

Bowling News

-Briar Bowl-

The Buckaroos and Barrons are tied for first place in the Saturday night League at the Briar Bowl in Somerset with equal 38 and 22 records. In second are Reynolds Grocery at 37½ and 22½, and Parkway Shell has third with 36½ wins and 23½ losses.

High team series and game for the week went to the Browns with a 2,140 and 765, respectively.

Individual highs: High series, men: Howard Decker, 559; Loren Simpson, 552 and Tommy Hodges, 543. High game, men: Milton Barron, 219; Sam Ford, 212 and Roy Winstead and Bobby Proctor, 195 each.

High series, women: Clara Proctor, 506; Jewell Brown, 503 and Sharron M. Simpson, 494. High game, women: Karen Wilson, 185; Sharron M. Simpson, 184 and Jewel Brown, 177.

-Maroon Lanes-

The Gutter Dusters hold a three-game edge over the Wildcats for first place in the Thursday night Rockcastle Mixed League at Maroon Lanes in Richmond. The Gutter Dusters have 55 wins and 29 losses while the Wildcats have won 52 and lost 32. The Rockers are in third at 48 and 36.

High team game for the week went to the Gutter Dusters with a 770 and the Rockers took high team series with a 2,160.

Individual highs, high game, men: Glen Faulkner, 221; John Noe, 212 and Terry Cummins, 211. High series, men: Terry Cummins, 691; Jack



The Second Grade of Roundstone Elementary School is currently studying the Library unit in their classroom, and in conjunction with their studies, visited the Rockcastle County Library last Thursday where they saw films and each child checked out a book. With the children in the above photo are Mrs. Sue Cromer, teacher; Mrs. Barbara Browning, aide and Mrs. Judy Doyle, teacher.

Noe, 554 and Glen Faulkner, 526.

High game, women: Mildred Reynolds, 495; LaVerne Winstead, 174 and Virginia Winstead and Perlina Anderkin, 170 each. High series, women: Mildred Reynolds, 495; Aslee Proctor, 487 and Perlina Anderkin, 483.

BOONE

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Floyd Donald Cain. May God's richest blessings be on this family in their sorrow.

Bro. Gene Robinson of near Mt. Vernon, and also Bro. Ken Abney, Bro. Chester Robinson, Thelma Robinson and Bro. Glenn Smith, all of near Mt. Vernon, and Bro. Ray Dean of Boone, Bro. Clyde Coffey and Chad A. Spring of Berea visited W. R. Durham and Carl. Mr. Durham and Carl are both still sick.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Long visited Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Ray Long and family and Mr. and Mrs. Bert Lunsford of Berea Sunday afternoon.

Holbert Pearson was in a Lexington hospital. A speedy recovery is wished for Holbert.

The Rockcastle County Chapter Future Farmers of America held its regular meeting for January and installed twenty-seven greenhands into the ranks of Future Farmers of America, with the President and chapter officers presiding over the initiation ceremony. Greenhands installed from left to right were: First row, Bill Wren, Bobby Bell, Billy Hayes, Tommy Russell, Dwane Bradley, and Gary Cromer. Second row: Dennis Lawrence, Frankie Rader, Jackie Blackburn, Irvia McClure, Jerry Price, Jimmy Saylor, Johnny Baldwin and Norman Clouse. Third row: Frankie Lawrence, David Burton, Doug Adams, William Brown, Ernie Blevins, Wayne Singleton and Steve Chaney. Everyone in the FFA Chapter welcome these new members and hope they will prosper and become a vital influence in our local communities.

ROCKCASTLE COUNTY STUDENTS ACHIEVE...

Two students from Rockcastle County made the Dean's list for the fall semester at Sue Bennett College. They are: Laurence LaFavers, son of Eugene LaFavers, brothead; and Jeleta Taylor, daughter of Bobby Taylor, brothead. Both students are 1973 graduates of

Rockcastle County High School. The Dean's list is comprised of full-time students who earn a 3.5 or above or a 4.0 standing.

Four students from Rockcastle made the Honor Roll for the fall semester at Sue Bennett. They are: Sherry Gail Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Taylor of West Albright Street in Brothead; Dennis Ray Harris, son of W. H. Harris of Route 1, Mt. Vernon; Tony Duane Mink, son of Tony Mink of Route 1, Brothead; and Carolyn Scott, daughter of Verla Scott of Route 3, Crab Orchard. The Honor Roll is comprised of full-time students who earn a 3.0-3.5 average or a 4.0 standing.

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Shows are students from Rockcastle County who made the Dean's List or Honor Roll at Sue Bennett College for the fall semester, 1973. Front row, left to right, Sherry Taylor, Jeleta Taylor, and Carolyn Scott. Second row, left to right, Larry LaFavers, Duane Mink, and Dennis Harris.



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FIRST BIRTHDAY - Billy Ray Adams, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray Adams, Sr. of Brindle Ridge, celebrated his first birthday Saturday, February 2nd. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Earl Smith of Mt. Vernon and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Adams of Brindle Ridge.



THIRD BIRTHDAY - Heather Watson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hershel Watson of Frankfort, Ky., celebrated her third birthday January 29th. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Carael Blanton of Brothead, Route 1, and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Watson of Route 1, Crab Orchard.

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New books received from the Department of Libraries include:

Unnatural Resources. by Dale Milton Tittler. Throughout the history of our country, America's natural resources have proved an important incentive for its discovery and development. This book tells about her unnatural resources - the pirate booty, the private boards, the lost mines, and

sunken galleons - that lie underground and along our coastlines.

Retreat With Honor. by Josephine Lawrence. Malinda Drew, a spirited widow of 51, has thought to go into retirement after long years in a law office, but is persuaded instead to take on the supervision of one of those retirement communities that are increasingly a part of the North American landscape.

