

Haldeman's Community Christmas Tree

Dispenses Good Cheer to All. President and General Manager Receptive Handsome Gifts From Employees. Speeches by Prof. Holbrook and Mr. Leadbetter.

The annual Community Christmas Tree at Haldeman, sponsored by the Kentucky Fire Brick Company, proved a huge success, even beyond expectations...

- Selection Morehead Band Song, "Joy to the World"
18 girls of H. C. S.
Address C. B. Cloyd
Morehead Band Song "Around the Christmas Tree"
4 girls and five boys of H. C. S.
Employees Presentation of Watch Roy E. Holbrook
Acceptance of Watch D. B. Leadbetter
Selection Morehead Band

The audience gave exceedingly good attention and seemed to share with their fellowman the feeling of "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men," and then the kiddies met old "Santa" who, with his aids from the store, dealt out one real treat after another until every boy and girl went home with a real Christmas toy...

The employees displayed that wonderful spirit, "It is more blessed to give than receive" when on their behalf Prof. Roy E. Holbrook, one of them, called for Mr. Leadbetter at the tree, and in unstudied phrases spoke as follows:

"Friends, we have an abundance of things for which to be thankful, but especially for a community of good citizens and to enjoy the blessings of life and so elegant a tree to enjoy at this hour. But we realize that this community as well as the tree could not be were it not for the successful Kentucky Fire Brick Company, around which this community is built, and yet its success is not by accident, but rather by thoughtful, wise management...

"I forget very much that Mr. Haldeman could not be present but he will receive an employees' gift of a watch, in Chicago.
To you, Mr. Leadbetter, on behalf of the employees of the Kentucky Fire Brick Company, I wish to say, we do appreciate and love you as a man, fair to employees, as a man essential to our community who is ever for the progress and welfare of our worthy ones; and we wish to show this appreciation and love by presenting to you this watch, a watch which we hope will serve you faithfully through coming years as you have so served us in the past."

Almost overcome with emotion and eyes moist with tears, Mr. Leadbetter replied as follows:
Mr. Leadbetter's Speech
"Friends, I hardly know what to say to you, but I must say that to receive this present from my employees has been some surprise to me. It is a beautiful gift and I am very proud of it, not for the watch alone, but for the spirit which has put into it. I was just informed this evening that every man and woman employed by the Kentucky Fire Brick Company donated, which pleases me that much more."

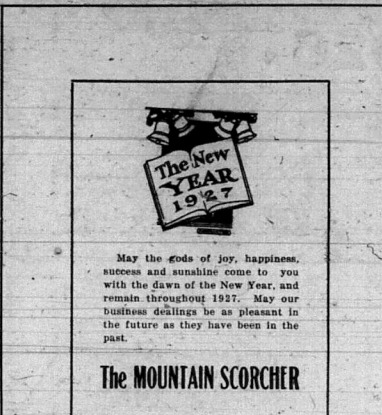
"To have, in the neighborhood of four hundred men and women come forward and show you that they are your friends is something to be proud of, and I am, indeed, exceedingly proud of it.
I have been at Haldeman for twenty years, and for the past seven years I have occupied the position of General Manager of the Kentucky Fire Brick Company. Any one occupying such a position, no matter how hard he may try to be fair with everyone, it is reasonable to expect that he will make some enemies, but I am glad to feel and know that every one of you have a friendly spirit that exists between you and me. It has always been my pleasure to assist you in every way possible and I have never realized until now just how much my efforts have been appreciated and the true friendly spirit that exists between us, and I sincerely trust that this spirit will continue forever; and I assure you that you will find me willing, not only willing, but extremely anxious to maintain this friendly spirit. I want to mention while I have the opportunity on Wednesday I was presented with a beautiful pair of cuff links by our Haldeman Consolidated School, and I want to thank each one of the children as well as the teachers for these cuff links, and I want to say that it is very encouraging to see this same friendly feeling displayed by the children of our community. I have not done a great deal for the school myself, but I am greatly interested in our school, and you will always find me putting forth my best efforts and using my influence to better the conditions for the children."

"I understand that our employees are presenting to Mr. Haldeman with a watch also, which will be a great surprise to him. While it is impossible for him to be with us tonight and receive this gift, I want to say for him, and you may rest assured that it will be highly appreciated by him. Mr. Haldeman does not come in contact with each of you as I do, but I know that you realize that he is deeply interested in each one of you individually, our Haldeman School, our little town of Haldeman and is very proud of his employees.
In closing I again wish to thank you for your kind remembrance and wish you a very Merry Christmas."

REED-BELLAMY
The Scorchers extend congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Luther D. Bellamy who were married at the home of the bride in West Liberty, Sunday. The bride, formerly Miss Grace Reed, is a daughter of Will Reed, of West Liberty, and is a most estimable young woman. Mr. Bellamy is a son of George Bellamy, of West Liberty, and a grand-son of Judge W. G. Blair, of this city. He has been for a long time, an employee in the Post Office and has many friends in the city who wish for him and his bride the full measure of continual bliss. Mr. Bellamy is a competent and industrious young business man.

A GRACEFUL ACT
The Boy Scouts did a graceful thing in making a Christmas gift of \$25 cash and other things to Harry (Bill) Huggins who has been severely afflicted in the lower limbs the past year. We are glad to say he is much better.

HAY
Go to Marion Day's for a good quality of mixed chaff and timothy hay.
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The MOUNTAIN SCORCHER

MILLER-HOLBROOK
A very pretty wedding took place Christmas day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Miller, when their daughter, Miss Dorothy, was united in marriage to Mr. John Will Holbrook in the presence of the immediate families of both the bride and groom. Rev. Thomas, of the Methodist church, officiating. These young people are prominent in the social and business life of the city. Mr. Holbrook being a teacher in the Morehead Consolidated school. Mr. Holbrook is a son of Mr. and Mrs. James Holbrook, of this city. He is owner and proprietor of the Ellie Dry Cleaning Establishment of this city. They have gone to housekeeping in a cottage near the depot which was furnished by the young couple. We wish for them a life of happiness and prosperity.

ASSOCIATED CHARITIES DOES SPLENDID WORK
The Associated Charities, of Morehead, did splendid work during the holidays. Many a child was remembered while would otherwise have been forgotten by Santa. They were assisted in the distribution of the baskets by Scout Master Charles Jennings and his troop of boy scouts. Last week this society found two unfortunate little waifs, two miles below Morehead, near Rockwell Hollow, in an out house. The little ones were brought to Morehead where they were given the proper attention and have already been taken to the Kentucky Children's home, as they were the two little boys of Tony Pipher.
Too much cannot be said for this Society and we hope that the people of Morehead will see that it is financially strong enough to care for just such cases as the above.

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AS OTHERS SEE THE BIG INDUSTRIAL PLANT
The big plant of the Lee Clay Products Co., at Clearfield, Rowan county, is now getting into full operation. It is one of the largest, if not the largest plant of its class in the United States, and is worth a trip to see it. They manufacture vitrified sewer pipe up to 30 inches, and a variety of fine linings and building tile. They have an unlimited supply of raw material conveniently located to the railroad for transportation to the plant, and when they get in full operation, will give employment to 200 or more men.
Pleasingsburg Times-Democrat

TWO GOOD BARBER SHOPS
Main street now has two up-to-date and well equipped barber shops. Mr. Burdick has been conducting his shop in the McKinney building for quite a while with good success and Hobart Johnson has opened up a new shop in the City Hotel building. Both shops are well located, and they will each have a good trade, both men being well known in their profession. The Scorchers wishes both shops a fair share of the public patronage.

A DISTRESSING ACCIDENT
The first motor fatality for Morehead occurred early Tuesday morning at the junction of Carey avenue and Main street, at the post office corner. An oil truck driven by J. L. Nickell collided with a truck which were riding four state road employees, viz: Jeddie Bowles and John Kelsey on the front seat and Joel Markwell and Henry Kelsey on the rear seat. The truck was knocked a considerable distance and turned on its side. Jeddie Bowles' head was caught and badly crushed, and his death was instantaneous. John Kelsey's right ear was badly cut and the side of his head was bruised considerably. The other two occupants of the truck received only slight injuries. The remains were taken to the undertaking establishment of Walker Horseman and an inquest was held by Coroner A. J. Oliver, the jury returning a verdict that Bowles came to his death by negligent driving on the part of Nickell. After the inquest the body was prepared for burial and the burial took place at the Cornett grave yard Wednesday.

