


**Monuments of Character
Also Cemetery Lettering**

**Billy McHargue
Cox Funeral Home
Mount Vernon, Kentucky**



RED HILL

We are glad to report Mrs. George Hurley able to be out again after having a very serious operation.

Pfc. Harold Burchell Clark of Camp Lejeune, N. C. is spending the holidays with his father Joe Clark and family.

Kenneth Mobley is continued with measles at this time.

Pfc. F. L. McDaniel is back from Korea and is spending the holidays with his wife Rachel and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elihu McDaniel and sister at

WITHERS

Mrs. Vivian Saylor who is employed at Stanford spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. Nell Cummins and family.

Mrs. Elizabeth Weaver has been very ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Mullins and son Freddie visited Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Mink Sunday.

Mrs. Byrd Cummins was in

Mt. Vernon Saturday Christmas shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Pender and Cornelia Short and Wilma Stockmeyer visited Mr. and Mrs. Emmitt Mullins Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Mink and son Garry visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Mink Sunday.

Mr. W. F. Mink, Gene Mink and Estell Mullins was at Stephensburg, Ky., Saturday night to attend a Lodge meeting.

Bennie Cummins visited Dale and Kieth Singleton at Conway Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill T. Mullins were in Mt. Vernon Saturday.

We had a nice Christmas tree and play at our Sunday school

held at Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Mink's home Sunday. A lot of nice presents were received.

Mr. Byrd Cummins who is employed on the L & N railroad is home with his family spending Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Junier French from Livingston visited Mrs. Mary French Sunday.

Miss Betty Jean Cummins and Mr. Glen Burke attended the show at Mt. Vernon Sunday night.

Miss Patsy Ann Mullins spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Casper Mullins.

Money Edd, Dee J. and Henry P. Cummins are spending the Christmas week with their mother, Mrs. Nell Cummins.

Anna Bell and Lula Cummins spent Saturday night with their grandmother, Mrs. W. F. Mink.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Cummins still remains about the same.

Mr. and Mrs. Casper Mullins and son Cline were in Mt. Vernon Saturday, Christmas shopping.

Mr. Avaria Jones from Livingston was in our community Sunday afternoon.

Elsie Miller visited her grandmother, Mrs. W. F. Mink Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Casper Mullins and son Cline were Sunday guests of her brother, W. F. Mink.

W. F. Mink, Gene Mink and Bernice Cummins visited Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Waddle and boys Saturday.

Henry F. Cummins was in Clynax Saturday night to see Miss Betty Barnett.

We have our deepest sympathy for the Lauder milk family.

Dee J. Cummins was in Mt. Vernon Monday.

broken hip.

The people of the Baptist church driving names will have a Xmas tree at the church building Dec. 24th.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Saylor and sons, Mrs. Willie Bailey and Mrs. Myrtle Miller spent last Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Roy L. Cope.

Mrs. Mary Wallin is ill.


Mrs. Rome Graves, Mrs. Ola Bullock and Mrs. E. Price are among the ill.

Mrs. Lorene Graves has moved near here.

The school pupils will enjoy a Xmas tree-December the 23rd.

To the Editor, the Signal staff and the readers, a very Merry Xmas and a prosperous New Year.

**Greetings
OF THE
SEASON**



**Vernon Theatre
MT. VERNON, KENTUCKY**

Merry Christmas Folks

**THANKS to OUR THOUSANDS
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**Hilton's 5 & 10
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**Merry Christmas
and a
HAPPY
NEW
YEAR**



**MAGGARD SUNDRY
W. E. DILLINGHAM
Brodhead, Ky.**

**GREETINGS
at
Christmas**

May the kindly light of love and friendship lead you on through the Yule Holidays to many years of good fortune and happiness.




**R. C. Anderson, Agent
BRODHEAD, KENTUCKY
AMERICAN NATIONAL INSURANCE**

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The Greetings
of the Season**



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CHRISTMAS**



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May joy and happiness enfold your household during the coming Christmas season and throughout the New Year.



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**Christmas
Greetings**



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MT. VERNON, KENTUCKY

WABD

A-1 Roy Harold Norton returned to Lockland Air Force Base Monday after spending a 30 day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Norton.

Mr. Homer Scott spent a few days last week with his family.

Miss Bernell Norton is spending the holidays with her mother Mrs. Bill McKinney and family.

Mrs. Ted Messer who works in Lancaster Sunday night, with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Scott.

Mr. Owen Norton of Ohio was here for the week-end with relatives.

Miss Bethada Norton, who works at Danville was with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Norton over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Scott were in Somerset Monday shopping.

G. I. LEAVE BONDS

The Treasury Department has advised that thousands of WW II veterans still have not cashed more than \$51 million in terminal leave bonds. The last series of these bonds matured on October 1, 1951, five years after they were issued.

The bonds no longer earn interest and the veteran should be advised that rather than continue to hold the bonds they should reinvest in U. S. Savings Bonds, which would earn appreciable interest.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Your Sinclair Station
Curtis & Everett Bradley
Brodhead, Ky.
Goodyear Tires and
Autolite Batteries.



**Holiday
Greetings**

**S. J. Owens
Groceries - Meats -
Vegetables
Brodhead, Ky.**



FAIRVIEW

Rev. Ballard Rader filled his regular appointment at Fairview over the week-end with a good attendance. There were 123 in Sunday school and we are thankful for each one of them. Hope we can have more next Sunday. There was a short Christmas program before preaching services Sunday night, by the Juniors and the Card class with Miss Betty Wren and Mrs. Lillian Thomas in charge. We are thankful for these good teachers and all these wonderful children. We also thank Mrs. Robert Dunn who furnished the music. May God Bless each one of them.

Funeral services for Mrs. Mounce of Berea were held at the Fairview church 31 Sunday afternoon. She was laid to rest in the Fairview cemetery. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved family.

Mrs. Larry Dickerson is visiting her father, Mr. Park Thomas and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Stephens and family and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stephens and family of Scaffold Cane attended church at Fairview Sunday night.

Mr. Eugene Thomas suffered a heart attack last Tuesday night and is now improving in the Berea hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Chastan attended church at Macedonia Saturday night.

We are sorry to hear of the death of little Jimmy, seven year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Byrd. The family has our deepest sympathy, and let's all pray that God will comfort their hearts in this hour of bereavement.

Friends as we come into this Christmas season, let's all celebrate it the way God wants us to. It's the birthday of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, so let's do something for him on that day. If there is a needy family near you, share some of your gifts and food with them. It will make them feel good and God will be pleased with you. Just remember to thank God for his son and what he means to you. Don't forget to pray for the lost the world over. And I hope each

of you will have a nice Christmas.

BURR

Supper guests of Mrs. Maggie Frederick were Mrs. W. E. Scarborough, daughters Margaret and Myrene, sons Millard and Bill. They were enroute to their home in Blaine, Tenn.

Mr. and Mrs. Margie Jones and children of Crab Orchard stopped to see her mother, Mrs. Nora Bell, Sunday.

Several around Burr have colds due to the zero weather we had last week.

Mrs. Maggie Frederick left Sunday to spend Christmas with her children in Hamilton, Ohio.

We were sorry to hear that Aunt Martha Bullock passed away. All her relatives have our deepest sympathy. The little daughter of Mr.

and Mrs. Lottie Mink is better. Little Lester Bell has the flu.

Miss Kathlene Childress is spending Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Childress and family in Ohio.

Ohio.



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We all wish to extend to you Christmas greetings and good will, and may boundless Holiday cheer be yours. To our ever-widening circle of friends we are especially grateful this year.

John W. Griffin

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Saturday, December 26th

to give our employees a three-day Christmas Holiday

We'll be back Monday refreshed and relaxed to help you make any exchanges that are necessary

May Your Christmas Be Filled To Overflowing

Classified Ads

FOR SALE

We have a full line of both room fixtures in stock all sizes of pipe and fittings to do your job complete. See us for the best price in town.

