphasis in Exercise Science. Fleming is also a certified American College of Sports Medicine Health Fitness Instructor.

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Business/Real Estate

Dr. Musgrave joins Pikeville Methodist staff

One of the nation's 11 board-certified Medical Oncology and Infectious Disease physicians has joined the staff of Pikeville Methodist Hospital and the Leonard Lawson Cancer CareCenter.

Tamara L. Musgrave, M.D., originally from Jenkins, is board certified in both fields of medical expertise as well as Internal Medicine. According to officials at the American Society of Internal Medicine, Dr. Musgrave is

one of only 11 physicians in the nation who is board certified in both Medical Oncology (cancer care) and Infectious Diseases. Kentucky Hospital Association said that Dr. Musgrave is the only board certified Infectious Disease physician who practices east of Lexington.

Dr. Musgrave graduated from East Tennessee State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology and Chemistry. She then received her Doctor of Medicine degree from Quillen College of Medicine in Johnson City, Tennessee in 1984. After completing a one-year internship in Internal Medicine, she continued her education through a two-year residency in Internal Medicine at the Quillen College of Medicine. After completing her residency training, Dr. Musgrave secured a fellowship in Infectious Diseases at Quillen College of Medicine. During her fellowship, Dr. Musgrave received specialized training in pediatric infectious disease from Boston City Hospital in Boston, Massachusetts and in transplant infections from the University of Nebraska in Omaha, Nebraska. While working in Nebraska, she developed an interest in Medical Oncology and subsequently completed a fellowship in Medical Oncology at Quillen College of Medicine.

After finishing her second fellowship in 1991, Dr. Musgrave joined the faculty of her alma mater, Quillen College of Medicine. She was actively involved in clinical practice, teaching and research. In January of 1993, she accepted a position at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Asheville, North Carolina which is a Duke University Hospital affiliate. There, she served as an Associate Chief of Staff and Chief of Infectious Disease.

Dr. Musgrave will open a private practice in the South Mayo Medical Building on March 3 and will provide care for adult patients with cancer and infectious diseases consultation.

Medical research has always interested Dr. Musgrave, and she has done research in several areas,



Dr. Tamara L. Musgrave

including resistant bacteria, evaluation of new antibiotics, enhancing the immune system to fight infections, the effect of morphine on the immune system, and she worked with the Eastman Center for Nutrition Research to study the role of vitamins and nutrition in cancer. Currently, Dr. Musgrave is participating with the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta, Georgia, as an investigator for their project, ICARE. This project involves studying resistant bacteria in Intensive Care Units.

She is a member of Alpha Omega Alpha, an honor medical society, the American Medical Association, the American Society of Clinical Oncology, the American Society of Hospital Epidemiologists and is a fellow in the American College of Physicians.

Dr. Musgrave is a daughter of Dr. Earnest E. Musgrave of Paintsville and Ms. Florence Musgrave, formerly of Johnson City, Tennessee. She is the granddaughter of the late Floyd and Opal Blackburn of Robinson Creek.

"Dr. Musgrave's arrival in Pikeville is a wonderful opportunity for Pikeville Methodist Hospital and the patients who are served by our hospital," hospital administrator Martha O'Regan Chill said. "Having Eastern Kentucky's only Infectious Disease specialist in Pikeville will truly benefit many patients, not only in obtaining this specialized medical care, but being able to obtain this distinctive care right here at home."

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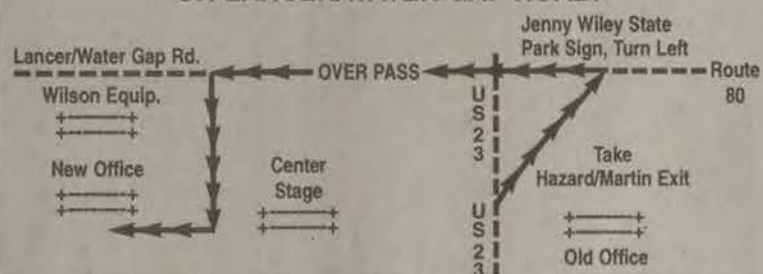
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Commerce Corner

The Floyd County Chamber of Commerce was rewarded with the satisfaction of project completion twice this past week!

The Chamber "Quality of Life" publication, which is a 40 page cover-colored brochure with a fold out map and membership directory, has officially been completed. This attractive brochure will be given to tourists and prospective customers for Chamber members. Executive director Carla S. Coburn feels this is a project that members will be very proud of, and it is a prime example of what the Chamber of Commerce does for its membership!

This week the Chamber also accomplished a project goal with Floyd County's Future Youth Group. Executive director Carla S. Coburn is the business liaison with the school system in Floyd County, and has been working with this group in their efforts to establish a drug and alcohol free "Teen Night Club."

The Chamber of Commerce was able to introduce the group to the Chamber member, Evergreen Bowling Center, which was interested in a similar project. This is a collaborative effort in which everyone wins, and the Chamber of Commerce is proud to have played a significant role in getting this project off the ground.

The project has been getting the attention of area civic groups, and needs the support of the business community and parents for it to become a reality. The goal of this project is to give our kids a positive place to socialize, where drugs and alcohol are not the focus. If you would like to be involved in the project, contact executive director Carla S. Coburn for information.

The Chamber of Commerce is the exclusive advocate of the business community in Floyd County. If you would like the security of having the support of our business organization, contact the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce at (606) 886-0364.

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Legals

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 860-5154, Amendment No. 2

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that CONSOL of Kentucky, Inc., P.O. Box 130, Mousie, Kentucky 41839 has applied for an amendment to an existing surface/auger coal mining and reclamation operation located 1.5 miles south of Lackey and situated in both Knott and Floyd Counties. The amendment will add 11.16 acres of surface disturbance, making a total area of 1023.26 acres within the amended permit boundary.

The proposed amendment area is approximately 0.80 mile southeast from Triplett Branch Road's junction with KY 550 and located 0.10 mile southeast of Triplett Branch. The latitude is 37° 26' 42" and longitude is 82° 49' 50".

The proposed amendment area is located on the Wayland U.S.G.S. 7.5 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed by the amendment is owned by CONSOL of Kentucky, Inc. and Knott Floyd Land Company. The operation will use the contour method of surface mining.

The amendment application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 2705 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653-1455. Written comments, objections or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

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

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-5315 Operator Change

In accordance with 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that The Elk Horn Coal Corporation, 415 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653 intends to revise permit number 836-5315 to change the operator. The operator presently approved in the permit is The Elk Horn Coal Corporation, 415 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. The new operator will be Island Fork Construction, LTD, 3681 Robert C. Byrd Drive, Box 1157, Beaver, WV 25813.

The operation is located 0.10 mile west of Hunter in Floyd County. The operation is approximately 2.57 miles southwest from KY 122's junction with State Route 2030 and located 0.10 miles southwest of Left Beaver Creek. The operation is located on the Martin U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map at latitude 37-30-22 and longitude 82-45-21.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Pikeville Regional Office, 109 Mays Branch Road, Pikeville, KY 41501. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, KY 40601. All comments or objections must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date.

The proposed major revision is located on the Harold U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be affected by the major revision is owned by Industrial Fuels Mineral Company.

The major revision proposes to add contour mining and processing/management areas for stockpiling of coal. The revised area will have a postmining landuse of wildlife habitat and a contemporaneous reclamation variance is being requested.

The major revision application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 2705 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653-1410. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

This is the final advertisement of this application; all comments, objections or requests for a permit conference must be received within 30 days of this date.

The permit area is approximately 3.2 miles south of KY 979's junction with KY 3379, and is located 0.2 mile southwest of Branham Creek. The latitude is 37° 29' 00" and the longitude is 82° 18' 37".

The performance bond (Certificate of Deposit) now in effect for the permit is \$11,900. 100% of the original bond of \$21,400 is included in this application for release.

Reclamation work thus far performed includes: backfilling and grading, sampling and testing, liming, fertilizing, seeding and mulching, and was completed in Fall 1996. Results thus far achieved include: establishment of vegetation and the post mining land use in accordance with the approved post mining land use plan.

Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, Frankfort, KY

40601 by April 18, 1997.

A hearing date for this bond release request has been set for April 21, 1997 at 9:00 a.m., at the Department for Surface Mining and Enforcement's Regional Office, 2705 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. The hearing will be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by April 18, 1997.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-9013 Major Revision No. 1

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Costain Coal, Inc., 170 Tollage Creek Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501 has applied for a major revision to an existing refuse slurry impoundment coal processing facility located 0.5 mile south of Ivel in Floyd County. The major revision will add 14.0 acres of surface disturbance acres making a total area of 156.07 acres within the revised permit boundary.

The proposed major revision is located on the Martin U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map at latitude 37-30-22 and longitude 82-45-21.

The proposed major revision is located on the Harold U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be affected by the major revision is owned by Industrial Fuels Mineral Company.

The major revision proposes to add contour mining and processing/management areas for stockpiling of coal. The revised area will have a postmining landuse of wildlife habitat and a contemporaneous reclamation variance is being requested.

The major revision application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 2705 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653-1410. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

This is the final advertisement of this application; all comments, objections or requests for a permit conference must be received within 30 days of this date.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 898-5853 Amendment No. 1

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Kentucky May Coal Company, Inc., P.O. Box 784, Hazard, KY 41702, has applied for an amendment to an existing underground coal mining and reclamation operation located 0.5 mile northwest of Speight in Pike County, KY. The amendment will add 1.11 acres of surface disturbance and will underlie an additional 1164.14 acres making a total area of 2024.03 acres within the amended permit boundary.

The proposed amendment area is approximately 0.1 miles east from Barley Branch Road's junction with KY State Route 1469 and located 0.05 mile north of Long Fork. The latitude is 37° 16' 40" and the longitude is 82° 41' 31".

The proposed operation is located on the Wheelwright U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Hurley Johnson. The operation will underlie land owned by Flabon Hall, Marion Johnson, Grant Honeycutt, Virnus Isaac's Estate, Gary Hall, Ethel Holland, Sandra Childers, Drax Fouts, Louie Burke, Leonard Burke, Orville

Burke, Grant Burke, Johnny Roop, Kinship Resources and Progress Land Corporation.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Pikeville Regional Office, 109 Mays Branch Road, Pikeville, KY 41501. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, KY 40601.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-5348, Amendment No. 2

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Costain Coal, Inc., 251 Tollage Creek, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501, has applied for an amendment to an existing underground coal mining and reclamation operation located 2.0 miles west of Grethel in Floyd County. The amendment will underlie an additional 126.7 acres making a total area of 449.01 acres within the amended permit boundary.

The proposed amendment area is approximately 2.5 miles from Rt. 2030's junction with Little Mud Creek Road and located 0.1 miles east of Little Mud Creek. The latitude is 37° 28' 07" and the longitude is 82° 40' 59".

The proposed amendment is located on the

McDowell USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The amendment will underlie land owned by Audrey Parsons, Bobby Lawson and Maye Akers.

The amendment application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 2705 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653-1410. Written comments, objections, or requests for permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

March 6, 1997 at 11:30 a.m. a 1994 Crimson 14x72 mobile home, s/n CALS3840 will be sold to the highest bidder for cash "as is, where is" at Janice Davis Mobile Home Park, Rt. 194 (Cowpen), Allen, KY 41653, to satisfy the unpaid balance of a Retail Installment Contract and Security Agreement, signed by James D. Halbert and Theresa Halbert on December 20, 1995. The mobile home may be inspected before the sale. The Bank reserves the right to bid. The buyer will pay all taxes and transfer fees.

Pikeville National Bank Collection Department
Pikeville, KY
Greg Justice,
Auctioneer

LEGAL NOTICE FOR REMOVAL OF IMPROVEMENTS ACQUIRED BY THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY TRANSPORTATION CABINET

JOHNSON COUNTY; ITEM NO. 12-0713.13
SSP-058-0023-001-004-077R;000RR-00027-000
PRESTONSBURG-PAINTSVILLE ROAD (U.S. 23)
IDC No. 1 (Parcel No. 20 - Johnson
(Parcel No. 24 - Lavender)
(Parcel No. 25 - Blackburn)

Sealed Bids for the Removal of Improvements listed below will be opened at 10:00 a.m., March 21, 1997 at the Right of Way Office of the Transportation Cabinet, Department of Highways, District Office No. Ten, Highway 15, P.O. Box 621, Jackson, Kentucky.

Par. No.	Description	Former Owner
20	2-Story Frame House Detached Garage	William Johnson
24	2-Story Frame House 2-Story Block Commercial Building Small Storage Shed	Barbara Lavender
25	Large Commercial Metal Building	Gene Blackburn

Asbestos abatement is required on this contract and shall be the responsibility of the successful bidder. All contractors/consultants employed for asbestos abatement shall be certified by the KNREPC. Laboratories utilized for appropriate analysis shall be EPA certified. Hazardous waste disposal shall be accomplished by KNREPC registered transporters.

Rodent Control measures are necessary on this contract and shall be the responsibility of the successful bidder.

The Transportation Cabinet reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

When bidding Amount Due Bidder, awards will be made on a lump sum basis. When bidding Amount Due State, awards will be made on individual parcel basis.

All bids must be submitted on the official Transportation Cabinet, Division of Right of Way bid form. All bidders are cautioned to fill out the bid form COMPLETELY and to comply with all requirements in submitting a bid, since omissions may disqualify their bid.

The Transportation Cabinet will affirmatively ensure that for any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, prequalified disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to the invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, or disability in consideration for an award.

The possession date of these improvements will be given upon notification by the Transportation Cabinet.

Representatives of the Division of Right of Way will be available to show prospective bidders said property by appointment only. The required bid forms, instructions and other governing information may be secured from the agent showing the property or from the above designated Right of Way Office. For further information contact Marvin J. Thomas, by telephone at (606) 666-8841, FAX at (606) 666-7074 or by mail at the Department of Highways, Division Right of Way, P.O. Box 621, Jackson, Kentucky 41339.

All bids must be received in the designated office by the date and hour set for the official bid opening and must be enclosed in a sealed envelope with the notation "SEALED BID" and the Opening Date on the front of the envelope.

W-2/26, W-3/5

NOTICE (OF FILING OF SETTLEMENT)

I, Frank DeRossett, Jr., Clerk of the Floyd District Court, do hereby certify that the following settlements of estates have been filed in my office. Anyone desiring to take exception to said settlement must do so on or before March 31, 1997, at 9:00 a.m.

Settlement	Case Number	Estate of:	Fiduciary	Date Filed
Final	93-P-00269	Roy Franklin Harlow	Gloria K. Harlow	01-31-97
Final	95-P-00194	Noah Collins	David Collins	02-04-97
Final	96-P-00011	Grace Meade Hall	Janice Pullium	02-19-97

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

I, Frank DeRossett, Jr., Clerk of the Floyd District Court, do hereby certify that the following persons have been appointed fiduciaries by the District Court. All persons indebted to an estate should settle with the fiduciary within six (6) months from the date of appointment.

Date of Appointment	Case Number	Estate of:	Fiduciary	Attorney
01-24-97	97-P-00032	Joyce Martin Box 43 Prestonsburg, KY	William Hite Martin Box 112 Prestonsburg, KY	
01-24-97	97-P-00033	Olive Pearl Ray Beaver, Ky.	Lucille Ray Box 174 Beaver, Ky.	Roger Ray Box 174 Beaver, Ky.
01-24-97	97-P-00034	Christopher Moore Langley, KY	Edd Moore Langley, KY	
01-24-97	97-P-00035	Ronnie Edward Moore Box 99 Langley, KY	Edd Moore Box 99 Langley, KY	
01-24-97	97-P-00036	Toy Caudill 1401 Reynolds Br. Ligon, KY 41604	Marie Miller 1407 Reynolds Br. Ligon, KY 41604	
01-24-97	97-P-00037	Dock Hall, Jr. Ivel, KY	Johnny Hall Box 15, Ivel, KY	
01-24-97	97-P-00038	Julia Mayo May 208 Maple Avenue Prestonsburg, KY	Robert V. May 306 Holiday Road Lexington, KY 40502	
01-27-97	97-P-00039	Martin Halbert, Jr. 687 Ky. Rt. 777 Langley, KY	Ruby Halbert 687 Ky. Rt. 777 Langley, KY	
01-28-97	97-P-00040	Mary E. Roberts Box 472 Allen, KY 41601	William E. Roberts Banner, KY 41603	Dwight S. Marshall P.O. Box 1378 Prestonsburg, KY 41653
1-28-97	97-P-00041	Eda Bingham 118 Lick Branch Prestonsburg, KY 41653	Fred Bingham 126 Lick Branch Prestonsburg, KY 41653	
01-28-97	97-P-00042	Louella Boggs 857 Fk. Little Paint East Point, KY 41216	Edward C. Boggs 915 Lt. Fk. Little Paint East Point, KY 41216	Robert Patton P.O. Box 700 Prestonsburg, KY 41653
01-29-97	97-P-00043	Edmond Collins 358 Alum Lick Rd. Martin, KY 41649	Danita Rowe & Jason Collins 358 Alum Lick Rd. Martin, KY 41649	
01-29-97	97-P-00044	Jack DeRossett 434 N. Lake Drive Prestonsburg, KY 41653	Viola DeRossett 434 N. Lake Drive Prestonsburg, KY 41653	
	97-P-00045	Ernest Collins P.O. Box 86 Wayland, KY 41666	Russell Caudill P.O. Box 235 Wayland, KY 41666	
01-30-97	97-P-00046	Veronica K. Moore 1599 Stephens Branch Prestonsburg, KY	Robert Moore 1532 Stephens Br. Road Prestonsburg, KY	
01-31-97	97-P-00047	Dollie B. Frasure 639 Red Moore Branch Teaberry, KY 41660	Diane Burchett 337 Toms Creek Rd. Ivel, KY 41642	James D. Adams, II P.O. Box 1240 Prestonsburg, KY 41653
02-03-97	97-P-00049	Dora Sparkman 3683 Raccoon Road Hueysville, KY	Lowell D. Shepherd 3715 Raccoon Rd. Hueysville, KY	
02-03-97	97-P-00050	Myrtle Tackett Box 127 Melvin, KY	James E. Tackett Box 127 Melvin, KY	
02-04-97	97-P-00051	Henrietta McKinney 2125 Ky. Rt. 2030 Printer, KY	Debra McKinney 2317 Ky. Rt. 2030 Printer, KY	
02-05-97	97-P-00052	Virginia Lee Roop H.C. 80, Box 23 Estill, KY 41627	Noah Roop H.C. 80, Box 23 Estill, KY 41627	
02-05-97	97-P-00054	Charles E. Murphy Wayland, KY	Patricia A. Murphy Box 108 Wayland, KY	
02-07-97	97-P-00057	Martha R. Lee P.O. Box 296 Wayland, KY 41666	Clyde W. Lee Box 296 Wayland, KY 41666	Hon. Barkley J. Sturgill P.O. Box 850 Prestonsburg, KY 41653
02-07-97	97-P-00058	Crystal Lynn Brown 143 Slick Rock Branch Prestonsburg, KY 41653	Jimmy Lee Brown 143 Slick Rock Branch Prestonsburg, KY 41653	Bobby Rowe P.O. Box 1320 Prestonsburg, KY 41653
02-07-97	97-P-00029	Tolvie Hamilton 2309 KY Rt. 3380 Teaberry, KY 41660	Helen Hamilton 2309 KY Rt. 3380 Teaberry, KY 41660	Sheridan Martin P.O. Box 506 Prestonsburg, KY 41653
02-11-97	97-P-00061	Hazel Haywood H.C. 70, Box 210 Prestonsburg, KY	Billy Haywood 185 Johns Branch Prestonsburg, KY	
02-12-97	97-P-00062	Maggie Bailey Taylor P.O. Box 831 Martin, KY 41649	Marion Allen Taylor & Edna Mae Click P.O. Box 534 Martin, KY 41649	Hon. Paul P. Burchett Box 879 Prestonsburg, KY 41653
02-12-97	97-P-00063	Luther Johnson Bevinsville, KY 41606	Gary Johnson & Lillie Johnson 204 Toms Cr. 1055 Cherokee Fork Rd. Taylor, MI. 48180 Bevinsville, KY. 41606	Hon. Barkley J. Sturgill P.O. Box 850 Prestonsburg, KY 41653
02-12-97	97-P-00064	Alberta Rhea Box 214 Wheelwright, KY 41669	Alfred Rhea P.O. Box 214 Wheelwright, KY 41669	Phillip Damron P.O. Box 107 Prestonsburg, KY 41653
02-12-97	97-P-00065	Denver Tackett Box 37 Bevinsville, KY 41606	Lula Tackett Box 36 Bevinsville, KY 41606	
02-13-97	97-P-00066	James Ramey P.O. Box 1150 Prestonsburg, KY 41653	Joyce Hager Ramey P.O. Box 1150 Prestonsburg, KY 41653	Will Kendrick P.O. Box 268
02-13-97	97-P-00067	Lloyd H. Herrington Box 383 McDowell, KY 41647	Diana Sue Herrington Box 383 McDowell, KY 41647	Sheridan Martin P.O. Box 506 Prestonsburg, KY
02-14-97	97-P-00068	Crit Johnson McDowell, KY 41647	Barkley J. Sturgill P.O. Box 850 Prestonsburg, KY 41653	Hon. Barkley J. Sturgill P.O. Box 850 Prestonsburg, KY 41653
02-18-97	97-P-00071	Forrest L. Howell 65 KY. Rt. 680 McDowell, KY	Benika Ann Cline Box 35A Hillsboro, KY 41049	Glenn M. Hammond P.O. Box 1109 Pikeville, KY 41502
02-19-97	97-P-00073	Petition to Dispense		
02-19-97	97-P-00074	Mont Gibson P.O. Box 159 Dana, KY 41615	Carlie Gibson P.O. Box 159 Dana, KY 41615	
02-19-97	97-P-00075	Oney Scott Hueysville, KY 41640	Clova Fuller P.O. Box 173 Hueysville, KY 41640	
02-20-97	97-P-00076	Love and Lona Childers 1669 KY Rt. 1498 Bevinsville, KY 41606	Pauline Krause 6685 Ravenna Rd. Concord, OH. 44077	
02-20-97	97-P-00077	Garnet May Goodman Prestonsburg, KY	Idola Jane Wright Prestonsburg, KY	William S. Kendrick Prestonsburg, KY
02-18-97	97-P-00072	James Rowland P.O. Box 744 Hager Hill, KY	Rita Rowland P.O. Box 744 Hager Hill, KY	Hon. Dwight S. Marshall P.O. Box 1348 Prestonsburg, KY

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with the provisions of 405 KAR 10:040, notice is hereby given that Coal Mac, Inc., P.O. Box 3428, Pikeville, KY 41502 intends to apply for bond release on Permit Number 836-0229. Increments 1, 3, 5, 6, 8, 10, 11, 15, 16, 17, and 18 which was last issued on 8/20/92. The application covers an area of approximately 394.36 acres located 1.2 miles southwest of Teaberry in Floyd County.

The permit is approximately 0.7 mile northwest from KY 979's junction with Tackett Fork Road and located 0.2 mile west of Mitchell Branch. The latitude is 37° 24' 55" and the longitude is 82° 39' 50".

The total bond now in effect is surety bonds for Increment 1, \$23,100; Increment 2, \$83,300; Increment 5, \$80,100; Increment 6, \$127,600; Increment 8, \$248,700; Increment 10, \$134,000; Increment 11, \$138,600; Increment 15, \$102,700; Increment 16, \$243,500; Increment 17, \$76,300; Increment 18, \$30,500, of which approximately 60% is to be released which would constitute a Phase I release.

Reclamation work thus far performed includes: backfilling, final grading, seeding, mulching completed in Spring 1994 and Fall 1996. Results achieved include initial growth of vegetation as per the revegetation plan.

Written comments, objections, requests for a public hearing must be filed with the Director of the Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, KY 40601, by date 30 days from the last advertisement, which should be March 28, 1997.

A public hearing has been scheduled for March 31, 1997 at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation Office, 2705 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY at 10:00 a.m.

The hearing will be canceled if the Department does not receive any public request within the time frame stated above.

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

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with the provisions of 405 KAR 10:040, notice is hereby given that Frederick & Lewis Timber & Equipment, Inc., 919 Prestonsburg Street, West Liberty, KY 41472, intends to apply for bond release on Permit Number 836-8042 which was last issued on 8/31/94. The application covers an area of approximately 19.0 acres located 0.2 miles west of Harold in Floyd County.

The permit is approximately 0.8 mile north from KY 979's junction with KY 1426 and located 0.1 mile north of Mud Creek. The latitude is 37° 32' 18" and the longitude is 82° 38' 18".

The total bond now in effect is a letter of credit for \$51,000 of which 100% is to be released which would constitute a Phase III release.

Reclamation work thus far performed includes: backfilling, final grading, seeding, mulching. Results achieved include growth of vegetation as per the revegetation plan and the establishment of the post mining land use.

Written comments, objections, requests for a public hearing must be filed with the Director of the Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, KY 40601, by date 30 days from the last advertisement which should be March 28, 1997.

A public hearing has been scheduled for March 31, 1997 at the

Department for Surface Mining Reclamation Office, 2705 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY at 10:00 a.m.

The hearing will be canceled if the Department does not receive any public request within the time frame stated above.

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

By order of the Secured Party, the following property of Richard and Anita Quisenberry is located and will be offered at Public Sale at Worldwide Equipment, P.O. Box 71, Prestonsburg, KY 41653 on 3/5/97 at 2:00 p.m.

Item(s) to be sold are: 1995 Benson 1NUDT38N5SMAS0002. Inspection may be arranged by appointment. Cash sales only. Inquiries may be made to the Associates Commercial Corporation, Branch Manager, at 8845 Governors Hill Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio 45249. Phone number 513-677-8700.

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Huntington District, by this notice, advises the public that the Final Environmental Assessment (FEA) for the Dewey Lake Project Land Transfer, Floyd County, Kentucky, is complete and available for public viewing. A Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is included in Appendix A of the document. Copies of the documents may be viewed for a period of thirty (30) days, beginning on or about February 10, 1997 at the following locations:

Corps of Engineers, Huntington District, 502 8th Street, Huntington, West Virginia; Floyd County Public Library, 53 North Arnold Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky; Pike County Public Library, 225 College Street, Suite 1, Pikeville, Kentucky; City Hall, 90 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky; Dewey Lake Project Office, Dewey Dam Road, Van Lear, Kentucky; Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, Eastern District Office, 2744 Lake Road, Prestonsburg, Kentucky.

Copies of the FEA and FONSI may be obtained by contacting the Huntington District Office of the Corps of Engineers at 304-529-5712. Questions pertaining to the documents should be directed to: A. Benjamin Borda, Chief, Environmental Analysis Branch, Planning Division, Huntington District Corps of Engineers, Huntington, West Virginia.

INVITATION TO BID

The Johnson County Board of Education will receive sealed bids for the construction of a one hundred five (105) foot span, concrete bridge for the new Oil Springs Elementary School located along U.S. Route 23 and Jenny's Creek, Johnson County, Kentucky. Bids must be received at the Office of the Superintendent of the Johnson County School System, on or before 10:00 a.m. EST, March 27, 1997. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at that time.

Plans, specifications, and bid documents can be obtained at Bocook Engineering, Inc., 312 Tenth Street, Paintsville, Kentucky 41240, 606-789-5961 at a non-refundable cost of \$50 per set.

All bids shall be submitted only on the form of proposal included in the bid documents. Each bid shall be accompanied by a certified check, cash or bidder's bond executed by the bidder and surety company in the sum of not less

than five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid.

No bidder may withdraw a bid submitted for a period of ninety (90) days after the date of opening of bids.

The Johnson County Board of Education reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informalities therein.

Plans and specifications may be examined at the Johnson County Board of Education office at 253 North Mayo Trail, Paintsville, Kentucky and at Bocook Engineering, Inc., 312 Tenth Street, Paintsville, Kentucky.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 436-5181, Amendment #1

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Buck Coal, Inc., 415 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653 has applied for an amendment to an existing underground mining and reclamation operation located 1.5 miles northeast of Garrett in Floyd County.

The amendment will underlie an additional 44.0 acres and delete 5.0 acres making a total area of 482.08 acres within the amendment permit boundary.

The proposed amendment area is approximately 1.0 mile southeast from KY Route 80's junction with Goose Creek Road and located along Goose Creek. The latitude is 37° 29' 30" and the longitude is 82° 48' 40".

The proposed amendment is located on the Wayland U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The amendment will underlie land owned by George Ousley, Coal-Mac, Inc., The Elk Horn Coal Corporation and Lafayette Gayheart. The operation includes the underground method of mining.

The amendment application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 2705 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

SEEKS PROPOSALS

The Floyd County Board of Education invites you to submit a sealed proposal on Floyd County School District Retirement Incentive Plan. Proposals must be mailed or delivered to James M. Osborne, Chief of Operations, 69 North Arnold Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, prior to time proposals are opened. Proposals will be opened at the Administrative Office on Tuesday, March 10, 1997 at 10:00 a.m.

The proposal should include the following:

1. Copy of Proposed Plan/Contract. Include Scope of Plan and benefits to both the retiree and the school district.
2. Company's past history of providing retirement incentives, with references.
3. Initial set-up fees and maintenance fees.
4. Method of payment by the Board (Lump sum; installment).
5. Method of payment to retirees (10 years; Life; etc.)
6. Method of administering the plan. Plan administrators must be experienced in teacher personnel and retirement regulations and coordinate the retirement process with Kentucky Teachers Retirement System.

The Floyd County Board of Education has the right to reject any and all proposals.

W-2/19, 2/26, 3/5

Infants And Toddlers Have Special Water Needs

(NAPS)—We know that water is the most important nutrient for our body and we've been told to drink at least eight glasses of water daily to keep our body functioning properly. But what about children, especially infants and toddlers?

"Infants and toddlers have the same, if not a greater need for good hydration as adults," according to Susan Kleiner, Ph.D., R.D., a nutrition consultant and author. "To keep their hydration level balanced, infants and toddlers must take in the same amount of fluid as they lose. And, because of their body size and make-up, they tend to lose a larger percentage of their body fluid during the day than adults."

"While the needs of breast-fed infants are met through nursing, parents of older infants (six months or older), and of toddlers should carefully monitor the water needs of their children," she said. "This way they can make sure they receive enough fluid." Kleiner suggests that parents always keep water, as well as milk, on hand to give older infants and toddlers whether at home or out.

Providing infants and toddlers with good-quality water is as important as ensuring they drink sufficient amounts. Parents should be aware of the quality of water they give their infants and toddlers, especially when making formula, juice and baby food.

One common concern of parents is lead since infants and toddlers are especially vulnerable to lead toxicity. Some homes and apartments, especially those built before the mid-eighties, may have lead in the plumbing that can leach into the water. Also, lead service lines may connect your house with the water mains under the street. You should check to see what type of plumbing is used in your home.

One way to safeguard infants and toddlers (and parents, especially if pregnant or nursing) against lead in the water is to filter tap water through a pitcher, such as those made by Brita. The Brita pitcher filters 93 percent of the lead out of water, along with most sediment and chlorine taste and odor, providing fresh-tasting water as well as reassurance. The Brita system is very simple and convenient to use, providing filtered, great-tasting water in just minutes. It is also an economical choice, costing 23 cents per gallon. Keep it on the counter to use in making infant formula, juice, baby food and for general household drinking needs.

Free Booklet Offer
To receive a free booklet, A Parent's Guide to the Health Effects of Lead, available from The Brita Products Company, send a self-addressed, stamped #10 envelope (32 cents) to The Brita Products Company, Attention: Parent's Lead Brochure, P.O. Box 24305, Oakland, California 94623-1305.

Drivers Stop At New Site To Get Tips On ABS Braking

(NAPS)—Motorists who make a stop at a new Internet site can get helpful tips on using their anti-lock braking system. By stopping at the newly-launched ITT Automotive site you'll get the following information about ABS Braking Basics:

- In order for ABS to provide the shortest possible braking distance two things are required. First and most obvious is that you should hit the brakes as quickly as possible. The second is that you continue to keep your foot on the brakes as hard as possible.

The anti-lock braking systems manages the exact "regulating" of braking power. If you begin to pump the brake pedal, you interrupt the system's efforts. In effect, it has to start all over again when you depress the

brake pedal the next time. This off/on process is repeated every time you pump the pedal. The distance traveled in the meantime is wasted braking distance and you end up with a significantly longer stopping distance.

If ABS were standard on all cars today, most skid marks would soon be a thing of the past. That's a big savings of wear and tear on your tires. In an emergency stop with ABS, the wheels don't lock, therefore the tread doesn't wear off in those long brake lines onto the road surface.

The address of the site is <http://www.ITTAutomotive.com>.

Help For A Common Male Problem

(NAPS)—A new treatment system for impotence has recently received marketing clearance from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

The treatment will be marketed under the name MUSE® (alprostadil) and is expected to offer new hope to the approximately 10 to 20 million men in the United States who suffer from moderate to complete erectile dysfunction, more commonly known as impotence.

According to Tom F. Lue, M.D., professor of urology, University of California, the new treatment is a significant advancement over current therapies because it is a convenient and effective approach to treating the problem.

Current treatments consist of penile prosthetic implants, vacuum devices or needle injections of vasoactive substances into the penis, including alprostadil, a medication which increases penile blood flow. The MUSE treatment is based on the discovery that the urethra, although an excretory duct, can absorb certain medications, in this case alprostadil, a vein dilator.

MUSE is a small non-injectable, disposable plastic applicator containing a micro-suppository of

medication. The most common side effect, in studies of the system was mild penile pain occurring in 11 percent of administrations.

According to Francois Eid, M.D., professor of urology, Cornell University School of Medicine, the new treatment system is very effective for all causes of erectile dysfunction, including vascular disease, diabetes, abdominal surgery and trauma and other organic conditions.

Migraine Headaches

(NAPS)—Many of the 23 million Americans who suffer the severe pain and symptoms of migraine are unaware of a simple fact that can lead to early diagnosis and treatment of this often debilitating disease—that it often runs in families, according to a new national study of migraine sufferers conducted by Opinion Research Corporation for Glaxo Wellcome Inc. Additionally, the research shows that despite availability of effective treatment programs, many migraine sufferers pick up bad habits for management of the disease from their older family members.

Migraine is an often debilitating, biological disease characterized by severe pain, usually on one side of the head, and often accompanied by one or more of the following symptoms: nausea, vomiting, and sensitivity to light and sound. Migraine occurs in periodic attacks, which can last from four to 72 hours.

The incidence of migraine among relatives is very high. A child may have as high as a 50 percent chance of developing migraine if one parent suffers from the disease. The odds jump to 75 percent if both parents suffer. Even if an extended family member suffers from migraine, a child may have a 20 percent chance of experiencing attacks. Since more women suffer from migraine attacks than men—more than three times as many—

symptoms of the disease may have a higher incidence among female family members of migraine sufferers.

As such, a close look at family health history is an essential tool for headache sufferers. Knowledge of migraine symptoms and telltale coping behaviors exhibited by relatives can offer valuable insight that can lead to appropriate diagnosis and a treatment program. Dr. Stephen Peroutka, a neurologist at Spectra Biomedical in California, explains:

"There are many 'clues' in the way that people used to behave that we now know are symptomatic of migraine. People who suffer from severe headaches should attempt to determine if their parents or any relatives suffered from symptoms of migraine. If so, they should see their physicians immediately to discuss both family history and their own symptoms to obtain an appropriate diagnosis and be able to benefit from treatment programs now available."

As a paradox, methods for coping with migraine attacks do not appear to have changed very much since the last generation despite availability of effective treatment options. Almost half of the survey respondents noted that their strategies for dealing with severe headaches were influenced by adult family members, most often their mothers. Though younger sufferers use more prescription medication than older generations, bed rest and taking over-the-counter medication are still the two most common strategies for dealing with headaches among both generations.

"Many times, people with migraine do the same thing to treat the pain that their parents did, like retiring to lie in a quiet, darkened room with a cold compress on their foreheads," said Dr. Peroutka. "They 'inherit' attitudes as well as the disease and believe that migraines just have to be endured."

We now have the ability to reduce or eliminate so much of the suffering

associated with migraine—suffering that should be apparent to the children and grandchildren of migraineurs who watched it on a day by day basis," said Dr. Peroutka. "Yet, old attitudes and simple bad habits prevent them from getting the relief that is so readily available."

While migraine cannot be cured, it can be managed. If you suffer from headaches and suspect they may be migraine, or if you are diagnosed and interested in more effective management, a booklet titled, Chart Your Route to Relief, A Personal Migraine Management Program is available from Glaxo Wellcome Inc. This health education material has been reviewed favorably by the American Academy of Family Physicians Foundation. For a free copy, call 1-800-377-0302, or write: Chart Your Route, P.O. Box 816, Medford, NY 11763-0816.

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HOW THEY SAY IT IN...

ENGLISH: LION
SPANISH: LEÓN
ITALIAN: LEONE
FRENCH: LION
GERMAN: LÖWE
LATIN: LEO

K3970002

Insect find

There are 14 insects hidden throughout the scrambled puzzle below. See how many you can find and circle. The words go horizontally and vertically, backwards and forwards.

ANT
CRICKET
COCKROACH
CICADA
BUTTERFLY
GRASSHOPPER
BEETLE

LOCUST
DRAGONFLY
WASP
MOTH
HOUSEFLY
GLOWWORM
FLEA

G S F G J Y D W S G F W
R Y L F N O G A R D F H
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N B U B D J F N X H Z M
G L O W W O R M V T B N
B N H C N T S U C O L B
Z X N N S N V A V M F B
C I C A D A Z C X D B F

K3970003

Insect Scramble

Unscramble the letters below, and discover some fascinating insect facts.

1. Insects have three body divisions: head, thorax and **NADOMEB**.
2. This type of fly has long been used in scientific experiments. **TEUIR**.
3. Farmers love this spotted beetle because it helps get rid of plant-eating pests. **GADBYUL**.
4. On a summer evening, you might see this insect light up. **EYERELI**.

1. Abdomen 2. Fruit 3. Ladybug 4. Firefly

K3970004

Did YOU KNOW?

WITH A HAMMER-SHAPED HEAD, THE HAMMERHEAD SHARK HAS EYES POSITIONED ON THE OUTER EDGES OF ITS HEAD. ITS NOSTRILS ARE ALSO SPREAD FAR APART.

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TIME LINE
1875

ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL PATENTED THE ELECTRIC TELEPHONE.

THE FIRST ORGANIZED CANADIAN ICE HOCKEY MATCH WAS PLAYED.

THE KENTUCKY DERBY HAD ITS FIRST RUNNING.

A MACHINE WAS INVENTED TO STRIP THE KERNELS FROM CORN COBS, LEADING TO CANNED CORN.

K3970005

new word
ENATE

A RELATIVE ON THE MOTHER'S SIDE

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NEARLY 45 PERCENT OF ARIZONA'S LAND AREA IS OWNED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND INCLUDES ABOUT 20 INDIAN RESERVATIONS.

K3970007

County Kettle

BARBECUED RIBS

4 pounds pork ribs (spareribs, baby loin back ribs, or country-style)

Vinegar Basting Sauce (recipe follows)

Barbecue Sauce (recipe follows)

If using slabs, cut each crosswise in half. Place ribs in a shallow roasting pan; pour Vinegar Basting Sauce over ribs. Cover with aluminum foil, and bake at 300° for 30 minutes for baby loin back ribs or 1 hour for spareribs or country-style ribs, basting with vinegar mixture halfway through cooking time.

Drain ribs, discarding basting sauce. Grill ribs over low coals (275° to 300°) for 15 minutes, turning after 8 minutes. Baste ribs generously with Barbecue Sauce; grill 8 minutes. Turn ribs; baste again with Barbecue Sauce, and grill 7 minutes or until done. Yield: 4 to 8 servings.

Vinegar Basting Sauce

2/3 cup water
1/3 cup red wine vinegar
Combine ingredients. Yield: 1 cup.

Barbecue Sauce

1 cup catsup
1 cup water
1/2 cup cider vinegar
1/3 cup Worcestershire sauce
1/4 cup prepared mustard
1/4 cup butter or margarine
1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar

1 teaspoon hot sauce
1/8 teaspoon salt

Combine all ingredients in a saucepan, stirring well. Bring to a boil; cover, reduce heat, and simmer 1 hour. Yield: 3 cups.

CHEESY POTATO CASSEROLE

7 medium potatoes (about 2 pounds)

1/4 cup butter or margarine, melted

1 small onion, chopped

1 teaspoon salt

1/4 teaspoon pepper

1 (8-ounce) carton sour cream

1 (10 3/4-ounce) can cream of chicken soup, undiluted

2 cups (8 ounces) shredded Cheddar cheese

3 tablespoons butter or margarine, melted

1 1/2 cups herb-seasoned stuffing mix

Cook potatoes in boiling water 30 minutes or until tender.

Drain; let cool to touch. Peel and cut into 1/4-inch strips; set aside.

Combine 1/4 cup butter and next 5 ingredients in a large bowl; gently stir in potatoes and cheese. Spoon into a lightly greased 13- x 9- x 2-inch baking dish. Combine 3 tablespoons butter and stuffing mix; sprinkle over potato mixture. Bake, uncovered, at 350° for 25 minutes or until thoroughly heated. Yield: 8 servings.

APRICOT-STUFFED PORK CHOPS

4 (1 1/2-inch-thick) boneless pork chops (about 1 3/4 pounds)

1 (16-ounce) can apricot halves, drained and chopped

1 cup unseasoned croutons

1/3 cup coarsely chopped walnuts

1 (1-ounce) envelope onion soup mix

2 tablespoons butter or margarine, melted

1/2 cup apricot preserves

1 tablespoon hot water

Butterfly each chop by making a lengthwise cut on rounded side, cutting to within 1/2 inch of other side, and folding back to original shape. Turn chop over to uncut (or flat) side, and cut a deep pocket on left side of center. Cut a second deep pocket on right side of center; set aside.

Combine apricots and next 4 ingredients. Fill each pocket with about 3 tablespoons stuffing mixture, and open chop up, butterfly style. (Pocket openings will be enclosed in center.) Grill, covered, over medium-hot coals (350° to 400°) for 18 minutes, turning once. Combine apricot preserves and water; brush over chops, and grill 5 minutes. Turn chops, brush with apricot mixture, and grill 5 more minutes. Yield: 4 servings.

Note: Chops may be baked on a lightly greased rack in a broiler pan at 350° for 30 minutes, turning once. Brush with apricot mixture, and bake 5 minutes. Turn chops, brush with apricot mixture, and bake 5 additional minutes.

HAM-POTATO-PINEAPPLE BAKE

1 (1 1/4-pound) lean, reduced-sodium, center-cut ham steak

Vegetable cooking spray

1 (16-ounce) can sweet potatoes, drained and sliced

1 (16-ounce) can unsweetened pineapple slices, drained

1/4 cup apple cider vinegar

1 cup firmly packed brown sugar

1 teaspoon dry mustard

1/4 teaspoon ground cloves

Trim excess fat from ham. Place ham in an 11- x 7- x 1 1/2-inch baking dish coated with cooking spray; arrange sweet potatoes and pineapple over ham. Set aside.

Combine cider vinegar and remaining ingredients in a heavy saucepan; cook over medium heat until hot. Pour over ham. Cover and bake at 325° for 45 minutes. Yield: 4 servings (359 calories [20 percent from fat] per serving).

STEAMED HERBED VEGETABLES

1 cup broccoli flowerets

1 cup diagonally cut, 2-inch-long asparagus pieces

1/2 cup (2- x 1/2-inch) pieces sweet red pepper

1/2 cup (2- x 1/2-inch) pieces sweet yellow pepper

1/2 cup sliced fresh mushrooms

1 tablespoon chopped fresh marjoram

1 teaspoon chopped fresh oregano or 1/4 teaspoon dried oregano

1/2 teaspoon chopped fresh rosemary

1/4 teaspoon salt

1/8 teaspoon pepper

1 tablespoon water

1 tablespoon reduced-calorie margarine

Combine all ingredients in a 1 1/2-quart microwave-safe casserole. Cover tightly with heavy-duty plastic wrap; fold back a small edge (or corner) of wrap to allow steam to escape. Microwave at HIGH 3 1/2 minutes or until crisp-tender, stirring once. Yield: 4 servings (42 calories [39 percent from fat] per 2/3-cup serving).

DUCHESS POTATOES

10 medium baking potatoes, peeled and cut into eighths (about 2 1/2 pounds)

1/4 cup butter or margarine

1/4 cup milk

3/4 teaspoon salt

1/4 teaspoon pepper

2 large eggs, lightly beaten

2 tablespoons butter or margarine, melted

Paprika

Cook potatoes in boiling water to cover, 15 minutes or until tender; drain and mash. Stir in butter and next 3 ingredients. Let cool 10 minutes. Stir in eggs. Spoon mixture into a large decorating bag fitted with a large star tip. Pipe 14 (2-inch) rosettes onto a lightly greased baking sheet. Drizzle with melted butter, and sprinkle with paprika. Bake at 350° for 15 minutes or until lightly browned around the edges. Yield: 14 rosettes.

Note: To make ahead, pipe potatoes into rosettes; cover and refrigerate for up to 3 hours. Let stand at room temperature 30 minutes; bake as directed.

OLD-FASHIONED CINNAMON ROLLS

1/3 cup skim milk

1/3 cup reduced-calorie margarine

1/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar

1 teaspoon salt

1 package dry yeast

1/2 cup warm water (105° to 115°)

1/2 cup egg substitute

3 1/2 cups bread flour, divided

3/4 cup quick-cooking oats, uncooked

Vegetable cooking spray

1/4 cup reduced-calorie margarine, softened and divided

3/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar

1/4 cup raisins

2 teaspoons ground cinnamon

1 cup sifted powdered sugar

2 tablespoons water

Combine first 4 ingredients in a saucepan; heat until margarine melts, stirring occasionally. Cool mixture to 105° to 115°.

Combine yeast and warm water in a 1-cup liquid measuring cup; let stand 5 minutes. Combine yeast mixture, milk mixture, egg substitute, 1 cup flour, and oats in a large mixing bowl, mixing well. Gradually stir in enough remaining flour to make a soft dough.

Turn dough out onto a lightly floured surface; knead until smooth and elastic (about 8 minutes). Place dough in a large bowl coated with cooking spray, turning to grease top. Cover and let rise in a warm place (85°), free from drafts, 1 hour or until doubled in bulk.

Punch dough down; cover and let rest 10 minutes. Divide dough in half, and roll each into a 12-inch square. Spread each square with 2

tablespoons margarine. Combine 3/4 cup brown sugar, raisins, and cinnamon; sprinkle over each square. Roll up jellyroll fashion; pinch seam to seal (do not seal ends). Cut each roll into 1-inch slices; place in two 8-inch square pans coated with cooking spray.

Cover and let rise in a warm place, free from drafts, about 30 minutes or until almost doubled in bulk. Bake at 375° for 15 to 20 minutes or until golden brown. Combine powdered sugar and 2 tablespoons water; drizzle over warm rolls. Yield: 2 dozen (157 calories [19 percent from fat] per roll).

LEMON CHICKEN WITH HERBS

1 can Healthy Choice Cream of Roasted Chicken with Herbs Condensed Soup

1/4 cup skim milk

2 tbsp. (each) minced parsley and lemon juice vegetable cooking spray

4 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves

1/2 cup sliced mushrooms

1/4 cup chopped red onion

In small bowl mix soup, milk, lemon juice and parsley; set aside. Heat large non-stick skillet, sprayed with cooking spray, 1 minute. Add chicken; brown 5 minutes on each side. Remove chicken.

Add mushrooms and onions to skillet; cook 2 to 3 minutes. Stir in soup mixture; return chicken to skillet. Reduce heat to low; cover and simmer 5 to 10 minutes or until chicken is no longer pink in center. Serves 4.

GRILLED CHICKEN SALAD WITH ASIAN GINGER DRESSING

Dressing

4 medium scallions roughly chopped

2 medium garlic cloves roughly chopped

1 1/2" section fresh ginger root, sliced

1/3 cup seasoned rice vinegar

3 Tablespoons low sodium tamari

1 Tablespoons honey

2 Tablespoons toasted sesame oil

1/2 cup canola oil

salt and fresh ground pepper (to taste)

Put dressing ingredients in food processor and puree using quick pulses until smooth but still leaving some "chunkiness." Yields approximately 1 cup of dressing. Reserve 1/2 cup to marinate chicken breasts. Refrigerate remaining 1/2 cup of dressing for at least 3 hours prior to serving.

Salad

2 10 oz. packages Dole Italian

Blend Salad Greens

2 scallions, chopped diagonally

1 lb. boneless and skinless chicken breast (2 whole/4 half breasts)

1 large Kirby cucumber sliced in thin rounds

1 red bell pepper, cut into julienne strips

1 orange bell pepper, cut into julienne strips

2 stalks celery, cut on diagonal

3/4 cup fresh bean sprouts

1/4 cup pickled ginger (for garnish)

Season chicken breasts with salt and fresh ground pepper and marinate in 1/2 cup of dressing at room temperature for 1/2 hour. Grill chicken and set aside. Combine salad ingredients (except pickled ginger and chicken) in large bowl and toss with chilled dressing to coat. Separate into four equal servings on large plates. Cut each chicken breast on diagonal and fan across top of each plate. Top with garnish of pickled ginger.

Suggested wine: Fetzer Sundial Chardonnay

* This recipe, by Nancy Pasquale, of Rye, New York, was a \$5,000 grand prize winner in the 1996 Fetzer Great Salad Toss contest. The Fetzer Great Salad Toss IV Recipe Competition is open to all residents of the United States, except those living in CA, MA and

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DANISH PRETZEL COOKIES

1 pound butter, softened

5 1/2 cups all-purpose flour

3 egg yolks, slightly beaten

3/4 cup heavy cream

3 egg whites, slightly beaten

1 cup sugar

In a large bowl, cream together the butter and the flour. In a separate bowl, mix the egg yolks with the cream, then incorporate this mixture into the butter mixture, blending well. Form the dough into a ball, wrap, and chill for an hour.

Preheat the oven to 375°. Divide the dough into thirds. Roll each section onto a 9x14 inch rectangle, 1/8 inch thick. Brush the tops of each rectangle with the egg whites. Using a crinkle cut pastry roller or pizza cutter, cut each rectangle into 1/2x19 inch strips. Twist each strip into a pretzel shape and turn egg white-side down onto a plate filled with the sugar. Turn the pretzel right-side up and place on an ungreased non-stick baking sheet coated with DuPont Silverstone®. Bake 8 to 10 minutes or until lightly browned. Cool on a wire rack and store in an airtight container. Yield: 9 dozen cookies.

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We probably haven't been able to use all the photos that were submitted, but we appreciate everyone who responded to our call.

Thanks to them, this look back at one of the most devastating natural disasters ever to befall Eastern Kentucky can let those who weren't here when it happened understand the magnitude of the event.

Come with us now as we turn back the hands of time...

Scott Perry
Editor



On the cover

The view down Court Street in Prestonsburg on January 30, 1957 after the river crested at an all-time high of 53 feet.

Photo courtesy of William Arrowood



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SALES STAFF: Top row, Bob Owens and Hank Allen; center, Pam Michaels; bottom row, Kenny Hunter and Ronnie Coleman.



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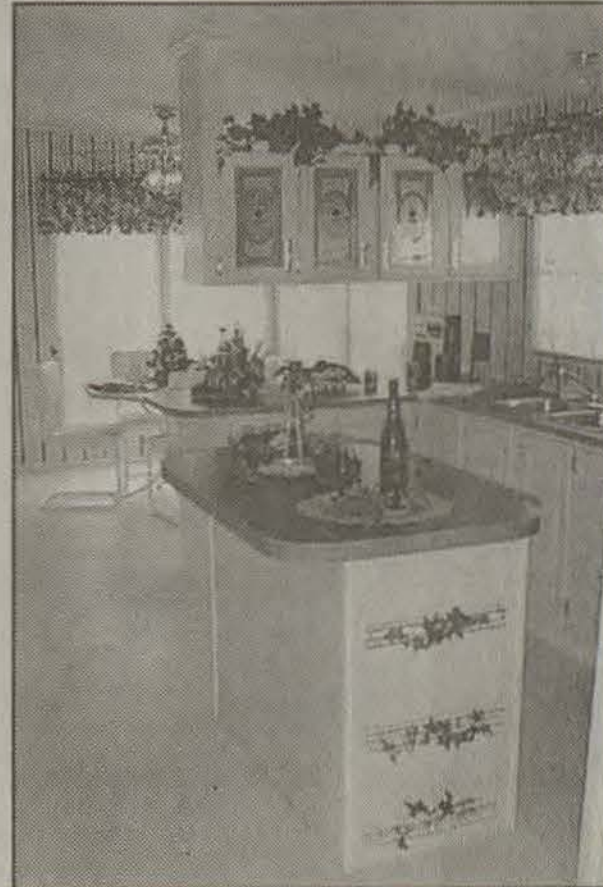
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The first sign of impending disaster came in western Virginia, where flood waters swept through the mountain town of Grundy. Elhorn City in Pike County was next.

By then, downstream areas on the Tug and Levisa forks of the Big Sandy River knew what lay ahead and that they were helpless to stop it.

In Pikeville, Prestonsburg and Paintsville, the warning signs were dire. Debris from up-river flooding moved swiftly down the ever-rising river. It was not the usual flotsam that came with high waters...there were cars, wooden bridges and complete homes passing by.

In the upstream areas, communications were wiped out, leaving the towns to the north with little notice of the magnitude of flooding that was to come.

When it was all over, twelve people were dead as the direct result of flooding; damages to homes and property were estimated at \$1 billion; and thousands of families lost everything they owned.

The 1957 flood still rates as the worst natural disaster ever to befall Eastern Kentucky....

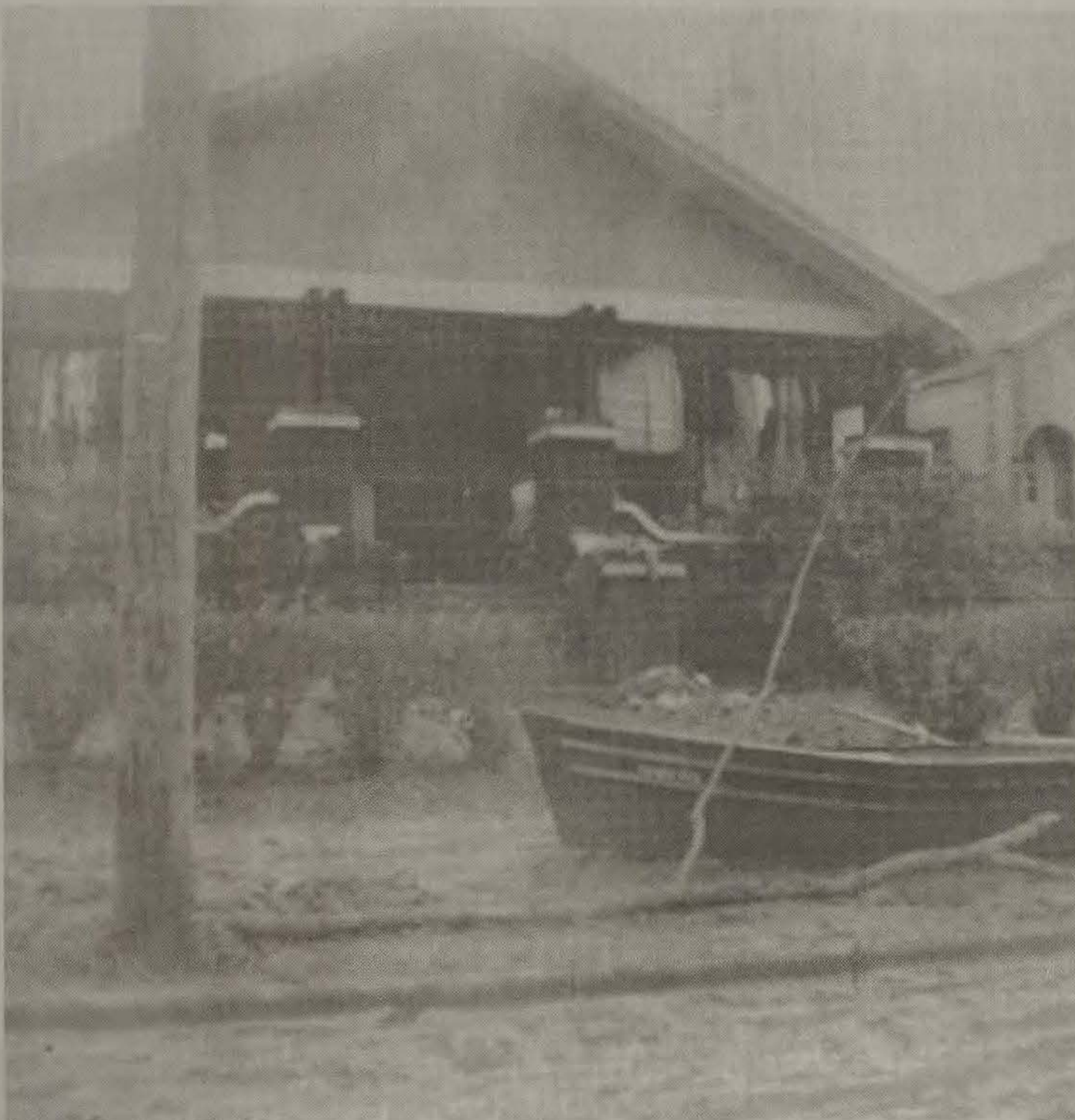
Flood Statistics: official figures from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

FLOOD CREST (Big Sandy River): 53 feet, reached at 1a.m. January 30, 1957. Exceeded the mark of 52 feet set in 1862.

TWELVE KILLED: Three deaths in the Big Sandy region, nine others throughout Eastern Kentucky.

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▲ Governor A.B. "Happy" Chandler walked down Division Street in Pikeville with County Judge Ervin Pruitt, right, to inspect damage in the aftermath of the flood.

◀ A boat was moored in an unusual location after the flood waters receded.

Photos on this page courtesy of Annette Justice



TOP LEFT: The river rose so fast that many automobiles had to be abandoned where they were parked.

ABOVE: Sgt. Rogers of the Ashland detachment of the National Guard was treated to a hard-boiled egg before going on duty. Sgt. Rogers was the official Guard photographer.

LEFT: Debris floated downstream, creating logjams around bridges.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
◆ American Sign Language Performance				June	The Sound of Music 6:30p Opening Night Celebration	The Sound of Music
The Sound of Music 22	23	The Sound of Music "Our Lady of the Mountains" Night 24	The Sound of Music Highlands Region Musical Theater Night 25	The 1940's Radio Hour Opening Night Dinner Theatre 26	The 1940's Radio Hour 27	The Sound of Music 28
The Sound of Music 29	July 1	The 1940's Radio Hour Luncheon Dinner Theatre 1	The 1940's Radio Hour Luncheon Matinee 2	The 1940's Radio Hour Luncheon Matinee 3	OLIVER! Opening Night 4	OLIVER! 5
1:30p Picnic Matinee The Sound of Music 6	KY. Opry Jr. Pro's 8:15p 7	9:30a School Matinee The Sound of Music 8	The 1940's Radio Hour Luncheon Matinee 9	9:30a School Matinee OLIVER! 8:15p 10	1:30p Children's Theatre in the Pines OLIVER! 8:15p 11	The Sound of Music 12
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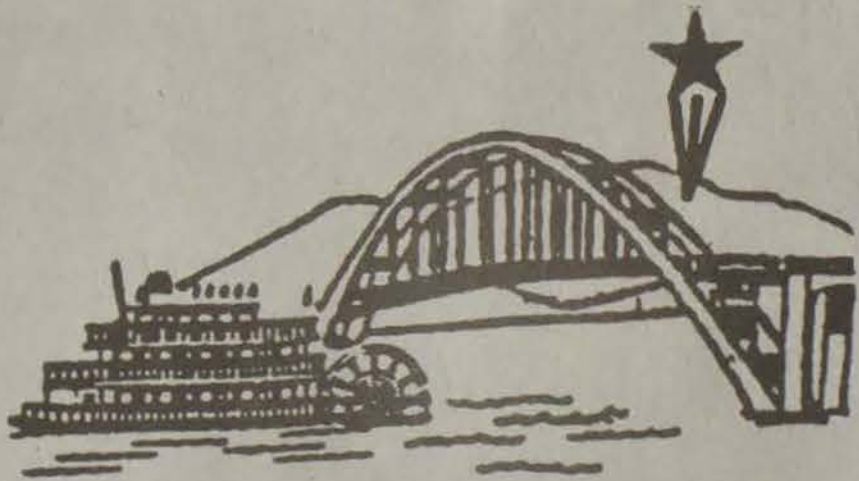
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◀ A view from the end of Pike Street, near the C&O Railroad freight depot and Scott Motor Company in Pikeville.

BELOW LEFT: Two stranded travelers wait for the waters to recede at the Hotel Pinson.

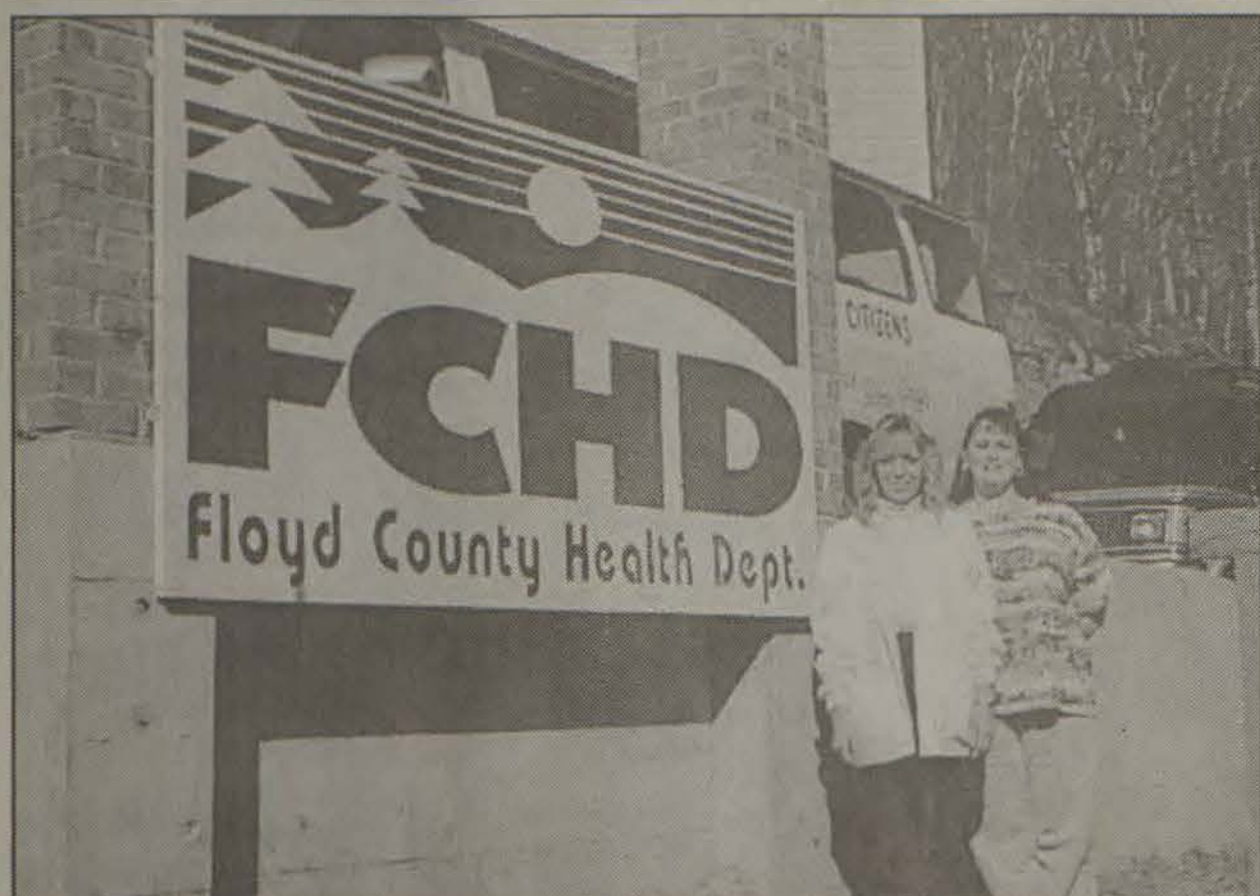
BELOW RIGHT: The Bobby Sox Grill in Pikeville was, during the height of the flood, completely submerged.

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Many homes never before threatened by high water were inundated during the 1957 flood. ▶





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Flashback: 1957

The Year In Review

In 1957, Pat Boone and Shirley Jones sang love songs on the big screen at the Martin and Strand Theatre; the '57 Chevy was a top seller; and Oldsmobiles entered "the rocket age."

In Floyd County, 1957 was a year that will never be forgotten. Heavy rainfalls caused the Big Sandy to overflow, houses swept down river and lives were never the same again.

Prestonsburg's damage was unofficially placed at \$5,000,000. Total estimate for the county was placed at \$20,000,000. Floyd County, from Boldman to Prestonsburg, and up the larger tributaries of the river to a great extent, lay under a dirty gray blanket of the tideland of mud and debris.

State Board of Health technicians and private doctors from Louisville, Lexington, Louisa and other cities hurried to Prestonsburg to help stop the possible spread of disease and cope with sanitation problems caused by the flood.

In May, Governor A.B. Chandler wrote, in a study of flood damage to the area: "In the five days between January 27 and February 1, 1957, over 12 inches of rain fell on parts of the mountainous area of Eastern Kentucky."

Detailing the damage, Chandler's report said 12 persons were drowned or killed; 532 persons were injured; 431 dwellings destroyed; 9,209 dwellings damaged; 464 other buildings destroyed and 2,823 others damaged; 11,943 families suffered losses. More than 50 million dollars in damage was inflicted

upon the area, according to Army Corps of Engineers figures accepted by the report.

Troubled election year

Election problems in the county also filled newspaper

of government. Section 144 of the Constitution does not authorize the legislature to compel any county, or any class of counties, to adopt the commission form, the court said.

Clerk after the 61 precincts had been tabulated, A.B. Meade filed a petition for an injunction to halt the planned count of absentee ballots saying incumbent DuRan Moore had benefited from ir-

regularities and called the county primary a "disgrace."

Commissioners Gorman Collins, W.B. Boyd and Woodrow Fitzpatrick said they thought "many irregular-

appointed election officers, their places filled by people who didn't respect the rights of others and have no idea of the foundation upon which our democracy rests."

Moore filed counter suit to Meade, alleging that Meade used funds in excess of \$40,000, a violation of the Corrupt Practices Act.

In August, the Kentucky Court of Appeals ruled that DuRan Moore was the Democratic nominee for the office of Floyd County Court Clerk. Moore won the November election by a majority vote of 1,195 votes.

In another election, Floyd County was one of 13 in the state which planned to vote in November on establishing a public health tax.

Wet or dry

A petition bearing the names of 521 Prestonsburg residents was filed in the county court clerk's office calling for a local option election to be held in September. The petition asked that a vote be taken on the question: "Are you in favor of the sale of alcoholic beverages in Prestonsburg?"

Legality of the petition was questioned after several signers said they were misled when their signature was solicited. Others said they did not sign the petition.

County Judge Henry Stumbo in September dismissed the petition. Stumbo said that a number of those people whose names appeared on the petition later filed written requests asking that their names be stricken from the petition.

Government concerns

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Prestonsburg High School's Class of 1957 in front of the U.S. Capitol in Washington D.C.

pages in 1957.

In April, the question of compelling counties to have the commissioner form of government was resolved by a Court of Appeals after a Pike County taxpayer brought action against four persons who filed as candidates for the office of commissioner in the May Primary.

The Court of Appeals declared unconstitutional a 1956 statute requiring all counties having 75,000 population or more to operate under the commission form

In 1892, immediately after adoption of the present Constitution, the General Assembly passed an act providing that any county, by a vote of its people, could adopt the commission form of government.

In the May primary, a total of 168 Floyd Countians — 138 Democrats and 30 Republicans — were candidates for office.

After the primary, concerns were raised about absentee balloting. With a lead of 95 votes in the Democratic nomination for County Court

regularities in the absentee voting. Meade alleged that Moore had inserted his campaign literature along with absentee ballots and that his deputy clerks and friends filled out a large number of absentee ballots and signed voters' names.

When absentee ballots were counted, Moore won by 24 votes; 84 of the ballots were successfully challenged by Meade and were not counted.

In June, Floyd County election commissioners asked for a grand jury probe into the

ities have been practiced at the precinct level and in the handling of the absentee ballots in this county. In view of what we have seen come from some of the ballot boxes and the stories that we have been told concerning the corrupt practices that have been used to obtain votes for the candidates by the professional strikers of our county, it is appalling. It tells a story of corruption."

Commissioners added that "there was the use of money in large quantities, coercion, threats, substitution of legally

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Flashback: 1957

The Year In Review (Continued from page 8)

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U. H. Benderman, holder of a bond issued by the Floyd Fiscal Court for the purchase in 1953 of a water and gas properties, filed suit in U.S. District Court in Pikeville against the fiscal court. Benderman alleged the officials failed to perform their duties as to fixing rates sufficient to meet principle and interest.

Federal District Judge Mac Swinford dismissed the suit in April.

In June, the Prestonsburg City Council voted in special session to dismiss their fire chief, Vernon Blackburn, after Blackburn was jailed following an altercation between him, Chief of Police Epp Lafferty, and Deputy Sheriff Joe Wheeler Lewis in the county judge's office.

In February, 214 Wayland residents signed a petition calling for the dissolution of their town. The town had 350 registered voters and a population of 700.

Land disputes

The ancient Virginia land grant case that bobbed up from time to time for half a century to annoy landowners in Floyd and Pike counties was back in the news again in March, 1957, as the Kentucky Court of Appeals acted in the matter.

The Appellate Court decided that claims of members of a Richmond, Virginia family to Eastern Kentucky lands were invalid, thus upholding a lower court decision. George T. Taylor and his sisters claimed about 300,000 acres of land, which they said they owned through a grant from Virginia, known as the Haskell Patent of 1797.

The case was sent to the United States Supreme Court in November.

Coal was King

Coal reserves in Floyd County in 1957 were estimated to be more than 1 1/2 billion tons. The tonnage total applies only to coal in veins of 28 inches or thicker.

Accident and tonnage figures for the 33 mines of the Big Sandy-Elkhorn Coal Mining Institute during the year 1956 showed that the Institute attained one of the best safety records in its 20-year history.

Although it was a good year for coal, it wasn't without its tragedies.

Coal miner Elmer Bentley, 34, of East McDowell, was killed in a mine accident at Orkney from injuries sustained when a kettle-bottom fell on him.

Robert Kerr, a motor brakeman for the Princess Elkhorn Coal Company at David, was killed when his motor and another collided head-on.

Good news and bad news

In January, Floyd County was assured it would get a new bookmobile. In May, Prestonsburg leaders learned the city was picked to be headquarters for a regional library.

It was reported in January that 1956 was a big year in Floyd County for both weddings and divorces, and also that the sale of rum was the biggest problem that Floyd County had.

Floyd County's first historical society was formed in February.

Gorman Collins of Lackey filed an application with

the Federal Communications Commission in February to put into operation a second radio station that would be at the 1310 Kc. spot.

County and state officers joined an FBI probe into the dynamiting of autos belonging to Floyd County Sheriff

lems, but none had problems as bad as Dora Johnson, a candidate for jailer. As voters cast their ballots in the jailer's race, Floyd County Sheriff's deputies raided Mrs. Johnson's home. They confiscated 72 cans of beer and three half-pints of whiskey.



Travel in West Prestonsburg didn't conform to the usual methods during the 1957 flood. (photo courtesy of Royce Mayo)

Gorman Collins and Deputy Sheriff Silas DeRossett.

Five-year-old Garnie V. Hunter died due to a fist fight between two men. The toddler stood by as Herb Salisbury and Kell Hamilton fought. One of the men hit the other, knocking him into the toddler. The child rolled down an embankment, striking a broken fruit jar.

Jack M. Friar of Rose Hall, Virginia, began work the first week of April as assistant county agent in Floyd County.

Candidates in the primary in May 1957 had their prob-

January 1, 1958 was set as the date of completion for the Prestonsburg High School gymnasium.

Boundaries of the five educational districts of Floyd County were redrawn in June by the board of education. Redistricting was mandatory due to the merger in 1956 of the Prestonsburg Independent School System with the county system.

Limited production of gas concentrates for the chemical market began June 20 at the huge, new Maytown plant of the Kentucky Hydrocarbon Chemical Company.

In August, fire raged through sheds of the Van-Hoose Lumber Company at West Prestonsburg and caused damages estimated at \$200,000.

Drag racing caused concern among official circles in August as the juvenile craze for speed spread in Floyd County. State police arrested and booked at the county jail one Sunday morning five persons accused of reckless driving and drunk driving. They had taken part in "drag" racing between Allen and Martin. Favorite spots for "drag racers" were the Middle Creek road, on U.S. 23 above Allen and through the middle of Prestonsburg.

A new \$120,000 Floyd County Health Center, housing the Floyd County Health Department, was dedicated in October.

Three pipelines were blasted in the county during a strike by local workers. Officials of the local union to which striking workers of the Kentucky West Virginia Gas Company belong said that the reported firing of shots over the heads of other workers on a broken or blasted pipeline, as well as reports of the line blasting, were nothing more than reports to them. The strike was later resolved.

Engineers of the state highway department began work on a road from the Dewey Lake State Park boat dock to the junction with the existing road leading from Hager Gap to Dewey Dam in November.