A warrant charging Jas. L. Nickell with manslaughter was sworn out, and he was arraigned for examining trial before Judge Evans Tuesday afternoon, when he waived examination and gave bond in the sum of \$3,000 for the March grand jury.

He was a son of Steve Bowles and was 31 years old. He is survived by his wife who was Miss Zona Miller, daughter of the late Robert Miller, and three small children, all boys, the oldest being about 12 years old.
Jeddie Bowles was an intelligent and industrious man and a good citizen. He was held in high esteem by all who knew him, and his untimely death casts a gloom over the entire community in which he resided.

ALL hearts go out in sympathy to the bereaved wife and little children and to his entire family connection and Mr. Nickell's many friends here. They deeply regret this unfortunate accident.

AFTER 32 YEARS
Mrs. E. C. Burdick was agreeably surprised last week when her brother, Neal Porter, whom she had not seen for fifty-two years came from Idaho to spend Christmas with her and their brother, Dr. S. J. Porter, of Vale. After a few days here Mrs. Burdick and Mr. Porter went to Portsmouth to visit other relatives. Mrs. Burdick says all that she can remember about seeing her brother was her mother weeping at his going away.

JUDGE PREWITT HONORED
At a meeting of the Association of Circuit Judges of Kentucky held at the Crown Hotel, Louisville, Wednesday, Judge Henry H. Prewitt of Morehead, was elected President of the Association. This is certainly a great honor conferred upon our Circuit Judge and no one doubts that he will wear it worthily.

Large Expansion Brings Prosperity

Growing in Importance and Usefulness Every Hour Is the Light and Power System of the Kentucky Power Company. Dividends Declared Regularly. Stock Selling Rapidly.

In a conversation with some of the officers of the Kentucky Power Company we have been surprised at the vastness of the local company as a result of the expansion this past year. Only a year ago so the Company was serving only in Bracken County while now its transmission lines, either already completed or under construction, form a net work in twelve counties with seemingly no limit to the Company's growth. Today some thirty-four towns and communities in twelve counties are depending upon the Kentucky Power Company for their light and power. There are a large number of towns now asking for the extension of lines to them. The exceptional service rendered by the company has inspired a large number of investors. The Kentucky Power Company is now recognized as injecting new life and civic progressiveness into all the communities it serves.

THE SILENT WEEK
The following openings of more or less local importance took place during the week preceding Christmas when the Scorchers was not published.

Our population was shocked by the news of the death of W. B. Whitl, Mayor of Ashland, who, while temporarily insane took his own life by shooting himself through the heart with a shotgun at his home in Ashland on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 19, at about 7 p. m. Mr. Whitl was among Eastern Kentucky's leading citizens, widely known and universally esteemed. He leaves a wife (formerly Miss Sexton, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Sexton) and five children. He had other children by a former marriage.

In the Basket Ball game at Haldeman, Owingins won over Haldeman 21 to 15.

Miss Corine Tatum entertained about forty of her friends Friday, December 18th, in honor of her birthday.

A span of the new bridge under construction across Big Sandy River at Cattletsburg, fell and 5 men were drowned. Twelve men were rescued, one of whom died in a hospital a few hours later. Only one body of the five that were drowned has been found.

Christmas was a dark rainy day and most of our people remained indoors and enjoyed the dinner toward which they had been looking for a month.

The Big Community Christmas tree at Haldeman the night of the 24th was a howling success notwithstanding the unfavorable weather. The crowd, estimated at from 1000 to 1500, kept good order and scores of little fellows were made happy by the generosity of the Store Department of the Kentucky Fire Brick Co. for whom Santa Claus was acting. It may be that corporations have no souls, but the men at the head of this one have souls.

800 FOR CHARITY
The city council donated to the Associated Charities \$200 at its meeting Tuesday night. Active charity workers from the Kiwanis Club, the Normal School and both Women's Clubs were present urging this donation. The Fiscal court will be asked to donate \$500 for charitable work in all parts of the county.

A GOOD WOMAN PASSES
Her life-work ended, she has crossed the swelling tide to the bright and glorious morning of eternal rest. Mrs. Lula Alfrey, wife of Pinkard Alfrey of this city, passed away after an operation for cancer in a Lexington hospital, on the 21st of December.
Funeral services were conducted by Rev. T. F. Lyons, at the Church of God, this city, on December 23 at 2:30 p. m. and burial in Lee Cemetery. The pall bearers were Arthur Hoar, Noah Hall, Noah Kennard, E. E. Maggard, Arthur Hogg, V. Hunt, Frank Hansen, Melvin Haman, Bert Toller, J. S. Reynolds, J. A. Allen and Harlan Blair. Funeral Home Horseman had charge of the burial.

Deceased was a daughter of M. F. and Annie E. Coggswell and was born near Blountown, Ky., February 24, 1851. She was married to Pinkard Alfrey in January 1890. To them were born two children, (a boy and a girl) Roy and Ruby, who together with her husband survive her. Her father died 24 years ago, and her mother died 10 years ago.

She also leaves five brothers and two sisters to mourn her loss, as follows: W. H. Coggswell, of Parsons, Ky., O. L. Coggswell, of the Dominion of Canada, Frank Coggswell, Dalton, Ill., H. C. Coggswell, Kansas City, Mo., Homer Coggswell, of Iowa, Mrs. J. M. Carey, Spokane, Wash., and Mrs. Seymour Cassity, Morehead.

Mrs. Alfrey joined the Christian Church and was baptized at old Slatons Church in early childhood and about 10 years ago she joined the Church of God, this city, and was baptized by Rev. T. F. Lyons. All her life she was a true Christian woman. She was a devoted wife, a kind mother, an affectionate sister, an indulgent neighbor and a true friend.

Her untimely death casts a gloom over her immediate family and her brothers and sisters in different parts of the country, which time only can dispel, and fills the hearts of her many friends and neighbors in Morehead and Rowan County, with sadness.

The loss, however, is Heaven's gain and there is no need of consolation in the thought that this good woman is now free from suffering and safe in those mansions which Christ made to wait to prepare for the faithful. We extend heartfelt sympathy to all the bereaved.

HALDEMAN SCHOOL CLOSED
The Haldeaman Consolidated School was closed Wednesday, December 29th until January 19th by order of Dr. H. L. Nickell, health officer of the Board of Health, on account of a few cases of scarlet fever in Haldeaman. This was done as a precaution against an epidemic of the disease.

FIVE CHICKENS
Pure bred White Rock chickens. The best layers of all strains. Pullets \$1.50. Boosters \$1.00. One mile southeast of Elda. Address—W. H. JOHNSON, Morehead, Ky. (35-4)

From The Merchants SEASONS GREETINGS of MOREHEAD

1926 1927



A Joyous New Year

We wish to thank our friends and patrons for the business they have given us during the year just closing, and hope to merit their good will and patronage during the fast approaching 1927. Wishing you all a Joyous and Prosperous New Year.

PEOPLES BANK OF MOREHEAD

Sincere Good Wishes

May Health, Happiness and Prosperity become more and more enriched with the passing of time and may you and those whose happiness depends upon you enjoy the Best of Health and a Full Measure of Prosperity and True Happiness — is our wish for the New Year. Assuring you, of our deep appreciation of your past patronage and hoping our service may merit a continuance of same during 1927.

CAUDILL GARAGE

BEST WISHES

One of our greatest pleasures is to list among our assets the one thing that money cannot buy — "your good will."

Our New Year present to you will be a high grade, red pepper winter gas at no additional cost to you for 1927.

S. M. BRADLEY



Here's hoping that you and yours may enjoy a New Year of Health, Happiness and Prosperity—Thanking you for all past favors and assuring you of our appreciation of your business relations.

KENTUCKY POWER COMPANY

A Prosperous New Year

YOURS FOR LONG LIFE AND GOOD LIFE INSURANCE

T. P. ANDERSON

Agent Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Co., of Newark, N. J.

Morehead, Kentucky.



We wish to thank our many friends from the fullness of our hearts for their patronage during the year just closing and wish for each and every one a New Year filled with many rich blessings.