The Health Insurance Racket and How To Beat It. by John E. Gregg. In recent years many legislators have uncovered a vast reservoir of public bitterness against the health care industry. The reason is obvious: citizens of this country are being cheated out of decent health care. This book is the first to reveal the specific ways in which the public is being duped. Going further, it



MAKING A POINT - State Senators Gene Huff, left, of London, and Norman E. Farris, Somerset, take time out during a Senate session to discuss legislative matters. Sen. Huff, representing the 21st district, is in his second term as senator, after serving two terms in the state House of Representatives. Sen. Farris, from the 11th district, has served as senator since 1968.

tells exactly how the individual can cope with the insurers to acquire needed coverage at a fair price.

Prisoner of the Queen. by Alison MacLeod. To the young Jesuit Paul Calverley there can be no greater fulfillment than martyrdom for the true faith.

Mrs. Eugene Alexander, Jewell Alexander visited Mrs. Liddie Reppert and Mrs. Cola Grace Wilson in Mt. Vernon recently.

Eugene Alexander was in Hamilton, Ohio last Sunday due to the death of his uncle George Alexander. May God comfort and bless the loved ones in their sorrow.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Richardson of Irvine were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Ponder.

Visiting Mrs. Della Bullens of Macedonia Friday night were Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Chasteen.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lee Croucher and family of Conway were in Franklin, Ohio over the weekend visiting her sister and family Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Tinch.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Cope attended the funeral of Sink Meade in Berea Monday.

Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Cope and Buddy were their son William and

family of Dayton, Ohio. Sunday guests were their daughters Mrs. Jean Hayes and Brenda of Winchester and Mrs. Helen Powell and Dwayne of Berea.

Mr. and Mrs. William Cope and Mrs. Willie Cope visited Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Powell in Berea Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Treon and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Gabbard and Mrs. Gladys Rose Sunday afternoon. Bruce Treon spent Sunday night with his grandmother Mrs. Mona Treon.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Willard Todd of Scaffold Cane Monday night were Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Chasteen.

Please attend Sunday School and Church somewhere. We all need to be in the House of the Lord. We need God's guidance and his love. America as a whole has tried for

sometime now to make its own decisions (without God) and we see where it has brought us. But what can we expect - when

we turn our back on God? We need to take inventory of our lives, you know the days of our lives are being marked off the calendar one by one - When we come down to the last one, can we look back and be satisfied, or will we be ashamed of the life that we have lived for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave His all for us? Think about it!

May God bless and care for each one of you in my prayer.

STATE HAS MONEY - Gov. Wendell H. Ford revealed in his budget that the state has a surplus of \$55.5 million in the general fund of federal revenue-sharing funds amassed during the current biennium. Of the new \$4.4 billion biennium budget, \$264.5 million will go for construction projects along with increases in welfare and food stamps, health and correctional needs.

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FAIRVIEW

Worship services were well attended at Fairview over the weekend and Sunday School attendance was ninety-three. Thank the good Lord for each one.

We extend our sympathy to the ones who have lost loved ones recently and wish all the sick a speedy recovery. Let's remember to always pray for the sick and the bereaved families. We need to pray one for another.

John Vaughn of Crossville, Tennessee spent a few days here last week with relatives. He visited Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Chasteen, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Alexander and family and Mr. and Mrs. William Alexander and family.

Spending the past weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Doug Ponder and Scottie were Mrs. Ponder's mother and sister Mrs. Lucille Lakes and Yvonne of Franklin, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Tip Reppert and Melody were Sunday night guests of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Saylor and family of Renfro Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Cletus Peters and daughter Beverly and Mrs. Barbara Peters were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Benton Barrett and family in Winchester Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Cletus Peters and Beverly were Wednesday night guests of their son Mike and family in Berea. Ira Reppert and sons of Crossville, Tennessee were here last Saturday visiting relatives - Mrs. Liddie Reppert of Mt. Vernon (his mother) and was also at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Tip Reppert, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Chasteen and Mr. and

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NOTICE:

Persons needing early morning announcements concerning school closings during bad weather, etc., please listen to WHAS Radio Station, Louisville since WRVK (Renfro Valley) does not go on the air until 7 a.m.

We will, of course, call WRVK at 7 a.m. for our announcements.

Since some bus drivers leave home before 7 a.m., they will need to listen to WHAS.

Charles B. Parsons
Superintendent of Schools
Rockcastle County

GIRLS BASKETBALL TOURNAY SCHEDULED

Probably the first organized girls' basketball tournament in Rockcastle history will be held at the Mt. Vernon Elementary School on Tuesday, February 12 and Thursday, February 14.

Mt. Vernon will oppose Livingston at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Broodhead-Bronstone game in Tuesday night action. On Thursday, the consolation game will be at 6:30 followed by the championship game.

Admission to the games will be 75 cents for students and \$1.00 for adults.

Three trophies will be awarded.

DAR TO MEET...

The Rockcastle Chapter of the DAR will observe American History Month with a meeting Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Rockcastle County High School.

Speaker for the meeting will be Paul Owens, head of the Speakers Bureau at the University of Kentucky.

Mr. Owens' topic will be "Kentucky's Contribution to American History." During the meeting, Good Citizens awards and the Outstanding Junior in American History award will be presented.

The public is cordially invited to attend the meeting.



Discussing the new Rockcastle County High School football field which will be located directly adjacent to the present parking facilities of the high school area, left to right: Larry Travis, Jim Cox (both members of the football coaching staff), Charles B. Parsons, Superintendent of Rockcastle County Schools, and Glen Polly, Head Coach.

Board Takes First Step Toward Football Field

The Rockcastle County Board of Education took action at its Monday night's meeting toward providing a football field at the new high school.

The Board invited Donald B. Shelton, architect, the football coaching staff and Cleiton Saylor, principal at RCHS, to the meeting to discuss what could be accomplished toward the field.