Gentry's Plumbing Supply, Mt. Vernon. 24ntf

For Sale: John Deere Automatic wire the baler, late model. Cheap. L. B. Bruner, Lancaster, Ky. Ph. 658J 40ntf

Ready for immediate delivery—corn binders, combination corn shucker and shredders, cheap. Grain drills, hay rakes, and balers. Can furnish any piece of equipment wanted on request. L. B. Bruner, Lancaster, Kentucky Phone 658J 52ntf

All Makes of new used farm machinery and industrial equipment. L. B. Bruner, Lancaster, Kentucky Phone 658J 52ntf

Corn planters, tractor and horse drawn, 1 Ferguson corn planter, like new, tobacco cutters, all makes, one Holland automatic setter, combines, threshing machines, grain binders, all sizes and makes, New Holland hay baler, stationary baler, One New Holland power take off side rake, like new, 1 New Idea side rake, lots of side and dump rakes, Fertilize sprayers, cutpackers, mowers, etc. Excellent detailing. all sizes. Bishops Army Store, Broghead, Ky. 7ntf

For sale: Typewriter ribbons All kinds. Signal Office.

For sale: Markwell Stapling machines. All sizes. Good for any kind of stapling work. Signal Office.

For sale: Adding machine tape. Signal Office.

FOR SALE: 1940 Ford, 2 door radio, heater, seat covers, nice inside and out. See Kenneth Cromer, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 8x2p - ntf

FOR SALE: A Coleman oil heater, like new, 5 rooms, with blower, which greatly decreases oil consumption. 55 gal. drum and 5 gal. can. Bargain. See Dave or Jack Craig Mt. Vernon, Ky. 10 ntf.

LOT OWNERS Convert vacant lot into good income property with Taster-Freeze. Drive in Store. Over 700 now in operation. Taster-Freeze Corporation of America will sign lease for land and building on liberal rental to give you a big return on your investment. Location wanted in Mt. Vernon. Send complete description of lot. Our representative will contact you. Wright Taster Freeze Co. P. O. Box 167 Mt. Crab, Ohio.

FOR SALE: Corn in the crib on the farm of Ray Price near Mt. Vernon. See Tony Kirby at the place 3/4 mile on Sand Springs road. 114p.

For Sale or Rent: Five room house, everlasting water, cellar some fruit, acre of land. On old route 23 first house on right after you pass the Elmwood cemetery. Any one interested please make me an offer. Cordia Fletcher, 36 Moraine Circle South, Dayton 9, Ohio. 121p

FOR RENT: 4 rooms and bath. Furnished or unfurnished. See Edd Hunt, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 1212p.

For Rent: Furnished apartment. Richmond St. Mt. Vernon. See Millie Swinney. 26ntf

FOR RENT: 4 room house, electric. Scaffold Cane. Write J. D. Daugherty, 3911 DeCoursey Ave., Covington, Ky. 1122p.

FOR SALE: Good bale hay, oats and lespedeza. See Mrs. Lucy Moore, Brindle Ridge: 1112 pacy

FOR SALE: Lespedeza hay, \$1.00 per bale. Write J. D. Daugherty, 3911 DeCoursey Ave. Covington, Ky. 11 2p.

Mechanical Santa Claus with moving head. Half-round, 5'6" high, 1/2" wide. Dancing clown in his hand. Spun-plastic beard. Excellent detailing. Slightly used, priced reasonably. See in action at Purcell's New Appliance Center, Main Street in Lexington. Inquire at Personnel Office. 1113.

For Sale: One cash register with adding machine combination. New. Signal Office.

Army shoes new and used. Also agent for mail chain saw and farm easy Bush saw and mower. New Kentucky Axes—\$2.95. Excellent detailing. all sizes. Bishops Army Store, Broghead, Ky. 7ntf

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Administrator of the estate of Charlie Sargent, deceased. Any one having claims against the estate kindly present the same properly proven to me. Those indebted will please contact me for settlement. Sherman Sargent Broghead, Ky., Administrator. 11 13 p.

Posted - No Trespassing - We, whose names appear below have posted our land and will not permit any hunting, fishing or trespassing of any kind. Those who persist in trespassing in any way will be dealt with according to law: J. D. Daugherty, Scaffold Cane.

John Stephens, Scaffold Cane. Ivan Stover, Mt. Vernon, Ky. Roscoe Staverson, Mt. Vernon, Ky.

Harrison Cook, West side of Fair ground hill, Mt. Vernon, Ky. Blaine McKinney, Willalla, Ky.

W. D. McFerron property, Ruth Leach, Sue Abney, Fannie Mullins.

Wash Dash farm. M. J. and J. B. Fain farm, Pine Hill and Callawa.

A. B. Thomson, Pine Hill. J. C. Bowling, Route 461, Mt. Vernon.

Roscoe Adams, Level Green.

Arch Sexton, Quail, Ky. J. M. Brown, Quail, Ky. Fred Matt Ramsey, Renton Valley, Ky. Robert Jones, Crab Orchard, Ky., Route 3. Tom England, Pine Hill and Calloway.

Posted: No hunting allowed on my land. Walter Mason, Brush Creek, Ky.

NOTICE The undersigned, Mary M. Settles, has filed a Petition in the Rockcastle County Court asking for a permit to operate a restaurant which is a one-story building, four rooms located on the left side of the Highway No. 25 about two miles south of Livingston, Ky. for which to sell soft-drinks, operate restaurant, gas station also a juke box. 1110p

NOTICE INCOME TAX CLIENTS Will be at Dixie Boone Hotel, Mt. Vernon, Kentucky from January 1st through March 15, 1954. Maureen Laswell Egan 1115.

A Can of Motor Oil is Yours FREE... If we fail to ask you about your Southern States Spring Field Seed Needs. When you are in our warehouse during the period between Dec. 1 and Jan. 10 and we fail to ask you about your spring field seed needs, you can take home a quart of motor oil FREE! You'll have a lot of fun trying to outwit us — steer us away from the "\$64 question" and claim your free oil. And it won't be easy because we'll be all set to remind you. We want to help you order your spring seeds early to protect you in the event of shortages. Early orders will be filled first. Stop by today and see if you can get a can of motor oil away from us. And, in any event, while you're in the warehouse, be sure to place your early order for Southern States field seeds. We are now taking orders for: Legumes, Small Grains, Seed Potatoes, Lawn Grasses, Hybrid Corn, No deposit required.



WANTED Clean white paper for bill, clean cotton rags. No wool, silk, denim or flimsy material. Only cotton can be purchased. Signal Office.

CARD OF THANKS We wish to take this method of expressing our deepest thanks and gratitude to all of our friends, neighbors and relatives for their kindness and consolation.

Stop Taking Harsh Drugs for Constipation

Avold Intestinal Upset! Get Relief This Gentle Vegetable Laxative Way!

Get constipation, ever take harsh drugs. They cause brutal cramps and griping, disrupt normal bowel action, make repeated doses seem needed.

Get rare but gentle relief when you are temporarily constipated. Take Dr. Caldwell's Senna Laxative contained in Strup Peppin. No sales, no harsh drugs. Dr. Caldwell's contains an extract of Senna, one of the finest natural vegetable laxatives known to medicine.

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Buy Dr. Caldwell's 30¢ size today. Money back if not satisfied. Mail bottle to Box 280, New York 18, N. Y.

Greetings With every wish for a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR. BRYANT BROS. MT. VERNON, KY.