Powers-Miller Insurance Agency

OUR NEW YEAR GREETING

Our friendships are our greatest asset, and the spirit of the Holidays with its time-honored customs provides opportunity for us to greet you. We thank you for the liberal patronage accorded us and extend our most cordial greetings and best wishes for your Peace, Prosperity and Happiness during the coming year.

HURT STUDIO and GIFT SHOP



THANKS

Thanking our friends for so kindly remembering us the past year and wishing for all a Prosperous and Happy New Year.

MOREHEAD ICE and BOTTLING CO.



For your liberal patronage during the past year we are indeed thankful—and desire to take this method of wishing for you and yours a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

H. M. STEVENS, Restaurant



Most cherished among the gifts bestowed by the passing year is the memory of the pleasant relations with those whom we have been privileged to serve. So it is that we most sincerely thank you and extend the Season's Greetings.

DR. H. L. WILSON, State Bank Bldg.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

You have made our business profitable by giving us a share of your trade, and for this we thank you. In the future we expect to carry the most complete stock we have ever handled and hope we will merit your continued patronage. Again we thank you—and wish you a Very Happy New Year.

ELITE DRY CLEANERS



We wish to extend the season's greetings to our many friends and patrons. We sincerely thank them for their liberal patronage and wish for every one a Joyous and Prosperous New Year.

McKINNEY BROS., Shoe Repairing

OWINGSVILLE

Richard Horseman, aged 82, formerly of Bath county, died recently in Day City, Texas. Mr. Horseman was a brother of Mrs. Rube Manley and Mrs. Rennie Horseman, of Bath county.

Miss Pearl Crouch and Silas Fletcher were married last Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Doggett.

Tinsley Rudder and Miss Penton E. Carr were married Wednesday of last week at Sharpburg. The couple will make their home in Covington.

Shelby Ginter and Miss Irene Thompson were married Friday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Elmsat.

Miss Edna Byron, of Cincinnati, is visiting her mother, Mrs. J. N. Byron.

Mr. Charles Honaker, who is attending the University of Kentucky, is spending the holidays with his aunt, Miss Lucy Honaker.

Cadet Virgil Thompson, from West Point, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Thompson.

Miss Thelma Johnson is home from school at Eastern State Normal at Richmond, Ky., and is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. V. Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Jean Myer, of Cincinnati, have been recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Goodpaster.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Peters and children and Mr. John B. Peters have returned to Georgetown after a visit to Miss Louie Peters.

Mr. Joe M. Conner, of Evansville, Ind., is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Conner.

Mrs. J. N. Byron had with her for a family dinner, Christmas Day, at her home on Main Street, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Byron, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Byron, Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Botts, Miss Edna Byron, Messrs Laure Byron, Lucy Byron, Brooks Byron, Carroll Estill Byron, Cadet Virgil Thompson, J. L. Byron and E. L. Byron.

Miss Madge Achison is home from Midway and is spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Denton.

Mr. and Mrs. Fassett Botts, of Pulaski, Va., Mr. Larue Byron, of Indianapolis, Ind., and Mr. Lucy H. Byron, of Lexington, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Byron during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Barnes have as their guests, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie McCormick, of Lexington, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Barnes of Clark county and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mathias, of Winchester.

Mrs. Floyd Ross and Miss Louise Ross, of Walton, Ky., and Mr. Bob Ross, of Kentucky Wesleyan, Winchester, are visiting Mrs. Rosa Jones and Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Jackson, of Fleming county, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ewell Shroat.

Mr. Carroll Estill Byron is home from Kentucky University and Mr. Brooks Byron from Toledo, Ohio to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Byron.

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Salyer had as their guests during Christmas, Mr. and Mrs. Boatwright and Miss Lillie Mae Salyer, of Hazard, and Dr. Gorman Salyer, of Louisville. Dr. Salyer will graduate from the Louisville Dental College in June.

D. W. Doggett is attending the County Attorney's Association in Louisville this week.

Miss Phoebe Sopher, of Harrods-

burg arrived, Tuesday, to be the guest of Miss Mary Bruce Daily. Mr. Lee Conyers, of Canton, O., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Robert Anderson.

Dr. George Conner Lyons, of Surgoysville, Tenn., is visiting his aunt Mrs. Glenn E. Perry. Miss Louise Beltz entertained at dinner Tuesday evening, at her home on Main street. The guests were: Mrs. W. D. Griffith, Crawfordsville, Ind., Mr. and Mrs. John Salmon and Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Redmond, of Mt. Sterling.

Mr. Owen Bashford, of Middletown, Ohio, is the guest of his brother, Ashby Bashford, this week. New Year's day will be celebrated by the Woman's Club in the Club Rooms at two-thirty. The program will be arranged by the Music Department, which assures a delightful hour. At this time the Club will be most grateful if those attending will remember the library with the gift of a book.

COURT DECLARES COUNTY BUDGET LAW INVALID

Efforts of the last General Assembly, under the leadership of Senator E. D. Stephenson, to start the counties of Kentucky on an improved fiscal system came to at least a temporary standstill when the Court of Appeals declared unconstitutional the county budget law. The act was found defective because it exempted from its provisions counties having commission forms of government. The faulty measure was introduced after the measure reached the Senate and was not in the bill as originally drawn by Senator Stephenson, it is understood. Judge Dietzman, in writing the opinion, said it was plain the bill would not have passed but for exemption of counties with commissioners.

Many citizens regarded the legislation as an important forward step towards settling the sub-divisions of the State on a platform of economy and efficiency in government. The State Inspector and Examiner on November 29 had notified all county judges to appoint county budget commissions as the law required. Reports from some sections of the State were to the effect that sentiment ranging from apathy to actual opposition to the law existed. It is believed, however, that hope is widely entertained there will be a renewal of effort in the next General Assembly for legislation with the commendable basic intent which is credited to the County Budget Law.

FIVE CENTS A YARD

HEMSTITCHING—five cents a yd. Best work. Holiday work given special attention. Mail your packages to Mrs. Oia Rogers Elam, Mt. Sterling, Ky.

Seven school publications, three of them in a modern foreign language, French, Spanish, and Italian, respectively, are published by the New District High School, New York City. Economies in printing and sale of nearly all copies printed enable the papers to be not only self-supporting, but to supply funds for the purchase of regalia, and for similar purposes.

PROFESSIONAL CARDS

DR. H. L. NICKELL
EYE, EAR, NOSE AND THROAT
office adjoining Dr. G. C. Nickell—Midland Trail Garage Building.
MOREHEAD, KY.

PRODUCE REVIEW

Chicago Butter Market on 90 cent Standards today is quoted at 43 1/2 cents, a decline of 1 3/4 cents as compared with quotations last Monday and an advance of 1 cent a pound compared with the low point of the week. The New York market on 92 score Extras is quoted today at 52 3/4 cents, compared with 56 cents a week ago and 52 cents for the low point of the week. While the butter market at both Chicago and New York have reacted slightly, the situation generally during the past week has been irregular and considerable uneasiness developed on account of the uncertain production of butter in this country and heavy arrivals of foreign butter.

Arrivals of foreign butter for the last week included two London steamers and one direct boat from New Zealand, unloading 16,876 boxes or approximately 945,000 pounds. Withdrawals of storage butter are fairly satisfactory as will be indicated by the following report of holdings in Chicago, New York, Boston and Philadelphia:

December 22, 1926	22,741,554 lbs.
December 16	26,404,330 lbs.
Decrease	3,662,806 lbs.
December 23, 1925	29,178,954 lbs.
December 15	31,522,629 lbs.
Decrease	2,343,654 lbs.

There has been some increase in the supply of fresh eggs especially from the middle western and southern sections and selling prices have declined. The Chicago Market on First today is quoted at 41 to 43 cents, one cent lower than a week ago, while the New York Market during the same period declined 4 to 7 cents a dozen. The future of the egg market at this time is very uncertain, as it is largely a weather proposition, which will have a direct effect upon the production and receipts of eggs on the consuming market.