An Indiana state prison inmate led the Floyd County Sheriff's office and State Police over a twisting course in

December after confessing to the eight-year-old murder of Muriel Baldrige and then repudiating the confession. The convict, Minor Caldwell Taylor, told Sheriff Gorman Collins, state police detectives and others in the warden's office at the prison in Michigan City, Indiana, that he killed Miss Baldrige.

He named as companions on the night of the murder, Paschal Smith, Edward Brown and an unidentified blonde girl.

Taylor later refuted his statement. Michigan prison records at Iola, Michigan, showed that Smith could not have taken part in the murder because he was a prisoner there at the time. Lie detector results showed that Taylor had lied when he confessed.

A 15-year-old Johnson County student, Rosella Auxier, was reported missing in December. She was found a week later in a ramshackle outbuilding only a few yards off busy North Lake Drive in Prestonsburg. She was near death from exposure to freezing weather. She was unconscious, "frozen stiff from her toes to her knees." Doctors amputated her left foot. She also suffered from amnesia.

A three-man trial board of his fellow officers acquitted

State Police Captain John P. Watts on two charges of drinking on duty during the January flood.

First concrete on the filtration plant of the new Prestonsburg water system was poured in March. The water plant, located in the Mayo Addition, was planned to include three buildings of concrete construction.

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The Strand Theatre.
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**Another street scene in
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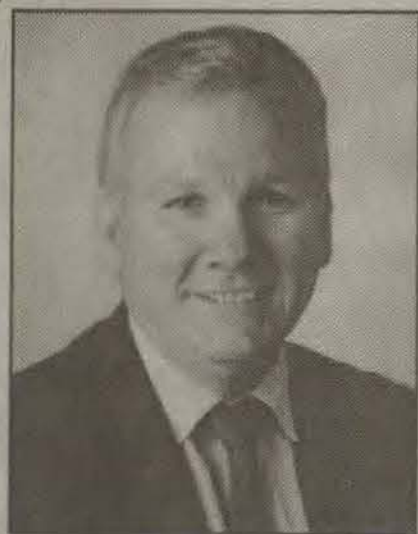
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ABOVE: This house was washed downstream several miles and came to rest on Route 23 between Prestonsburg and Pikeville.
 ABOVE RIGHT: Route 23 was devastated by high waters, hampering travel long after the flood receded. (Photos on this page courtesy of Annette Justice)



ABOVE: A generator from the Mayo State Vocational School's department of electricity was delivered to the Paintsville Hospital after the hospital lost power.
 RIGHT: Fire destroyed the home of James Trimble at Allen. The Betsy Layne Fire Department rescued Trimble from the house.

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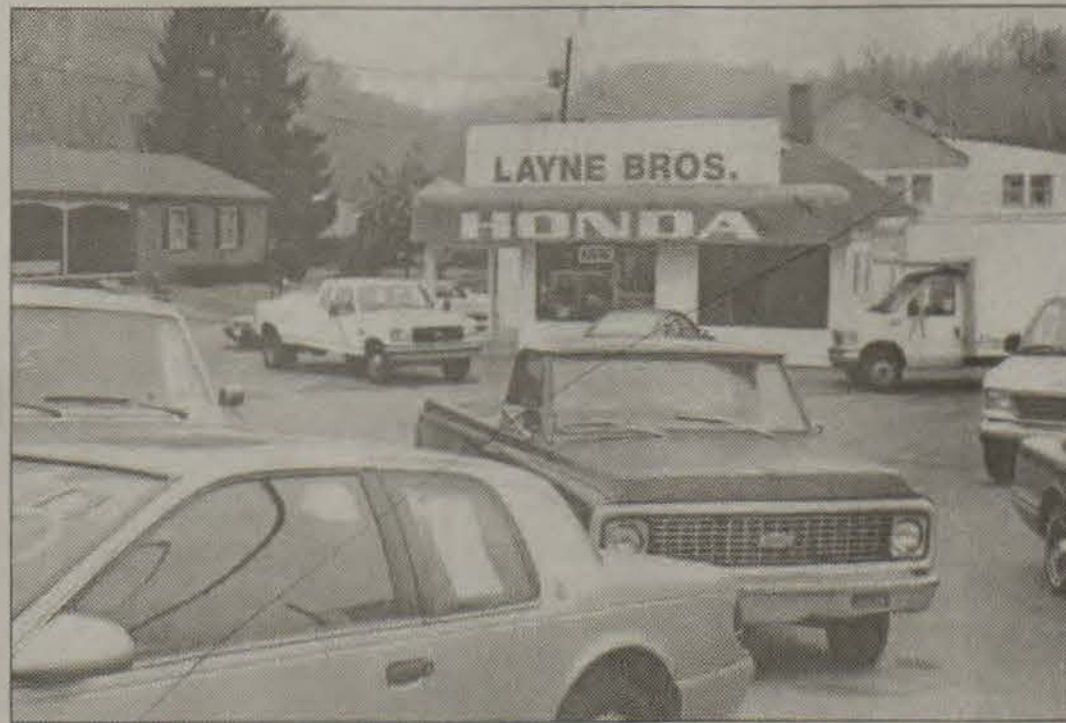
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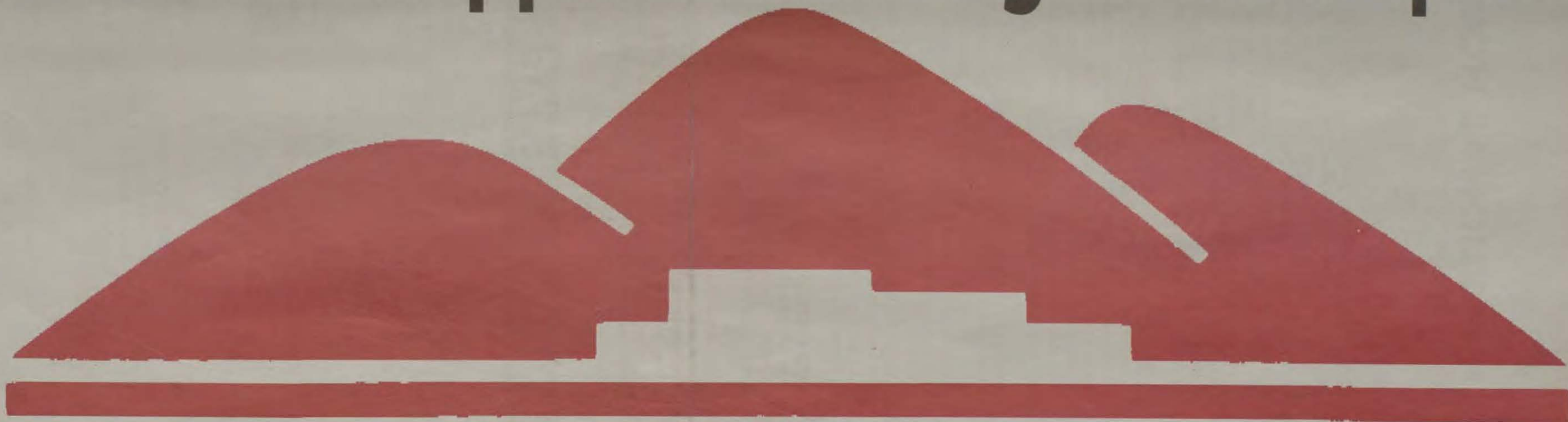
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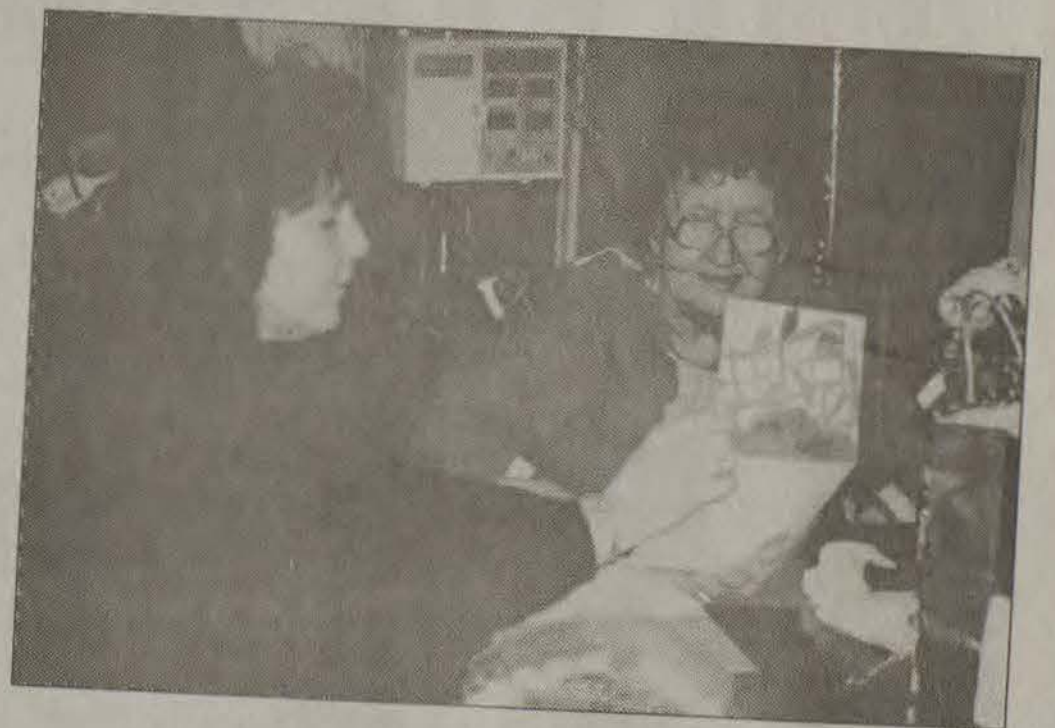
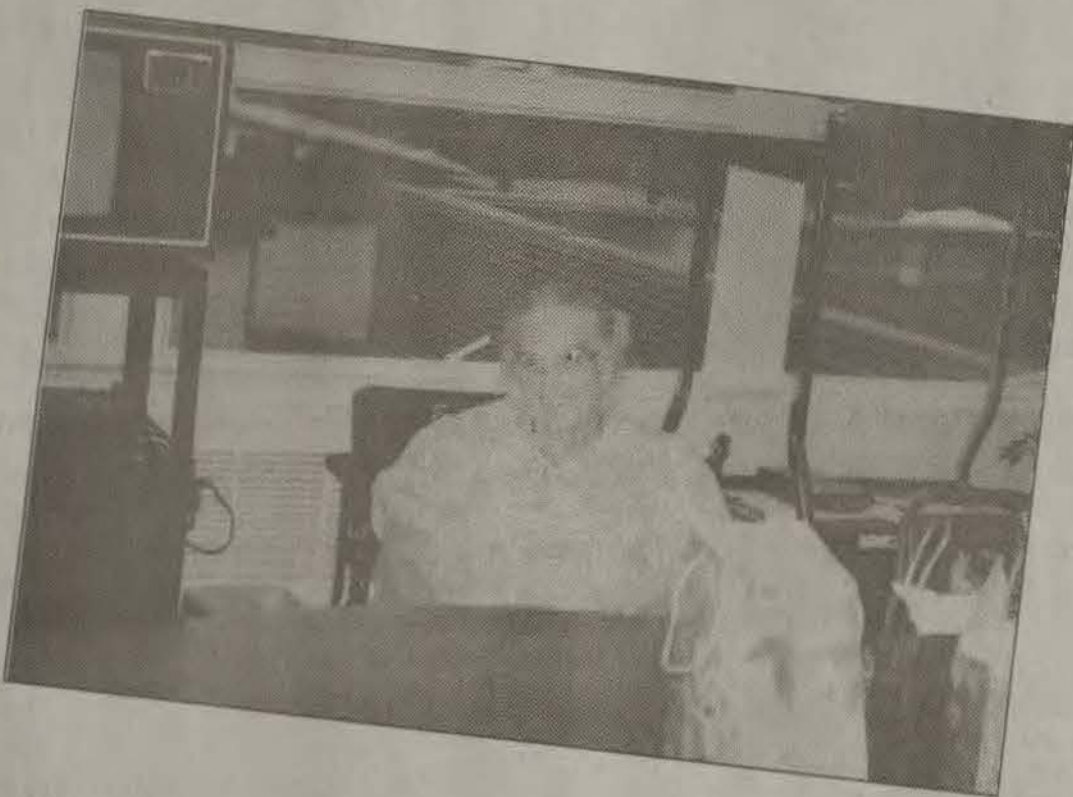
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- Pre-conception counseling
- Breastfeeding counseling

Ms. Hernando is a member of the American College of Nurse-Midwives, Kentucky Nurses' Association, and the Kentucky Coalition of Nurse-Practitioners, Nurse-Midwives.

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Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (PM&R) is a relatively new medical specialty born in 1946. It is recognized as one of the 24 medical specialties certified by the American Board of Medical Specialties. Physiatrists (pronounced fizzy at' trists) are physicians who are certified as specialists in rehabilitation medicine by the American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. After completing their medical degree, they proceed to completing a year of internship which is followed by another three years of specialty training in rehabilitation medicine.



Rehabilitation medicine physicians treat a wide variety of medical problems from knee pain to spinal cord injuries. They address many problems involving the musculoskeletal system and treat acute as well as chronic pain. They may see a basketball player who sprains an ankle and needs rehabilitation care, a factory worker who develops back pain after lifting a heavy object, a secretary or knitter who develops carpal tunnel syndrome, or a truck driver who develops a whiplash injury after a car accident. Their patients may include people with arthritis, tendinitis, and sports or work-related injuries. The whole focus of the specialty is to restore function in people.

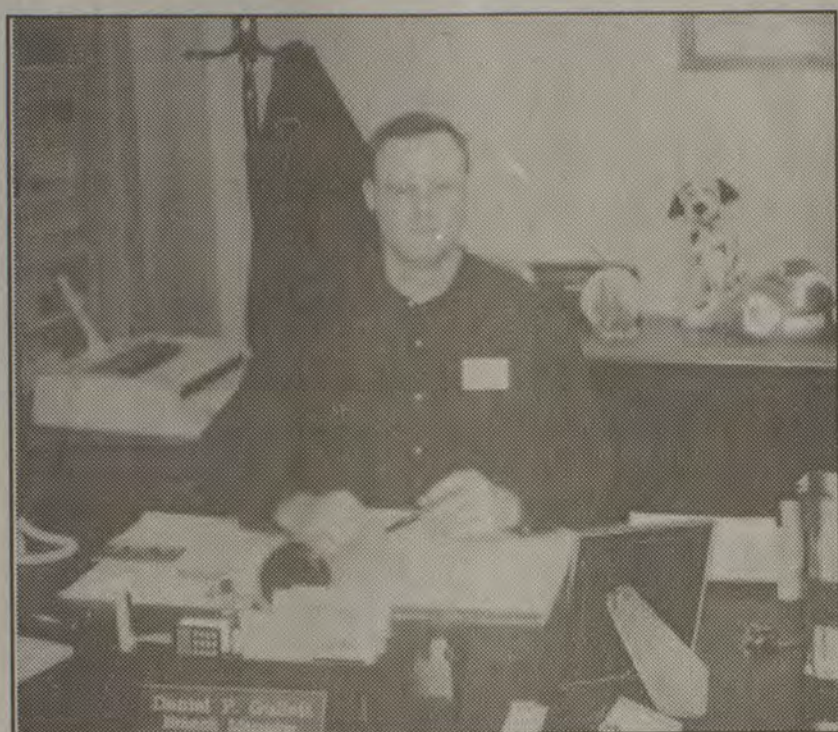
Rehabilitation medicine physicians also deal with many serious problems of the nervous and musculoskeletal system that may give rise to very serious functional problems. They treat people with brain injuries, spinal cord injuries, strokes, fractures, amputations, multiple sclerosis, cancer, AIDS, and osteoporosis. They could be involved in the care of a baby with a birth defect such as cerebral palsy or an elderly person with a broken hip.

Physiatrists provide a wide variety of medical services. They may perform special diagnostic techniques like electromyography (EMG) and nerve conduction studies that help in diagnosing any condition causing numbness, weakness or pain. They prescribe special braces to replace an absent limb or to help an individual walk better. They may also prescribe drugs to help control pain, tremors, poor attention, or incontinence. They may utilize joint injections to help control pain and inflammation. Physiatrists are more familiar with

the diverse therapies employed by physical, occupational and speech therapists. The physiatrist in fact, coordinates with a team of other doctors and health professionals in order to develop a comprehensive rehabilitation plan to help the patient. In addition to the disciplines mentioned above, the rehabilitation team may include physicians from other specialty fields such as orthopedics, urology, neurosurgery and neurology; nurses, prosthetists and orthotists, vocational counselors, and social workers. In essence, the physiatrist works with a team in which the patient and the family are the most important members.

With an explosion in medical knowledge, people are surviving all kinds of devastating conditions, from spinal cord injury to cancer to traumatic brain injuries. Without Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, many patients can lose strength, function, muscle endurance, and most importantly, hope. In fact, PM&R physicians are often resorted to when other fields have given up. The goal of the specialty is to restore function and allow the individual to resume an active and productive life despite any physical disability. Each improvement in function, regardless of how subtle, can significantly improve the quality of life of the patient.

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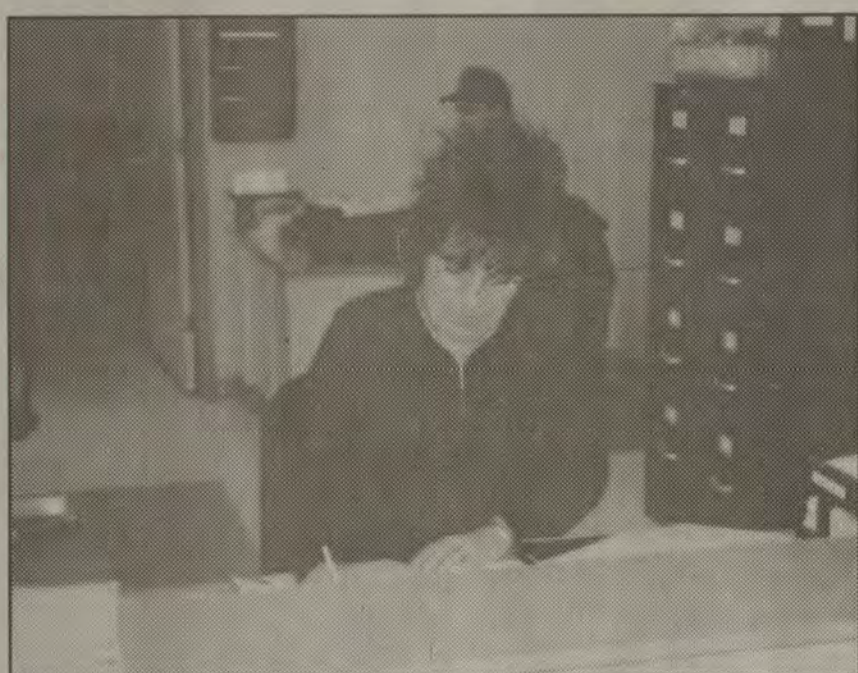
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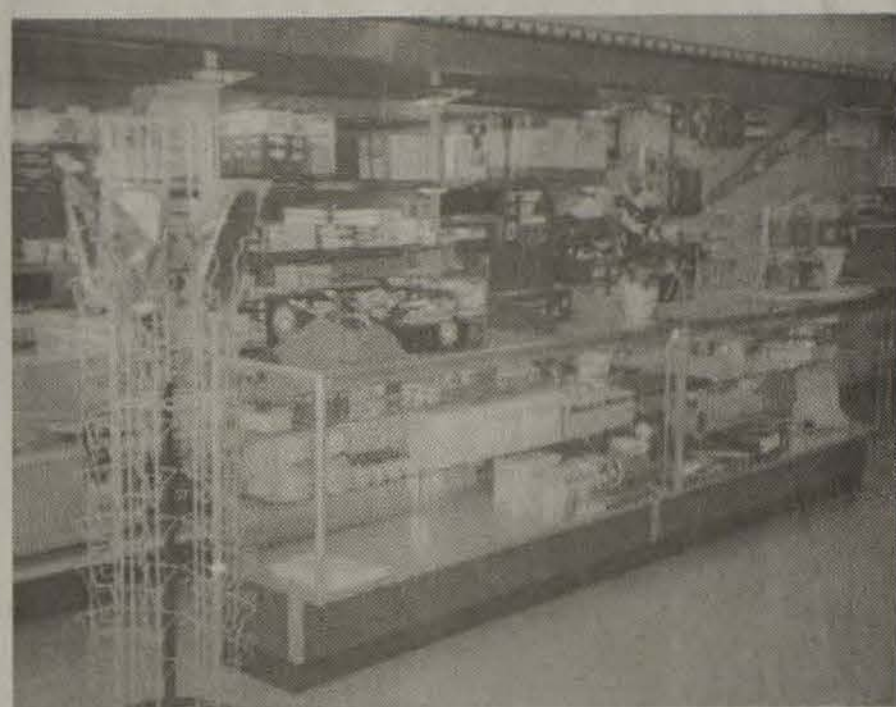
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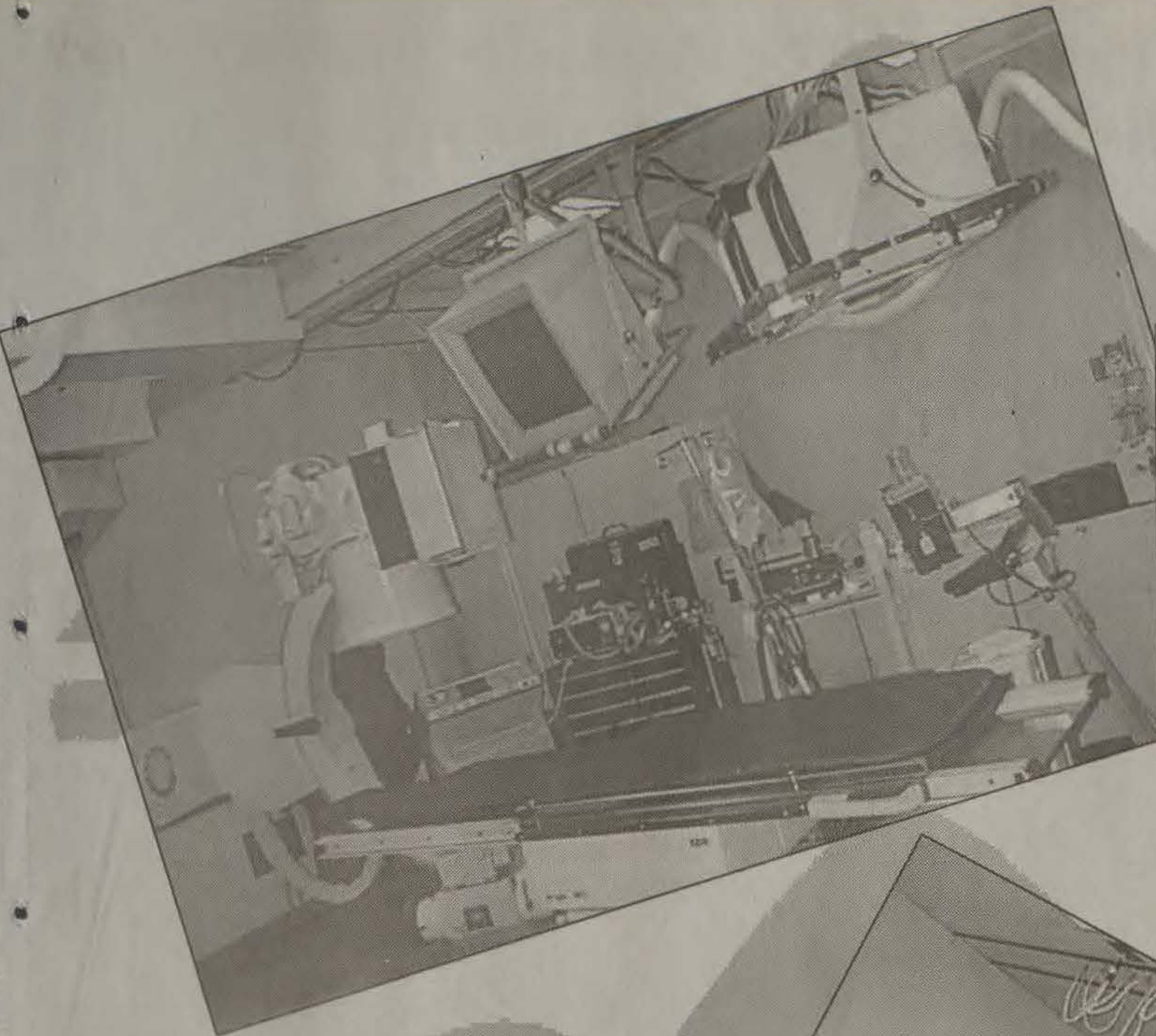
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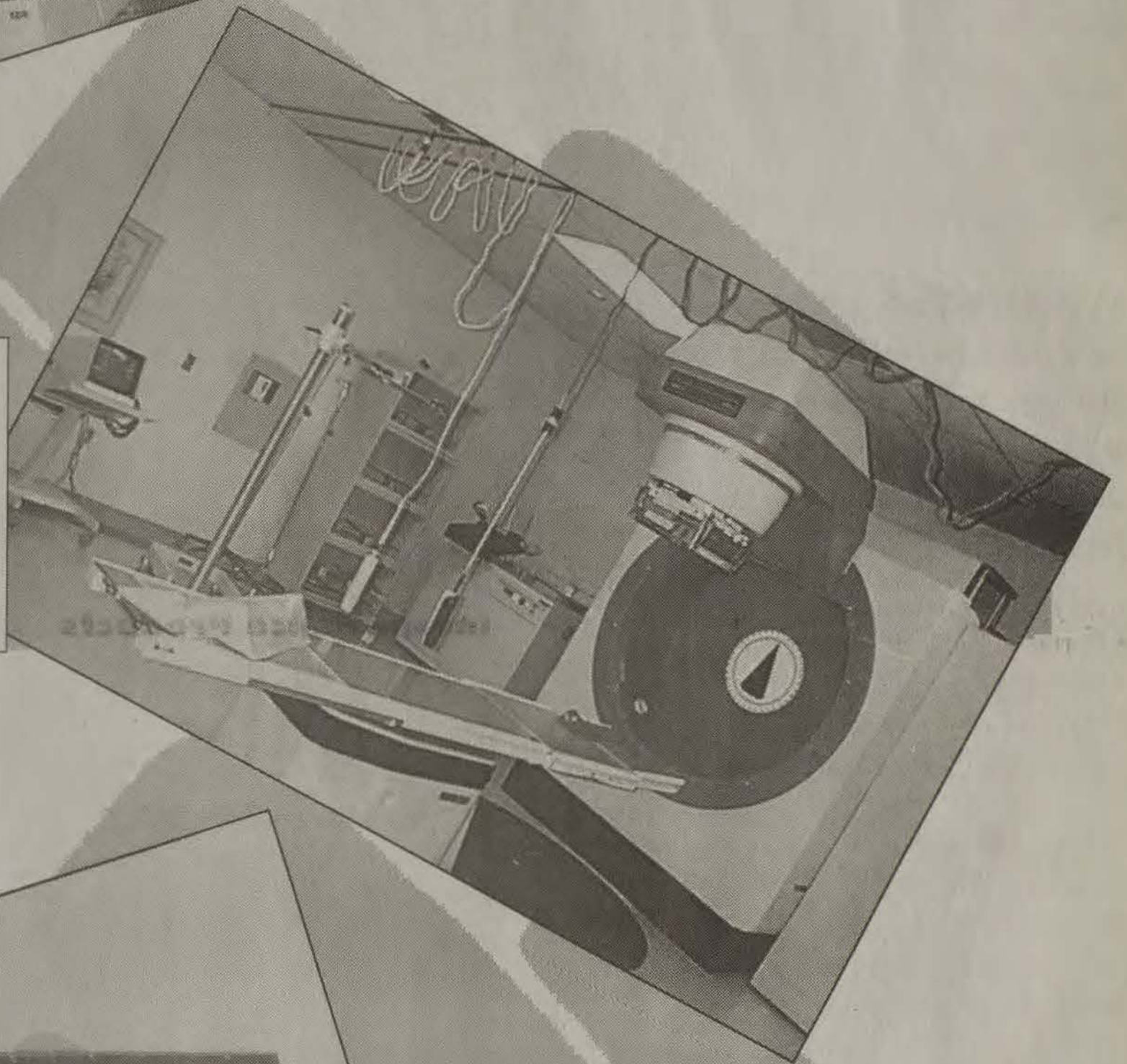
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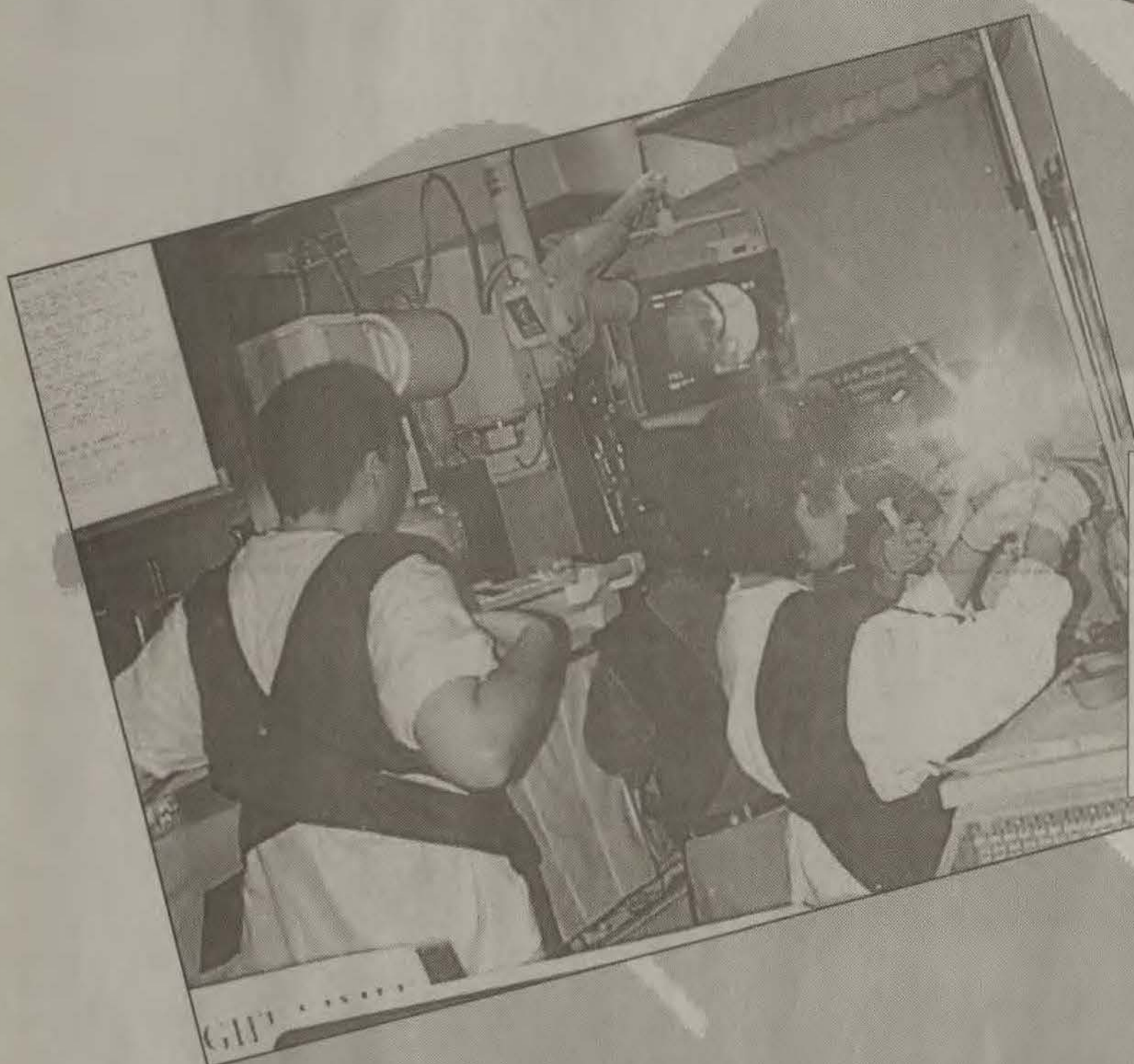
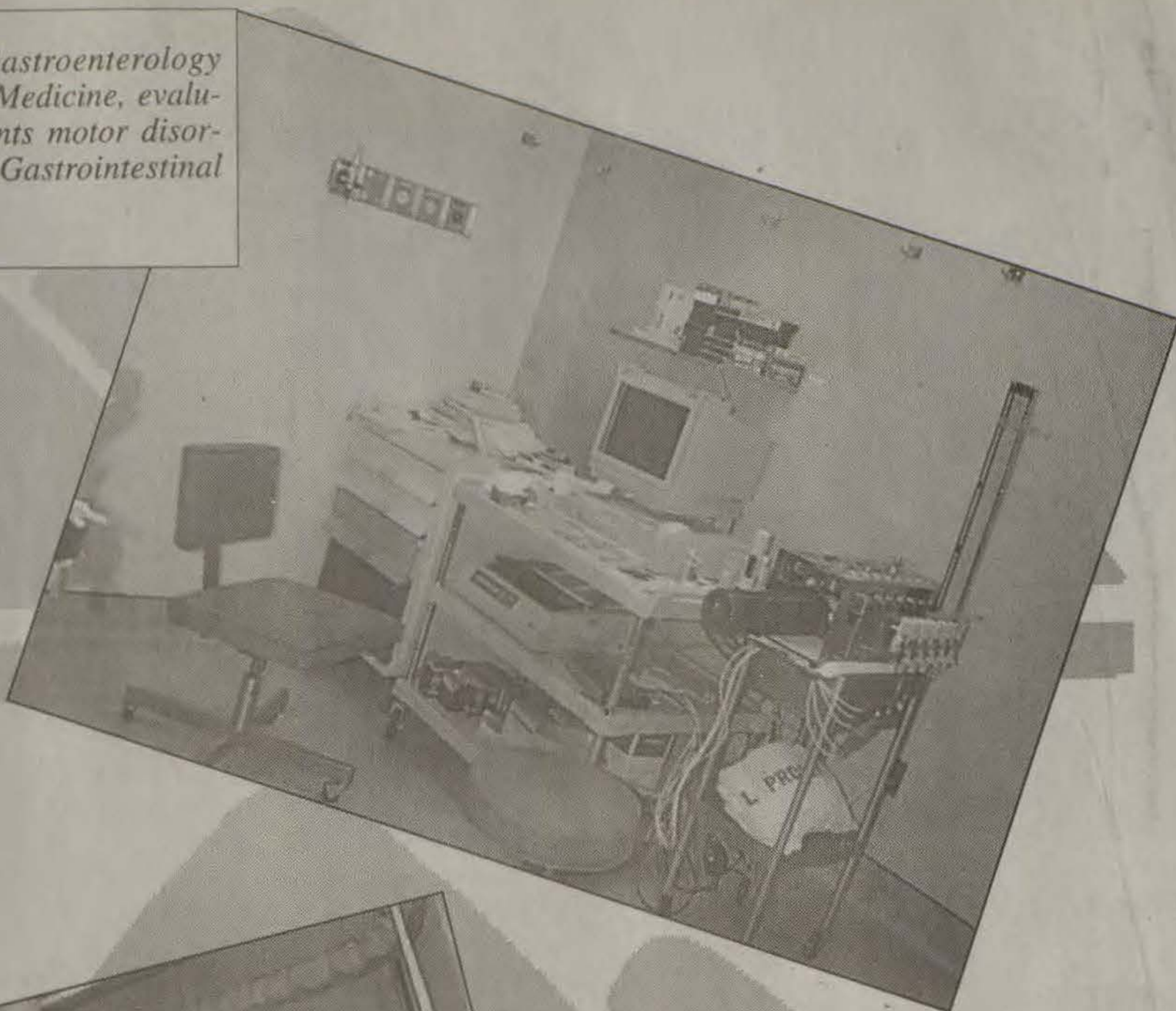


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The friendly faces of the people who provide rehabilitation services.



Questions and Answers About Physical Therapy

What is Physical Therapy?

Physical Therapy is the treatment and prevention of illness and injury by physical means, such as the use of therapeutic exercise, heat, cold, water, electrical stimulation and massage. Physical Therapy helps people lead more active and independent lives. It can help to improve circulation, restore motion, relieve pain, strengthen muscles, correct deformities, promote healing, and prevent injury. Individuals of all ages, from infants to the elderly can benefit from Physical Therapy.

What training is required to be a physical therapist?

Physical Therapist must be licensed by the state in which they practice and this requires the completion of classes in an accredited school of Physical Therapy. Currently only three (3) schools of physical therapy exist in the state of Kentucky—the University of Kentucky, University of Louisville, and the University of Kentucky Center for Rural Health located in Hazard. Physical therapy students now receive a Master's Degree in Physical Therapy which requires five (5) years of study.

Where do physical therapist work?

Upon completion of their studies, job opportunities are numerous. Physical Therapy opportunities are available in hospitals, private clinics, sports medicine clinics, nursing homes, rehabilitation centers, and home health agencies. In and out patient physical therapy services are provided at McDowell ARH, and at the McDowell ARH Home Health Agency.



Occupational Therapy Facts

Occupational therapy is provided to people of all ages who are physically, psychosocially or developmentally impaired. It includes the functional evaluation and treatment of people who have different diagnoses or disabilities including, but not limited to, those suffering from stroke, cardiac conditions, arthritis, diabetes, burns, head injury, cancer, developmental delay, spinal cord injuries and psychosocial disorders. The purpose of occupational therapy is to direct these individuals to achieve a maximum level of independent living by developing those capacities which remain after disease, accident or deformity.

The occupational therapist's initial focus is on treating that pathology or those impaired functions that preclude independence and productivity. Occupational therapists evaluate and treat:

- Impaired muscle strength, range of motion and physical

endurance

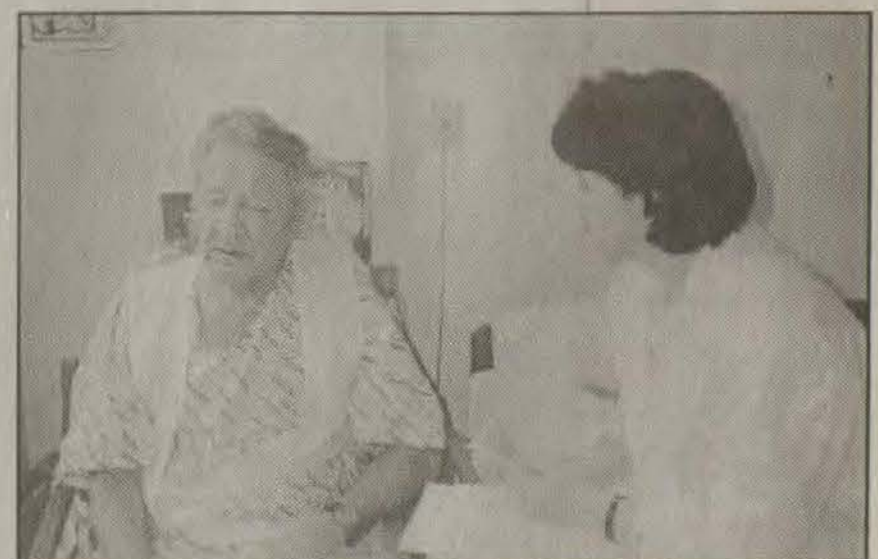
- Impaired concentration, attention span, thought organization and problem solving

- Impaired visual-spatial relationships, body scheme, figure-ground discrimination, eye-motor coordination and motor planning

- Impaired ability to perform daily activities such as self-care skills, work activities and play or leisure skills

Occupational therapists also seek to prevent/inhibit muscle atrophy, prevent or minimize deformity, increase pain tolerance and enhance interaction with environment. They are also vitally concerned with the psychosocial impairments that frequently result from the patient's illness or trauma.

The treatment modalities used by occupational therapists are those which, in addition to reducing specific pathology or impairment, will simultaneously help the patient learn to apply the newly restored or residual function to the demands of daily living, thus leading to a shorter recovery period and an earlier return to a more independent life.



The above photos were taken in the many settings where rehabilitation services are provided. These services can be given inpatient, outpatient and even in the patient's home.

These services can be received both as an inpatient or outpatient service. For an appointment, call Jill Dixon at 377-3400 or Lana Smith at 377-3404.

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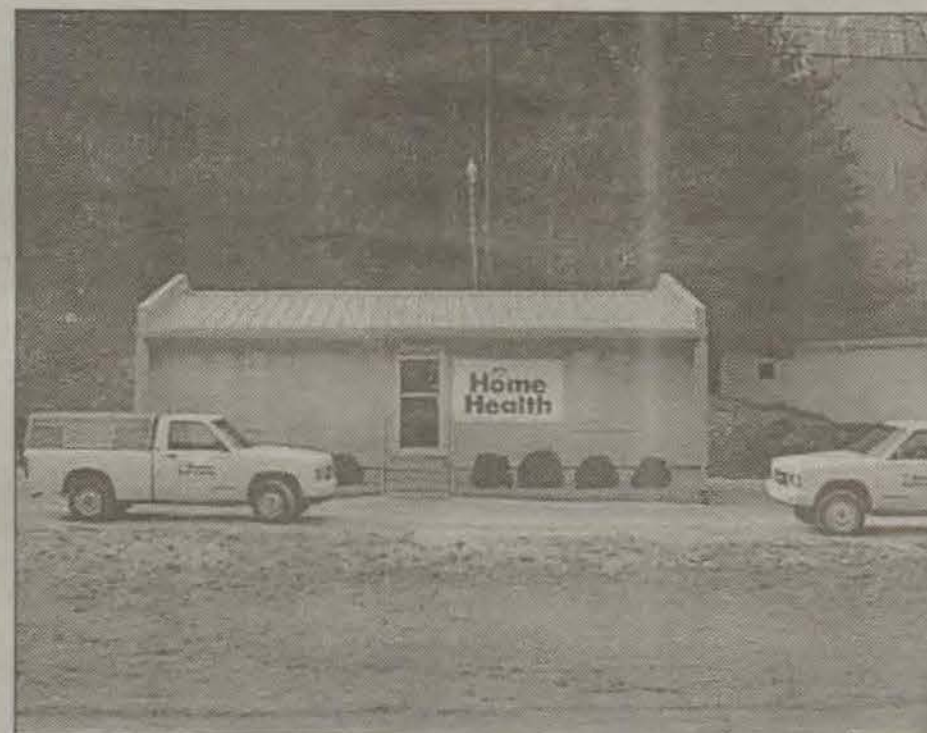
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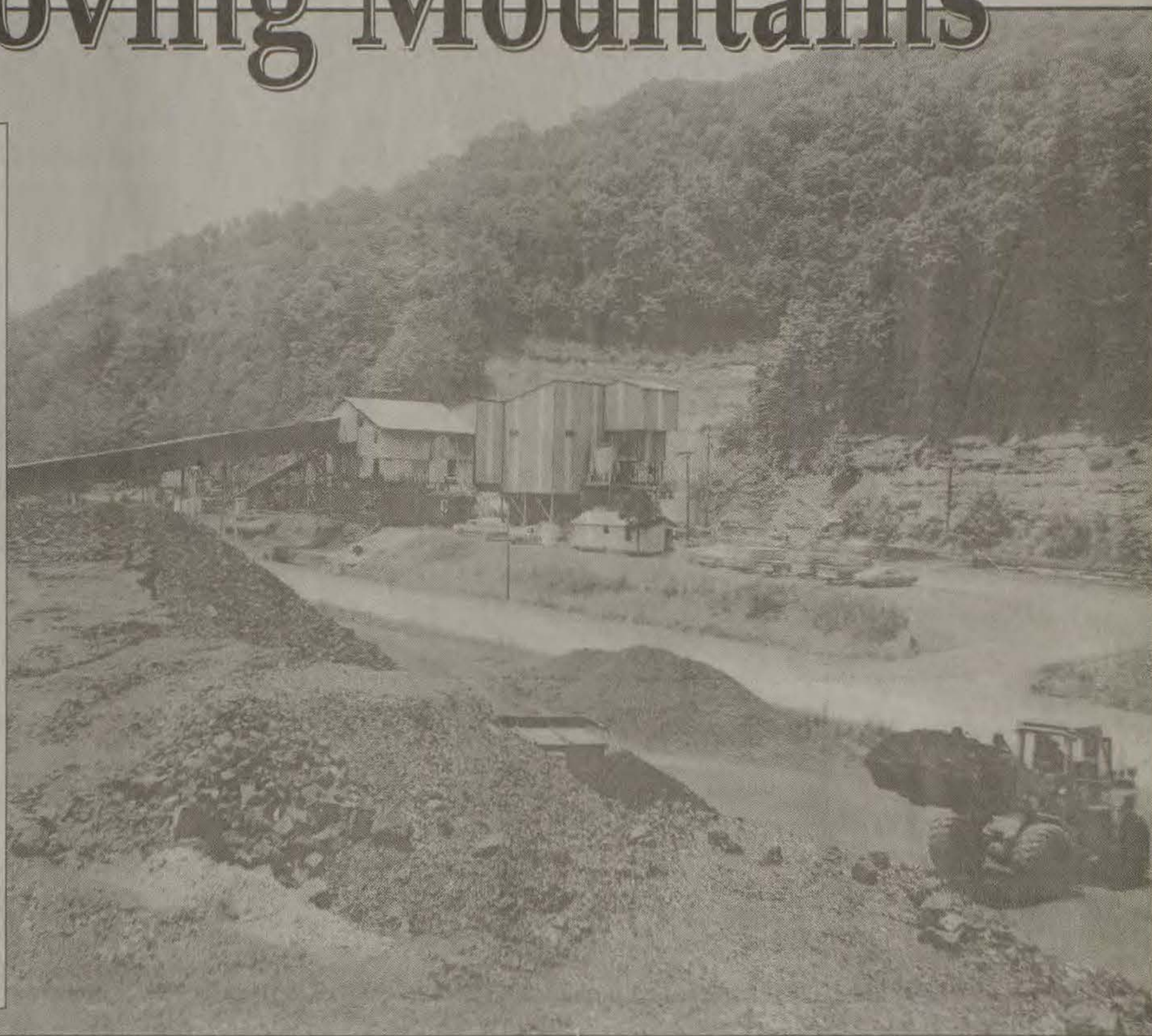
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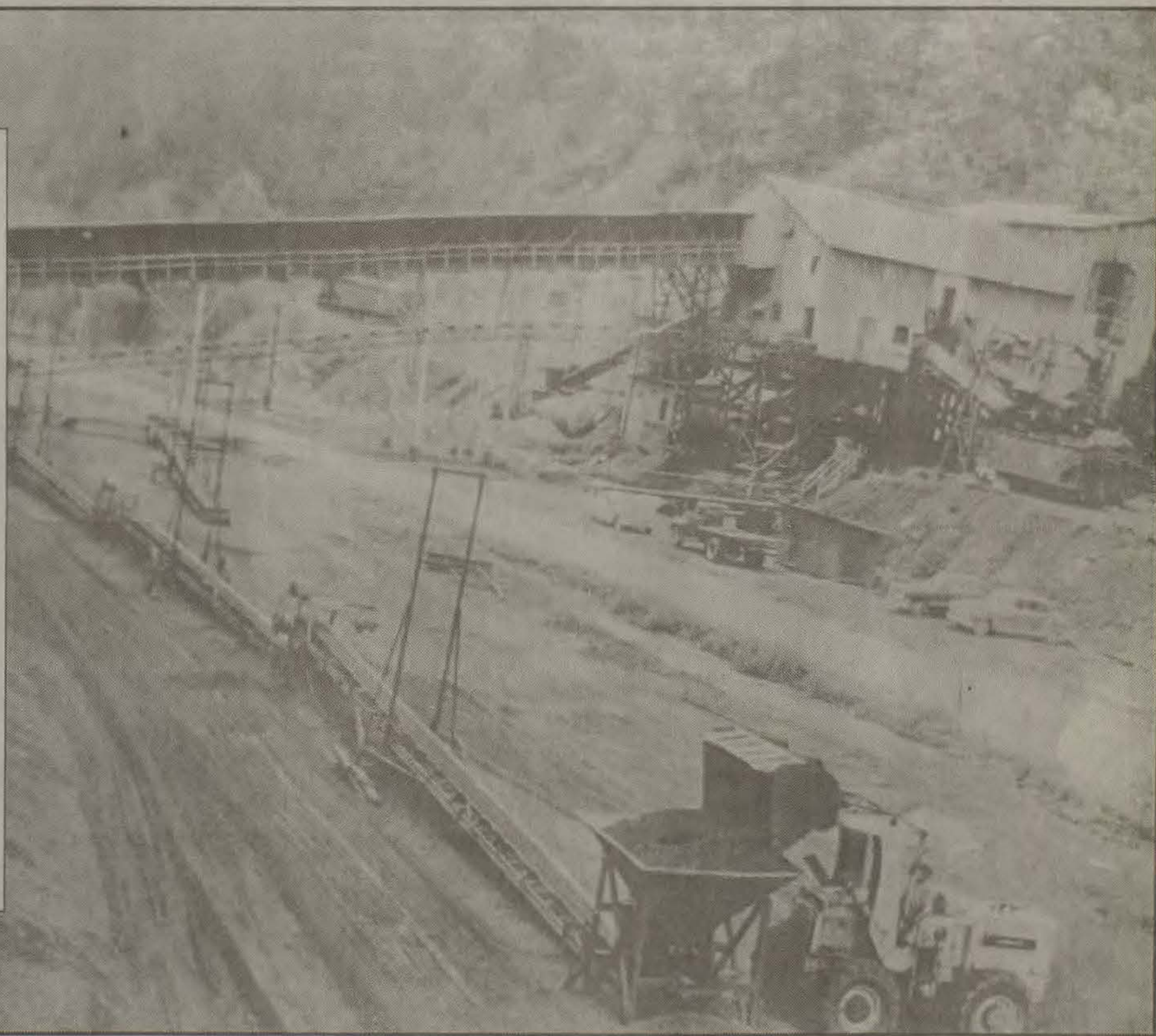
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Moving Mountains

The tipple received a new look with the installation of a new washer and other equipment. Deep mine coal is no longer trucked in from various mines, weighed and stocked. Here Donald Hicks, operating the end loader, fills a truck. The coal is trucked to the tipple, processed, and shipped to various markets.



This was the scene at the David Tipple in the late 40s. Here stoker coal was stocked in winter when the lake market was closed. In the spring it was loaded onto the conveyor belt then into the tipple, processed, loaded in railroad cars and shipped.



Portrait of Home

Knights of the highway move millions of tons

by Chris McDavid
Staff Writer

Over the past several years, coal trucks have been branded as road hazards and many of the drivers have been described as careless "road hogs."

But, people shouldn't be so quick to talk about the drivers until they've driven a mile in a coal truck.

I haven't driven a mile in the driver's truck, but I was given the opportunity to ride several miles in the cab "down the pike" to the place the drivers refer to as the "Power Hole." In other words, we went north on Route 23 to Kentucky Power, what is now known as American Electric Power.

After riding with Darrell Spence, a coal truck driver with Coal Transport Inc., for a couple of hours, I found that most, if not all, of the negative comments about the drivers are totally inaccurate. I also discovered that driving a truck is not as glamorous as it is made out to be in the series B.J. and the Bear.

Drivers of cars, vans, flatbed trucks, and all other "four wheelers" frequently complain about coal truck drivers and their lack of respect for other vehicles.

But do drivers of four wheelers respect the drivers of coal trucks? "Absolutely not," is the answer from most truck drivers.

Many of the drivers say that it is a daily experience for cars to pull out in front of them, unaware of the weight of the coal truck and the distance it takes to stop one.

A loaded coal truck can weigh up to 126,000 pounds, according to law, and it takes an estimated 250 feet to come to a dead stop for a loaded truck.

Coal trucks are dangerous on the highways, but what would we do without them. The revenue they generate is vital for the region.

Knights of the highway

Marty Slone, the fleet manager at Coal Transport, said that truckers were known as knights of the highway in the '50s and '60s, but that image has changed in the last 30 years or so.

"Today, drivers have the image of being a bad apple or seed," Slone said.

Slone admitted that there are a few bad drivers, but because there are a few — that doesn't mean they're all bad.

He said a lot of coal truck drivers are "good Christian people working to make a living for his family."

Coincidentally, the truck I had the opportunity to ride in had an air freshener with a picture of Christ amidst a flock of sheep.

The majority of coal truck drivers are not careless. In fact, each driver performs a pre-trip inspection of his or her coal truck before putting it on the road.

This inspection consists of a good thorough check of the vehicle before it even leaves the lot.

Spence, whose CB handle is Quarter Flap — or Flap for short, said each driver is supposed to give a good visual inspection of the truck's equipment — such as lights, windshield, wipers, horn, and motor fluids.

Flap, who has been driving coal trucks for more than 12 years, said that if anything checks out irregular, then the mechanics repair the truck immediately if it poses as a hazard.

"If it is something minor, the mechanic will fix it at the end of the day," Flap said.

He said the mechanics review the drivers' inspection sheets daily at the company he works for and make all repairs.

Economical benefits

Slone said many people aren't aware of the economical benefits for the Eastern Kentucky region of coal trucks.

"Coal truck traffic is vital to the economy in this area," Slone said. "Route 23 is probably the most heavily traveled highway in the United States for coal truck drivers."

Coal Transport Inc. moves millions of tons of coal on Route 23 each year, Slone estimated, adding that most people would be amazed to find out the exact amount of coal that is transported on Route 23 by all the different coal companies.

Coal trucks are also heavily taxed. Slone said that an overweight sticker for each truck costs \$360, and \$550 is required for federal highway usage tax. He also said a six percent sales tax is also imposed on the value of the trucks yearly.

"People would be amazed to find out the number of trucks registered in Eastern Kentucky and the revenue the trucks bring to the area," Slone said.

He added that a \$1,258 registration fee is required for each truck, and trucks are taxed \$.38 per gallon on diesel fuel.

That's a lot of revenue to the state and for roads in the region.

"If it wasn't for coal trucks in Eastern Kentucky, there probably wouldn't be any four-lane highways in the area," Slone said.

The economy from coal does not end with just the taxation of the trucks transporting coal, but the coal industry also provides hundreds of jobs for the drivers. And, just as anyone else, drivers take their paychecks to town to pay bills and spend money.

Communication

Truck drivers normally don't carry cell

phones, but they do have one vital piece of equipment for communication — a CB radio.

What seems to be a lot of unnecessary talk over the radio, isn't what it appears.

That unnecessary talk keeps the drivers aware and on-the-lookout for other drivers.

"Flap, there's a four wheeler on the side of the road not too far ahead of you," rang out over the CB. At first I was unsure of what that meant, but less than a mile ahead of us was a mini-van broken down on the side of the road.

Flap also explained that drivers observe other coal trucks to ensure that the haul is going smoothly.

"Sometimes a driver doesn't know he has a flat and another driver will see it and tell him," he said, explaining that with 22 wheels it can be difficult to notice you have one flat.

But luckily, Flap was experienced enough to know that we had a flat not long after we got on the road.

"Now you're really going to get to see the life of a truck driver," he told me. "We have a flat."

The truck had a flat on a back, outside tire. Flap explained that if the flat would have been on one of the inside tires, he probably wouldn't have noticed it.

Another driver with a different company offered to assist, but Flap advised him that some of his co-workers would be along soon to help.

It didn't take long to change the flat with the help of "Hot Rod" and "Tiny Tim," who really wasn't that small of a guy. It only took about 20 minutes for the three drivers to change the flat, and we were once again on the road.

Coal truck accidents

When discussing coal trucks and accidents, it's always important to note that when an accident occurs and involves a coal truck, it's usually a bad one.

As tragic as an accident can be, it shouldn't be surprising when considering a loaded truck, weighing approximately 83 tons, hitting a vehicle that only weighs a fraction of the truck.

A Floyd County intersection, Route 23 and Route 1428, has been the site of approximately 11 fatalities since the road opened for traffic in December 1992. Nearly half of the fatality accidents have involved loaded coal trucks.

However, Floyd County Coroner Roger Nelson said it is no surprise that many of the fatal accidents at the intersection involve coal trucks.

"We have predominantly more coal trucks on the roads in our region," he said.

Nelson assessed that the causes of the accidents were because of the time of day and that the drivers wore glasses — not because of the heavy coal trucks on the

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After hauling a load of coal to its destination, the trucks must unload carefully. Flap said unloading can be dangerous because of the possibility the truck may turn over because of the disproportion of the weight. The truck pictured above is unloading the coal in the "hopper" at American Electric Power, near Ashland. (photo by Chris McDavid)



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Loading the trucks with coal is a tedious job for the loader. Flap said that the loaders try to get as close to the weight limit as possible without overloading the truck. He explained that the average truck can haul five "scoops" of coal, with two scoops on the front and back and one in the middle to stabilize the load. A fully loaded truck normally weighs about 126,000, depending on the size of each scoop. (photo by Chris McDavid)

Knights

roads.

What motorists need to know

To make travel safe in the hills of Eastern Kentucky, all the responsibility doesn't fall on just the coal truck drivers, but on all motorists as well.

According to Flap, many accidents could be avoided if motorists were educated about coal trucks.

"Drivers pulling out in front of coal trucks and not giving enough room for them to stop is something I see every day," the coal truck driver said. "A driver with good reflexes and reactions needs about 250 feet to get a truck stopped."

Flap said he has seen a lot of drivers pull out in front of trucks, and then realize it was a mistake and pull off the road.

The coal truck driver said motorists need to make sure they

have their lights on, especially if it is raining.

"It's sometimes hard to see other vehicles when it is raining," Flap said.

He said a light mist is sometimes created from the rain and tires.

Another hazard that many motorists are not aware of is making sure the coal truck driver can see them.

"If you're behind a truck and you can't see the driver in his mirrors —

then he can't see you," Slone said.

He said there are also blind spots in the driver's mirrors when a car is beside the truck.

"Motorists need to make sure the driver can see him as much as possible when close to a truck," Slone said.

Making the roads safer for everyone

Most coal truck drivers take pre-

cautions to ensure safety on the roads, and if we all take extra care the roads can be safer for us all.

Many truck drivers do small things to protect other drivers, aside from their pre-trip inspections.

For example, warning others of oncoming obstructions in the roadway and turning on emergency flashers when their trucks are slowed down on hills.

"We put our flashers on when gearing down and going up hills,"

Flap said. "Our speeds can be deceiving when going up hills and we don't want someone to run up underneath the truck."

Motorists should remember a few pointers to ensure that truck drivers can see them:

- Make sure vehicle lights are on, especially in the evenings and on rainy days.

- Remember, if you can't see the driver in his mirrors, he probably can't see you.

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Technology changed mining industry

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

"I was born one morning the sun didn't shine, I picked up my shovel and walked to the mine. I loaded 16 ton of number nine coal and the straw boss said, well bless my soul, you loaded 16 ton, what did you get, another day older and deeper in debt, Saint Peter don't you call me 'cause I can't go, I owe my soul to the company store."

The late Tennessee Ernie Ford's song was number one back in the mid '50s around the time Martin's George Barnette was taking the plunge into the mining industry.

"I started in my first mine back in 1956," Barnette, who is now retired from the coal mining business after spending 30 years as an owner-operator, said.

Like many coal operators, Barnette remembers the way it used to be in the mining industry and how technology has brought change to the industry over the years, most of it for the good.

"Back when I started we had the haulage system," he said. "Today they have the belt line system."

Barnette explained how a tram motor would make the run through the mine's different sections and pick up coal to haul out.

"They called it 'making a trip,' he said. "It would be like a train that ran in the Martin yard. A tram motor would pick up coal at different sections of the mine. They would make a big train from the different sections and bring it to the tippie."

Evidence of the tram road is still visible today up Bucks Branch, a former coal mining community.

"It would be four or five miles underground and have different sections, a mine would," Barnette said. "They had what you called gathering motors inside the mine. They would gather coal from each section and put it on a side track. Then the tram motor would come and tie together 35 or 40 cars and take it to the tippie."

Coal, a black rock that can be ignited and burned, used to be the source of heat for many homes in the 1800s and early 1900s.

Today, it is used mostly by coal-burning power plants and supplies about half of the electricity used in the United States and nearly two-thirds of that used throughout the world.

But technology has made its presence known to the industry and the haulage system has progressed to the belt line.

"The belt line system was a big improvement over the haulage system," Barnette said. "Machinery

has advanced, of course. Joy (a mining equipment manufacturer) made a lot of equipment and made a lot of improvements as well. They came out with the big 16-inch cutters and loaders."

Barnette recalled the days of the old "breast auger."

"A miner would take an auger and put the head part against his stomach or breast and turn it by hand, drilling a hole to pack powder into. That was the hard way. I've heard of men who would stand and use that breast auger, drilling with one hand and eating lunch with the other."

But those days didn't last forever.

"Then along came the electrical equipment, electric hand drills and then they went to the mobile stuff, drills on wheels like they use today," he said.

Years brought more changes and a big one was the continuous miner. The continuous miner took the place of miners who had long been employed in the mining industry and could dig 12 tons of coal in a minute's time. It gouged the coal from the coal face — coal exposed on the surface of a wall. The machine then loads the coal on a conveyor belt or shuttle car to be hauled to the outside.

"When the continuous miner came into being, it eliminated shooting the coal. It eliminated the powder," Barnette said. "The bigger mines got into the continuous miners and of course used less men. But for the smaller mines it required the same man power."

Other changes have also eliminated mining jobs over the years.

"Belt haulage has eliminated some jobs in the mines. You get away from motor hauling where you had to have a motorman and brakeman. So, when they went to belt haulage that eliminated some jobs," he said.

Barnette remembers when he first started as an operator, "we had shuttle buggies."

"They would drag a cable (shuttle buggies) with an electric motor on them. Then later they went to battery power equipment. They then went to rubber tire carts and got away from the rails," he said. "We had those types of carts for awhile. Then the Kersey Company came out with a rubber-tire battery-powered motor and rubber-tired cars. So I had them for awhile," he said.

Scoops became the new craze for the mining industry as a way of loading and transporting coal.

"I don't remember the year, about 1975, David Reed started building scoops. But the fellow

who invented the thing was Hargis Hall. He had a tractor with rubber tires and he built a bucket and put it on the front of the tractor," Barnette said. "He would run it under a ton of coal and start dragging it outside. It worked good."

"Porter Electric built the first scoop for David. They put hydraulic jacks on the bucket to pick it up. David then got it away from Porter and put a shop up here at Warco and he started building scoops."

"I bought the second or third one ever made and it was the best thing they ever ran in a coal mine. One man could haul a lot of coal. It had a lot of advantages. It was a good piece of equipment. You could clean a bottom," Barnette said.

Barnette recalls how the mining industry advanced from the "carbide" days to the modern rechargeable lights now used.

"When I started out, we used the old carbide lights," Barnette said. "Still you were sort of in the dark. It took a lot of time to keep

the water in it. You had to keep fresh carbide in it and miners would carry water in the bottom of their lunch buckets for drinking and for their light."

"In 1958 they came out with the electric lights and the bigger mines had them. You had to buy a big panel of them and each night the miner would check his light in and they would recharge them for the next day."

"Then they came out with the individual light with the individual charger and the miner would take his light home and charged it at home," Barnette said.

Liking the new lights, Barnette purchased the lights for all his men. "That was a big improvement. It got us to where we could see. When they first came out, they were \$50, but it put out good light," he said. "Later we got up-to-date with the big mines and a better lighting system."

While the mining business was a rewarding one, it still had its dangers.

"Roof falls are the most danger-

ous thing in a mine," Barnette said. "Of course, electrical accidents are always possible."

Barnette said he was fortunate that none of his employees were ever hurt really badly inside a mine. "I never had anyone killed in all my years of mining."

There were humorous moments inside the mines, as well, he said.

"Any time you fool with a bunch of men, anything can happen," Barnette said. "I remember one time I had my crew of men on a Saturday and they were cleaning out an airway. Some rock had fallen and it was at a mine that had a bad top. We needed to open up the airway, so I had this crew of men inside. I was there with them and we were cleaning away."

"It came lunch time and we were all sitting eating. One of the men, Creed Martin, said to me, 'George, you will make the headlines of the Floyd County Times this week.' I said, 'Why's that Creed?' He said 'We're all going to get killed in here, liable to, in this bad top.'"

The miner then told Barnette that the headlines of the Floyd County Times would read, "mine operator killed in rock fall." "He said, 'They won't even mention us,'" Barnette said. "He was as serious as he could be."

Another change that came about during Barnette's days in the mines was the roof bolting replacing the timber that supports the mine's roof. The top was propped up with timber with cross-headers.

"The sawmills would cut out 4x8s for the headers and you would support them with timber underneath," Barnette explained. "In the late '60s, they went to roof bolting where you drilled holes in the tops and put bolts in different lengths. That was a big change."

"It was scary to me. I used to go in the mines and we had timber set, I felt safe. The roof bolting was the scariest to me, but it was the safer of the two."

Barnette said there were inspiring moments in his mining days. Men would work hard and look after their families while others would be a disappointment.

"Some would work harder than others," he said. "They were better employees. Some would save their money and buy a new car, a new truck. Some would drink and waste their money."

"I always told my men I liked to see new cars and new trucks sitting around the mouth of the hollow (leading to the mines). That makes me look pretty good, that I was paying good," he said.

Barnette said he enjoyed being

able to pay his men well.

"Man works hard and deserves his money. I've always enjoyed paying them. I always tried to treat my men like I wanted to be treated."

Barnette soon built a reputation of caring for his men and he wanted to see they had what they needed to get the job done.

"I always told my men the best man on earth couldn't work or do anything or produce anything if he didn't have something to do it with," he said. "If you had all the machinery you needed, some fellows would be too lazy or too sorry they couldn't produce either."

The future of coal mining?

"There will always be a demand for coal, I think," Barnette said. "Floyd County is about mined out. There is not much future for Floyd County in the mining business."

According to Barnette, strip mining picked up where deep mining left off. "If it wasn't for strip mining, there would have been no coal."

"There's not that much strip mining in Floyd County because it is to mountainous. Hill top removal is all the striping you can do."

Floyd County is still the home of little mines that became personal mines. Today they are a place for water to gather.

"Those kind of mines were called house coal banks," Barnette said. "Some of the old-timers would open up a seam of coal close to home and maybe mine a little bit out of it and sell it. They would mine their own coal for their own use. It was called block coal."

Barnette opened up his first coal mine on Jake Akers Branch near Salisbury.

"I put that mine in back in 1966 and at one time had three mines in that hollow," he recalled. "I had a total of six mines up that hollow."

Rewarding?

"I loved every minute of it," Barnette said. "I still miss it. When I first started out, the union scale was about \$13.05 a day. Now it is from \$90 to \$120 per day. Lot of the old miners used to say that a \$13 contract was the best they ever had and could buy more for their money."

Barnette has a collection of old mining items such as breast augers, carbide lights, old cloth hats, bits, lunch pails and the such. And the memories will always be his as he recalls how it used to be, how it is now and what lies ahead.

Tennessee Ernie said it all, "...Saint Peter don't you call me I can't go, I owe my soul to the company store."



George Barnette spent 30 years in the mines as an owner-operator. He has witnessed many changes in mining.

Cedar promotes school and community

by Patricia Watson
Contributing Writer

"It's real easy to make a CEDAR coal study unit fit with KERA!" stated Sherry Tackett, a primary level teacher at Prater Elementary School.

Mrs. Tackett and her students engaged in a 12-week study focusing on coal. Together, teacher and students decided what they wanted to learn about coal. They formed a list of topics and questions which included: surface mining, deep mining, how coal is formed, how coal is used, and how the miners (their daddies) were kept safe at their work at the mines.

To get the answers, they read coal related books which prompted thinking and more inquiry. They listened to several mining songs and learned to sing some songs such as "Sixteen Tons." They researched where Prater Creek coal is shipped. They made a model power shovel. They wrote opinion papers about coal. They visited Brandeis and looked at the heavy equipment used in the mining industry.

Several meaningful classroom activities were part of this coal study. One of special interest was when the students actually completed a mining activity where they had to extract the chips out of chocolate chip cookies. Their tools were either paper clips or tooth picks. Along with the process, they had to plan for reclamation and to calculate the costs.

"Students learned so much through this study! Skills and content teaching were involved through the entire process," stated Mrs. Tackett.

The culminating activity from this study was a huge, handmade quilt which contained coal illustrations the children elected to put on the quilt. Each child had to give explanation about what he/she chose to put on the quilt. Every

square was very meaningful to the class.

Like Sherry Tackett, Delores Woody, a newly retired high school teacher from South Floyd, praised the program. "It's fantastic! Students develop a sense of pride as they learn about coal and the use of coal. Plus, the community becomes involved with the school."

Mrs. Woody's students did a coal study where they learned about production and management. They formed conclusions about how coal is important to their lives. Music was a part of the study and students wrote their own songs and performed skits. Their culminating event was an open house for parents and school personnel where all could share what they had learned. A magnificent dinner, catered by Miss Gwinnetta Mitchell and her students at South Floyd was open for all to be served.

James Staggs, Jr., a teacher from South Floyd, praised CEDAR (Coal Education Development and Resources Council) highly. "They (CEDAR) offer a splendid opportunity to take coal into the classroom."

"They (CEDAR) let me decide what I want to do with my students. They don't tell me how to do the coal study, but they gave me the money to do what I wanted," credited Staggs. "This gives you (teacher) creative opportunities. The more creative you are, the more you and your students will get out of the study."

Mr. Staggs' request for CEDAR Coal Study grant money was approved for \$1,200 for this 1995 class project. He and his students engaged in a study to learn about locating coal for mining. Their research led them outside the school walls to check the mountain with appropriate instruments to calculate how much coal was in a particular location. In doing so, they had to calculate where the coal seam was

located and draw a map to be used for mining the coal. Also, they had to plan for removing the rock and dirt covering it (the overburden). Then, came decisions about where to place the ponds.

Mr. Staggs and his students produced a video tape to show the stages of their work. This impressive video was student produced and student edited. Musical background accompaniment was "Working in the Coal Mines." Other student products went into writing portfolios and math portfolios.

This project won first place honors when it was placed in the CEDAR Coal Fair exhibits at Pikeville College Gymnasium in the spring display.

Duff Elementary's eighth grade math/science teacher, Greg Nichols, engaged his students in a coal study project for about eight weeks. Nicholas had interest in doing a unit about coal mining because he and his students wanted to learn more about the coal industry which is so much a part of their own community. When he requested grant money from CEDAR to complete a coal study unit, he received \$1,700 to complete his teaching unit.

Basically, Nichols and his '94-'95 eighth grade students constructed a model showing the different stages of mining, ranging from extracting the coal from the ground to processing it, to transporting it to the power plant where it is consumed as electricity. The class and their teacher received assistance from two coal miners as they designed this room-sized project. Jerry Rice from Martin County Coal and retired coal miner, Bob Walters, from Circle C Coal served as mentors. Together, they built this 12 x 16 foot model, by assembling nine sections which represented coal mining in eastern Kentucky. Every section was designed with a plywood base on rollers, styrofoam, fake grass, rock, and it showed

details such as coal seams with auger. Five models represented mining methods (ranging from deep mining to surface mining); one model represented tunnels for trains for transporting coal; one was a model of a processing plant; one was a model of communities from where the train traveled. These nine models were entered in the 1994-95 CEDAR Coal Fair. To be judged for CEDAR prizes, the models were entered in one or more of the six categories as specified by guidelines. Two models received first place honors in the math category. However, for overall judging, this project took first place in the exhibits.

The television news media interviewed Nichols and the eighth grade students about their project. Their picture was printed on the front page of the Kentucky Coal Journal, a coal industry publication. Visitors to the Coal Fair questioned the students and their teacher with amazement that such an impressive project was on display.

When asked how this project impacted classroom student learning, Nichols explained. "Students worked together to build their models. They listened to each other as they constructed sections and they presented to the class about what they were constructing. They had to be working and reading about coal mining to gain a better understanding about mining. In the process of working with Jerry Rice and Bob Walters and in talking with their own family members, they gained respect for coal miners, both for what coal miners did and what they had."

In addition to these gains, Nichols reported that students' work went into their assessment portfolios. He saw students display more interest for school and more respect to their teacher.

Even though this was a tremendous effort, Nichols says he is proud

they did the work and that it has been placed on display in the Kentucky Mining Museum at Benham, Kentucky.

Just a few years old, CEDAR, Inc., is a non-profit corporation which originated to encourage the study of coal in a positive way and to learn of the many ways coal benefits peoples' lives daily. It is desired, that this study will be an integrated part of the classroom and not an isolated unit. The 1994-95 school year was CEDAR's first in Floyd County and it was the second for Pike County, where it originated. A total of 40 schools participated in the two school districts. A total of 119 teachers requested money for coal study units. Nearly \$50,000 went into Floyd County classrooms throughout all stages of CEDAR projects.

CEDAR, Inc., operates with donations from local supporters. This corporation was formed through the joint efforts of the North Carolina Coal Institute and the Coal Operators and Associates of Pikeville. The council consists of representatives from the coal industry, business community and education.

The coal study unit is one offering of CEDAR. A second is the Regional Coal Fair, held in April at the Pikeville College Gymnasium. In 1995, over 600 student projects were exhibited, representing six categories: science, math, English/literature, art, music, and technology/multi-media.