Also to Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Harrison, who gave and contributed so generously, we wish to give our heart felt thanks to all. The father, mother, sisters, and brothers of Delbert Neeley's Family. 121p

OPENING OF The Diamonds Diner New Years Day ROUTE 25 BOONE, KENTUCKY

SPECIAL USED CAR SALE

We found it pays to advertise in the local paper. But to make it pay, the product you sell must be priced right. Our present slash in used car prices have brought in a lot of business. We Have In Stock: 1951 Chevrolet cars for \$995.00, 1950 Chevrolet cars for \$895.00, 1950 Ford 2 door for only \$700.00, 1951 Chevrolet Truck 1 ton \$795.00, 1950 cab over Chevrolet 2 ton truck \$600.00, 1953 International 1/2 ton only 900 miles most new. For \$1100.00. We don't like Internationals. Must sell this week. Make us an offer.

We have slashed all prices to make room for the new 1954 Chevrolets. Our prices are the lowest. Lowest down payments possible. Lowest, cheapest convenient terms. All of our notes are carried at 5% Baker Motor Co. "Your Chevrolet Dealer" "Growing With Mt. Vernon"

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FOR HIGHER NET PRICES BRING YOUR STOCK TO GARRARD CO. STOCK YARDS SALE EVERY FRIDAY FOR ALL CLASSES OF LIVESTOCK CHECK DAY OF SALE (Special)—The Garrard County stockyards sold 838 head of livestock at auction Friday. Receipts and quotations follow: Cattle—Receipts, 297; steers, \$11@20.60; heifers, \$9@17; best baby beefs, \$17@20.20; cows, \$5.30@11.20; milk cows, \$44@118; calves and calves, \$63@136; bulls, \$10.80@14.50; stock bulls, \$49@126; stock cattle, \$24@62. Hogs—Receipts, 389; packers, \$25.15; mediums, \$23.50; heavies, \$24.25; lights, \$23.90; sows, \$17@22.10; sows and pigs, \$42@94; best shoats, \$21.50@28.70; others \$21 down. Calves—Receipts, 103; tops, \$33.20; seconds and butchers, \$27.50@29.50; heavies, \$32.75; common and mediums, \$18@24; others, \$14 down. Sheep and lambs—Receipts, 42; best lambs, \$17@20.50; fat sheep, \$5.50. Horses and mules—Receipts, 7; no quotations. NO SALE ON CHRISTMAS DAY We are under U. S. Government supervision and bonded for your protection. GARRARD COUNTY STOCK YARDS Kirby Teator, Hogan Teator and J. L. Teator Lancaster, Ky.

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1938 Ford \$49.00
1948 Packard Convertible \$148.00
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1948 Mercury Club coupe \$395.00
1939 Plymouth \$85.00
1938 Chev. a good one \$50.00

DAVID McCAULEY USED CARS NORTH ON HIGHWAY 150 1 BLOCK FROM STOUTLIGHT MT. VERNON, KENTUCKY

NOTICES Administrators Notice: I have been appointed adm. Seth Thomas Watches 17 Jewels Your choice \$25. Fed. Tax Inc. WERE \$39.75 B & O JEWELERS Mt. Vernon, Kentucky

PUBLIC AUCTION Sat., Jan. 2, 10:00 Mitchell Napier will offer at public auction his farm and personal property, located 2 1/2 miles southeast of Conway, five miles south of Cartersville, on the waters of Copper Creek, known as the John Childs farm. This farm consists of 110 acres with 50 acres of level creek bottom, all in grass and 9 acre tobacco base. The farm is well watered by creek. There is a 4-room dwelling house with electricity, drilled well at kitchen door; on mail route; 1 good barn, 36x50, with 12' shed. 1 11 mo. old white face male 1 Jersey cow to be fresh Jan. 5 1 white face cow to be fresh Jan. 15 1 Jersey cow, 5 yr. old, milking 1 5 yr. old cow with calf 2 aged cows, pasture bred 4 red short horn, pasture bred 7 yearling heifers 10 shoats, about 100 lb. average About 150 bales good Korean hay 1952 Ford tractor, with plows and harrow slightly used 1 Singer sewing machine A few other farm tools 1 "Coldspot" Home Freezer, 19.4 cu. ft. Other furniture and items 1 piano, good condition Terms: Day o fsale Delbert Laswell, Auctioneer

"MERRY CHRISTMAS!" Mount Vernon Signal

MT. VERNON, KENTUCKY

"WHERE THE BOONEWAY JOINS THE DIXIE"
VOLUME 66—NUMBER 12

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1953

Holiday Spirit Pervades Community & Shoppers Are Busy

Christmas mall seems to be unusually heavy and business men are experiencing a good trade.

With the approach of Christmas and the New Year, a spirit of good feeling is prevailing the community. Farmers have harvested their crops and for the most part received good prices for what they grew and harvested on their farms, and with the approach of the Christmas season, their immediate cash crop, tobacco, brought a very fine price. In spite of the drought during the late summer, the farmer has had a good year.

Merchants too, are experiencing a large amount of country trade. Last Saturday and this week the trade here and in the other communities has been voluminous.

Probably at no place does one sense the atmosphere of goodwill as in the postoffice. Here the mail arrives in sacks full of Christmas cards and letters. Sometimes long lines of customers are waiting to get their mail or who want to mail their gifts to friends. Mrs. Kate Mullins, the postmaster and her staff of workers, have been working long hours in order to have the mail distributed or to receive mail from customers.

Our streets are decorated with multi-colored lights that give a festive appearance and create a feeling of friendliness as each light twinkles in the silent of the night. Homes here and there are radiant with a lighted Christmas tree that shines through the window and greets the travelers that may happen to pass by. Once in a while one hears sweet tones of some Christmas song that gives a lift and a hope remaining warm to the Needy Blind, for an everyone that this is a season

of good cheer and goodwill. There may be carol singing by some youngsters who wish to make merry through the wintery night and remind the neighbors that this is a joyous time.

Then there are the churches and the Sunday schools which never fail to let us know that Christmas is here and through their public performance either in song or play tell us of the wonderful gift made to men, the gift of a little child, an infant who is to bring peace and good will to earth.

Yes, the spirit of Christmas is everywhere.

County Receives \$20,475 During Month For Needy

Needy residents of Rockcastle County received \$20,475 during November under the public assistance programs.

The report listed these expenditures: Old Age Assistance, \$13,664; Aid to Dependent Children, \$6,414; and Aid to the Needy Blind, \$397.

In the three categories of aid, \$3,122,429 was distributed in Kentucky in November, about \$50,000 less than October payments. Old Age Assistance payments totaled \$1,941,570 or an average of \$34.95 for each case; Aid to Dependent Children payments amounted to \$1,088,321 or an average of \$69.94 for each family, and \$94,538 for the Needy Blind, for an average check of \$36.66.

William Riley Ballinger Dies

William Ballinger of Orlando, Ky., passed away Dec. 17, 1953 at Berea College hospital around 3:30 P. M. after suffering a cerebral hemorrhage that A. M.

He was 76 years old, a retired farmer, and a member of the New Hope Baptist church for many years. He was the son of the late Joe Ballinger.

He leaves to mourn his passing, his wife, Martha Dooley Ballinger, Orlando, three sons, John who was killed in a car wreck in Texas four months ago, Raymond Ballinger, Richmond, Ind., and Bill Ballinger, Hamilton, Ohio. Four daughters, Aileen Clark, Hamilton, Ohio; Mrs. Alma Clark, Climax, Ky.; Mrs. Mabel Mullins, Orlando; and two brothers, Wal and Welfie Ballinger, one sister, Mrs. Tallis Overbay, Orlando, Ky., one daughter, Mrs. Mary Malacost, Bobtown, Ky.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday Dec. 19, 1953 at the Johnetta school house. Interment in Johnetta Cemetery. Officiating minister was Bro. William Durham, Copper Creek. Arrangements were by Sparks Funeral Home.

Capt. Than Lwin of Rangon, Burma, 1st Lt. Avni Engin, 1st Lt. Turkey, and 1st Lt. Clinton Helton of Ft. Monmouth, N. J. are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Stokes during the holidays.