The receipts of live poultry on the New York Market this week are estimated at 307 cars. With these heavy receipts, trading has been quiet and arrivals have not been clearing satisfactorily. The sale of fowls have been only fair, but chicks have been working out quite satisfactorily. The Chicago quotation on fowls today is 18 to 24 cents, which is unchanged as compared with the opening quotations last week, and New York has been practically unchanged, excepting some advance in the lighter weight poultry, which is more in demand at this season of the year. The Chicago quotation on springs today is 18 to 22 1/2 cents, which is a decline of 1-2 cent as compared with last Monday. In New York the demand has been more active on spring chickens and prices have made a net advance of from one to two cents on the very top quotations. Receipts of dressed chickens have been very heavy and market dull, large quantities of chickens finding their way into storage, rather than being moved at poor sales and lower prices. The supply of dressed fowls also has been liberal and difficulty is being experienced to move the larger sizes.

SCHOOL WORK MADE A COMMUNITY OCCASION

Rural-school meets, district and county, are held annually in DeWitt County. They are combined community picnics and examination occasions, and have been instrumental in arousing public interest in education and in encouraging pupils to continue in school. Results are shown by the fact that since 1920 one-teacher schools in the county have been reduced from 39 to 13, and school terms have been lengthened in many places. Elementary graduates in the county increased from 22 in 1925 to 79 in 1926.

The project or problem method is followed in elementary grades. Outlines of work to be done are prepared by Superintendent H. B. Montgomery and furnished teachers. There are 16 branches or subjects in the 7 grades, and pupils study a subject until it is mastered, the standard being seventh or grammar-school graduation mark.

Request of business property valued at \$500,000 to George Peabody College for Teachers, Nashville, Tenn. by a living donor who retains income from the property during her life, makes possible the erection at an early date of a new art building, plans for which are already in the hands of the architect. Many rare objects of art accompany the gift, which will be made the nucleus of an art museum at Peabody-School Life.

The only knock in a lot of ears is that supplied by some body who has a different make.

NEW YEAR GREETING

The Kentucky Power Company sends this message of

New Year Greeting

to all its friends and patrons, wherever it may be read, and especially to our Neighbors of Morehead and Rowan County, and wishes for them all a year of unparalleled happiness and prosperity.

Kentucky Power Co.

MOREHEAD, KENTUCKY

FARMERS' QUESTIONS

Question—What should a Holstein heifer weigh when six months, a year, and 18 months old?

Answer—Measuring a large number of Holsteins to determine average weights at certain ages, they were found to average 90 pounds at six, 157 pounds at 8 months old, 249 pounds at 10 months, 349 pounds at 12 months, 425 pounds at 14 months, 501 pounds at 16 months, 568 pounds at 18 months, 741 lbs. at 2 years, and 1,021 pounds at 2 1/2 years.

Question—Should saltpeter and borax be used in curing pork?

Answer—Saltpeter preserves the red color of meat, but should be used sparingly, if at all. Both saltpeter and borax harden meat tissue. "Cutting and Curing Pork," a circular issued by the extension division of the College of Agriculture, says that salt and sugar, followed by smoking with green hickory or other hardwood, form the ideal cure.

Question—Is there any objection to using hatching eggs on pullets? Answer—Pullet eggs, as a rule, are not desirable for hatching purposes. This is especially true of eggs from pullets which begin to lay early in the fall. Such pullets begin to lay very early in the fall, however, and on that account go into a partial moult in December or early January, and so regain their vitality, their eggs may be used. Late maturing pullets, on the other hand, lay small eggs. Such eggs should not be set. In general, it is best to use eggs from hens a year old or older.

DON'T

- A few "don'ts" for correspondents: Don't write on both sides of the paper.
- Don't abbreviate your words.
- Don't fail to write all proper names plainly.
- Don't write "nite" for night.
- Don't report little courting calls in the neighborhood.
- Don't try to crack local jokes.
- Don't use more words than are necessary to state the facts.
- Don't send us long articles that are not news.
- Don't be careless about your spelling, especially the names of persons and places.
- Don't fail to get your letters here not later than Wednesday of each week.
- That insurance expert who says American girls are becoming taller may have measured only from the ground to the shirt hem.

THE GREAT LAIHO-SAVER

In summing up the growth of the electric industry, Frank W. Smith, vice president of the United Electric Light and Power Company, of New York, said that at the recent electrical exposition held in that city, 20,000 different electrical devices and appliances for the use of mankind, were displayed. They represented the output of a seven-billion dollar industry, which employs in all its branches probably 1,000,000 people.

Fifty years ago none of these devices were in use.

Thomas A. Edison has seen the growth of this industry from the beginning, and has been largely responsible for the enviable position of the United States from the standpoint of its universal use of electricity.

In commenting on the variety of electrical articles, Mr. Smith said: "In all these displays—I do not believe there is a single exception—there is but one aim—to serve mankind."

It is a consciousness of this which makes the human picture presented by the growth of the electric industry so absorbing and so important.

Patronize merchants who advertise in The Scorchers.

DR. L. A. WISE

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EDITORIAL POP SHOTS

The distressing accident in which Jeddle Bowles lost his life is not a matter for trial by newspapers; therefore the Scorcher is only stating the known facts without comment, feeling, favor or prejudice.

The devil is darned near tickled to death to see a preacher located in a town or city who "high-hats" the local newspapers.

In the distribution of Christmas baskets by the "Charity folks," the Rowan County News and The Mountain Scorcher were overlooked, or maybe the supply was exhausted before they reached us.

People used to take pride in saying, "I'm a stand-pat Democrat," or "I'm a blue-bellied Republican," but measured by the modern yardstick of popular approval there isn't enough merit in either case to swell anybody's head.

Speaking of people reminds us of monkeys and following Einstein's theory of Relativity, we are admonished by our better judgment not to monkey with politics and religion in these columns. Political propaganda must be signed and inserted as local advertising matter and paid for at the rate of 10 cents per line.

SENATOR WHITT'S WILL

The will of the late Hon. W. B. Whitt, who was Mayor of Ashland and was probated in the Boyd county court Tuesday.

He divides his estate valued at \$104,000 equally between his children and wife and named J. H. Kitchen and Mrs. Bessie Whitt his widow as administrators and executors. He made ample provision for his aged mother and made other small bequests of stocks in different business enterprises to others.

GIVEN TO CHARITY

Up to the hour of going to press the following amounts had been donated by citizens to the "Federation of Relief and Benevolent Agencies of Rowan County":

City of Morehead	\$200.00
Kiwanis Club	50.00
Drew Evans	25.00
Baumstark Bros.	10.00
Dr. H. L. Wilson	5.00
Charles E. Bishop	5.00
E. E. Maggard	5.00
Prof. Jay L. Chambers	5.00
Rosecoe Adkins	5.00
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Clayton & Flood	5.00
Dr. H. L. Nickell	5.00
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Prof. H. H. Groves	5.00
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Prof. H. C. Haggan	5.00
J. A. Allen	2.00
S. L. Allen	2.00
Oscar Roseman	1.00
J. W. Hozge	1.00
Charles Davis	1.00
Herbert Caudill	1.00
W. C. Coleman	1.00
T. H. Harman	1.00
Thanksgiving offering	11.42
W. L. Jayne	5.00
Mrs. T. B. Tippitt	1.00
S. P. Wheeler	2.00
Dr. H. VanAntwerp	5.00
Charles VanAntwerp	5.00
Mrs. W. B. Elder	1.00

More than 9,000 children under 15 years of age were killed or injured on streets of London, England, during 1925, notwithstanding the practice of keeping an experienced policeman near the entrance of schools. In addition, 28 teachers were absent from schools as the result of street accidents during 1925, as compared with 25 in 1924.

A fable: Once upon a time a love episode ended with the warning to "burn this letter"—and the recipient did. Now you tell one.

The race won't be drowned again. It will just fall dead when a Supreme Court declares some tax unconstitutional.

NEWS OF THE MOREHEAD CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

Roll of Honor

Eighth Grade—Roy Caudill, Ruth Marian Holbrook, Jewell Pannin, Edna Tackett, Mary Martin, Irene Day, Eloise Young, Maxine Caudill.

Sixth Grade—Lucy Martin, Maxine Thorne, Elwood Hall.

Fifth Grade—Fay Jones, Deloris Cooper, Austie Alfrey, Ligon Kesler.

Fourth Grade—Billy Cooper, Ernest Curtis, Beatrice Holbrook, Myrtle Martin.

Third Grade—Mary Bailey, Maxie Mae Mauk, Cleodith Fouch, Ruby Huskirk, Ed Goodan, Mervel Caudill, South Mauk, Leo D. Oppenheimer.