Competition categories are divided with kindergarten through fourth grade students competing; fifth through eighth grade students competing; and ninth through twelfth competing. First place cash prizes are awarded in the amount of \$150 each; second, \$100 each, and third \$50 each.

Student winners from each category are judged to determine overall winners.

First place winners from K-4 and 5-8 receive a home computer system and a lap top computer is given to the high school overall winner. Second place winners in all three grade levels will receive \$500 cash, and third place winners will receive \$250 each.

Also, CEDAR awarded nine teachers cash prize money for their coal study units. Six of the nine teacher prizes were received by Floyd County teachers. Suzanne Stumbo, a teacher at Betsy Layne High School, received \$250 for third place, overall; Helen Martin, a teacher from Duff Elementary, received \$500 for second place in grades 5-8 category; Delores Woody, a teacher from South Floyd High School, received \$500 for second place in grades 9-12; and all three first place prizes were awarded to Floyd County teachers.

Winning in grades K-4, Sherry Tackett, a primary teacher from Prater Elementary won \$1,000; for grades 5-8, Greg Nichols, an eighth grade teacher from Duff Elementary won \$1,000; and for grades 9-12, James Staggs, Jr., from South Floyd won \$1,000. The first place winners were awarded an expense paid trip to Myrtle Beach where they received recognition at the North Carolina Coal Institute's Summer Trade Seminar.

Each of these recipients expressed delight about winning and being able to take their families on a nice vacation. "We were treated 'royally,'" was the reflection of each of these winners. At the regional coal fair, they learned about how coal will be marketed in the future.

CEDAR has began its second year in Floyd County Schools making offerings for coal study grants and for students to enter projects in the May 1996 Coal Fair which was held at Pikeville College Gymnasium.

A Coal Fair will be in May, 1997.

Opportunity came more than 100 years ago

by Patti M. Clark
Correspondent

It was more than 100 years ago when the hills of Eastern Kentucky opened their doors of opportunity.

There was gold in them thar hills, black gold. Coal had been found.

But it was outsiders who reaped the benefits of the find, not the settlers who had made their home there for years and whose sole economic base had been agriculture.

Since then, the wealth of the hills has ebbed and flowed as jobs became plentiful and then disappeared, almost one by one.

In a seven-county area in Eastern Kentucky, where mining has left its mark both on the countryside and on the people, the number of jobs created by coal mining grew from a low in 1974 of 16,607 positions to a high of 22,894 jobs in 1982. But by 1995, the latest year numbers are available, the number of those jobs had plummeted to 10,865.

Counties included in those totals include Floyd, Pike, Johnson, Martin, Knott, Letcher, and Perry.

Across the state, similar decreases

Coal trucks

by Jay Crum
Age 7

The important thing about a coal truck is it hauls coal to places.

The truck is heavy so it needs big tires.

It hauls the coal in a trailer. It dumps the coal out.

The tractor pulls the trailer.

The tractor has a stack for the smoke to go out of.

But the important thing about a coal truck is it hauls coal to places.

Scoop

by Mark Stanley
Ages 7

The important thing about a scoop is it is a machine.

It works in a deep mine.

It is yellow.

It has a bucket on it and it carries coal.

It runs on electricity.

But the important thing about a scoop is it is a machine.

Steel toed boots

by Meagan Willis
Ages 8

The important thing about steel toed boots is that they keep your feet safe.

You have to wear them in a deep mine.

The steel toed boots are comfortable.

They have steel in the toes of the boots.

They are also waterproof.

But the important thing about steel toed boots is that they keep your feet safe.

Shuttle Car

by Adam Goble
Age 8

The important thing about a shuttle car is it carries coal out of a deep mine.

It runs on electricity. It is a machine. It goes back into the mine. And it works back in the mine.

But the important thing about a shuttle car is it carries coal out of a deep mine.

Rock truck

by Cruise Boyd and
David McKinney
Age 7

The important thing about a rock truck is it dumps out rocks and dirt.

A rock truck gets used on the surface mines.

It dumps overburden out on the hill.

It is bigger than an end loader.

But the important thing about a rock truck is it dumps out rocks and dirt.

Unit train

by David Howell
Ages 9

The important thing about a unit train is it carries coal.

Trains have cars.

Trains have tracks.

Trains have a caboose.

Trains haul coal.

Trains take it to other states.

Train whistles blow.

Trains run slow.

But the important thing about a unit train is it carries coal.

es have been noted. The high in 1974 was 34,034, with an all-time high of 48,884 in 1979. The statewide total of mining jobs in 1995 was less than half of that total, 21,270.

In Floyd County alone, only 872 people were employed in the mining industry in 1995. In 1981, that number had climbed to 3,052, an increase from the 1974 total of 1,801 mining jobs.

And the end probably isn't in site.

Since 1991 alone, mining has posted a loss of 7,200 jobs, a 22 percent decrease. "This loss of mining jobs is not surprising," Carlos Craycraft, the Department for Employment Services' chief labor market analyst, said last October. "More than likely we will see this trend continue."

Current salaries average about \$767.40 weekly for those employed in the industry, the highest in the last 25 years. In 1974, the average salary was \$259.83, still a lot for that time period.

While salaries for the mining industry have been relatively good in recent years, that hasn't always been so and Anthony J. Salatino, in his book "Will Appalachia Finally Overcome Poverty," puts the foundation for the area's poverty on the back of the coal industry.

Back in the 1890s, Eastern Kentuckians couldn't envision that the mineral-rich land would be raped by outsiders to fulfill their expectations. But many, hoping to keep food on the table and shoes on their children's feet made the decision to abandon the agriculture industry and take up coal mining.

Throughout the hills of Eastern Kentucky, almost overnight, small mining towns sprung up and people came from everywhere looking for a good wage. Those towns locally include Wheelwright, McDowell and David. Most of the mining in those areas has now stopped, but the impact of the mining industry on the area and its people is evident.

By the early 1900s, some coal corporations began using local lawyers, politicians and county officials to secure mineral rights from area residents. Many didn't realize they were giving away the very thing that could help them rise above poverty in the mountains. While coal company owners could foresee what the mountains could mean, those who owned the land could not.

Many were illiterate and getting 25 cents per acre for the mineral rights was a lot of money. For those who had 200 acres of land, they received \$50 in full settlement for the rights.

While the extra money meant the residents were able to improve their immediate existence, it did little to help them in the long-term. Very quickly, those settlement dollars were gone, and the land owners were left as they were before they sold their rights. Except this time, they didn't have those rights to fall back on.

But the area's population grew as the coal industry gained strength. In the early 20th century, Eastern Kentucky became an important base for the coal industry and supplied the United States as well as countries outside its borders. The railroads helped tremendously and towns like Wheelwright, added to existing tracks to handle the increase.

Coal towns came to life as miners worked to build shanties that were put together hurriedly and with much-to-be-desired material. The houses and town structures stood on cinder blocks or poles, two to three feet off the ground. The boards were unpainted and they were nailed directly to the frames of the shanties.

The roofs were made of tin, which withstood only a couple of winters in the Appalachian area. Most looked the same, both inside and out. They were built near the mining area so that the workplace would soon become the focus of the towns.

Most residents depended entirely on the company owned store in the town because few had the money to buy a car to leave the area. While the stores contained everything from the flour to make bread to the coffins to bury the dead, the items were overpriced. And to add insult to injury, many miners, in the early days, were paid with scrip which could only be used in the commissaries, making even stronger the dependence workers had on the coal companies.

As the mining industry moved into the 1930s, it became more than evident that for the corporations the almighty dollar was more important than the welfare of the workers. Safety in the mines didn't exist. The men worked long, hard hours in unventilated mine shafts. Very quickly, their bodies and their minds began to deteriorate.

This is about the time that Unions made their move. In 1931, 6,000 of a possible 10,000 miners in Harlan County came forward to join the United Mine Workers Union of America. But there was still much to be desired when it came to mining jobs. The work was long and dirty and the pay was low.

The face of mining changed again in the 1940s when the young strong men of Appalachia left the mountains to serve their country.

They were replaced in the mines by elderly workers, other hillfolk, outsiders and rejected 4 Fs, along with the physically disabled.

It was also about this time that men left the mountains for the cities up north. Many never returned because they could now control their own financial destiny.

Still there was another coal boom in the area, having more impact on Eastern Kentucky than the first boom in the early 1900s. Truck mines became a way out for some men, but coal barons continued their control of communities.

But the UMWA began to grow and soon had more than 500,000 members across the United States. Mechanization began cropping up in the late 1940s and early 1950s even as John L. Lewis fought for the jobs of the local miners. Lewis recognized the inevitable disappearance of miners' jobs.

But still the boom of the 1970s

and early 1980s came. Jobs grew, mining grew and dollars flowed in and out of Eastern Kentucky. But still, hazardous conditions existed and miners were concerned about their safety every time they entered the mines.

Strip mining took root and soon the tops of mountains were shaved off to get to the coal underneath. In the beginning of 1960, nearly 25 percent of extrication of coal was done by strip mining. By the 1970s, the number had grown to about 70 percent. Many coal companies avoided reclamation projects which would have replaced topsoil and prevented mudslides.

But during the 1980s and 1990s, the miner's role in Eastern Kentucky changed. Mechanization of the industry means more and more miners have been forced to find jobs elsewhere. In areas such as Mud Creek in Floyd County, up to 75 percent of the population had

once been employed in the mining industry. Many of those people are now unemployed because there are no other jobs available.

What about the future of the coal industry? It will most likely always be viable in Eastern Kentucky, but as technology increases the efficiency of the industry, fewer and fewer people will be able to depend on the dollars coming out of the mines.

Area governments are looking at ways to bring in different industries and bring more jobs to the area. A big push toward tourism started with the opening of the Mountain Arts Center last fall. Officials are looking at ways to build upon that drive and build attractions that will bring tourists to the area with the idea that those attractions will also draw industrial corporations to the area, bringing with them hundreds of new jobs to replace the ones that have fallen by the wayside.



Caravan of coal trucks haul their "black gold" to destinations such as "the power hole", the American Electric Power plant near Ashland.

COAL EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT AND RESOURCES

Coal Education Development and Resource Council

WHAT

An all volunteer, not-for-profit corporation.

WHO

A partnership between the Coal Industry, Business Community, Educators and Kentucky Coal Marketing and Export Council. This partnership was formed in July, 1993, through the joint efforts of the North Carolina Coal Institute and Coal Operators and Associates of Pikeville, Kentucky.

PURPOSE

To improve the image of the Coal Industry.

MISSION

To facilitate the increase of knowledge and understanding of the many benefits the Coal Industry provides in our daily lives by providing financial resources and coal educational materials to implement its study in the school curriculum.

TARGET

K-12th grades in Pike and Floyd counties, Kentucky.

GOAL

To enable our citizens to form a knowledgeable and unbiased opinion of the Coal Industry.

CEDAR is concentrated in the following four (4) project areas:

1.) Teacher's Coal Study Unit Program

Grant money and educational materials are made available to teachers for the creation and implementation of a study unit based on coal. To give incentive for participa-

tion, and recognition for performance, CEDAR gives cash awards to nine teachers totaling \$8,250.00. Allowing teachers the freedom to create their own study units gives them ownership which enhances the success of this project.

2.) Regional Coal Fair

Students are invited to enter coal projects in one of the following categories: 1) Science; 2) Math; 3) English/Literature; 4) Art; 5) Music; 6) Technology/Multi-Media; or 7) Social Studies, to be judged in grade levels of K-4th, 5th-8th, and 9th-12th. These projects are displayed and judged at their school's Local Fair, with selected projects being invited to participate in the Regional Fair. Seventy-two (72) cash prizes are awarded, at the Regional Fair totaling \$11,550.00, going to sixty-three category winners and nine grade level overall winners.

3.) School Awards Program

This program was created to give incentive to and recognition of schools who distinguish themselves with the extent of participation and quality of performance in the various CEDAR programs. Schools receive points for their extent of participation, as well as quality of work, in the Coal Study Unit and Coal Fair programs. The top five schools who receive in excess of 700 points are awarded \$500 cash each, with the second five schools exceeding the point threshold receiving \$250 cash. These awards are given to the library fund of the school to be used to improve services for students.

4.) CEDAR Scholarship Program

CEDAR in partnership with Dollars For Scholars has established a scholarship program available to all high schools in Pike and Floyd counties, Kentucky. One senior from each participating school is eligible to receive a \$1,000 scholarship by researching and writing a paper about the positive aspects of the coal industry. All winning entries are judged for overall ranking with additional scholarships being awarded in the following amounts: 1st Place \$5,000; 2nd Place \$3,000; and 3rd Place \$1,000. Dollars For Scholars performs the screening of applicants and distribution of funds with CEDAR providing the funding, entry guidelines, and judging of the students' writings to determine the scholarship recipients.

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Mountain Arts Center is not a 'coming attraction' anymore

The setting was Hazard, Kentucky in September of 1990. It was the scene of the city's popular Black Gold Festival. The modest handful of people assembled on the bleachers in downtown Hazard had little or no expectation of the show they were about to see. And why should they? At that time, virtually no one had ever heard of the Kentucky Opry, unless of course they had been the target of one of Billie Jean Osborne's sermons on the dire need for performance opportunities for East Kentucky's talented youth. Today, however, Ms. Billie Jean was silent, anxious for the premiere performance of the troupe she had so highly touted.

An apprehensive group assembled on the makeshift stage that fall day, including three musicians visibly uncomfortable wearing their rented tuxedos. Once assured that all the guys were in place and ready to begin, the emcee, standing behind his keyboard, hit the drum track and announced into the mic, "Ladies and gentlemen, we are the Kentucky Opry!" On the swelling of the music and the smattering of applause, two teenage girls stormed the stage wearing jumpsuits purchased last minute from a JCPenney catalog.

Humble beginnings to say the least, but that was how the Dream began several years ago. Since then, many great events have shaped the Dream—stretched the Dream, molded it.

In the ensuing years, those original five performers were joined by thirteen others filling the stage with a wealth of talent all drawn from the hills of Eastern Kentucky.



Billie Jean Osborne

As the Kentucky Opry began to define its niche in the entertainment industry, performers moved beyond an earlier format of solely country music and began including samples of bluegrass tunes, gospel favorites, classic oldies and jazz standards. It seemed that there was no musical genre that the Opry could not master. In time, a comedian, reared in Eastern Kentucky and steeped in traditional mountain humor, joined the group. His rapport with people from three to ninety-three was among the newer incentives to attend the Opry.

Individuals throughout the community began to see the potential the Kentucky Opry offered the entire region. This troupe of performers would do more than entertain; they would preserve the region's musical heritage and be at the core of a radically different development concept for Eastern Kentucky. Politicians, teachers, musicians, nurses, artists and businessmen all soon began to believe in the Dream.

As support for Miss Billie Jean's vision grew, the Dream grew as well. The Kentucky Opry Junior Pros were created—a performance troupe of kids too young to realize that the musical excellence they remarkably obtain should be beyond them.

In a crowning achievement, the Mountain Arts Center was opened. Building a \$7 million performing arts facility in the heart of East Kentucky with the technical capabilities to rival an arts center anywhere in the nation, left more than a few people scratching their heads. But repeatedly, despite what *should* occur and what *should* be feasible, the Dream defied the odds.

Today, when the Kentucky Opry takes the stage they are at ease in the tuxedos and sequins they wear. And the drum track which

kept the beat for those three musicians not so long ago has been replaced by one of the most gifted drummers in this part of the country. Through the years, the Kentucky Opry has continued to build upon the successes of the past, but regardless of the many stages and the many audiences, the Dream never dims in its brilliance. Billie Jean Osborne and a community of believers gave the Dream hands and feet and somehow made it fly.

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Measuring the impact with an applause meter

If economic development was measured by an applause meter, the Mountain Arts Center would receive an A+ for the impact it has already had in Eastern Kentucky. The Center, which opened in October of last year, has already hosted thirty-six public performances and has entertained close to 20,000 people in its first four months of operation. And with hardly an exception, every one of the patrons who have attended events in the Center has applauded the quality of the artists, the beauty of the facility, its state of the art lighting and sound systems, and the luxurious comfort that the theater and lobby offer to visitors.

But, as we all know, real economic development is not measured in these terms. Rather, it is gaged by the number of jobs created, the number of dollars returned to the community, and spin-off benefits to the broader business community. How does the Mountain Arts Center stack up in this context? According to Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin and Paul Hughes, chairman of the Center's Management Commission, quite well.

Site development, building construction, and equipment for the Center cost a total of six-and-a-half million dollars. The majority of these dollars were recycled in Eastern Kentucky communities. Many of the subcontractors utilized by Browning Construction, of Pineville, general contractor for construction of the Center, are based in Floyd, Pike, and surrounding counties. A total of individuals were employed at the Center during its eighteen month construction period, generating a gross payroll in excess of \$1,500,000.

With respect to jobs created as a result of the Mountain Arts Center's opening, the impact has already been substantial. The Center directly employs nine full-time employees and has twelve part-time positions including technical personnel, box office clerks, music teachers, and concession workers. Additionally, Kentucky Opry employs two full-time individuals and 16 part-time performers working on a year-round basis. Just as significant, but less tangible, are the opportunities which the Center offers to many of these

employees to learn marketable skills including technical theater, audio and video recording, and marketing and management trades. With the Center's recording studio coming on line in March, even more job opportunities will be available.

Spin-off benefits? You bet. Area restaurants, hotels, and gas stations have realized a significant increase in sales directly stemming from the thousands of people attending events held at the Center. Groups utilizing the meeting rooms housed in the Center for seminars, training sessions, and social functions, have given a real boost to local food caterers. Even more significant, private developers have recognized the growth opportunities which the Center has created. A Lexington developer is presently constructing a 70-room Comfort Suite next door to the Mountain Arts Center and two other developers are planning for the renovation of one existing restaurant facility and the development of a new private facility in proximity to the Center.

While Prestonsburg has not yet achieved the tourism draw potential of a Branson, Missouri, it's well on its way. Patrons attending performances at the Center are not limited to Eastern Kentucky residents. They come from all over Kentucky and several surrounding states. Fred James, marketing director for the Center, is enthused by the positive response he is receiving from group tour operators wanting to bring busloads of tourists here from Ohio, Indiana, and West Virginia to spend time in the hills of Eastern Kentucky, see quality entertainment, and experience the warmth of Appalachian hospitality. Tourism Secretary Ann Latta, who resides in Prestonsburg, makes no bones about the potential that she sees for the Mountain Arts Center as a tourism destination. In January, she arranged for a group of tourism officials, including Kentucky Opry's Billie Jean Osborne and David Morris to travel to Switzerland in order to sell Kentucky—and particularly Eastern Kentucky and the Mountain Arts Center—to over 900 European tour operators. Likewise, tourism commissions and visitors bureaus from throughout the fifteen counties of Eastern Highlands

North realize the dramatic tourism potential that the Center holds for the region and have indicated collaborative efforts to promote the Center along with other area attractions.

Education, a hand and glove partner to economic development, shares the spotlight equally with entertainment in the Center's overall philosophy. Not only does the Center offer continuous cultural enrichment opportunities for the region, but it actively organizes and manages educational programs throughout the year. Many schools from a twenty-five-county service area have already bussed elementary and high school students into the Center for matinee performances. Student programs from ballet to Shakespeare, from Stage

One Children's Theater productions to Dr. I Wonder's Science Circus, have already been put into place. Private instruction is available during the week at the Center for aspiring musicians of all ages, including voice, piano, violin, banjo, and children's theater classes. Just as importantly, the Center offers a range of real time training opportunities for individuals in the areas of stage management, audio and video recording, and related fields.

Economic development professionals will readily admit that effective development happens only as a result of a positive mind set and a concerted and coordinated effort from all segments of a community. That has certainly been the case with the Mountain Arts Center. From the Center's inception six

years ago to the present day, the concept of a performing arts/education center was embraced by public officials, business leaders, and private citizens alike. Funding for the initial construction was a combination of federal grants, a loan, and private contributions. Almost a million and a half dollars was raised from individual and corporate sponsors. The business community continues to actively support the Center through participation in the governing board and sponsorship of entertainment and educational programming.

Critical both to the Center's initial development as well as its long term viability is the fact that the Mountain Arts Center is a regional facility. Private financial support was and is generated from through-

out Eastern Kentucky. The Center's marketing is targeted to the cities and counties on a regional basis—and outside the state's borders. Most importantly, the life blood of the Mountain Arts Center, its patrons, come from all walks of life and from communities throughout the entire region.

There is really no question in anyone's mind that the Mountain Arts Center is a wonderful entertainment facility that was long overdue for this part of the state. And given the very real economic impact that the Center and its programs are already having and the promise that it holds for the future, it can certainly be ranked among the most significant economic development efforts in Eastern Kentucky in recent memory.



Layne Brothers sponsors giveaway

Layne Brothers Ford Mercury and Honda gave the Mountain Arts Center a very nice Christmas gift last year—a brand new 1996 Ford Ranger pickup truck. The MAC and The Kentucky Opry, as co-beneficiaries, are issuing \$10 certificates for a giveaway drawing to be held during the Kentucky Opry Concert, March 22nd.

If the holder of the winning certificate is present at the concert that night,

they will also be awarded 200 gallons of gasoline donated by the CITGO Company. If they are not present, additional drawings will be held for the gasoline.

This entire effort is a fund-raiser for the MAC and the Opry and each certificate purchased is actually a donation.

Malcolm Layne, of Layne Brothers, donated the striking candy apple red truck because of his regard for his for-

mer teacher and Opry founder, Billie Jean Osborne.

Certificates may be purchased at the Mountain Arts Center, various CITGO locations in Floyd, Johnson, Pike, Martin, and Magoffin counties, the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce, and the Prestonsburg Rotary Club.

The MAC phone number for more information is 606-886-9125.

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UPCOMING PERFORMANCES

MARCH 1st DWIGHT WHITLEY

Eastern Kentucky has produced many nationally known country music stars, and several are on the horizon of stardom. One such star is Dwight Whitley of Sandy Hook. His recent "Brotherly Love Project" which features selections sung and written by his acclaimed brother Keith Whitley, is part of his concert tour. His hit "The Legend and The Man," is featured as well as a supporting video filmed in Nashville. Dwight is commissioned under Neon Records of Kentucky for his project and for another recording effort soon.

Opening for Dwight is one of the most sought after local country music bands in Eastern Kentucky—GONE COUNTRY. Lead singer John Burchett and long time friend James Hall wanted to create a unique country sound. They drafted drummer Jim "Cattfish" Reed, bass guitarist Mike Howell, lead guitarist Mark Wells, and Danny Bentley, a steel guitarist to complete their uplifting group. Now, we are all excited about their first appearance in the MAC.

MARCH 4th—U.S. 23 TALENT SHOWCASE

Held on the 1st Tuesday of each month, and presented by Lee's Famous Recipe Chicken, these evenings offer local performers from the tri-state area, an opportunity to showcase their talent with a professional backup band and state of the art sound and lights. So far, 25 individuals and groups have appeared on the U.S. 23 Showcase.

MARCH 21st—AN EVENING WITH STEVE GREEN

Steve Green is a world-renowned inspirational vocalist and recording artist. In the Christian music world, Steve Green's legacy is already established. With more than 3 million albums sold, and a consistent touring schedule, Green's mark has been made as an exemplary musical communicator. Many of his songs, including "People Need the Lord," "Find Us Faithful," and "Household of Faith" have become firmly established in the repertoire of the American Church. Children are invited to come to the stage and sing with Steve; be sure to include this evening on your agenda.

MARCH 22nd—KENTUCKY OPRY CABIN FEVER CONCERT

This is Ford truck give-away night and another Kentucky Opry exciting performance. Winter has been cold and we've all got Spring Fever, but things will warm up with David Morris' Orange Blossom Special, along with the rest of the Opry group's dynamic family entertainment. So get ready for a great show.

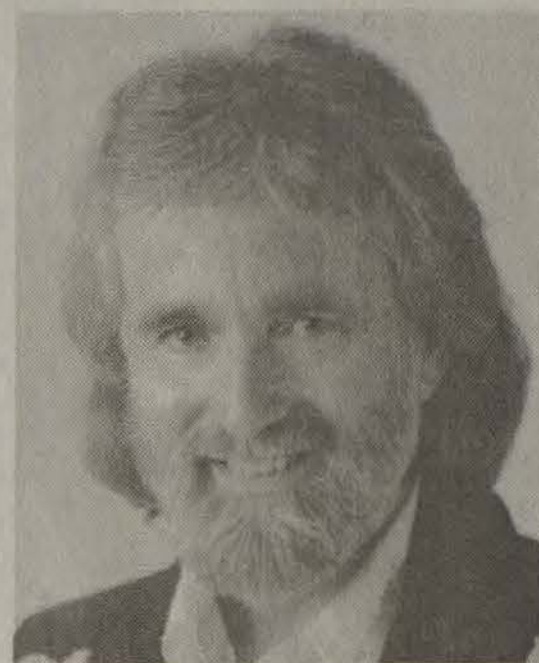
MARCH 25th—BILL PINKNEY & THE ORIGINAL DRIFTERS

The legendary Bill Pinkney is a member of the Rock 'N' Roll Hall of Fame, having been inducted in September of 1995, as part of a class that included The Beatles, Elton John, and The Supremes.

Over the years, the group has had a number of colossal hits including "Under the Boardwalk," "Up on the Roof," "Save the Last Dance for Me," and "Money, Honey." Pinkney's version of "White Christmas" is one of the ten all time best selling Christmas recordings and is featured in the hit movie "Home Alone."

MARCH 30th—COMMUNITY EASTER SERVICE

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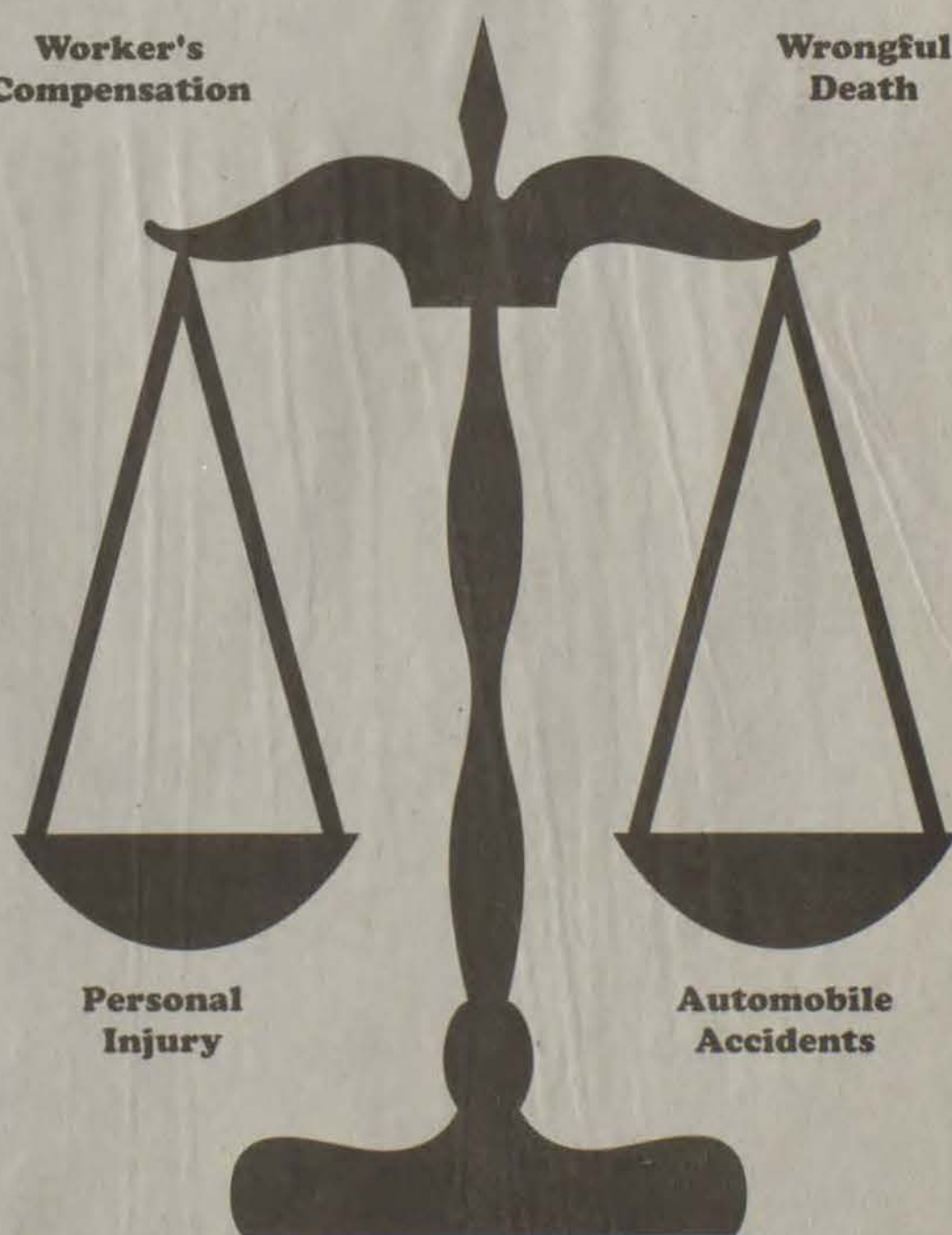
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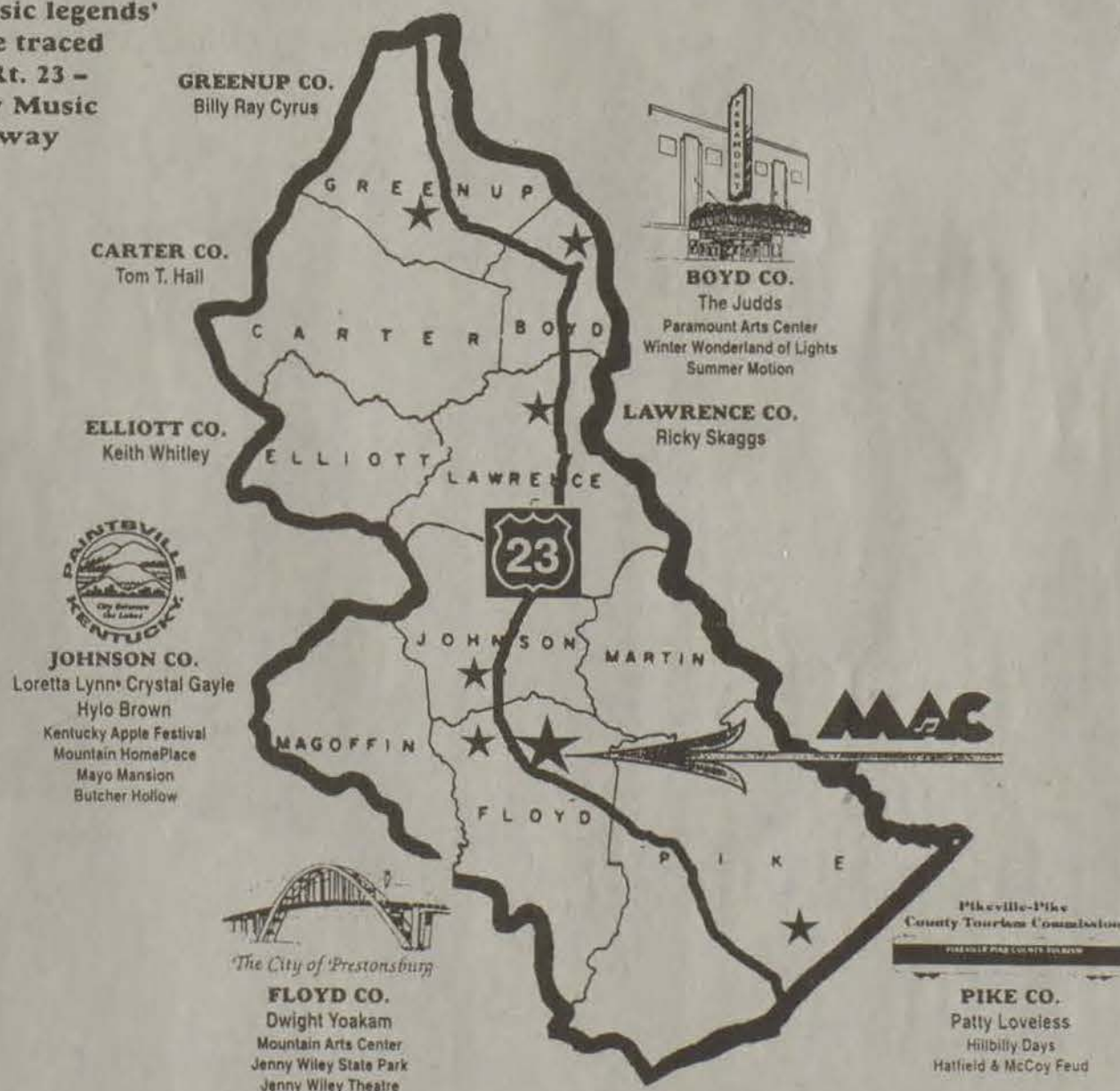
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A Theatre And More!...

The Mountain Arts Center is truly a magnificent facility for showcasing entertainment here in the mountains of Eastern Kentucky. Some believe, from an entertainment standpoint, it's almost too good to be true, but from the outset and earliest design phrases it was planned that way...to meet the entertainment needs of the region. However, a major part of the plan was to include features that exceeded just a theater hall and stage. First of all, it's a beautiful and well designed theater with a stage big enough for a small circus, but it's the extras that went into the building that make it unique and accommodating. The spacious lobby is an experience in itself. You know you're in a theater as the full aroma of freshly popped popcorn draws you to the enticing concession stand, where you can also enjoy soft drinks, cappuccino and a variety of chocolate candies.

The gift shop is well stocked with souvenirs and authentic craft items like quilts, willow chairs, grapevine wreaths, walking canes and much more.

The visual arts can be appreciated in the west wing art gallery as area artists and crafters display their particular wares, including paintings, poetry, rocking chairs, and quilts.

The lobby has proven to be more than just an entrance area. Its a social environment with its floor space and walls, often adorned with decorations of the season, from the autumn fodder shocks to the

two brightly decorated Christmas Trees in December.

Backstage of the Center is adequately equipped with two off-stage waiting areas, four dressing rooms, and two restrooms with shower facilities.

Two large rooms designed primarily for band and choral rehearsals are becoming more and more popular for private rental for a variety of functions, including conferences, seminars, meetings, reunions, training courses, and much more.

A new audio recording studio is now on-line in the Mountain Arts Center. It has modern all-digital equipment, a large recording room, and two isolation books. The most unique aspect of the recording studio is that it is capable of multi track recordings from the theater stage during a performance. For arrangements, call 889-9215.



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Executive Director



Greg Crum
Program Director



Fred James
Marketing Director



Misty Daniels
Education Coordinator

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Volunteers are key to success

The smiling individuals dressed in maroon vests who greet you in the lobby, take your ticket, show you to your seat, and provide you with assistance during the performance are all members of the Mountain Arts Center's Volunteer Program. Since the opening of the Center, 144 individuals have joined the program and represent every age group from the young to

the young at heart.

Although volunteers are frequently seen during performances ushering and working in our coat check room, in reality, volunteers are involved in all phases of the Center.

Prior to a show, volunteers stuff playbills and once the crowds are gone, they assist with cleaning up the theater. On non-performance days,

there is still plenty of work to be done at the Mountain Arts Center. Some individuals help with office clerical work including stuffing envelopes, answering phones and working in the Gift Shop.

Regardless of the task, however, these unsung heroes fulfill their duties graciously.

Quite simply, without the dedicated and continuing support of our volunteer staff,

the Center could not function. Their countless hours of service ensure that performance events and day-to-day operations run smoothly.

Moreover, their assistance enables the Center to keep ticket prices at a reasonable cost.

So the next time you see MAC volunteers, let them know what a wonderful job they are doing.

And if you would like to be a part of this wonderful service opportunity, please call volunteer coordinator, Debbie Wallen, at (606) 886-2623.

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Talent Showcase: Where stars are born



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People often consider Nashville the home of country music, but Eastern Kentucky, without a doubt, has produced more country music stars than any other region in the world. Where is the next great country music star coming from? Given this historical perspective, it could very well be the Mountain Arts Center's "U.S. 23 Talent Showcase."

The Talent Showcase, produced and presented by the Mountain Arts Center once each month, is not intended to be a contest or competition, but rather a variety show presented in a relaxed, light-hearted atmosphere. The Center encourages local talent to take full advantage of

the facility's beautiful stage and advanced sound and lighting systems. In turn, the performers treat the audience to a wide variety of music, while gaining valuable stage experience.

Virtually everyone is aware of the abundance of talent in Eastern Kentucky, but never before has there been an adequate forum like the Mountain Arts Center to present this talent. According to Greg Crum, the Center's Program Director, "The Talent Showcase plays a major part in fulfilling the mission of the Mountain Arts Center by providing our region's artists an opportunity to perform with one of the best group of musicians

in the area while sharing their talents with a receptive audience."

Each act is accompanied by a house band comprised of accomplished musicians throughout the area. As one audience member noted, "The band alone was worth the admission price." The band members include Ray Salyer, bass guitar; James



The center is home to the renowned Kentucky Opry.

Whited, lead guitar; Dwayne Benge, drums; Mark Stephens, piano and acoustic guitar; and Keith Caudill serving as emcee. Ray Salyer, who arranges the music for the band, feels it is important to have live music for each artist. "We want each performer to experience the feel of a live band situation as opposed to

singing with pre-recorded soundtracks."

The first three shows have been sponsored by Lee's Famous Recipe restaurants. Jim Sparks, the owner, proudly displays participants' pictures in his Prestonsburg, Pikeville, and South Williamson locations. Lee's sponsorship helps offset expenses keeping prices to a modest \$5.00.

U.S. 23 Talent Showcase is presented the first Tuesday of each month and attendance has steadily increased at each performance. Keith Caudill, a founding member of the Kentucky Opry, has noticed similarities between the two shows. "This show keeps getting bigger and better, just as the Opry did in the beginning." From

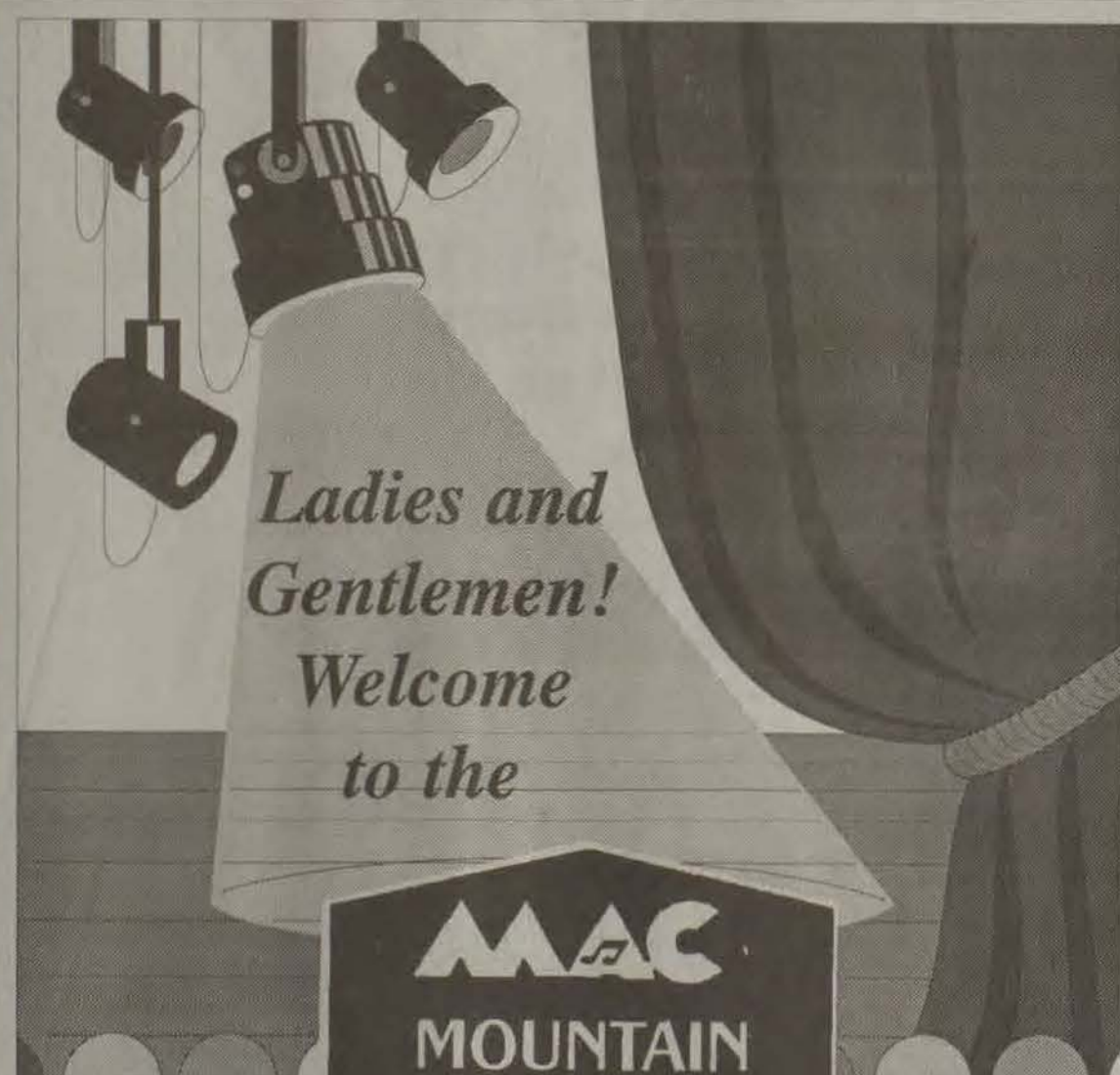
that perspective, it's not going to take long for the U.S. 23 Talent Showcase to establish itself as a major draw at the Center. That is certainly the feeling of several local radio and television stations who are presently promoting the show and have already approached the Center's staff with several broadcasting/production possibilities.

If you are interested or know someone who would be interested in being a guest on the show, please send an audio or video tape and a brief biography to the Mountain Arts Center, ATTENTION:

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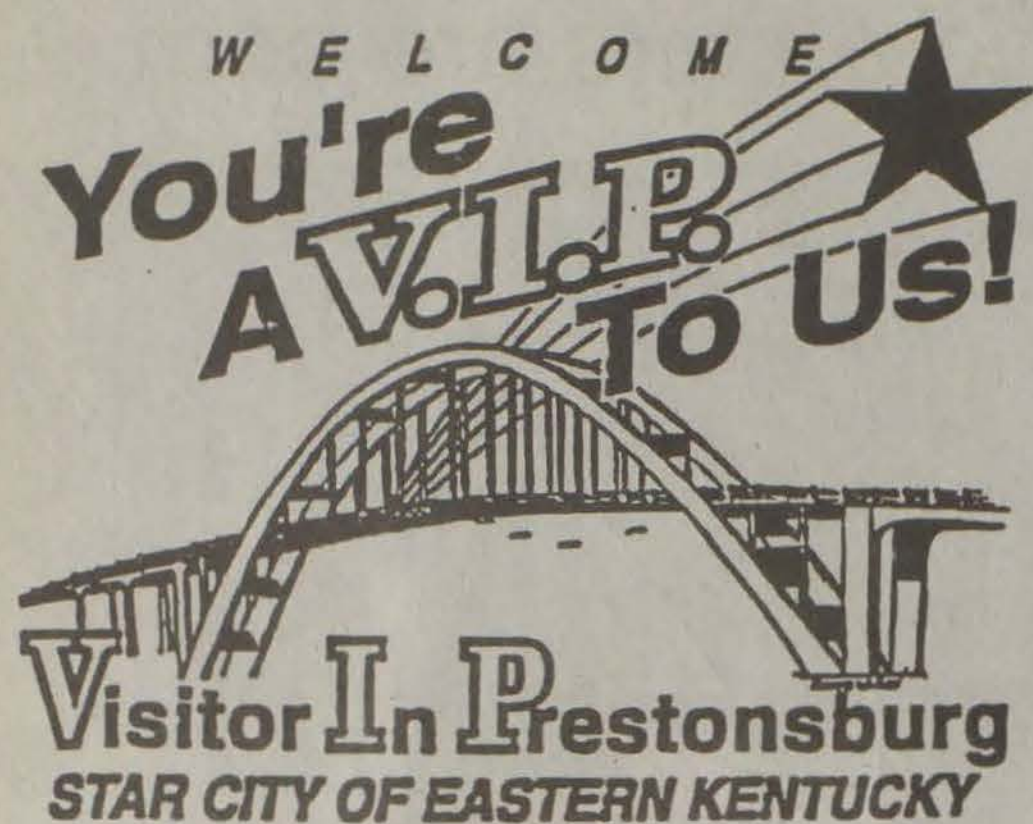
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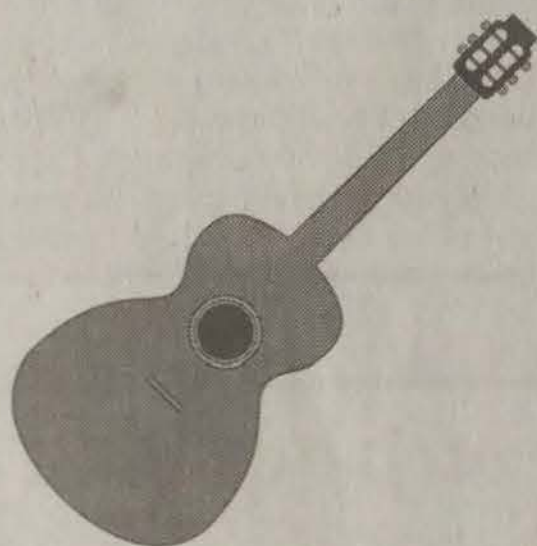
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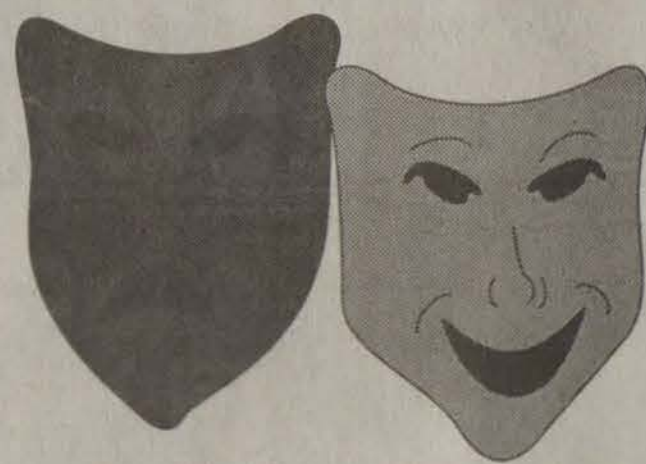
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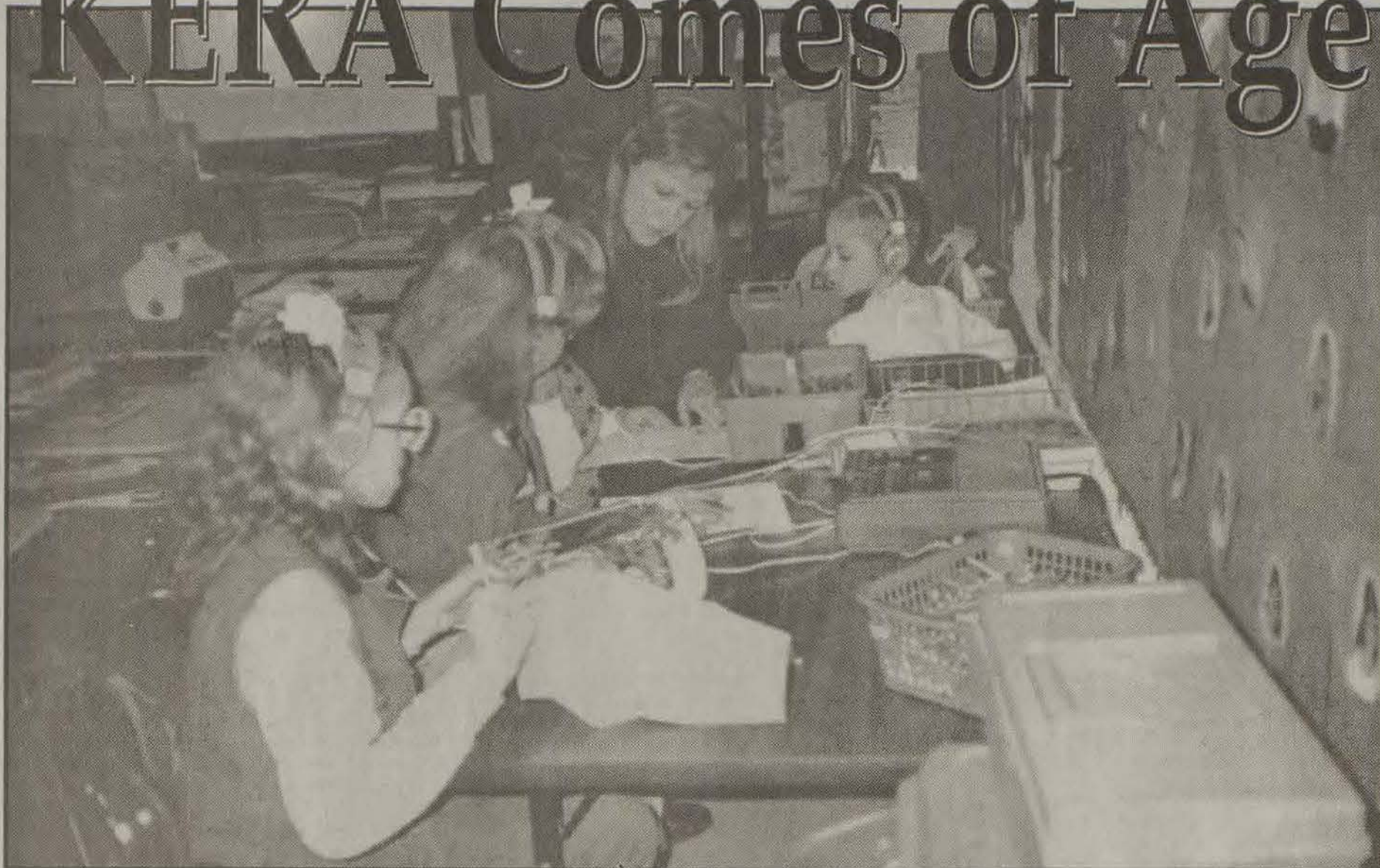
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KERA Comes of Age



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School reform into the 21st century

by Patti M. Clark
Correspondent

As KERA moves forward — it has now been more than six years since the General Assembly legislated the act and nearly six since it has been implemented — some wonder if it will continue or if it will fall by the wayside as other educational trends have.

Leading Kentucky and KERA into the 21st century will be the new education commissioner Wilmer "Bill" Cody.

Cody replaces Thomas Boysen, who resigned from the position in 1995. Boysen was the first and only education commissioner in Kentucky, until Cody was named.

Cody is the son of a tool-and-die maker from Mobile, Alabama. He has a doctorate from Harvard University and is known as an intellectual who has made a career by turning the nuts and bolts of school administration.

He has worked with the principles behind KERA for more than 30 years and said he feels confident that he can take the state school system into the 21st century.

Some people like KERA. Others dislike it. But Cody said the most important thing about KERA is it is "what's right for kids. One thing that I've found in having been in several administrative assignments, and I remember being asked the same question when I went to Louisiana, how is that different from local school systems? At that time, I suspected that it might be a lot different," Cody said in 1995, shortly after he was named commissioner. "In fact, it wasn't. I mean the basic principles of what is good for kids still apply."

But the way those principles are put into practice is what changes the look of the classroom as the years go by. "We invent new strategies as time goes on. Standardized tests were the best thing to use ten to 15 years ago, because that's all that anybody had," he recalled. "Today, we say that's not enough. So new ideas come along."

He said what remains important, however, is the concern about the education of the children and respecting the progress of improvement.

"What I find is the similarities are far greater than I thought they were going to be. So I don't expect things to be that different," he said.

While Cody said he doesn't have an agenda for KERA, he does bring with him success in similar programs in Alabama and Louisiana. Namely a program that tied more challenging subject matter for students to a student assessment program that was linked to it.

"It may not have been portfolios, but it was high stakes student assessment," he said. "It was tied into what we were trying to teach in a large-scale teacher development program. Put those three together and

achievement has just made substantial increases."

And that's what Cody said he'd like to see here. "That's satisfaction; the kids just learn more after programs like that are put into place and had some role to play," he said. "That's satisfying. There are a lot of other things that I have done too that I've been satisfied with, but I think the ones where student achievement increased are those that I consider the most important."

Measuring that achievement, however, is still a sore point for many involved with KERA, and Cody said he will be looking at that over the next years.

"I think there are some things about the student assessment that I would, at least on a preliminary basis, raise questions about," he said. "So I think some of the observations of that panel (which said parts of the assessments currently in place were seriously flawed and eliminated performance events from the accountability package) merit very thoughtful consideration."

He did say he doesn't necessarily agree with the report, but that he believes that "the basic notion of developing what we in the education field call authentic assessments, or assessments reflecting what it is we are really trying to teach kids, is sound. If there are some technical parts of it that need to be modified or adjusted, then we'll deal with those."

Overall, he said he is pleased with what he has found in Kentucky.

"I think overall, KERA is a good plan. I think the assessment is not seriously flawed," he said. "Does it need to be changed and modified? Yes, I think so. In what areas? Give me a little more time to study them in depth."

Part of the flaws, according to some teachers and parents, lies in the use of portfolios to judge how well a student has mastered a skill or concept. But Cody said he would have to look into their use before making a decision to throw them out.

But he said he does see a problem with replacing them with standardized testing.

"They've been around a long time," he said. "The problems I see with standardized tests are they do not reflect accurately what it is we are trying to teach kids. They do not provide the kind of information that helps define or describe what it is the students are learning."

He said the tests may have some merit.

"Traditionally they have been used to essentially group kids, to sort them. Does that serve some useful purpose? Maybe. But I think what it is they lack is what it is that the KIRIS assessment is trying to overcome," he said.

On the flip side of assessment of that is teacher evaluation and Cody said a plan from Louisiana that worked for both the school system and the teachers probably wouldn't be used in Kentucky.

"It had good ideas about what constitutes good teaching. It had a provision in it that teachers could lose their certificate or license if they were not satisfactory after a long period of time," he said.

He did say he did not plan to introduce the plan in Kentucky even though it was his "baby" in Louisiana.

"The key point had to do with salary increases in exchange for a state-administered evaluation that could lead, after warning, support, help and effort, to a person losing in Louisiana to what is a life-time license," he explained. "Once you get it, you keep it. So I was responsible for developing the form that idea should take. And tried very hard to make it work."

But that plan has changed over the year. The evaluation principles are still in place, but it is no longer administered by the state, but by the local school systems and the decertification feature is no longer in the plan.

"In retrospect, that's just as well. The state would have been better served if the decertification was never there in the first place," Cody said. "But, was I responsible for it? Yes. I'll take credit for the bad parts as well as the good parts."

And one of the good parts of KERA, according to Cody, is the site-based decision-making councils KERA puts in place, despite power struggles between councils and the school boards.

"I think KERA spells out the role in authority of school councils and also the role in authority of school boards," Cody said. "I think that is a sound addition. I think some of the difficulties communities are having is just the change in itself."

But he recognizes the problems some systems have had and are having with the councils. "I see at this point in time no major flaws in the way the law is written," he said. "The problem is with the implementation. Any time authority and responsibility are changed, it's a difficult process."

One situation outlined was a conflict between a site-based council and the school board over the implementation of a mandatory drug testing policy for its boys' soccer team. While the attorney general said the school board should set the policy, some site-based council members said they should have that authority.

"That's a good illustration," Cody said. "The law itself is not definitive enough. It does not stress specific things as a broad umbrella. So the disputes over who has the authority to make decisions like that, they are almost inevitable."

But he said over time, the conflicts will be resolved. "Some will be litigated and adjudicated by courts, and that's okay. That's what one of the purposes of the courts is, to help clarify the implementation of statutes," he said. "I see that as a normal evolution."

A KERA time line; a statewide history

by Patti M. Clark
Correspondent

The seed for KERA, the Kentucky Education Reform Act, was planted more than ten years ago when a group of people, concerned about the state of education in Kentucky's poorer counties, got together to do something about it.

They took action. They stood up for what they believed in. They listened. And KERA was born.

Today, there are many supporters of KERA.

There are also many objectors.

A recent poll shows 48 percent of more than 800 adults surveyed think the reform law has had a negative impact on schools. Only about 37 percent say it has been positive, while 15 percent said they didn't know.

Parents say they aren't happy with what they consider "unstructured" education. Many think the primary program is holding kids back rather than allowing them to move forward.

Others aren't happy with new report cards, especially in the primary level, where letter grades are no longer solely used for assessment.

And speaking of assessment, many parents and educators insist that the new testing methods are not doing their jobs. That portfolios are taking up too much time in the classroom. That students aren't learning.

But for the first time in history, Kentucky is moving up in the education ranks across the nation.

That improvement comes as a result of a coalition who banded together in November 1985 and filed a complaint in Franklin Circuit Court. The complaint challenged the amount of funds available and the equality of its distribution across the state.

The group, called the Council for Better Education, included 66 school districts, seven boards of education, and 22 public school students. It was led by former Governor Bert Combs.

It took three years before a decision on the suit came, but in October 1988, Judge Ray Cohn issued a decision that said the General Assembly had failed to provide an adequate education for all children in the state. The decision also indicated that funding for systems was inefficient and inadequate.

The decision went through several levels of appeals before it met the state Supreme Court which stated that its decision "applies to the entire sweep of the system — all its parts and parcels."

"The decision applies to all the statutes creating, implementing, and financing the

system and to all regulations, etc. pertaining hereto... This decision covers the creation of local school districts, school boards, and the Kentucky Department of Education to the minimum foundation program and power equalization program.

"It covers school construction and maintenance, teacher certification — the whole gamut of the common school system in Kentucky. Since we have, by this decision, declared the system of common schools in Kentucky to be unconstitutional. Section 183 places an absolute duty on the General Assembly to recreate, re-establish a new system of common schools in the Commonwealth."

The General Assembly worked on the reform act, which became law July 13, 1990. Kentucky is the only state to have enacted such a far-reaching law affecting education.

The biggest, and most significant part, of the act was its funding mechanisms. The idea was to close the gap between richer and poorer districts by making more funds available to those systems with lower property valuation assessments. Communities with a strong property tax base could raise more money to support their local schools. Communities with a weak property tax base had less money for their schools.

One way of doing that, of course, was increasing taxes. Many parents welcomed the increase because it meant better schools. Others were opposed to higher taxes even though the direct result would be education. And those who had no children in the system were even more against the increases.

But progress has been seen. In just three years, from 1990 to 1993, SEEK (Support Education Excellence in Kentucky) narrowed by 52 percent the money gap between the richest one-fifth of Kentucky's school districts and the poorest one-fifth.

In the same three years, Kentucky's national ranking in per pupil spending improved from 42nd to 29th.

Between 1989-90 — one year before the Kentucky Education Reform Act — and 1993-94, SEEK increased state funding for education by 42 percent.

By last year, the SEEK program was expected to balance education dollars so all students, no matter where they live, have the same opportunity for education.

But state budgets have a tendency to fall short of anticipated revenue and without adequate funding, the reform act will not thrive as planned, supporters say.

The act was one of the hot spots during the last year's race for governor, bringing the negative aspects of it to light. And some of the legislators who have supported the act in the past, especially those who voted

for it in 1990 have lost their jobs, meaning it could take on a whole different look in the coming years than was planned when Thomas Boysen was hired as the first education commissioner.

Boysen, who has since resigned and has been replaced by Wilmer "Bill" Cody, started the Council on School Performance. This group was given the task of establishing long-term goals and plans for improvement. Local boards were given the leeway of choosing how they would meet those expectations.

But the boards were given one directive. At least one site-based decision-making council had to be in place in each district by June 30, 1991. By the summer of 1995, most schools were to have a council, which was supposed to consist of two parents, three teachers and the school principal. The only way a school wasn't required to have a site-based council was if it was the only school at its level in the district or it had already met the assessment threshold set when testing began several years ago.

The councils were given most of the authority over the operations within each individual school — including curriculum, budgets, hiring and firing of teachers. All of these decisions had formerly been made by the district school board.

Nepotism in the school district was also addressed and each board of education was required to establish a nepotism policy. The

policy had to address the hiring of employees of key personnel in the system.

Other features of KERA include:

- State-funded preschool education for all at-risk four year olds and handicapped three and four year olds.

- Family resource centers and youth service centers to provide services in or near schools, in which at least 20 percent of the students match federal poverty guidelines.

- Technology in education is an emphasis and upgraded technology is required. The upgrades require, at the least, a television in every classroom connected to the state education television network.

- An ungraded primary school program, which replaced kindergarten to fourth grade. The student must complete the program before entering fourth grade.

- Guaranteed minimum per pupil spending level, with the difference coming from the state level.

- Extended school services for students who need more time to meet the set learning outcomes. Systems received state grants to fund the services.

But all was not positive and everyone was not happy with the new reform law. In 1991, two Eastern Kentucky teacher education associations, the one in Boyd County and the one in Floyd County, encountered opposition from local school boards and administrations.

A strike, that resulted when mandated

teacher raises were not granted resulted in both counties, the first in Kentucky since 1976. The communities stood behind the teachers and the local officials finally gave in.

But teachers are also being held responsible for the success or failure of the schools.

In the past, merit pay has been rejected by educators because most say it is subjective at best. But Kentucky, with the reform act, has become one of the first states to provide bonuses for teachers whose students do the best. Last spring, the first round of bonuses were awarded and teachers and other staff members at several schools in Floyd County received about \$262,000 in reward money.

The idea behind the bonus is that it takes a team to educate the child and the team will share in the bonus money.

Several schools, however, did not meet objectives. Without improvement, those schools can be declared "in crisis." When this happens, outside managers come to the school and evaluate the personnel. Personnel could be fired and parents can decide to place their children in different schools.

What most people agree with, however, is that education in Kentucky needs to improve. Whether KERA is the answer or not, it is considered by most to at least be a step in the right direction.

History of KERA in Floyd County

by Patti M. Clark
Correspondent

Kindergarten students are in classes with first and second graders. Site-based councils are the norm rather than the exception. Nearly every school has a family resource center.

These, and other aspects of the Kentucky Education Reform Act, have made their way into Floyd County schools and have been accepted, if not praised, by most teachers, parents and administrators.

But when KERA was approved nearly six years ago, local school administrators found themselves the focus of the movement to change schools and the education students receive in Kentucky.

Soon after Thomas Boysen, the state's first education commissioner, was hired, he promised that the Floyd school district would be the "Cinderella of reform."

He started the process by levying charges against then superintendent Ron Hager and Hager was removed from office. The state Department of Education also

launched an extensive investigation into the Floyd County system. Members of the panel returned with a list of 89 recommendations for change.

Charges against board members Ray "Shag" Campbell and Tommy Boyd soon followed. Boyd suffered a stroke amid the allegations and resigned from office. Campbell died before the case was resolved.

Other board members were threatened by Boysen with removal if they did not implement a short-term plan by a state-mandated date. Members Eddie Patton, Eddie Billips and Hattie Owens (the only members of the board at the time) said that Towler was the reason for the delay. The plan was later mandated.

Boysen received accolades for his strong stance.

But his image changed after his interference into the selection of a new superintendent for the district.

A superintendent search committee selected Nebraska educator Bill Zitterkopf to take over the district, but Boysen vetoed

the local board decision and recommended that Hardin County Superintendent Steve Towler be hired for the job.

Towler was hired by a reluctant Floyd County board for a four-year term.

He left the system in the fall of 1995 to take a similar position in Russell County, where he has had similar financial difficulties. After his departure, his replacement, Ed Allen, found the system more than \$1 million in debt. The system was again in the spotlight.

Board members hired Dr. John Balentine to erase the red ink that covered the system's books.

Balentine presented a deficit reduction plan last spring that included the elimination of about 100 positions. The plan was in place at the time of Balentine's death in October. His replacement, Louie Martin stressed he would follow the plan "to the letter."

When Boysen retired from the position a year ago, he got mixed reviews from the

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Floyd schools build bridge to 21st century

by Patti M. Clark
Correspondent

With all but two Floyd County schools having site-based decision-making councils, the system has almost completed the construction of the bridge to the 21st century.

"That bridge has got to be education and it's got to be addressed, Susan Compton, district coordinator for site-based councils, said in November.

Duff Elementary and Prestonsburg Elementary added site-based councils last fall after those schools failed to meet the threshold scores on their KIRIS assessments.

"Both schools are positive about going site-based," Compton said. "They are not apprehensive by any means. Hopefully, someday we'll be 100 percent site-based."

Only Harold Elementary and Prater Elementary do not have councils and will not be required to have them until students at those schools don't meet the minimum standards on the accountability tests.

Compton said site-based councils provide decentralized leadership to the schools in the district.

Floyd's site-based councils have received statewide recognition with one parent member, John Sammons, serving on the state site-based decision-making council. Sammons was a parent member at Adams Middle School.

Allen, Osborne and Betsy Layne elementaries had the pilot site-based councils in Floyd County in 1992, two years after KERA received legislative approval.

Compton credits former superintendent Stephen Towler with moving SBDM councils ahead in Floyd County.

"He and Gary Frazier were big site-based supporters," she said.

It was under Towler's reign that the Floyd County Board of Education began giving each council funds to allow them to implement programs in the schools. Those contributions were on hold last year because of the deficit situation in which the system found itself after Towler's departure.

"Overall, the advantages of site-based councils have outweighed the disadvantages," Compton said. "They have moved our system ahead by leaps and bounds."

POWER TO PARENTS

That's because, she said, the councils move the power to get the job of educating children to the schools where it belongs.

"This is a type of democracy," she said. "The councils have given the power to the principals, the teachers and the parents."

Site-based councils have 19 functions, including:

- Making policy to enhance achievement and meet the KERA goals.
- Setting policy on committees.
- Setting meeting time and agenda.
- Determining the number of people employed at the school in each job classification.
- Selecting textbooks.
- Selecting instructional materials.
- Selecting student support services.
- Selecting a new principal.
- Consulting with the principal before he or she selects employees to fill other vacancies.
- Making curriculum policy.
- Making staff assignment policy.
- Making student assignment policy.
- Making school schedule policy.
- Making instructional practices policy.
- Making discipline and classroom management policy.
- Making extracurricular policy.
- Making policy on procedures for determining alignment with state standards, technology use, and program appraisal.
- Selecting professional development.

That's why, according to Compton, it's important for those elected to the council be on for the right reason. "There is a responsibility that needs to be put into it," she said. "It's more than just politics."

The school principal has the final say in nearly all the matters relating to his or her school, but must base the decision on the site-based council's recommendation, Compton explained.

"Sure we've had pitfalls," she said. "But mostly the people on the councils have bought into what means the most to the education of the children. Often, however, we forget to put the child first. Site-based helps us do that more often."

COUNCIL MAKEUP

Each school with a site-based council is required to have a council with six members — the principal, three teachers, and two parents.

Councils can have other members than those, but those individuals are mandated by state law.

Compton said in the future she'd like to see a classified personnel representative on each of the councils.

"They are vital players in the process of educating our children," she said.

COUNCIL ON COUNCILS

Representatives from each of the 17 SBDM councils in Floyd County meet every two months in a Council on Councils

meeting. They talk about what's working and what's not and how to deal with any problems they might be having.

"We were one of the first districts to organize the Council on Councils," Compton said.

The council is just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to committees and site-based councils.

"Committees are crucial," Compton added. "Their direct input feeds to the council."

Adams Middle School's SBDM has an effective group of committees," Compton said. "They have done tremendous committee work," Compton said. "They have worked hours on end and should be commended. It's the same at South Floyd High School."

The theory is, Compton said, that when

people feel they have a stake in something, they "put more into it."

"And that's the way it should be. They know what they need," Compton added. "That's how they bring about better decisions. They know what needs to be done to move their school forward."

SHOWCASING SBDMs

Compton said former superintendent Dr. John Balentine, before his death in October, had wanted to begin showcasing each of the site-based councils at school board meetings.

"We hope to carry out that plan," Compton said. "The councils are doing good things. This was to be his way of saying they are our true body of government."

She said the councils deserve to be showcased because they are making a dif-

ference.

"What they are doing is working," Compton said. "They are our true voice."

THE FUTURE OF SBDMs

While the structure and style of site-based councils may change in the future, Compton said she doesn't think they will ever leave the system.

"We may see changes, but the council itself, I think it's going to be a permanent fixture," she said. "They have brought around some good changes."

But changes, even in the SBDM councils, are still needed.

"They have stimulated parental involvement in the schools, but we've got to do even more," she said. "But without the parents, we wouldn't have gotten as far as we have. It is crucial for them to be involved."

SBDM Council Members

ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL

Janice B. Allen, principal; Kay Halbert, teacher; Paula Collins, teacher; Johnene Ison, teacher; Mary Neeley, parent; and Dr. William J. Loftus, parent.

ALLEN CENTRAL HIGH

Lorena Lee Hall, principal; Steve Estep, teacher; April Gayheart, teacher; Glenn Reeves, teacher; Gary Mitchell, parent; Ramona Akers, parent.

ALLEN ELEMENTARY

Linda Gearheart, principal; Rita Crisp, teacher; Kenny Caldwell, teacher; Jack Goodman, teacher; Brenda Rice, parent; and Jean Caudill, parent.

AUXIER ELEMENTARY

Pete Grigsby Jr., principal; Lisa Blankenship, teacher; Davida Bickford, teacher; Bobby Hackworth, teacher; Lavada Newsome, parent; and Kenneth McKinney, parent.

BETSY LAYNE ELEMENTARY

Karen Allen, principal; Patricia Adkins, teacher; Shelia B. Calhoun, teacher; Debra Bradley, teacher; Roy Stanley, parent; and Lance Blackburn, parent.

BETSY LAYNE HIGH

Coy Sammons, principal; William Barker, teacher; William Newsome Jr., teacher; Solomon Kilburn, teacher;

Rebecca Kidd, parent; and Gary Keathley, parent.

CLARK ELEMENTARY

Wayne Combs, principal; Tonya Bailey, teacher; Wilma Leslie, teacher; Vicky Stumbo, teacher; Dexter Reffett, parent; and Anthony Lafferty, parent.

DUFF ELEMENTARY

Elizabeth Conley, principal; Ronnie Patton, Libby Riley, Karen Hall, Jad Deaton, and Craig Hicks.

MARTIN MIDDLE SCHOOL

Bert Layne, principal; site based council in process of being elected at press time in February.

MELVIN ELEMENTARY

Walter R. Bently, principal; Danny R. Dawson, teacher; Teresa Akers, teacher; Clementene Tackett, teacher; Toni Spears, parent; and Paul Younce, parent.

MCDOWELL ELEMENTARY

Howard K. Osborne, principal; Cheryl Hall, teacher; Spenser Dale Hamilton, teacher; Lucy Reynolds, teacher; Gene Maldonado, parent; Ernie Moore, parent.

OSBORNE ELEMENTARY

Paul D. Tackett, principal; Rita Caudill, teacher; Roger Johnson, dean of students; Johnny Dale Pack, teacher;

Randall Johnson, parent; and Sharon Meyers, parent.

PRESTONSBURG ELEMENTARY

Gwen Harmon, principal; Carol Rice, teacher; Bridget Clay, teacher; Marthann Damron, teacher; Deedra Gearheart, parent; and Kathy Fitzpatrick, parent.

PRESTONSBURG HIGH

Thomas Tackett, principal; Jerry Lafferty, teacher; Russell Shepherd, teacher; Gordon Pardo, teacher; Dickie Jarvis, parent; and Marshall Fugate, parent.

SOUTH FLOYD HIGH

Al Osborne, principal; Dan Collins, teacher; Shirlene Hamilton, teacher; Billy Joe Stegall, teacher; Lena Brown, parent; and Ernie Moore, parent.