After looking at the total cost of constructing complete facilities for football and track, the Board determined that the complex would have to be constructed in phases. A study of the Board's financial status, in terms of capital construction funds, indicates that possibly a total of \$70,000 would be available during fiscal years '74 and '75 toward the project.

Taking into consideration the availability of funds, the Board authorized Mr. Shelton to prepare plans and specifications

and to advertise for construction bids for the first phase which will include grading and drainage and seeding of the field. Bids will be opened at the March 4th meeting of the Board.

The Board has hopes that additional funds will be available in 1976 to complete the second phase of the project.

That worry-wart "Inflation" was also a prime topic of discussion at Monday night's meeting of the Board. Supt. Charles Parsons told the Board that the three new 66-passenger buses, which the Board purchased for the 1974-75 school year and on which delivery will be made this summer, reflected a sharp rise in cost.

Mr. Parsons said that the same bus cost \$7,054.96 last year but that the price tag on the new buses will be \$8,707.00 each for the three new ones purchased this year - an increase of \$1,652.04 per bus.

MRS. JULIA HALCOOMB

Mrs. Julia Halcomb, age 70, of Orlando, passed away Sunday morning February 3rd at the Rockcastle County Hospital. She was born in Rockcastle County on December 14, 1903, the daughter of the late M.C. and Lula Allen Large and was a member of the Maple Grove Baptist Church.

She survived by: her husband, Robert; three brothers, Ira Large of Cincinnati, Ohio, Jimmy Large of Richmond, and Reynolds Large of Lexington; three sisters, Mrs. Delia Vanzant of Orlando and Mrs. Lona Hatcher and Mrs. Minnie Hatcher, both of London.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, February 5, 1974 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home with Bro. Lester Arnold and Bro. Eugene Bradley officiating. Burial was in the Chestnut Cemetery.

BEN H. DAVIDSON

Ben H. Davidson of Blanton, Fairfield Nursing Home in Hamilton, Ohio (and formerly of Rockcastle County) died January 26, 1974. His wife, Lula Ash Davidson, passed away January 10, 1974 in Hamilton.

Survivors are: nine sons, Arthur of Lakeland, Florida, Elthur of Amelia, Ohio, Monroe of Cincinnati, Ohio, Hiram of Lancaster, Ohio, Dan of Olathe, Colorado, Arnel of Portsmouth, Ohio, Bee of Olathe, Colorado, Fred of Fairfield, Ohio, and Everett of Amelia, Ohio; one daughter, Mrs. Laura McDouire of Maud, Ohio; twenty-four grandchildren and nineteen great grandchildren. One son, Charles, preceded him in death.

Interment was in the Mt. Moriah Cemetery in Withamsville, Ohio.

BOOKMOBILE SCHEDULE

Your Rockcastle County Bookmobile will be in the following areas for the week of February 10-16:

February 11th - Broodhead and Copper Creek; February 12 - Green Hill, Conway, and Boone; February 14th - Maple Grove, Co. Max.

BE SURE TO VISIT YOUR BOOKMOBILE!

4 Injured In Car-Truck Accident on Monday

Four Rockcastle residents were injured early Monday morning in a car-pickup truck collision just North of Livingston on U.S. 25 about 8:30 a.m.

Injured in the accident were George Carter, "Bunny" Carlotta, 22, of Livingston, driver of the car, and his two passengers, Mrs. Kouk Colingworth, 21, of Renfro Valley and Diana Mink, 18, of Livingston. Mr. Carlotta had a neck knocked out and several facial lacerations. Mrs. Colingworth was taken to a Lexington hospital suffering with fractures of the facial bones. She has now been released. Miss Mink was

City and County Feel Effects of Independent Truckers Strike

The independent truckers of Rockcastle County agreed Tuesday afternoon to halt any further hindrance of truck deliveries in Rockcastle County. The announcement was made over Radio Station WRVK late Tuesday afternoon by David McCaskey and Robert Hubbard, both independent truckers.

The local truckers, who are supporting the nation-wide strike of independent truckers mainly because of the reduction in speed limits and the high-prices of diesel fuel, began Monday morning asking truck drivers bringing goods into the county, including food, gas, factory supplies, etc. to cooperate with them and not deliver their merchandise. The request for cooperation was effective to the point that a gas truck with a consignment for a local service station, left without filling the station's tanks, a wholesale food company failed to make the regular scheduled deliveries to grocery stores in the area, a local fuel oil dealer parked his trucks and wouldn't share with the other oil oil (although the other oil dealer continued to make fuel oil deliveries), and one bread truck made its deliveries Tuesday escorted by a police car.

Robert Hubbard, one of the local striking truckers, told the Signal Monday that the strike would continue and local deliveries would be hampered until an agreement was reached in Washington satisfactory to the truckers. Mr. Hubbard said that it had been decided Monday not to halt milk and home heating oil trucks but all other trucks would be asked to comply with the request.

Word of the delivery halts

caused a run on the grocery stores in the county Monday and Tuesday which were comparable to one groceryman put it, to a very busy Saturday. However, Tuesday, the fear of shortages was dispelled somewhat when it became apparent that bread and milk deliveries to the stores would be made.

There were no reports of violence during the two-day haltage.

Fiscal Court Hears Civil Defense Request

Members of the local Civil Defense organization met with the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court Tuesday to request financial help to keep their operation (which includes besides Civil Defense, the Rescue Squad and Ambulance Service) going.

Larry Burdette, CD Director and Floyd Caldwell, Deputy Director, explained the three phases of Civil Defense, loyalty to the Magistrates and Mr. Burdette said that financial aid to the program was so critical that without it, the ambulance service would be able

to operate only a short time longer.

The amount requested for helping to operate the program is \$2,000 per month or \$24,000 per year. Wayne Berry, State CD Co-ordinator, told the Court that the state program would contribute 50% of the cost of the program.