S.2c and Mrs. Alfred L. Cummins of Randolph Air Force Base, Arlington, Texas are here spending a 30 day leave with their families. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cummins of Renfro Valley and Mr. and Mrs. Ewan Cummins, Airman Cummins is enroute to Alaska and Mrs. Cummins will join him in the near future.

COUNTY'S TOTAL \$192.69

Christmas seal contributions in Rockcastle county totaled \$192.69 through December 16, according to E. R. Gernert, M. D., president of the Kentucky Tuberculosis Association.

Last purchases in the county last year amounted to \$442.13. Dr. Gernert said, adding that the returns are coming more slowly this year.

"We're going to be in a bad way if contributions do not pick up," he said, adding that the returns for seal sale dollars for chest x-rays has increased tremendously during the past year. "We are finding almost twice as many new cases of TB as we were ten years ago," he continued, "and the increase in the number of known cases of TB can be attributed largely to the x-raying of large groups of apparently healthy people."

Persons who have received chest x-rays and yet get sent in their contributions are urged to do so immediately. The Christmas seal campaign extends through December 31.

TO BE DISCHARGED

Col. Floyd L. McDaniel, son of Mrs. and Mr. Cemetery who has been serving in the U. S. Army in the 1st Bn. 21st Inf. in Japan and Korea for the past eight months, was sent to Ft. Knox the 19th. He spent Sunday with his parents his sisters, and his wife. He returned to Ft. Knox Sunday, to receive his discharge, and hopes to be back for Christmas. His family are very thankful to God for sparing his life and that he returned home safe.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Enclosed is a money order for the renewal of my Signal. I could hardly get along with out it. As I am formerly with Rockcastle Signal, it is just like getting a letter from home to get the Signal. Mrs. Reynolds, Sylacauga, Ala.

Honor Cadet

Aviation Cadet Paul Mullins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Mullins of Livingston, Ky., has been named Honor Cadet of the Month by the Military Training Officers of Squadron VI, Ellington Air Force Base, Houston, Texas. Mr. Mullins, who has shown outstanding ability in both academic studies and military achievements, was chosen after hundreds of personal records of his squadron were reviewed. He has faithfully performed his duties as Flight leader, Barracks Commander, Representative to the Base Honor Council, and has just recently been assigned to the Aviation Cadet Glee Club as Technical Director in charge of radio and television productions over KNUZ-TV, Houston. He ranks at the top of his class in Electronics, Special Weapons and other technical skills taught at Ellington Field.

Aviation Cadet Mullins joined the Air Force in June, 1951. Upon completion of basic training he entered an Electronics



BROADCAST IN A BARN Members of the fifth grade class of Conway School in Rockcastle County record their prize-winning Bookmobile program in the barn at Renfro Valley. The recording was made by the University of Kentucky Radio Service for broadcast on WHAS in Louisville. In the picture are, left to right: Mrs. Beulah Stewart, primary grade teacher at Conway (at piano background); Georgia Faye Thacker; Wanda Faye Lankford; Mrs. B. H. Holt, Conway School upper grade teacher; Bessie Ann Hayes and Bigge Towery.

Jury Gives Ben Hasty Seven Years

The trial of Ben Hasty who had been indicted by the grand jury for the murder of his wife, ended last Saturday afternoon. It took two days for the trial. The verdict given by the jury who heard the case, was seven years in the penitentiary. The case was prosecuted by Commonwealth's attorney, Russ Jones of Somerset, and the attorneys for the defendant were John Allen of Brodhead and Fritz Krueger of Somerset.

The line of argument was that there was no powder burns surrounding the wound of Mrs. Hasty and that she could not have fired the shot at such close range without the resultant burns from the explosion. It was furthermore established that there was no one else in the building except Mr. and Mrs. Hasty at the time of the death of Mrs. Hasty. Since there was no one to witness the tragedy, outside the defendant, decision was entirely based on circumstantial evidence.

In an interview with Mr. Hasty after the sentence was inquired whether he will appeal the case to a higher court. He stated that he is as yet undecided as to what he will do. The verdict as prepared by the jury read as follows: "We the jury agree that the defendant is guilty of manslaughter and that his punishment is seven years in the penitentiary." The death of Mrs. Hasty occurred on Saturday November 21 at the Hasty restaurant and service station about four miles south of Mt. Vernon on U. S. 25. Mr. Hasty is at present in the county jail in Mt. Vernon and will be transferred later to the penitentiary.



PAUL MULLINS Fundamentals Course at Keeler Air Force Base, Mississippi. His high academic scores there resulted in his being assigned to work with the Armed Forces Special Weapons Project (AFS WP) in New Mexico, where he became skilled as an electrical technician and assemblyman of Atomic Weapons. He entered the Aviation Cadet Program in Feb. of this year. He expresses a desire to return to the field of Atomic Energy after completing his work here. Cadet Mullins has shown his abilities as a military leader and future officer in the United States Air Force. Squadron VI salutes him as being a credit to the squadron and to the men with whom he works.

YOUR FARM PROBLEM

By Ezra Taft Benson — First of a Two-Part Series
Secretary of Agriculture

This nation has a serious farm problem. It does not affect agriculture alone. It is everybody's problem. Today your government has approximately \$5 billions of your money invested in farm commodities. You own outright more than \$2.5 billions worth of wheat, corn, cotton and other surplus farm products. You have outstanding loans on agricultural commodities totaling about the same amount. This figure is growing daily.

You are paying more than \$14 millions each month just to store these surpluses. This bill is growing, too, as additional inventories are accumulated by your government.

The losses which your government sustained in disposing of just a small portion of your holdings during the first three months of this fiscal year amounted to \$47 millions. But, you ask, don't we have a farm program designed to insure agricultural prosperity and prevent the very situation we find ourselves in today? The answer is that we are operating under the same program we had last year and for several previous years. Actually we have strengthened it in several important respects to permit farmers to take broader advantage of its provisions. Existing legislation binds us to a continuation of price supports at 90 per cent of parity on basic commodities through the 1954 crop year.

Nevertheless, farm prices have declined steadily from the record peaks established under the impetus of the Korean war in February, 1951. During the 12 months immediately before I became Secretary of Agriculture, the farm price parity ratio slid from 113 to 95 per cent. Since February of this year, prices have been more stable than in 1952, averaging about 93 per cent of parity.

This story of declining farm income mounting agricultural surpluses is the best evidence that our present program is not functioning effectively.

For more than a decade, our farmers have been producing under pressure. To meet the war-time needs of ourselves and our allies, they turned out more and more food and fiber between 1941 and 1946. With the end of the second World War, they were asked to provide the commodities required in the rehabilitation of Europe and other sections of the earth. Then came the Korean war, with new and heavy demands for farm goods of all kinds.

Suddenly this situation was radically altered. World food production had been climbing since 1946. By 1952 this was exerting strong pressure in the market places. Our wheat exports dropped by one third in a single year, cotton by even more. Not only had importing nations increased their own production, but they found that they could supply their reduced needs at lower prices from exporting countries which had no farm price support programs.

Just as many American consumers have turned from butter to less expensive spreads, so have other nations sought wheat, cotton and other products. We have learned through sometimes bitter experience that when the farmer is in trouble, there is likely to be trouble ahead for everybody. This year, net farm income is expected to be nearly \$1 billion less than it was in 1952. And in 1952 it was more than \$1 billion below the preceding year. While farm income has been dropping, our total national income has actually increased.

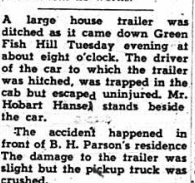
This disparity cannot continue in an economy such as ours. When the farmer can't buy the products of industry, there are certain to be serious dislocations. How we got into this situation is not as important, at the moment, as what we propose to do about it. I have outlined here some of the major problems facing agriculture. In a subsequent article, I should like to discuss some of the possible solutions.