STUMBO ELEMENTARY

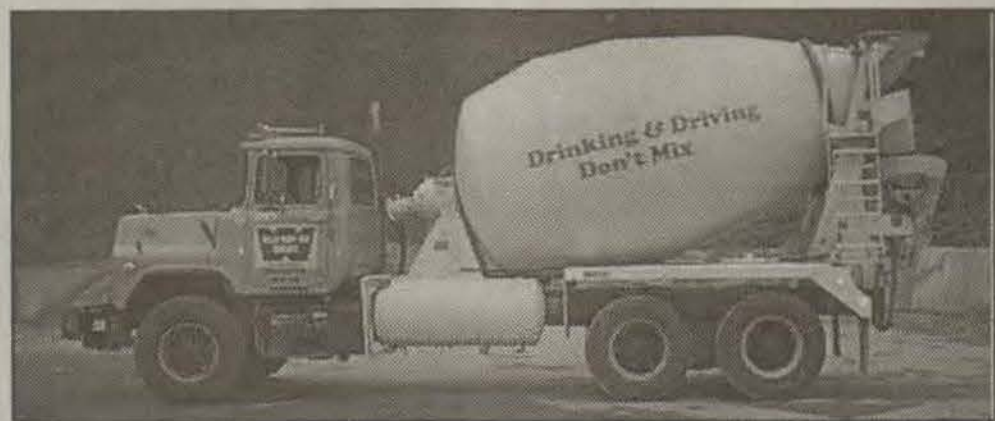
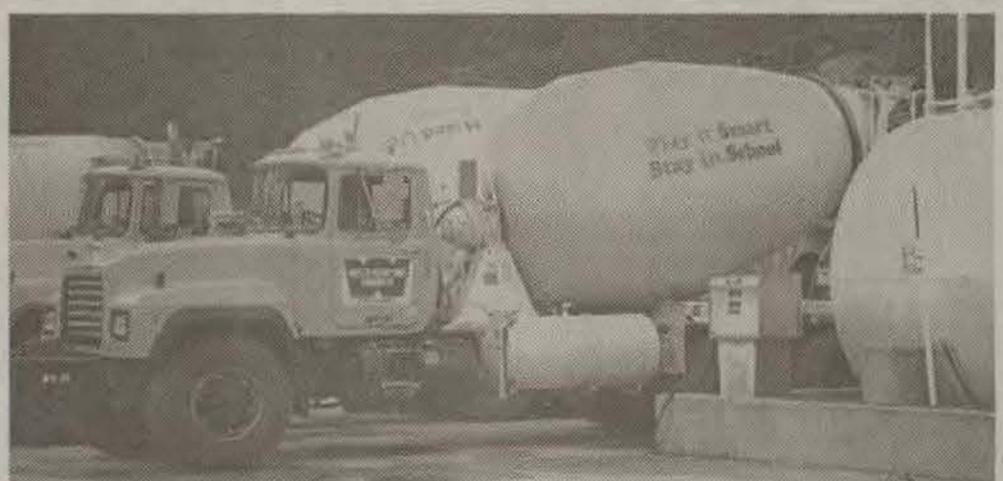
Fonzo Akers, principal; Roy Johnson, teacher; Hayes Hamilton, teacher; Mark Newsome, teacher; Traci Mitchell, parent; and Doug Tackett, parent.

MAY VALLEY ELEMENTARY

Carol Combs, principal. Site based council was in process of being elected at press time in February.

Harold and Prater elementaries are not required to have site-based councils because they have met their threshold scores since KERA began."

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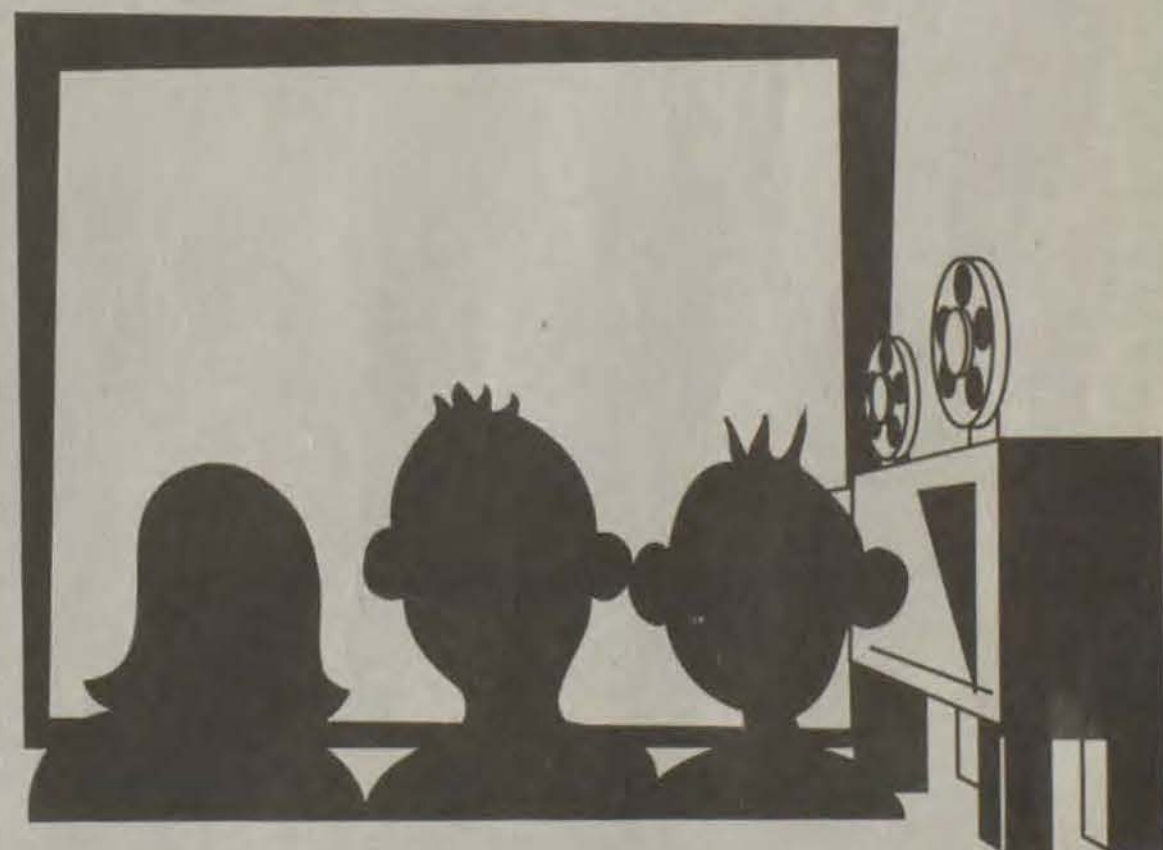
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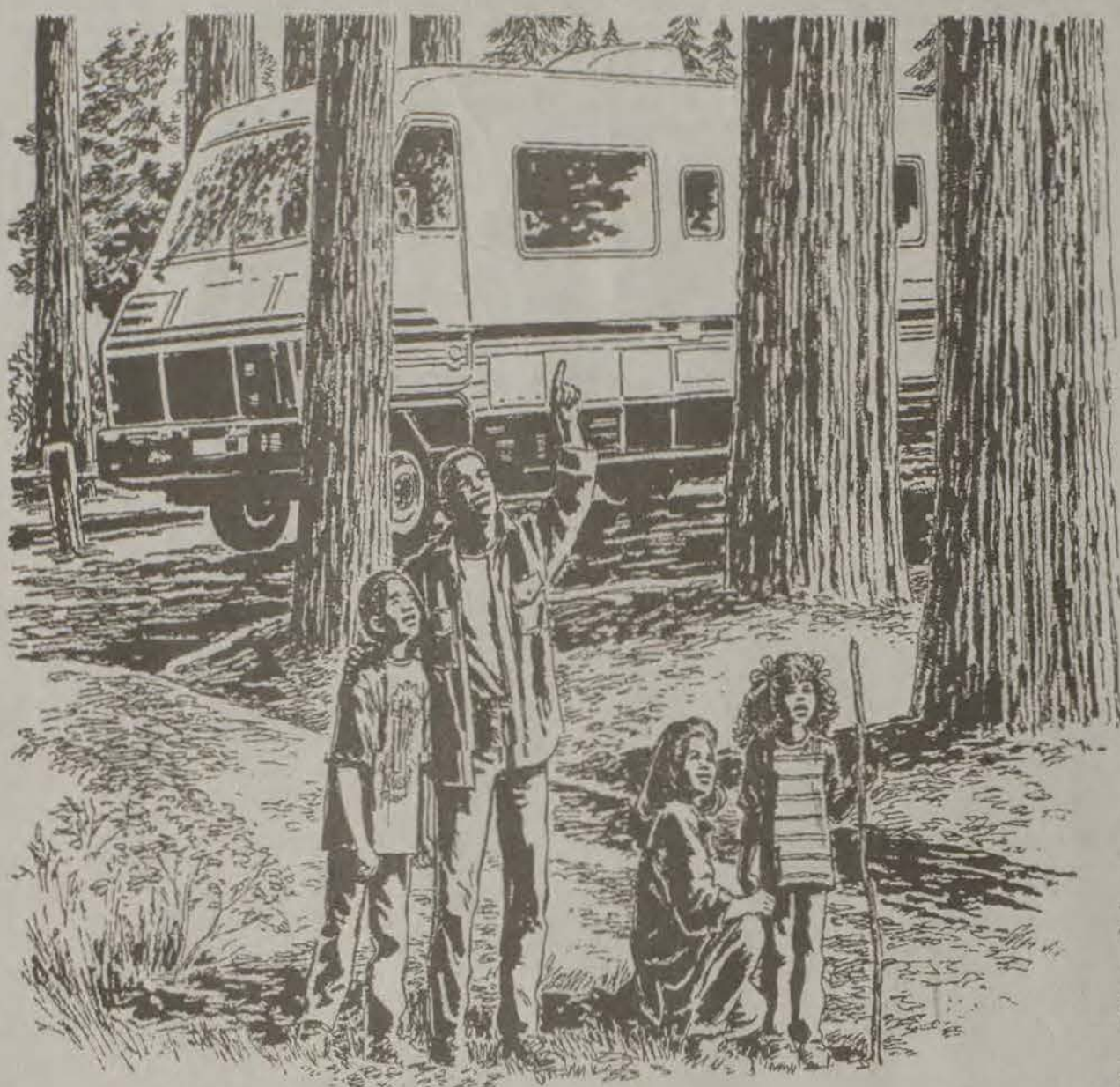
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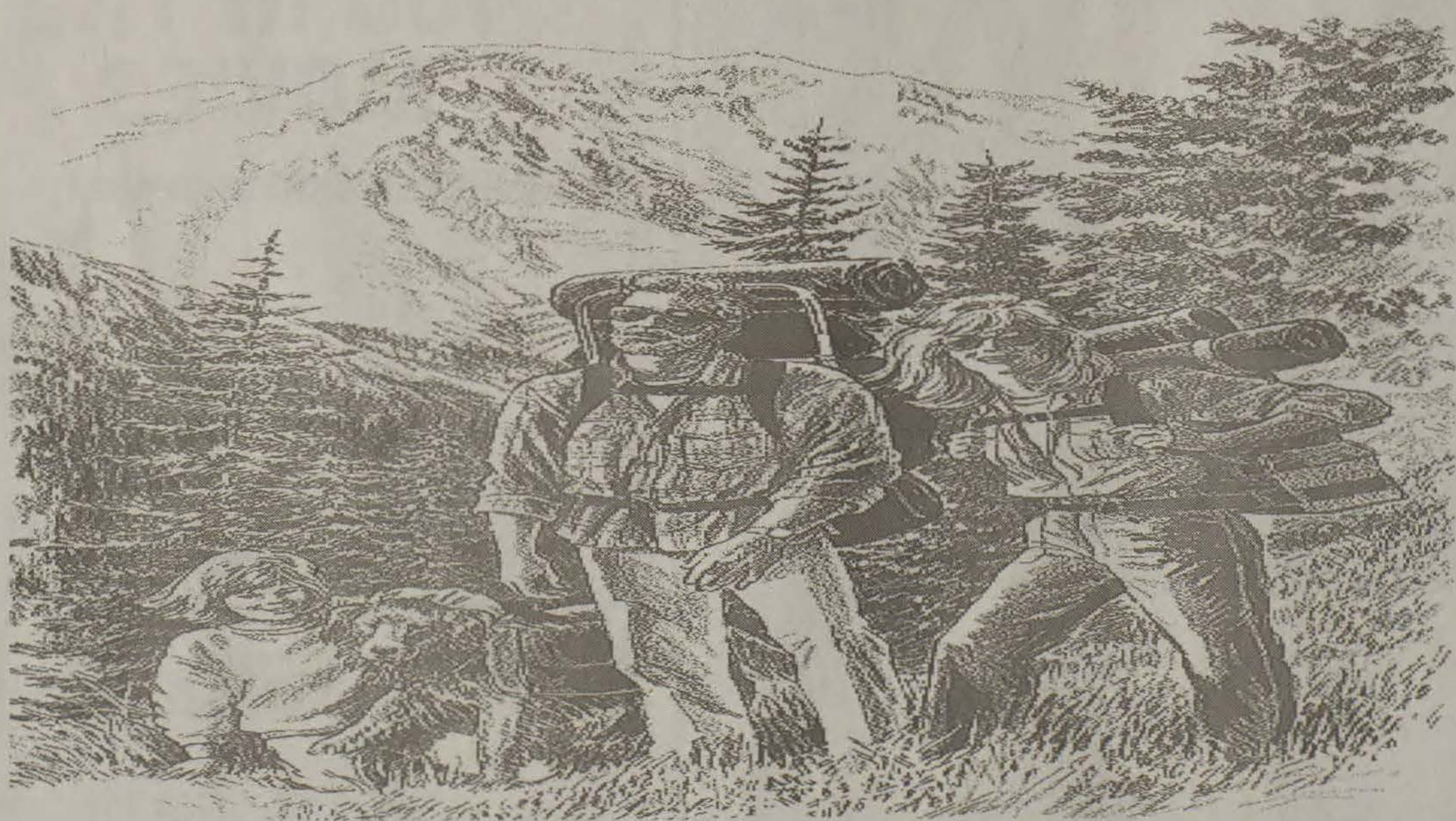
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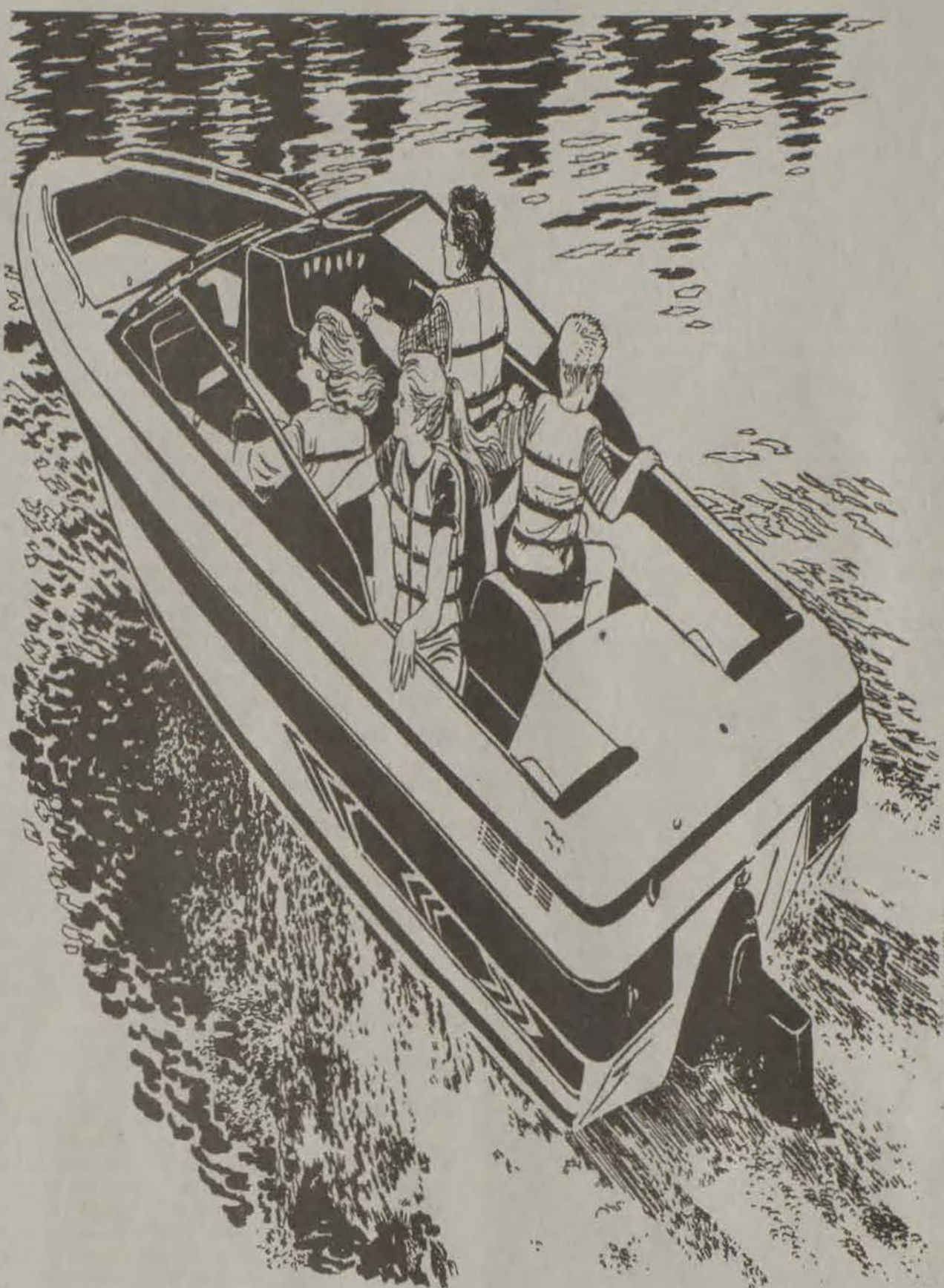
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Floyd County test scores show program is working

by Patt! M. Clark
Correspondent

The primary program in Kentucky's school today is a study in scenarios.

What works and what doesn't. What meets children's needs and what doesn't. What allows them to succeed and what doesn't.

Recent Floyd County test scores show, however, that something in the local program is indeed working as it should be.

After the recent round of KIRIS results, Phil Paige, director of instruction for the Floyd County School System, said high scores at the fourth-grade level speak volumes about the primary program.

"This could be some evidence that the primary program is indeed working," he said last fall. "Those are nice gains in the fourth grade."

Scores for the fourth-grade students who were tested last spring nearly doubled in reading, science, and writing portfolios since KIRIS

testing began in the 1992-93 school year. The mathematics score more than doubled, jumping from 16.4 in 1993 to 36.5 this year. At Harold Elementary, only one student out of 27 tested at the novice level in mathematics.

Paige said the primary program in Floyd County is implemented in a variety of ways according to the teachers' preferences. Some schools have mixed grades and abilities all day while others have blocks of time when students are with students in the same grade as they are. The teachers, principals and the site-based council has the final say on the make-up of the program at each school.

All of Kentucky's 837 elementary schools have primary programs in place.

The theory behind Kentucky's primary program is that it encourages children to learn at school the way they do at home and in the community — from adults and other children.

Teachers and parents are the guides as children learn at their own pace and in their own way. Students enroll in the primary program when they begin school, usually at the age of 5, and stay there until they are ready to enter the fourth grade.

Despite what some people think are good qualities, others think the program leaves students without the basics needed to succeed when they enter middle school and high school.

Some opponents of the primary program say that gifted students will be held back and those who aren't gifted will be overwhelmed by the pace of the classrooms.

Others say students will coast through grade levels through the end of the third grade and then will face accountability levels that they can't meet.

But the idea behind the primary classroom goes back to the one-room school, when all grades were taught by the same teacher in the same classroom.

Students in the lower grades picked up information by listening as the teacher taught students in the upper grades. They had older role models and often received help from these classmates.

The primary program also allows students to move around the classroom freely at times. But the class isn't chaotic as some opponents say or parents fear.

And most importantly, in the ungraded primary program, students are allowed to progress at their own pace, without the stigma of being held back a grade or being advanced to quickly.

Take, for example, a classroom in 1985.

On the first day, a third grade teacher waits for her students in a nice, clean room with desks in straight rows. The bulletin boards are made and textbooks are on the shelves.

She knows a little about some of the students through conversations with earlier teachers. Some are described as achievers, others are known as nonworkers or nonreaders because they haven't been able to accomplish the learning requirements.

During the school day, there is no room for diversion from the curriculum, which is mandated by the state department and each subject has a set amount of time for instruction.

Ten years later, however, the scenario was much different.

The classroom, which once included only third graders, is made up of six through eight-year-olds. They are no longer divided by grades. They are encouraged to learn in many different ways and the class is becoming more exciting to students.

Instead of copying from textbooks or working with worksheets all day, students spend time doing research. They are talking about the rainforest. They are learning the continents. And they are taking those skills, adding to them the basics of reading and writing, and making their own books.

No longer are chairs in neat rows. Scattered around the rooms are centers where children go to learn in different ways.

One area has books, another a tape player. A third area has the computer and students gather in

groups to get a chance to use it.

They are no longer considered passive learners, but active learners.

Planners of the primary program attempted to make sure the primary classrooms would be the best anywhere by requiring them to contain seven elements:

- Continuous progress, which permits students to learn at their own rate without comparison to the rates of others or consideration of the number of years in school. Some children will move quickly through the program while others may need a fifth year, just as some adults need a fifth year of college to complete an undergraduate degree.

- Developmentally appropriate practices, which provides curriculum and instruction consistent with the develop of the individual child. This area addresses the physical, social, intellectual, emotional, and aesthetic/artistic needs of young learners.

- Multi-age grouping, which means children of different ages are assigned to the same classroom.

- Multi-ability grouping, which means children of different abilities are in the same classroom.

- Qualitative reporting, which means parents no longer get report cards with As, Bs, and Cs on it. Rather, the report shows exactly what the child can and can't do and sets priorities to accomplish during the next grading period. For instance, a kindergarten report card may show how many letters and numbers the student recognizes.

- Professional teamwork, which allows teachers, aides and other support personnel to work together to meet the needs of the groups as

well as the individual children.

- Positive parent involvement, which encourages parents to take an active part in their children's education.

By combining these seven elements students are able to learn the way they do best. Some children learn best by listening while others learn by watching or moving objects around.

They get to work in groups and learn to solve problems together. Teachers then measure their progress based on daily performances, not by comparing one child to another.

The teachers also attempt to keep parents and families informed and offer tips on how to help children learn at school and at home and they link lessons together and show students how they can use what they learn to solve problems in real life.

Despite the apparent benefits of the program, however, parents still express their concern about its effectiveness.

During the General Assembly sessions in 1996, legislators grappled with the idea of changing the primary program, but no one could decide how to make it better. Few changes were made with the idea that giving the program more time would make it easier to see what needs to stay and what can be thrown out the door.

But despite, which side of the fence parents and school professionals are on, they all have the same agenda — providing the best education for Kentucky's children and the primary program is considered by many to be a step forward in the right direction.



Mrs. Troxell's fourth grade class worked on math entries for their portfolios. The portfolios are an important part of KERA (photos by Rita Brock)



Myths and truths about writing portfolios

Portfolios have been a fact of life in Kentucky classrooms for a couple of years now. Though most teachers, students and parents are more knowledgeable about portfolios than they were when use of portfolios began, several still-common myths about portfolios continue to circulate.

Myth: Writing portfolios are the responsibility of language arts teachers.

Truth: Teachers from content areas across the curriculum share the responsibility of providing opportunities for students to develop portfolio-appropriate writing pieces. The portfolio must include writings from subject areas other than language arts; only subject area teachers can effectively provide opportunities for such writing to be accomplished.

Myth: Assignments that have been successful for some students and teachers will be successful for all students and teachers.

Truth: There is no such thing as a "recipe book" from which to draw effective writing assignments.

Myth: Any writing assignment the student feels good about can "fit" into the writing portfolio.

Truth: Sometimes a student wants to put into the portfolio favorite writings that do not necessarily fit the content requirements. Although content requirements are inclusive by design, it is important that teachers and students take care in completing the assessment portfolio to ensure that all pieces chosen for inclusion fit the content requirements.

Myth: Scoring the writing portfolio can only be done effectively by language arts teachers.

Truth: It is important that all educators, including administrators be trained to score portfolios. In some schools, portfolio scorers

from the writing cluster include teachers from all subject areas, as well as administrators. Teachers who learn to score portfolios will find it easier to provide students opportunities to develop portfolio-appropriate writings.

Sample portfolio projects

INTERMEDIATE SCIENCE

You and your partner are animals listed as endangered species by the National Wildlife Association. Your task is to research your species' plight and determine reasons for your extinction. After gathering the necessary data, you and your partner are to design an advertisement campaign. This campaign's purpose is to inform and persuade the human population to help save your species from extinction. The advertisement campaign should include newspaper ads, written editorials, research charts and graphs, and a simulation video demonstrating the life cycle of your species (Note: It is clear that this activity is not a one-time writing activity, but rather, an ongoing set of activities).

TENTH GRADE WORLD CIVILIZATION

Your parents have advised you that your family is moving to a foreign country in three months. Investigate all aspects of the country, including history, social customs, government, economics and education. Also investigate transportation and expenses involved in the move. Plan a written presentation designed to inform your family about the impending move or to persuade them against making the move.

CHEMISTRY

Examine cereal boxes that you and your classmates have brought to class. Look for claims such as

"iron added." Devise a method by which to examine the truth of the claims. Write a letter to the audience of your choice reporting your findings. Possible audiences may be the Federal Drug Administration, the Better Business Bureau, the producers of "20/20" or "60 Minutes" or the manufacturer of the cereal.

SOCIAL STUDIES OR DRIVER'S EDUCATION

You and your classmates are concerned about driving safety. Using newspapers or your concerns, formulate recommendations for state legislators to consider that would make teenage drivers less susceptible to accidents. Address letters stating your concerns to your state senators and representatives.

INDUSTRIAL ARTS/WOODWORKING

You are to select a person for whom you will make a gift. Select the gift you wish to make and the materials from which you will make the gift. Upon completion of your project, give the gift to its recipient, along with a letter explaining the process you went through in selecting the appropriate gift, choosing the supplies and actually making the gift. Reflect on what you have learned and share your reflections with your reader in the letter you write.

GOOD WRITING ASSIGNMENTS...

- Lead students to focus on a purpose.
- Lead students to write for a specific audience.
- Allow students to develop voice and tone appropriate to the assignment.
- Insist on logical organization in which ideas are developed with details.
- Offer students some choice as to what to write about and how to develop the assignment.

History

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people with whom he clashed during his five years on the job.

"Tom knows best when it's time for him to go," Eddie Billips, one of Boyesen's most vocal critics, said in an interview at the time.

"I think the commissioner inherited an extremely difficult job and he worked very hard," former superintendent Towler said about the same time. "I think he did things that he felt were necessary. I feel people associate his name with what they like or dislike about KERA."

"I have mixed feelings about him and Floyd County," Towler continued. "I give him a pretty high grade. I'd give him more accolades than criticism."

And Ray Brackett, board chairman, said of Boyesen's retiring: "He came in at a crucial time with all the problems in the state and the implementation of KERA. He did a pretty good job. I didn't agree with all he did, but I don't agree with all of KERA. Most parts of KERA are going to survive, regardless of who is at the helm."

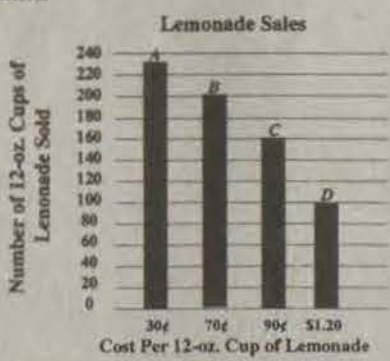
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Week 5 Question: Middle School Math

During the summer Mary operated a lemonade stand. Mary's grandfather gave her all the equipment and lemonade she would need; therefore, she did not have any operating costs. As an experiment she decided to find out what effect the price had on the number of cups sold. The graph shows the results of Mary's research.



- Determine at which price Mary made the most money.
 - Why do you think the amounts of money made at prices A, B, C, and D are so different?
 - Explain what the graph says about the relationship between the price of lemonade and the number of cups sold.
 - List any other factors that may affect the number of cups of lemonade sold.
- BE SURE TO LABEL YOUR RESPONSES (A), (B), (C), AND (D).

Sample Student Response:

Student explores functions derived from data.

Student determines the correct response for all answers.

Student determines the correct price at which Mary made the most money.

Student cites four other factors which may affect number of cups sold.

a. Mary made the most money with .90 a glass.

A:	B:	C:	D:
.30	.70	.90	\$1.20
x230	x200	x160	x100
\$69.00	\$140.00	\$144.00	\$120.00

b. The prices are so different because if you raise prices, less people are going to buy the product. There is a limit on profit made. If you pass it, you will earn less money.

c. The graph explains that the more you raise the price, the less people will buy.

d. Other factors that may affect cups sold are as follows: The temperature, if it's hotter, people will buy more. You may have competition with lower prices. And finally, the quality of the lemonade. Your location may affect sales also.

Student represents patterns through written statements.

Student investigates patterns in number sequences and relates to a real-life experience.

Student offers some correct discussion of a nonlinear relationship.

Student describes a simple relationship between the cost per cup and number of cups sold such as how increases, the other decreases.

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1996: A year of education changes in Floyd County

by Patti M. Clark
Correspondent

1996 will long be remembered as the year that things happened in the Floyd County School System.

From layoffs to bus wrecks and the death of the system's superintendent and persistent bomb threats that closed Prestonsburg High School, the system's administrators struggled to keep the district afloat through a sea of financial turmoil.

Dr. John Balentine arrived as superintendent of the system in early January to find a district more than \$1 million in the red. Heavy snows kept students out of the schools and attendance was low when classes weren't cancelled, bringing financial problems even more into the spotlight.

But Balentine took the bull by the horn. He put a stop to excessive spending. He looked at every check that was mailed out, and devised a deficit reduction plan that included the elimination of about 100 jobs throughout the system in an effort to get the schools back on sound financial footing.

Balentine presented the plan to the state school board in February and suffered through a trip to the "woodshed," along with board members. The state board gave its approval, if not support, to the plan and Balentine came back to Floyd County ready to take action.

He eliminated positions that for years had been held by central office staff, but made it perfectly clear that he was cutting the position and not the person. He personally handed out the lay-off slips and then worked diligently to get those teachers back into classrooms before school started.

He also put into place a last-hired, first-fired policy that would later be used to lay-off classified personnel. The system had been using an evaluation policy to determine who would be laid off.

When the group traveled to the next meeting of the state group, it earned praise instead of punishment and the encouragement to continue its work. By mid-July, Balentine predicted the system would be back in the black by June 1997. He was well on his way to doing just that when he died of an apparent heart attack in October.

Despite the fact that employees in the system either really liked Balentine or really disliked him, tears fell profusely at the board office the day after his death as the board went about the business of keeping the system on track.

"That job came with a lot of stress and the task was not easy, but he came willing to do it. We will greatly miss his presence," former board member Phyllis Honshell said at the time.

The board appointed Phil Paige as acting

superintendent and then named Letcher County native Louie Martin interim superintendent to head up the search committee for a new school leader.

Martin insisted he would follow Balentine's deficit reduction plan to the letter.

"I believe Dr. Balentine was right on track," he said the night he was hired in October. "He definitely got the school system moving in the right direction. I plan to carry on his goals with his original financial plan."

DEFICIT REDUCTION PLAN

Balentine hand delivered the pink slips for teachers who didn't get their contracts renewed in the spring. The system initially laid off 69 teachers in an attempt to bring finances into line. Most of those who were sidelined were first and second-year teachers, and included 21 additional teachers than the state-approved deficit reduction plan called for because of hire dates.

But by the time school was in full swing last fall, those 69 teachers were all back at work. Many of them replaced teachers who retired under a plan proposed by Balentine that would give them additional income through an annuity purchased by the school system.

Balentine then cut extra duties from positions to save extra dollars. Some of those positions were later added as the system's finances came in line.

By July, Balentine was predicting that the system would be in the red by this summer.

Balentine told the group at a meeting last July that the system was "\$1 million better than we thought it would be," and that it had two things going for it when it came to cutting a projected \$1.7 million deficit in the system's budget — a cut in expenditures and unexpected revenue.

Floyd County received \$429,135.52 more funds than had originally been expected. More than \$356,000 of that came from local taxes, including delinquent property taxes and motor vehicle taxes. An additional \$253,812 was added at the state level.

Additionally, the school system cut \$665,752 in expenditures from what had originally been budgeted, leaving a current-year surplus of

\$25,358.54. That left the system only \$619,000 in the red, all of which was attributed to a change in the accounting system.

PRESTONSBURG HIGH SCHOOL PROBLEMS

Problems at one of the four high schools in the system began early in the year as parents struggled with the idea that their children would be getting an education while a major renovation project was ongoing.

The conflict between parents and the school actually started several years ago. Some parents wanted a new facility while many of the administrators wanted to rebuild the school, using the current structure and adding on.

The two-year project includes a completely reworked inside and outside of the building, and a facility that some described as "the best in Kentucky."

The renovation project initially had been shelved with plans underway to construct a new facility, but Balentine brought the old renovation plans off the shelf and got the construction work started.

Work began in earnest just before school let out in June with promised completion of some items before classes began in the fall.

But equipment problems and unavailability of some construction materials, such as

doors, meant that when the snows began flying in early November, students found themselves walking through frigid hallways and sitting in classrooms with their jackets on.

Parents began complaining and a series of bomb threats started. The school was closed completely at least once and absenteeism was so high on other days that administrators were concerned about state funding based on the average daily attendance rates.

Several people were arrested in connection with the threats, which Prestonsburg Fire Marshall Larry Adams indicated at one time might be the work of about 25 people trying to voice their complaints over the project.

KIRIS SCORES

Eight schools in Floyd County scored high enough on the second round of KIRIS scores to earn rewards for the two-year cycle.

The scores, released in mid-October showed that 11 of the 19 schools in Floyd County either met or exceeded their goals for the two-year testing cycle.

Earning rewards were teachers and administrators at Clark Elementary, Harold Elementary, McDowell Elementary, Melvin Elementary, Osborne Elementary, Prater Elementary, Stumbo Elementary, and Betsy Layne High School.

But Phil Paige, director of instruction, said he was concerned that high school scores weren't as high as they should be.

"The high school performance is not where it should be," he said at the time. "That bothers me."

District-wide, the system met its goal and was classified as a success. None of the schools were in decline.

Fourth graders had the highest results, with exceptional scores coming at that level at Harold Elementary. At the school near the Pike County line, only one student out of 27 tested at the novice level in mathematics.

Paige said he hopes to raise test scores in the future by giving teachers the information needed to implement "research-based instructional strategies" into the classroom. The main emphasis will come in reading.

ALTERNATIVE CALENDAR

Betsy Layne High School and Betsy Layne Elementary's attempt at an alternative calen-

dar ended last year.

The schools were the first in the county to try out a different calendar that included breaks in the fall and spring with a shorter summer recess.

The school board voted to put all the schools back on the same calendar after the Betsy Layne school's calendar knocked the system out of getting credit for snow days.

BOARD MEMBERS

Board members Phyllis Honshell and Dr. Brent Clark announced they would be retiring at the end of last year.

November elections found them replaced by B.J. Newsome and Jody Mullins.

Another board member, Ray Brackett, came under fire late in the year when he hired a school maintenance worker to do some work at his home. While Brackett maintained that he paid the worker and that the worker was on his own time, the school board later approved a regulation that no school employee could do private work at the home of any board member or the school superintendent.

SMOKING AT SCHOOL

After several conversations and much research, the school board bowed to political pressure to eliminate smoking areas at all schools.

Students are no longer permitted to smoke at the system's facilities during the school day. Before the policy was implemented, students could smoke in designated smoking areas outside the facility.

The policy did not affect after-school activities.

Board attorney Phil Damron told board members that the future of federal funding could eventually be tied to a no-smoking policy and that the system was in no financial situation to lose those funds.

MARTIN PURPLE FLASH

With the new elementary school opening on Stephens Branch in Martin, residents were up in arms over the naming of that building and the renaming of the Martin Elementary.

A committee made up of school principals, parents, teachers and community members recommended that the new school be Central Elementary while the Martin school become Central Middle.

The group also recommended that both schools adopt Allen Central High School's mascot and colors since they are feeder schools into that facility.

But board members bowed to pressure and voted to name Martin Elementary Martin Middle and allow the school to keep its colors of purple and gold and its mascot "The Purple Flash."



Book learning
Mrs. Michelle Keathley teaches students in her Title I Reading class. (photo by Rita Brock)

Family resource centers are changing lives in Floyd

by Patti M. Clark
Correspondent

Family Resource Centers have been described by some as the one part of KERA that is actually working.

Floyd County School administrators Susan Compton said last fall that the resource centers are making a difference in the areas that matter the most.

"They are helping parents be better parents," she said.

The centers focus mainly on the needs of the family. Some run clothing banks or food banks. Others offer child care services. Parents can get information on agency offerings and the director often knows how to connect the parent with someone who can help in an emergency.

All of Floyd County's 19 schools are connected to one of 16 family resource or youth service centers in the county, one of the mandates of KERA.

The centers were created as a part of KERA with the intent to enhance

students' abilities to succeed in school by assisting children, youth and families in meeting basic needs. It's long been known that a child can't learn if he or she hasn't eaten or isn't dressed properly.

All centers are funded through a grant based on the number of students eligible for free school meals. Once a center is established, however, all children and youth as well as their families enrolled in the school that developed the center can use its services, regardless of their incomes.

The services offered are designed to most help students who are at risk of not performing well in school.

Family resource center services include:

- Assistance with full-time preschool child care for children two and three years of age.
- Assistance with after-school child care for children ages four through 12.
- Health and education services for new and expectant parents.
- Education to enhance parenting skills and education for preschool

parents and their children.

- Support and training for child daycare providers.
- Health services or referral to health services.
- Youth Services center services:
 - Health services or referral to health services.
 - Referrals to social services.
 - Employment counseling, training, and placement for youth.
 - Summer and part-time job development for youth.
- Substance abuse services or referral to substance abuse services.
- Family crisis and mental health services or referral to mental health services.

Each center is run by staff selected by the site-based council at the school where the center is affiliated. Each center has a local advisory council comprised of school personnel, parents of students in the school, and community representatives including staff of the public and private services used by the center for referrals, building on the Indian proverb that "It takes a village to raise a child."

Family Resource Centers

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center
Sheila Allen - Interim Coordinator
606-886-9812

Allen Central Youth Service Center
Kelly Hairstorm - Coordinator
606-358-3048

Allen Elementary Family Resource Center
Cathy Campbell - Coordinator
606-874-0621

Betsy Layne Elementary Family Resource Center
Brian Akers - Coordinator
606-478-5550 or 452-4650

Clark Elementary Family Resource Center
Pamela Meyer - Coordinator
606-886-0815

James A. Duff Family Resource Center
Judy Handshoe - Coordinator
606-358-9878

Harold-Prater Elementary Family Resource Center
Wanda Stevens - Coordinator
606-478-4701

Martin Middle School Youth Service Center
Ladonna Patton - Coordinator
606-285-2666

May Valley Family Resource Center
Donna Samons - Coordinator
606-285-0321

McDowell Family Resource and Youth Service Center
Clara Johnson - Coordinator
606-377-2678

Mud Creek Community Family Resource and Youth Service Center
Darren Newsome
606-587-2233

New Horizons Youth Service Center (Betsy Layne High School)
Meredith Campbell - Coordinator
606-478-3389

Prestonsburg/Auxier Family Resource and Youth Service Center
Kay Ross - Coordinator
889-0134 or 889-0135

Prestonsburg Elementary Family Resource Center
Rebail Reynolds - Coordinator
606-886-7088

South Floyd Youth Service Center
Keith Smallwood - Coordinator
606-452-9303

Rainbow Junction Family Resource and Youth Service Center (Melvin and Osborne elementary)
Eric B. Lawson - Coordinator
606-452-4553

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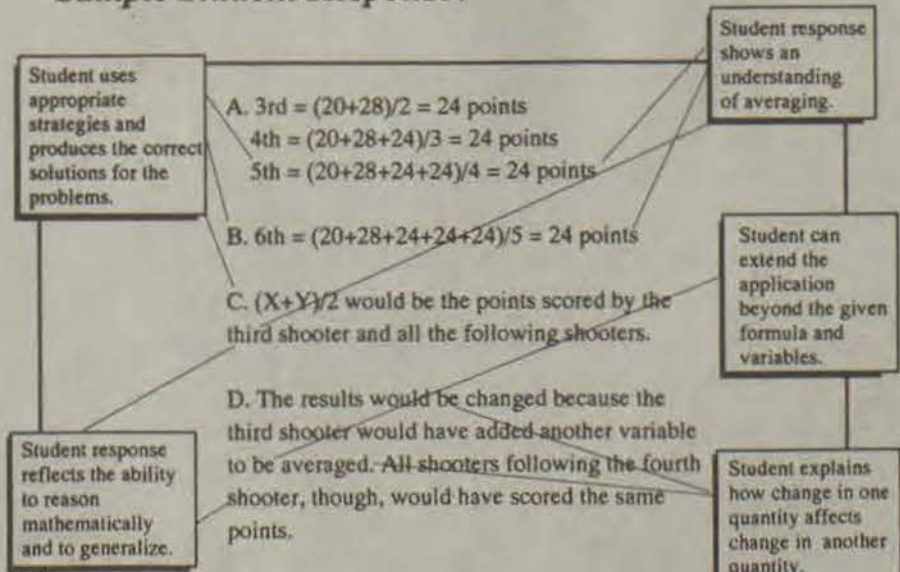
Week 6 Question: High School Math

Twenty people took part in a basketball free throw competition. The first shooter scored 20 points, the second shooter scored 28 points, the third shooter scored the average of the number of points scored by the first two shooters, and each of the next shooters scored the average of all the previous shooters.

- How many points did the fourth shooter score?
- How many points did the sixth shooter score?
- If the first shooter scored X points and the second shooter scored Y points, how many did the 20th shooter score?
- How would the results in this problem be changed if the fourth shooter were the first to score the average of all the previous shooters? Explain your reasoning.

BE SURE TO LABEL YOUR RESPONSES (A), (B), (C) AND (D).

Sample Student Response:



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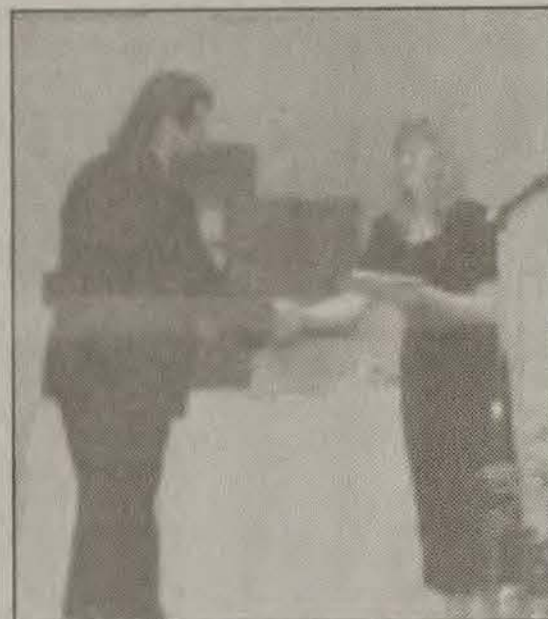
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Accepting the award—Donna Johnson, Glenda Lawson, and Dena Sparkman
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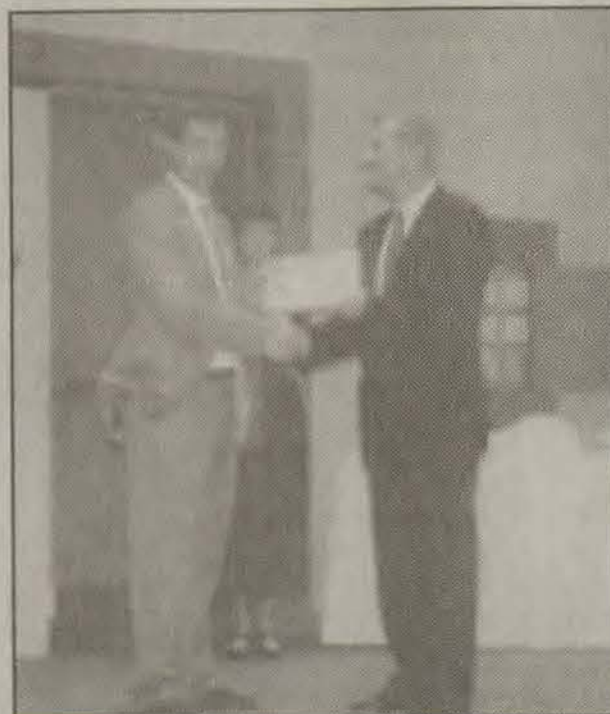
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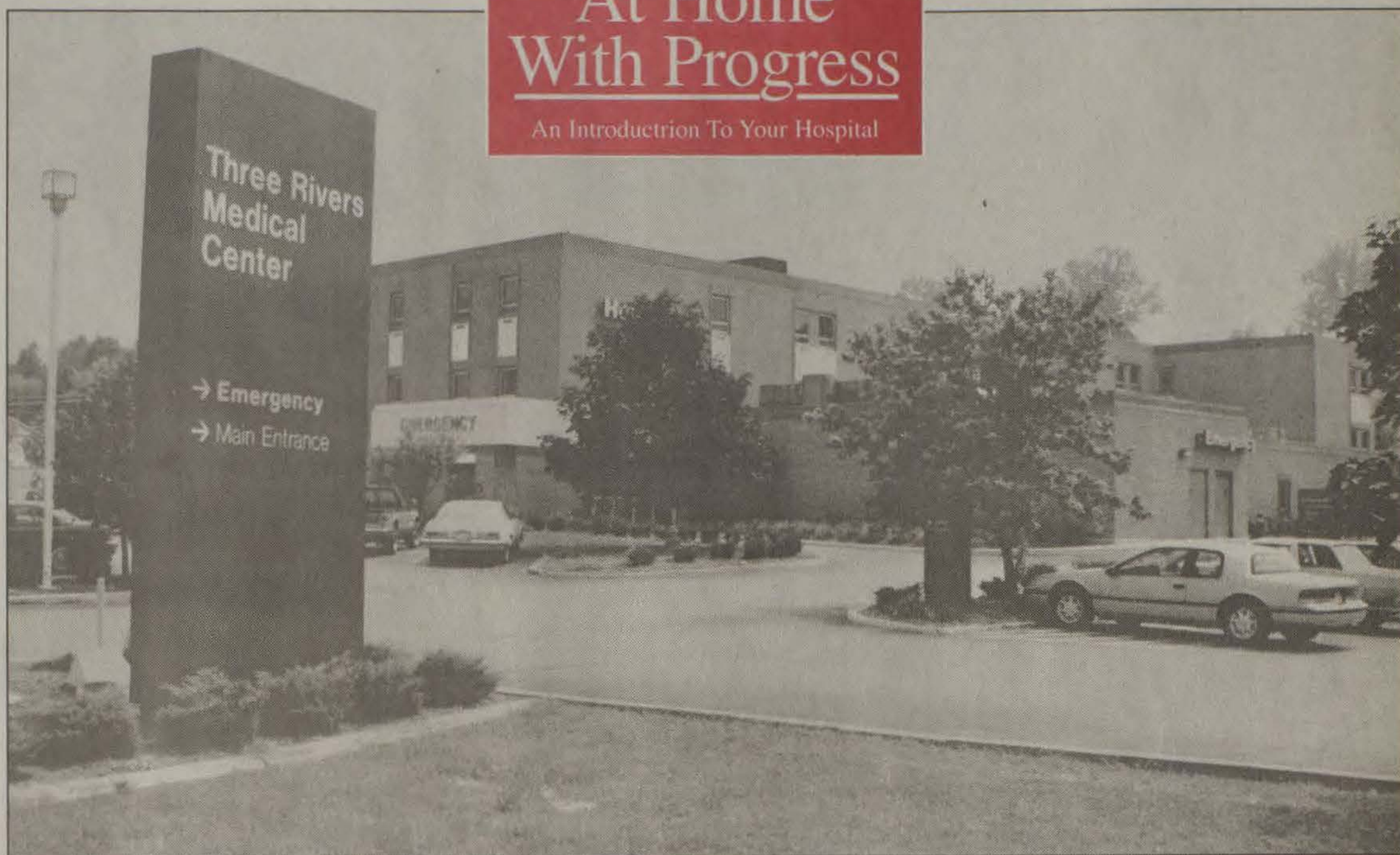
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MISSION

The mission of Three Rivers Medical Center is to improve the health status of individuals in the community.

VISION

The vision of Three Rivers Medical Center is to achieve excellence in providing health services and intergrating with the wider health care community.

VALUES

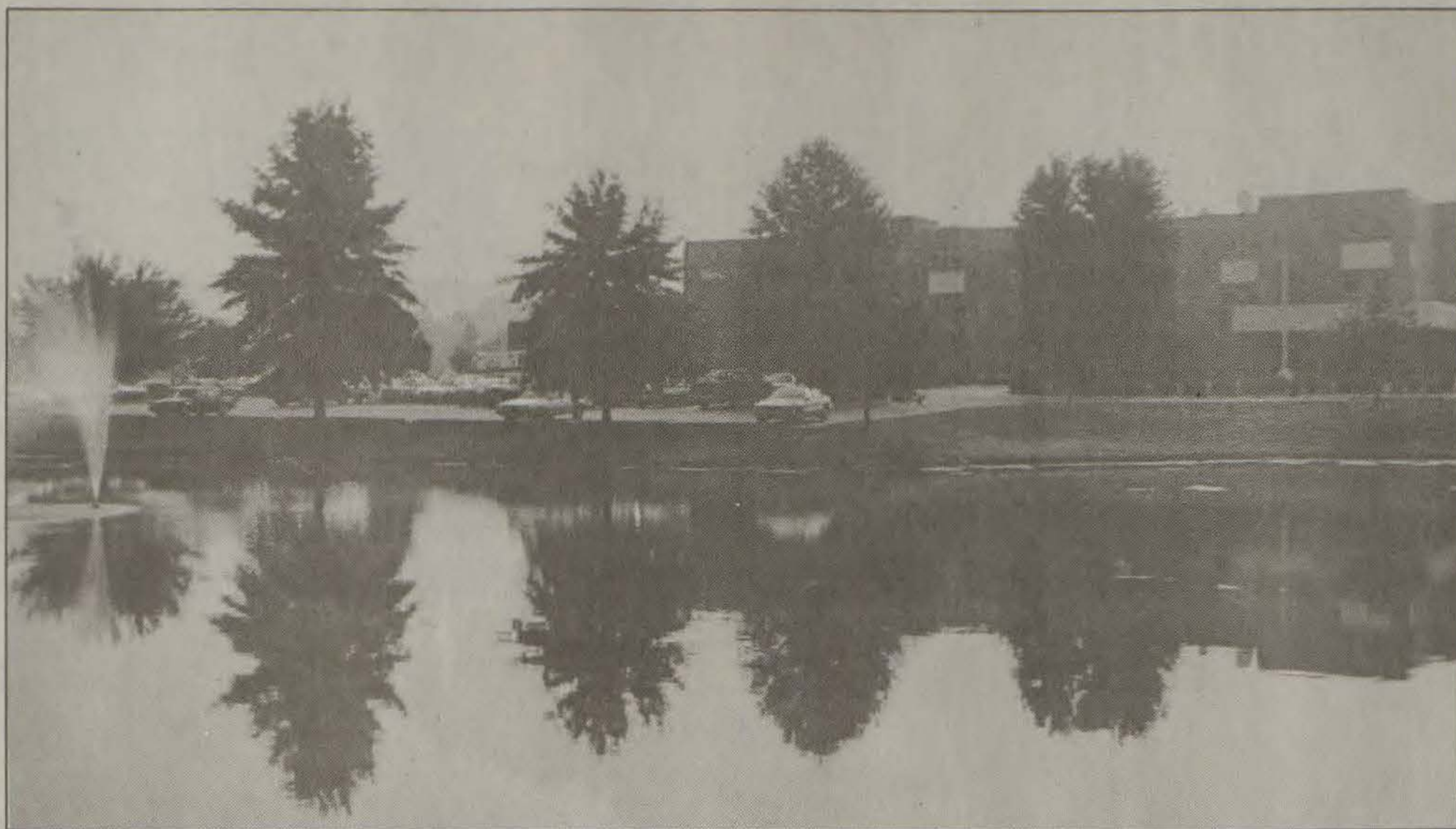
The Board of Trustees, Medical Staff and Employees of Three Rivers Medical Center believ we have an important position in the growth of our community. We believe each patient has a right to personal, confidential, family-centered care in a safe, proficient, friendly environment. We continue to promote education, training and to motivate our staff to meet the needs of our community. Leadership is driven by honest decisions, teamwork, and continuous performance improvement.

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Portrait of Home



Three Rivers Medical Center

LOUISA, KENTUCKY

Three Rivers Medical Center, referred to as TRMC, which is nestled in the beautiful Appalachian Mountain region of Eastern Kentucky that also rests close to a metropolitan area, is a well-equipped 90-bed acute care general hospital. Being proud of its heritage in serving the citizens of Lawrence County, the Big Sandy Valley and Western West Virginia, TRMC is part of the growing community and friendly, family environment of Louisa, Kentucky. TRMC, where you will find "Specialized Care for Special People," is celebrating its 22nd Anniversary in providing quality healthcare services to the community and its market area of nearly 50,000.

TRMC, along with over 50 physicians on staff, is pleased to offer a full range of routine and ancillary services, including a six-bed coronary/intensive care unit, obstetrical/nursery services with two new birthing suites, full radiological services with the inclusion of a fixed CT scanner, mobile MRI and a mobile Lithotripter. Other services to compliment our state-of-the-art technology include: inpatient and outpatient services in diagnostic radiology, nuclear medicine, laboratory, pharmacy, cardiopulmonary lab, 24-hour emergency room physician coverage, a surgical department that provides vascular, orthopedics, urological and gynecological services and a 15-bed mental health unit.

We Care

When it's the people you care for most, you'll know why there's Three Rivers Medical Center.

One visit to Three Rivers Medical Center, and you'll know why we're earning the trust of more families like yours every day.

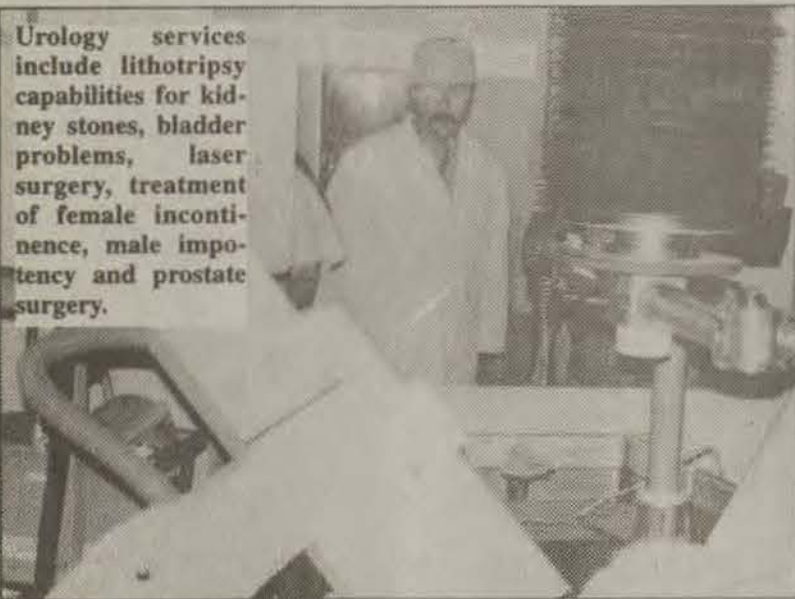
It all begins with something we call "We Care." Care for the individual that forms our philosophy and drives the way we do business. Then transform itself into something even more extraordinary in the hands of our people.

It includes the concern for your well-being and comfort. And the belief that the way you're treated as a patient is as important to your recovery as the advanced techniques and procedures used to treat your illness.

We Care. Remember it—and you'll know that the people you care for most are getting expert, quality care right here close to home.

State-of-the-Art Surgery Center

Urology services include lithotripsy capabilities for kidney stones, bladder problems, laser surgery, treatment of female incontinence, male impotency and prostate surgery.



General Surgery

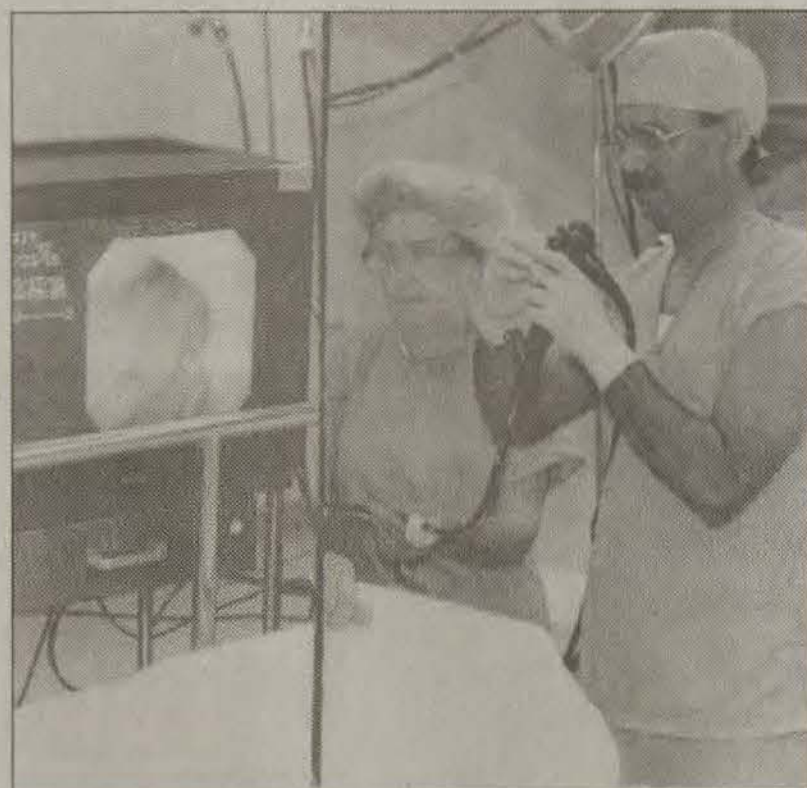
The diagnosis, treatment and repair, through surgery, of problems caused by illness or injury that affect almost any area of the body.

Pain Management

The medical specialty dealing with the diagnosis and management of acute and chronic pain through multidimensional treatment approaches.

Orthopedic Surgery

The medical specialty dealing with the surgical correction of injuries or deformities of the skeletal system, including bones, muscles and joints.



Gastroenterology

The diagnosis and treatment of disorders of the digestive organs including the stomach, bowels, liver and related structures.



Gynecology

The medical specialty dealing with the study, diagnosis and treatment of disorders and diseases of the female reproductive organs and processes.

SURGERY

TRMC has a fully equipped Surgery Department with two operating rooms that will expand in the near future to include an additional suite to offer more outpatient surgical procedures. A comprehensive department of Surgery at TRMC includes: General Inpatient, Outpatient Day Surgery, Vascular, Orthopedic, Urological, Gynecological, Endoscopic, Lithotripsy, Cataract Surgery, and Neurology.

We have outstanding surgeons who are professional and progressive in implementing new medical and surgical techniques with our state-of-the-art equipment. They perform many procedures and routine operations as well as specialized procedures to help our patients.

Along with our surgeons, we have a fully certified staff of highly trained professionals to serve and care for our patients through all surgical procedures and operations.

"Specialized Care for Special People"



CARDIOPULMONARY SERVICES

Cardiopulmonary Services is a multidisciplinary department consisting of Respiratory Therapy, Pulmonary Lab, EKG, EEG, and Cardiovascular Lab. The department is responsible for diagnostic testing of patients with pulmonary, cardiac and vascular disease and therapeutic treatment of patients with pulmonary disease.



PHYSICAL THERAPY SERVICES

Our physical therapy specialists of Three Rivers Medical Center understand the goals and habits of active people. We meet all your physical therapy needs including the following services: Orthopaedics, Neurology, Geriatrics, Pediatrics, Burns and Wounds, Assistive Device Fitting/Training, and Bracing/Splinting.

Using the technology we have at TRMC, our independent physicians, along with our qualified physical therapy staff, will work toward getting you back in the game and making a positive difference in your lifestyle as soon as possible.



DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING DEPARTMENT

The Diagnostic Imaging Department with modern state-of-the-art equipment at TRMC offers the imaging modalities such as X-Ray, CT, Nuclear Medicine, Ultrasound, Mammography and MRI.

The department is staffed with Technologists who are registered by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists and certified by the Kentucky Radiation Operators Program.

Professional services for the interpretation of the exams are provided by Radiology, Inc. The physicians are all Board Certified Radiologists, who offer a wide range of expertise and experience. New procedures recently started within our department include Fine Needle Aspirations and Biopsy with CT and Ultrasound Guidance, same-day interpretation of Vascular Ultrasound and MRI scans and after-hour Teleradiology for interpretation of exams during the evening and midnight shift hours.



PHARMACY SERVICES

Pharmacy services include monitoring of medications, monitoring and ordering of nutritional formulas (in conjunction with TRMC's dietitian), and education of staff, patients and the community. Shulder also is extensively involved with patient care on the Horizons Unit, participating in staff meetings and holding a weekly psychopharmacology meeting with the patients.



LABORATORY

The laboratory at Three Rivers Medical Center, Louisa, Kentucky, has been awarded a two-year accreditation by the Commission on Laboratory Accreditation of the College of American Pathologists (CAP), based on the results of an on-site inspection December 2, 1996. Dr. Darlene Gruetter, laboratory director, was advised of this national recognition and congratulated for the "excellence of the services being provided." The laboratory at Three Rivers Medical Center is one of the more than 5,000 CAP-accredited laboratories nationwide.



MEDICAL/SURGICAL

We are a 35-bed unit that takes care of all types of patients. We have a special 4-bed pediatric area with special cribs and equipment for sick children.

We are equipped to take care of 8 Telemetry patients whose telemetry is constantly observed by the critical care staff. This also enables us to help patients transferred from critical care to home. We coordinate their discharge planning to ensure excellent follow-up at home.

Some of the types of patients we take care of include recovering heart attacks, congestive heart failure, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, pneumonia, and diabetics. Our surgery patients include orthopedics, urology, general surgery, and GYN surgery. We are able to offer referrals for any possible kind of problems that could develop while being a patient at TRMC.

We have a very qualified professional nursing staff. The majority of our staff is ACLS and PALS certified and can handle any medical emergency.

We pride ourselves in the fact that caring is the framework that guides our nursing practice.



CRITICAL CARE UNIT

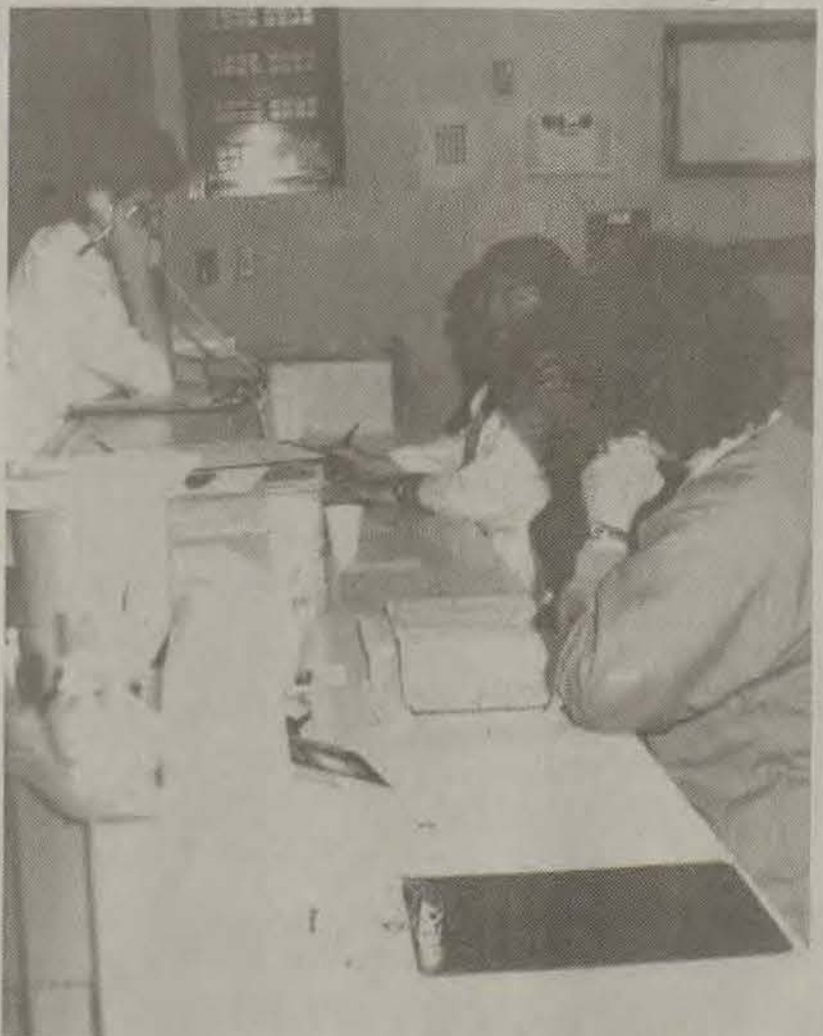
The unit features very state-of-the-art equipment. Basic cardiac monitoring, noninvasive and invasive vital sign and oxygen saturation monitoring, and hemodynamic monitoring are provided as warranted. Life saving emergency equipment is available for immediate use.

The nursing staff is well-trained. The nursing staff has been educated in EKG and arrhythmia monitoring. Competency and proficiency are assured through monthly and annual classes with exams. Basic Cardiac Life Support, Advanced Cardiac Life Support, Pediatric Advanced Life Support and certifications by the American Association of Critical Care Nurses are among some of the specialties of nurses in the CCU. Education is strongly encouraged by the management and administration of the hospital.



FDA Certified Mammography Center

When Every Second Counts.....




TRMC networks with larger tertiary care centers for any level of care which isn't provided at this facility. TRMC is a participating member of Network 2000, an interfacility transfer organization designed to promote communication and provide ease of transfers between major trauma centers and rural health care providers.

EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT

The Emergency Department at TRMC is an 8-bed unit designed to meet the emergency needs of all age groups within the community. The department is staffed 24 hours/day with registered nurses and physicians. Ancillary services (laboratory, radiology, respiratory therapy) are immediately available. The design of the department allows true emergency patients to be admitted directly into the treatment area while less urgent patients enter by the ambulatory care entrance, where they will be promptly screened for level of urgency.

.....Dependable Emergency Care




Pastoral Care

The "Ministerial Association" provides on-car care for our patients and their families.

Chapel - Room 300

Peace of mind is not so far away.

If you or someone you know is experiencing a crisis in their life, have good to know that help is just a phone call away, 24-hours a day, at T and let us help you find your peace of mind.

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Mental Health Program**

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Three Rivers Medical Center

Adult Psychiatric Program

An active inpatient treatment program for ages 18 and above; with crisis intervention services, an intensive outpatient treatment component; and community consultations.

With responsibilities for:

- Primary Prevention
- Diagnosis and Treatment
- Rehabilitation

...in the community served.

Providing the following Psychiatric Services:

1. Inpatient Care
2. 24-hour Emergency and Crisis Services
3. Community Consultations
4. Outpatient Care including a Partial Hospital Program
5. Some Research and Education
6. FREE Screening to determine appropriate treatment or disposition.

TARGET POPULATIONS:

- Mentally/Emotionally/Behaviorally Ill.
- Mentally and Organically Impaired.
- Chemical Dependency Disorders, especially Alcoholism and Psycho-Active Drug Abuse co-existing with mental illness.

TREATMENT MODALITIES:

- Medication Management
- Psychotherapy:
 - Insight-Oriented/Supportive
 - Cognitive Behavioral
 - Family Therapy
 - Group Therapy
 - Personal Adjustment Counseling
- Specialty Groups:
 - Chemical Dependency Groups
 - Mid-Life Groups
 - Men and Women's Issues
 - Adult Survivors Groups
 - Family Education
- Additional Therapies:
 - Electroconvulsive Therapy
 - Occupational Therapy
 - Recreation/Leisure Therapy
 - Dance Therapy
 - Relaxation Therapy

GOALS:

Provision of quality mental health care consistent with local, state, and national standards for quality medicine through drug/physical management and psychosocial therapy in a secure and structured environment providing:

1. Positive care using multidisciplinary team of staff and community resources.
2. Ethical and individualized treatment approaches.
3. Nurturing and compassionate therapeutic environment.
4. Ongoing psychoeducation for patients, staff, and family.
5. Safe and supportive environment for repair, healing, and growth.

Our treatment outcome will be measured in functional abilities to:

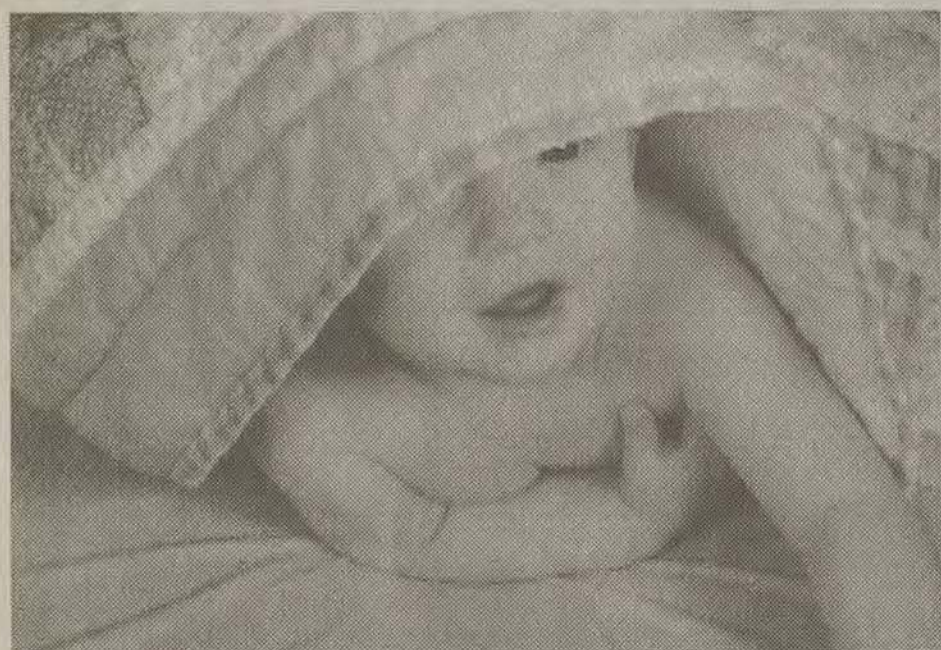
- Be a functional member of a family or similar basic social institution;
- Hold a job or pursue some gainful activity;
- Enjoy the usual opportunities for pleasure;
- Keep out of trouble with the Law.

The key to treatment is open communication (both verbal and written) without compromising patient confidentiality. Family and other relevant support groups will be part of this communication network. Discharge planning is part of admission evaluation and ongoing treatment.

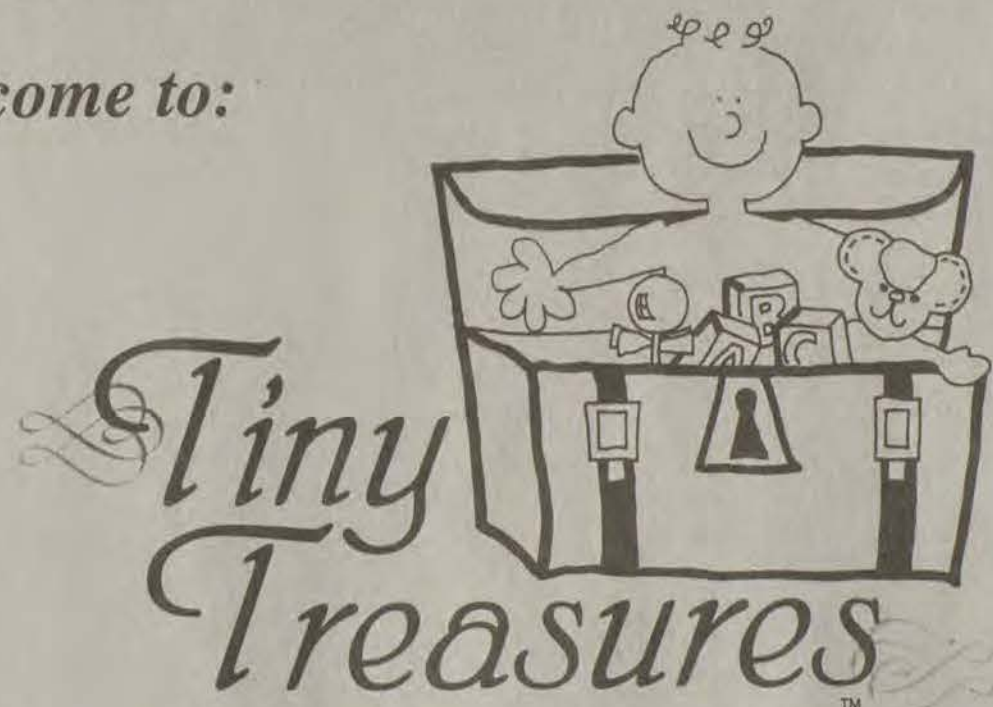
Treatment Planning is individualized to address each patient's need. Length of stay is strictly designed to comply with least restrictive setting consistent with quality care and safety of patient and others. Restraint and seclusion are therapeutic and not punitive. The patient in the program is a participant and not merely a passive recipient of care.

...having difficulty coping with family, social, school or work situations...it's
Three Rivers Medical Center. Give us a call, toll-free, at 1-800-249-3602

Employees and medical staff...



Welcome to:



Highlights:

- Prenatal Classes
- Sibling Classes
- Birthing Suites
- Family Centered Services
- Child Care Car Seats
- Follow-up Home Care Visit

HELLO:

The Tiny Treasures unit of TRMC invites you to come and tour our facility! We are a small unit, but we offer the same quality of care you would expect from a large OB unit. We are able to personalize care to fit your needs!

We have a Board Qualified OB/GYN and Board Certified Family Practice Physician to take care of your needs during your pregnancy. Through certification and competencies, our staff is qualified and continues to grow with the healthcare needs of all of our patients.

TRMC's Obstetrical Department takes pride in caring for mother and child in beautifully decorated birthing suites. We promote quality time with family members in the same room, through family involvement, parental teaching, sibling involvement, nutritional resources and information. We offer flexible visitation to meet the needs of the family.



...our most valued resources!



TRMC...INVESTING FOR THE FUTURE OF OUR COMMUNITY

Three Rivers Medical Center is proud of its contributions in developing a partnership and investment with the community. At TRMC, we know that our young people are our future. That's why we've made a commitment to several projects needed to better serve our community for the future.