While the Court lent a very sympathetic ear to the pleas, particularly the problems bearing directly on the ambulance service, they told Mr. Burdette that financial aid had been coming in later in the year, the County was strapped for funds and did not see quite how any financial aid could be given to the program right now. However, after much discussion, the Magistrates asked Mr. Burdette to explore them in a week, during which time they would explore all possibilities of obtaining funds for the program. Mr. Burdette gave him a definite answer then.

Also during the meeting, the Court heard a suggestion for a settlement on the suit of Ellice "Gibby" Johnson, who is seeking to recover \$1,000 from a peace bond forfeiture in 1967. Mr. Cox told the Court that with court costs stemming from the suit and interest which Mr. Johnson could have earned on the money and assuming the suit was won, the final total to the county could conceivably be around \$1,350.00. However, Mr. Cox told the Court that if they wished to avoid the time, trouble and expense of a trial that his client, Mr. Johnson, would be willing to settle now for the original \$1,000. After very little discussion, a majority of the Court decided to take their chances in a trial and rejected Mr. Cox's offer of a settlement. Three Magistrates, Sherman Sargent, J. R. Cromer and Chester Whitaker, did not vote on the case.

New Radio Equipment Purchased For Police

An aid to crime fighting in the county was instituted Tuesday when the Fiscal Court agreed to share in the cost of the installation of a radio system which would provide communications between the sheriff and other law enforcement officers in the county.

The system is one for which the Cumberland Valley Regional Crime Commission will provide 75% of the cost. The county's share of the total cost of \$5,551.40, for equipment for the Sheriff's office and vehicles, will be \$1,387.85 (25% of the total cost). Equipment for the Sheriff's Department will include three mobile units for vehicles and one hand-held portable unit.

The City of Mt. Vernon has also agreed to install the system at a cost of \$803.70 and their system will include: one remote control unit, two hand-held portables and two vehicle chargers which enables them to use the hand-held portable.

The towns of Livingston and Brodhead will also share in the program and will each receive a mobile unit at a cost of approximately \$270 each to the towns.

The costs to the County and to Mt. Vernon will include the installation of a base station (each government will pay one-half the cost of the base station).

With this new system, the point-to-point system earlier installed by the Crime Commission in City Hall and in the Sheriff's Office, will be utilized in that, a check on a vehicle can be made from the site of the check by calling either City Hall or the Sheriff's office and asking them to check, with the point-to-point system

GOSPEL SINGING FEBRUARY 9TH

There will be a Gospel Singing February 9th at 7:30 p.m. at the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church. Gene Noe, pastor of the church, and the congregation cordially invite the public to attend.

BRODHEAD HONOR ROLL

Big Towery, principal at Brodhead Elementary School, has announced that the following students have been named to the third six-weeks honor roll.

Grade 4

Debbie Barron, David Burdine, Tony Cromer, Sandy Dennis, Tracey Mink, Geneva Miller, Jeff McKinley, Vicky McKinley, Edward Whitaker, Stephen McClure, Phyllis McGuire, Curtis Pingleton, Connie Price, Margaret Kirby, Barry Hurst, Jerry Singleton, Melanie Baldwin, Sherry Cash, Barry Proctor, Loretta Bullock, Phillip Bradley, Charlene Sowder, Rhonda Brummett, Ronnie Cameron, Karen Hamm, Brian Holman, Donald Jones, Vickie King, Elizabeth Proctor, Cindy Taylor, Craig White, Joanna Martin, and Tammy Hanel.

Grade 5

Kimberly Bullock, Janet Burdine, Nancy Cass, Sherry Hanel, Janice Hoskins, Micki Martin, Lisa Fawcett, Christina Reynolds, Michelle Stone, Robin Arnold, Jessie Hayes, Shelia Lamb, Lisa Lawrence, Opie Roberts, Opie Sowder, Marie McGuire, Malba Mink.

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CRAIG RESIGNS

Jack Reid Craig, Utility Superintendent for the City of Mt. Vernon for the past eleven and one half years, submitted his resignation to the City Council February 1. His resignation will be effective February 28.

Mr. Craig is resigning to open a Goodfry Tire Store in Berea but the Craig intend to continue making their home in Mt. Vernon.

BULLETIN

Drawings for the 40th District Basketball Tournament, to be held at RCHS, were held Wednesday afternoon with Rockcastle drawing in the lower bracket with Owsley and Jackson County. Drawing by Mrs. Day Cooney, Annette and Jackson County. The first game of the Tournament will be Tuesday night, February 20th, between Rockcastle and Owsley at approximately 8 p.m. There will also be a "B" Team Tournament held in conjunction with the District Tournament. More details in next week's Signal.

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Frankfort Watchline

Why, the nerve of the Legislature! How dare they? Just who do they think they are? The ideal Demanding the right to control the biennial budget even after they adjourn. This is the implied view of the governor's office, which seems to feel that it has - or should have - the right to change things around as it wishes with the excuse, whether it's valid or not, of the unpredictability of revenues because of the energy crisis.

We've been watching some of the budget hearings and this issue seems bound to come to some kind of clash. It's all been very polite and proper so far, but that extra pinch of power the executive branch is seeking for the next two years is a real burr to some lawmakers who really believe in independence and the division of power between the legislature and the governor.

It affects Gov. Wendell Ford is asking for authority to reduce or increase spending in certain areas - with priorities all spelled out in the budget bill - depending on the uncertain future.

On the surface, that's a valid request. There's even a clause under which the governor would "consult" with the interim appropriations and revenue committee after the session.

Aha... But consult doesn't mean that the governor is bound to do what the lawmakers suggest. After consulting, he can go on and do what he wanted to in the first place.