Second Grade—Harvard Alfrey, Samuel Reynolds, Mattie Caudill, Dee Pannin.

First Grade A—Harvey Tackett, Roger Bill Barber, Nola Fouch, Virginia Johnson.

First Grade B—Elli Adams, Frederick Richard, Mamie Goodan, Paul Reynolds, Francis Flood, Barbara Ann Johnson, George N. Hunt.

The following delightful program was given by the students of the Consolidated School at the Baptist church auditorium, Friday morning, December 24.

GRADE ONE A Christmas Carol—Girls of Grade 1A Star—Pauline Tomlinson, Cradle Hymn—Cecil Hall.

Bells on Christmas—Estell Adams, Christmas Story—Six girls.

Silent Night—Trio from 8th grade. It Came Upon a Midnight Clear—Eighth grade girls. Reading—Irene Day.

Rockabye My Christmas Babe—Seventh grade girls. Welcome and Greetings—Grade 1B Merry Christmas—Marion Louise Oppenheimer.

My Doll—Jean Blair. Wooden Soldiers—Boys 1A. How We Caught Santa—Grade 1B. If I Could Knit as Grandma—Barbara Ann Johnston.

Bobby's Query—George N. Hunt. Santa Will Visit Me—J. Warren Blair.

The Reason—Frederick Prichard. Save a Little Christmas—Paul Gross. A Letter to Santa—Beatrice Holbrook.

Merry Christmas—Mattie Caudill and Samuel Reynolds. Santa Claus Songs—Second Grade. How Santa Comes—Edna Thomas.

Writing Santa—Myrtle Martin and Lowell Amburgey. THIRD GRADE

Song—Listen to the Christmas Bells—Anna Mae Young, Mary Bailey and Lillian Huskirk. "Busy Little Maids"—Mary Bailey, Pauline Atkins, Maxie Mae Mauk and Oda Pettit.

"Just Before Christmas"—Fourth Third Grade Boys and Girls. "At Christmas Time"—Leo D. Oppenheimer.

Playlet—"Dear Uncle Slim"—Uncle Sim—Beaile Foster. Maid—Opal Alfrey. Mother—Ruby Huskirk.

Children—Ed Goodan, Cleodith Fouch, Anna M. Young. Nellie's Dolly—Naomi Jones. Christmas Wish—Vernie Cassidy.

Christmas Poem—Mary Boggs. Merry Christmas—Doris Van Hook. A Fat Girl's Treat—Minnie Layne.

Song—Jingle Bells—Fifth Grade. Pine Tree—Seventh Grade Boys. Christmas Atmosphere—Sever h grade.

CHARGES AGAINST AIMEE McPHERSON TO BE DROPPED

Dismissal of conspiracy charges against Aimee Semple McPherson, evangelist, her former radio engineer, Kenneth C. Ormiston, her mother, Mrs. Minnie Kennedy, and Mrs. Lorraine Wiseman-Sleaff is imminent. District Attorney Asa Keyes announced on the eve of a new grand jury investigation into the evangelist's mysterious disappearance. Keyes declared the charges of conspiring to obstruct justice and suborned justice probably would be dropped due to the collapse of testimony of the principal witnesses, Mrs. Wiseman. The witness who had confessed impersonating "Miss X" hoax in the case, the District Attorney tonight characterized as a "turn-coat" and "perjurer," saying she had told a different story every day. "The McPherson case is now in such a muddled state a conviction is almost impossible and the charges probably will be withdrawn," Keyes said. You may think you are smart; but do you know that the average depth of the ocean is about two miles? Judging from divorce news, about the worst thing one can put on a love letter is stamps.

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AMERICANS AHEAD

Upon returning from Europe recently, Dr. Frank Crane, in "Current Opinion," said that in neither France, Britian, Italy, Netherlands nor Germany could he detect telephone service. Telephone service, as we understand it, is unknown there. He pointed out that while we invented the telephone, all the leading nations have been at liberty to buy instruments and set up their own systems. The superior service in the United States he ascribes, first to the fact that ours is the only telephone system which from the beginning seemed to find "the right man at every stage of its development, to turn it into marvelously efficient instrument it has become; second, ours is the only government which has had the wisdom to let the telephone alone, to let it grow up and do its beneficent work in a free manner. Everywhere else it is usually an ill-equipped, underfed, or frowly-armed soldier of the state—the war-making state which needs it to assist in mobilizing the people."

SUBNORMALITY FACTOR IN JUVENILE DELINQUENCY

An average retardation of nearly three years of boys in the Chicago and Cook County Schools for Boys is reported by the superintendent. "Rarely does a boy become delinquent who is mentally superior. Contrary to popular opinion, those boys who dislike books do not do well in the workshop, nor do they exhibit much scientific curiosity. In nature study excursions," states the superintendent.

LUTHER BURBANK HONORED IN ARBOR DAY

Arbor Day is observed in California on March 7, the birthday of Luther Burbank. Before his death last March Mr. Burbank requested Stanford University to take over his experimental farm in Sonoma County and to make provision for the continuation of his work. This suggestion has since been renewed by Mrs. Burbank. A committee, with Paul Shoup, vice president of the Southern Pacific Co., as chairman, has been formed, with the ultimate purpose of establishing at Stanford University a foundation to provide funds for the continuance of the notable work of Burbank in plant breeding—School of Life.

Ring out the old—Ring in the new!

Greeting 1927

Blair Brothers thank you for your liberal trade during the past year and earnestly ask you to go with them through 1927.

Wishing Everybody a Happy and Prosperous New Year, we are sincerely yours,

Blair Brothers & Co.

Social and Personal

Mrs. Will Rogers, of Pennsylvania, is here visiting her uncle and aunt Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Peffer.

Mrs. Laura Clayton spent Christmas in Ashland visiting her son Russell Clayton and family.

Messrs. Williams and Homer W. Day, of Middletown, Ohio, were here this week visiting friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Williams, Jr., spent Christmas with Mr. Williams' parents at Ferrysville, Ky.

Prof. W. W. Ball, of Danville, Va., was here and at Cranston during the holidays visiting his father, Rev. George W. Hall and other relatives.

Prof. Ebon Champion, of the Consolidated School, is spending the holidays with his wife and little son at Salsville, Ky.

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Jones, of Cogswell, visited Mrs. Jones mother, Mrs. Nancy Jones, here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. James Cooper, of Lexington, spent Christmas here at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Lester Hogge.

Mrs. Hallie Green visited her sister, Mrs. J. B. Craig, at Ashland, from Friday till Monday.

Sherman Hagaman, of Louisa, was here and spent Christmas with his mother, Mrs. James Hagaman.

Allie Young, Jr., who attends at Bingham Military School, at Asheville, N. C., after spending a few days of the holidays at Louisville with his parents, came on to Morehead to visit his brother, Z. T. Young and his several little friends.

Mrs. Belle Clayton spent Christmas in Huntington with her daughters, Mrs. Ward Cornett and Mrs. Robert Reese.

Hon. W. C. Hamilton, of Mt. Sterling, was a business visitor in the city Tuesday.

Senator S. M. Brantley visited his sister, Mrs. Annie P. Sims, at Cleveland, last week. His mother Mrs. Letitia Brantley, who had been in Cleveland for several months visiting returned home with him.

Miss Olive Day, who attends the Puzant business college at Lexington, is home for the holidays.

Mrs. J. A. Allen is in Ashland this week visiting her sister, Mrs. W. B. Whitt.

Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Whitney, of Bloomington, Ky., were guests of Mrs. Whitney's father, W. T. Caudill and family the past week.

Mrs. C. G. Clayton and two children Shirley and Virginia spent several days in Louisville this week visiting the children's grandmother.

Miss Lucy Day was the guest of Miss Edith Vincell at Haldeman for a few days this week.

A. Crosthwaite, of Yale, came up Tuesday to visit his sons, C. C. and Paris Crosthwaite.

Everett Blair, from the University of Michigan; Joseph McKiney, Madison Lee Wilson and Miss Mary E. Wilson, from Georgetown College; Miss Lorena Sparks, from Vagan College; Miss Lucile Caudill, from Hamilton College; John Clay, from the University of Virginia; Richard Clay, from Bingham School, Asheville, N. C.; Edward C. Bishop, Buell Hogge, Franklin Vanant and Miss Mary Olive Elder, from State University, are here spending the holidays with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter A. Hogge, of Lexington, were here the first of the week, the guest of the former's agents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Hogge.

Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Downing are spending the holidays with Mrs. E. E. Downing at "Ashdale Farm" at Lexington. Several social affairs have been planned in their honor.

Mr. and Mrs. Downing will leave Thursday for Pennsylvania where they will visit relatives of Mrs. Downing with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Cramer, of Pikeville.

Miss Estelle Coffey spent Christmas in Ashland with Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Wilson and children.

Miss Sarah Pierson, of Tucumcari, New Mexico, who is attending Hamilton College, Lexington, is spending the holidays with Miss Lucille Caudill at the home of her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Caudill.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Lewis, of Lexington, spent Christmas here as the guests of relatives.

Harry (Bill) Hudgins was a Lexington visitor Friday.

Mrs. Alice Day went down to Louisville Friday to stay over Sunday with her son, Joseph, at the Magnolia Home.

Miss Chloe Bruce, who is a teacher in the Russell city school, is spending the holidays with her mother, Mr. George Bruce.

Miss Ruby Cloyd, of Lexington, who teaches at Burgin, Ky., was a holiday guest of her brother, Rev.

C. B. Cloyd and Mrs. Cloyd at the Christian church parsonage.

Mr. and Mrs. George Tussey, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Blackwell and son, Billy, and Mr. Bert Tussey, all of Ashland, and Miss Anna Ray Tussey, of Kenova, W. Va., spent Christmas with their parents, Judge and Mrs. Richmond Tussey.

Hiram Duley, daughter, Mrs. E. D. Wood, and W. T. Bateman, of Mason, Georgia, returned Sunday afternoon from a visit of several days with the family of Charles P. Duley at Morehead.—Flemingsburg Times Democrat.

James Middleton, of Haldeman, was here on business Thursday.

Pageant

The Pageant, given by the members of the Y. W. C. A. and Y. M. C. A. of the Morehead State Normal December 21 was in every way a success and helped to spread the true Christmas spirit.

Cantata

The cantata, "The King of Israel" given at the Christian church last Sunday night by the choir was well rendered and highly appreciated by the large audience that attended. The offering for the evening was given over to the Associated Charities.

Turkey Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Wells entertained Christmas day with a sumptuous turkey dinner with all that goes with it to make a meal not to be forgotten. Those to enjoy the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Wells were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Olick, Miss Alice Wells, Messrs. Everett Oldham, Howell, Herbert Johnson, and Master Raymond Johnson.

Six O'clock Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Blair were hosts to a beautifully appointed six o'clock dinner Christmas Eve. The table decorations were in the Christmas colors and an elaborate menu was served. Mr. and Mrs. Blair's guests composed the following couples: Everett Blair, Miss Mary Joe Wilson, Wood Hinton, Miss Opal Lewis, Oes. Blair and Miss Hildreth Maggard.

Entertainment

One of the most delightful parties of the season was given by Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Duley Tuesday night at their beautiful home on the Millan on Trail. Those who attended were: Misses Mary Sue Miller, Hallie B. Davis, Lyda - Amburgy, Elizabeth Peters, Lorine Sparks, Lynn Thompson, Mary Joe Wilson, Lucille Caudill, Hildreth Maggard, Evelyn Borardt, Amelia Duley, Charlotte Duley, Opal Lewis, of Lexington, Miss Sarah Pierson, of Tucumcari, N. M. and Mrs. Edith Cropley; Messrs. James V. Baumstark, Franklin and Henderson Yankston, Roy Cornette, John and Elwood Allen, William Serogents, Carl Hogge, Everette and Oscar Blair, Robert Clayton, John Clay and Wood Hinton.

Entertainers for Nephews

Mrs. Herbert C. Willet entertained Wednesday night a number of young people of the city in honor of her two nephews, John and Richard Clay who are spending the holidays here. John is a student of the University of Virginia and Richard is a Cadet of Bingham Military School at Asheville, North Carolina. The evening was spent in games and dancing after which dainty refreshments of ice cream and fancy cakes were served by the hostess. The following were present: Misses Amelia Duley, Lorine Sparks, Ayanelle Bradley, Hildreth Maggard, Hallie B. Davis, Lucille Caudill, Sarah Pierson, Mary Sue Miller, Z. T. Evelyn Borardt, Yolla Waltz, Maud Holbrook, Elizabeth Peters, Mary Joe Wilson, Anna Lee Martin, Lynn Thompson, Mary Olive Elder, Mary Stewart, Lyda Amburgy, Madama Ida Mae Blackwell, Edith Cropley, A. M. Rudy, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Holbrook; Messrs. Edward Bishop, Wood Hinton, Carl Hogge, John and Elwood Allen, Earl Young, Willard Waltz, Jack Lewis, T. P. Anderson, Clark Lane, Ezra Caudill, Roy Cornette, Oscar and Everett Blair, J. V. Baumstark, Wertz and Ernest Jayne, Morgan Clayton, Bill Sampeys, Bill Serogents, Everett Young, Buell Hogge, Franklin and Henderson Vanant, Robert and Claude Clayton.

Another dainty:—Once upon a time there was a man who was so fair-minded that he admitted that a man who did not agree with him might be right.

One-room schools in Pennsylvania are decreasing at the rate of about 275 each year.

Churches and Societies

First Christian church, January 2, 1927. Morning subject, "Inviting for the New Year." Evening subject, "Jesus and the Oral Law." Sunday is the first opportunity in the new year to attend a church service. Why not make a good resolution and start the New Year right by coming to church. You can't lose and you are likely to be the winner in the long run. If the church is an asset to the community it must surely be to the relief of each individual but it can not really help unless you let it. Come and give the church a chance. C. B. C.

KENTUCKY IMPROVEMENTS

It is said that the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Co. contemplates an expenditure of \$2,000,000 for new construction and replacement in Kentucky during 1927.

Something to worry about: What did the moth eat before Adam and Eve had clothes?

HEALTH OF THE SCHOOL TEACHER

Absence of teachers from school on account of sickness, as compared with records of industrial workers and clerical groups, seem to indicate the superior health of teachers. Contrary to general belief, statistics show that the teacher is not more subject to diseases of the respiratory organs than other indoor workers, not to diseases of the digestive organs. In regard to nervous diseases, however, and especially neurasthenia, or nervous exhaustion, records are not so favorable to the teacher, according to a study of the health of the teacher made by Dr. James P. Rogers, chief division of physical education and school hygiene, published by the Interior Department, Bureau of Education, in School Health Studies No. 15. Among teachers of New York City, neurasthenia is found to increase with age up to 45-50 years. In London, England, and in Victoria, Australia, the percentage of teachers suffering from this disease increased threefold from the time of entering service until the age of 50 was reached. The average number of days lost

by London teachers increased three times during these years, the increase being most marked among single women. The only other disease in which there was a marked increase was rheumatism.

WHAT CAUSED THE BOSTON TEA PARTY?

The paramount duty of government officials is to keep taxes as low as possible. Everybody knows about the Boston Tea Party and what it led to, in our colonial days. Everybody—every taxing official at least—ought to remember the folly of overtaxation, and the people ought to remember that they must pay for what they get.

C. A. Dyser, legislative agent for Ohio farm bureaus and granges, in an address at an agricultural legislative conference, said in part:

"The taxpayer is the one to bring about relief. He can do it through his own efforts and through organization. The greatest part of the taxes are used locally. The taxpayer has the opportunity of attending local meetings where local budgets are reviewed, and of fight-

ing extravagance through such organizations as the farm bureau and grange."

If more interest were taken in local meetings where tax budgets are reviewed, taxing officials would not be liable to add extra tax burdens.

HOSPITAL TREATMENT FOR RURAL SCHOOL CHILDREN

A dozen railroads and 25 hospitals in Georgia are cooperating with the State board of health in supplying needed medical and surgical attention for rural school children of the State. Children may be taken to the nearest hospital, where they will receive care and treatment for two days at minimum rates. Railroads have authorized half fare for the parent accompanying the child, and one-half of half fare for children under 12 years of age. By this plan hospital service becomes accessible to all children, as it has been found that a hospital is within 75 miles of every school district in the State.

Nothing ever dawns on some people, not even day.