Owens Moves Into New Station

Lafe Owens is now in his new service station which he built during the past summer and fall. He moved there on the 28th day of November, the day which celebrated his 15th anniversary as owner and operator of the Gulf Station in Mt. Vernon located at the junction of 150 and U. S. 25.

The old building was torn down and removed to Burr by Owens Brothers. The new station is located several yards farther south leaving a splendid space for parking purposes right at the corner lot where the old station was located.

Some time in January there will be open house and readers are kindly asked to watch for this big announcement. We understand that special prizes will be given away on the date. The new station is 28 feet wide and 58 feet long, built of concrete blocks which are painted in white. The station houses a front office, rest rooms, supply room, wash and greasing rooms. There are four pumps for gasoline and one for Diesel fuel. The station is ideally located and Mr. Owens is doing a thriving business.



A large house trailer was ditched as it came down Green Fish Hill Tuesday evening about eight o'clock. The driver of the car to which the trailer was hitched, was trapped in the cab but escaped unharmed. Mr. Hobart Hansel stands beside the car.

The accident happened in front of B. H. Parson's residence. The damage to the trailer was slight but the pickup truck was crushed.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

FROM THE SIGNAL STAFF
ELMO ANDERKIN, MARY DAVIS HASTY, BESSIE ANDERKIN, JOHN NORMAN MEADOWS, ALBERT SCHUMACHER

Mrs. Curtis Eversole visited Mrs. Beatie Kirby one day last week. Charlie Cummins who is in the hospital in California is

improving and now able to walk on crutches. He would like to hear from his friends. His address is Kobat Kaiser Inst. 2600, Alameda Valley, Calif.



LOOKING AHEAD
By GEORGE S. BENSON
President—National College Survey, Atlanta
What A System!
When the original 13 states of the U. S. A. began to func-

tion as a Constitutional Republic in 1789, the private enterprise economic system had already demonstrated its great worth as a creator of material welfare for a nations people. Although hampered by the many economic restrictions imposed by Great Britain, the system had revealed several of its basic assets to be unmatched in previous human history. And

these assets began to flower when the yoke of Britains regimentation was thrown off. The most important assets are: The principle of private ownership of property; This most fundamental of the elements in the American economic system provides the basic incentive that brings from each individual his most productive effort. And "that's" what successful Americans do: they put forth their best effort, and are rewarded.

Creating New Wealth
The profit motive: Profit in property, in one sense. It is a small fraction of created wealth. Therefore, it comes from production. When an individual produces more than the basic living requirements of himself and family, he turns the surplus into profit which he can use as he sees fit. An automobile is not a basic requirement for survival, nor is a radio set; but most American families want them, and have them because the profit system gives them the privilege of earning and keeping enough wealth to afford them.

The free market: This is not only of benefit to business and

industry, but to the individual as well. In a free market the individual worker's ability goes to the highest bidder. Tens of thousands of agricultural workers have left the farms and have learned industrial skills that bring them bigger cash income. Any employee can advance on his individual efforts in a free market system. And of course, the competition existing for business and industry constantly gives the consumers a bigger dollar's worth.

For The Few
How well do I remember the first automobile that came to our town 40 years ago. It was a chain-driven Metz, a one-seater. You had to crank it on the side. It had a rubber-bulb horn, high pressure tires, and a buggy top. It broke down constantly. Yet its owner was envied far and wide. Of course, he was the richest man in the area. Only the wealthy could afford an automobile when I was a boy. And yet today there are more automobiles in America than there are families and most every family owns one.

Competition the free market did this. And what it has done in the production of automobile, it has done in many other things, too. When Henry Ford began making the "in lizzie," automobiles were still beyond the reach of most Americans. But he was determined to outstrip other manufacturers, and produce a car that all Americans

could own. He won the low-price market but not for long. Chevrolet, Plymouth and others competed. And they competed so well that the product continued constantly to improve.

For The Many
The low priced cars of today, which are driven by millions of Americans, are 50 times better than the high priced car of 1910 which only a few wealthy people could own. In my opinion, this adequately illustrates the unmatched benefits to the whole population of our unique American economic system, with its principle of private ownership, its profit motive, and its free market.

Other nations, at times, have had some of these three elements in their economic system but never all three of them together to the extent that they have been functioning in our country. And what about the comparative results? Automobiles serve as a good example. With its free market, keen competition and great incentives, America produces 85 per cent of the world's automobiles, and Americans actually drive 80 per cent of the world's total automobiles, though we have but 7 per cent of the world's population.

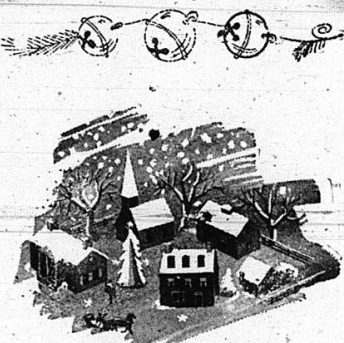
Your children know these vitally important facts about the American economic system. If they do not know these facts and do not appreciate the worth of our system in bringing about further human progress, then our American heritage is to that extent jeopardized. Let's be sure such facts are taught in our homes and in our schools.



Alfred B. Sparks Jr.



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Christmas would not be complete without expressing our deep appreciation for your patronage and wishing you and yours Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all...

Merry Christmas
we send you our good wishes for your good health and happiness

For A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS
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The Howard Funeral Home Crab Orchard, Kentucky, extends to one and all of its many friends and kinsman in this area a
Merry Christmas
During this Holy season may we extend our season's greetings,
and wishing you one and all a happy and prosperous New Year.

Merry Christmas
No matter where you go the meaning is the same... May the happiness of this Holiday Season fill your life throughout the coming New Year.
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Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year from all of us to all of you.

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— NEGRO CREEK —

We learn that Mr. Carol Blanton has been brought home from a hospital in Cincinnati where he was very ill for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Wessels of Norwood, Ohio were here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Chandler and sister, Mary Lou over the weekend.

Shirley Chandler and son Pat visited her Aunt and Uncle, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Chandler Sunday afternoon. Other guests were Mr. Larry Wessels and wife, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Atkinson, and Mrs. Bill Carson and son.

D. B. Chandler, Nathan Brummitt, Mr. Fred Rose and son David were in Somerset last Monday for the sale of their tobacco.

Mrs. Sudie Profit has returned to a hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio. She has been suffering for some time with rheumatic fever and pleurisy.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Wessels attended church at Brothead Sunday night.

To the Signal staff and its readers we extend Season's greetings and best wishes. Our sympathy goes to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Yorke and family in the loss, by fire of their home and all in it. They were forced to flee the burning building in their night clothes. They live near Berea.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ramsey and children of opoway called on her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Chandler Saturday evening.

Teddy Chandler is home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Chandler from an Air Force School in Wichita Falls, Texas. He will report to an Air Force Base in Florida Jan. 2, 1954.

OTTAWA

Mr. and Mrs. Chazman Hamm and Mrs. Albert Hayes were in Richmond Saturday week shopping.

Mrs. Patsy Adams visited Mr. and Mrs. Stef Parkerson and son at Hiatt last week.

Rev. John Norman Meadows

of Mt. Vernon preached at Ottawa Sunday and Sunday night, Dec. 13th.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Lawrence spent last week in Indianapolis, Ind. Miss Virginia Lawrence has been awful sick. Mr. John Cummins and Mr. and Mrs. Mill brought them back.

Mr. and Mrs. Buell Lawrence and son, Billy and Mrs. Wilene Burton were in Richmond last Monday shopping.

Mr. Brit Jones and Rev. F. Jones of London visited Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Jones over the weekend and Rev. F. Jones preached at Ottawa Sunday and Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Lawrence and family spent last Sunday week with Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Evans at London.

Valvry Wright who is in the U. S. Navy has been on a leave visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Graydon Wright and Bobby. He also visited his sister, Mrs. Joe Henry in Dayton, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Wright and son of Cincinnati, Ohio visited Mr. and Mrs. Graydon Wright.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Proctor Mrs. Wanda Proctor and Mrs. Albert Hayes were in Danville last Tuesday week.