Three Rivers Medical Center made an agreement with the Lawrence County School System to sponsor the provision of a full-time registered nurse for employment in our high school, middle school and elementary schools. By sponsoring and supporting this endeavor, the nurse will provide special care to improve the health status of our young people—in our schools and help them to deal with critical health-care issues.



A new Kid Care Identification Program was provided by TRMC during the recent Lawrence County September-Fest. A successful program in which 300 identifications were done was made available due to TRMC's interest in the safety and welfare of our young people. Plans are to continue this worthwhile endeavor.

Representation and participation with the recent Mountain Heritage Day and Lawrence County September-Fest festivals demonstrates our commitment to the community in distributing health

related information and providing free blood pressure screenings.

Diabetic education classes, which have been available to the people of the community, are now being offered from 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month at TRMC.

TRMC takes pride in our community and wants to build our foundation of service in helping and caring for others of all ages. The noted contributions prove to be an investment for the future of being a good friend and partner to the community we serve.

Speakers Bureau Available—638-1500

THREE RIVERS MEDICAL CENTER COMMUNITY FRIENDS

The Three Rivers Medical Center Community Friends is a not-for-profit program designed for anyone who is 50 or older. The goal of our program is to promote good health and to help keep seniors active in their community.

\$10.00 A Year Membership Covers:

Seniors Advisor and Insurance Specialist to assist with problems or questions seniors may have.

- Hospital VIP Benefits
- Free Notary Service
- Discounts From Local Stores
- Hospital Cafeteria Discounts
- Free Blood Pressure and Blood Sugar Checks
- Tartan Book Sales Discounts
- Bi Monthly Newsletter
- Free Xeroxing of Important Papers
- Educational and Social Programs
- Volunteer Program
- Discounted Lipid Profiles
- Companion Phone Service at a Discounted Price

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Community Friends office at Three Rivers Medical Center, Louisa, KY, 606-638-9451, ext. 558.



Patient Survey Comments

"Should I need to be hospitalized again, it would be Three Rivers Medical Center."

"Everyone was very polite and tried to make me as comfortable as possible."

"Everyone that my wife or myself came in contact with were very, very nice and very helpful to both of us. We were treated like we were very special."

"I would like to thank all of you for everything you have done for me and my baby. You all were very good with us."

"The nurses came to me fast if I called, but most of the time they were in my room making me as comfortable as possible."

"The emergency room staff were all very nice and helpful."

"The food was very good. I was on a special diet but the food was very good."

"I wouldn't go anywhere else."

"I received excellent care and I think the hospital is just wonderful."

"When I was in ICU, I couldn't have been treated any better. They are friendly and always there to help you."

"TRMC has very caring and compassionate nurses. The aides were also very helpful."

"The staff was great! They even made follow-up phone calls to see how the baby and I were doing after we made it home."

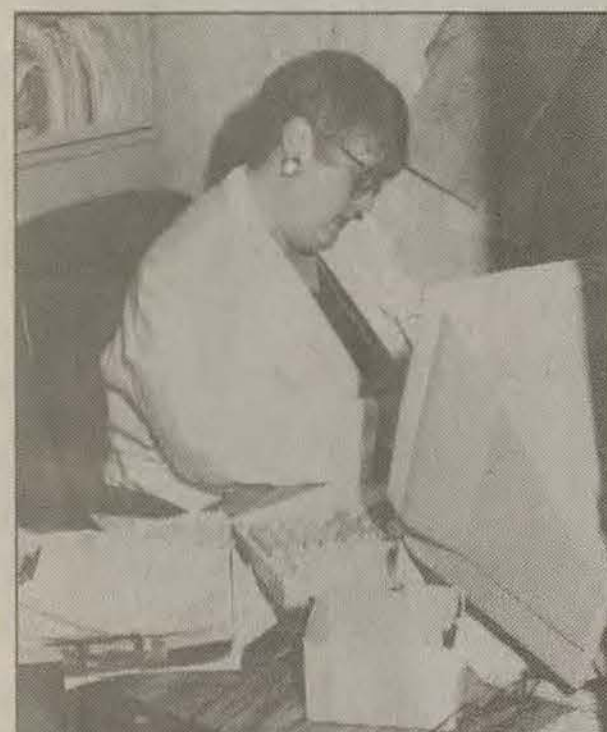
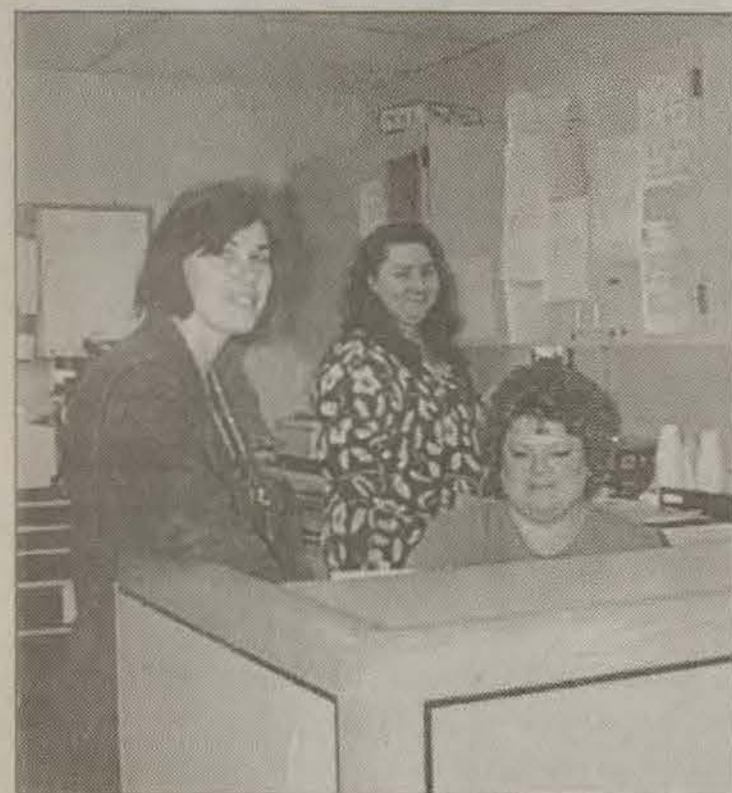
"The nursing staff could not have been any better."

"My stay at the hospital was very satisfactory! I will recommend TRMC to anyone who has to go to the hospital."

"I feel this is the best hospital in Eastern Kentucky and if I need to go to the hospital this is where I will return."

"The nurses on the 2nd floor are great. I couldn't ask for any better treatment. They went out of their way to be nice to me."

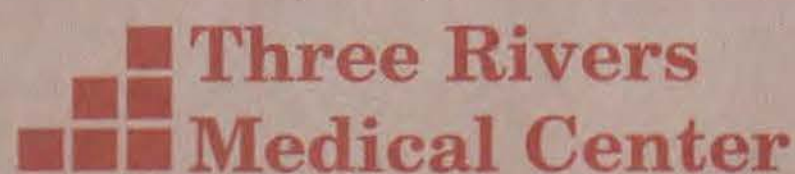
Good Health Is Our Priority



The good health of our community is our top priority. Our experienced, highly skilled healthcare professionals provide the best medical care in the area.

Our facilities include an emergency room that never closes, and state-of-the-art equipment that lets us diagnose and treat patients quickly—because time is often critical.

But most important of all, our staff will greet you with warm, friendly smiles and a real concern that says we know how to care.



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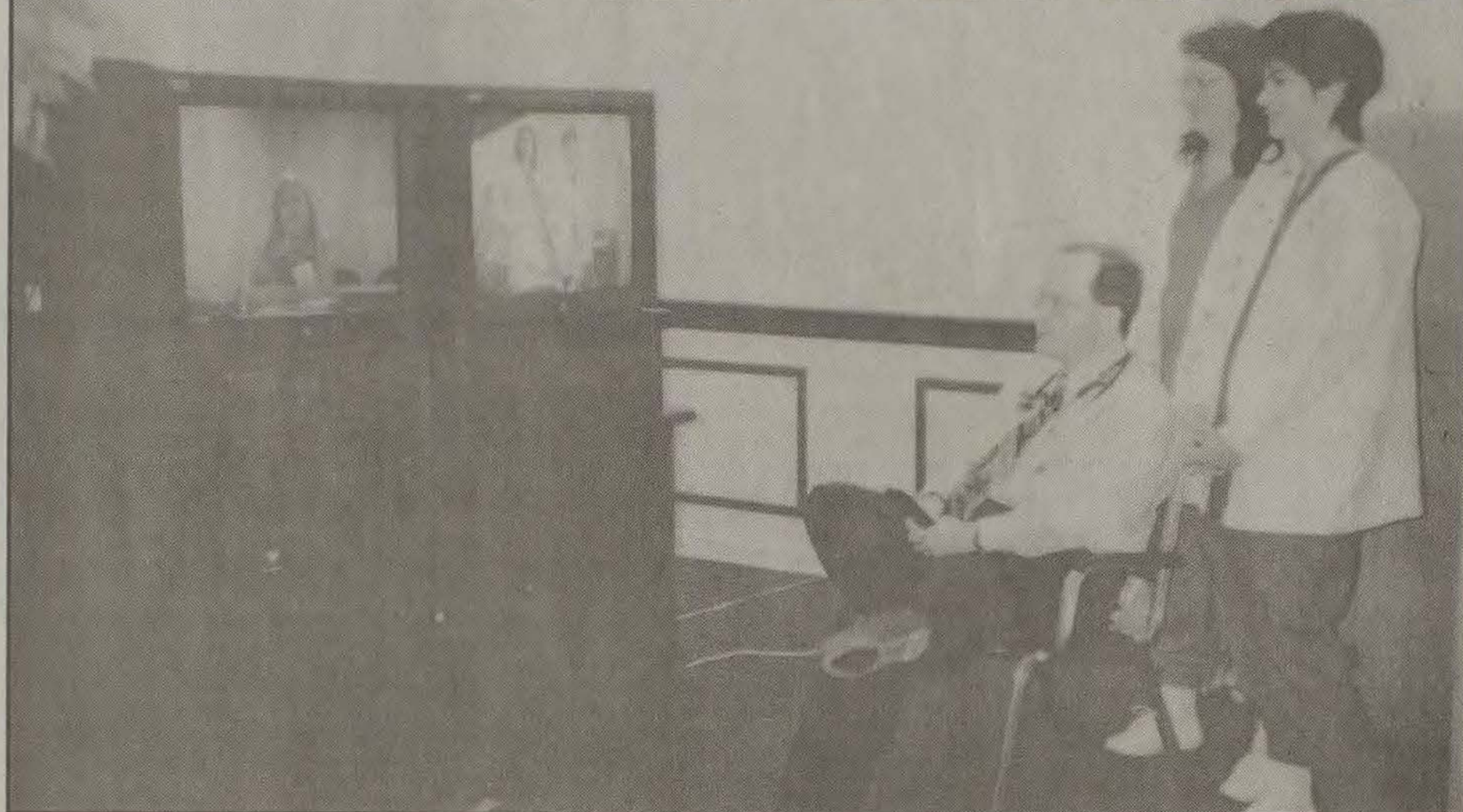
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To Your Health



Physician's assistant Brent Davis, Elizabeth Griffith, RN, nurse clinician, and Betty Hunt, medical assistant, talked with Jan Hurley, administrator of the University of Kentucky Health Services, during a teleconference at Prestonsburg Community College.

Pointing to the new millennium

by Patti M. Clark
Correspondent

All across the country, technology has made its impact on the everyday life of residents, and in the area of health care, that's no different.

Just two years ago, Prestonsburg Community College put in a tele-medicine classroom that enables doctors in Lexington and Louisville to meet with patients and neither has to make the long journey into or out of the mountains to do so.

Drs. Horn and Roberts, ob-gyns associated with Highlands Regional Medical Center, use tele-linking hardware for some of their high-risk patients. The patients, who have been referred to the specialists in Lexington, can visit with their regular doctors and get check-ups with the specialists at the same time.

The technology, and use of it by doctors all over the state, is part of a new program called Kentucky TeleCare.

Kentucky TeleCare links doctors at the University of Kentucky Chandler Medical Center, rural practitioners, clinics and hospitals. It is a way of using technology to link the specialists at the University of Kentucky and regional centers with physicians in rural areas.

With the hardware that is part of the package, doctors can actually examine a patient and look at the results of tests, such as CT scans. The technology uses two-way televisions, state-of-the-art software and telephone lines. With the use of telephone lines, communication is possible between primary care providers and consultants at virtually any location.

The technology is used primarily in the areas of psychology, dermatology, nutrition counseling and radiation oncology, according to Dr. Robert H. Schosser, medical director for Kentucky TeleCare.

He emphasizes that the program is not an alternative to having doctors in rural areas, but a way to reduce the travel requirements for some patients and to eliminate the extreme isolation of rural physicians from consultants.

"This is just a way to assist what is going on out there now," he said last fall. "It's just one part of a complete program."

Schosser said the Kentucky program encourages equal interaction among all the sites, not just rural doctors asking for help from those at UK. Physicians at the regional centers have been sharing their expertise as well as using the knowledge they are gaining from the Lexington doctors.

The goal with the program is to get patients better faster. He said he hopes TeleCare means that the patients are more willing to visit a doctor if they aren't required to invest the time and money needed to travel long miles to see a doctor.

Technology should continue to become even more entrenched in Eastern Kentucky. Last fall, Big Sandy Telecommuting Services received a \$200,000 Appalachian Regional Commission grant to expand its televillage program in the area.

The Appalachian Regional Commission grant is helping the Pikeville-based company expand operations in Pike, Floyd, Johnson, Martin and Magoffin counties.

Big Sandy's televillage program provides Internet training and web page development, access to online services, e-mail, distance learning and teleconferencing. It has formed partnerships with such institutions as Morehead State University, the Kentucky Department of Library and Archives, and the Pike County Library Board.

U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell said Big Sandy will use the grant to pursue partnerships with area hospitals to promote telemedicine.

But even as technology stretches its long tentacles into Eastern Kentucky, it is people like Eula Hall who have literally meant the difference between life and death for some people of the area.

More than 20 years ago, Hall founded the Mud Creek Health Clinic for the residents of the area. The clinic meant that many people who before wouldn't have traveled even to Prestonsburg for health care were getting the necessary medical

attention they needed.

Hall has been assisted in her efforts by a few doctors, nurses, staff and volunteers, but she is the one who has stayed the course and met the needs of those residents.

Hall isn't a doctor. She isn't a nurse. In fact, she doesn't even have a high school diploma, but she has always had a soft spot in her heart for the poor. Hall herself rose out of poverty and in 1973 she started the community clinic on Tinker Fork. In addition to medical needs, she began to help area residents meet other needs as well. She found clothing and food and distributed the items.

Even today, each year at Christmas, she organizes a food, clothing and toy drive to make sure anyone who needs help has something under the Christmas tree.

If a resident needs health care that Hall's clinic can't provide, she takes them to Lexington.

But it hasn't always been easy. The original building which housed the Mud Creek Clinic burned in 1982. Everything inside was completely destroyed, including 1,400 patient records, medical equipment and supplies.

The next morning, she went into action, surveyed the damage, drug out a picnic table and put it under a willow tree. She persuaded the telephone company to put in an outdoor phone and a retired doctor agreed to help out. With a makeshift pharmacy, they continued to do business.

The new Mud Creek Clinic opened more than two years later. While the United Mine Workers Union had backed the clinic before, it wasn't any longer. The non-profit Big Sandy Health Corporation came in to run the facility. No one is turned away. If a patient can't afford to pay, Hall picks up the tab.

The clinic continues to grow and people from hundreds of miles away travel to get help. The clinic serves more than 5,000 patients each year with the help of two doctors, a physician's assistant, four nurses, two pharmacists, a lab technician, an x-ray technician, two mental health workers, as well as office staff.

Portrait of Home

Awareness is the key to fighting, treating cancer

by Janice Shepherd
Managing Editor

Statistics indicate that one in four people will get cancer.

Dr. William Cook, chairman of the cancer committee at Highlands Regional Medical Center and cancer liaison physician with the American College of Surgeons' Cancer Commission, says about three-fourths of those patients can be cured if their cancers are detected and treated during the early stages.

Awareness is the key to detecting cancer early, Dr. Cook says. Men need to have rectal exams to detect prostate cancer and women need to have mammograms to detect breast cancer. After the age of 50, people also need to have colon exams, called a sigmoidoscopy, about every four years.

"Certain people who have a family history of ulcerative colitis (or have a family history of polyps) have an increased risk of developing colon cancer.

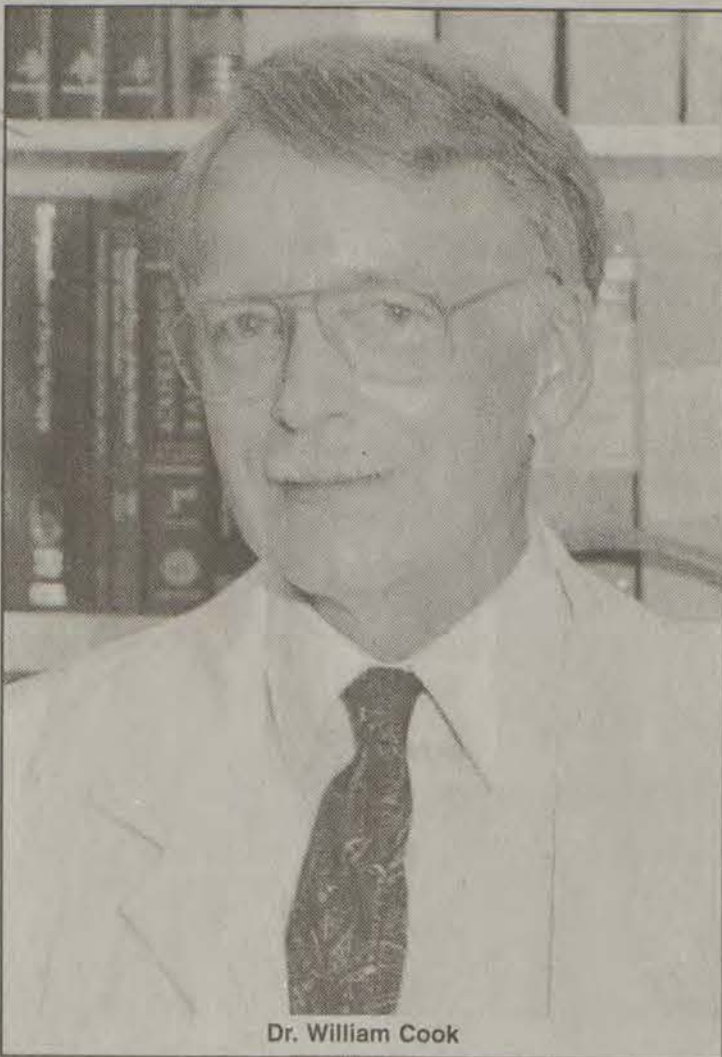
Most people know they should have these important exams, but they don't. "They put it off," he says.

Family members can help their spouses, siblings, or parents stop the delaying tactics by exerting pressure. Peer pressure or family pressure can help, according to Dr. Cook. Patients can be screened for these types of cancer, and Highlands conducts regular screenings through its accredited cancer program.

Highlands is participating in a joint effort with the University of Kentucky's Markey Cancer Center to treat cancer. Several cancer, (oncology) specialists come to Highlands to see cancer patients.

The University of Kentucky also conducts extensive research efforts that offers cancer patients hope. An important part of cancer research is gathering information through Kentucky's cancer registry. In this area, Highlands was the first hospital that had a registry, Cook says.

Those statistics revealed, among other things, that Eastern Kentucky has an above average incidence of liver cancer and lung cancer, Cook said. That information can help scientists focus their research on causes. One of the reasons that Eastern Kentucky has a high



Dr. William Cook

incidence of lung cancer is the number of tobacco smokers in this area, the physician explains.

Culture can make a difference and statistics gathered in different cultures tell a revealing tale. For instance, Africans don't get colon cancer, but African Americans do, Dr. Cook says. Africans eat a lot of vegetables, a lot of roughage, he said. "They don't eat a lot of red meats. (The development of cancer in this instance) is related to lifestyle."

"Breast cancer and prostate cancer is high in America as compared to the Japanese," he added. "The Japanese migrate here and adapt to the American lifestyle and develop the cancers.

"Is it the smoking, the food, the water? Even though the Japanese marry Japanese, the incidence of the breast cancer and prostate cancer is high. The Japanese eat a lot of raw vegetables. When they change their lifestyles, they get the disease," he says.

To decrease the risk of getting cancer, people should change their lifestyles, the doctor said. Eat vegetables and not so much red meat. Cut down on fats and quit smoking, Cook advises.

Discovery of 'wonder drugs' has revolutionized medicine

by Janice Shepherd
Managing Editor

Since the discovery of "wonder drugs" in the early 1900s, the pharmaceutical industry has revolutionized the treatment of diseases through medications.

When the late Paul B. Hall became a practicing physician in Eastern Kentucky, he had only eight drugs to choose from to treat his patients. Those drugs included digitalis, aspirin, quinine, strychnine, castor and calomel.

In 1928, the antibiotic penicillin was discovered and in 1935, the first sulfa drug, Prontosil, was developed. When sulfa came out, it must have been considered a godsend, Harold Cooley, who has been a pharmacist since 1965 and is owner of Cooley Apothecary in Prestonsburg, said recently.

Since Cooley began dispensing drugs with the former Rose Drug in Prestonsburg, he has witnessed the development of many modern "wonder drugs," including a new class of drugs from which at least three generations of medications have evolved.

"I can remember when (Cephalosporins) first came out. Now we have three subclasses within that class," Cooley recalled.

Cephalosporins are drugs that are effective against particular organisms, Cooley said, unlike the penicillins used to treat various illnesses. Cephalosporins were developed to treat certain resistant strains of bacteria.

Cooley said the recent accusations by the public that antibiotics are being used too loosely by doctors can also be blamed on patients.

"A person with a common cold goes to a physician and demands medicine to treat it. If there had been a drug to cure the common cold, I would have quit long ago," he said.

"We always want to blame viruses, but there are certain nontouchable viruses that medicines won't affect."

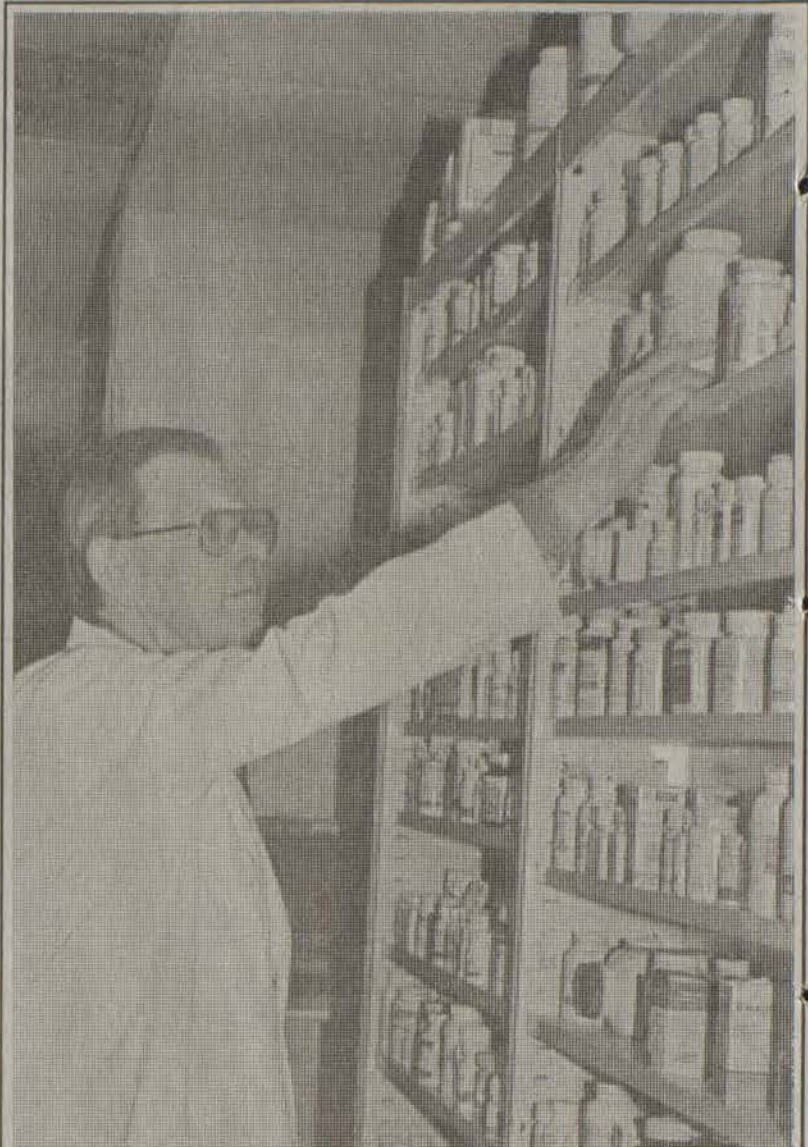
"Because you have an irritated throat, you go to the doctor and want an antibiotic. The next day you're fine," he added, explaining that irritated throats can be caused by such things as allergies.

"If (the sore throat) lasts a couple of days, then see a doctor," he said.

Although Cooley said the pharmaceutical company hasn't developed any "miracle drugs," there are some medications that come close. A group of drugs that scientists have deemed "bio-drugs" fool the body into producing chemicals that it normally produces, he explained.

"Through bio-research and technical synthesis (reproduction), they're able to manipulate all kinds of molecules in the body to put back into the body the substance that may be missing," Cooley said.

For instance, bio-drugs benefit people who have cancer and are treated by chemotherapy which causes their white blood cell count "to go down to nothing," he said. A bio-drug,



Harold Cooley has been a pharmacist since 1965. He dispenses medications at his pharmacy, Cooley Apothecary in Prestonsburg.

Neupongen, is given to the patient to stimulate the production of white blood cells in the body. Epogen is used to stimulate the production of red blood cells in the body.

"That's the thrust of the future. That's where a lot of research is going," he added.

One way researchers develop new drugs is by changing old ones. "They manipulate the formula and see if another chemistry group is more effective to treat an illness with fewer side effects," he said.

For instance, doctors, at first, treated patients with Penicillin G. Then Penicillin B was developed. With the newer version of penicillin, there is less deactivation of the drug in the stomach and better absorption, Cooley said.

The average time for developing a new drug before it can be dispensed is about seven years, although medications for such illness as HIV, which are called "fast track diseases," are usually released quicker, he said.

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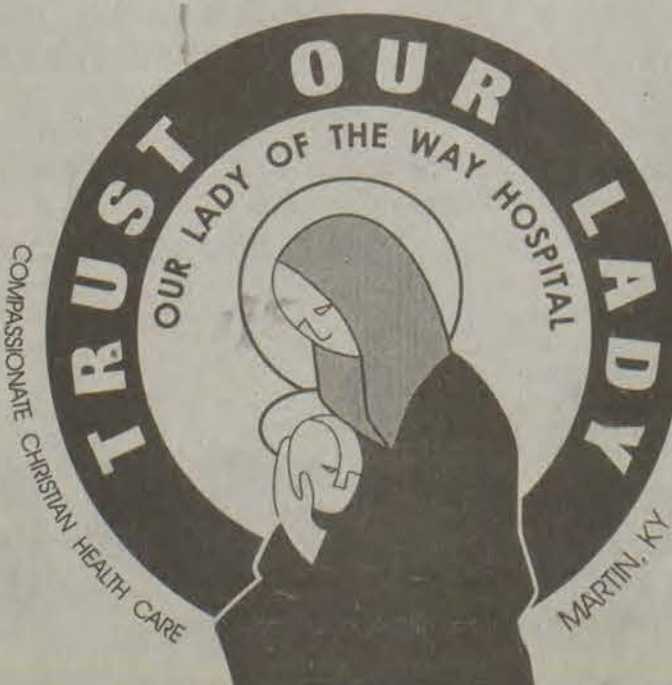
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Enhancing medical care through Chiropractic

by Chris McDavid
Staff Writer

Regardless of the reason, more and more patients have been turning to chiropractic for treatment. Whether for the treatment of migraines, whiplash, or sport injuries—chiropractors have experienced a surge in patients.

Dr. Charles "Chip" Salyers, a chiropractor in Floyd County, said that many patients come to chiropractors as a last resort.

"A lot of people who have had pain of some sort have been to doctors and taken different types of pain pills and muscle relaxers," Salyers said. "Eventually, someone sends them to chiropractors."

Salyers said chiropractors should be used to treat any type of neurological, muscular or skeletal problems.

Another Floyd County chiropractor, Dr. Phillip R. Simpson, said that 80 percent of problems patients experience are spinal-related problems.

"When it comes to spinal-related problems, chiropractors are the experts in the field," Simpson said. "We do things that no one else is doing — laying hands on the problem and making a difference."

Simpson and Salyers agreed that spinal-related illnesses should not be treated by traditional medical care.

"Patients with these problems should not be treated with medication," Salyers said.

Salyers said that patients who experience neurological, muscular or skeletal problems should want to get the cause of the pain remedied — and the best way to treat the pain is to "correct" the cause.

Salyers said that a main difference between tradition physicians and chiropractors is that doctors prescribe medication for the pain.

In an analogy of treating a cold, Salyers said doctors give patients medication for the symptoms.

"My question is why not treat the reason you get a cold," Salyers said. "Take care of the cause and not treat the symptoms."

"This is a world made for chiropractors," Simpson said. "Everyone will have spinal problems if they don't already."

HISTORY OF CHIROPRACTIC

Daniel D. Palmer originated the principle and method of drugless healing in 1895.

The chiropractic theory holds that dysfunction is caused by the inhibition of nerve impulses flowing to the different parts of the body.

According to the theory, treatment by manual manipulation allows nerve impulses to flow normally and restores good health.

WHAT CHIROPRACTIC CAN DO

Chiropractic is used for a wide variety of injuries and common aches and pains.

From enhancing the immune system and common functions of the body such as breathing and digestion to eliminating and correcting injuries, chiropractic can help.

Chiropractic is utilized in improving the nerve supply to organs of immunity including the spleen, tonsils, appendix and lymphoid tissue.

According to chiropractors, the spine affects every function of the body.

When the spinal bones are misaligned, the nerves are affected. The misalignment of the spinal bones is called vertebral subluxation.

Vertebral subluxations can dam-

age joints, nerves, tissue, muscle, and the overall health of a patient.

Depending on which spinal bones are misaligned, the body parts will react accordingly.

Each vertebra houses a nerve for at least one particular organ or body function. If the nerve is pinched due to the misalignment, then the body function or organ cannot properly function.

SPORTS INJURIES

Salyers said the work of a chiropractor does not totally revolve around the spine. He said the work of chiropractors also consists of sports injuries.

"Chiropractors also adjust a lot of extremities such as wrists, shoulders, knees, etc., and they are often sport-related injuries," Salyers said.

Most times, working with these sort of injuries involve soft tissue work, Salyers said.

Muscle tendons are strained or torn during many injuries and the bone is often times pulled out of place, Salyers said.

"Soft tissue needs to be relaxed and corrected or it will continually pull the bone out of place," he said.

Salyers said medical physicians normally send a patient with a sport-related injury to physical therapy for stretching and strengthening.

"The only way to get a structure back in proper working order is through chiropractic," he said.

Salyers said after the bones and tissue are put back in place, then it is time for a patient to go to physical therapy for stretching and strengthening.

HEADACHES AND MIGRAINES

Salyers said many patients are seeking treatment from chiroprac-

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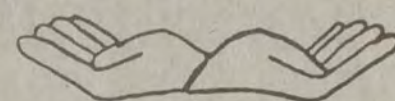
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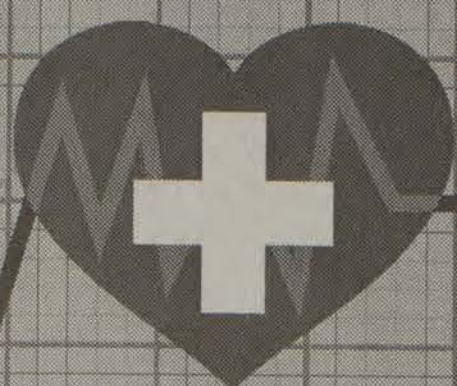
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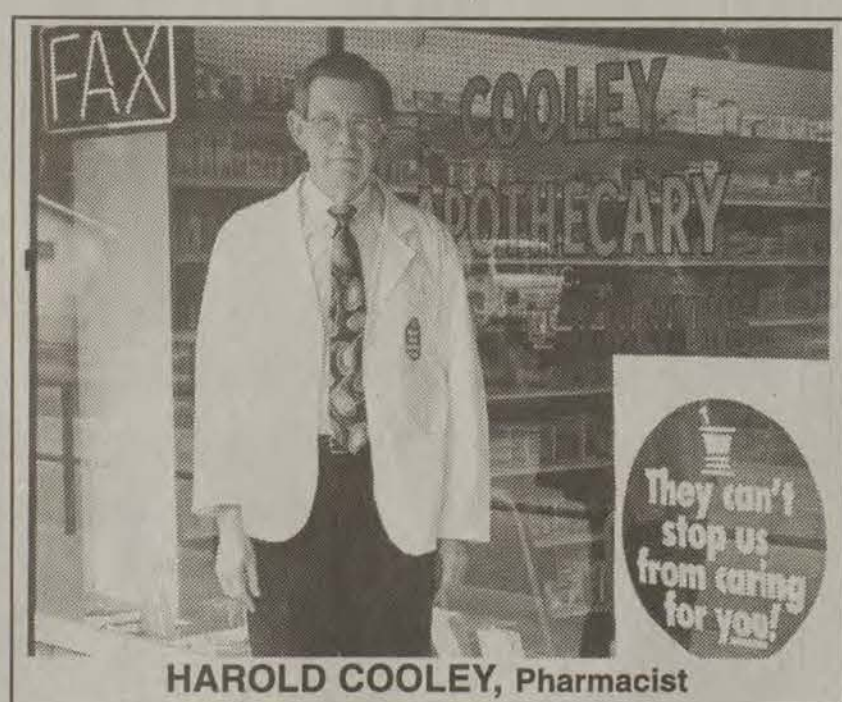


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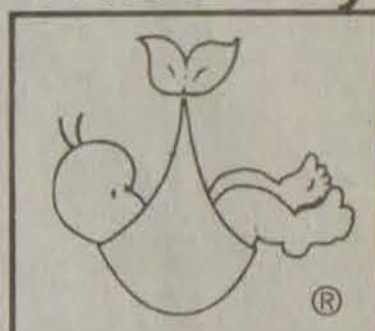
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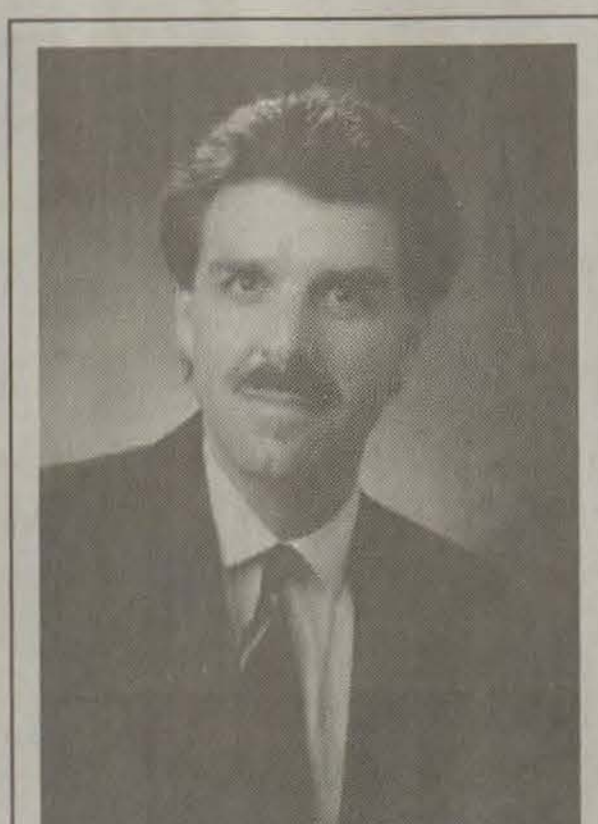


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Rehabilitative health care close to home

by Janice Shepherd
Managing Editor

Extended rehabilitative health care is closer to home these days.

In January, Highlands Regional Medical Center opened its new Support Care Unit.

The subacute unit was established to provide a level of care to bridge the gap of care from the hospital to the home for patients, Sharon Dingus, assistant vice president of nursing services, said recently.

Previously, patients who no longer needed acute care but still required skilled nursing and rehabilitation had to go to such facilities as Cardinal Hill in Lexington for therapy.

Highlands' 18-bed subacute care unit is a skilled nursing facility that focuses on helping patients regain their strength and mobility.

The program helps patients to learn to walk again, speak again, and be as self-sufficient as medically possible. Nurses, therapists, and caregivers at the facility work with orthopedic patients and, occasionally, victims of stroke.

For instance, the unit's first patient was a stroke victim. The victim made it to the hospital emergency room early, and the damage done by the stroke was not so severe that the patient could not recover a certain amount of ambulatory skills.

The patient could not walk and his speech was affected. The patient, though, had potential for rehabilitation.

"By the time he left, he was foot racing around the hall," Dingus said. "It is a good feeling to know he was going to go home and be the person he wanted to be."

The subacute unit offers more skilled services than nursing homes and less than an intensive care unit at a hospital, Dingus said.

That skilled service involves social workers, who are responsible for coordinating patients' nursing and medical care; physical, occupational and speech therapists; certified nursing assistants; dietitians and dietary technicians; technologists and volunteers from Highlands' auxiliary.

Nurses are on duty around the clock to meet patients' health care needs, and those nurses have undergone special training to learn to take care of subacute care patients.

Treatment for patients in the subacute unit is a big change for nurses who have worked with patients in the acute unit, according to Support Care service manager Mary Setser, a nurse who has worked in both sections.

"In acute care, we're used to getting patients well enough to go home. Now we're more focused on what happens when they get home. We spend a lot of time planning for that. We try to help them be independent," Setser said.

"These nurses have been used to helping patients who can't help themselves. (These patients) are past that point. Sometimes it's difficult to step back and let them do for themselves. (These patients) need someone to help them learn to function at a maximum capacity. We teach them to speak or, maybe help them regain better bladder control," Dingus said.

"This spares them the experience of being confined to a long-term care facility," Dingus said.

The Support Care Unit is not a live-in facility, Dingus said. "If they're not making progress, they have to find an appropriate place to stay, such as a nursing home."

The unit is a separately licensed facility located within the hospital on the second floor. The staff tries to create a home-like atmosphere for the patients, and patients are encouraged to bring things from home, such as photos of their family, to display in their rooms.

Families are an important part of rehabilitative care, Dingus said, and the staff encourages families to get involved. Families are allowed to stay overnight with the patients and chair lounges are available in private patient rooms.

Activities are planned for the patients, who are encouraged to get out of their rooms and socialize. Recreational therapist Jennifer Dearden, during a planning session, planned to have movies and popcorn available one day during that week.

Patients can leave the subacute care unit and go to church, out to

dinner, or "go out and do what they want to do," Dingus said.

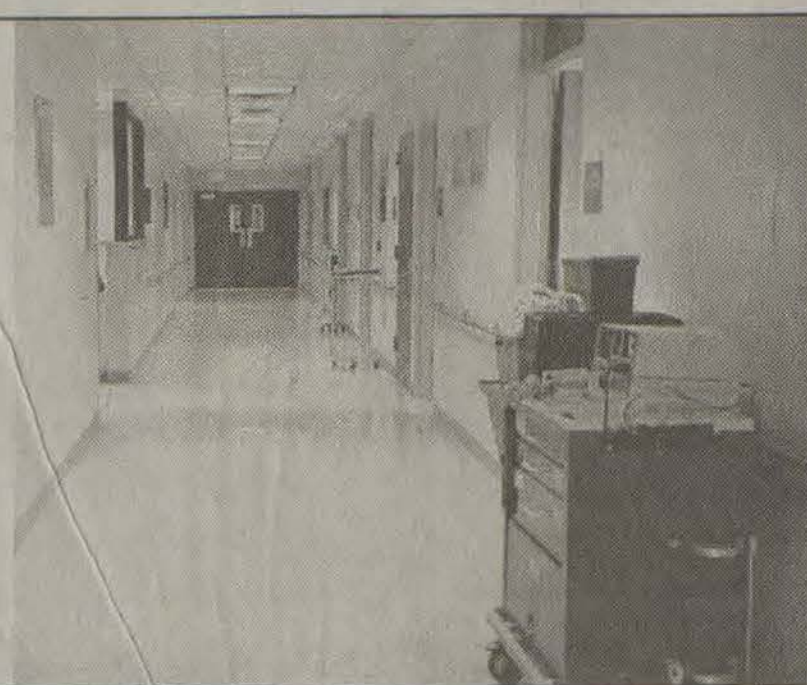
They're also encouraged to wear their everyday clothing and not hospital-type apparel.

To be eligible for rehabilitation in the unit, patients must have had at least a three-day stay in an acute care hospital and have been referred to the facility by their physician.

Dingus stressed that the facility is not a nursing home and cannot accept patients who cannot be rehabilitated. The unit teaches patients how to operate medical equipment, prepare their own meals, and use artificial limbs, walkers, or wheelchairs. Under the supervision of the unit's nurses, patients can also get used to taking their medications.

Average stay in the unit is about 21 days, according to unit manager Mary Setser.

A stay in the Support Care Unit at Highlands Regional is a transition period from the hospital to home. Skilled health care service is close at hand, but patients can create a home-like atmosphere in their rooms by displaying their memorabilia. The nursing staff's goal at the unit is to help their patients gain strength and ambulatory skills. (photo by Janice Shepherd)



Planning session
Jennifer Dearden, recreational therapist, and Anna Banks, LPN, discussed group activities February 17 for patients in the Support Care Unit at Highlands Regional Medical Center.



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Dr. Charles "Chip" Salyers, a chiropractor in Floyd County, treated a patient who frequently experiences back pain and other spine-related problems. Salyers adjusted the alignment of the patient's spine and used a special chiropractic massager to relieve tension in the patient's back. (photo by Chris McDavid)

Chiropractic

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tors for headaches and migraines. He said both have been linked to joint pains in the neck.

Headaches are one of the most common painful conditions among young adults each year.

Approximately 70 to 80 percent of the population is affected by headaches each year.

Migraines are the most severe type of all headaches.

"Many times, migraines are caused from the improper alignment of the curvature of the neck," Salyers said. "The improper nerve flow to the blood can be attributed to migraines and headaches."

SPINAL COLUMN AND NERVOUS SYSTEM

The spinal column has four functions:

- To house and protect the spinal cord
- To support hips and shoulders
- To serve as an attachment to muscles
- To support the head and ribs

The nervous system is the connection between the inner world of the body and the outer world.

The nervous system is the center of thoughts, memory, learning and consciousness.

The nerves in the spine control muscle tension, blood vessel openings, glandular function, spatial orientation, pain touch, vibration, vision, hearing, taste, temperature and other senses.

Salyers explained that because of the bodily functions the spine controls, it is essential that proper care is given to the spine.

"The misalignment of the spine can pinch the nerves and affect numerous parts of the body," he said.

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN CHIROPRACTORS AND PHYSICIANS

Chiropractors and medical doctors are both primary care physicians and both can diagnose, but the main difference between the two is the method of treatment.

Salyers said medical doctors use prescriptions to treat the symptoms, or pain, from an injury, but, chiropractors correct the "root" of the injury.

"Chiropractors are interested in long-term quality health," he said.

Salyers explained that by "manipulating" the spine into proper alignment, patients can experience the loss of pain for an injury and may even be relieved of other non-related symptoms.

Simpson said that children who have had a "tune-up of the nervous system" can in some case relieve asthma, ear infections and even bed-wetting.

According to the American Chiropractic Association, doctors of chiropractic are trained in the medical diagnosis, and medical physicians are not ordinarily trained in specific chiropractic diagnosis and treatment.

Another similarity between doc-

tors and chiropractors is that both take x-rays for the patient and give a consultation with each patient.

CAN THE TWO WORK TOGETHER

Both chiropractors agreed that medical doctors and chiropractors can work together, but they each have their place in enhancing medical care.

"Chiropractors work on the spine and nervous system," Simpson said, "the thing that runs the body."

"Doctors need to use chiropractic as an initial source of treatment," Salyers said.

Simpson said that medical doctors have recently realized that chiropractors can help in the treatment of many patients.

"Local doctors are great," Simpson said. "Some send patients with skeletal or muscular problems to chiropractors."

"We can work together if they can't get anywhere with the patients' problems," Simpson said.

Simpson said he has even sent some patients seeking treatment in chiropractic to medical doctors. He said some patients do need treatment from a traditional physician.

EDUCATION

The modern doctor of chiropractic is also highly qualified just as a medical physician.

Simpson said he went through six years of college in order to obtain his doctorate in chiropractic — the same amount of schooling required for a traditional physician.

According to a study documented by the National Health Federation, graduates of Palmer College of chiropractic are required to attend 4,485 class hours to obtain a degree, and graduates of John Hopkins Medical School attended 3,397 class hours.

Excluding other non-related

subjects to patient care, graduates of Palmer College are required to attend 557 more hours than a traditional physician graduate of John Hopkins Medical School.

CAUSES OF SPINAL MISALIGNMENT

There are numerous factors that can affect the alignment of the spine.

According to the third edition of *Chiropractic: Bringing Out the Best in You*, spinal misalignment — also referred to as vertebral subluxations — can be caused by anything from a difficult birth or delivery to eating a lot of junk food, which can cause chemical stress on the spine.

Simpson said the birth process can sometimes put a lot of stress on the spine of the infant.

Simpson said, many children suffer from illnesses that may be caused from a traumatic birth that may have affected the spine.

He said some children have been cured of ear infections and asthma after they were treated by a chiropractor.

Simpson added that gravity alone can also cause the spine to degenerate.

The most commonly known factors that can cause spinal injuries are automobile accidents, a fall, bad posture and surgery.

FUTURE AND LIMITATIONS

"This is a world made for chiropractors," Simpson said. "Everyone will have spinal problems if they don't already."

Simpson said he could not foresee any limitations with chiropractic if the problems are skeletal or muscular related.

"Chiropractors work on the spine and nervous system," Simpson said, "the thing that runs the body."

Salyers agreed by saying that there are no limitations of chiropractic.

Wonder

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Drug manufacturers continue researching medication even after it is approved for release. The research can eventually lead to the prescription drug becoming an over-the-counter medication. Before the Federal Drug Administration will allow the medication to become available without prescription, the drug company must prove that it is safe and effective for use by the public with the dosage instructions on the box, Cooley said.

Tagamet is a recent example of a particular prescription medication becoming an over-the-counter product. Tagamet has been a prescription drug for about 17 years, Cooley said. During those 17 years, the drug company Smith-Kline has been accumulating data that proves the drug is safe and effective, he added.

"The strength of the over-the-

counter Tagamet is 100 milligrams. Prescription strength for Tagamet varies from 200 milligrams to 800 milligrams," he explained. "The over-the-counter version is for control of heartburn. Higher doses, prescription strength, is used to treat peptic ulcers."

Cooley cautioned individuals using the over-the-counter Tagamet to read the labeling on the package. "Consumers should be extremely careful about using the dosage on the package and don't expect the drug to cure a peptic ulcer without consulting a physician."

Cooley said the fast-paced changes in medicine are leading to changes in obtaining pharmaceutical degrees. The new programs will be six year programs and pharmacists will take classes in premed and will be awarded Doctor of Pharmacy Degrees instead of a Bachelor of Science degree.

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The Last Laugh

One hundred years ago in a small town, which is now Lexington, Kentucky, lived an old man. The man's name was Jaymus. He was a real character. Jaymus loved playing tricks on people which is probably why he liked April Fools Day so much. In fact, he liked that particular day better than all the rest. Jaymus even liked it better than his own birthday and even better than Christmas! On April Fools Day, Jaymus could play all the tricks he wanted on people.

However, playing tricks on people led to the death of poor old Jaymus. He got caught in one of his own lame tricks. He got hit smack dab on top of his head with a 16 ton safe. Jaymus set the trap not meaning to hurt anyone, but unfortunately the trick backfired and Jaymus was killed.

Most people thought that would be the end of old Jaymus' tricks but not so. He continued to play those lame tricks on people that would come and try to buy his old property. When people would come to look over his property, Jaymus played tricks to drive them away.

However, one day a brave lad named Teddy Carhunckle bought the land which once belonged to Old Man Jaymus. The land-lord warned him about the property and the strange things that happened to its past owners.

He said, "Teddy, you better watch out for the ghost of Old Man Jaymus. He will get you like he did the past owners!"

"Yeah right, I don't believe in any hick ghost or any other kind of ghost!" Teddy said. "I'm not afraid of any ghost or tricks that a ghost is supposed to play. How much do you want for this property?"

"One hundred thousand dollars," answered the landlord.

"I will have to repair and clean up the old house but that's not a bad price for such a good piece of rich land. I'll take it!" Teddy replied.

He pulled out his checkbook and paid for the house. Teddy then left clicking his heels. He felt very proud of himself for he thought that he had made a good deal.

Ten weeks passed and Teddy returned to the property to begin repairing the house. He fixed the leaky roof, the floors and replaced the windows. "I'll have this house repaired and cleaned up in no time. It will be a show place," Teddy said talking out loud to himself.

He painted every room and the outside of the house. Teddy hired electricians and plumbers to repair the electrical wiring and plumbing. Finally, after he laid down the new floor and carpet, he was ready to move into the old house.

One day Teddy was busy cleaning his coffee table, thinking how lucky he was to have such a beautiful home, when he heard a loud shriek that sounded like someone was in great pain. Teddy jumped to his feet so fast that he bumped into the couch, flipped over a table and landed on a skateboard and skated out the door. The door shut

behind him and he found himself locked out in the cold rainy weather. He grumbled to himself, "Well great! Here I am locked outside in the rain in the middle of the night. I'm going to have to crawl through the window like a thief!"

Teddy stumbled through the darkness looking for a window that was open. After bumping into many strange foreign objects, Teddy finally found a window that wasn't locked. He opened the window and crawled back into the house.

The next day Teddy sat down for breakfast. He began to think about what had happened to him the night before. Teddy was in deep thought and wasn't paying any attention to what he was doing. He poured sugar into his empty coffee cup and then he put a tablespoon of coffee into his cup. He took a great big drink and spit it out. "The" and said, "The"



in a terrified voice. "The ghost did it all! I don't even own a skateboard!"

Teddy continued thinking about the

strange things that had happened to him the night before. He decided that he didn't want to end up like the other owners. He wasn't about to let Old Man Jaymus chase him off his property. He sat there thinking about what he could do when suddenly an idea popped into his head. He arose from the table singing, "Who you gonna call? Ghostbusters!" as he walked to the phone.

He picked up the phone book and looked up the phone number of the Ghostbusters. He picked up the phone and dialed 1-800-NO-GHOST.

Dr. Raymond Kousavetsky, a scientist at Stanford University and chairman of the board of Ghostbusters, Incorporated answered, "Ghostbusters. How can I help you?"

Teddy replied, "Raymond this is Teddy Carbunkle. How are you? I have a little problem. Can you help me?"

Raymond said, "Sure, I'll be right over."

Teddy hung up the phone in the kitchen and heard someone hang up the phone in the den. He yelled, "Did you hear that Jaymus? Soon you'll be gone and I'll be Jay Less."

Teddy heard an evil laugh and a voice that said, "You can't hurt me. I'm the Boogie Man!"

Teddy slowly walked into the family

room and cautiously sat down on the couch. Then he heard a sound that startled him, "Pfutt." Teddy leaped to his feet and shouted, "Ahhhhhh!" He turned and looked down at the couch. "It was just another lame trick," he said relieved as he picked up the whoopie cushion in disgust.

All at once he heard someone screaming outside. Teddy ran to the door and saw a remarkable sight. The Ghostbusters had finally arrived from the city! The Ghostbusters took one look at Old Man Jaymus and Ted heard Raymond say, "He's armed boys! Retreat! Retreat!" Then just as quickly as they appeared, they got back in their car and drove down the long driveway until they were out of sight.

Teddy looked at Old Man Jaymus and saw him holding something in his hand. He walked closer to Old Man Jaymus and with a confused look on his face asked, "Is that fake dog doo-doo?"

"What do you mean is it fake? Do they make it fake?" Old Man Jaymus replied.

Teddy said, "Yes, they do. Are you trying to tell me what you're holding isn't? That does it! You're cramping my style. What are my poker buddies gonna think when they see you with that stuff?"

"Did you say poker?" Old Man Jaymus asked.

Old Man Jaymus yelled, "Well hot dog! I didn't know that you all still played poker."

With that he grabbed Teddy and took him back into the house and slammed him down in a seat. "Ten of spades, nine of hearts, duces and suicide kings is wild. Got it?" asked Old Man Jaymus.

"I got it," said Teddy.

The next day Teddy got up very early and quietly went out to his workshop in the barn. He said to himself, "If I can't hire any body to get rid of that ghost, I'll just have to do it myself." He then went to work humming happily.

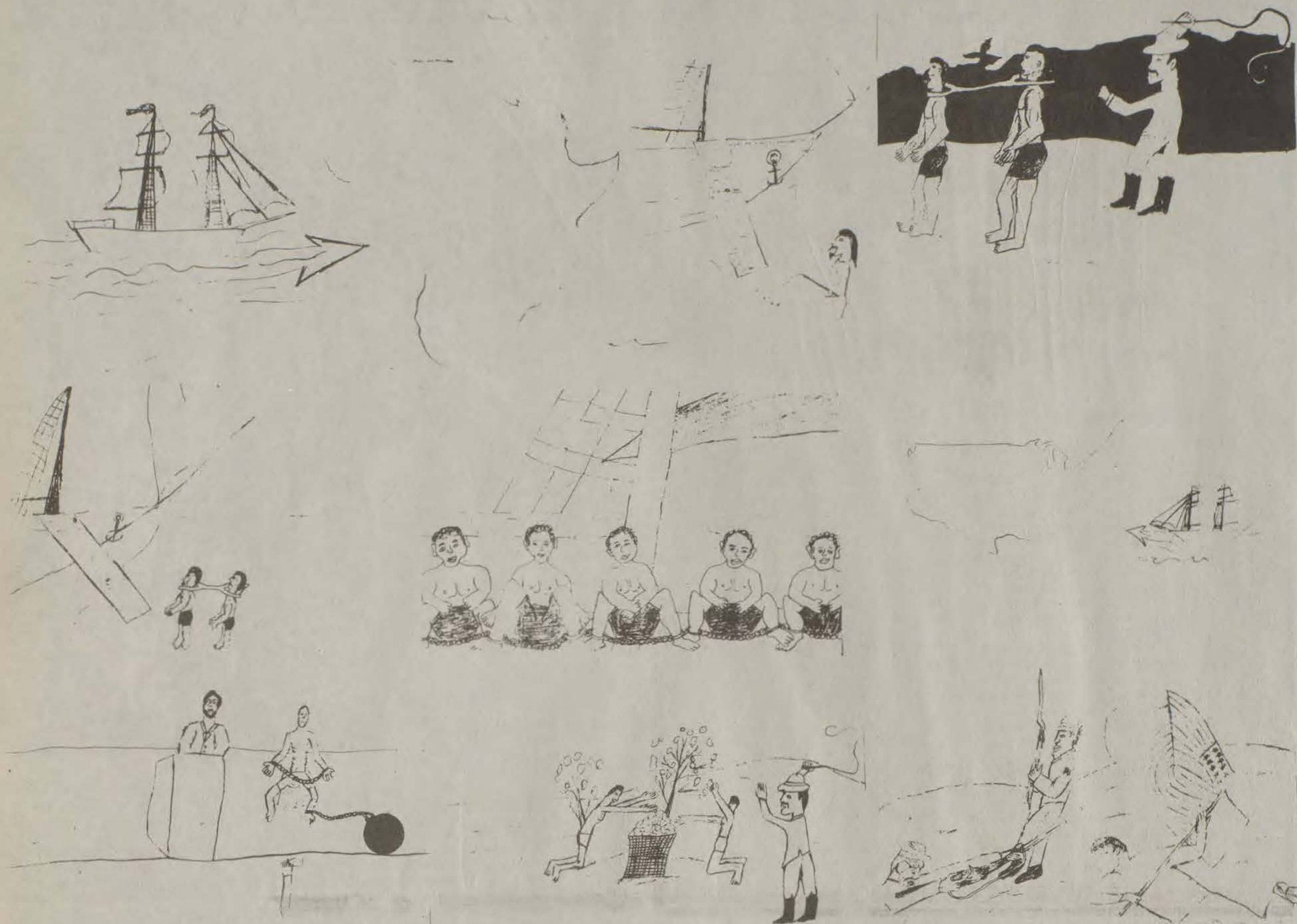
After working for several hours Teddy said, "Eureka! Now I will beat him at his own game!" Teddy went back into the house carrying a black box about the size of a shoe box. It had many different colored buttons and two



Portrait of Home

Injustice

by Kevin Coburn



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Life On The Farm

by Gregory Charles Ousley



This is Farmer Brown. He lives on a farm. He has many animals on his farm. He works hard every day. He has to get up very early every morning.



This is the big red barn that his animals live in. He has to feed his animals every day.



This is the tractor that Farmer Brown drives every day. He works in his garden on his tractor.



This is the garden that he grows vegetables in. We get our food from the farmer.

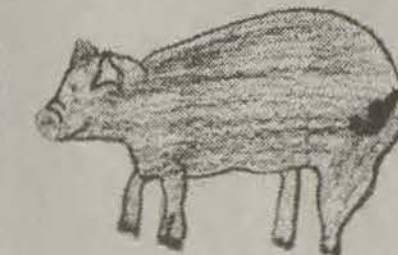


This is the rooster that lives on

the farm. Every morning he sits on the fence and wakes up Farmer Brown. He says cock-a-doodle-do. People can hear him for miles around.



This is the scarecrow that stands in his garden. He keeps the birds out of the garden.



This is the pig that lives on the farm. He likes to eat corn. He plays in the mud when it is hot outside.



This is the chicken that lives on the farm. The chicken gives Farmer Brown eggs for his breakfast.



This is the cow that lives on the farm. The cow gives Farmer Brown milk to drink.



This is the sheep that lives on the

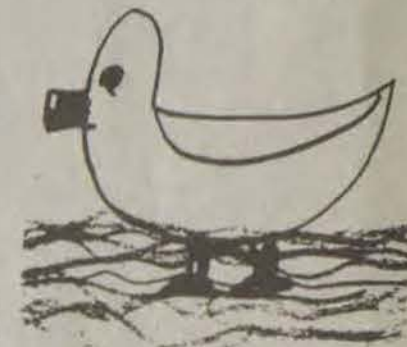
farm. Farmer Brown gets wool from the sheep.



This is the horse that lives on the farm. The horse lets Farmer Brown ride on his back. He also pulls the wagon for Farmer Brown.



This is the goat that lives on the farm. He eats all the weeds from Farmer Brown's hillside.



This is the duck that swims on the pond at the farm. Farmer Brown gets eggs from the duck, too.



This is the cat that lives in the barn. He chases the mice that lives in the barnyard.



This is the dog that lives on the farm. The dog chases the cows and makes them go into the barn.

**The
End**

Around the Corner

by Brandon Thacker

Once upon a time there was a little boy and his grandpa.

The little boy asked his grandpa, "When is Spring going to get here?"

His grandpa said, "Spring is just around the corner."

So the little boy put on his boots, pants and a long-sleeved shirt. He ran outside and looked around the corner of his house.

He said to himself, "Spring is not around the corner. I guess I'll check again tomorrow."

So as the days went by, he went outside and looked around the corner everyday. He still didn't see spring!

He said to himself, "I'll check one more time tomorrow!"

As the day went by, he couldn't get it off his mind. He couldn't go through the day without thinking about it! He couldn't go to sleep that night because he wanted Spring to get here so badly!

In the morning, he checked around the corner again.

"I still don't see Spring," he said to himself.

So he went back in the house. He told his grandpa, "Spring is not around the corner. I've looked and looked. Spring is not there!"

His grandpa said, "I meant Spring would be here in a month."

The little boy felt silly and embarrassed because he didn't understand what his grandpa had meant. Grandpa felt funny because he didn't think to explain what "Spring is just around the corner" meant.

They both had a good laugh over "Spring is just around the corner."

All About Tigers

by Ricky Hayes

The largest of the cat family is the tiger. It has black stripes on its body. A full-grown male weighs as much as 500 pounds or 230 kilograms and may be ten feet long, including a three foot tail.

It has a long thick coat. Tigers are orange and they have black stripes on them.

A cattle-eating tiger will kill a cow about every five days or from 60 to 70 cows a year.

The gestation period is from 98 to 110 days. Varieties are those of Mongolia, China, Iran, Sumatra, Java and Bali.

Tigers differ from one another only in sex and in the characteristics and markings of the cats.

In such localities they seek their prey at night if necessary. The young mother tiger gives her cubs a bath by licking them.

She protects her cubs until they are almost two years old. She teaches them to hunt. Then they will leave and be on their own.

The mother tiger stripes are different from her cub's stripes on their faces. Some tigers catch fish to eat.

Some tigers weigh as much as 14 first graders all together. Tigers like to swim and play in water, unlike other cats. Tigers really don't like heat. On very hot days tigers like to sit in a river to cool off.

Tigers' weapons are their teeth. Two in the lower jaw, two in the upper jaw, long and sharply pointed, they can puncture and slash as if they were giant knives.

Tigers stalk their prey, then spring at them and eat them. They can cover as much as 15 feet in a single leap. They have the sharpest claws of any mammal.

The tigers upper face of the tongue is so rough they draw blood merely by licking human skin.

The size of tigers varies, from huge, long-haired species of Manchuria (13 or more feet in length, including the tail) to the

average Indian specimen of life on the island of Bali.

A really large tiger may weigh more than six hundred and fifty pounds.

When tigers are in the zoo they need about ten pounds of meat a day. In jungles they must have plenty of wildlife or they will seek out cattle and other animals.

In some areas such as Indochina and China the tigers help protect crops from wild pigs, deer and monkeys by preying on them.

A young tiger is charged with lots of energy. As tigers age and their teeth wear down, they are less able to deal with natural prey, humans are easier victims.

A mother tiger with cubs to feed may be desperate for food and may go after any form of animal life, plus humans included.

In 1970 there were two thousand wild tigers remaining in the world. Conservation law offers them protection from hunters and fur dealers.

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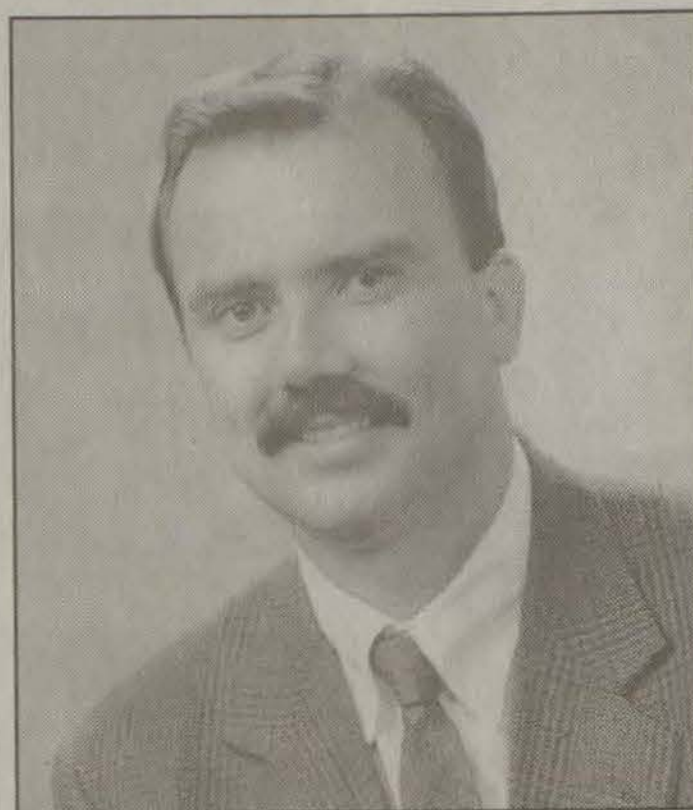
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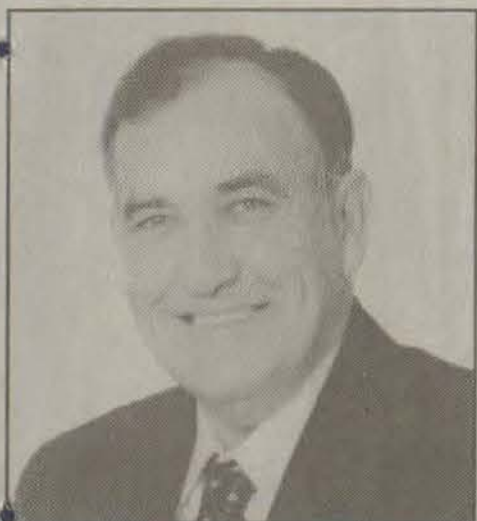


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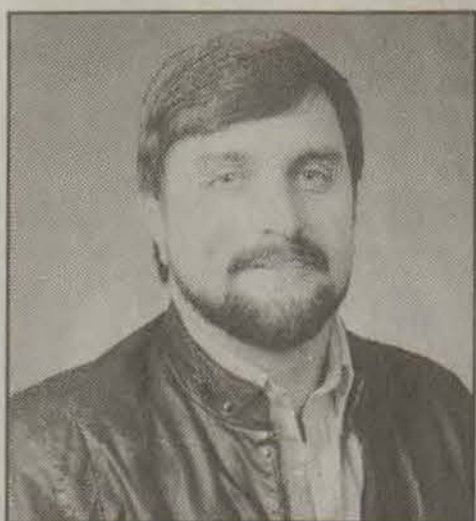
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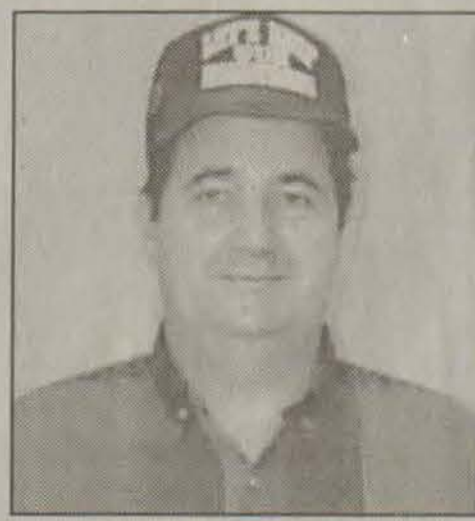
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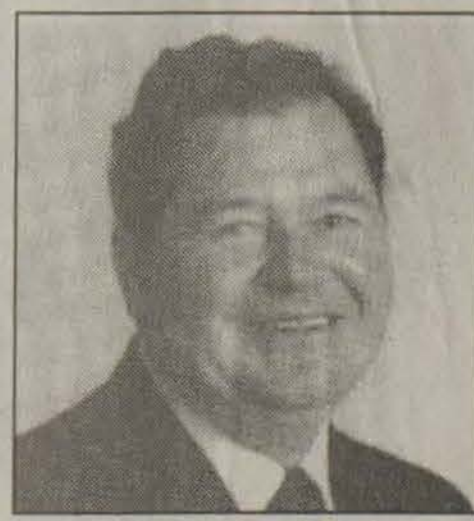
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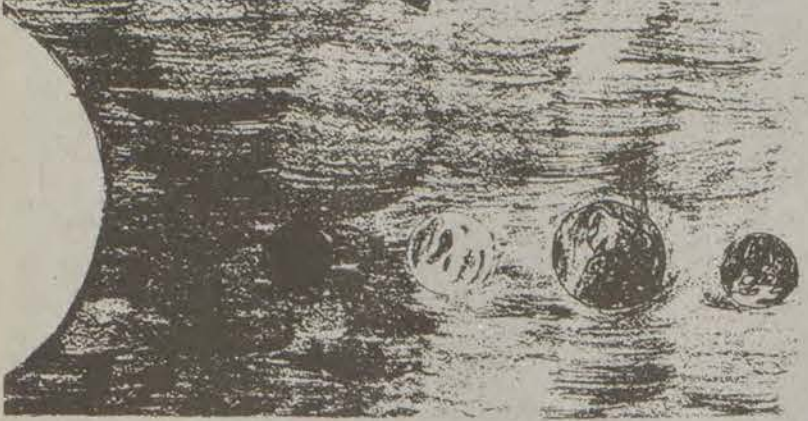
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by Jesse Chaffin

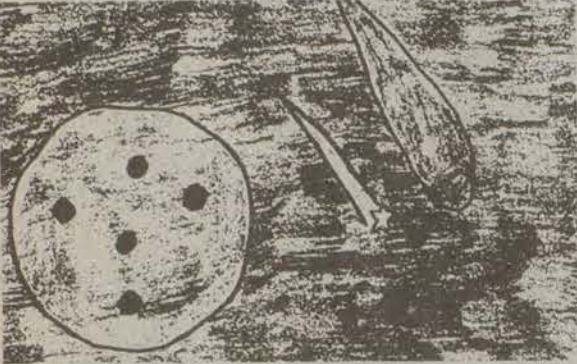
This book is dedicated to mom, dad, and Sam.



Hello, I'm an astronomer. I study the planets and the stars. I'm going to tell you some interesting facts about the nine planets in our solar system.



All the planets orbit the sun. That means they go around the sun. The sun's gravity is so powerful that it holds all the planets in its orbit. If a planet is closer to the sun, it takes less time to orbit it. If the planet is farther away it takes more time to orbit the sun.



The first planet in our solar system is Mercury. It is the closest planet to the sun. It is small and only takes 88 days to orbit the sun. It is a rocky planet. It can get as hot as 932°F, or it can get as cold as -328°F. It has no moon.

The second planet is Venus. Venus is a very hot planet. That is because it has thick clouds that keep the heat trapped inside. Scientists think there used to be water on Venus, but it is too hot now. If you tried to put water on Venus, it would evaporate.



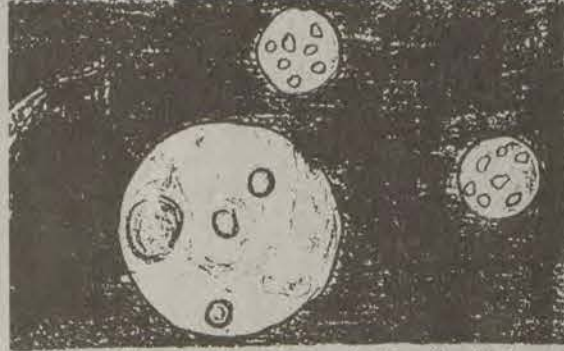
Venus is about the same size as Earth. It is also the closest planet to Earth. Besides our moon, Venus is the brightest light in our sky at night. Venus has no moon.



The third planet is Earth. We live on this planet. It is the only planet in our solar system that has life, water and oxygen. It has only one moon. The sun shines on different parts of the Earth at different times. This is why we have day and night.



The Earth's moon always seems to change. That is because the moon gets its light from the sun. When the moon moves around the Earth, the sun shines on different parts of it. That's why the moon looks different at different times of the month. These are called the moon's phases.



Mars is the fourth planet in our solar system. It is nicknamed "The Red Planet" because of its red surface. Mars has two moons called Phobos and Deimos. Scientists think the largest volcano in the universe maybe on Mars. This gigantic volcano is 15 miles high and 375 miles across.



The asteroid belt is between Mars and Jupiter. It is made of large pieces of rocks and metal. It divides the inner planets from the outer planets.

Jupiter is the fifth planet in our solar system. It is famous for the Red Spot. The spot is a big storm. More than 1,300 Earths could get in Jupiter.



It is also bigger than all the other planets put together. Jupiter is a gas planet, that means it is made of different gases. There are thin, faint rings of ice and dust that circle Jupiter. It has 16 moons.



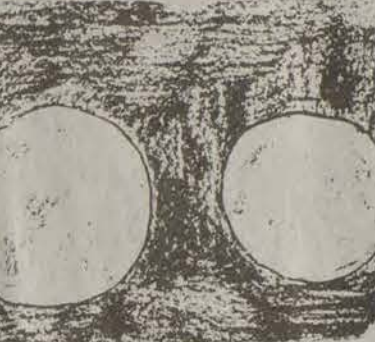
Saturn is the sixth planet in our solar system. It is the second largest planet. It is famous for its beautiful rings. It is also a gas planet. It has 17 moons.



Uranus is the seventh planet in our solar system. It is a gas planet, too. It has graphite on its moons. Graphite is the material used to make pencils. Uranus is very unusual because it rotates on its side. All of the other planets rotate like spinning tops.



Neptune is the eighth planet. It is the last gas planet. It is surrounded by rings. It takes 165 Earth years to orbit the sun. It is colored light blue.



Pluto is the ninth planet. Scientists don't know a lot about Pluto. But they do know it is the coldest planet because it is the farthest planet from the sun. They also think it might be a ball of frozen gases. Some people think it shouldn't be a planet because it's so small. Its moon, Charon, is about the same size as it is.



These are the nine planets that we know. But there could be more just waiting to be discovered by someone like you!

Heart disease is a problem that hits close to home. Fortunately, so does the solution.