Now, what some House and Senate members seem to be angling for - if we sense the undercurrent accurately - is a kind of veto power over what the governor does with the \$4.4 billion he's asking for.

The lawmakers didn't use the word "veto" but Budget Director Jim King did, and he's right, that's what it would amount to.

And why not? We feel all Kentuckians have an interest in the way this tug of war comes out. We're also aware that Kentucky's constitution delegates the authority to approve the budget to the General Assembly, and so on and so forth.

And if someone in the executive branch thinks he ought to be able to toy with the

budget after lawmakers have done home - after the third floor halls echo with silence - after your representatives are hopelessly out of reach, isn't it a constitutional question? **

LABOR OF LOVE - Republican State Chairman Charles Coy, introducing state director Larry VanHoose to a gathering of the central committee last week, cracked that "Larry's the only one I know of who can make a living out of politics."

To which Larry quipped, "This is a living!"

And it goes on. Larry was visiting in the House gallery the other day, and his presence was noted by a grinning Democrat, Majority Leader John Swinford. "Larry's a former member of the House," Swinford announced to Speaker Norbert Blume's dismay. "The chair was not aware of this," he said.

"Well, I thought he was, Mr. Speaker," continued Swinford. "He controlled so many votes in 1970." (Former Gov. Louie Nunn's last session, VanHoose being Nunn's press secretary.)

To all that, Minority Leader Harold DeMarcus popped up and kind of veto power over what all that, Mr. Speaker, but Mr. Van Hoose did not mean as many votes as the "Man from Mississippi" (former Democratic Party Chairman J. R. Miller) **

ENGINE DRIVER NUMBER ONE - Few people know, except his neighbors, that Greenup House Democrat Terry McBrayer is an engine driver in his volunteer firefighters' company at home.

And because the fire sirens more than once has caused attorney McBrayer to have to rush from the courtroom, though in the middle of a case, nattily attired in his business suit, he'd become known as the best-dressed fireman in town. But... maybe not anymore. At 3 a.m. one recent cold, cold morning, McBrayer was awakened by a fire call and if he didn't do anything else, he sleepily resolved, he was going to dress warmly - boots, heavy coat, gloves, the works.

The only thing our hero had on under all that were his longjohns. *****

County

Statistics

-Deeds Recorded-

Pate Bullock, Jr., real property located near Mt. Vernon, to Lewis and Dolly Cameron. Tax \$10.00.

Aggie Wolfe, real property located in Owens Subdivision, to Henry T. and Madlyn Parrott. Tax \$3.00.

Roberta Robbins, real property located on the waters of Dix River, to Thelma Frith, Opal Wright and Goldie Roberts. Tax \$5.00.

Ernest Jordan, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Roy Kidwell. Tax \$2.00.

Ernest and Isabel Mason, real property located in the

Orlando section, to Clarence and Louisa Carter. Tax \$1.00.

Sam and Juanita Miller Mink, real property located on the waters of Calloway Branch, to Bessie Roukas. Tax \$5.00.

Alvin E. and Goldie Isaacs, real property located on the waters of Roundstone Creek, to Marion and Evelyn Poynter. Tax \$2.00.

Carl and Linda Stewart, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Shirley Smith and Alma Jean Smith. N/T.

Leas and Charlie Carpenter, real property located in Livingston, to Bert and Lorene Johnson. Tax \$2.00.

Richard and Bonnie Lawrence, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Herbert Ray and Eula Lawrence. Tax \$11.00.

Stella Mae Johnson, real property located in Livingston, to Woodrow and Nora Gilbert. Tax \$3.50.

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This year the cost of seedlings has increased slightly over past years; however, the prices are lower when larger quantities of tree seedlings are purchased. For example, the prices for most species are 1/4c per seedling when purchasing 1,000, or 2c per seedling when

purchase 250.

Here are the species and prices for these tree seedlings that will be available for this spring's planting. Yellow poplar and scotch pine will sell for \$25.00 per thousand or \$7.00 for 250 seedlings. The following species will sell for \$15.00 per thousand or \$5.00 for 250 seedlings. They include white pine, shortleaf pine, Virginia pine, black locust, white ash, and sycamore. A check made payable to the Kentucky State Treasurer should accompany your order.

Several species are already sold out and will not be available for spring planting. These

species that are sold out include black walnut, white oak, cherrybark oak, superior cottonwood, hybrid poplar, and loblolly pine. These species will

not be available for spring planting, but you should order now to assure delivery this fall. This is an excellent (Cont. to 8)



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The source of 98 per cent of KU's electric energy is coal. KU has ample generating capability, and plans and hopes to continue to supply its customers' needs dependent upon an adequate supply of coal.

These needs have kept growing. Kentucky's expanding industrial and commercial development, the thousands of new homes for which electricity is the best remaining alternative source of heat, and increasing residential use are demanding more and more electric energy.

KU engineers have anticipated these demands, and KU has built facilities as they were needed. It has successfully kept pace with current requirements even when electrical use increased far beyond previous records.

This is not a justification for "business as usual." While KU can, today, supply its customers' requirements, it supports President Nixon's fuel conservation and wise use programs. It has for many months urged its customers to observe sound electricity- and resource-saving measures.

Summing-up... there is no shortage of generating capability in our service area. We shall continue to do our best to make sure none develops... and do our best to acquire fuel for generation to supply your electrical needs. You can help preserve our natural resources by using electricity wisely.



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Social And Women's News

Personals

Ira Reppert and sons Jeff and Greg and nephew J. M. Odell of Crossville, Tennessee were weekend visitors of Mr. and Mrs. James Reppert and son of Eubank.

While here they also visited Mr. Reppert's mother, Mrs. Liddle Reppert and also Mrs. Mabel Reppert of Mt. Vernon.

Mrs. David Griffin of Louisville spent a few days last week with her mother Mrs. T. B. Dillingham.