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WE HAVE ON SALE FLORSHEIM, SENATE, COBLE, ATLANTIC, EDMONDS, FOOT FITTER, JOHN C. ROBERTS, FRIEDMAN-SHELBY, LEWIS A. CROSSET and STEPHEN STRONG BRANDS OF SHOES FOR MEN. LION BRAND SHOES FOR MEN, BOYS AND CHILDREN.

Every Pair of Shoes in the House Must Be Sold Regardless of Cost!

Also a full and complete stock of ladies' shoes and oxfords, of the latest styles, such brands as, LAPE AND ADLER, MARTHA WASHINGTON and CAHILL.

Red Goose Shoes For Men, Women and Children!

A Complete Stock of Rubber Footwear for Men, Women and Children.

SALE WILL BEGIN WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5th at Peck's Shoe Store on Maysville Street

The Sterling Clothing Co.

John M. McCormick, Manager Mt. Sterling, Ky.

New Year's Greetings!

If You Can Hear Us

Above the din of New Year's tooting... we want to extend our cordial Best Wishes for 1927!

CITY GROCERY, Main Street

HELLO — FOLKS!

Everybody happy? That's great! And you're all going to stay that way through the next twelve months... for, that's our New Year's wish to you all!

MIDLAND TRAIL HOTEL

**Ding—
Dong!
Ding—**

Dong! These New Year bells are ringing out our Happy New Year's wish for your ears!

HARTLEY BATTSON

Our Hope Is That—

Your New Year will be crowded with plenty of Joy, Good Health and Great Success!

CITY HOTEL, Alf. Caskey, Proprietor

SMILE ON!

May each dawn of the New Year see you getting up with a Smile... each day see you carrying on with a Smile... and each night see you falling asleep with a Smile!

**SERVICE BARBER SHOP
H. H. Johnson, Prop.**

A Happy Little Bass Drummer!

That New Year chap. We hired him to drum up a lot of Joy for you in the next 52 weeks!

THE WELCOME GROCERY

The Shifting—

Sands of Time start on a New Year. May they pour out a continuous run of Good Fortune and Unmarred Happiness for all of you!

J. A. BAYS, Jeweler

HOW MANY DAYS—

In the New Year? Right! Multiply your idea of Happiness by 365, and the answer will be only part of the total Joy we hope is yours in 1927!

CLEARFIELD SUPPLY CO.

MESSAGE

For you... folks! We just penned it. What does it say? We're bashful. You read it. Here it is: "Success and Happiness To You All in 1927!"

Marinello Beauty Shoppe, Cozy Bldg.

Happy New Year

There's a "Lucky 7" in 1927, you'll notice. That's a sign it's going to be your "Lucky Year" in everything from Health to Prosperity! At least we sincerely hope so!

CLAYTON & FLOOD

THERE'S A TRIO—

Of worthy traveling companions we hope you'll meet on your 1927 journey... One is Happiness... the second is Progress... and the third, Prosperity!

MOREHEAD LAUNDRY and DRY CLEANING

Peaceful and content lies the countryside under its mantle of snow. May your New Year be equally as peaceful and content under the mantle of Happiness.

Kentucky Fire Brick Co., Store Dept.

Howdy!

Thought it would be kind of nice to drop in here... and tell you how sincerely we trust the New Year will bless you with unnumbered Joys!

J. L. HOWELL COMPANY

ON THE VERY FIRST—

Page of your New Year's diary write this notation... "a whole full year of Unlimited Gladness and many Happy Surprises was wished me by..."

**DANIELS & HAVENS
Meat Market Phone 32**

Father Time

Bring us a new Year. You wonder... we wonder... will it be Happy? This we know... if we have our way about it... yours will be a perpetual round of Gladness... day in and day out! That's our wish!

C. E. BISHOP

THE OLD RELIABLE

Standing like the Rock of Gibraltar enjoying a fine trade. There's a reason: We give the people the—

Worth of Their Money

and a high grade of GENERAL MERCHANDISE. If it's to Eat or Wear, we have it. Our prices are reasonable. Come here and buy your goods and you will save money.

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CLEARFIELD, KENTUCKY

KENTUCKY INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

While The National Debt is Decreasing, That of Political Subdivisions Has Increased Until It Will Surpass The National Total, Unless Drastic Action is Taken.

Lebanon—Bids requested for improvement of Lebanon and Springsfield pike.

Lexington—Burling Tobacco Association sold on recent day, nearly 12,000 pounds of tobacco.

Lebanon—T. M. Eakins new apartment house opened, after remodeling. More than 75,000 bushels of sweet potatoes were grown in Graves County this year.

Tollisboro—Erection of poles for new light line in progress.

Cora crop of Kentucky this year, estimated at 102,000,000 bushels.

Georgetown—New gymnasium built at Garth Public School.

Danville—R. G. Wilcott erects new warehouse on Hope Street, for coal and hardware business.

Louisville—Arthur Harris takes over 24 acres on Western Parkway, between 5th and 7th Streets, for subdivision.

Mayfield—Pike from Mayfield to Fleming County line, placed in good condition.

Salyersville—Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company may construct electric line to serve this town.

Corbin—Petition sent to Washington for new post office for Corbin.

Barbourville—Wells being drilled in neighborhood of Indian Creek, done for probable oil.

Bristol—Civic leaders of this place urging Southern Railroad's entry into Harlan County.

Mt. Olivet—Plans drawn for new High School costing about \$40,000.

Pikeville—Eastern Kentucky Home Telephone Company, of Pikeville, and Whitesburg Telephone Company, of Whitesburg, sold to Southern Bell Telephone Company, for \$85,000.

Augusta—Robertson County Telephone Company recently purchased by Northern Kentucky Mutual Telephone Company, of this place.

Madisonville—Large acreage coal rights on Pond River, to be extensively developed shortly.

Barlow—Angelochu Commission Firm, of Chicago, completes new \$15,000 sweet potato storage building here.

Owingsville—Work being rushed, to gravel unfinished section of Milland Trail in Bath County.

Perryville—1500-egg incubator in Patterson building, on Main Street.

Louisville—Globe Printing Company, 813 West Market Street, doubles its size and capacity.

Hickman—Professional tora department induced in Hickman.

Greensburg—Green River Gas Co. installing compressor at its plant.

Louisville—Organization formed, to improve and advertise Chestnut Street.

Lawrenceburg—Bids asked, for improving Lawrenceburg-Harrodsburg road.

SMILE NEWS

Russell Fryman and wife, of Mt. Washington, Ohio, were visiting friends and relatives here through Christmas.

Philip Mabry and Joseph Bradley, of Portsmouth, Ohio, are visiting friends and relatives here.

Some evil disposed person took John Bradley's mules out of the barn and shot or beat them up very badly.

Tyree Dalton and family, Leonard Dalton and family, of Newtown, O., were here visiting relatives through Christmas.

A very sad occurrence happened here, being the death of Mrs. Tom Earlywine, who had been of unsound mind for years. She was living alone with her husband. He had gone to the store and then to the post office to see if he could get a letter from their children and when he came back she was dead. The house had been broken into and some of his meat stolen. Mrs. Earlywine, though demented, never forgot to talk of the home she was going to, or the Savior she trusted in so thoroughly. We are sorry of the tragic way Death came, but we believe it was a happy exchange for her.

Felix Fryman and Milta Lewis were married in Cincinnati on December 22 and came home the same day to spend the holidays with his mother, Mrs. George Pelfrey. The groom is the youngest son of Mrs. George Pelfrey and is well known here and the bride is the youngest daughter of W. E. Lewis, formerly of this county but now of Cincinnati.

The young couple will make their home at New Burlington, Ohio, where the groom has a good position.

Marshall Wright had an all-day meeting at his home December 31. Everying was supposed to bring something good to eat.

Grace Roark had an entertaining and Christmas tree at her school Friday.

Maymie Cooper has gone to Ohio for employment.

Ferris McKey was the Saturday night guest of Marshal Wright.

John Bradley was the guest of George Pelfrey Sunday.

FRED PLUS CARE

BRINGS THE EGGS

What proper feeding and good care mean in egg production was demonstrated in six farm flocks in McCracken county this past year. County Agent William C. Johnstone used these flocks to show other farmers what may be expected of poultry, when balanced rations and good housing are provided.