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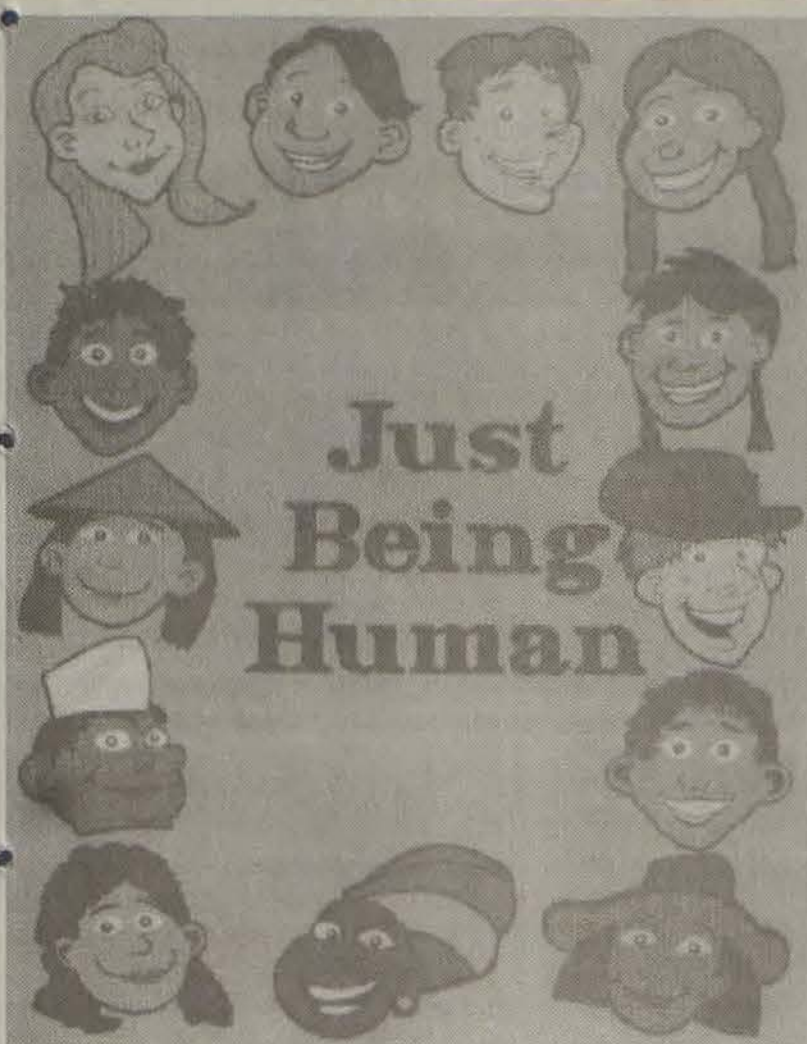
It's certainly no secret that heart disease is a major health problem. But did you know that the problem is even more serious right here in our own community? Consider some statistics. The state of Kentucky ranks second in the nation for deaths due to heart disease. West Virginia is sixth. Ohio seventh. In fact, in a recent survey, 7 out of 10 Tri-State residents were found

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Just Being Human



Just Being Human



by Blair Conn

It seems everyone in class is doing something different and new. I asked my teacher "Why?" and she said, "They're just being human, that's the way we humans do."

I'm glad God made me human so I can just be human, too.

Kelly wants to catch a fish. Shannon wants squirrel gravy in his dish.

Jason's little brother Nick tried to burn down the place.

Justin wants to sing like Elvis and go into space.

Cory likes to dig holes in people's yards.

Casey likes to play cards. Andrea loves to sleep late.

Christine wants ice cream on her plate.

Andrena bought a \$300 cat. Kim don't know what to think of that!

Amanda sits so quiet, she never speaks.

Kyle could work on watches and clocks for weeks.

Thank you for reading my book.

My name is Blair and I'm very bright. I'm writing this to introduce my book just right.

Types of Transportation—From A-Z

by Eric Westfall

A is for airplane. Airplanes transport people and goods through the air.

B is for boat. Boats carry people, cars and many kinds of goods on the water.

C is for car. Cars transport people on land.

D is for dog. Dogs carry fleas on their back.

E is for elephant. Elephants carry people in Africa.

F is for freighter. Freighters carry supplies across the water.



the water.

G is for gift. Gifts carry surprises for their receivers.

H is for horse. Horses carry cowboys on the ranch.

I is for iron-horse. An iron-horse carries coal away from the mountains.

J is for jet. Jets carry people through the air really fast!

K is for knight. Knights carry their swords into battle!

L is for letter. Letters carry news to friends all over the world.

M is for motorcycle. Motorcycles carry people on roads and mountain trails.

N is for newspaper. Newspapers



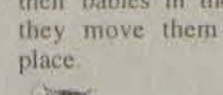
carry important information to people.

O is for orbit. Orbits carry planets around the sun.

P is for Pinta. The Pinta carried Columbus from Spain to the Bahamas.

Q is for queen. Queens carry crowns on their heads.

R is for rabbit. Rabbits carry their babies in their mouth when they move them from place to place.



S is for shuttle. Shuttles carry people into outer space.

T is for tiger. Tigers carry prey to their

young to feed them.

U is for U.S. Map. U.S. Maps carry directions for adventurous travelers!

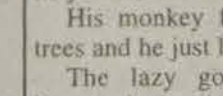
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IF I WERE RICH

If I were rich, I'd be happy and free.

Everyone would like me for my money.

I'd buy mom a new sports car.

So you wouldn't have to walk far.

I'd go to the Bahamas to swim and to eat.

That would be such a wonderful treat.

My Book of Poems

by Nick Maerz

SPUNKY

My name is Spunky.

Sometimes I smell skunky.

I like to swing from tree to tree.

And hope the others can't catch me.

I'm really funny.

And I like to play rummy.

Sometimes I'm really quick.

And other days I just sit and pick.

FISH TALE

One day I went out to fish.

But instead of a fish, I snagged a dish.

As I sat there and wished,

I finally caught that big, big flying fish.



I WISH

I wish I had a cookie.

I wish I had some milk.

I wish I had some bread.

I wish I had some jelly.

I wish I didn't have a monster under my bed.

The Lazy Gorilla

by Carl Ray Potter

The lazy gorilla lays and eats bananas. He lays in the grass. When it rains he lays under a tree. Maybe he yawns, and maybe he sleeps and snores.

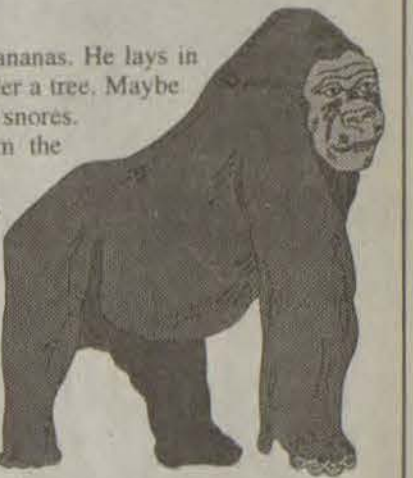
His monkey friends swing from the trees and he just lays and watches.

The lazy gorilla is real fat because he just lays and eats.

The lazy gorilla is so lazy even a herd of elephants can't move him.

Bugs and fleas crawl all over him, he won't even scratch.

I wonder what will happen to him, maybe nothing, maybe he will lay there forever.

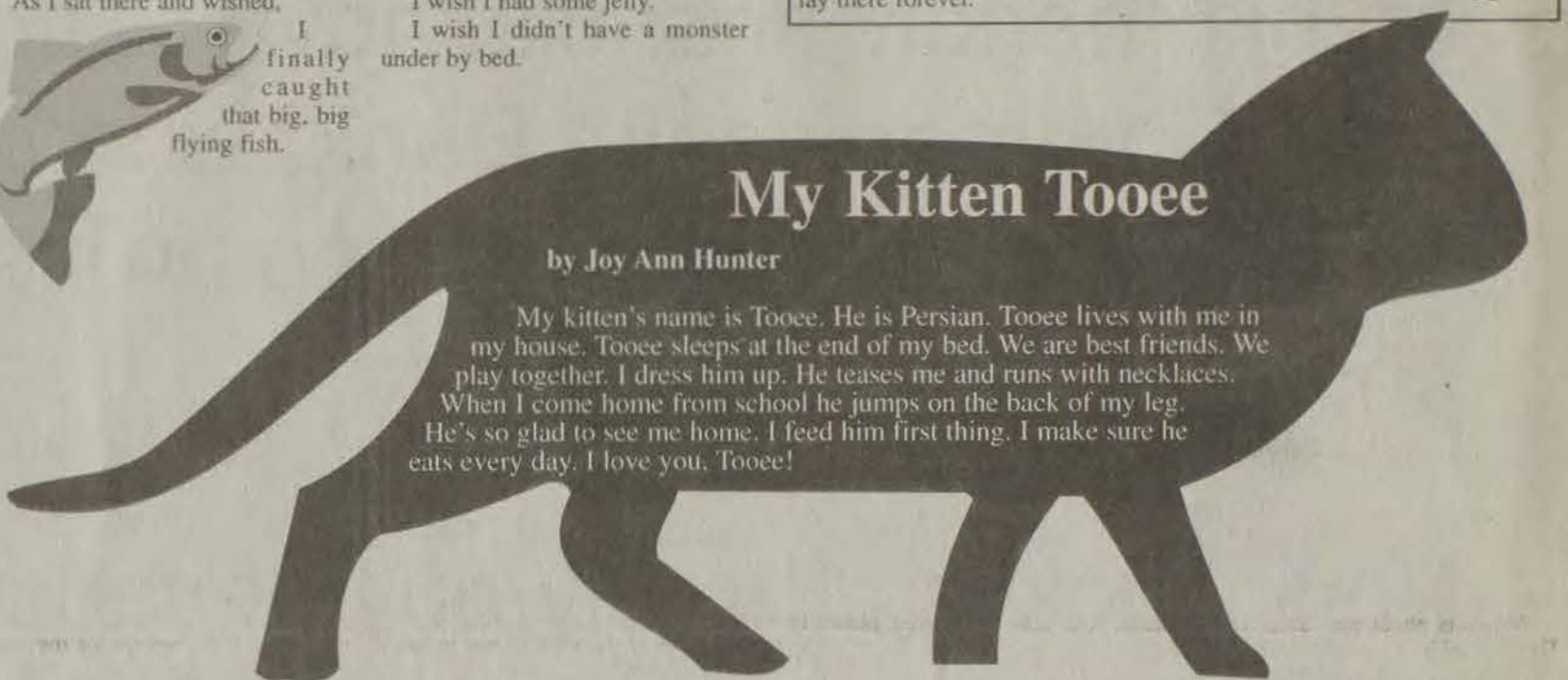


My Kitten Tooee

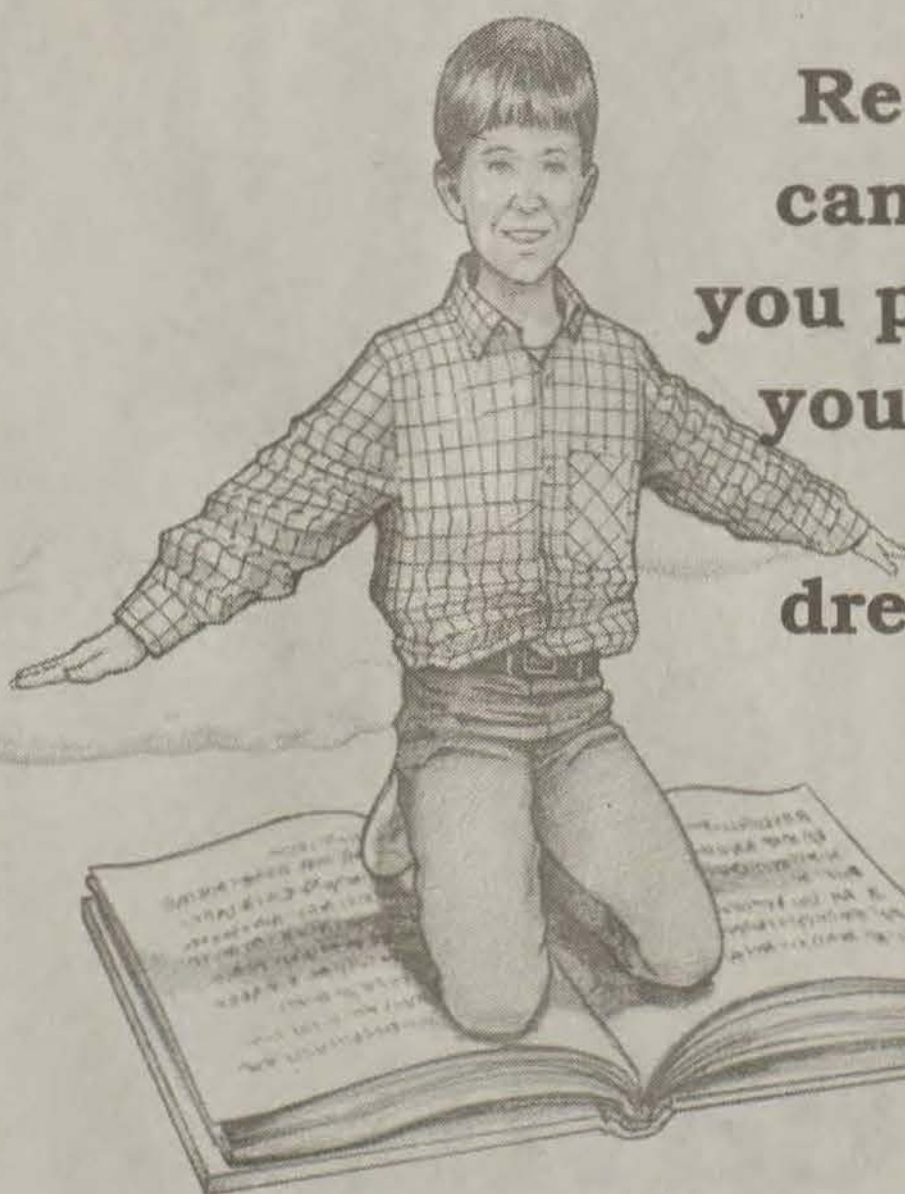
by Joy Ann Hunter

My kitten's name is Tooee. He is Persian. Tooee lives with me in my house. Tooee sleeps at the end of my bed. We are best friends. We play together. I dress him up. He teases me and runs with necklaces.

When I come home from school he jumps on the back of my leg. He's so glad to see me home. I feed him first thing. I make sure he eats every day. I love you, Tooee!



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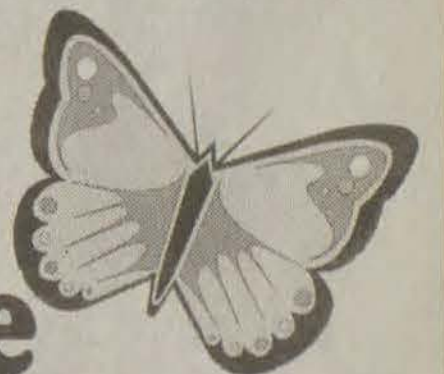
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Arnold Ave., Prestonsburg

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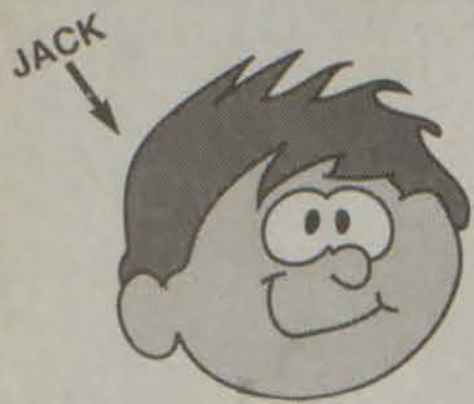
Gold Nugget

Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

Proverbs 22:6

**Beside Jenny Wiley Florist
Prestonsburg**

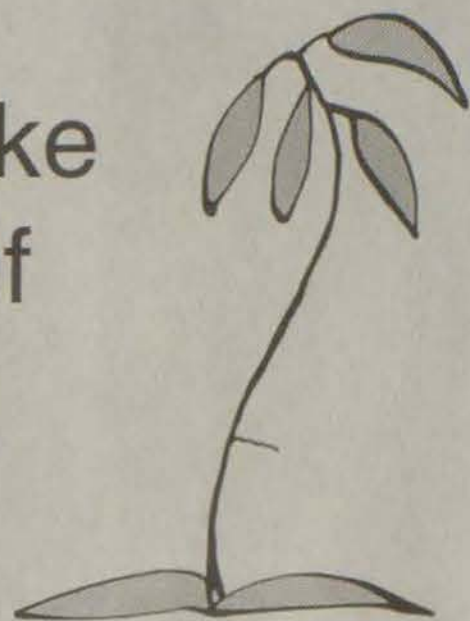
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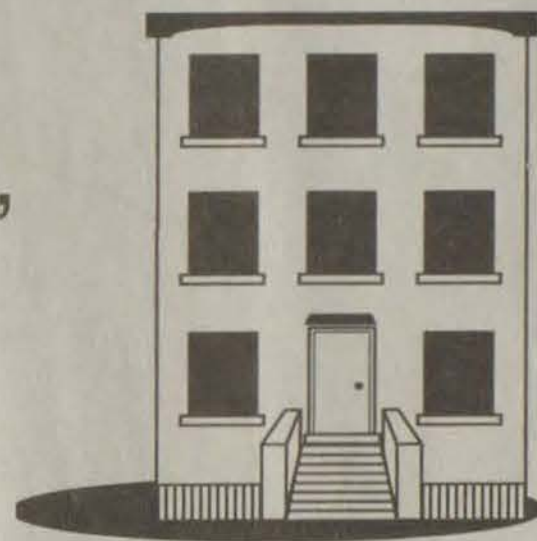
Once upon a time there was a boy named Jack, who didn't know beans about banking.



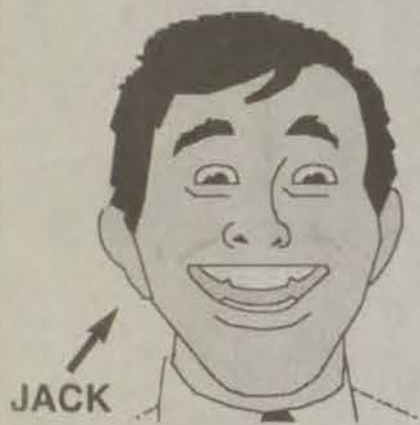
Jack tried many things to make his money grow, but none of the gimmicks worked like they said.



Finally, Jack said, 'enough is enough' and he called on his friendly financial advisor at First Commonwealth Bank, who said, 'Jack, just plant your savings with us and watch them grow!'

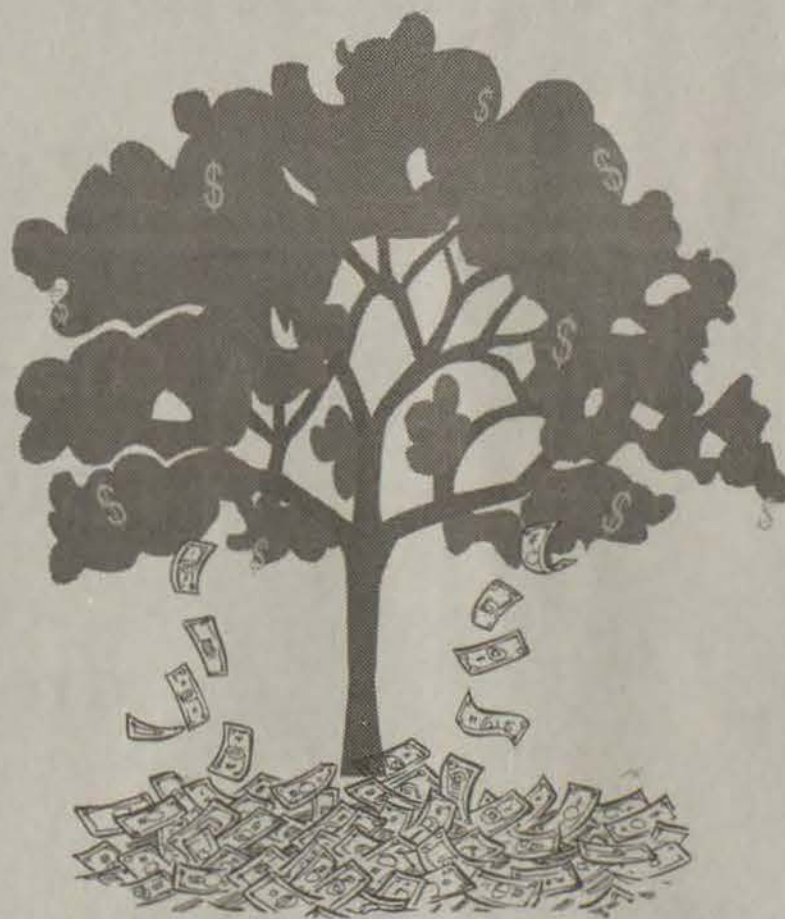


Now, Jack is a happy guy because his money has grown, and grown, and grown. He planted a seed with First Commonwealth and watched his own money tree grow!



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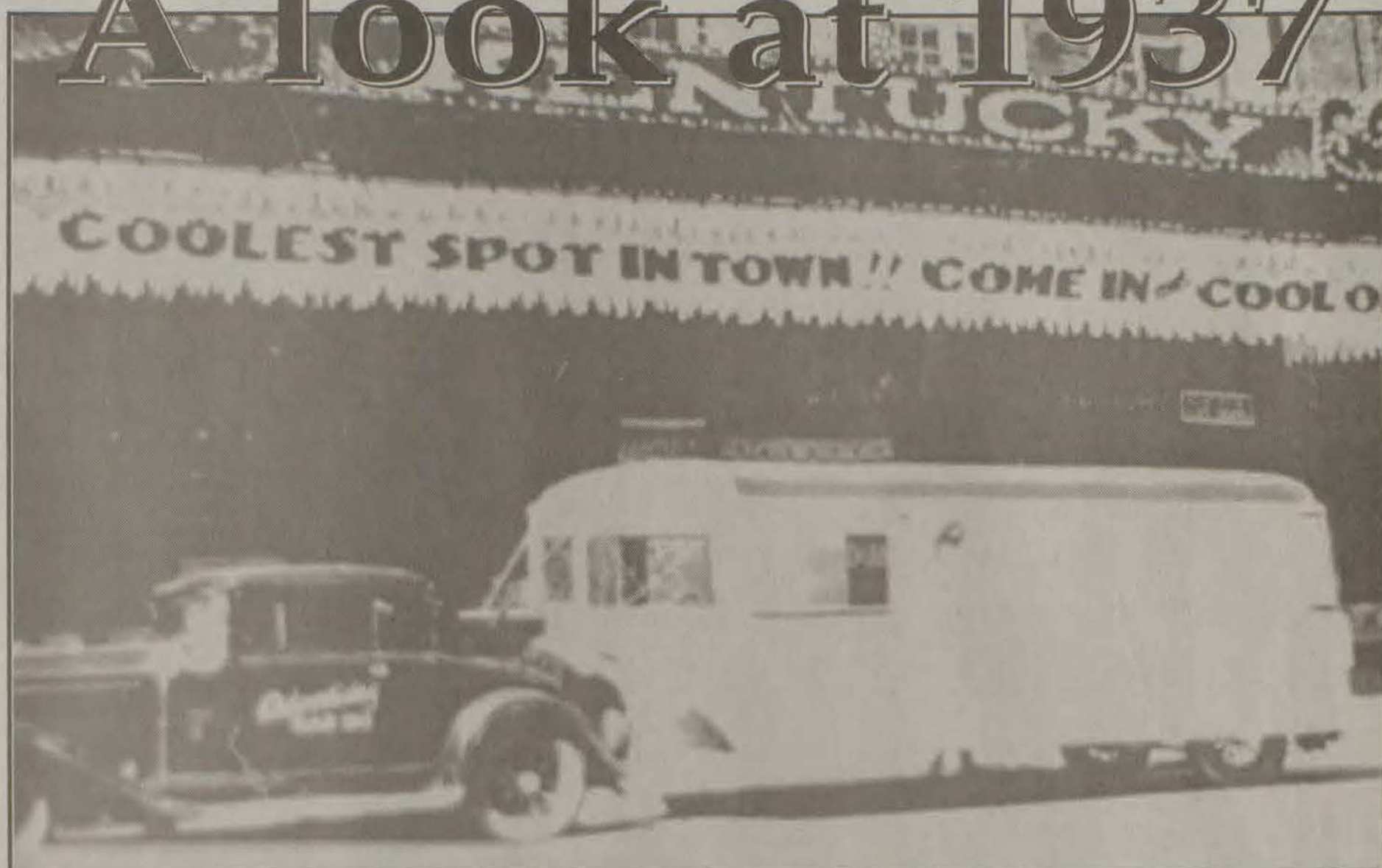
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Life and Times

A Special Report of
The Floyd County Times

A look at 1937



The coolest spot in town could be found in Floyd County.

Good old days weren't so good

by Janice Shepherd
Managing Editor

Some people may say that the 1930s were "the good old days." Floyd Countians could watch John Wayne in "King of the Pecos" at the Abigail Theatre for a mere dime, or electricity cost 1.5 cents per kilowatt for usage of more than 300 KWH.

Those were the prices at the beginning of the year in 1937, but the times weren't so good, according to the court dockets. In circuit court, eight murder trials and 400 misdemeanor cases were listed on the docket at the beginning of the year. More than 700 cases were on the docket in May and Circuit Judge John W. Caudill extended the court term an extra two weeks.

Shootings and stabbings seemed to be commonplace. Nearly each week, the Times reported a shooting or a stabbing, in most instances, fatal, on its front pages.

Terror in Magoffin County came to Floyd County when a group of men, known as the "Black Leg League," brutally beat a 40-year-old farmer at Middle Creek after the farmer talked about the "legion" or "league."

Pinball machines were illegal in the county but, evidently local officials were turning a blind eye to the operations. Circuit Judge John W. Caudill told members of the grand jury that "any officer or magistrate is subject to a penalty who stands by seeing these machines and fails to take them up." He asked the jury to return indictments against any officers found guilty of ignoring these machines.

PROBLEMS IN PRESTONSBURG

A local power company threatened to put Prestonsburg in the dark unless the city council paid a delinquent power bill within 30 days. The city treasury had a huge deficit and city officials urged "cooperation of every citizen to help the city governing body to overcome this deficiency."

Lawsuits were filed against the city for its inability to pay its debts. Even the county sued the city for nonpayment of its debt on the city hall site. Later, in special session, the city tried to sell bonds to pay off its debt.

Council also tried to curtail many of its expenses planned for the year except a cleanup drive to rid the town's streets of "street walkers, rude women and such."

Council cooperated with a state safety campaign to eliminate drunken and reckless driving among motorists to the town. One aspect of the campaign was to curb speeding, and officials said the speed limit of 20 miles per hour would be enforced.

In June, Mayor Carter announced that the resignations of Prestonsburg Fire Chief Mitch Thomas and Chief of Police Bill Spradlin, and City Attorney E.P. Hill would become effective in July. The city had ruled at a meeting in June that all city officials who were candidates for offices in county elections must resign their positions with the city.

BAD NEWS AND GOOD NEWS FOR SCHOOLS

The Betsy Layne High School building was completely destroyed by fire on January 13 at midnight, just a few hours

after the community witnessed a ballgame. A midnight bucket brigade was credited with saving the gym. Loss was estimated to be \$40,000. The school was insured for only \$27,000.

In February, city officials learned that the federal government was funding a new school for the city of Prestonsburg at a cost of \$1,000,000.

The school was hailed as "one of the finest school buildings in the state," containing 22 classrooms, an auditorium seating 600 people and a basement. The building replaced the old Prestonsburg Baptist Institute building, built in 1904 by Prof. W.M. Byington.

Construction on school buildings at Garrett, Wheelwright, Betsy Layne and Weeksbury caused superintendent Town Hall to delay opening date for high schools until September 7.

Plans were made for a new school building at Wheelwright. Inland Steel Company donated the land and promised to supply the new school with gas, water, and lights.

A proposed school program which would affect 63

schools in the county, eliminate four senior high schools and one junior high school was discussed. The consolidation would affect Wayland, Lackey, Maytown, Auxier, and Bonanza and close 16 one-room schools.

In December, the board of education was advised by the state that it had to close the Floyd-Knott High School at Lackey, the Bonanza High School and the two-year high school at Beaver.

ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

Prestonsburg Mayor A.C. Carter announced that the "Left Beaver Road" link, four miles of incomplete road between the Wheelwright Jct. and McDowell, would soon be completed by the state.

Carter also reported that state highway engineer Mack Galbreath said the state planned to build a road up Middle Creek from Prestonsburg toward Salyersville.

In April, citizens of Middle Creek lifted themselves by their own "bootstraps — or purse strings would be more

(See Old days, page six)

Wayne Allen, 46, was found dead February 11, 1937, on the C and O Railroad tracks near Midas, on Right Beaver Creek, apparently hit by a train. Allen was prominently known throughout this section and was a member of one of Floyd County's oldest families.

David Cooley, 41, of Garrett, died Monday, February 8, 1937. Cooley was one of the county's best citizens and member of one of the county's most prominent families.

Josie Crider, of German, died February 12. She was a member of one of Floyd County's oldest families and sister of Colonel Cline.

Robert Slone, of Allen, well-known citizen of Floyd County, died Thursday, February 25, 1937. He was a local merchant for 33 years.

Mary Tackett Ellis, wife of well-known Prestonsburg citizen, Tom Ellis, died March 5. She was 59.

Wayland policeman Robert Witten, 26, died March 1, 1937 from a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Mrs. Dave Perry, one of Prestonsburg's oldest and best women, died March 15.

Daniel Webster Salmons, one of Floyd County's oldest citizens, died March 12. He was 96.

Mary Prater, 66, well-liked and familiarly known as "Aunt Mary," died at her home at the head of Stephens Branch Wednesday, March 31, 1937.

Notable Deaths

Essalona (Bone) Prater Allen, 68, a woman of excellent character and a member of one of Floyd County's most prominent families, died March 23, 1937, at the home of her daughter at Martin.

John Caldwell, 44, well-known Betsy Layne trucking contractor, was found dead on a highway April 25, 1937. Two were arrested and charged with his murder.

John Milton Osborne, 59, livestock dealer of Right Beaver Creek and prominent citizen, died when his heavy

cattle truck overturned and pinned him beneath it, Wednesday, March 19, 1937.

Octavia Brown Nunnery, prominent Prestonsburg woman, died Friday, May 21.

John Scott, 39, former Floyd County magistrate, died August 13, 1937.

A blast from a 16-gauge shotgun Sunday, August 22, 1937, took the life of Levi Hall, 45, police chief at McDowell.

Dr. Henry E. Hughes, prominent Prestonsburg druggist and businessman, died Tuesday, September 20, 1937.

As the result of gunfire on "Black" Sunday, Floyd Countian, Deputy Constable Sol Warrix, 31, of Allen, died Sunday, September 18, 1937.

D. W. Spurlock, prominent in business in Floyd County, died October 1, 1937.

W. B. Burke, 67, former Prestonsburg businessman, died Thursday, December 2, 1937.

Julia Salisbury, 74, of one of Floyd County's best known families, died Tuesday, December 14, 1937.

Portrait of Home

Time Capsule...1930's

BETSY LAYNE MAN DIES IN PIKEVILLE

Tells clerk poison is for abrasion on mules
(January) A Betsy Layne miner, Jesse W. Fillinger, 54, was found dead at the Jefferson Hotel in Pikeville on Tuesday. Someone heard some noise and groans and notified the porter. An investigation resulted in finding Fillinger on the bed, and they called the undertaker.

By his side was a bottle that had contained poison and an envelope addressed to his wife at Van Lear. The envelope contained no message.

Fillinger reportedly told the sales clerk that the poison was for abrasions on his mules.

CUPID AND SANTA TEAM

(January) Some sources had it that the weather man wanted to give Santa snow for Christmas.

Court records show that, probably as the result of Santa and Cupid getting together, 13 marriages licenses were issued during Christmas week. Most of these were on the day before Christmas.

As a result of our investigation, it is believed that everything is now alright and 'lovely dovey' with everyone happy.

LITTLE FLOYD, ORPHANED 'COUNTY'

A question of jurisdiction over the trial of a certain case has brought to the fore facts concerning Little Floyd, which is a part of Floyd County, but lying wholly in Pike County. A strip of Pike County one half mile wide separates it from Floyd County, proper.

The facts are that when Pike County was severed from Floyd County about the year 1825, there was a certain citizen named Tandy R. Stratton who wanted to remain a citizen of his native county of Floyd, but whose farm of approximately 750 acres was included in the new county of Pike. Mr. Stratton was so anxious to live in Floyd County that his brother, James Stratton, who became a representative in the Kentucky Legislature, had enacted in 1845 a special statute making his brother's farm a part of Floyd County.

A copy of the act follows:
"Acts 1844:45, chapter 254, sec. 3. Be it further enacted that the county line between Floyd and Pike counties be so changed on Mare Creek as to include the farm of Tandy R. Stratton on said creek in Floyd County."

Flashback to 1930's:

Crime and punishment

TWO KILLINGS IN FLOYD COUNTY MARK HOLIDAYS

(January) Eugene Maynard, 22, of Mare Creek was jailed here last week in connection with the fatal wounding of Taylor Thompson, 24, and the wounding of Will Lett, 40, in his yard at 10 o'clock Wednesday night, Dec. 23.

THACKER STRUCK BY AUTOMOBILE

Dan Thacker was found lying dead near the middle of the road on the highway from Lackey to Hindman about 300 yards from the Stumbo Hospital. He was evidently struck by the car driven by Chuck Cornett, it is said. The Times was informed that Cornett, Corbett Richie, and Willie Richie had hit Thacker but they were scared and drove on for a distance before stopping.

1,853 INDICTED IN FLOYD COUNTY IN THREE YEARS

Judge John W. Caudill revealed, from data which he was compiling on crime conditions in Floyd County, that since the beginning of his term in office, January 1, 1934, grand juries in the circuit court have returned a total of 1,853 indictments in a three-year period.

CAUDILL RAPS ROAD HOUSES

(January) Circuit Judge John W. Caudill stressed to a Floyd County Grand Jury information concerning the illegal sale of liquor such as selling on Sunday, selling to drunks, permitting drinking on premises, selling to minors and remaining open after midnight.

The use of pistols in respect to fathers keeping them around homes where small boys might easily obtain them was mentioned.

No other lands were included in the act. The inhabitants of Little Floyd admit they have no automobile roads. They say Pike will not build them because they are Floyd County and Floyd will not build them because they are in Pike.

'TALKING CLOCK' INVENTED BY PRESTONSBURG JEWELER

(February) A talking clock, that instead of striking the hour—speaks it, is the product of the ingenuity of Duke Griffith, a Prestonsburg watch repairer and former Floyd miner.

24-YEAR-OLD SKULL MARKS — REVEAL MURDER OF LONG AGO

(April) Twenty-four years ago in Martin County, the family of A. J. Waterson was notified that he had been found dead in his bed due to an apparent heart attack. But, a woman came forward a few days ago and revealed that Waterson had been murdered and told where the bullet wound could be found, just below the nose.

According to the story, Waterson had a heavy mustache and heavy hair, thus the wound was not detected at the time of death.

The grand jury at Inez last week returned an indictment charging murder against Harvey Hardin and officers in Colorado were requested to arrest Hardin. He is a nephew of Martin County Judge Tome Hardin, the report states.

THE CRY, 'SHINE MISTER?' NO LONGER TO BE HEARD ON THE CITY'S STREETS

(June) The city council enacted an ordinance at its regular meeting Saturday night to the effect that henceforth all shoe-shine boys must not seek business on the city streets or in public buildings, such as the courthouse. All shoe-shine boys seen violating this ordinance will be prosecuted.

SECOND FALLING METEORITE LANDS NEAR BETSY LAYNE

(September) For the second time within 10 days a falling meteorite landed at Betsy Layne recently. The meteorite weighed 35 pounds, was 18 inches long and irregular in width and thickness.

DOCTORS AMAZED

(September) Floyd doctors were amazed this week when they learned of the birth of

a hefty pair of twins, one weighing 8 pounds and the other 8 1/2 pounds, to Mr. and Mrs. Lee Lewis, of the Home Branch of Buffalo.

Dr. O.T. Stephens, the attending physician, said that the weight of the babies was very unusual, as most twins weigh only 4 1/2 or five pounds each.

The twins, a boy and girl, are named Norcie and Woodrow.

NAUGHTY! NAUGHTY!

(September) What's in a name? Don't refer to Shakespeare. Consider this case, for instance.

Naughty Gearheart, of Left Beaver Creek, was indicted last week by the grand jury of the Floyd Circuit Court for defacing or tearing down reward notices posted in an effort to effect the capture of Matt Jones, slayer of Policeman Levi Hall.

Now, if there's nothing in a name would it be all right to change Gearheart's name to Goody and write it twice above this story for a headline?

DRIVERLESS AUTO TO APPEAR HERE IN SAFETY PARADE

(November) Wending its way through the downtown section of Prestonsburg, November 22, a driverless "magic" automobile will be the high spot of the safety parade to be sponsored here by the Kentucky State Safety Commission and civic clubs.

The driverless car will be followed by Capt. John J. (Wild Jim) Lynch, ex-cowboy, dare-devil, and movie stunt man, riding in an automobile in the rear. His fingers will tap a telegraph key and the magic driverless car in front will obey every signal.

COUNTY-WIDE GRADUATION

The Floyd County School System planned to have as many as 11 high schools participate in a county-wide graduation in Prestonsburg.

Supt. Hall said that combined exercises are designed as an economic measure as well as a means of obtaining a distinguished speaker for the benefit of the schools not able to afford the services of a renowned lecturer.

"It will give the graduates of the schools an opportunity to cooperate and become better acquainted with each other," Hall said.

THE CURIOUS CORNER

(February) Fifteen years ago the body of a white man was found suspended by a rope from the rafters of a box car in the railroad yards at Richmond, Virginia.

Today (February 5, 1937) his remains lie und buried in an undertaker's establishment in that city.

When the body was found, there were

no papers or other means of identification on the man. The body was removed to the undertakers to be prepared for burial, it being supposed the county would pay for the cost of the burial.

When the bill was submitted there was no payment received, and the undertaker held the body for payment of his bill and he is still holding it. The unknown (man) lies in a casket in the funeral parlor's waiting room.

"PRIMP," A "BILL OF SALE"

(February 12, 1937) Prestonsburg, Ky. May 7, 1807—The first "Bill of Sale" to be recorded here in the clerk's office at the courthouse in Floyd County was entered into the records today by Alexander Lackey, deputy clerk to Wm. J. Mayo, according to present clerk's records.

Herein is contained a copy of said "bill of sale" as appearing on record in the clerk's office:

"Know all men by these presents that I, John Irwin, of Floyd County, State of Kentucky, for and in consideration of the sum of four hundred dollars to me in hand paid, the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge have bargained and sold, and by these presents do bargain, sell, and deliver unto Benjamin Ellis, one negro boy, 13 years of age or thereabout, named Primp, which negro boy, as above described, I do warrant and defend to the said Benjamin Ellis, his heirs, and assigns forever. In witness whereof I have set my hand and seal this the seventh day of May and year of our Lord 1807."

Witnessed by
James Hogg
Charles Ellis
Recorded by
Alexander Lackey
DCFCC

Don't let the above fool you — look at the date line — but this bit of record of "Primp" is on file today, February 12, 1937, in the office Banner Meade, county court clerk, at the Courthouse.

Today, the majority or most notable of "bills of sale" involve automobiles for similar amounts, in the county clerk's everyday records.

Today, also, we are celebrating the birth of a great Kentuckian, Abraham Lincoln, who became president and eventually freed the slaves after the states suffered inner strife, at the head of the Confederacy, opposing President Lincoln's views, oddly enough, was Jefferson Davis, another Kentuckian.

Primp, according to the records, if he lived that long was near 70 years of age in 1863, when the Emancipation Proclamation was issued from Lincoln's office. The first slave sold in Floyd County, Primp, had served his life as a slave before the nation accepted the abolition of slavery.

NEAR TRAGEDY AVERTED

A report to the Times states that during a high wind storm rampant in the Sandy Valley, a boat containing seven young people from Bull Creek was capsized in the middle of the river at the mouth of Brandy Keg Creek, near here.

The high velocity of the wind and unusually rough waters, attributed to the mishap.

A near tragedy was averted when some boys who happened to be standing on the river bank dove into the water to assist those unable to swim to the shore.

Names of those in the boat were reported as Camden Garrett, John Andrew Branham, Zelma Younce, Nerva Warrrix, Freda Garret, Maggie and Ethel Simmons.

A FOUR-YEAR HIGH SCHOOL WITHOUT GRADUATING CLASS

A full four-year high school and no graduating class of seniors — such is the position of Bonanza High School. At the beginning of the school year, two seniors were enrolled but after a short attendance they dropped out to go to work.

In 1936, the school had a graduating class of nine. Bonanza is the only high school in the county and probably the only one in the country without a graduating class other than the 'eighth graders.'

The high school enrollment is 23 students and the grades have 75 enrolled.

It was founded by Mrs. Lloyd as a community center. Mrs. Lloyd is (in 1937) in charge of the Caney Creek Community Center.

High school students are housed in a four-room brick building, the first to sixth grades are taught in a one room building on Bee Fork while the sixth to eighth grades attend their studies in Bonanza church building.

THE NERVOUS MODERN CHILD

(April) If this restless jazz age does to soon come to an end, the world will be crowded with physical and mental wrecks.

Children were formerly kept comparatively quiet during infancy and childhood. They were also put to bed early at night. Today, ambitious mothers try to teach them to fit maps and puzzles together at a very tender age.

Don't Sleep When Gas Presses Heart

If you can't eat or sleep and awful gas bloats you up try Adlerika. One dose rids you of gas and cleans foul poisons out of BOTH upper and lower bowels.

H. E. Hughes and Co.
Druggists

Ad from 1937

27 MAGOFFIN MEN INDICTED BY FLOYD GRAND JURY

(January) The Floyd County grand jury heard testimony to the effect that a group of Magoffin County men h, as part of an organized band known as the "Black Leg Legion," crossed the county line into Middle Creek on or about the night of April 2, 1936 and beat Miles Barnett, 40 year-old farmer.

The grand jury indicted 27 men. Jim Marshall, one of the men in jail who talked, said: "The league was organized as an unemployment league in October, a year ago." He said there were 29 members and the organization operated similar to the Ku Klux Klan, but was 'kindly broke up' after the trial at Salyersville.

The Commonwealth's Attorney said that witnesses testified before the grand jury that the terrorists have been guilty of going to a home or two, and while there they would brandish guns on the men folks and ravish the women occupants.

GUNSHOT FATAL

(January) Robert Kelly, age 24, of Ironton, Ohio, was fatally wounded by a shot from the gun of Bill Johnson, 27 years.

The trouble took place on the road below Weeksbury near the store of Martin Johnson.

According to Sheriff M.T. Stumbo, Kelly and Johnson were drinking when the trouble arose. The two began scuffling in the parked car, belonging to Johnson and tumbled out of the car into the creek, along the side of the road. One shot was fired and they fell and the bullet entered the abdomen of Kelly.

Johnson was arrested and lodged in the Floyd County Jail.

LAW ENFORCEMENT IS WORST HAZARD

(January) Lt. S.C. Payne of the State Military Police to a safety committee in Prestonsburg that "the state police are more than anxious to co-operate with authorities in Floyd County in correcting their traffic hazards."

"If the state police could be assured of local co-operation in the enforcement of traffic laws, as many as five state policemen would be assigned to this county."

MAN AND WIFE WOUNDED

(February) Malcolm Davis, 29, was placed in jail after a shooting

occurred at the Davis home on Middle Creek. Late that night, Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay Adams were removed to the Stumbo Memorial Hospital at Lackey, seriously wounded.

Adams was wounded in the abdomen from a point blank charge of a single-barrel shotgun. A second shot entered the fore left side of Mrs. Adams and lodged in her hip.

ESCAPED PRISONER CAPTURED

Buster Oney, under a one-year sentence to the state pen who escaped from his special guard at the Stumbo Memorial Hospital was recaptured. He was tried on a charge of grand larceny.

He suffered a scratch while in jail in Floyd County that later became infected. He was ordered to the hospital. He was there a few days and effected his escape.

5-YEAR SENTENCE WEDNESDAY METED FLOYD MERCHANT

(April) At the close of Wednesday afternoon's session of the circuit court here, a Floyd County jury returned a verdict meting Eugene Maynard five years in the state reformatory in connection with the slaying of Taylor Thompson on the night of Dec. 23.

JAIL INMATE FACES HANGING

(June) Facing death by hanging in the courthouse yard, life in the penitentiary, or acquittal, Brittan Tyree, 35 years old, is lodged in jail here charged with the criminal attack of a nine-year-old girl in this county. Tyree is married and is the father of two children.

TWO JAILED AFTER BICYCLES STOLEN

(September) Press Fleming and Richard Swims, of Martin, were jailed here Monday by Special Officer G. L. Gray, of Allen, and Policeman Travis Flanery, of Martin, after the two were charged with stealing two bicycles at Martin, riding them to St. Paul, Va., and selling the vehicles for a total of \$7. Reported value of the bicycles was \$95.

TWO MURDERS PER WEEK CAUSE OF SPECIAL JURY

(October) Murder in Floyd County during the last fortnight at the rate of two men per week,

Monday morning, led Circuit Judge John W. Caudill upon the convening of the October civil term of court, to summon a special grand jury into session for October 13 to investigate the crime situation.

INFORMING OFFICERS OF ROAD CONDITIONS LEADS TO ARREST ON MUD

(March) Three "dry" raids in three days were staged by officers in Floyd County. News of the activities in "Moonshine" drives is near an oddity here since, throughout the nation, prohibition is now being relegated to history, it seems.

At the end of February, it was reported here that federal prohibition officer Wince Trimble and fellow officers in preparing to raid the Mud Creek section, came upon Irvin Tackett near the mouth of Mud Creek and approached him with the following query:

"Say how far can we get up the creek in a car?"

Whereupon Mr. Tackett truly informed the officer: "You can get a car up as far as the schoolhouse, but from there you'll have to walk or go horseback."

As the story goes, Officer Trimble, noticing a "suspicious looking" coffee sack containing a bulky object slung over Tackett's shoulder, replied, "Well I can get up there to where you are alright, can't I?"

Examination of the sack revealed a 5-gallon keg of "moon."

The officers smashed both heads of the keg and too their informer into custody.

The federal raiding party continued on up the creek and found a still on Big Mud above Branham's Creek with eight kegs of beer. Near there, they arrested Lisha Hall, it is said, after finding one and one-half gallons of liquor under the bed in Mr. Hall's home.

BULLET WOUND FATAL TO HUFF

(March) Claude Huff, 27, resident of Floyd County, was wounded fatally in a shooting fracas at the Blue Moon roadhouse six miles east of Hindman atop the Jones Fork Mountain in March.

Huff was wounded six or seven times from the guns of Deputy Sheriffs Cluett Messer and Marion Martin, and "Slim" Manns, proprietor of the roadside Inn, one report said. He died at the Stumbo Memorial Hospital in Lackey.

Sheriff Henry Sturgill is quoted as saying that Mrs. Manns informed hem the trouble started when Claude Huff, and his brother Harry, entered the "Blue Moon" and declared they had come to "clean up the place." According to the Sheriff's report, as a deputy sheriff, Marion Martin, entered the main front room, Huff is said to have opened fire, two shots at the deputy, one of these bullets, striking Martin's toe, and a third at Manns who peeped through a service window, the shot missed him by about two inches.

EIGHT PRISONERS ESCAPE JAIL

(April) Three escaped prisoners were apprehended at the beginning of April near East Point after the jail cook, Glen Hyden, followed them afoot on a 12-mile jaunt through the hills. Hyden and an assistant had them cornered in Robinson's Store when Mrs. B.L. Sturgill, who had spent the afternoon directing posses in pursuit to strategic points in an effort to return the fleeing men, arrived with Prestonsburg policemen Will A. Wills and W.A. Spradlin and they returned the captives to the Floyd County Jail.

The men had escaped along with five others in what was described as a "spectacular noon-day jail break."

The break occurred during a moment of confusion among about 15 to 20 visitors in and around the Floyd County Jail. Eight inmates made a break for freedom.

Jailer B.L. Sturgill, abed sick at the time of the escape, heard the noise, jumped out of bed, ran to the doorway and fastened the door, blocking the way for approximately a dozen or more who were on their way out.

"The stairway was full of them, lined to the top," he said in describing the scene that first greeted his eyes at the door.

STORIES TO GRAND JURY MARTIN MYSTERY CASE TOLD

(April) Commonwealth Attorney John L. Harrington, whose district includes Martin county said in April in his office at Paintsville, "No doubt in my mind but what it was jealousy over the cook," in indicating a possible motive for the alleged murder of James Watterson on the morning of May 31, 1913.

Reviewing the evidence that

prompted a Martin County grand jury to indict Harvey Hardin on the charges, he said: "We have Mrs. Harless, who was Viola Runyon before her marriage, before the grand jury on other matters, in particular, a recent mysterious death in her neighborhood. In the course of questioning she bluntly stated that she knew of only one man being killed. Further questioning revealed her story.

Mrs. Harless told the grand jury that she was a little girl between seven and eight years old at the time and she and her sister were sleeping in a trundle bed in a corner of the room. Mr. Watterson was sleeping in a lower bunk in the same room.

Quoting Mrs. Harless: "He came in with a little gun and a little light — he walked over to the bed, turned the cover down and shot. After the shot was fired, he took hold of the old man and dragged him off to the floor, leaving his feet on the bed. Hardin raised some punch-oon (boards) and placed Watterson's head on the boards," she did not know why.

Following this he left without saying a word. Then "I covered up my face and lay still till morning. I was scared."

At daylight, she called her mother Mrs. Polly Runyon, who was the cook at the Watterson cabin, and she gave the alarm.

She said she tried to tell about it on the morning of the discovery, but in the confusion no one paid any attention to her and she was finally hushed up.

She said that she had been told her mother and Hardin left together some time later.

YOUTH FATALLY WOUNDED IN ROLE OF PEACEMAKER

(April) Johnny Beran, 26, who according to officers, was acting as peacemaker, was fatally wounded by John Parsons, 45, in front of Jimmy Patterson's restaurant at Allen.

Witnesses said that Parsons and his sister-in-law were in front of the restaurant and Parsons was hitting her.

Johnny Beran, who was nearby, stepped up to Parsons and begged him not to do that. Parsons then wheeled on Johnny, pulled his gun and fired two shots in the boy's chest. His mother stepped in between them as the shots were fired and a third shot struck her in the arm below the shoulder.



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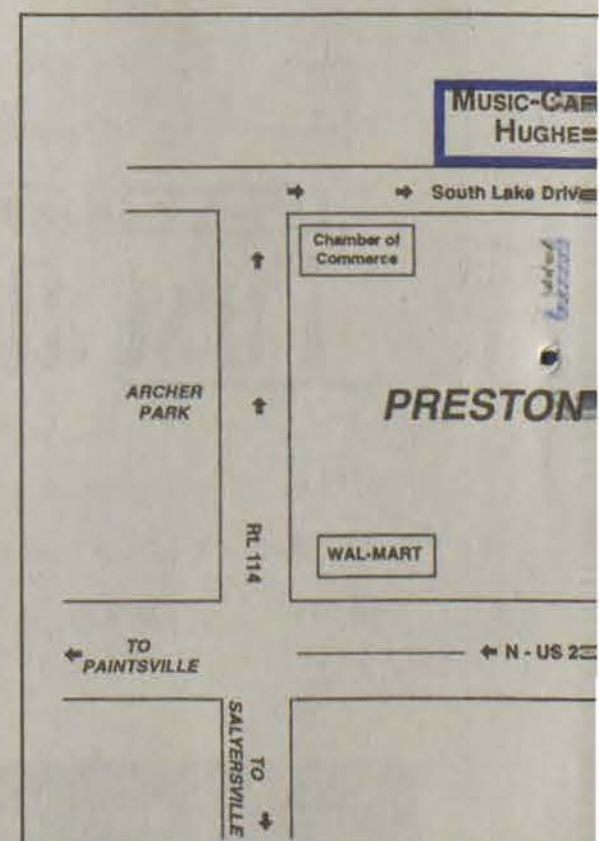
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Friday, Music-Carter-Hughes became the first dealership in Eastern Kentucky, and the second in the state, to become an Easy Care Certified Dealer for pre-owned vehicles.

Chris Carter, general manager of Music-Carter-Hughes, is excited about the Easy Care plan.

"It's getting harder and harder to buy a new car. They're getting higher and higher," Carter said. "This will benefit the customer and the dealer and help our customers have a little piece of mind."

Carter said used cars must go through a "rigorous inspection," before they can be put

on the lot for sale. Under the plan, the dealership goes through a checklist, from what's under the hood to what's inside the car, right down to the radio, according to Carter.

"There's so much skepticism about buying a used car," he said, but with the Easy Care plan, "we'll know everything about the vehicle. We have to take off the tires and check it down to the radio."

Because everything that is wrong with the used car will have to be repaired, customers will get a "factory-like warranty, just like you would when you buy a new car," Carter said.

"If the air conditioner goes out, ... the warranty pays. The customer is happy and I'm happy," Carter said.

The warranty is good for six months or 6,000 miles. It applies only to used vehicles that have less than 80,000 miles. Vehicles must also be a 1987 model or newer to be eligible for the warranty. Customers also have the option to extend the warranty beyond the six-month period.

Carter said it has taken about six months to get the program approved and implemented through Easy Care. He said Music-Carter-Hughes looked at GM's used car warranty program but decided that

Easy Care "offered more benefits."

Through GM's program only used GM cars can have the warranty plan. Under the Easy Care Warranty Company, any used, certified car on Music-Carter-Hughes' lot that meets the eligibility requirements can have the warranty plan.

As part of the certification, the customer also receives 24-hour emergency roadside assistance, road hazard tire coverage, and trip interruption protection. If the car is brought in for repairs during the warranty period, a rental car will be provided, Carter said.

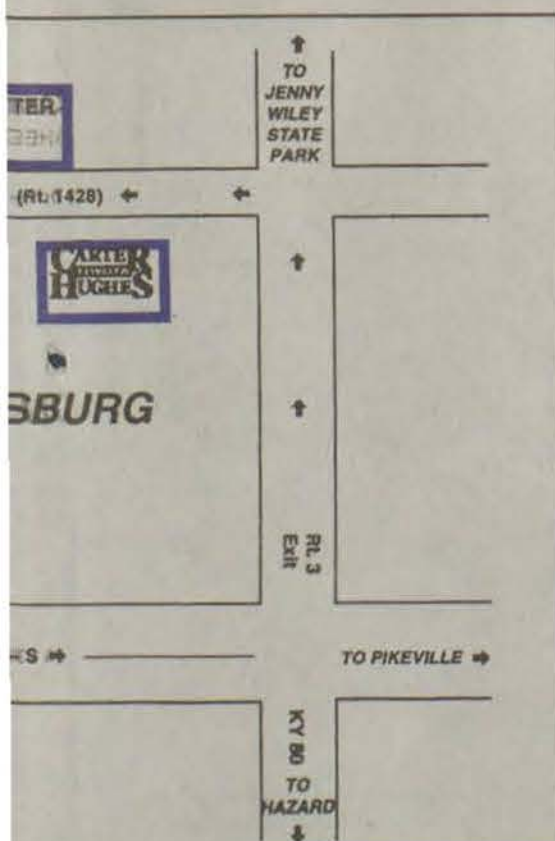
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Old days

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appropriate — out of the rut." The Middle Creek Road had been made almost impassable due to deep ruts and holes, so the citizens pooled their money and came up with \$73. They hired a man with a grader and tractor for three days to grade a four-mile stretch of road.

TRAGEDIES

In January, Maryland McCown was killed when he was hit by a train as he walked in the middle of railroad tracks at Melvin. Just a few days before, Frank Estep was killed by a train as he walked down a side track at Garrett. Wayne Allen was killed by a train in February.

Three school girls died and one other child was seriously injured when they were hit by a pickup truck driven by an intoxicated driver. The accident happened on the upper edge of Betsy Layne. Deputy O.H. Stumbo and Constable Epp Lafferty apprehended two youths, occupants of the truck about 45 minutes after the accident. One of the youths, the owner of the truck said that he didn't see the girls until they were hit because of the foggy weather and the glare of headlights. The driver and his passenger said they didn't stop because they didn't think the girls were hurt, despite the fact that the hood of their truck was dented; a headlight and horn were smashed; and a fender was dented on the left side of the truck. They said they were not going over 25 miles an hour.

A burst of revolver fire turned into a scene of wild confusion during the closing moments of an open-air meeting of the Regular Baptist Church on Cow Creek in Magoffin County. The 15-year-old daughter of a Floyd County couple was fatally wounded; a 60-year-old woman was shot in the leg; and 25-year-old Leva Rudd was killed when Rudd's estranged husband began shooting during the service.

Two Floyd Countians, one of whom was a deputy sheriff, were killed on "Black Sunday," September 19. Deputy Sol Warrix was killed as he investigated a car accident. Warrix and a town marshal took to jail two of the occupants in the accident vehicle. Warrix received a report that a third occupant was seen at a coal house near the scene of the accident and returned to the scene. As he began investigating, a bullet hit him over his left eye, leading to his death.

The second death on that "Black Sunday," went unsolved. The body of Bill Jones was discovered near a bath house at Ligon. His body was riddled with bullets.

Tragedy also struck inmates in a Martin jail cell. While their shouts for help went unheard, Ershell Martin, 25, of Hunter, smothered or strangled to death in the Martin City Jail and his cellmate,

Woodrow Conn, 24, of Martin, narrowly escaped death as the jail caught fire on a Sunday night.

LITTLE FLOYD

The question of an orphaned "Little Floyd" rose its head again early in the year. The question of which county had jurisdiction over the area arose during a trial. A strip of Pike County one-half mile wide separates the area from Floyd County. Residents say they have no automobile roads and that Pike won't build them because those officials say the land is in Floyd County. Ditto for Floyd County officials.

ELECTION CHANGES

The four magisterial districts of Floyd County underwent a major change in March when a petition was filed by Harve Spears. Three commissioners, Ed Cecil, Howard Colegrove, and Willard Hamilton, were appointed to review the request. Under the state law at that time, the county commissioners could divide the county into from three to eight districts. The commissioners divided the four districts into eight, established their boundaries, and estimated the population of the new districts.

An appeals judge, though, granted an injunction to stop county court clerk A.B. Meade from printing ballots for candidates for the eight magisterial districts. Validity of the appropriation had been questioned by Attorney C.B. Wheeler, who filed suit against the county.

Candidates for magistrate changed the district in which they were running at the last minute and engaged in a spirited campaign.

Proclaimed as "one of the closest county judge's races," the primary election had candidates Edward P. Hill and Henry Stephens wondering who would come out the winner. Hill won the Democratic nomination by a narrow margin.

Floyd County's total register of candidates for the August primary was 241, considered to be one of the largest in the state. On July 23, court records showed that 5,113 new voters had registered, and were mainly Democratic.

THIS AND THAT

In January, local gas companies reported they had drilled 14 new wells in the region. The number of new wells increased to 23 by May. Trouble came, though, with disagreements between the union and the gas company. Inland Gas Corporation halted construction of a 12-mile pipeline from Lackey to Hindman after a tractor was blown up in February as a result of a dispute between teamsters and field officials

with the gas company.

The Bank of Wayland was sold at public auction for \$15,000. Stockholders were expected to receive only about 50 percent of the amount they paid in. The bank had closed in 1931 but was taken over by a banking commission for liquidation.

A Prestonsburg man, Doke Griffith, watch repairer and former miner, invented a clock that "speaks." The voice came from a record located beneath the clock mechanism and passed through a speaker installed over the clock dial.

WPA rolls in the county were cut from 940 to a quota of 880. Floyd County's relief rolls had been trimmed to conform to a reduced appropriation made by Congress for financing WPA over a 12-month period.

The Methodists, Baptists, and Presbyterians in Prestonsburg united to

conduct a house-to-house canvas of citizens, encouraging them to attend church.

The old-fashioned brand of Kentucky hospitality and the old-time religion were fused as one on September 26 when the New Salem Association of the Regular Baptist Church, near Garrett, became one of the most successful to be held in the 112-year history of the Association.

Plans were underway for a national park at Breaks, Kentucky, and Floyd County joined the push to develop the site for a park. Congressman A.J. May announced Congress' approval of the park in September.

A Garrett student, Jewel Pritchard, 12, won the Floyd County Spelling Bee. Her brother won the contest in 1935.

Two meteorites landed at Betsy Layne. One of them weighed 35 pounds and was 18 inches long.

In that year, 1,250 passenger car plates and 350 truck tags arrived at the court's office to be distributed. On December 29, 1936, there were 1,644 passenger cars.

Two new stores opened in Prestonsburg: The Leader and The People's Store.

Eight prisoners made a bid for freedom at the end of March from the Floyd County jail. Three were captured.

The Prestonsburg Oddfellows Lodge No. 1, Junior IOOF was formed, the first in the state.

Plans were made in May to seal two Floyd County mines where underground fires raged.

B.F. Reed was named director of the Big Sandy Coal Operators' Association.

Prestonsburg's one and only traffic light was shot out and destroyed at the end of the year.

Health in the 1930's

In 1936, major health concerns included spinal meningitis, influenza and tuberculosis. Few advancements in either treatments or cures were made therefore drug companies of the day offered supposed "cures" for more mundane ills. Apparently, it was felt, that the citizenry was inordinately concerned with the state of its' collective digestive system.

WEEKSBURY UNDER QUARANTINE

With three persons dead of spinal meningitis after five cases of the disease developed there, the Caleb Fork section of Weeksbury on Left Beaver Creek was under quarantine, armed guards being stationed at the entrance to that part of the mining camp to prevent entrance to or departure from Caleb Fork.

"We don't anticipate any further spread of the disease," Dr. Ransdell said, "We have taken the only steps possible to curb its spread, and these are isolation and quarantine, since there is no medical preventive measure to be taken. The weather has been in our favor, discouraging people of the stricken community from visiting among each other."

The quarantine was lifted January 8. Danger of further spread of the disease had passed. Last case to develop was that of a person who became ill December 24, and any other spread of the malady would have occurred, before this, Dr. Ransdell said. The incubation period of meningitis, it was pointed out, is from two to 14 days, with the average being within nine or 10 days.

One case of scarlet fever is reported at Drift, and two families there are under quarantine, Dr. Ransdell said.

UNSEASONABLE FLU SPREAD REPORTED

A prevalence of influenza and attendant pneumonia is unusually widespread at this season in Floyd County, reports from all parts of the county show. Physicians are unable to explain the spread of the disease considering the equable weather prevailing this spring.

INTESTINAL FLU

Deaths of a number of children in the county from intestinal influenza has been reported within the last few days.

MILK ORDINANCE PASSED

Passing of the milk ordinance for the city of Prestonsburg by the city council at its January 18 meeting was probably one of the greatest things the council could have done for the protection of the health of the citizens of Prestonsburg. Prior to passing of the ordinance, Prestonsburg was one of the few county seat towns in the state without a milk ordinance, and was probably the only one of its size in the state without this legislation.

This ordinance provides that everybody selling milk in Prestonsburg must first secure a permit from the county health department. It requires that all milk sold in Prestonsburg must be bottled in the regulation milk bottle and be capped with a cap bearing the name of the dairy and the grade of milk he is producing.

With the grading, each housewife can see and know just what grade of milk she is giving her family. In the past she has been buying milk blindly with probably no thought

but that she is giving her children the best and purest milk in town.

No other article of food is capable of causing as much sickness as bad or impure milk. "A" is good enough for our children. See that they get a quart of milk every day.

SERMON INTERRUPTED BY PARALYTIC STROKE

Elder Hiram Hall, veteran minister of the Regular Baptist Church, suffered a paralytic stroke while preaching from the pulpit of Joppa Church on Left Beaver Creek. The left side of his body paralyzed, his condition Monday was critical.

Members of the congregation saw the minister suddenly clutch at the edge of the pulpit, then crumple to the floor. He was removed to the home of his daughter, Mrs. Hobart Gearheart, at Melvin.

TRIPLETS BORN

Mr. and Mrs. Triplett of Jenkins, who have just received from heaven their third set of triplets say: "We are just tickled to death, but imagine our surprise." Besides nine triplets, the happy couple have one set of twins, all living and all fortunate. The baby born in a family that wants babies is the fortunate child.

For the woman or man who does not want children, the wise thing is not to have them-for the children's sake.

AFTER TEETH LOSE THEIR NERVE

(January) Before the days when novocaine came into general use in dentistry, the

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Health

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agony of drilling was so acute that the writer, while in the dentist chair, was in the habit of gripping the arms and letting imagination have free rein.

But most dentists, being human and sympathetic, formed the habit of killing nerves in teeth that were especially bad. In fact, crowns of the teeth were replaced by either gold or porcelain. In those days, the killing of nerves in teeth was considered a most humane procedure. It saved so much pain.

So many people just wouldn't go to the dentist often enough and the cavities in their teeth were so deep that the nerves were exposed and had to be destroyed. In fact, some of them died spontaneously.

It was really believed that a dead tooth was about as good as a live one.

KINDNESS AND SELF CONTROL

Through all the ages, want of self-control has continued to bring down sorrow and suffering upon this sad old world. He who lacks self control easily flies into a passion which generates poison in his system so rapidly that his judgment is warped as completely for the time being as though he were under the influence of alcohol or some other equally pernicious and powerful drug.

Prof. Gates performed many experiments to discover the effect of anger upon the body. He found that the perspiration of any angry man on being treated with a chemical reagent, showed a certain color: that of a man in grief another. All these experiments indicated that each experimental state always gave the same color reaction. Emotions affect the blood and hence the whole body. Gates condensed the breath of several different individuals. From angry persons a brownish precipitate was obtained which he administered to men and animals. It caused great stimulation and excitement, even killing small guinea pigs. He says that "every emotion of a false and disagreeable nature produces poisons in the blood and cell tissues."

In an old medical book, it related that a strong, vigorous, well developed young mother had a baby that was quite as healthful as herself. Something occurred that threw the mother into a violent fit of rage. Shortly after, she nursed her hungry infant. The child was thrown into convulsions and died within a few hours. The best authorities asserted that the milk killed the child. The poisons generated in her blood by her fit of anger were secreted in her milk.

NEURITIS

(February) Patients often come into the offices of physicians, complaining of rheumatism. A careful examination frequently discloses the fact that the trouble is neuritis, which means inflammation of a nerve or nerves.

The nerves run from the brain and spinal cord to all parts of the body. There are two different kinds of nerves, those of feeling (sensory) and those of motion (motor). Every function of the body is controlled by nerves, even the sweat glands and the blood vessels. Nearly all nerves are made up of bundles of fibers, some of which are sensory and some motor. That is why a sore nerve causes pain as well as muscle weakness. If a motor nerve is much affected, the muscles which it supplies do not function properly, they are partially or wholly paralyzed. If the sick nerve is sensory, the symptoms will be pain, prickling and tenderness.

PNEUMONIA

(February) Pneumonia has been called "the captain of the men of death" and rightly so. It carries off 100,000 victims in the

United States every year.

We have learned how to prevent typhoid and yellow fever, diphtheria, smallpox and many other diseases that were formerly so widespread and fatal, but we have not found a specific remedy for preventing or curing pneumonia.

It is most prevalent in January, February and March. This proves that there is some relationship between cold inclement weather and pneumonia. There is, more than one type of this disease, any one of which is apt to develop from a common cold, that extends to small areas here and there in the lungs. This type accounts for many deaths among old people and children, especially the undernourished.

Accidents and anesthesia are sometimes followed by pneumonia, which is probably due to the inhalation of noxious microbes

into the lungs. Long exposure to wet and low temperatures, remaining in damp clothing, all tend to invite cold which may result in an attack of pneumonia, especially among the old.

HOW TO REDUCE SAFELY

(April) As a rule those who are too fat get but little sympathy. A good many years ago, the individual who carried around a huge paunch was assumed to have reached a certain age. His horrible shape was regarded with pity, or at least, amused tolerance. This is not true today for the public has grown wise to the fact that obese and misshapen bodies are dangerous to their possessors. They are also destructive of good looks.

There are some cases where overweight is due to gland deficiencies. This small class should be treated by a physician who has made a study of glands. Most overweight

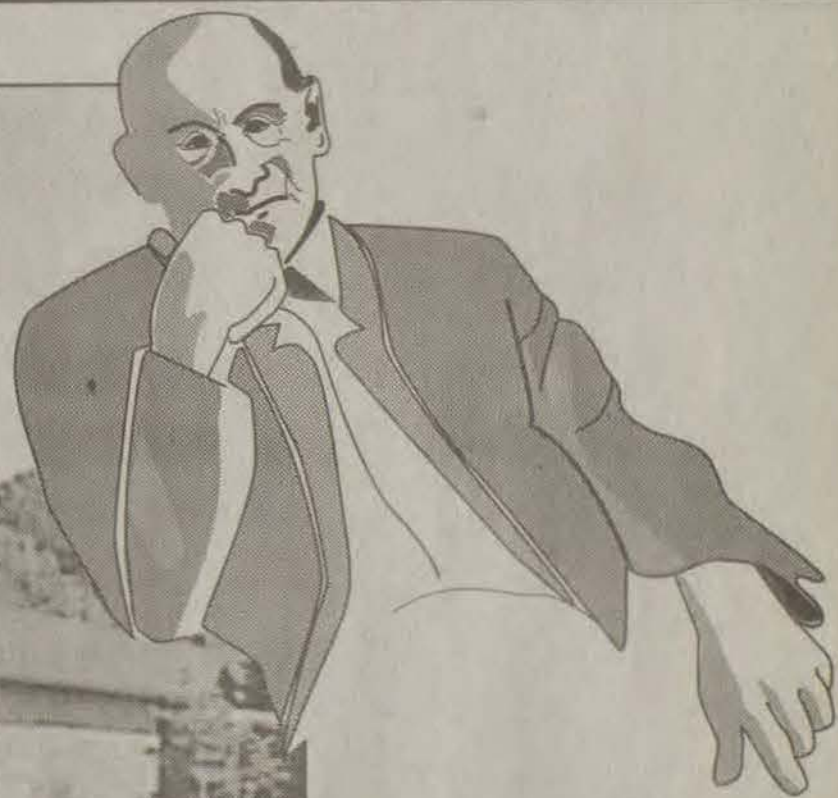
individuals overeat and under exercise. They not only spoil their looks but their health as well.

The old method of rapid weight reduction has been greatly modified. It is dangerous to the health of the patient as well as detrimental to his appearance to reduce too rapidly. The old Hollywood 18-day reducing diet sent several beautiful young actresses to untimely graves and undermined the health of others. The taking of reducing drugs has caused much damage. Two of the most dangerous are thyroid and dinitrophenol. The latter has been much ballyhooed in the last three years as a marvelous aid in unwanted avoirdupois but alas, it does other things to its victims besides melting flesh. It affects both the kidneys and the heart adversely. In recent months, it has been found that dinitrophenol produces cataracts in the eyes.