Home Line

By Cheryl Witt
County Extension Agent For Home Economics

USED FURNITURE - HOW TO BUY

If you choose carefully - used furniture can be a good buy. Newspaper ads, bulletin boards, garage sales, auction - there are any number of places where you can find good, substantial furniture at low cost. You must choose carefully, however, and know what you need most.

Budget limited? You can use your own creativity and might make a few pieces that might be purchased for a few dollars.

When you go to look for such bargains for your home you might make a five point check-list. (1) What will the furniture be used for - a couch that will also serve for sleeping, or just to sit on? (2) Check the framework - it is put together on a good frame? (3) Look carefully at the legs of furniture, especially if they are small. Are

they well-balanced? (4) Are the drawers suitable - painted or varnished? - Unfinished wood swells in damp weather and causes drawers to stick. (5) Is the piece of furniture repairable? Can you do the work yourself or does it require professional skill? You can seldom return used furniture, so know what you are buying. It can be a good buy - if you choose wisely.

FOOD - AND THE ENERGY CRISIS

Commonplace habits in preparing food can be costly - not only in terms of wasted money but wasted energy.

Energy saving tips start with the way you use the range: start most foods at a higher temperature, then reduce the heat to maintain the desired cooking temperature to conserve energy.

-utensils: use only ones which fit the range burners or surface units. Remember, pans with flat bottoms will absorb more heat. Use tight fitting lids and place the utensil on the range before turning on the heat.

-Electric range: foods will usually continue to cook 3-5 minutes after the electrical unit is turned off.

-Oven: plan to use it to capacity. If you are preparing only one item, use a small portable appliance.

ENERGY CONSERVATION - AT HOME -

A "house check" is one way of seeing what you can do about the energy crisis. Go over your home and see what you can do to conserve energy.

Check the temperature control in your home first. Then - a check list. (1) Loose fitting window panes should have air spaces filled with a caulking material and weather stripped. (2) Unused outside doors could be sealed. (3) Unused rooms should be closed, left unheated.

(4) Limiting the use of kitchen and bathroom exhaust fans will reduce the amount of warm or cool air drawn out of the house. (5) Heating and cooling systems should be kept in good operating condition. There is a potential energy saving of 10% or more if the heating equipment is clean and well maintained. (6) The damper on the fireplace should be closed when the fireplace is not in use. (7) The installation of glass doors on the fireplace could be closed as the fire burns down eliminates the need to leave the damper open overnight.

ATTENTION: PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN -

A special workshop on Children's Clothing is being planned by Cheryl Witt, County Extension Agent for Home Economics in Rockcastle County.

The workshop will be February 21st at the P.C.A. Building in Mt. Vernon from 7 to 9 p.m. The workshop will be open to the public.

The following items will be discussed in the meeting:

1. Quality in children's clothing;
2. Special needs in children's clothing;
3. Buying and selecting children's clothes;
4. Construction tips and ideas.

Persons attending should bring good and bad examples of children's clothing.

Please register for the workshop by calling 256-2403 or by stopping by the Extension Office, second floor of the Courthouse, or by dropping a card in the mail with your name, address and telephone number on it to Rockcastle Extension Office, Box 297, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40356.

GO WITH YOUR FAMILY TO CHURCH THIS SUNDAY



TO BE WED - MR. AND MRS. Denver Singleton of Mt. Vernon announce the engagement of their niece, Lynda Vanzant, to Glen Davidson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Davidson of Dayton, Ohio. Miss Vanzant is a Junior at Rockcastle County High School. No date has been set for the wedding.



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THACKER ENLISTS... David W. Thacker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Thacker of Rural Route 3, Mt. Vernon, has enlisted in the U. S. Army. He earned expert honors in rifle range and will receive a medal during graduation. The eighteen-year old chose lifeman and is to be trained to perform maintenance on telephone equipment. He is presently stationed at Fort Knox.

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FEB. 14th

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Rockcastle Circuit Court Civil Action No. 2464

IVAS MULLINS, a widow PLAINTIFF

VS: NOTICE OF SALE

KENNETH MULLINS, single
TED MULLINS, single
RUSSELL MULLINS, single
TERRY B. MULLINS and wife; ELAINE MULLINS and JONES TUSSEY, Committee for Russell Mullins DEFENDANTS

By virtue of a judgment and order of sale of the Rockcastle Circuit Court rendered on the 26th day of January, 1974, in the above cause, a partition action, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Courthouse door in Mt. Vernon, Rockcastle County, Kentucky, to the highest bidder, at public auction on Saturday, the 16th day of February, 1974, at the hour of 10:30 A.M. or thereabouts, the following described real property located in Rockcastle County, Kentucky, to-wit:

TRACT NO. 1 - On the waters of Trace Branch and Crooked Creek and bounded on the north by the lands of Daniel Robinson and on the east by the lands of Steve Gabbard, now owned by the U.S. Government; on the south by the lands of Luther Morris and Red Hill Burying grounds; and on the west by the lands of Bert Mullins and Daniel Robinson and containing eighty (80) acres more or less.

TRACT NO. 2 - On the waters of Crooked Creek and beginning at a stake; thence N 70 E 84 poles to a black oak; thence S 69 E 40 poles to a poplar and ash; thence S 46 poles to two chestnut oaks; thence N 82 E 18 poles to chestnut oak; thence S 61 E 54 poles to a black oak; thence S 5 E 38 poles to a black oak on a ridge; thence S 16 W 27 poles to a dogwood and white oak; thence S 55 W 100 poles to a dogwood and white oak; thence S 55 W 20 poles on a ridge; thence N 18 W 30 poles to a small black oak; thence N 20 W 96 poles to a chestnut at the end of a point; thence N 35 W 80 poles to the beginning and containing 118 acres more or less.