The Smith quartet that was at Ottawa Saturday night was greatly enjoyed by all.

Purpose of Jehova Through Christ By A Witness For Jehova

Gods purpose is to set up a perfect new world for mankind a righteous world accomplished only through Christ Jesus, earths rightful king as was foretold by Daniel at Dan. 2:44: Jehova also said, "Behold I make all things new." (Rev. 21:1-5)

Again it is written concerning the rule of Jesus Christ, "in his days shall the righteous flourish and peace so long as the moon endures. He shall have dominion from sea to sea and from the rivers unto the end of the earth." (Psa. 72:1-13)

The earth shall be filled with knowledge of the Lord as water that cover the sea. (Isa. 11:9) and the government shall be upon his shoulder. (Isa. 60:7) He shall dash all nations to pieces like potters vessels and rule with the word of iron. (Rev. 19:15) Psa. 2:7-9) and the Kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of our Lord and his Christ and he shall reign forever and ever. (Rev. 11:15) The earth was not formed in vain, it was formed to be inhabited. (Isa. 45: 18) The meek shall inherit the earth. (Matt: 5: 5) Psa. 37: 9:22)

Peter says according to his promise we are looking for a new heaven and a new earth where righteousness dwells. (2 Pet. 3: 13) Isa. 65: 17-25)

The great battle of Armageddon is just ahead and will clear the ground to make way for the complete erection of the beautiful and glorious new arrangement on earth for the honor and glory of the Almighty God and his son, Jesus Christ. Then the will of God shall be done on earth as it is in heaven, just what Christians have long prayed for. (Mat: 6: 10) Jehova will accomplish this through his chosen instrument, Jesus Christ, the new worlds king. Obedient mankind will not grow old but will grow to perfection to the glory of their maker, Jehova God Almighty. Then the reigning Christ will open the graves and lift those in them out of death's sleep to life and make them joyful at heart. (St. Jn. 5: 28,29) Acts 24: 15) And the angel said to Mary, "Fear not thou shalt conceive in thy womb and bring forth a son and call his name, Jesus. He shall be great and shall be called the son of the highest. The Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father, David and he shall reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there shall be no end. (Luke 1: 30-33)

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of heavenly host praising Jehova saying, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to men of good will." (Luke 2:14) And Jesus said to another, "Follow me," but he said, "Lord suffer me first to go bury my father." Jesus said, "Let the dead bury their dead but go preach the Kingdom of God."

For this gospel of the Kingdom shall be reached in all the world as a witness to all nations then shall the end come. There will be talk given at the collihouse of Somerset, Ky., Sunday—afternoon, —Dec. 27th at 3:00 p. M. by Bro. Sam Colyer on "Sign of the Times" "People of all nations, kindreds, tongues are invited to attend. 12 11 p.

Farm Home Convention

The 42nd annual Farm and Home Convention will be held at the University of Kentucky at Lexington Feb. 2-5, it is announced by Dean Frank J. Welch of the College of Agriculture and Home Economics.

A program is being set up for four days...of discussions and exhibits of subjects of interest to farmers, homemakers and farm youth.

There will be a general session for men and women in the Coliseum the first day. Homemakers then will meet three days in Memorial Hall. For farmers there will be sectional meetings the second and third days, followed by a general session on tobacco the last day.

The sectional meetings will deal with soils and crops, livestock, dairying, poultry keeping, fruit growing, seed pro-

duction, farm engineering and agricultural economics. There also will be sessions for 4-H Clubs and Utopia clubs.

Among speakers secured to date are J. Earle Coke, assistant secretary of agriculture, Washington, D. C.; F. L. Teuton, Bureau of Agricultural and Industrial Chemistry, Department of Agriculture, Washington; D. Howard Doane, Doane Agricultural Service, St. Louis; Dr. C. F. Rogers, Ohio Experiment Station; Dr. E. A. Hollowell, Department of Agriculture seed expert; James Raymond Sayre, Actworth, Iowa, homemaker and past president of the Associated Country Women of the World; Miss Gertrude Dieken, editor, The Farmers Wife, Philadelphia; Helen P. Kirkpatrick, assistant to president of Smith College, Northampton, Mass.; Dr. Mark Rich, University of Missouri sociologist.

Gov. Lawrence Wetherby

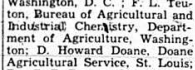
will speak at the banquet of the Kentucky Seed-Improvement Association, when winners will be recognized for the Corn Derby and Green Pasture program.

LETTER TO SANTA CLAUS

Brodhead, Ky. Route 1. Dear Santa: I am nine years old. I am sending you one of my pictures.

I want you to bring me a big wagon, a play gun and a micky mouse watch. My twin sisters each want a "big doll. Please bring my brother Tom a cocker spaniel puppy. And bring my brother Jerry and my sister Ruth a TV set. I am writing my letter early so you will have time to get these things. Larry Wayne Blevins Please send this letter to Santa.

Take HOME A CARTON TODAY!



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Christmas Joy to you We wish for you and yours the very merriest of Christmases. And we hope our friendship will grow stronger throughout the coming year. Mt. Vernon Hardware "YOUR FRIENDLY HARDWARE DEALER" JIM, ROY, JOHN, BOYD, AND DOLLIE MT. VERNON, KENTUCKY

Season's Greetings Merry Christmas Here's a wish for Joys of the Season and Happiness throughout the New Year. JOHN SOWDER Hardware & Appliances Brodhead, Ky. CARL BROWN Groceries, Drygoods & Farm Supplies Mt. Vernon, Ky.

To Our Friends This Yuletide Season marks the end of another year of service to you. May we thank you for your patronage and say that we hope to see you often in the future. Have a Happy Holiday. Owens' Service Station GULF PRODUCTS MT. VERNON, KENTUCKY

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RAMBLINGS

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OUR READERS!

Tomorrow is Christmas. It's the holiday of all holidays. It's the day in which the friendliest spirit dominates every situation. It's the day in which there are no enemies, and there is no enmity towards anyone. For one moment we forget that there is selfishness in the world and we pour out our hearts in helpfulness toward others.

Perhaps there is nothing like it in the experience of a man's life equal to this profound sense of unselfishness and nothing that keeps a man's spirit out of the tawdry, cheap, hollow attitude of mind, the chance to forget one's self in the creation of happiness in someone else.

That is what Christmas should be.

The Signal staff wishes to express its sincere appreciation to all its many valuable readers who have helped to make our work a pleasant and mutually helpful one. We have had a substantial increase in subscriptions so that today the Signal reaches over a thousand homes in this county alone.

So we extend to all our readers and advertisers a very merry, merry Christmas!

I believe our country is making progress towards world unity. There is less talk about war and more about peace. The signs of the times seem to indicate that Russia is ready and willing to make definite plans to end the cold war, or at least go along with the rest of the nations to put atomic energy to useful purposes and quit making atomic bombs. It will take a long time to accomplish this end, but patience will finally win.



By Alfred Sparks, Jr.
"He is only rich who owns the day."
Just a few words but what

a blessed life for one who takes this little saying to heart. If we would but only be inwardly grateful for each day the Lord permits us to be alive, regardless of whether the weather be bad or good, whether we wake up materially poor or rich, then indeed we are one of his children.

Each, just to mentally throw ones arms around each day as it comes along and greet it with renewed hope and promise, how wonderful that day will be. The day without an ounce of avarice, greed or envy is the day one is a millionaire in his own right.

That is THE DAY that everything turns out alright and every little obstacle in the path of happiness is akin to little pieces of lint to brush off ones blue serge suit. Try this little bit of philosophy for a day and witness the enrichment of your soul.

I wish each of you a Very Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.