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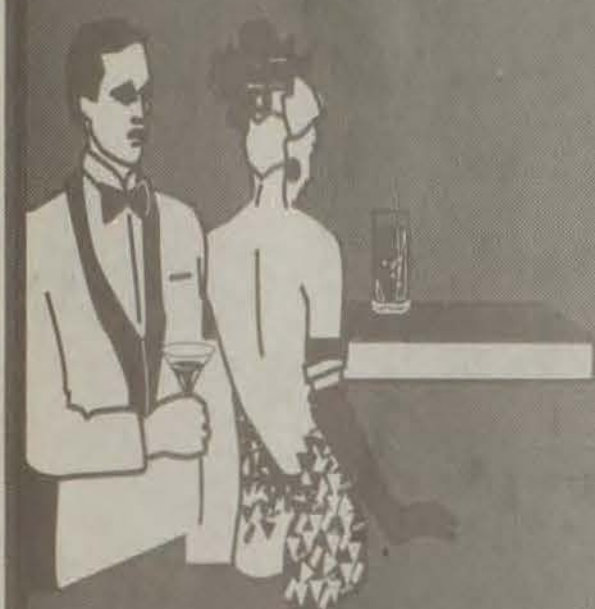
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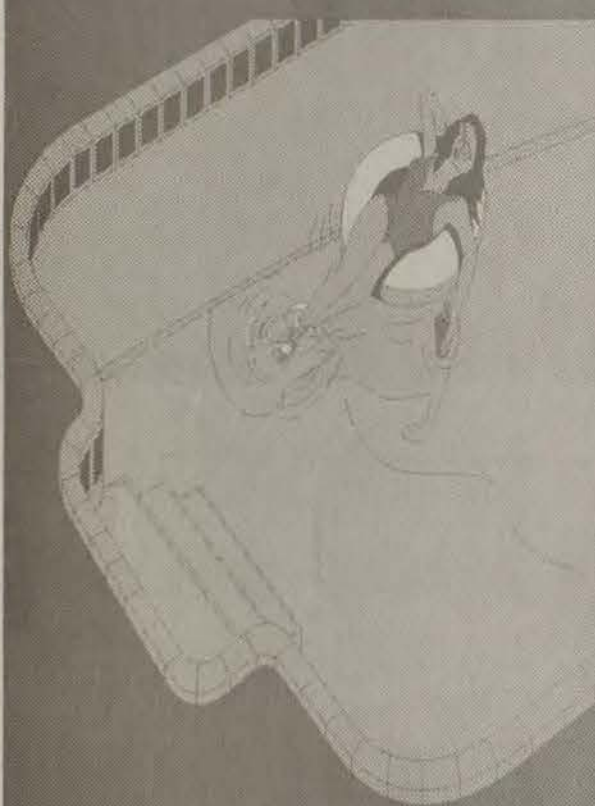


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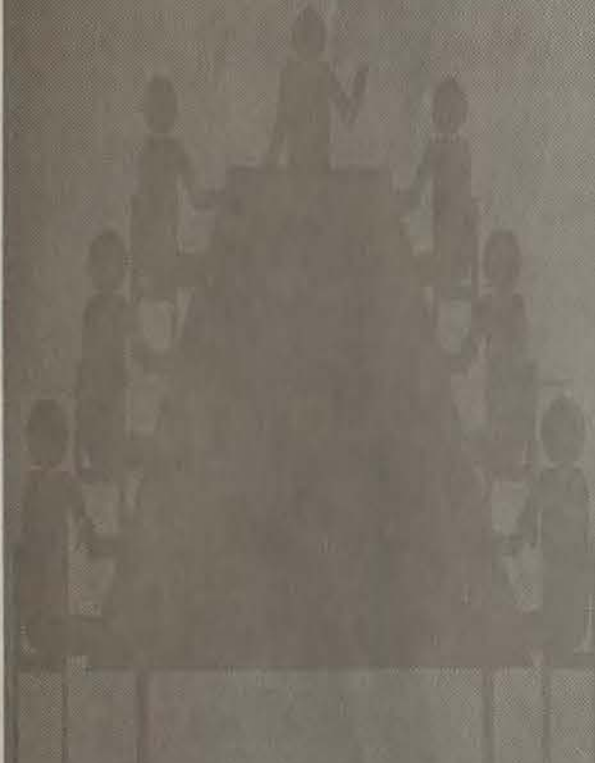
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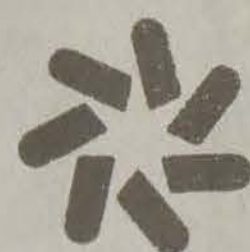
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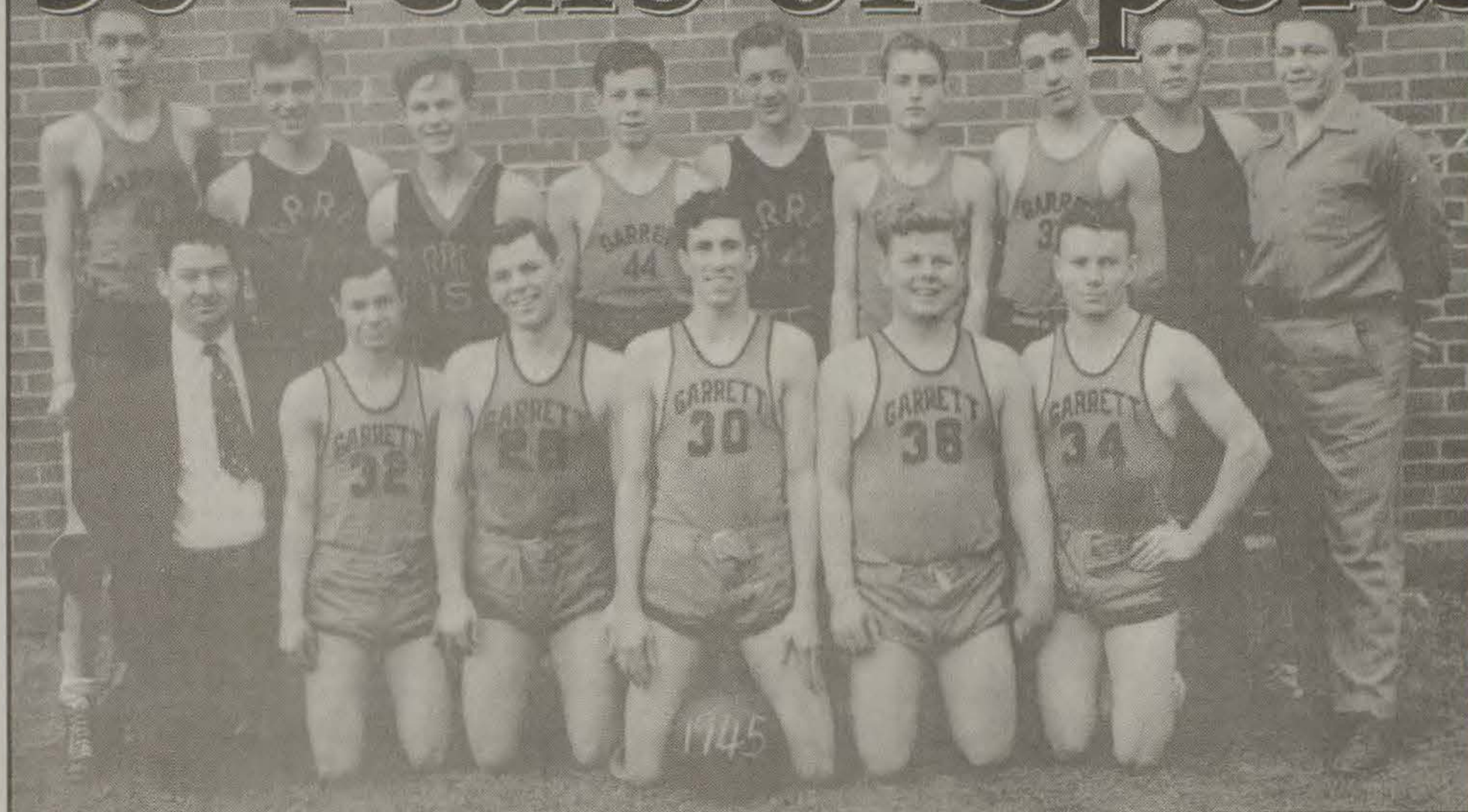
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50 Years of Sports



1945 Garrett Blackdevils

Basketball king in '36, P'burg only football team

In 1936, Franklin Delano Roosevelt was elected president of the United States for the first time — the first of four terms that he would be elected to.

In 1936, sports was not as popular as the political scene in Floyd County, but it was starting to make some noises.

In that same year, the mayor of Prestonsburg, Arthur C. Carter, made a personal plea with the business places in the county seat to close the doors earlier and turn out to support the Blackcat basketball team.

His plea was pasted on the front page of the local newspaper as he asked the local merchants to "lay aside your regular duties and attend the basketball games at the gymnasium."

It seemed attendance at the gym was not that great and Mayor Carter took it upon himself to encourage others to think of the team.

Independent basketball was very popular in the mid '30s as the Prestonsburg Kiwanis Club basketball team rolled to ten straight wins. Charlie Milby was the team's coach and he played as well. Ballard Johnson was a member of that torrid team. Back then it wasn't anything for two teams to battle to a 0-0 halftime lead.

In January of that year, Garrett High School posted a 27-14 win over Lackey in a very important conference game. Bill Mayo coached the Black devils.

Players for Garrett included: Conley, Bingham, Craft, Case and Cains.

That year Maytown held first place in the conference by coming up with big wins over a tough Martin team that included the coaching of Denzil "Hoss" Halbert, and the Betsy Layne Bobcats.

Martin earlier pulled a big win over a strong Prestonsburg

team after the Blackcats defeated Paintsville in regular-season play.

It is hard to think that Allen once had a high school, but in 1936 the Eagles, along with Betsy Layne, was considered two of the top 16 teams that would play in the Sectional Tournament at Ashland in February.

Dwale also fielded a basketball team in '36 and that team faced the Auxier Hornets in the first round of the then 59th District Tournament. The same year, Martin faced Wheelwright and Maytown took on McDowell. Auxier and Maytown were the favorites to take the tournament.

Maytown posted a 17-5 win over Betsy Layne to win the district tournament, played at Maytown.

But it was Betsy Layne, who represented the 59th District in regional play at the Prestonsburg gym and the Bobcats lost to Inez 32-19 in the championship game.

In May of '36, the Auxier Hornets defeated the Prestonsburg Blackcats 11-0 in high school baseball, as the two teams opened the '36 season.

Auxier had a catcher by the name of Ora Curnutte.

Later Prestonsburg would record a 20-6 win over Bull Creek and Adrian Collins held Boldman to two hits in a 3-0 win for the Blackcats.

Prestonsburg was on a roll as the team posted its fourth straight win by defeating Drift 7-5. Shelton, Stumbo, Akers each had two hits for Drift.

The Cats then went into a tail spin, but came back to snap a five-game losing streak with a 5-2 win over Shelby.

Golf was very popular in '36 and the Big Sandy Country Club held qualifying matches for its annual 36-hole golf tournament. The outing was held at the Beaver Valley Country Club in Allen.

Earl Walker lost to Robinson in the championship flight. Arthur Meeks of Paintsville was the medalist winner finishing with a 67.

Football was still king as the gridiron season got in full force in October of '36. The Blackcats of Prestonsburg opened the '36 season with a 20-0 win over Russell and then posted a 19-7 win at Whitesburg.

October was a busy month for schools that did not field a football team. New coach Hallard Wheeler of Betsy Layne was busy making out his schedule in anticipation of the basketball season.

In football, Prestonsburg reeled off four straight wins to start the season and defeated the Van Lear Mules 12-6. The winning streak ended at Barbourville in a 19-13 setback in a game in which "Smoky Joe" Meadows and Dick Mayo were outstanding. Mayo had runs of 30 and 50 yards and a 25-yard touchdown run.

In '36, the Auxier Independent basketball team (it was a big thing back then) was hit by a loose coal gondola injuring five players. Injured were: W.H. Johnson, Lafferty Burton, Donald Music, Darwin Wells, and Aubrey Harmon.

Prestonsburg came off a 30-0 loss to the Hazard Bulldogs and faced Pikeville and Paintsville with a conference championship on the line. The Cats would take care of Paintsville easily enough winning 25-0. Mayo and Craft scored touchdowns for Prestonsburg. But when Pikeville came to town, the two teams battled to a tie.

Carmel Clark scored 28 points (that was a lot of points back in '36) to lead Betsy Layne past Hellier in basketball action. Jack Branham and R.C. Layne had six points each.

The Blackdevils of Garrett won their sixth straight game by virtue of a 27-18 win over McDowell.

Garland Lewis became the new head basketball coach at Martin, but Martin fell to Garrett 27-16 for Garrett's seventh straight win.

Prestonsburg's basketball team got off to a 3-0 start in '36 with wins over Cumberland (27-16) and the Blackcats scorched the nets for a 46-10 win over Lackey. Prestonsburg had defeated Martin (31-29) and Auxier (39-17) earlier.

Garrett made it ten straight with a 33-13 win at Maytown.

Mayor Carter makes personal plea; Lewis new coach at Martin

• The year 1936 brought forth some interesting seasons in sports. It was the year even independent basketball was big news as the Prestonsburg Kiwanis Club was rolling to ten consecutive wins early.

• The mayor of Prestonsburg, Arthur C. Carter, made a personal appeal to businesses in Prestonsburg to close shop early and turn out to support the Prestonsburg basketball team.

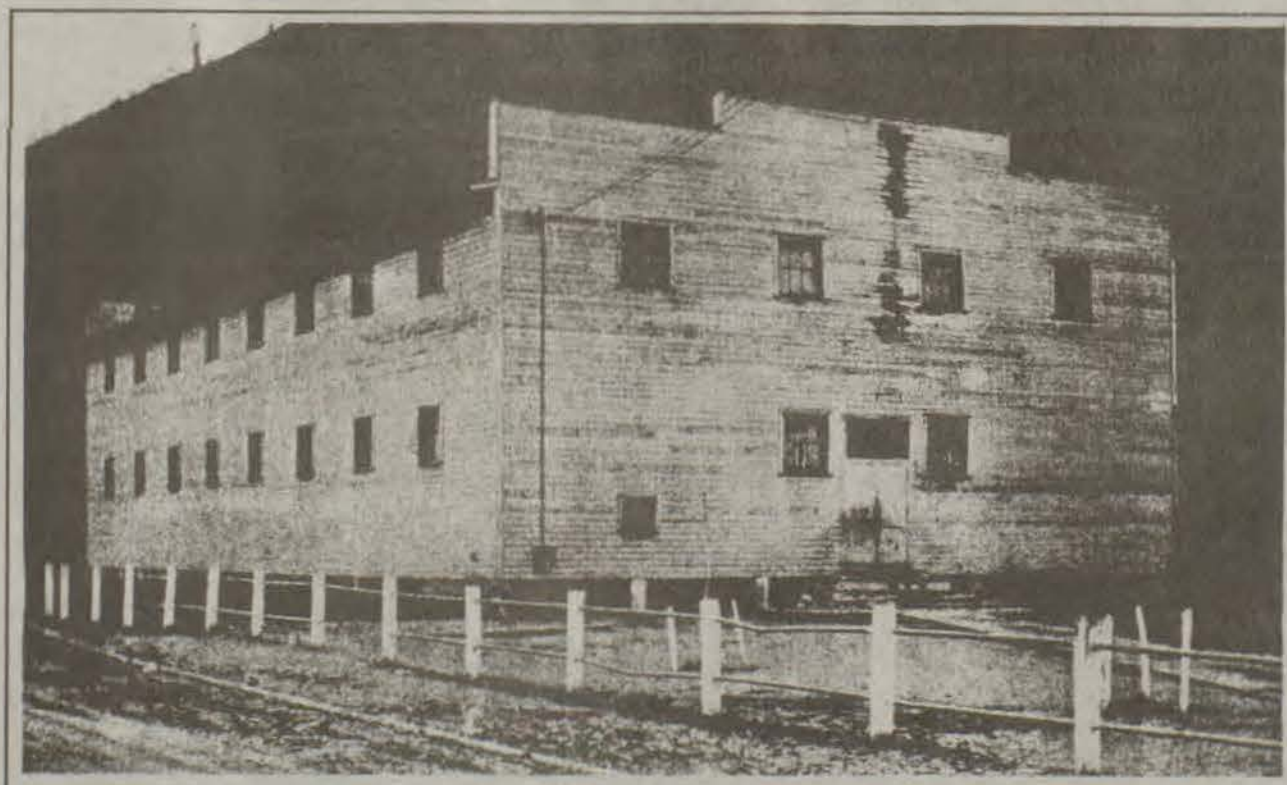
• Garland Lewis became the new head basketball coach at Martin High School.

• Maytown led the conference basketball race with big wins over Martin and Betsy Layne.

• It was a year that Dwale fielded a basketball team and faced Auxier in the district tournament.

• Betsy Layne won the district basketball tournament and advanced to regional play.

• Prestonsburg's baseball team won four straight games to open the season.



1937 Martin High School Gymnasium

Portrait of Home

Coleman would break all records in 1956

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

The Fabulous '50s.
What an era!

The 1957 Chevy would become the most popular car that America knew.

But before the car could make it's debut, a young blond-headed kid from the hills of Eastern Kentucky would put the town of Wayland — as well as Floyd County — on the map.

Kelly Coleman would become known as "King" Kelly or the "Blond Bombshell" among other names referred to him.

In his senior year, Coleman would shatter all state tournament records, but at the same time draw a

lot of criticism for his style of play.

To understand the whole scene one needed to go back at the start of his senior season.

The football year was winding down and basketball was much on the minds of Floyd Countians. It is no different today.

In January of '56, Betsy Layne was reigning supreme in county basketball, holding first place with an outstanding 14-1 record. Wayland was second with a nice 15-4 mark.

The county had nine high schools and the rivalry was fierce between each one. Everyone loved to beat Denzil "Hoss" Halbert's Martin Purple Flash. The Flashes were a weak 10-8 in the standings in January, headed by Betsy Layne, Wayland, Wheelwright, and Auxier.

Garrett, Maytown, Prestonsburg and McDowell were the final four.

The Bobcats of Betsy Layne also held the top ranking in the regional ratings as well. There were 31 teams in the 15th Region then. Wayland and Wheelwright were ranked third and fourth, respectively.

"King" Kelly was burning the nets and leading the regional scoring parade with a 44.7 average.

Lowell Hughes, Prestonsburg, was an outstanding football player and later went on to UK to quarterback the Wildcats, but his talent as a basketball player was overshadowed by the play of Coleman. Hughes averaged more than 40 points a game, but the media only saw Coleman.

Betsy Layne would be hurt by injuries to two key players — Charles Blevins and Thomas Spears. Blevins would break a collar bone and thought to be out for the season. Later, Spears would injure a knee that would require surgery. Again, it was thought that Spears was lost for the remainder of the season.

With the loss of Blevins and Spears, the Bobcats dropped in the regional rankings with Wayland becoming the top team.

Without Blevins, Betsy Layne still managed wins over a very good Martin team and Hellier.

While the basketball season was in full swing a football note, involving a Floyd Countian, made the news. Paul Adams, coach at Raceland, would replace Wilburn "Shorty" Jamerson as head football coach at Morehead State University. Jamerson later became principal and head football coach at Wheelwright.

In basketball, Wheelwright and Betsy Layne hooked up in an old-fashioned barn burner with the Trojans pulling out a 91-90 win over the Bobcats. Spears, before the injury, led the Bobcats with 32 points. Osborne poured in 38 for the Trojans.

Wheelwright would lose to Paintsville in the finals of the Paintsville Invitational, one of the most prestigious tournaments in Kentucky.

Chet Curry, Wheelwright, paced all scorers in the tournament with 75 points in three games.

Ex-Prestonsburg cager, Charlie Pike, was making news on the college scene in '56. Pike started at

guard for the University of Florida.

But with all the sporting news in the county, regional and state, the talk was Coleman.

He and Hughes locked up in a scoring frenzy in a county game. The Wayland Wasps pulled off a 107-80 win over the Blackcats with Coleman tossing in 63 points. Hughes finished with 46 for the Blackcats.

The play of Coleman in his senior season began to send the college recruits into the mountains of Eastern Kentucky.

Furman University was very much interested in the services of Coleman, but the feeling wasn't mutual with the Blond Bomber.

Betsy Layne dropped to sixth in the county standings and tenth in the region.

February 9, Coleman broke his own record of total points when he scored 36 in a game to push his total to 1,179, an average of 47.1 per game.

Betsy Layne got some good news when it was announced that both Blevins and Spears would return to the Bobcats lineup.

The Wayland Wasps improved to 23-4 on the season with eight straight wins for Coach John "Cooper" Campbell. Coleman scored 59 points in a 96-80 Wayland win over Hindman.

While Coleman was having his field days, Hughes was just doing what he did best — scoring some points. He poured in 39, 49, 40, 47 and 40 over a five-game span.

Late February arrived and it was district tournament time. A time when all of Floyd County kept their eyes on the play of Coleman. Fellow county citizens knew the college coaches would be flocking in to take a look at Coleman. The county braced itself for the onslaught and got caught up in the pace.

Wayland and Betsy Layne, the two best in the county, were seeded opposite each other in the district tournament. Wayland still drew tough Wheelwright (22-6) in the first round. Martin faced Maytown, Auxier took on Garrett and Betsy Layne had to face Hughes and the Blackcats. McDowell received the first-round bye.

Martin defeated Maytown in the district tournament. It was the third time Martin defeated the Wildcats

that season.

Auxier posted a 86-62 win over Garrett, its first win over the Blackdevils in five tries. Porter Powers, another high scorer lost in the Coleman era, finished with 20 points. Setser added 21, McKenzie 17, Cline 15, and Horn 13. Edgar Rister led Garrett with 24 points.

In the championship game, Wayland got 46 points from Coleman and defeated Betsy Layne 84-74. Blevins led the Bobcats with 20 points.

The final standings for the season found Wayland at 26-5, Wheelwright 25-7, Betsy Layne 21-6, Auxier 18-7, Martin 19-14, Maytown 13-13, Garrett 14-15, Prestonsburg 5-17 and McDowell 5-18.

Coleman finished with a 46.9 per game average and Hughes averaged 41.4 for the regular season.

Wayland would go on and defeat Betsy Layne again in the opening round of the regional tournament at Pikeville. The Wasps had little trouble as they captured the 15th Region and advanced on to Memorial Coliseum for the Sweet 16. Wayland posted a 96-90 win over Pikeville in the championship game of the regional with Coleman scoring 53 points. He had 147 points for the three regional games.

Coleman, along with teammate Elmon Hall, were named to the all-regional team along with Betsy Layne's Thomas Spears.

In the opening state tournament game, Coleman set a new state tournament record with 50 points versus Shelbyville. The Wasps stung Shelbyville with a 87-76 loss.

On hand to watch Coleman play was the Baron, Adolph Rupp, University of Kentucky coach.

Said Der Baron of Coleman: "He's the greatest high school player who ever lived...he is a combination of Cliff Hagan and Frank Ramsey."

"He is fantastic. You would have to see this boy to believe what he can do. And I still am not sure I believe it," he said. "He knows what a basketball is for. He resembles Ramsey. He can do more with a basketball than Cliff Hagan and that is saying a lot."

Coleman scored 39 points in the Wasps' second game of the state tournament as Wayland rolled 65-58. Freddy Maggard ended the

Cinderella story for Wayland when he launched a long desperation shot with six seconds left to give Carr Creek a 68-67 win over Wayland in the semifinals of the tournament.

In 1956, a consolation game was played between the two losing teams in the semifinals. Wayland faced Bell County and it would be a night that fans still talk about today.

Coleman was unstoppable as he set a new state tournament record (breaking his own of 50 points) that still stands today by scoring 68 points in Wayland's 122-87 win.

In 1956 both Coleman and Hughes were named to the All-State Team.

March, 1956, Coleman proved to the rest of the state that he was no novice from the hills of Eastern Kentucky.

Coleman more popular than '57 Chevy's debut in '56

• Coleman nicknamed "King" Kelly and referred to as the "Blond Bomber."

• Coleman shattered all state tournament records and set many national records

• Betsy Layne was riding high in the top spot in regional high school basketball with a 14-1 record.

• There were nine high schools in the county and everyone wanted to defeat Denzil "Hoss" Halbert and the Martin Purple Flash.

• 31 teams made up the 15th Region in '56

• Prestonsburg's Lowell Hughes, a standout in football, signed with the University of Kentucky.

• Hughes was a standout in basketball as well.

• Injuries to Blevins and Spears would hinder the Betsy Layne Bobcats.

• Ex-Prestonsburg cager, Charlie Pike, starred at Florida in basketball.

• College scouts converged on Wayland in hopes of landing Coleman.

• Paul Adams replaced "Shorty" Jamerson as head football coach at Morehead State.

• Auxier Hornets posted first wins in five tries over the Garrett Blackdevils.

• Coleman scored 50 points in his first state tournament game.



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Floyd County sports on the rise in 1966

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

1966!

It would be the year that America fought in a war where no one thought they should be. It was a war that took 5,000 lives leaving more than 30,000 wounded.

On the ground, officials at the National Air and Space Administration watched anxiously as the spacecraft Gemini 8 tumbled in space after a faulty thruster rocket sent the spaceship soaring.

UK fans remember the year when little Texas Western became the giant slayer after posting a 72-65 win over Adolph Rupp's Kentucky Wildcats in the championship game of the NCAA tournament.

Baltimore swept the Los Angeles Dodgers in the 1966 World Series and Green Bay won the NFL Championship over the Cleveland Browns, 23-12.

In 1965, the Martin Purple Flash made its first and only trip to the Sweet 16 in Louisville and started the '66 season with two losses to Pete Grigsby Jr.'s McDowell Daredevils. The Flashes dropped an 81-60 win in regular season play and fell 80-57 in the finals of the

Jenny Wiley Invitational Tournament.

McDowell was tabbed the 15th Region's number one team with a veteran ballclub returning. However, the Daredevils lost three consecutive games to Clark County, Ashland and Maytown causing some concern for Daredevil fans.

News out of Mississippi concerned Freddie Setser, a former Prestonsburg Blackcat, who is averaging 11 points a game on the Bulldogs freshman team.

The Wheelwright Trojans got some good news when Albert "Mud" Lewis returned to the Trojan lineup after an injury kept him out four weeks. His return was marked by a 25-point performance in an 83-74 win over Clay County.

Betsy Layne got 29 points from Gary Hall to defeat Scott County 82-69. The Maytown Wildcats had their tandem in the likes of Rudy Thacker and Mike Tallent. Both combined for 58 points in an 82-74 win over Scott County. Thacker tossed in 34 and Tallent 24.

Wheelwright led the county standings with a 13-3 record.

Coach Denzil "Hoss" Halbert's Martin team upset top-ranked McDowell 78-73 behind John Phillip Samons and James Akers' 19

points. The Wayland Wasps had only one win in a disappointing season and won number two with a 71-70 on a last-second shot by Jerry Fulk. Fulk scored 38 points in the game to help improve Wayland's record. Wheelwright was leading the county standings with a 16-6 record in February of '66.

McDowell's David Turner was starring at Morehead State in a reserve role.

In Prestonsburg, a new athletic association was formed with E.B. May Jr. elected as president and John Anderson vice-president.

In March, the 58th District Tournament was held at Prestonsburg with McDowell a heavy favorite to capture the title. But "Dog" Campbell's Garrett Black Devils had something to say about that.

Late in the championship game, Jerry Manns and Johnny Martin (Allen Central coach) hit back-to-back baskets to snap a 47-47 tie and give the Black Devils a 51-47 lead they never relinquished. Garrett outscored McDowell 20-8 in the fourth quarter in the come-from-behind win. Both Manns and Martin finished with 12 points, but Clovis Manns led all scorers with 17 points.

"We were favored to win the district that year," Grigsby, who is now principal at Auxier Grade School, said. "We beat Maytown in the semifinals that season. I think we went in overlooking Garrett."

"They played slowdown basketball on us and when you got behind of John "Dog" Campbell, he would slow the game down on you. We had a small lead in the game and they came back on us in the fourth quarter. Jerry (Manns) and Johnny (Martin) hit those key baskets that gave them the lead and we never could catch up with them."

Garrett had bested Betsy Layne 46-41 in the first round.

On the grade school level, the Clark cheerleaders won first place in the Clark Invitational basketball tournament. Members of the squad included: Ruth Ann Reed, Vonnice Allen, Judy Carol Slone, Vicki Lynne May and Susie Hicks.

Coach Grigsby's Daredevils lived up to their number one billing in the 15th Region basketball tour-

namment and earned a berth in the Sweet 16 state tournament by defeating Johns Creek 75-64 in the finals of the regional tournament. Ricky and Donnie Hall combined for 41 points in the game.

It was McDowell's third try in the regional tournament and their first state tournament appearance. The Daredevils edged Meade Memorial 61-60 in the semifinals after defeating Warfield 70-62 in the opening round.

"Back then the teams were not seeded like they are today," Grigsby said. "We drew for position and that year the top four teams were in the same bracket. Meade Memorial, Warfield, Garrett and McDowell. All four teams had more than 20 wins that season."

"We faced Warfield in the first game and beat them. Garrett faced Meade and lost. We ended up beating Meade by one point that night and it was a close game. Nip and tuck all the way."

"We figured the winner out of the top bracket would win the regional and go on to the state. We beat Johns Creek in the finals and it was our first trip to the state tournament."

In baseball, the Prestonsburg Blackcats ran their record to 5-0 with a doubleheader sweep of Martin. Two hard-throwing youngsters, Oscar "Big O" Rice and John "Whimpy" Clark, were the winning pitchers in the two games.

David Clinton won the high hurdles and high jump events in track and field.

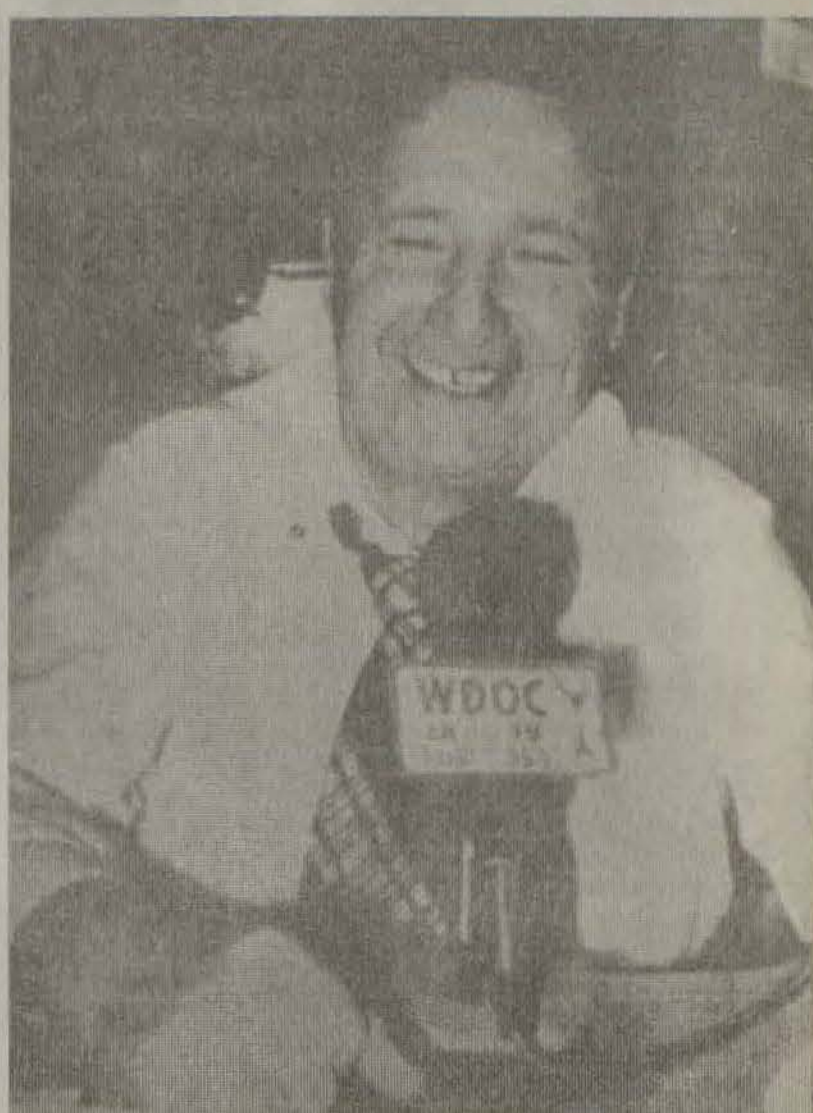
The Marshall Thundering Herd signed Wheelwright's Larry Osborne to a letter-of-intent with teammate Kenny Zimbardo signing with Presbyterian College.

McDowell's Ricky Hall, who averaged 25 points per game, was leaning toward Georgia Southern, but ended up signing with Marshall.

Prestonsburg won the 58th District baseball tournament with a 5-3 win over Wheelwright.

Paul Greer, Prestonsburg, attended Ted Kluszewski baseball camp. He was a catcher on the Blackcat team.

Coach Bert Dixon's Prestonsburg football Blackcats finished 7-3 with one tie in '66. It was the final year at Prestonsburg for Dixon.



"C" Ollie Robinson

Ollie pioneered basketball broadcasting in Floyd County

It was the fall of 1957 that high school basketball hit the airwaves. Then it was on a tape-delayed basis. "C" Ollie Robinson would take his mike, a recorder, find a place in the gym and call all the action on the floor for WPRT in Prestonsburg.

The game would be beamed into homes in Floyd County to be enjoyed by basketball junkies, thanks to Robinson.

Jim Ed Allen, an assistant to Robinson in his final three years as a sportscaster, recalls the workaholic effort that Robinson put forth.

"Ollie was great to work with," said Allen. "He enjoyed it. He enjoyed the game of basketball. Well, he enjoyed whatever he did."

Allen said he remembers going over to Archer Park and Robinson announcing the softball games.

"We would put the game on a reel-to-reel tape and when so much

was recorded, take it to the station and play it," recalled Allen. "I think he would broadcast anything in sports. I think he would have done marble games."

It was a learning experience for Allen, who became one of Kentucky's top sports announcers for WQHY here in Prestonsburg.

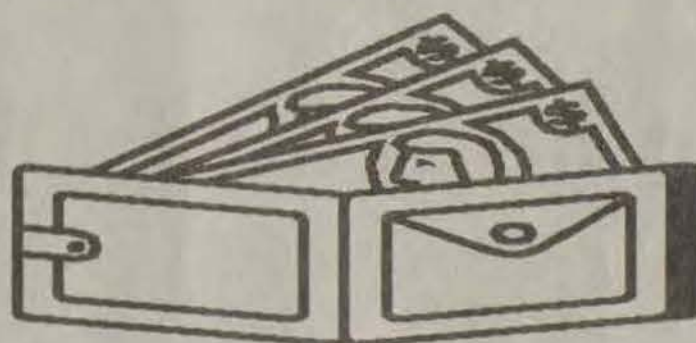
"I learned an awful lot from him in the years that I worked with him," said Allen. "After Ollie gave it up, which was about a year before he passed away, I worked some with Kenny Rice. Kenny, was a great broadcaster too."

"Ollie would tell me the things to do in preparing for a game, interviewing a coach. He was great doing interviews. He was just full of little tidbits of information. He taught me about the little things. Things you would just take for granted."

Martin makes first ever state tournament trip

- McDowell was tabbed as the region's number one team.
- It was a year that will be remembered by Martin Purple Flash fans as they made their first and only trip to Louisville's Freedom Hall.
- Former Prestonsburg standout Freddie Setser starred on the Mississippi Rebel's freshman basketball team.
- An injury to Wheelwright cager Albert "Mud" Lewis caused him to miss four weeks of the season.
- Rudy Thacker and Mike Tallent led a very strong Maytown basketball team.
- Wheelwright was the county's top team.
- In a reserve role, McDowell's David Turner was starring at Morehead State University.
- Garrett upset McDowell in the finals of the 58th District basketball tournament, but it was the Daredevils who won the regional tournament and a Sweet 16 berth.
- Oscar "Big O" Rice and John "Whimpy" Clark led the Prestonsburg baseball team.
- McDowell's Ricky Hall was leaning toward signing with Marshall.
- Prestonsburg won the 58th District baseball tournament.

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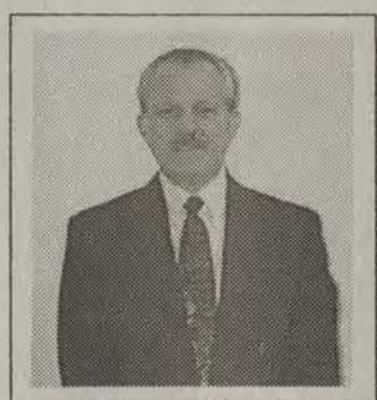
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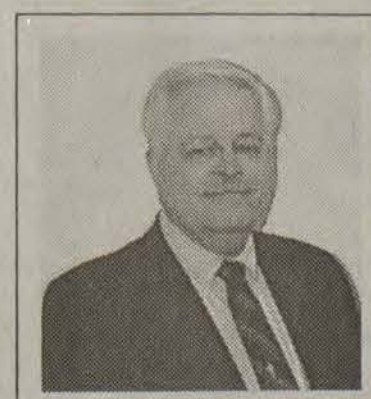
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Grigsby becomes household name in 1976

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

1976 was the beginning of the last half of the '70s decade and it was a busy one for America.

Jimmy Carter was elected president of the United States, winning over Gerald Ford in a close one. Barbara Walters took a "giant step" for women's liberation when she became the first anchor woman for a network television news program when she inked a contract for an astounding \$5 million for five years.

The year 1976 was the year the old ABA merged with the NBA and the Indiana Hoosiers won the NCAA basketball tournament. The Cincinnati Reds swept the New York Yankees in four games winning the '76 World Series.

While America was moving forward in the mid '70s, so was the sports scene in Floyd County. From a little known school in the Eastern Kentucky mountains, McDowell, would emerge one of the greatest basketball players to come on the scene, not only locally, but nationally as well. Geri Grigsby took a new women's basketball program and immediately made a national impression when she became the all-time leading scorer in America — both boys and girls.

During the 1976 season, Grigsby led Coach Johnny Ray Turner's team to the number one ranking for girls' basketball in the state of Kentucky. Fans from all over flocked to get a glimpse of the "Grigsby Wonder" who was setting all sorts of records on the state level.

McDowell, behind the torrid scoring of Grigsby, won the Tom Wiley Invitational Tournament and posted a perfect 13-0 record in the first three weeks of the season. Margalee Turner and Lea Turner became McDowell mascots and it seemed like they never would get out of high school.

The Betsy Layne Bobcats got past a good Wheelwright team, 50-48, in regular season play when Jim Rose sank a basket with 17 seconds left and finished with 17 points for the Bobcats as Betsy Layne was the region's top team with a 14-4

record.

The grade school basketball scene was gaining popularity with the advent of girls' high school basketball. The Maytown Lady Wildcats won their own invitational tournament with victories over Martin, 43-28, and a 38-28 win over Wayland. A couple of those names became big name high school stars — Trena Hensley and Kim Shepherd.

The McDowell Lady Daredevils would set a school scoring record when they scored 146 points in a 146-27 win over the Feds Creek Lady Vikings. Grigsby scored an unheard of 63 points as McDowell ran their record to 19-0.

While Grigsby was getting the attention of the media, so was Wheelwright's Jeff Riley. Riley tossed in 29 points as Wheelwright defeated Allen Central 77-65. The story wasn't the win over the Rebels or Riley's 29 points, but that the Rebels held hot shooting Dewey Jamerson scoreless. Gary Anderson pulled down 17 rebounds in the game for the Trojans. Ricky Pack led Allen Central with 24 points.

Dreams end and the dream of going undefeated ended for the McDowell Lady Daredevils when the Betsy Layne Lady Cats nipped them 56-54 to hand them their first loss.

Bowling made the news in '76

when local bowler Dale Compton, Weeksbury, fell one pin shy of a perfect 300 score. His total of 299 was bowled at the Starlight Lanes in Paintsville.

As district tournament time approached, Betsy Layne was still the best in the 15th Region with a 21-7 record. Wheelwright and McDowell were close at 19-5. The Lady Daredevils shook off their first loss and reeled off six straight wins for a 25-1 record with Grigsby still the state's leading scorer.

While Grigsby was filling all the spotlights, Prestonsburg's Bridget Clay was setting her own marks for the Lady Blackcats. The left handed shooter was unstoppable and was racking up the points, but had to live under the shadow of Grigsby and another outstanding player from Inez — Robin Harmon.

The college scouts were looking over Floyd County and at the array of talent in the girls' ranks. But it was Kathy "Catbird" Isaac who caught some eyes as well, as the Morehead State Lady Eagles locked on to her for a letter of intent.

As everyone expected, Betsy Layne won the boys' 58th District basketball tournament with a 76-67 win over McDowell as Coach Junior Newsome made his debut in the '76 season.

In the district tournament Allen Central posted a 67-64 win over

Prestonsburg in the first round and Betsy Layne took care of Wheelwright and Jeff Riley, 60-58. McDowell won over Allen Central, 80-68, to earn the right to face Betsy Layne in the championship game.

The boys' 58th District All-Tournament team consisted of: Allen Central's Rick Pack, Wayne Scarberry, Rick Prater and Jack Holthouse; Betsy Layne's Jim Rose, Bruce Stapleton and Rick Roberts; McDowell's Buddy Osborne, Terry Tuttle and Larry Daugherty; Wheelwright's Sheldon Berger and Jeff Riley.

McDowell, to no one's surprise, won the girls' 58th District tournament. Heading up the girls All-District team were Grigsby, Pam Reid and Rita Roberts of McDowell. Prestonsburg was represented by Bridget Clay, Dee Dee Music and Sherry Allen. Kathy Hale from Wheelwright was named and Mary Stumbo, Pam Clark and Ruth Martin from Betsy Layne. Kim Hall of Allen Central was a member as well.

McDowell advanced in the first round of the girls' 15th Regional tournament by defeating Belfry, 55-41, as Grigsby was held to just 32 points after getting into some early foul trouble.

Ron Clark scored 24 points and Rick Roberts added 22 as the Betsy Layne Bobcats edged Sheldon Clark, 69-65, in the first round of the boys regional tournament. McDowell defeated Belfry, 73-55, behind Terry Tuttle's 19 points.

In the second round, Roberts netted 18 points as Betsy Layne got past Feds Creek, 59-44. Buddy Osborne's 22 points helped McDowell nip Johnson Central, 74-73, as the two Floyd County schools were headed for the regional finals.

It was a nip and tuck game all the way with several ties and lead changes. But it was Ronnie Clark who pulled the game out for the Bobcats. Betsy Layne trailed the Daredevils 47-46, but Clark drilled a long jumper at the buzzer to give Betsy Layne a 48-47 victory and a trip to the Sweet 16.

Two of the state's best met in the girls' 15th Region semifinals when

Grigsby met Harmon. Grigsby outscored the hot shooting Harmon 39-26, but it was the Lady Cardinals who went on with a 66-63 win over the Lady Daredevils.

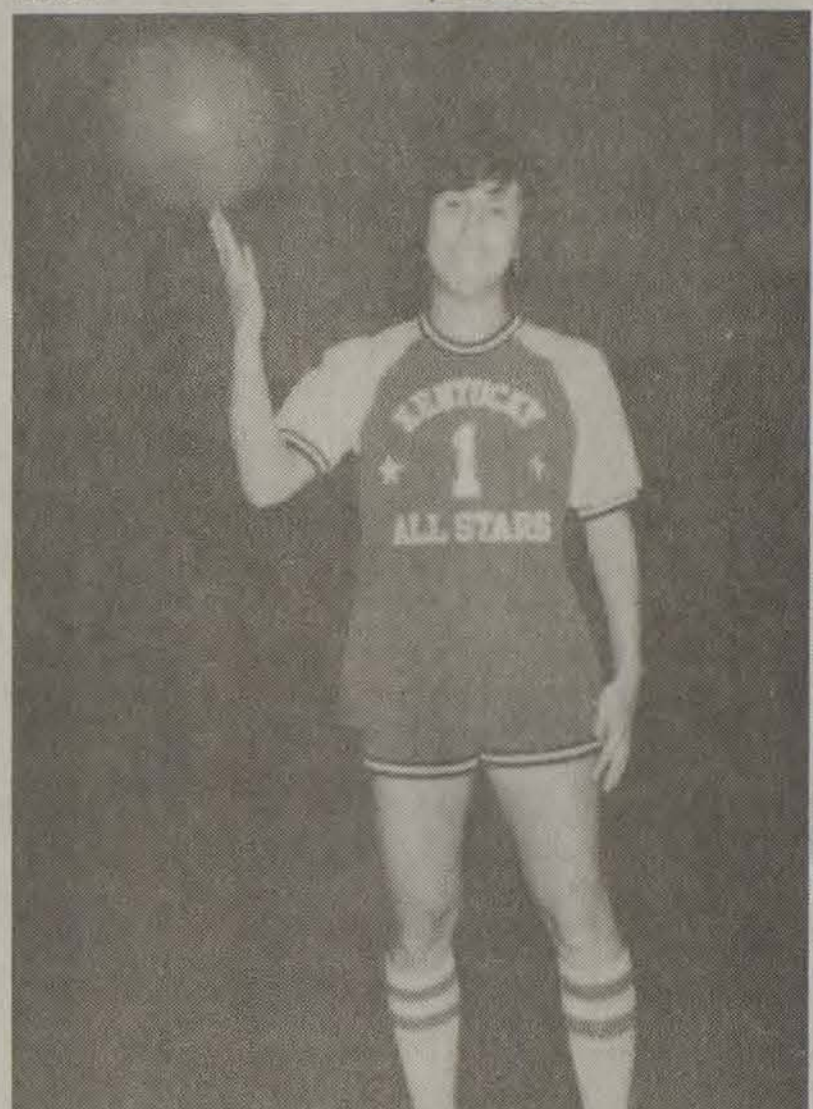
Grigsby, along with McDowell's Rita Roberts and Betsy Layne's Pam Clark were named to the All-Regional team.

For Coach Junior Newsome's Bobcats, the trip to the state marked the first time in 45 years that a Betsy Layne team earned a state tournament berth. Their last appearance came in 1931.

Betsy Layne suffered the loss of Jim Rose against Edmonson County in a first round game in the state tournament. Edmonson County hit 19 free throws to edge the Bobcats 77-72. Rose was hurt mid way through the game. Ronnie Clark scored 21 points to lead the Bobcats.

Led by Martin Grade School Coach Raymond "Muggsy" Griffith, the first ever grade school All-Star tournament was played at Allen Central High School. All four sectionals fielded an all-star team (girls' and boys') and met at the Rebels' gym. The high school coaches from the four sectionals coached the squads. Freddie Setser, Prestonsburg, coached section four. Howard Wallen (now principal at Pikeville High School) coached section one. Section three was handled by Betsy Layne's Junior Newsome. Wheelwright Coach Hiram Couch handled section two.

Griffith was the tournament manger and officiating (can you believe this) were Bide Click and Phil Jenkins. Kenny Rice (Channel 36 sports in Lexington), former Allen Central graduate, handled the public address.



Gerri Grigsby—Miss Basketball 1976

Little McDowell breaks onto national scene in basketball

- Geri Grigsby gave women's basketball a much needed boost, by becoming the nation's all-time leading cager in scoring.
- Betsy Layne, under new coach Junior Newsome, led the 15th Region standings.
- Maytown Grade School Lady Cats won own invitational over Martin.
- McDowell Lady Daredevils set a new school scoring record behind Grigsby.
- Jeff Riley drew the attention of college coaches.
- Weeksbury's Dale Compton made bowling history.
- Grigsby became the state's leading scorer.
- Bridget Clay of Prestonsburg was making some noise and gaining recognition as a cager.
- Betsy Layne won the boys' district basketball tournament over Allen Central with McDowell winning the girls' title.
- It was a Robin Harmon-Geri Grigsby match up in the girls' regional.
- Betsy Layne won the boys' regional and a trip to Freedom Hall.
- Griffith organized the first all-star grade school tournament.



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Paintsville, Betsy Layne battle in '86 regional tourney

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

The year 1986 will be a year remembered by all Americans as the year when President Ronald Regan silenced the Libyan's with air strikes against major military sites and terrorists' camps.

It was also the year drug use in athletics surfaced as a major problem in college and professional sports.

The Chicago Bears won the Super Bowl; the Boston Celtics were NBA champions and the New York Mets bettered the Boston Red Sox to win the '86 World Series.

But at home, a basketball player by the name of John Pelphey of Paintsville, had no idea he would become a state hero and live in the memories of basketball fans around Kentucky.

The year started on a very positive note when one of Floyd's own from Wheelwright was named EKMC football player of the year. That honor went to the Trojans' David Hall, who excelled in the game. But Hall's accomplishments did not stop with the EKMC honor. He was also named to the All-State basketball team.

The 58th District and Floyd County Conference basketball season was already in full swing in January of '86. The traditional rivalry between Junior Newsome's Betsy Layne Bobcats and Johnny Martin's Allen Central Rebels was heating up. The Rebels ambushed the Bobcats on the road when Roger Horne scored 20 points to lead Coach Martin's Rebels to a 53-52 win over Betsy Layne.

The Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats basketball team was the talk of the region, winning five straight games. Their fifth consecutive win was a 54-38 victory over Pikeville. Paula Harris led Prestonsburg with her 16 points.

David Hall had a career night for Wheelwright as the Trojans faced Betsy Layne on the hardwood. Hall scored 32 points and pulled down 11 rebounds, but the effort wasn't good enough as the Trojans fell to Betsy Layne, 66-56 behind Duran Hall's 19 points.

The Voice of the Wildcats, Cawood Ledford was named spokesman for the First Commonwealth Bank in Prestonsburg and B.D. Nunnery

signed a letter-of-intent with Marshall University, following quarterback John Goble to the same school.

In the '86 year, Delman Inmon of Garrett won the Wildlife Federation Shotgun Competition. Inmon was a retired school teacher from Wayland.

Grade school basketball continued to be king of all sports in the county when the Allen Eagles, coached by David Mosley, won the county championship before a packed Betsy Layne fieldhouse. Members of the '86 championship Eagle team were Kevin Spurlock, Ryan Porter, Jeff Slone and a little fellow known as Corey Reitz. Allen finished the season with a 22-0 record.

The format for the first Governor's Bowl was finalized and Prestonsburg was invited to participate in the competition. The bowl game would kick off the '86 season.

As always, the 58th District basketball tournament brought excitement to county fans as Allen Central hosted the tournament. Coach Junior Newsome's Betsy Layne Bobcats pulled out a 72-63 win over Wheelwright in the finals of the tournament and advanced on to the 15th Regional tournament.

The Betsy Layne girls were equally successful with a 60-47 win over Allen Central in the finals.

Former Allen Central standout Mark Martin stood at the free throw line for Evangel College and dropped in two free throws to steal a 55-53 upset of Southwest Baptist College. Martin scored 13 points and had 11 assists in the win.

It was March Madness all over again in '86 as the 15th Regional basketball tournament has visions of a Sweet 16 berth dancing in coaches' heads. But when the smoke cleared it was the Paintsville Tigers coming home with a 59-48 win over the Betsy Layne Bobcats behind the 21-point performance of John Pelphey. Paintsville hit nine of 11 free-throw attempts down the stretch to give the Tigers the win.

Wheelwright fell in the open round game to Phelps, 79-77, despite David Hall's 30-point night. It was a heartbreaker for the Trojans as Brian Charles hit a 20-foot jumper with five seconds left to play in overtime to defeat Wheelwright.

Paintsville defeated Pikeville 64-54 in the first round game and Betsy Layne edged a good Virgie Eagle team 93-71 to advance to the finals.

David Hall, Wheelwright, Brett Meade and Duran Hall of Betsy Layne were named to the regional All-Tournament team.

It was football signing time in late March as Union College made a haul of Floyd County players. Bobby

Jones, Darwin Kidd and Chad Collins, all of Betsy Layne followed Prestonsburg's Donnie Ray to Union.

On the college level, Kentucky fans remember the matchup between Kentucky and Western Kentucky in the NCAA basketball tournament. The Cats pulled out a 71-64 win over the Hilltoppers in the first round. They would go on and find the LSU Tigers stubborn the fourth time around in falling. Eddie Sutton's ballclub had won the three previous meetings against Dale Brown's Bayou Bengals.

A name that is synonymous with Floyd County basketball fans today, was little known in '86. Jeremy Nathaniel Hall, age nine, was named to the State Junior Pro All-Tournament team and was an All-Star in the Martin Junior Pro League. Hall, of course, became a stand-out at Allen Central and helped lead the Rebels to a state tournament berth in '93.

Floyd County basketball fans got a look at the departing seniors on the UK basketball team when they came to Prestonsburg as part of their barnstorming games. The group, consisting of Kenny Walker, Roger Harden and Leroy "Baby Magic" Byrd, thrilled the fans against a group of former players.

The sports scene around the county centered mostly on baseball in the summer months until September, when a first took place. Allen Central High School dressed its first varsity team and the Rebs dropped an 18-12 first-ever game to the Virgie Eagles. Greg Ison led the rushing game for Allen Central with 110 yards. Steven Hughes had 61 yards rushing as Darren Conn quarterbacked the club.

The Prestonsburg Blackcats fell to Woodford County in the first-ever Governors Bowl. In October, the Blackcats would post a 20-6 win over Wheelwright to end a four game losing streak. For the Blackcats, there would be no post-season play after they fell to Lawrence County.

Betsy Layne would enjoy its first winning season since football came to the school. The Bobcats rolled past Whitesburg to assure themselves of a winning season and posted a 6-2 record.

But the playoffs eluded Betsy Layne when the team fell to county rival, Wheelwright, 20-8. The loss dropped the Cats to 0-2 in the dis-

trict.

Betsy Layne would see a change come to the school when Junior Newsome stepped down as head basketball coach and Craynor Slone was hired to take over the program. The Betsy Layne Lady Cats won the Pre-season Basketball Tournament over Allen Central, 53-49. The Betsy Layne Bobcats would duplicate the Lady Cats' feat by winning the men's division of the tournament with a 50-49 win over Allen Central. With the Bobcats trailing 49-48, Bud Newsome launched a long jumper that rimmed out, but Todd Sturgill was there to put it back in as time expired on the Rebels.

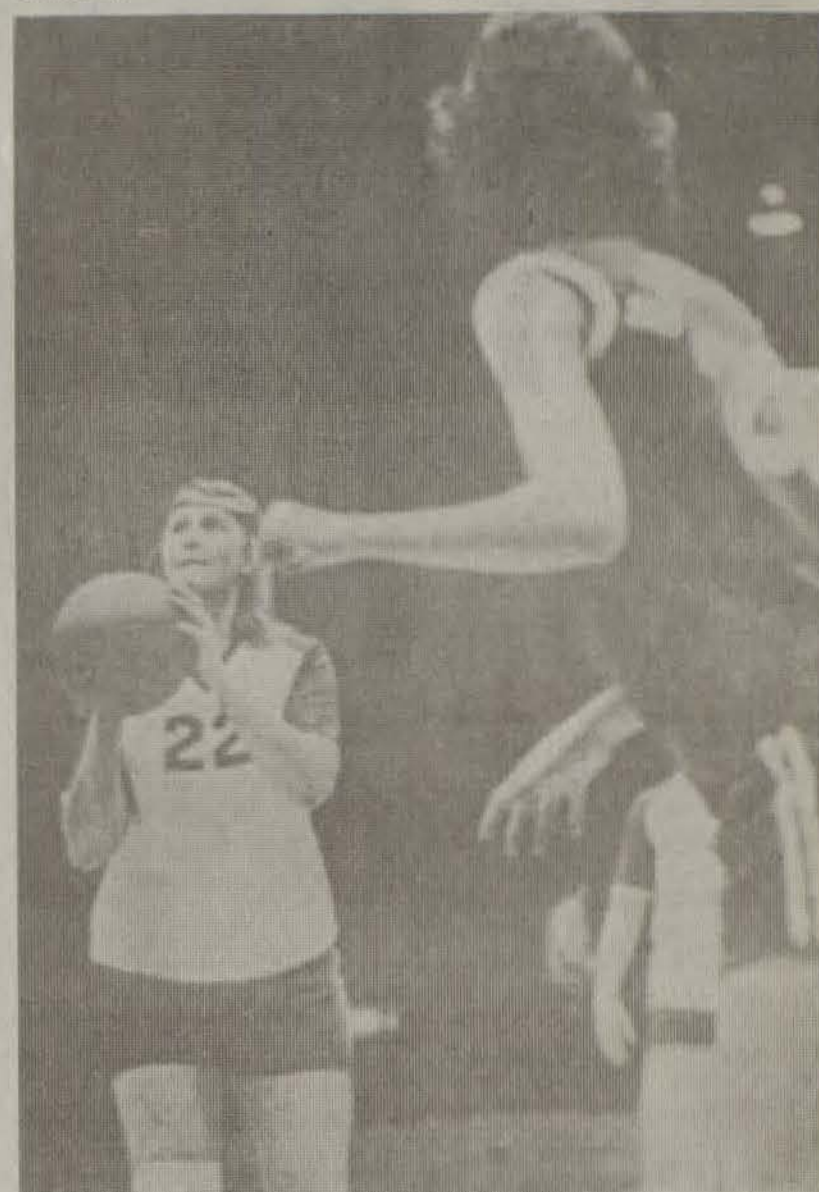
Several new players became household names in the county, like McDowell's Brian Hall. Hall was labeled a "can't miss" in Division I basketball.

Allen Central's Jo Ann Conn drew the raves of many, but a knee injury hampered the pivot player in her senior season. Prestonsburg's Shon Burchett was another player who became one of the county's standout players.

The Jenny Wiley Invitational was still a big part of the basketball scene in Floyd County in '86. Allen central got a 16-point performance from Ronnie Ousley and defeated Prestonsburg 63-50 in the championship game. Roger Horne had 28 points, 22 in the second half.

The golf links got an uplift when the Beaver Valley Golf Course was restored at a cost of more than \$30,000.

Prestonsburg won the Sheldon Clark Cardinal Classic by defeating the host school 65-56 behind David Martin and Brian Wallace.



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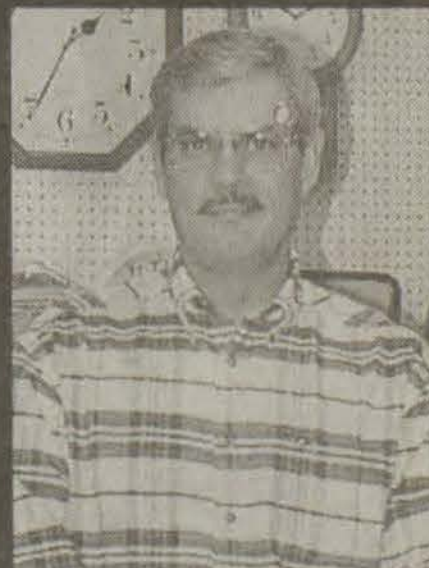


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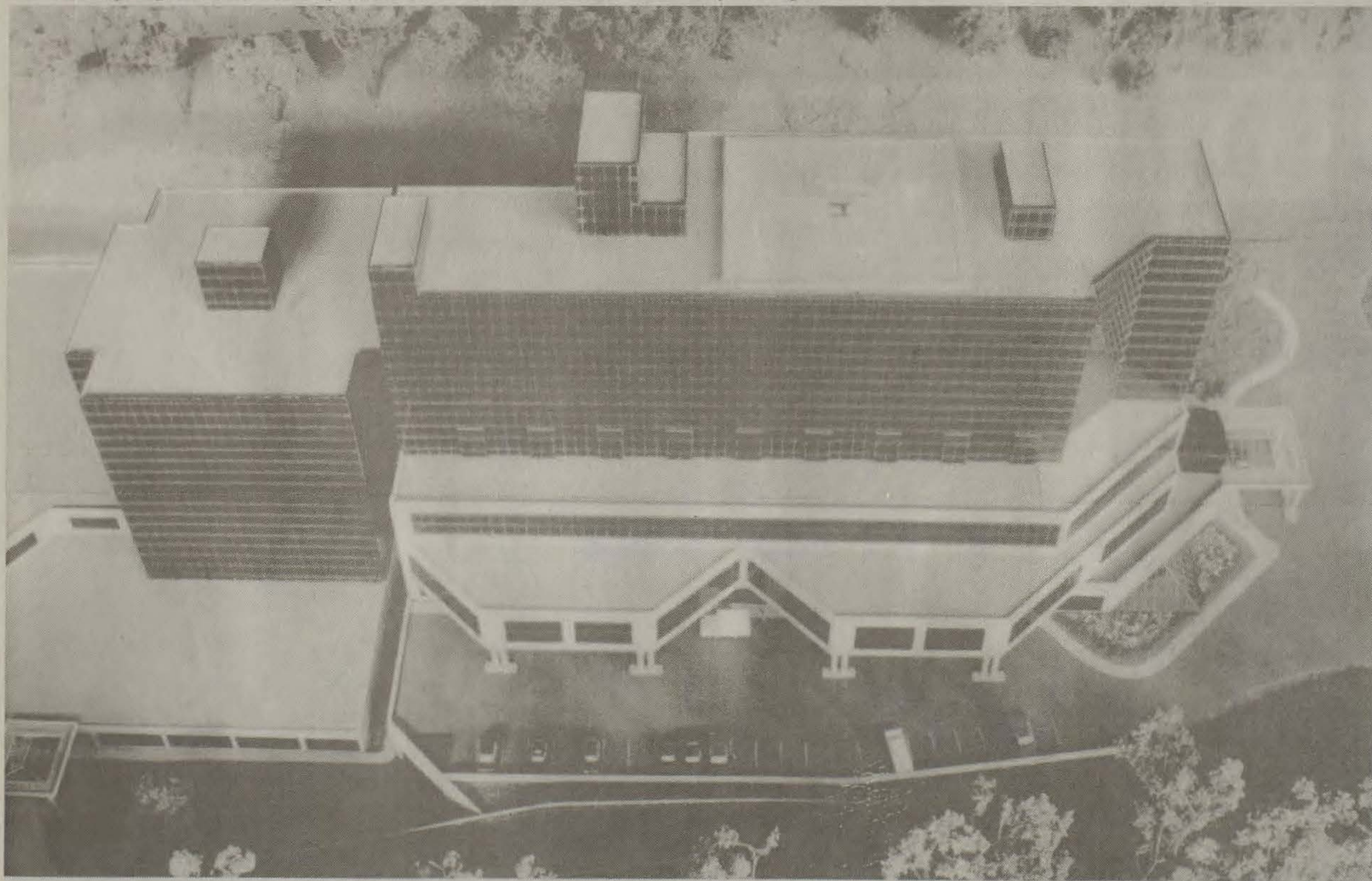
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Life and Times

A Special Report of
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A look at 1977



Construction of Kentucky 80 began in 1977.

"Ice Age" blast hits the county

Floyd County residents considered the winter months of January and February in 1977 as one of the coldest on record. Snow upon snow, bitter cold that dropped the thermometer to 14 below zero, schools closed, businesses shut down and all business seriously affected — these were items recorded during the period described as "Ice Age weather" in January.

The icy blast led to declarations of emergencies and evacuations.

Governor Julian Carroll activated the Division of Disaster. Thousands of calls, reporting heat, water and power failures poured into the DES office.

More than 300 Mud Creek homes were without water in January for six weeks or longer. The Allen-Dwale area fared worse. The Floyd Fiscal Court declared a lack of water in the Allen-Dwale area an emergency situation. They asked Governor Carroll to award a \$300,000 grant to help restore water lines and provide service to more than 400 homes and 69 businesses.

The snow and cold continued in February. Ice piled several feet high along the Big Sandy in February and, except at some shoals, the river was frozen solid.

A fuel shortage aggravated the condition. County and city government offices closed for one day in February in compliance with Governor Carroll's urgent request that a statewide effort be made to conserve fuel. Carroll asked that all com-

mercial establishments reduce their hours by at least 20 percent.

The Floyd County Emergency and Rescue Squad was called to Wheelwright February 1 to evacuate a reported 1,000 residents. The residents were taken to the W.D. Osborne Elementary School following a gas failure. Wheelwright Mayor Delbert Davis said that the situation was bad. The two gas lines, which normally supply the town, failed.

The Unemployment Insurance office operated in Prestonsburg and serving Floyd, Johnson, Martin and Magoffin counties, had hundreds of new applications for unemployment benefits filed because winter's icy weather shut down businesses and put people out of jobs.

The Ohio River was virtually impassable for barges and towboats, and coal could not be shipped. The commissioner of the state Department of Mines and Minerals estimated that a third of the state's 40,000 miners lost wages because of the weather conditions.

Although temperatures climbed into the 60s at the end of February, the fuel crisis was not over for schools. Columbia Gas put all county schools on an allotment that cut gas to about 50 percent. School officials looked into the feasibility to switching to coal heat and did so at some schools. By the first week in March, the emergency fuel situation ended.

FLOOD DISASTER HITS AGAIN

On April 5, Big Sandy River towns faced a flood disaster which was thought, at first, to exceed in severity the 1957 flood when millions of dollars in property losses were suffered. Hardest hit were the Martin-Allen and Betsy Layne-Harold areas. Almost every business and house in Martin was deep in water while Beaver Creek was on rampage. The same was true in almost every low-lying section of the county.

The floodwall built in Prestonsburg following the 1957 flood saved the central part of the city from disaster as the river crested approximately half a foot below the top of the floodwall which protects to 47 feet. Lancer and parts of Prestonsburg at its southern limits, the northern section and West Prestonsburg suffered.

The Floyd County School System estimated a \$2 million loss because of the flood. An American Red Cross survey esti-

mated that 7,000 families in the area were affected by the flood. More than 9,000 homes were lost or damaged in the 15-county flooded area, but Pike County had the heaviest loss, with 1,858 homes destroyed.

Seventeen pickup trucks arrived in the area from Mattoon, Illinois, bearing thousands of pounds of provisions for flood victims.

BUSINESS BUYOUTS

Envirotech Corporation of California announced in January that it had acquired the Elkhorn Industrial Products Corporation, a Floyd County manufacturer of mining machinery which was nationally known.

David F. Reed of Langley who headed the Elkhorn Industrial Products operation at Warco in its beginning in 1964, continued as the president of the company.

LEADERS DISSATISFIED AS ONE GRANT OK'D

The Economic Development Administration (EDA) dashed the hopes of counties and cities in the Seventh Congressional District for grants on a wide variety of public projects when fund allocations were announced just before Christmas in 1976, and the lone grant for the area was greeted with less than enthusiasm.

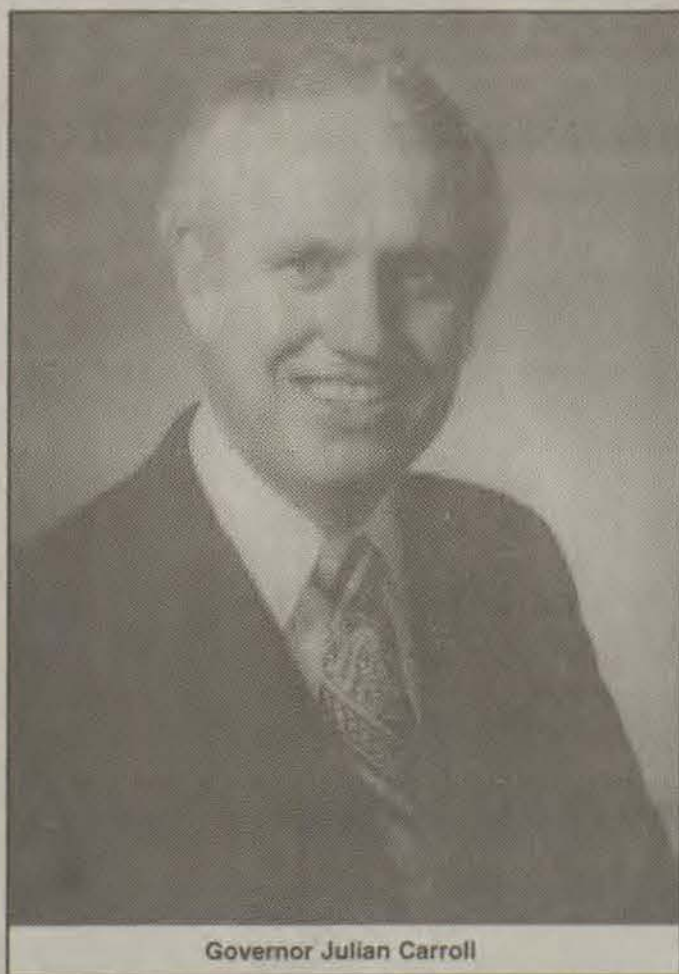
When Congressman Tim Lee Carter's district, the rock-ribbed Republican Fifth, received six of the 14 EDA grants made in Kentucky, Seventh District Congressman Carl D. Perkins commented, "They must have had a Republican computer down there."

And when EDA's one grant in the Seventh District was made for extension of Salyersville's water system instead of a new elementary school, Big Sandy ADD, as well as Magoffin school officials, were unhappy. The Salyersville preliminary grant approval was for \$446,000.

DOWN THE DRAIN

Sheriff Joe W. Lewis said he would not obey a grand jury directive in January regarding the disposal of illegal alcoholic beverages seized in raids.

(See Blast, page six)



Governor Julian Carroll

John Drannon Campbell, 56, of Mousie, died January 11, 1977. Known in athletic circles as "Copper John," Campbell was an all-state basketball player, a merchant and former basketball coach of Wayland High School.

Emma May Wells, 64, of Prestonsburg, wife of Robert V. May Sr., died Sunday, April 10, 1977, in Florida. She was secretary-treasurer of the R.V. May Company and Kentucky Welding Supply. She was named to the Floyd County Hall of Fame. She served as chairman of the Floyd County Library Board since its inception in 1960, and

was instrumental in obtaining the local library. An arts and music wing added in 1971 was dedicated and named in her honor.

Notable Deaths

Earle B. Martin, 66, a former associate editor of The Floyd County Times

and former night city editor of The Orlando (Florida) News, died November 1, 1977.

Silas Derossett, 73, of Water Gap, former Floyd County deputy sheriff, died October 31, 1977.

Lonnie Herald, 66, of Prestonsburg, died December 2, 1977. He was a former member of the Prestonsburg Police Department and former deputy sheriff.

Shelly Adams, 68, well-known figure in the Prestonsburg and Salyersville areas, died December 14, 1977.

Portrait of Home

COLD EXTENDS SCHOOL HOLIDAY

(January) Cold weather, a series of light snows and ice-covered roads conspired to reduce traffic and slow holiday activities in general to the point that Floyd County's was, generally, a quiet Christmas season.

No violence or major motor vehicle wrecks were reported in the county while the state was having a traffic death toll of 15.

COMPANY CLAIMS ITS COAL MINED, ASKS \$1,650,000

(January) A claim of \$1,650,000 was made last week by a Floyd County coal company in a suit filed against another coal firm which was accused of encroaching upon plaintiffs' lease in the mining of coal.

Plaintiffs in the action are County Judge Henry Stumbo, Delmer Elswick, William L. Allen and Commonwealth's Attorney James R. Allen, doing business as the B & M Coal Company.

HUGE STORE OF INTOXICANTS

(January) The big accumulation of whiskey, vodka and beer confiscated by state and county officers in a series of raids was returned a few weeks ago to the state Alcoholic Control Board on order of County Judge Henry Stumbo. The county received one-third of the value of contraband liquors returned to ABC. The big shipment included 285 cases of beer, 168 half-pints and 11 fifths of whiskey and vodka.

FLOYD SCHOOLS NEAR REOPENING AS SNOW CAME

(January) Last Sunday it appeared that Floyd County's schools would reopen the next day after their longest "vacation" ever because of weather conditions. That night a light snowfall cancelled such plans. Three to four inches of new snow fell Monday, light snow continued Tuesday . . . and now school officials aren't certain the schools will reopen this week.

LONG CLOSED SCHOOLS OPEN DOORS TUESDAY

(February) A school vacation which began December 17 for Christmas but which continued through the entire month of January because of snow, cold and treacherous road conditions ended Tuesday.

The schools reopened but the buses did not reach up-hollow roads where ice still makes travel dangerous. Superintendent of Schools E.P. Grigsby, Jr. said parents in such areas are being asked to bring their children to school, or to send them, to the point where they can be picked up by the buses and safely transported to school.

MULE MAY BE 40 YEARS OLD

(February) "Old Bob" is nobody knows how old but certainly between 30 and 40

years, his owner, Parley B. Flanery, said.

Old Bob was the property of Preacher Bill Flanery, who rode him for years over a wide area to church and to join friends in fox hunts. His present owner says his father bought the mule from the late Alex Banks at the Allen stockyards.

ARCHEOLOGIST TO DO SURVEY OF COUNTY'S PREHISTORIC SITES

(February) Floyd County has only three archaeological sites on record, but that number is expected to be increased soon as the result of a new survey.

Tom Sanders, Kentucky Heritage Commission prehistoric archaeologist, explained that there has been no archaeological research done in the county since 1932.

LAKE SEDIMENTATION NEAR 3 TIMES EXPECTED RATE

(February) The rate at which Dewey Lake is filling in with sediment was in the two-year period, November 1973 to November 1975, almost three times the rate during the preceding 21 years of the life of the impoundment.

MCDOWELL AREA IS PART OF AIR FORCE PRACTICE BOMBER ROUTE

(March) The McDowell area is a part of the current Olive Branch run, the U.S. Air force practice bomber route.

Twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, motorist have been startled to see U.S. Air Force bombers and fighters on the Olive Branch run.

The bombers are practicing "bombing," but without any bombs. It's all done with computers, simulating the dropping of a bomb. The computer then tells the bomber pilot if he has "hit" the area that was his target.

ROUTE CLOSED BY PROTESTERS

(March) KY 292 in Martin County has suffered a battering by the weather, nobody has done anything to repair it, and as a result it was blocked for more than an hour Monday by protesting coal-truckers and their friends.

The road which was closed about 6 a.m. by a crowd standing on it, was cleared about 7:30 a.m. by a Kentucky State Police trooper and Martin County Magistrate Lafe Murphy. Some demonstrators remained at the side of the highway throughout the day, however.

DON'T NEED PEOPLE TO MAKE MISTAKES

(March) New York — Pocket calcula-

tors can make mistakes, Electronics magazine warns.

The publication quotes William Kahan, professor of mathematics and computer science at the University of California, Berkeley, who says that hand-held calculators "produce surprisingly wrong answers surprisingly often in the process of performing basic calculations."

Those errors, he notes, are most prevalent in the more complex functions.

TV VIOLENCE PROVEN AFFECTING ADULTS

(March) In a study just published in the

were searching last week for two brothers who escaped from the Johnson County Jail early Wednesday morning.

The two men, David and Dennis Gilliam, 20 and 18, both of Sitka, were being held in connection with a February kidnapping and rape charge.

Deputy jailer Eljige Kistner said the two escaped about 4:30 a.m. Wednesday. Kentucky State Police detective B.J. Music said they used a steel bar to pry through a narrow space. The jail is currently being renovated, Music said, and the two brothers may have gotten the steel bar amidst all the repair work. He said he did not think an accomplice was involved.

FRIDAY WINDSTORM CAUSES HEAVY DAMAGE IN COUNTY

(March) Floyd County's sheltering hills failed to ward off two separate windstorms last Friday morning, and the result was heavy property damage, with six persons slightly injured.

RESEARCH SHOWS MAN HERE 10,000 YEARS AGO

(March) That American Indians lived among the hills of Floyd County for at least 10,000 years was among the findings of two Kentucky Heritage Commission archaeologists who recently concluded a three-week archaeological survey of the county.

LOWEST TEACHER SALARY IN FLOYD COUNTY, \$8,263

(April) Starting salaries for Floyd County teachers with a bachelor's degree and no experience this year are almost \$500 higher than the lowest pay in some other counties of the state.