TRACT NO. 3 - Beginning at two small sawwoods in the lines of Bert Mullins; thence northeastward to a small chestnut oak; thence south eastward to a pine; thence nearly same to a chestnut; thence nearly same course passing a white oak just below a spring, to a stone near county road; thence southward to a stone in lines of Bert Mullins; also a corner to Dan M. Ponder; thence northward with the line of Bert Mullins to the beginning and containing 1/4 acres more or less.

TRACT NO. 4 - On the waters of White Oak Branch and Crooked Creek and beginning in the right of way of the new Red Hill Road, a corner to Preston Tankersley and the property herein conveyed; thence an eastern direction with the line of Preston Tankersley to the line of the United States Government; thence with the line of the United States Government to the cliff; and the line of Bert Mullins thence with the line of Bert Mullins a southwesterly direction to the right of way of said road; thence a northern direction with right of way of said road to the point of beginning and containing two (2) acres more or less.

TRACT NO. 5 - On the waters of Trace Branch of Rockcastle River and bounded on the north by the lands of the United States Government; bounded on the east by the lands of Tall Hall; bounded on the south by the lands of W. E. Griffin and Henry Shell; bounded on the west by the lands of W. H. Ponder and Silas Howard, containing ninety (90) acres more or less.

TRACT NO. 6 - On the waters of Crooked Creek and near Red Hill School House No. 66, being about three quarters of an acre more or less, and beginning on top of a cliff at a cross mark hacked in the rock at Martha Mullins and her heirs line; thence south with said line to a poplar stump close to cliff; thence N 15 W 20 poles to a corner; thence east with H. L. Ponder's line to the top of a cliff, a crossmark hacked in the rock and chestnut oak pointers top of; thence with the cliff back to the beginning.

TRACT NO. 7 - On the dividing ridge between Crooked Creek and Trace Branch and beginning at a stone on west side of county road leading from top of Red Hill to Red Hill School House and thence to a corner to a small tract of land sold to Bert Mullins by S. W. Morris; thence southwestward to a stone; thence southeastward to a black oak on upper side and east side of the aforesaid county road; thence northward with said county road to the beginning and containing 1/4 acre more or less.

TRACT NO. 8 - Beginning at a locust where a gum is called for, corner of Quentin Barnett; thence with his line reversed N 13 1/2 W 35 1/2 poles to a stake on top of a cliff, two beech pointers; thence N 10 W 26 poles to a stake at the fork of a branch, corner of Dewey Gilbert; thence with Gilbert's line and the branch N 1 1/2 E 24 1/2 poles to a small dogwood; thence N 45 E 13 4/5 poles to a beech; thence N 87 E 15 1/2 poles to a hickory; thence 68 E 8 1/4 poles to a beech; thence N 59 E 10 1/4 poles to two white oaks; near the fork of the branch; thence leaving Gilbert's line and continuing with the branch S 89 E 13 1/4 poles to a beech and white oak; thence S 84 E 10 4/5 poles to a point in the branch; thence S 71 E 18 1/2 poles to a lynch; thence S 77 E 8 1/4 poles to an ash; thence S 64 1/2 E 9 1/5 poles to a poplar; thence leaving the branch S 40 W 31 2/5 poles to a point of a cliff; thence with the cliff S 14 W 1 1/4 poles to four chestnut oaks growing from the same stump; thence S 70 W 7 1/2 poles to a white oak; thence S 52 W 7 poles to a locust; thence S 27 W 9 poles to a chestnut oak at the end of a cliff, corner of Howard heirs; thence leaving the cliff S 75 W 6 3/4 poles to a poplar; thence N 89 W 39 poles to a black oak; thence N 82 1/2 W 12 poles to a black oak; thence S 59 W 80 poles to the beginning, and containing forty (40) acres more or less. (Survey by J. C. Gentry March, 1973). This property is commonly referred to as the GOOSE'S NEST.

The property herein shall be sold to the highest bidder on the terms of cash or credit of six (6) months, payable not later than six (6) months from the date of the sale with interest at the rate of seven (7%) per cent per annum from date of sale until paid, in which event the purchaser shall execute bond therefor with good and sufficient surety to be approved by the Master Commissioner to secure the payment of the purchase price. The purchaser shall have the privilege of paying said bond before maturity by paying the principal amount thereof together with all interest accrued thereon until the date of such payment.

/s/ Carl B. Williams
Master Commissioner, Rockcastle Circuit Court
James W. Lambert
Attorney at Law
Mt. Vernon, Kentucky, 40456
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Rockcastle Recollections

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At this late day it may be impossible to say when the first house was built in Rockcastle County or where it was built. We have generally assumed that the old Langford house in Mt. Vernon, built by Stephen Langford around 1780, was the first dwelling of white men within the present limits of the county, but later research has indicated that the old Langford house on Rockcastle River, or the one back of Mt. Vernon, towards Skaggs Creek, claims some consideration. Of the three, the house on Rockcastle River is the only one still standing and is probably the oldest house in the county.

Contending for that honor may be either the old James Fish house, long known as the Jack Hysinger place, or the Colonel William Fish house, later known as the Aunty Polly Hiatt place and still later as the Harry Chastain place. It is possible that these two were built at about the same time by the Fish Brothers, James and

William. Cecil Hysinger still lives in a part of the James Fish house, to which he has built an addition, but the old original log walls are still there, so this old house is still occupied, while the Colonel Fish house has been moved onto my property in Renfro Valley and restored as nearly as possible to its original condition.

So much for old houses still standing or accounted for, but was there a house built before or around 1780? Linda Ramsey Ashley writes me that in prowling through some old land grants in The University of Kentucky Library she came across several taken out in the year 1780 along Skaggs Creek or on Rockcastle River. One in particular is located as being "4 or 5 miles below the head of Skaggs Creek on the old trace about 1/4 mile below a spring where there stands improvements." Since "improvements" generally indicated building a cabin or growing a corn crop it would appear that someone lived there, or at least had been there, as early as 1780.