Home Agents Notes



MERRY CHRISTMAS TO EVERYONE! MAY THIS BE A GOOD CHRISTMAS FOR YOU AND MAY IT BE A SAFE ONE.

Cranberry Freeze
Families with home freezers may want to stow away some fresh cranberries for future use. They freeze successfully either dry-packed, syrup-packed or as puree. Dry-packing is easy. Pick over berries, discarding soft and imperfect ones, wash, drain and place in moisture vapor resistant containers, seal and freeze. Leave a half inch headspace in pint containers for expansion in freezing.

When making raw cranberry salad put the berries through the food chopper while still frozen. This will prevent the juice from being lost or spattering out.

An easy delicious, handsome and unusual product to put into the freezer is cranberry puree. When slightly thawed, its much like sherbet, an excellent colorful dessert and appetizer. To make: Choose firm, perfect, deep red berries. Remove stems, wash and drain. Add 2 cups water for each pound (quart) of berries. Cook until skins pop. Then put through a food mill

or sieve. Add about 2 cups sugar or more, according to sweetness desired. Pack into freezer containers, leaving headspace for freezing expansion. Seal and freeze. Serve at "sherbet softness" or thaw for use in cranberry whip or chiffon.

UK Basketball Game Scheduled For Farm, an dHome Week

Arrangements have been made for a basketball game on Feb. 4, during Farm and Home Convention. A block of 400 tickets in the north bleacher section has been reserved for the convention-visitors. These tickets will be held until January 26. After that they will be sold for \$1.00. If you plan to attend and want tickets let me make your reservation soon.

Paul Green Writing Centennial Drama For Kentucky College

The legends of the Southern Appalachian Mountains, the ballads and the folk dances will provide the background material for Paul Green's new Symphonic Drama for Berea College in Berea, Kentucky. Dr. Francis S. Hutchins, President of the college, has announced that the project, long under consideration, was confirmed with Paul Green at the fall meeting of the College Board of Trustees in New York.

The occasion for the drama is the celebration of Berea's one hundredth anniversary. Berea College has been closely and intensely related to the mountain people in 230 counties in eight southern states and has been interested in the culture as well as the educational development. Because of these facts, the college possesses an unusual and most valuable collection of rare materials which Paul Green will use in preparation of the text. It is to be a powerful, moving drama of major proportions which will present to the public the rich heritage of the mountain people.

Paul Green is a fortunate choice to handle this material since it is notably true that in the past years his great love of folk literature and his passion for the dignity of man have been telling through his poetry in simple fashion. His *LOST COLONY* at Berea College in North Carolina, his *COMMON GLORY* at Williamsburg, Virginia, and most recently his

17TH STAR at Columbus, Ohio, attest to his success in this medium. He will have at his disposal the talents of balladeers, legends, folk dances, jack tales and historical facts from which he can weave a moving story. A fine outdoor theater is being designed by the recognized architect for appropriate location in Berea where the Blue Grass meets the Appalachians. The drama is scheduled for sixty performances during July and August of 1955.

President Hutchins does want the friends of Berea to know that though the project may seem to be a daring one, no College funds will be in jeopardy; for it is undertaken with substantial backing from individual friends and a tremendous faith that it will be self-supporting. Dr. Hutchins is encouraged in the belief by the success of nearby dramas. **UNTO THESE HILLS** at Cherokee, and **HORN IN THE WEST** at Boone, both in the Southern Appalachian Mountains. He indicates that the Trustees have faith in the story, faith in the author in developing the materials, faith in the director in unfolding the story, and faith in the public acceptance of it.

ROAD CONTRACT IS LET

A contract for construction on the Mt. Vernon-Berea road in Rockcastle and Madison Counties has been awarded the Breslin Const. Co. and Nally and Hamilton of Louisville and Bardonia according to an announcement by William P. Curlin, Commissioner of Highways.

The company submitted a low bid of \$869,218.73. The contract calls for 3.2 miles of grade, drain and bituminous surface beginning near Roundstone and extending to 965 feet east of West Corporate Limit of Berea.

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Legume-grass meadows fed with a high potash fertilizer will return extra tons of hay next year. Moreover, the life of the stand will be considerably lengthened. Midwestern agronomists recommend adding from 400 to 500 pounds per acre of a fertilizer such as 20-20, 0-10-20, or 0-10-30, depending on the need for potash.

The fertilizer can be added any time this fall, but for the fullest benefits it should be put on as soon as possible after the last cutting of hay.

The committee points out that fall is a good time to add fertilizer. It helps spread the farm's work load. In the fall, the ground is harder and there is usually a firmer footing for tractor, trucks and spreading equipment.

"If you wait until spring," says the committee, "you may be stymied by wet weather."

Fertilizing pastures offers great profit possibilities, returns the committee.

"The narrowing margin between production costs and market returns for feed crops," says the statement, "demands greater economy in feed. Fertilized pasture and hay are the cheapest feed a farmer can produce."

THE BIBLE SPEAKS

BY DR. MCNEELY FOREMAN
Scriptures: Matthew Chapter 23: 23-28; Acts 1:8; Revelation 19:11-15; Devotional Reading: Ephesians 6:10.

Thy Kingdom Come

Lesson for December 27, 1953

"Thy Kingdom Come" - how often we pray it, how little we know about it! How much do we mean it? And do we know what we mean when we say it? Scholars who know the near-eastern languages tell us that the form of the Lord's Prayer as it would be in the Aramic language which Jesus and his disciples no doubt used, is that of a poem. Not rhymed but rhetorical.

"Thy name be hallowed," "Thy Kingdom come," and "Thy will be done," are three parallel lines, and their essential meaning is the same. The Kingdom of God does not simply mean the fact that God is King of Kings. He is, and does not need our prayers to make Him so.

The Kingdom of Dr. Foreman God means the state of things, here on this earth or in heaven or anywhere else. God's royal will is actually done. We have a right to believe that in heaven God's will is the rule of life. On earth God's will is the rule of life too, only it is disobeyed perhaps more often than it is obeyed.

In heaven all God's children are loyal; on earth some are disloyal all the time, and even his loyal children have their times of disloyalty. So what we are praying for, if we say intelligently "Thy Kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven," is that more and more God's will may be known, loved, obeyed, carried out on this earth of ours.

In The World
Instead of any reflections in this column, the reader is invited to do some reflecting on his own. Here it is nearly the end of December. An old year will be gone before the week is out. It is a good time to look back on the year almost gone, and ask the question seriously: Can we see any answer to our oft-repeated prayer, "Thy Kingdom come"? In the year 1953, has the Kingdom of God come any nearer? The Kingdom, as Paul tells us, is "love, joy, peace."

Have these things spread or have they withered during this past year? The reader is invited to let his mind run back over what he can recall of national and world-history for the past 12 months. Have there been events which have been encouraging to Christian people? Have there been events which have been discouraging to Christian people? Is there some evidence that love, joy and peace have spread somewhat in the world, or have they been diminished?

In The Neighborhood

What about the neighborhood, the community where the reader lives? It never will be exact heaven, for if it is, please let the writer know and he'll move there! But surely there must be something to be proud about it, or everybody would move away. Has the neighborhood grown toward the Kingdom of God this year? Is there more love, joy, peace in it? Are the churches getting anywhere? Do the churches set a better example of Christian living than they used to? Does the preaching of the Gospel take effect in people's lives? If people move away, is it because they can't help it or because they can't stand the place any longer? If a church has lost a minister this past year, has it been hard to get a new man to come or would a minister welcome a chance to be a pastor in your community? Have the Christians who live there made some real effort to answer the prayer "Thy Kingdom come"? Do they ever try to win others to Christ? If a stranger's car broke down in your community, would he go away finally with memories of helpfulness or would he always hate to remember the place?

In Home And Heart

The Kingdom, Jesus said to his friends, "is within you." The will of God is done first of all in the minds, intentions and wills of individual persons in their everyday relationships. If the Kingdom does not come in heart and home, it is not going to come in the community of the world.