The starting salaries this year range from \$7,800 to \$9,300, according to a new Kentucky Education Association research publication. Floyd County is \$8,263.

ONE OF 13 CARS CHECKED FOUND FAULTY, REPORT

(May) One of every 13 vehicles inspected in Kentucky during 1976 was found to have at least one mechanical defect, according to a report released by State Transportation Secretary Calvin Grayson.

The Division of Inspections of the Bureau of Vehicle Regulation reported that 1,751,601 automobiles had been inspected at more than 3,000 official stations across the state.

FLOODED PIKEVILLE LIBRARY BOOKS BROUGHT HERE TO DEEP-FREEZE

(May) The public libraries in Pineville and Pikeville received extensive damage

from the recent spring floods, according to Barbara Williams, state librarian.

Williams estimated the damage for both libraries to be between \$130,000 to \$195,000.

The books have been placed in plastic bags and sent to Prestonsburg where they were placed in a deep-freeze unit prior to taking them to St. Louis to be freeze-dried.

DOZER OPERATOR CRITICALLY SHOT IN ROAD DISPUTE

(May) A dispute last Saturday afternoon over bulldozing work on a roadway off Little Paint Creek resulted in the shooting of Larry Spencer, 26-year-old operator of the machinery, who is in a Lexington hospital with a .22 caliber bullet in his head.

STATE SENATOR TELLS OF THREATS RECEIVED

(June) State Senator Jim Hammond repeated here this week his claim that he has been threatened with either physical or professional harm by unnamed persons who, he thinks, seek to deter him from backing legislation which would set up a seven-member board to regulate all Kentucky insurance rates.

DEWEY RESERVOIR MANAGER CITES 27-YEAR LAKE DEATH TOLL

(June) In the 27 years of its impoundment, 35 persons have lost their lives by drowning at Dewey Lake, Dean Murray, resource manager, Corps of Engineers, said last week in a discussion of the Corps' attempts to emphasize the importance of water safety.

STORM BLAMES IN DEATHS OF 2 IN MINE BLAST

(August) Lightning has been blamed as the indirect cause of a blast which claimed the lives of two men at a Daniels Creek strip-mine operation last Wednesday, but a Department of Mines and Minerals official later said criminal indictments in the deaths would be sought.

FLOYD'S POPULATION GROWTH RATED FIFTH

(August) Floyd County has in the last six years had a population gain of 6,700 and ranks fifth in growth among the state's 120 counties, according to a new report prepared by the University of Louisville's Urban Studies Center and published by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

FOOTBALL GAME CUT SHORT WHEN THREE WOUNDED

(August) Shotgun blasts fired from outside the field resulted in minor wounding of at least three persons and the cancellation of a football game shortly before the end of

(See Time Capsule, page seven)

Time Capsule 1970's

American Journal of Psychiatry, Dr. Roderick Gorney of UCLA has shown that television programs have a powerful effect not only on the young but also on adults.

His study was of 183 middle class, educated males who watched either violent television or helpful television shows for one week. The wives kept careful diaries of anger outbursts, quarrels, etc. without knowing what their husbands were watching. The husbands also rated how aggressive their moods were. In only one week, there was a 19 percent decrease in aggressive moods reported by the husbands watching helpful programming. Even more important, the wives reported 37 percent more hurtful behavior by their husbands if they were watching violent television compared to the group watching helpful programs.

89 DEER RESTOCKED IN FLOYD COUNTY

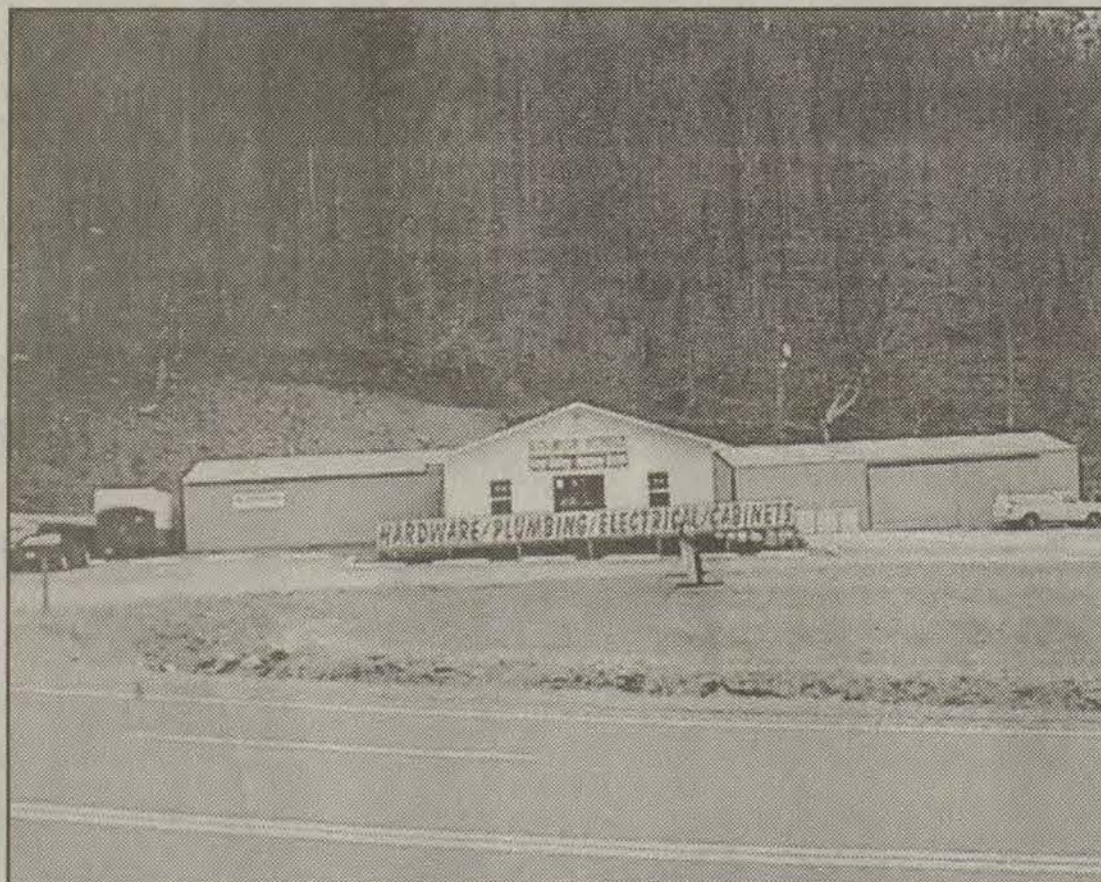
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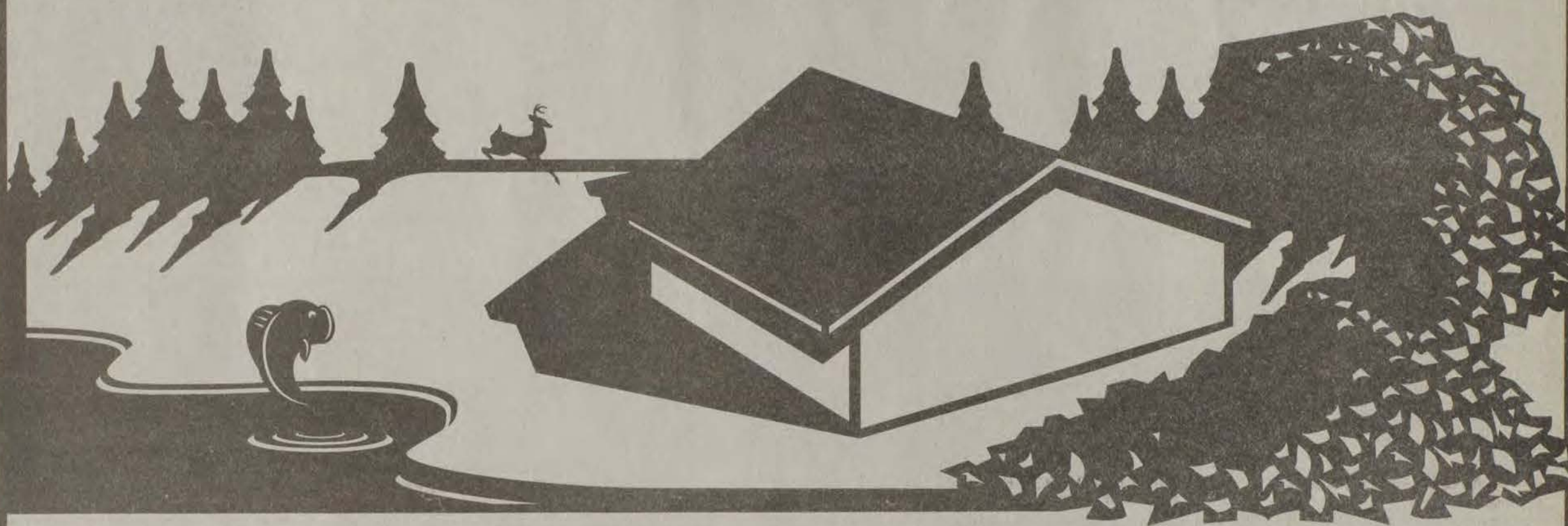
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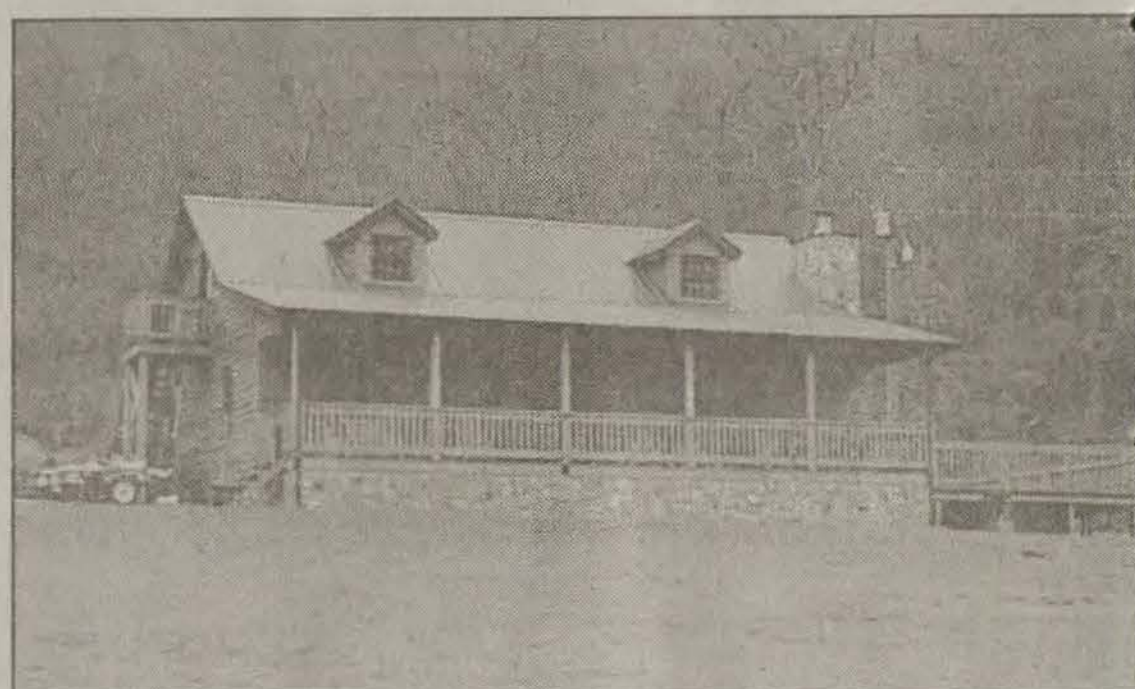
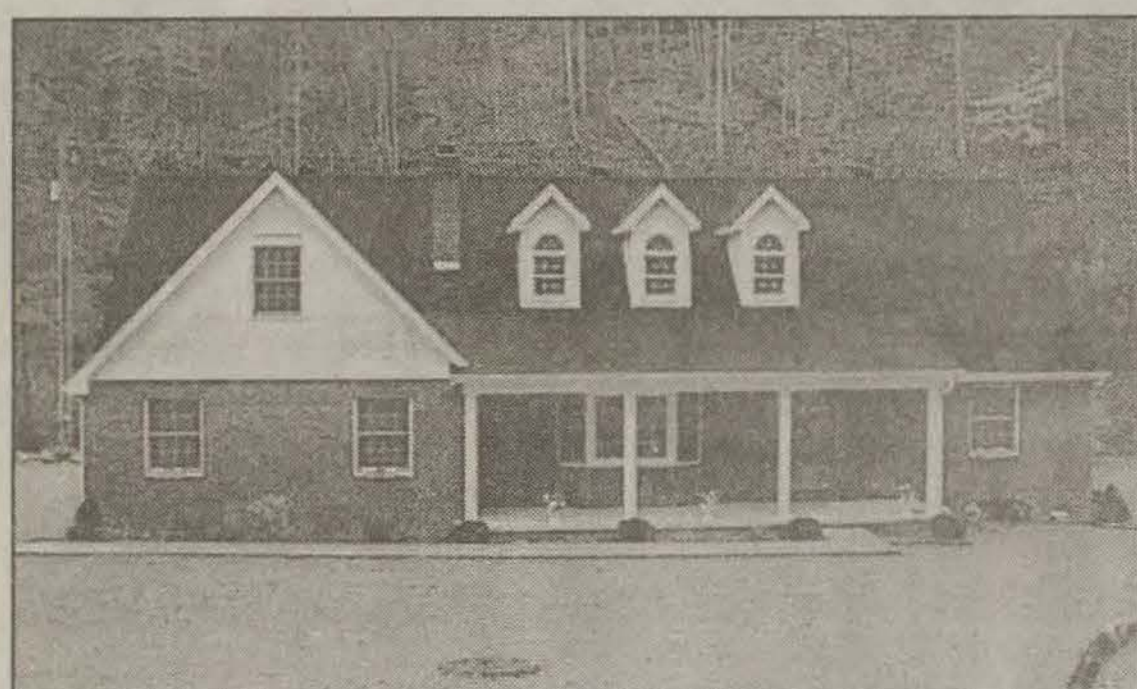
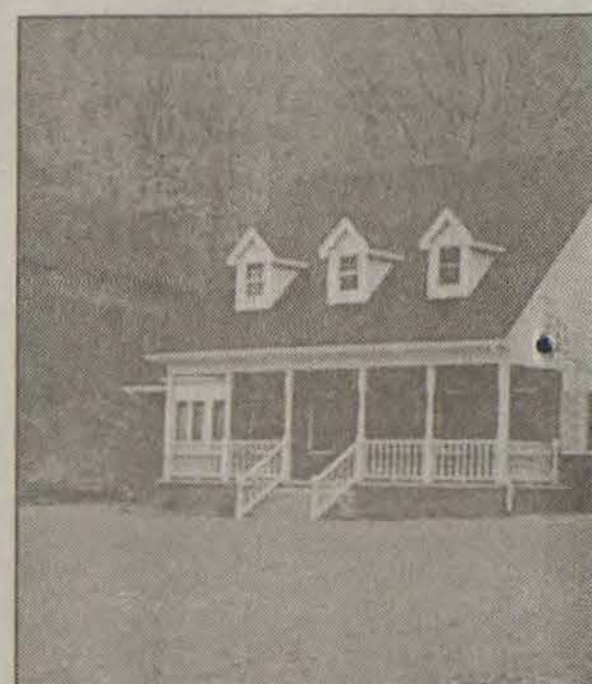
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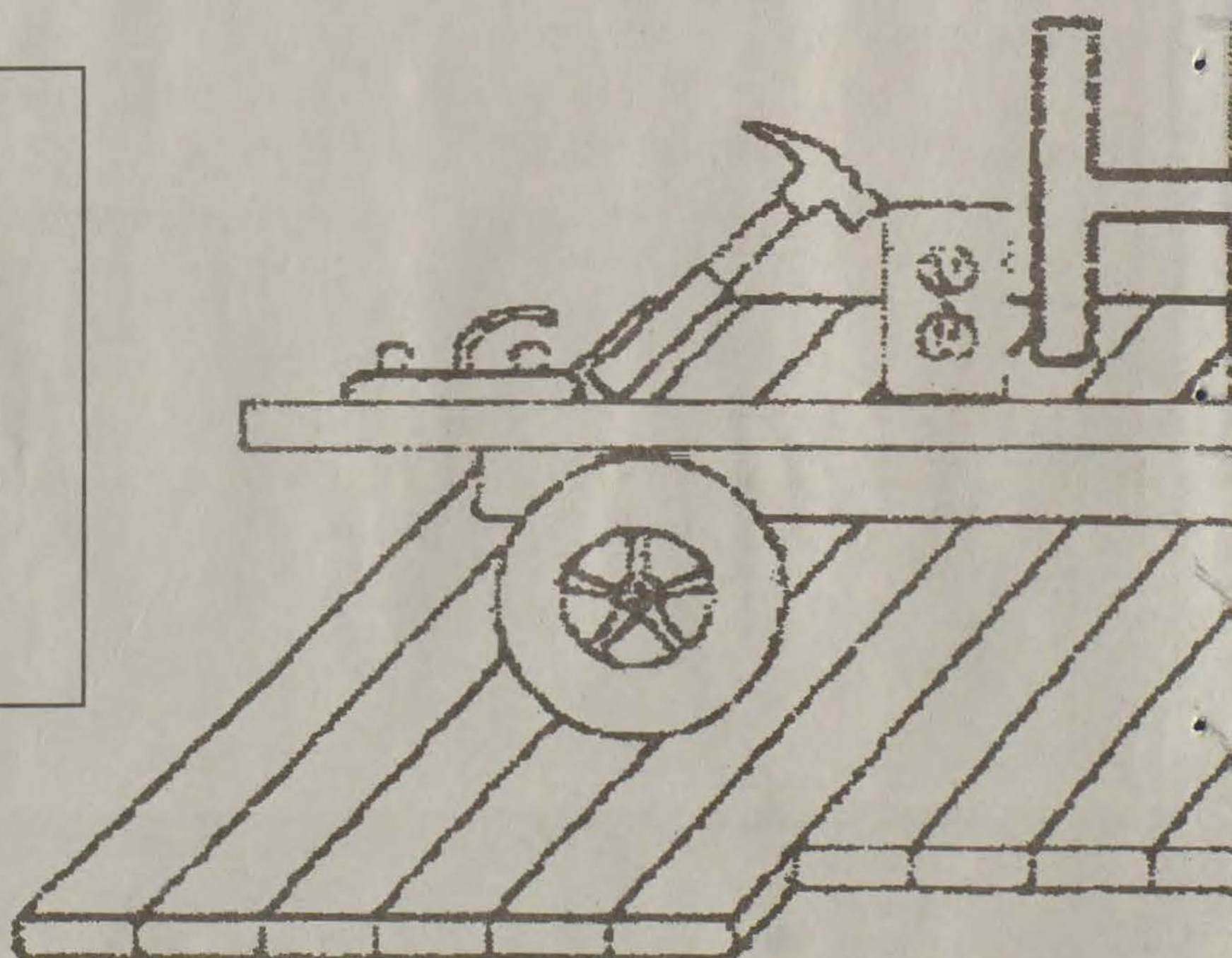
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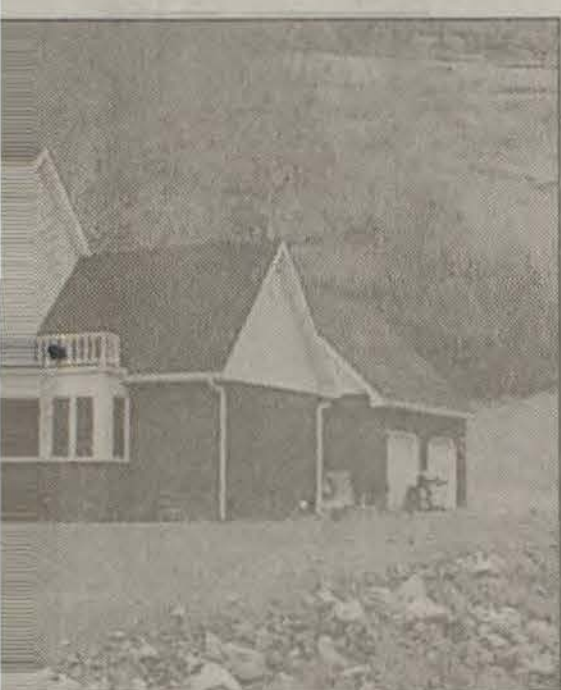
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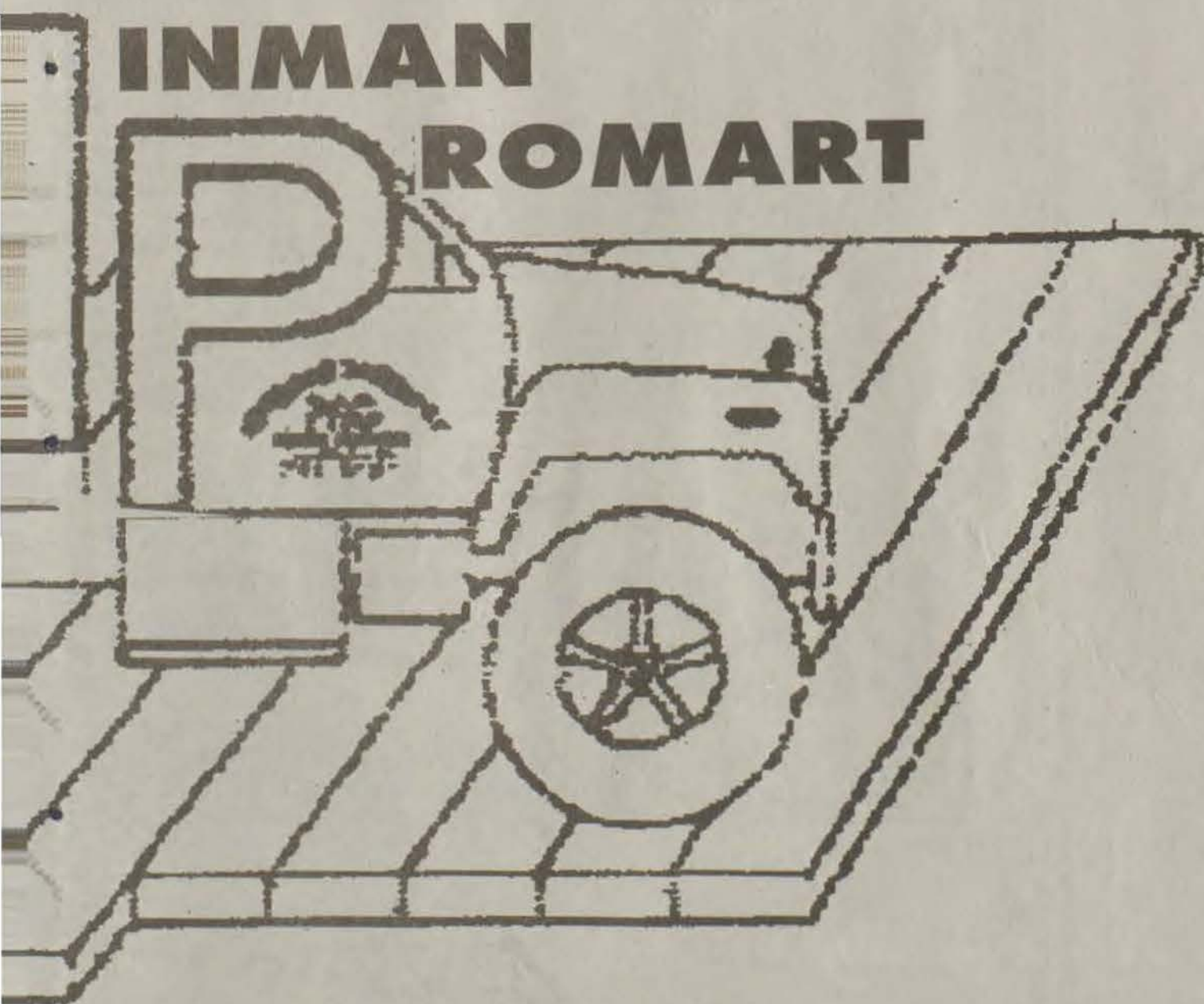
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At the end of its session, a Floyd County Grand Jury filed a postscript to its final report to Circuit Judge Hollie Conley. That addendum discussed the emptying of illegal intoxicants, seized during sheriff's raids, into the sewer system in front of the courthouse.

The grand jury recommended that another grand jury investigate "those responsible for it." The jury said the alcoholic beverages should be returned to the state so the county could receive the proper proportion of the money received from the sale of the intoxicants.

Lewis said that all such contraband that he seizes under the authority of a search warrant must be taken to the court which issued the warrant, but that whiskey or beer seized by him or his deputies from a transporter or a drunk, without a search warrant, remains in his possession and that he may dispose of it as he likes.

JURY DEADLOCK ENDS JONES MURDER TRIAL

Commonwealth testimony claimed Eddie Jones killed Lawrence Conley, Floyd deputy sheriff; defense witnesses contended he did not — and the Pike County Grand Jury, which sat in Jones' trial split straight down the middle, 6 to 6, on the issue.

The trial of Jones in January in the Pike Circuit Court required five days, and was one of the most sensational in years.

Armed officers dotted the courtroom crowd, and on one occasion, when the main witness against the defendant was ready to be heard, the hallways outside the courtroom were temporarily cleared and the witness was taken to the witness-chair under armed guard.

At the conclusion of the trial, attorneys on both sides agreed on one point — that a lot of lying had been going on, and Judge Venters said: "I have never seen a trial like this when so many people gave conflicting testimony."

Jones won his long fight for acquittal in March. After his second trial, an all-male jury of the Pike Circuit Court deliberated about two hours before returning the "not guilty" verdict.

A second murder indictment remained against Jones in the slaying of James Clayton Conley, but it was not expected to come to trial

because it was the weaker of the two indictments.

AROUND THE COUNTY

• After 98 days, a gas strike against Kentucky/West Virginia Gas Company ended in January.

• The ten-day search for 17-year-old Richard Hicks, who had been missing from his home at Garrett since January 20, ended January 30 at an abandoned Breathitt County coal tippie where his frozen body was found. Hicks had been shot in the head and chest. Arrested and charged with Hicks' murder were Ronnie Smith of Knott County and Clyde Watkins of Evanston. Smith later confessed to the murder.

In August, a Breathitt Circuit Court jury found Smith guilty of the murder of Hicks. He was given a life sentence in prison.

• Gary E. Johnson returned to Floyd County in February to become Floyd County's first full-time public defender. He had been in legal practice as a public defender before the Court of Appeals in Frankfort.

• Lack of water was blamed for the destruction of Twin Bridge Market at Martin in February. Just one week before a warehouse of the Tackett Furniture Company in New Allen was also destroyed when firefighters had only water carried in auxiliary tanks on their fire trucks.

• Woodland fires swept over an estimated 1,200 acres of Floyd County in March, and at the same time other blazes claimed a Middle Creek home and two mobile homes at Allen. Twenty-two fires were reported at one time in the county.

• Planning for the construction of KY 80 from Water Gap to Hazard was 70 percent complete in March.

• That American Indians lived among the hills of Floyd County for at least 10,000 years was among the findings of two Kentucky Heritage Commission archaeologists who concluded a three-week archaeological survey of the county in March.

• In May, six schools in the county went on six-day work week schedules due to the school days lost during winter storms in the earlier part of the year and flooding in April.

• Ground was broken in May to begin work on the new 116-bed Riverview Nursing Home near

Briarwood Addition.

• Auxier residents protested a proposed construction of an ammonium nitrate loading ramp in their community.

• A native of Wayland was among the 160 victims of a fire which swept through the Beverly Hills Supper Club at Southgate at the end of May.

• Approximately 9,000 union miners in the Pikeville District went on strike in July in protest of a cutback on UMW benefit funds. The cutbacks in benefits led to layoffs at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital. Miners picketed the Bureau for Social Insurance when their applications for food stamps were denied.

• For the second year in a row, David won top honors in village competition among numerous communities in the state. Noted in the presentation of the award as "the town that wouldn't die," David's community development club was cited for such activities during the past year as the distribution of a monthly newsletter to each household, recreation for all ages, social and educational programs establishment of a juvenile center, involvement of all home owners in decision-making, establishment of a new water system, and a day care program.

• Rail traffic in two sections of the county was brought to a standstill July 19 when fires broke out almost simultaneously on the Chessie System at two widely-separated points. The Midas tunnel near Hueysville was the first of the blazes reported. A fire partially destroyed a railway trestle across the Left Fork of Middle Creek at the mouth of Caney.

• The National Guard Amory on Auxier Road opened in September and was said to be one of the most modern armories in the state.

• Floyd County had in the six years preceding 1977 a population gain of 6,700 and ranked fifth in growth rate among the state's 120 counties.

• The Floyd County Times issued a plea in September for the preservation of Garfield Place, which was listed on the National Registry of Historic Places. The home was the temporary residence of General James A. Garfield, who became president of the United States.

• An Indiana man died in an accident on KY 114 in September. Sen. Jim Hammond was also injured in the accident.

• Official groundbreaking ceremonies for the construction of new KY 80 were held at Hazard.

• Groundbreaking ceremonies were held in November for the construction of a Prestonsburg Municipal Building.

• Wheelwright City Hall-fire department building was gutted in blaze in November. The fire occurred during a crime spree; four vehicles were stolen, four buildings were broken into and a Knott County man was shot.

• Work began on a \$3 million South Central Bell project to build a new building in Prestonsburg.

• The Prestonsburg Shoe Company, operated by the United States Shoe Company announced in November that it would close its doors in December. Officials cited "lack of profitability of plant operation and the need to meet competitive requirements" as the reason for closure of the Prestonsburg facility.

• An oil spill in the Big Sandy River in November brought a water famine to upper Floyd County. Areas affected included Harold, Mud Creek, Betsy Layne and Stanville.

• County Judge Henry Stumbo ended 38 years in a judicial capacity in November when he retired.

• All movement of coal on the Big Sandy Division of the Chessie System ended temporarily when workers went on strike. Cessation of rail shipment came on the same day that a trestle on Right Beaver Creek, above Wayland, was dynamited.

• Four rescue squads searched for two-year-old Kerry Eugene Johnson, who was missing after he was last seen throwing sticks into Beaver Creek. The child's body was found about 150 yards downstream from the spot where he slid into the creek.

A QUESTION OF SALARY

The Floyd Fiscal Court voted salary increases for its members. Salary was set at \$18,000 a year, and the salaries and fees of the jailer, county clerk and sheriff could not exceed that figure. Magistrates' salaries were set at \$12,000 per year, plus \$200 per month for expenses. Their salaries were

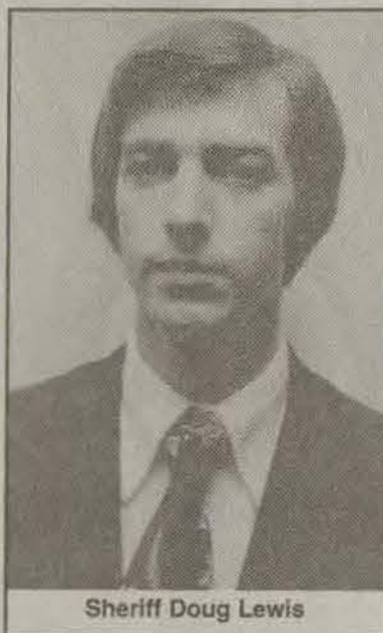
\$7,920 a year, plus \$200 per month for expenses. In June, the fiscal court voted unanimously to rescind its order raising magistrates' salaries, but agreed to increase their expense check from \$200 per month to \$400 per month. That raise was not included in the county's new budget.

The county as a governmental unit was paralyzed financially after the fiscal court declined to take action toward approving or rejecting the county budget for the new year.

No payments of county funds for any purpose, including salaries, could be made. After several hours of deliberation about one week later, the budget was passed, with a few changes, mostly in salaries and personnel cutbacks.

ELECTION NEWS

Most incumbents were winners in the May primary. The exceptions were in the magisterial races where magistrate Leroy Akers was defeated by Eddie Caudill and magistrate Dewey Roberts lost to Elder Hershel Hamilton.



Sheriff Doug Lewis

The race for sheriff was a close one. Doug Lewis received 4,767 votes. Henry C. Hale had 4,615 votes. Hale asked for a recount.

In the Magisterial District 4 race, Hershel Hamilton defeated Sandy Boyd. Boyd lost the election by only 20 votes. He filed suit in June alleging that "there was such fraud, intimidation, bribery or violence in the conduct of the ... election" that Hamilton cannot be

adjudged to have been fairly nominated. In the head of Mud precinct, Boyd, alleged, the votes recorded on the voting machine were ten more than the number of voters who signed the precinct signature book.

In August, Circuit Judge Hollie Conley dismissed the case.

In November's election, Doug Lewis won over Republican Hollie Barnett to become the youngest sheriff in the state. During the election, Allen residents voted to turn over ownership of their water system to the city of Prestonsburg.

AT THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE

The year's largest haul of illegal alcoholic beverages was made in January as sheriff's department officers raided a house on Salt Lick Creek, a few miles west of Hueysville.

Although no arrests were made at the time of the action, Sheriff Joe W. Lewis and Deputy Sheriffs Doug Lewis, Randall Lewis, Linzie Hunt and Ollie Leslie confiscated 2,602 cans and bottles of beer, 24 pints and 48 half-pints of wine and whiskey. The intoxicants were found at the home of an 84-year-old woman.

REGIONAL AIRPORT DEBATE

In a meeting at May Lodge in February of delegations from the five counties of the Big Sandy, Pike County representatives made it plain that they had money to build an airport at Cowpen and would do so if the five-county delegation did not chose a site for a regional airport.

The Pike County site proposal was countered by one from Martin County offering a site on the Martin-Floyd-Johnson border.

NEWSOME TERMS SET AT 15 YEARS

A Floyd Circuit Court jury which sat almost five days in the trial of John Henry Newsome and his daughters, Barbara, 16 and Gloria, 14, after five hours of deliberation in February held the three guilty of first degree manslaughter in the knife-slaying in 1967 of Gerald McBrayer, Prestonsburg merchant.

The panel of three women and nine men set the prison term of each at 15 years.

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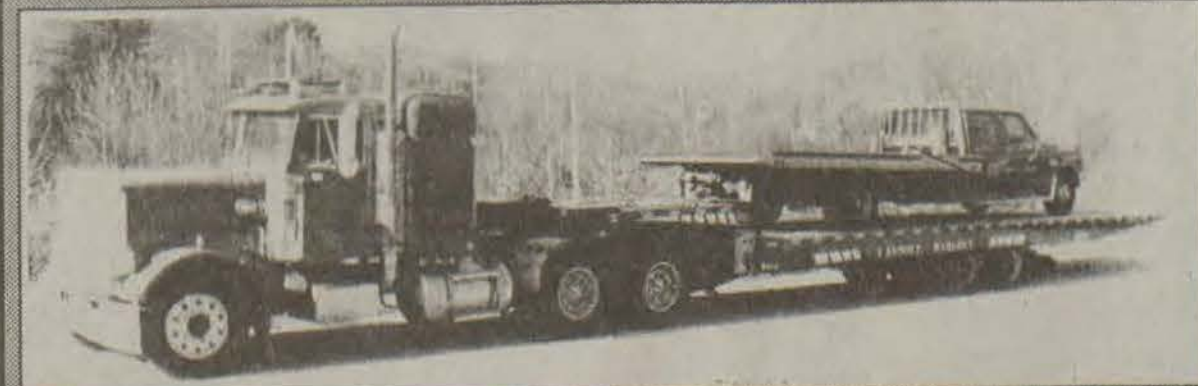
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A railway trestle at Middle Creek was partially destroyed by fire in July 1977.

HOSPITAL, THREE DOCTORS DEFENDANTS IN SUIT SEEKING \$1 MILLION

February 25 — A million-dollar malpractice suit was filed in circuit court February 17 by a Floyd County woman who contends that "reckless, careless and negligent"

Since dwindling federal, state and local financial support forced the layoff last January of more than 30 percent of the Prestonsburg-based agency's 302 employees, renewal of funding has remained in doubt.

Richard Stai, executive director of MCCC, said without additional support, as much as \$430,000 could be cut from the agency's total budget. "The cut-back would be mostly in salaries, unfortunately,"

Health in the 1970's

diagnosis and treatment following her injury in an auto wreck at Orkney in February 1975 kept her unaware for several months that she had sustained a skull fracture.

The plaintiff, Audrey Newsome, named as defendants the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital and three of its doctors, including Carlos Mereno, H. O. Uddok and Jose Cordero.

MEDICAL CENTER TO CLOSE NOTICE GIVEN

March 10 — The Highlands Medical Center began preparations Tuesday to close in the face of a threatened strike of union employees.

Its board of trustees and administrator announced that they had been notified by the National Union of Hospital and Health Care Employees and its subdivision 1199 W. Va. that a strike notice would be served.

(Two weeks later, an all-night negotiation resulted in a contract which averted the closing of the hospital.)

INFLUENZA NEAR EPIDEMIC STAGE

March 3 — Influenza, which spared Floyd county till long after other sections had been hit, attained epidemic proportions last week.

Although illness was more frequent in places where crowds gather, notably in the schools, all sections of the county have suffered in varying degree.

Prestonsburg High School, for example, had more than 200 of its 810 pupils absent last week, and seven teachers were ill. The percentage of absenteeism rose alarmingly near the 30 pct. mark set by the Floyd County Board of Education for the closing of a school.

The influenza is not the "killer type" such as the "swine flu" which is feared late this year, but is severe and has caused a number of deaths over the country.

Some of the school absenteeism may not have altogether been the result of influenza, it was surmised. "Absenteeism was worst during the state tournament," one educator admitted.

MOUNTAIN COMP. CARE SEES POSSIBLE CRISIS

April 28 — Mountain Comprehensive Care Center may be facing a second financial crisis since last year's major employee layoff, although agency representatives were conferring with Governor Julian Carroll in an effort to procure increased state funding.

Time Capsule

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When it was discovered that two or three players on the visiting team had been hit by pellets, Fleming-Neon coaches and school officials decided to call the game and go home.

The most serious wound sustained was that of a Fleming-Neon player who was struck by a pellet on the bridge of his nose.

MILLER SLAYING BELIEVED TRACED TO ASHTRAY FIND

(September) Two lipstick-stained cigarette butts may have cost a Floyd County resident his life last Thursday night.

Commonwealth Attorney James R. Allen said Monday that Mrs. Pearl Jean Miller, 44, of North Carolina, admitted last Thursday night, shortly after the death of her husband, Richard Byrd Miller, 46, of a revolver wound in the region of the heart, that the shooting stemmed from

the discovery of cigarette butts in an ashtray at her husband's trailer-home.

CORN SQUEEZIN'S...FUEL OF THE FUTURE

(October) Expressing concern over surpluses in corn crops and thus reduced prices to Kentucky's farmers, the Governor's Council on Agriculture last Wednesday urged members of the state's congressional delegation to explore the use of grain alcohol in operating automobiles.

FISH KILL ON LITTLE PAINT CREEK

(October) Little Paint Creek's fish population may have been wiped out by a week-end chemical spill which, residents say, has the odor of gasoline or kerosene. Smaller fish dotted the bottom of the stream, and the kill included several bass.

Conservation officers were notified but did not report their findings, if any.

COURT PUTS \$5 'LID' ON MONTHLY TV FEE

(October) Cable Television systems which are charging their customers more than \$5 a month may be in for trouble with the Floyd Fiscal Court.

FLOYD COUNTY TRIPLETS

(October) The first triplet births at Pikeville Methodist Hospital in several years were recorded Sept. 23 with the arrival of the Morgan triplets, two girls and a boy, children of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Anthony Morgan, of Harold.

1 WHO FLED FLOYD JAIL STILL FREE

(November) Only one of the seven prisoners who escaped the

Floyd County Jail early last Wednesday morning remained at large Tuesday morning after the surrender at the jail Monday of Ronnie Hall, 19, of Branham's Creek. The remaining fugitive is William Colvin, 25, of Paintsville.

TRUCK OCCUPANTS RESCUED FROM RIVER

(December) When Doug and Tavis Boyd attempted to drive their coal truck across the low water bridge at Ivel from Diamond Coal Company's tipple, Monday afternoon, the waters of a swollen Big Sandy River which had covered the bridge caught the truck broadside and pushed a front wheel off the span, leaving the truckers in a precarious position.

After being stranded in mid-river in their coal truck, they were bought to safety by Terry Trimble in a boat.

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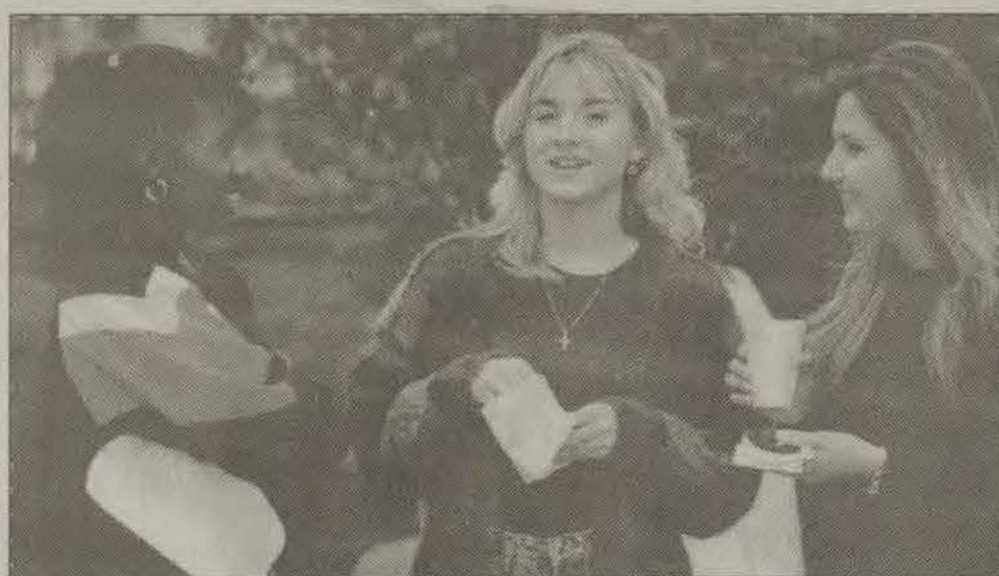
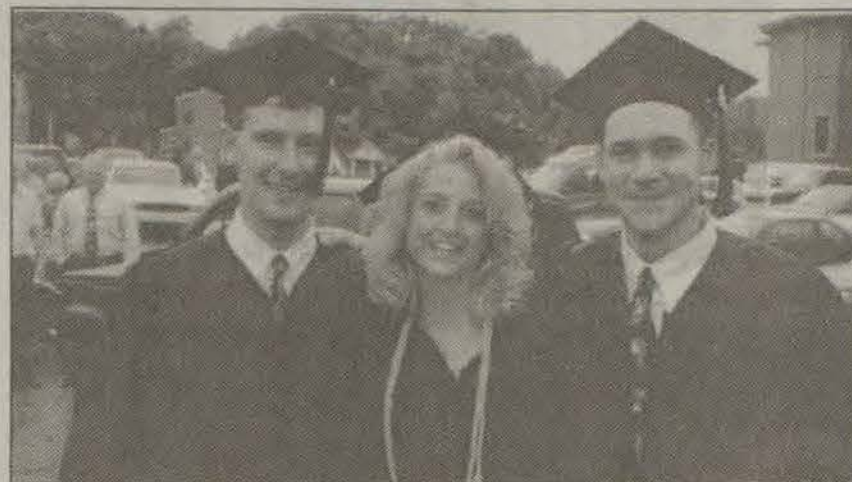
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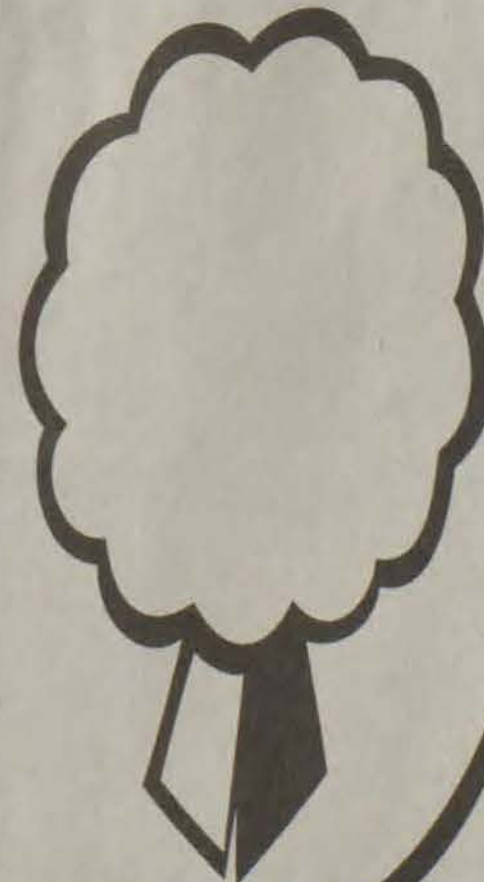
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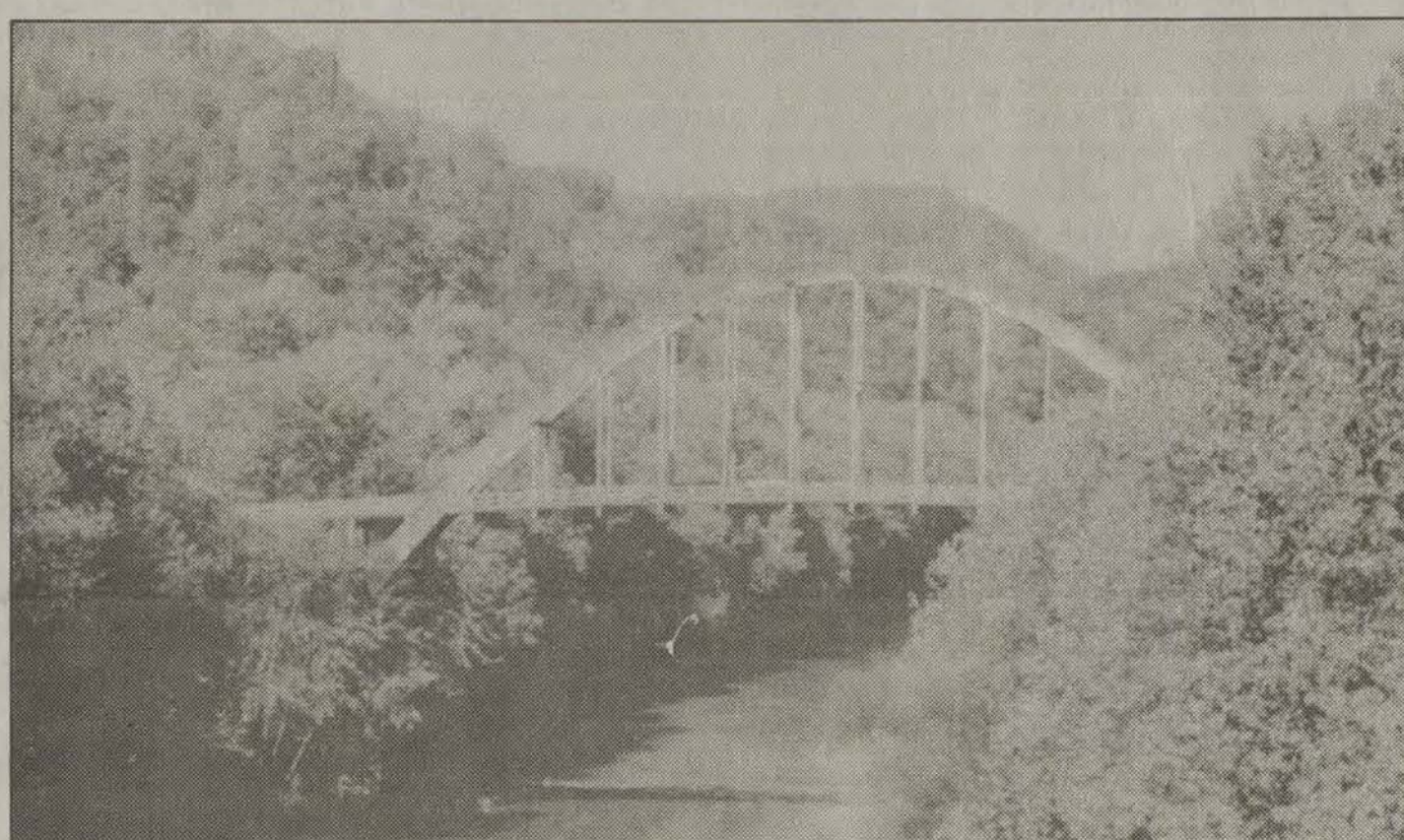
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Deborah L. Floyd
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INTRODUCTION

Dear Friends,

Many exciting things have occurred at Prestonsburg Community College during the past academic year as the college has built upon, and multiplied, its successes of the past five years. Through this process, the college seeks to meet the challenge of anticipating trends in delivery of higher education services.

In aggressively pursuing an ambitious vision, PCC is developing several innovative programs and initiatives to serve the educational needs of its students and the job-training and economic development needs of the community-at-large. Some of the highlights of the past year include:

- Students received nearly \$4.7 million in financial aid from external sources, and scholarships valued at a total of \$138,744 were awarded from various sources.
- The General Assembly adopted Governor Paul Patton's 1996-98 biennial budget, which contains \$5.5 million for a Classroom/Health Education Building-Phase I, to be constructed on the PCC campus in Prestonsburg.
- More than 140 new computers were installed at various sites on both campuses to create new instructional computer labs and expand existing ones.
- The Mobile Dental Hygiene Program admitted its first class of 14 students during the summer of 1995. As 12 of those students entered the second year of the program in the fall of 1996, a second class of 14 students began its first-year studies.
- More than 800 students have been involved in Service Learning since the program began at PCC in January 1995, providing more than 14,000 hours of assistance to various non-profit agencies.

We are proud of the progress we have made during the past year, as well as our plans for the future, and we would like to take an opportunity in this annual report to share some of them with you.

BACKGROUND

Prestonsburg Community College is a comprehensive community college dedicated to student success. One of 14 colleges in the University of Kentucky Community College System, the college's three-fold mission is to provide pre-baccalaureate education, technical and career programs, and continuing education/community service programs. PCC offers residents of its service area the opportunity to obtain a quality college education without leaving home, and meets the priority economic development needs of our service area in the process.

Located in the Big Sandy Valley of Eastern Kentucky, PCC has been a beacon of opportunity for the past 30 years for the 165,000 residents of the college's five-county primary service area. Beginning as a small institution with 322 students and 33 academic course offerings, PCC has grown to an enrollment of nearly 3,000 students each semester in more than 465 credit courses. More than 600 of those students attend classes at the Pike County Campus in Pikeville. In addition, more than 23,000 area residents are served annually through community service and continuing education activities.

STUDENT PROFILE

The typical PCC student looks and behaves differently today than he/she did 30 years ago. The typical student no longer comes to PCC fresh from high school to spend a couple of years going to college close to home before transferring to a four-year college. Today's typical student is more mature, likely has a few years experience in the job market and is seeking to upgrade specific knowledge/skills that will increase his/her value in the workforce.

Students currently enrolled at PCC range in age from 13 to 95, with an average age of about 25. More than two-thirds of PCC students are female and nearly 70 percent of them receive some kind of financial aid. More than 40 percent of them live in Floyd County while 25 percent are from Pike County. Johnson County accounts for 14 percent of PCC's current enrollment, Martin County 9 percent and Magoffin County 6 percent.

FINANCIAL AID/SCHOLARSHIPS

Because nearly 70 percent of the students attending PCC receive some type of financial aid, need-based scholarships and other types of financial assistance play a key role in assuring that potential students in the college's five-county service area are able to fulfill their dreams and goals. In 1995-96, PCC students received nearly \$4.7 million in financial aid from external sources.

In addition, PCC awarded scholarships valued at a total of \$138,744 in 1995-96 from the following sources:

- 41 scholarships, valued at \$25,697, from 10 endowments
- 16 scholarships from the General Scholarship Account valued at \$8,710
- 36 Presidential Excellence scholarships valued at \$16,503
- 894 student health fee scholarships valued at \$81,356 made possible by a grant from the Appalachian Regional Commission
- 29 scholarships from the Scholarships for Disadvantaged Grant valued at \$6,478

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FACULTY PROFILE

PCC has an outstanding, qualified, and caring faculty that is devoted to student success. The college also has a low faculty-student ratio — one faculty member for every 24 students — that allows for small classes with personalized attention.

And the personalized attention students receive comes from faculty who have an excellent command of the subject matter. Of 84 full-time faculty members employed by the college in 1995-96, more than two-thirds held a doctorate or a master's plus one year.

ACADEMIC OFFERINGS

PCC offers Associate in Arts (AA) and Associate in Science (AS) degrees to pre-baccalaureate students who satisfactorily complete a prescribed transfer curriculum including specified general studies requirements.

The college also offers an Associate in Applied Science (AAS) degree to students who satisfactorily complete the requirements of a career program in one of the following fields:

- Business Technology
Accounting Option
Management Option
Management Information Systems Option
Real Estate Management Option
Office Systems Option
- Nursing
- Dental Hygiene

**PCC's Health Education
& Wellness initiatives
are one of the cornerstones
of the college's vision
for the future.**

Classroom/Health Education Building-Phase I

At the heart of PCC's Health Education & Wellness initiatives is a proposed facility called the Regional Center for Health Education & Wellness. Plans for this facility took a giant step toward becoming a reality when the General Assembly adopted Governor Paul Patton's 1996-98 biennial budget, which contains \$5.5 million for a Classroom/Health Education Building-Phase I, to be constructed on the PCC campus in Prestonsburg.

This project is especially noteworthy because it is the first building in the state designed to be shared by a UK community college (PCC) and a regional university (Morehead State University). In the original, separate, capital budget requests, PCC had requested bonding authority for a new Classroom/Health Education Building and MSU had requested funds to enter into a lease-purchase agreement with the City of Prestonsburg for a new classroom building. Against this backdrop, Dr. Floyd and MSU President Ronald Eaglin entered into an agreement to pursue a collaborative initiative. Governor Patton, with legislative support, placed this project on his priority list and, with strong support from Rep. John Will Stacy of West Liberty and Rep. Gregory Stumbo of Prestonsburg, it was funded.

Currently, PCC and MSU are in the process of designing a building and it is anticipated that an additional \$10.8 million will be needed to complete a facility that will accommodate the combined instructional needs of the two institutions. That funding will be requested from the state legislature. When completed, this facility will serve as a permanent home for the college's Health Education & Wellness initiatives, the Wellness Center, the Student Health Clinic, and all existing and proposed Allied Health programs, as well as for MSU's Big Sandy Extended Campus Center in Prestonsburg. This will make it possible for PCC and MSU to offer a seamless educational program for all students in the Big Sandy Valley who want to pursue a bachelor's or master's degree from Morehead State.

Student Health Clinic

The PCC Student Health Clinic, the first facility of its kind located on a community college campus in Kentucky, opened in January 1995 in renovated quarters in the Johnson Administration Building. Operation of this facility is funded by a student health fee paid by all full-time students and a \$355,420 grant received in October 1994 from the Appalachian Regional Commission.

- During its first year of operation the clinic logged more than 2,000 visits from nearly 800 different students.
- During the fiscal year July 1995 through June 1996, a total of 3,731 visits were made to the clinic. This figure includes 650 patients who had not been seen in a prior year.
- 87 percent of the patients seen during the past fiscal year were women.

This facility provides basic health care services free of charge to PCC students who pay the health fee, many of whom have no health insurance coverage and cannot afford it. Student health fee scholarships are available for students who cannot otherwise afford to pay the fee. These scholarships are funded by \$144,375 from the ARC grant received to fund operation of the clinic. Proceeds of the ARC grant also were used to subsidize various operating expenses of the clinic as well as the salary of a mental health prevention worker. Remaining grant proceeds were used to purchase medical supplies, furniture, and office supplies, including computer equipment and software, for the clinic.

Telemedicine Conference Room

In October 1995, a Telemedicine Conference Room became operational, permitting the staff of the Student Health Clinic to consult via interactive compressed video technology with physicians at the University of Kentucky Medical Center and other sites equipped with telemedicine capability. This facility, also the first of its kind in the University of Kentucky Community College System, was equipped using \$91,307 from the ARC grant for the Student Health Clinic.

*"I'm glad for the opportunity.
I'm glad I didn't have to go
away for an education. It's
been a wonderful experience
so far."*

Jeff Dye, second-year
Dental Hygiene student
McDowell



Jeff Dye of McDowell, a second-year dental hygiene student, practices on a fellow student.

Mobile Dental Hygiene Program

The Mobile Dental Hygiene Program is PCC's newest Allied Health program. This program, housed in renovated quarters in the Johnson Administration Building, admitted its first class of 14 students during the summer of 1995 for a two-year program that will prepare them for employment as dental hygienists. During the summer of 1996, the program admitted its second class of 14 students.

The program originally was scheduled to admit two classes, and complete their training before moving to another site to prevent the local job market from becoming saturated. Based on response to an employer survey conducted in early 1996, the college now plans to ask that the program remain at PCC for one more year and admit a third class.

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Wellness Center

The PCC Wellness Center, which opened more than three years ago and was expanded in late 1994 and early 1995, offers many of the same services as commercial fitness facilities at substantially lower cost and makes its full range of services available to the public.

- This facility, which offers the use of fitness machines and free weights, as well as courses in aerobics and karate, logged 16,297 visits during the 1995 calendar year by PCC students and employees, as well as the general public.
- During the fiscal year July 1995 through June 1996, the Wellness Center logged 17,517 visits, compared with 9,356 visits during the previous fiscal year.
- Since it opened in August 1993, the Wellness Center has logged a total of 29,695 visits.
- Currently 1,074 individuals currently hold memberships in the Wellness Center.

Students and employees are allowed to use the facilities free of charge. Others can enroll by paying a nominal per-semester or per-visit fee with re-enrollment required each semester.

Riverwalk

The Riverwalk, a one-kilometer paved walking track along the banks of the Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy River on the PCC campus, has become a regular part of the exercise and fitness routines of thousands of area residents who use the facility from before dawn until well after dark daily. It was completed in 1993 to quickly respond to some of the community's basic health and wellness concerns. The track was constructed and equipped entirely with private donations of nearly \$140,000.



Chris Fleming, PCC Wellness instructor, leads seniors in chair aerobics at the Prestonsburg Senior Citizens Center

Health & Wellness Courses

The success of the health and wellness courses is evident as they are extremely popular among PCC's student body.

- During the 1995 Fall term, 23 percent of PCC students were enrolled in health and wellness classes.
- The college also taught a total of 88 credit and non-credit courses in health and wellness fields, serving a total of 1,333 students.
- This total breaks down into 646 students enrolled in 45 credit courses in health and wellness fields and an additional 687 students enrolled in 43 non-credit courses in these fields.

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New Programs

To respond fully to both the demand for allied health career education and the health needs of the residents of the Big Sandy Valley, PCC proposes to add new programs to its health and wellness initiatives. With the Mobile Dental Hygiene Program in its second year, proposals for three new mobile allied health programs have been approved and recommended by the PCC faculty. They are:

- Clinical Laboratory Technician
- Occupational Therapy Assistant
- Physical Therapy Assistant

Before these new programs can be implemented, PCC must secure an additional \$510,000 to pay the personnel and equipment costs associated with the three programs. Once the necessary funding is obtained, the new program proposals must be approved by the UK Board of Trustees, then by the state Council on Higher Education.

Current plans call for the new programs to be housed temporarily in renovated quarters in the Johnson Administration Building until they can be moved into the new Classroom/Health Education Building to be constructed on the PCC campus.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS & TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVES

PCC is making an aggressive effort to bring college to students as well as students to college. With that goal in mind, PCC's Telecommunications and Technology agenda includes development of technology and curricula for courses to be delivered via state-of-the-art distance-learning technology, as well as acquiring the equipment and other facilities to provide students, faculty and staff, as well as the general public, access to such computer-based services as e-mail and the World Wide Web. In addition, funding is being sought for replacement of the college's outdated telephone system.

Distance Learning

The college is making great strides forward in acquisition of state-of-the-art distance-learning technology, which holds great promise for helping small, rural institutions such as PCC make the most efficient use of their limited resources to deliver courses to students outside a conventional classroom setting.

- As a participant in the Kentucky TeleLinking Network, based at UK, PCC has been a pioneer in utilization of distance-learning technology.
- For several years, PCC has served as a host for various telecourses offered by Kentucky Educational Television via satellite or the local KET station in Pikeville.
- Additional telecourses have been taught by PCC faculty members through the cooperative use of facilities of local cable television systems.
- During the Fall of 1995, PCC began offering a doctoral program in education, as well as various in-service and continuing education programs, via interactive compressed video technology. This technology was installed on the Prestonsburg campus with a \$60,000 grant from the STAR Schools Program of the U.S. Department of Education.
- Prior to the beginning of the Fall 1996 semester, a second distance-learning classroom, also utilizing compressed video technology, was installed and began operating on the Pike County campus. This facility was funded by a portion of a \$115,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Electrification Administration.
- A portion of the same \$115,000 grant is to be used to replace an obsolete mechanical telephone switch which continues to hinder full development of PCC's distance-learning technology, and other computer-based technology relying upon telephone lines, at PCC.

Instructional Computer Laboratories

While developing the technology to fully realize its distance-learning potential, PCC continues to seek the equipment, facilities and training to permit students, faculty and staff to access more conventional computer-based telecommunications technology, such as e-mail and the Internet.

- During the past five years, PCC has used funding from a variety of sources to equip a number of classrooms and laboratories on both campuses with computers that have e-mail and Internet capabilities. These include a business technology classroom on the Prestonsburg campus that was furnished with \$57,500 in equipment allocations and federal Title II funds and a math computer lab on the Prestonsburg campus that was equipped with \$20,000 from the National Science Foundation.
- Also during that period, the college reallocated existing resources to equip an interdisciplinary Alternative Learning Center (computer lab) in the library on the Prestonsburg campus. This facility makes computers accessible to students, faculty and staff who do not have access to them elsewhere.
- The \$228,000 generated for PCC by a new technology fee implemented by the UK Community College System for the 1996-97 academic year has enabled the college to equip new computer labs and expand existing ones.
- From the money generated by the technology fee, approximately \$98,931 was spent on the first-year payment on a 36-month lease for \$307,000 worth of computers, file servers and laser printers for six instructional labs.
- This money funded improved instructional support for students in PCC's developmental programs by paying for installation of a 22-station English lab, a 22-station reading lab, and a 22-station math lab in Prestonsburg, as well as a 22-station computing center in Pikeville, which incorporates English/reading/math lab and library access environments.
- The technology fee also paid for replacement of a 22-station computer lab in the Magoffin Learning Resource Center in Prestonsburg and expansion of the ALC computing center, as well as additional replacement computers, in the library on the Prestonsburg campus. These two labs are open to all students who do not otherwise have access to a computer.
- An additional \$24,573 from the technology fee has been used, or is earmarked for use, to purchase hardware to support the new and upgraded computer labs and for memory upgrades for existing computers.
- Funding from this source also has been used for related hardware needed to support computer labs and distance-learning classrooms on both the Prestonsburg and Pikeville campuses. It also provides access to on-line services such as e-mail and the Internet.
- The technology fee also provides funds to help pay the salary of one new technical position required to maintain and repair computers and related technology.
- It also provides funds to be used to purchase supplies and establish a holding account to pay for new software as needed.

Administrative Computing System

During the past summer, an obsolete minicomputer system used for administrative functions on the Prestonsburg campus was replaced when the UK Community College System allocated \$150,000 for replacement of an IBM System 36, on which maintenance and repairs had become cost-prohibitive, with a new IBM AS/400 system for administrative and office support functions. This project includes computers and related hardware and software which should streamline the college's registration, scheduling, payroll and billing functions, and increase the efficiency of services rendered to students, employees and vendors.

Regional Classroom & Technology Center

The Regional Classroom & Technology Center, to be constructed at an estimated cost of \$5.45 million, was ranked No. 21 on UK's capital projects priority list for the 1996 session of the General Assembly, but was not funded for the 1996-98 biennium.

- As proposed, this is an instructional facility that will be located in Pike County to better serve the growing demand for community college education and services in that area.
- Currently, more than 600 students attend classes each semester in PCC's limited facilities in Pikeville.
- Admissions Office statistics show that approximately 95 percent of the students attending classes on the Pikeville campus are residents of Pike County.

The future of the existing facilities in Pikeville is clouded by the fact of their continuing structural deterioration and the ever-increasing cost of keeping those facilities in compliance with safety and health codes/standards. For example, \$100,000 recently was spent to install a sprinkler system, replace outside doors, and renovate bathrooms and plumbing on the Pikeville campus.

PCC will concentrate on business, computer and technological occupations in this facility to address workforce development needs of local business and industry.

The current facilities in Pikeville house a new 24-station computing lab and a compressed video distance-learning classroom, and a new telephone system is planned. However, the kind of communications infrastructure necessary to accommodate a significant expansion of this kind of technology will severely tax the existing physical plant. The proposed Regional Classroom & Technology Center will house vital instructional space and student services, as well as distance-learning, job training and retraining, consultation and small business entrepreneurial programs. This will be a multi-use, multi-purpose facility that will be utilized by the college and the community.

SERVICE LEARNING

PCC's Service Learning Program is one of only eight pilot programs nationwide which were launched in January 1995 with grants of \$12,000 each from the American Association of Community Colleges' Corporation for National Service.

- In August 1995, the PCC Service Learning Program received a \$9,600 Year Two grant to continue funding the program through August 31, 1996.
- Since the program began at PCC, more than 800 students have been involved in Service Learning, providing more than 14,000 hours of assistance to various non-profit agencies in the communities served by the college.
- During the 1996 Spring Semester, 19 faculty members offered service learning in 24 unique courses and 55 sections.
- The Service Learning Program sponsored PCC's first Diversity Fair, with the theme: "Celebrating Diversity." Plans were announced to make this an annual event.
- PCC hosted a regional service learning conference in May 1996. It was attended by about 50 students, faculty, program coordinators and others from Kentucky and surrounding states.



Monika Majmundar performed the Peacock Dance, a dance done in India to celebrate special occasions, during PCC's first Diversity Fair.



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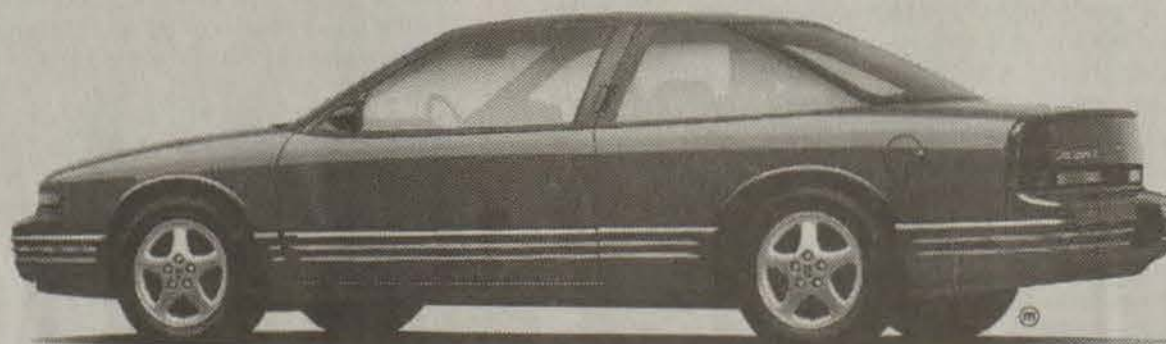
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In an effort to promote fellowship, citizenship and service to the community — in addition to academic excellence — PCC sponsors several student organizations that seek to instill in students the qualities of civic and professional leadership. Following is a list of student organizations that were active at PCC during 1995-96:

- **Baptist Student Union** — the BSU's purpose is to provide inspirational leadership and religious education for its members. The BSU focuses on student participation and is open to all interested individuals on campus.
- **Kentucky Association of Nursing Students** — the PCC chapter of KANS serves to promote fellowship and community involvement among students in PCC's Associate Degree Nursing program.
- **Phi Beta Lambda** — the Delta Alpha Mu chapter of PBL at PCC is the local affiliate of the national post-secondary business education honorary. Any PCC student with an interest in business may join, whether or not they have a business major.
- **Phi Theta Kappa** — the Alpha Nu Zeta chapter of PTK, the International Honor Society for two-year colleges, at PCC recognizes and encourages scholarship among two-year college students by providing opportunity for the development of leadership and service, for an intellectual climate for exchange of ideas and ideals, for lively fellowship for scholars, and for stimulation of interest in continuing academic excellence.
- **Students Academically Supporting Successful Years** — SASSY is a campus organization geared toward non-traditional students. Its mission is to provide support services and fellowship for non-traditional students at PCC. Membership is open to any non-traditional PCC student who would like to give and receive support services and fellowship.
- **Student Government Association** — the SGA is made up of the elected representatives of the PCC Student Body. The SGA expresses the opinion of the Student Body on a variety of student affairs issues and organizes social events for students on campus.
- **Students Together Empowering People** — S.T.E.P. is a new student organization with the motto: "Making a Difference in the Big Sandy Valley," which has been established to promote community service, citizenship, social responsibility and community advocacy. Most S.T.E.P. members are students in PCC's Service Learning program, but membership is open to all full- and part-time students.

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*SOURCE: University of Kentucky Financial Report, With Supplemental Information on Prestonsburg Community College, For the Year Ended June 30, 1996

Capital Construction & Renovation	\$7,865,000
Technology & Telecommunications	740,000
Health Education & Wellness	1,061,081
Instruction/Support & Other	914,892
General Scholarships	146,486
Endowments	45,974
Other Objectives (Privately funded)	185,265
Total	\$10,958,698

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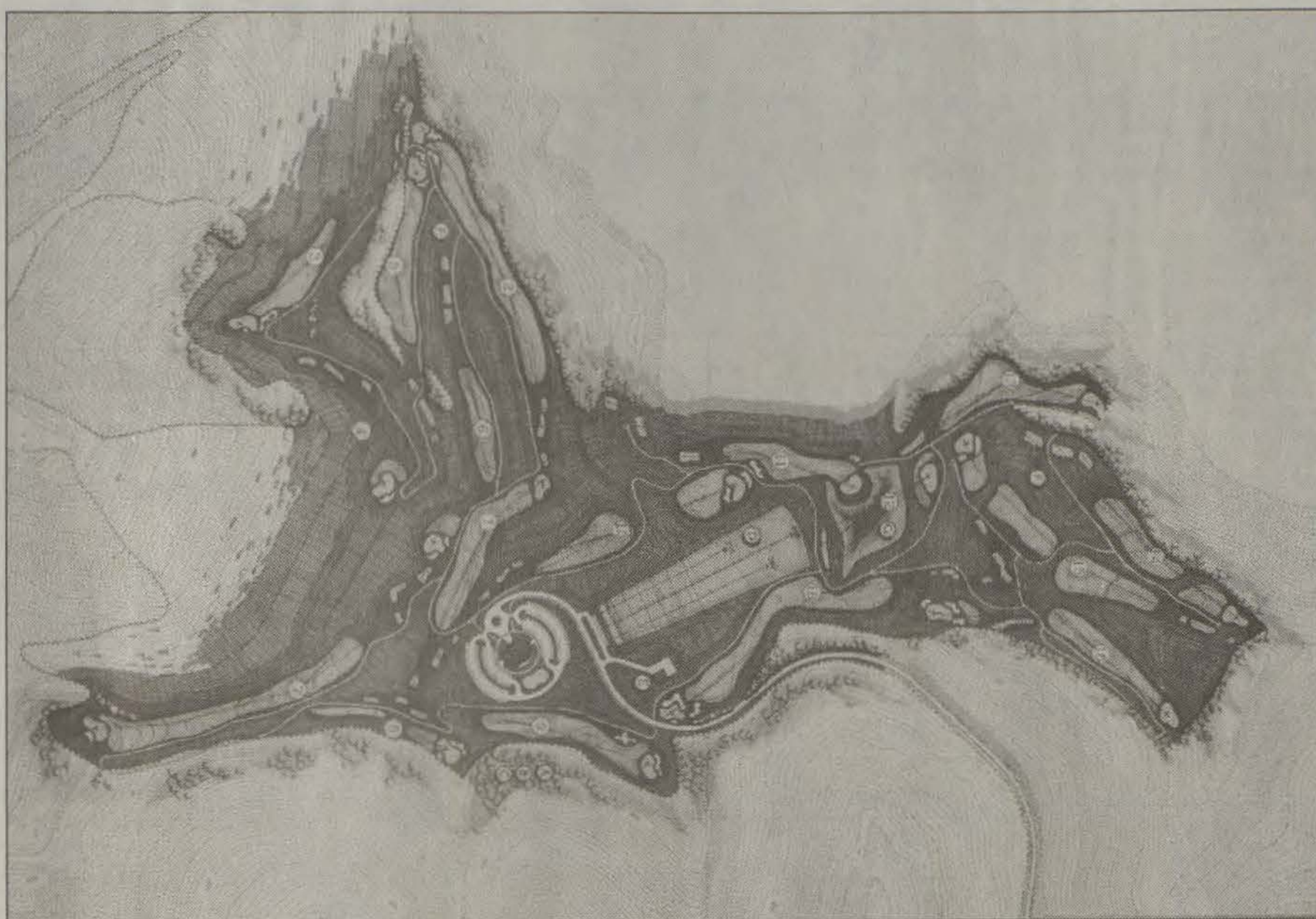


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