Since Rockcastle County had not been formed in 1780, anyone living in those portions of Lincoln, Madison, Pulaski and Knox Counties which went into the making of Rockcastle could be said to have been living here, the same as Stephen Langford in what was then Lincoln County. According to the census of 1790 the following people were so located and may well have been later included in Rockcastle: William French, William Henderson, John and John Lair, Benjamin and Walker Langford, James Collier and John Baker, all names familiar in the earliest history of Rockcastle County. It would be a hopeless task to attempt to find now just where their homes were located and whether or not they were actually in the portions of their counties later included in the make-up of our county. So, in the absence of all definite records, we can only say that among those listed some of them must have been first to settle here, but their names and date of coming will probably never be known.

The Fish family had settled here before 1800. The Long Hunters, John Baker, James Dysart and Valentine Harmon, with their families, were here at a very early date. James Proctor, mentioned in an earlier article, in this series, is a strong claimant for both the honor of being one of the very first settlers and the "builder of one of the first cabin homes in the county, remembering that when he first settled here Logan's Fort, at present Stanford, Kentucky, was the nearest store he could visit. George Montgomery, from Old Virginia, must have been here before 1802, in that year he took up four hundred acres of land around Great Salt Petre Cave and started getting out saltpetre from the cave with a considerable work force that two years later had grown to number seventy-two employees. Then, too, there was John Renfro and his wife who built the first cabin in Renfro Valley prior to 1800, on land secured from his uncle, James Renfro, who had taken up several land grants in what is now Renfro Valley, including land adjoining my old homeplace. James Bennett Hiatt has among his father's old papers several old deeds, some dating back to 1830, together with a Virginia grant, signed by Patrick Henry, indicating that John Cobb had taken up three thousand acres in Rockcastle (including Renfro Valley) as early as 1781. Mention is made of a stone house then standing on that property but its exact location is not given, neither is the name of the builder or owner. Since a part of this claim borders on land already taken up by Samuel Taylor, we must infer that Taylor established his claim even prior to 1781.

Shown on the same plat as the Cobb and Taylor surveys are the following: John Bauls, 6751 acres; Underwood, 6750 acres; Bailey, 400 acres; J. Bryant, 500 acres; claims of J. Colyer, Renfros, Richardson Roberts, William Smith, Constant Perkins and Edmond Perkins. This involved 20,000 acres listed, plus an unknown number of acres listed and not included in our survey around 30,000. The center of the survey seems to be the Bailey lands, their homeplace at one time located where the drinking fountain now stands in the little park between U.S. 25 and the big log museum and radio station building here in the Valley. A few stones from their original chimneys are still around, having been included in the building of the big stone chimney put up two or three years ago in the rebuilding of the old log house here in my front yard. This was the same building being lived in earlier days by John and Lulu Renfro, Renfro Valley's first settlers of whom we have record and which they later sold to the Bailey family and built a new cabin down Renfro Creek, not far from its junction with Roundstone Creek, just below the old Langford Mill on the latter stream.

I once made a visit to old deserted cabins in the vicinity of Skaggs Creek and some of its side coves and hollows. I was surprised at the number of them and their apparent age, but was unable to find out about their history. It is only natural to infer that since early pioneers preferred to live along a trace or road, and since Skaggs Trace was the first regular trail established across Rockcastle County that many of the early homesteaders would have settled in that area. Since nobody has volunteered any information and since I do not know any of the old-timers on whom to call, I feel that the Skaggs Trace section will not receive the notice in our book which it deserves. Also, I might mention here that two of the counties best known and more numerous families, the Bethurams and the Bullocks, may not be given their rightful place in the collection of Rockcastle families because I do not have sufficient information on them and to date none of their descendants have sent in any family histories at all. Readers must understand that I cannot possibly take time to personally look up such information on numerous Rockcastle families unless they are interested enough to help out by sending in what they know about them. If none of your family have kept such records they can usually be found in the old Family Bible or on the gravestones of the nearest cemetery.

And, speaking of cemeteries, we want to find the grave of the person with the earliest birth date on the marker. For instance, there is in the old Phillips family graveyard at Wildie a headstone for Jesse Williams, stating that he was born in 1850. This is the earliest one I have seen. Does someone know of an earlier one.

And, since I am asking for help, let me ask again that folks send in

information on the churches of Rockcastle County, going as far back as possible. I have information on several, but by no means all of them. I would like to be writing up the chapter on churches and also on old county district schools, but feel that I cannot include as many of either as should appear in the finished book. I would not be right to publish a history of Rockcastle County without including representative chapters on schools and churches. I have more information than can be used on murders and trials and tragedies and crime which have given the county a bad name but not enough on matters that would tend to make it appear more respectable and worthwhile.

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VOCATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK - Gov. Wendell Ford has proclaimed the week of February 10-16 as Vocational Educational Week in Kentucky. As vocational education programs "prepare all types of citizens for jobs within the community," Ford urged Kentucky residents to recognize the merits and accomplishments of these programs and to visit local vocational schools.

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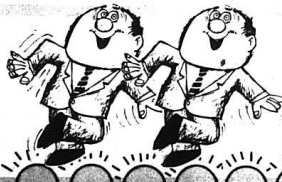
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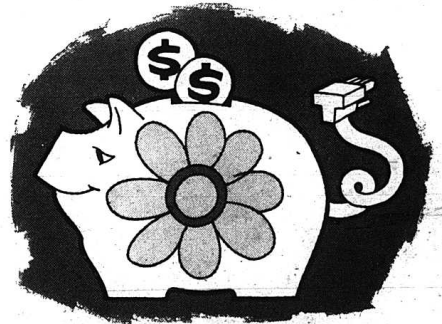
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