Let the reader think back over his personal year of 1953, not what he has read about or seen on the TV screen, but what has gone on in his own heart and home. Have love, joy, peace been on the increase there?

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Kentucky Photo News



The lounge at Du Pont Lodge, Cumberland Falls State Park, is a popular place during the cooler months. Cumberland Falls is one of the State Parks that stays open all year.



A large number of Kentucky children still attend schools where there is no inside plumbing. Passage of the amendment to Section 186 of the State Constitution will enable more money to be sent many of the poorer school districts and structures such as this may be done away with.

Two new directors of the State Association of Soil Conservation Districts congratulated each other after having been elected. At the left is Donald Roberts, Caldwell County, and at the right is William Gorman, Perry County.



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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

PAYNE - TAYLOR

Miss Rose Payne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Payne Sr. of Spiro, Ky., and Mr. Melvin Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Taylor, were married Tuesday Dec. 15, in Jeffersonville, Ind.

The lovely bride was dressed in a gray suit with red accessories and the groom was dressed in a navy suit.

The only attendants were the witnesses, Misses Patsy Noe and Peggy Mattanly of Louisville, Ky.

After taking a short wedding trip the young couple arrived in Mt. Vernon, where they will make their home for the present time.

We all wish the young couple a very happy married life.

Word has been received that Cpl. James N. Purcell is on his way home from the far east.

Mrs. Ruth Blatter, Mrs. Bernard Mitchell, and Miss Nell Wanda Nicely were in Lexington shopping Friday.

Misses Betha Gremer and Florence Hoskins visited Mr. and Mrs. Edd Winstead and family of Lebanon, Ky., Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clay Nolan of Richmond, Ky., spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Edd Cummins.

Miss Eva Ann Machal, a student at Georgetown College is spending Xmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Machal.

Mr. Gilbert Mink and Tommy Marcum of Richmond, Ind., spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Edd Cummins.

Nancy Lair is spending Xmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Lair of Renton, Ky. Nancy is a student at Centre College at Danville, Ky.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Bass of London, Ky., spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Noe and their Aunt, Mrs. Ann McConnell.

Mr. Boyd Whitaker was in Lexington Monday on business. Mr. Whitaker is employed at the Mt. Vernon Hardware.

Miss Billie Bryant McKinzie is spending Xmas holidays with her parents, Billie Bryant is a freshman at Georgetown College.

Miss Jane Browning is spending Xmas holidays with her mother, Mrs. Florida Davis of Crab Orchard.

Mr. Glen Faulkner and his father, Mr. Isaac Faulkner were in Richmond, Ky., Wednesday.

Misses Elaine Parrett and Mary Lou Luville are spending Xmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Conard Parrett and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Luville. Elaine and Mary Lou are students at Eastern College.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Marcum and daughter Audrey, of Brodhead spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Edd Cummins.

Mrs. Audra Smith, the F.H.A. club advisor, had a Xmas party for the members of the club, Wednesday Dec. 16. Dollie Winstead, Sue Burdine, Doris Whitaker, and Egan Griffin made the refreshments. Games were led by the recreation leader Carol Ann Fred. The party lasted from 12:30 until 2:30. Everyone reported a nice time. Sunday guests of Mr. and

Mrs. James Winstead and family were Mr. and Mrs. Carlo Saylor and family of Brodhead. Mr. Bobby Kelley, a student of Georgetown College, is visiting his parents over the Xmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mink, who have both been in Berea College hospital, are visiting her daughter, Mrs. Gene Clark of Lancaster, Ky. Mr. and Mrs. Mink are both improving nicely.

Mr. Earnest Clark was confined to his home due to an illness. Mr. Clark is now able to get out a little.

Mr. Bill Owens and Mr. Irvin Denney Jr. spent the week-end in Louisville visiting friends.

Mr. Albert Gene Griffin is spending the Xmas holidays with his family. Albert is now a student at Georgetown College.

Misses Phyllis Milan, Rose Katherine Fred, and Mrs. Carol Gilliland spent Thursday in Danville shopping.

Mr. Will Robbins is seriously ill at his home.

Mr. Lewis Ramsey was in Richmond, Ky., Saturday.

Miss Barbara Hilton, a student at Georgetown College, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. V. Hilton.

Mrs. Ann McConnell spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Edd Cummins.

Mr. James Winstead, who has been seriously ill, is improving nicely.

Miss Imogene Coffey had the misfortune of cutting her hand while in school Tuesday morning. Twelve stitches were taken by Dr. Griffith.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Henderson of Louisville, Ky., are spending Xmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Lair and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Henderson.

Mr. Clayton Pennington was in Danville Tuesday on business. Miss Glennis McBee is spending the Xmas holidays with her parents. Glennis is a freshman at Berea College.

Mr. and Mrs. Turp Richmond and family of Berea spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Edd Cummins.

Mrs. Foster Hawkins, who has been in the St. Anthony hospital in Louisville has returned home and is reported getting along fine.

Miss Billie Wanda Childress spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walker Childress. Billie attends Bryant and Stratin Business School in Louisville.

Mr. Charles Stallworth was in Mt. Vernon over the week-end visiting friends.

Charles is employed in Ohio. Miss Belvia Owens is spending the Xmas holidays with her parents. Belvia is a student at U. K.

Mr. Carl Ray Clontz was in Berea shopping Saturday.

Airman Second Class and Mrs. Alfred Cummins of Randolph, Texas are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cummins and Mr. and Mrs. Ewell Cummins.

Mr. Jim Earl Hommonds is spending Xmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hommonds.

Pvt. and Mrs. Norman Whitaker are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Whitaker and Mr. and Mrs. Otis Rash. Pvt. Whitaker has been stationed in Ozark, Ala.

Mr. Malorie Lyons is spending the holidays with his mother Mrs. Sydney Lyons.

Mr. Lowell Griffin is spending the Xmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Griffin.

Mrs. Sarah Cummins has just received word that her son, Mr. Charlie Cummins of Calif., was crippled in a mine several months ago is now able to walk a little.

Pvt. Johnnie Sandusky who is in the U. S. Marines, is spending Xmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sampson Sandusky.

Byron Crawford and Jack Lyons of U. K. are spending the holidays with their parents.

Mr. Boyd Whitaker was in Louisville, Ky., Wednesday for the Mt. Vernon Hardware.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Noe were guests of Mr. and Mrs. David McCauley Sunday.

Misses Patsy Noe and Tincy McCall are spending the holidays with their parents.

Mr. Bobby Lay who attends Eastern College, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Lay.

Mr. Johnnie Machal is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Machal. Johnny is a sophomore at Eastern College.

Mrs. Charles Baker was in Richmond Christmas shopping Wednesday.

Mr. Fred Clontz of McKee, Ky., was visiting his mother, Mrs. Nancy Clontz Tuesday.

Mr. Robert Harty of London, Ky., spent several days of last week in Mt. Vernon.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Clontz spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Noe.

Mrs. Nancy Helton was operated on Saturday, Dec. 19, at the St. Joseph hospital in Lexington, Ky. She was reported getting along fine.

Mr. Archie Price was operated Monday Dec. 21, at the Berea College hospital.

Miss Betsy Pennix, Mrs. Fred Baker, and Mrs. Doreen McElgerage were in Lexington Saturday to see Mrs. Nancy Helton.

Mr. Archie Price, Mrs. Emma Shears were in Berea to see Mrs. Archie Price who is in the hospital there.

Mrs. Bernice McElgerage of Louisville, Ky., is spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Owens.

Mrs. Emma Shears has been very sick at her home on Williams St.

Cpl. Glen M. Abney, who has spent the last 14 months in Korea has been discharged and is home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Abney of Mt. Vernon, Rt. 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Henderson and daughter of Lexington spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Henderson.

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