Mrs. Ed Hatfield's White Wyandotte flock averaged 201 eggs. J. B. Sanders' White Leghorns 201 eggs. E. O. Sexton's White Wyandottes 167 eggs. Mrs. Eugene Seaton's Barred Rocks 162 eggs and Mrs. Roy Mealm's Buff Rocks 157 eggs. The average weight hen lays about 50 eggs in a year.

LOOK, YE BLONDES

No, I do not think that blondes prefer gentlemen. I am quite sure that they prefer rougher, caveman type.—Anita Lee.

Thrift doesn't mean denying yourself a holiday to save the expense of a ticket to the picnic.

Love is sometimes pathetic, never ludicrous, always tragic.



1-9-2-7

A New Year—a New Calendar.

Three hundred and sixty-five bright new days full of new opportunities.

This is inventory time and so let us take stock of ourselves.

Let us consider our personal standing in the world at this milestone of time—our relationship to those around us. Is our supply of friendship low?

Are our shelves bare of love for our fellow man. Are there but a few kind words and tender thoughts remaining? Is our stock of gentlemanly and womanly courtesies exhausted. Just how do you stand at this time?

See yourself as others see you—X-ray your heart and soul and mind. Are you an asset to the world—or are you a bankrupt of worth while qualities.

It's 1927—a New Year.

Let us start NOW to make it full of happiness—joy—peace—good will—love and every noble name within the language.

Let us start NOW to do our part in making the New Year prosperous and happy—and the world a better place to live in.

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FRALEY RIDGE NEWS

The United Baptists held their regular meeting at the Crix Schoolhouse last Sunday.

Mr. Silas Barnett and three children left Monday for Mr. Ben Bennett's near Ault, Ky.

Mrs. Maggie Binion and Miss Bessie Barnett were visiting their sister Mrs. Dee Scages, last Sunday night.

Mrs. Vadie Dehart was visiting Mrs. Nigmie Lambert last Saturday and Sunday.

Misses Myrtle Lambert and Monte Moore and in DeHart were visiting Misses Gladys and Gertrude Lambert last Saturday night.

Dock Lambert, Dock Kegley and Carl Baumgardner returned from W. Va. last week where they have been seeking employment.

Dock Kegley is visiting relatives in Elliott county.

Tobias Lambert, of Rinsco's Mills, was visiting Dock Lambert last Friday night.

Subscribe for the Scorchers.

LEAVES RED CROSS \$14,700.000

Securities valued at \$14,700,000, part of the trust estate of the late James A. Scrymser, founder and former President of All America Cables, will be added to the endowment fund of the American Red Cross in 1927, in accordance with provisions of Mr. Scrymser's will.

This legacy is the most noteworthy in the history of the organization.

Mr. Scrymser, who for many years had been a staunch friend and supporter of the Red Cross, died in April, 1918, leaving most of his estate in trust for his wife with the stipulation that, upon her death, one-half of this estate would go to the Red Cross and one-half to St. Luke's Hospital, New York.

Mrs. Scrymser died last July and the estate is now being settled. In addition to the securities the Red Cross will receive one-half the proceeds of the sale of Mr. Scrymser's city home in New York and country home in Secaucus, New Jersey. Pled representatives are paid by such endowments.

SHARKEY NEWS

J. D. and H. C. Caudill were in Morehead Thursday on business.

Miss Ora Jane Caudill who has been attending school at the M. S. N. spent Christmas with her brother and mother, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Caudill.

J. D. Caudill purchased a farm near Sharkey. He expects to build a house and move to it soon.

The little daughter of George Hyatt is improving a little at this writing.

Tom Middleton and Miss Elizabeth Earls were married at the home of the bride, Tuesday, December 31.

Mrs. Mollie Eldridge who has had her foot cut is improving nicely.

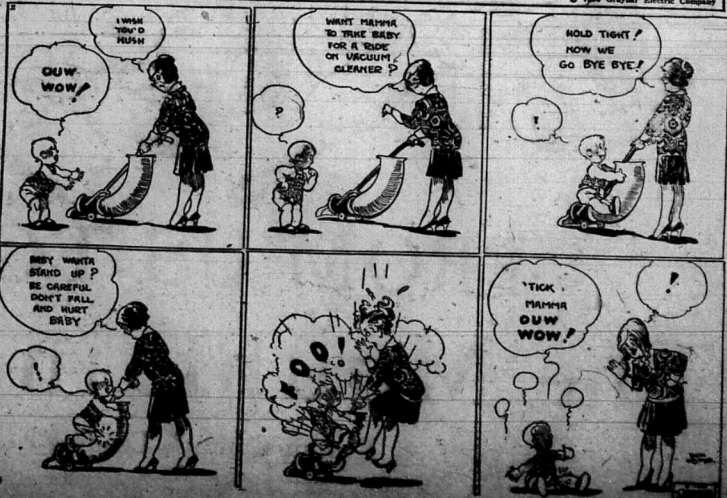
THE OPEN ROAD

A foot and light-hearted I take to the open road. Healthy, free, the world before me. The long brown path before me, leading wherever I choose.

—Walt Whitman

Mrs. Van Thiek—Junior Gets the Air

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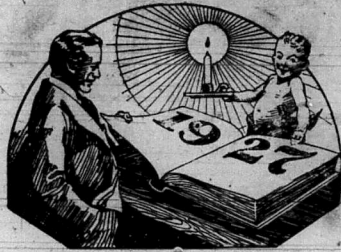


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HAPPY NEW YEAR!



An old year has just closed. A new one is up on us. As we pause, looking backward even as we look ahead, we keenly realize how great a debt of appreciation we owe our citizens of Haldeman, Soldier and Morehead and a great portion of Rowan and Carter Counties.

For your good will and generous support no store was ever so grateful as Kentucky Fire Brick Company's,

Haldeman Store. Your friendly confidence has constantly spurred us onward. This accounts for the growth of our store into the great establishment it is today.

We sincerely thank you for your patronage—and heartily hope the year 1927 will yield much genuine happiness and success to you.

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PARAGON NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. James Donohew and family of New Boston and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Alfrey of Shelby, Ohio, are visiting relatives here.
Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Alfrey, of Shelby, Ohio, are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Alfrey.
Mr. and Mrs. James Middleton, of Normal, Ky., are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Charles.
Dr. Audrey Ellington, of Bloomfield, is visiting his parents, and en-

joying himself fine with his three bird dogs, hunting.
There was a meeting at Lick Fork Sunday and Sunday night by Rev. Harlan McClure.
Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Black, of Morehead, were visiting relatives on Licking River, over the week-end.
Frank Phillips is improving slowly.
Mrs. Bulah Bailey, of West Virginia, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Ellington.
Wm. Phillips had the misfortune

last week to fall and throw his shoulder out of place. He is now improving.
Mr. Russel Morris, formerly of Paragon, now of Shelby, Ohio, and Miss Gertrude Caudill, of Morehead, daughter of Mrs. Everett Caudill, were quietly married at Shelby, Ohio, last week.
Temptation and opportunity ought to swap methods. The former seldom needs to knock more than once.

CINCINNATI LIVESTOCK

Hogs—Receipts 3,400; held over 282; mostly 15 to 25 cents lower; 150 to 160 lbs. \$12.00 & 12.25; 160 to 225 lbs. mostly \$12.50; 225 to 250 lbs. \$12.25 @ 12.40; 250 to 300 lbs. \$12.00 @ 12.25; over 300 lbs. \$11.75 down; sows 25c lower; bulk \$10.00 @ 10.25; few light weights \$10.50; pigs quotably lower.
Cattle—Receipts 200; calves 350; slaughter cattle quiet, steady; some

yearling heifers \$9.00 down; steers scarce; cows active at the week's 25c advance; all cutters \$2.75 @ \$4.50; butcher cows \$5.00 @ 7.00; bulls scarce; strong, around \$7.00 down; veals steady, top \$15.00.
Sheep—Receipts 500; steady; best lambs \$13.00; common kind \$9.50 down; culs under \$7.00; ewes scarce, \$5.50 down.
Another hurricane or two and the verdict will be, "Yes, We Have No Bahamas."

Application for sabbatical leave beginning February 1, 1927, has been made by 530 members of the super- vising and teaching staff of the public schools in New York City. A requisite to granting of sabbatical leave is 10 years of continuous service in schools of New York prior to that date. In February 1926, application for such leave was made by 520 persons, and 319 were granted; 289 were granted in September, 1926.

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