

Seventeen thousand men go on strike in the Philadelphia Ship Yards. Those are the headlines that hit you in the face from every paper. They are read by every soldier and talked from mouth to ear by every person in the land. It is terrible and very unpatriotic of those men to strike. They just absolutely quit and refuse to work. Not one of us ask ourselves this question, "I wonder why they quit?" Let us stop and realize that each and every man working in a war plant is working there for the pay he gets, he needs that money that he is earning honestly to support his family, pay his taxes and buy food and clothing from Hi-Jackers and Bootleggers that are waiting for him when he gets his paycheck. Most of them pay from ten to twenty-five cents for getting their checks cashed. They are spotted by specially trained clerks in our stores who are schooled in methods as to how to depart the dollar from the defense worker. War workers do not walk out of plants without a cause, unless a political labor leader is having a little trouble getting something over in Washington and that is very unusual, for they get what they want most of the time. Strikes are caused in war plants by crooked management who are hiding something from the men. What I mean by hiding something is for instance sleepers, kinfolks, and sons and daughters of some political so called big wig. Men working in a defense plant will give a good day's work if they are satisfied with conditions. They will face any kind of weather and work until they drop if they are satisfied. At the present time I know of a plant where there is liable to be trouble at any time and when there is the headlines will be the same, "Ten Thousand Men Walk Out of Defense Plant that is Vital to Our Winning the War." This is a plant that has hired union labor and is using organized labor because it has to in order to get men. But now that the management knows that labor is frozen it is taking advantage of the men not in major things but the little things. It reminds me of my early school days when I would pinch the fellow next to me if I knew the teacher was on my side.

I am working on my twelfth defense job, they have been powder plants, ammunition, rubber, shells, hospitals, and high octane gasoline. During the many months that I have worked I have come in contact with thousands of men from all walks of life and from all professions in life. I have worked by the side of the man from Harvard, from Yale, from the Bowery, from the East and the West, I have talked to them to find out what they think of it all. Their main thought is to win this war, next what will it be like when the war is over.

Labor is much like a gang of chickens. They are fed, and they in turn lay a few eggs. They put a lot of faith in the old rooster for he scratches out a worm for them now and then, and he does not hesitate to tell them about it. He will fight for them so long as he is not sticking his own neck out. When some are wanted to be sent to market they are fed exceptionally well and then caught later to have their heads whacked off. If something is not done and done quickly labor will be taken to market. Most all of us that know anything about organized labor know that it is a good thing but it has excited the small locals to the extent that they do not know what they are doing. Only the other day a man came on the job and was assigned to his particular gang. Soon as we had warmed up to one

### Dr. Sherwood Eddy To Address MC Lyceum Audience

Dr. Sherwood Eddy, who will appear in the lyceum lecture course in the college auditorium on January 13th and 14th, both morning and evening program, is a man of wide experience as a traveller, lecturer, writer and religious worker.

He was born in Kansas, and when a young man he became national secretary of the Y.M.C.A. in India, working among students there. He later, became Y.M.C.A. secretary for all of Asia, working with students of Japan, Korea, China, India and Russia. By request he addressed the Chinese provincial parliaments, boards of trade and other government institutions.

As an author, Dr. Eddy has written many books and articles. During the last two years he has given a part of his time to college and Y.M.C.A. work in the southern states.

Christmas has come and gone and I am about through with my exchanging.

I have a trip to Lexington to make, but I am sort of afraid to get on the train with some of the ties I received. I got some shorts that if I put them on, minus my pants, and walked up the street people would ask: "Where is that barber pole going?"

The \$75 watch that Ezra Martt was going to give me didn't arrive. Something happened at the factory and production slowed down.

The Parker pen that I was expecting from George Caudill did not come in. He was going to give me the "52" set instead of the Parker "51".

Frank Laughlin gave me his good will and E. E. Elam sent me a picture of his goat. Ray White promised me a check for \$3,399, but I found out that it was made to the Federal Revenue Department and has been endorsed and cashed by same.

The Citizens Bank sent me a notice saying "Overdraft." I sometimes wonder if they have any blanks that say "Underdraft". I get so many drafts from that bank it is a wonder that I don't catch pneumonia. But Alpha Hutchinson, the assistant cashier, did give me a chew of tobacco.

"Snooks" Crutcher, the editor of this paper and my boss, was very generous this year. He sent me a Christmas card that had a name rubbed out on it. That lousy bum.

Clark Lane, the undertaker, had some beautiful cards this year, and the inscription read: "I'll be seeing you."

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LOUISVILLE.

There are four things I have found in life that I absolutely hate and I am confronted with the creeps and burst out in goose-pimples the moment I see them. The greatest fear I have is of snakes. I don't like even the pretty little garter snakes. I hate buttermilk. I have never tasted it in my life, but if I was told to drink a glass or jump from a two-hundred foot tower into the Ohio river, I would jump.

I hate infidels, and for ghost stories, I read Ingersoll, Pastor Russell, and have nightmares. I hate tattoo marks on anyone, yet I am not afraid of it. But if a man would ever come to me with a tattoo needle I would be gone in nothing flat. I like to read tattoo marks on people, and I know some very nice people that have tattoo marks on them. To me they just don't mean marks or pictures. I always wonder just what frame of mind the ones were in when they had them put on. It seems that it is coming back in now. I don't know why, and I don't care, but I can't resist asking a fellow why he had that done. You see so many with Social Security numbers on their arms. I know one man happily married, with a picture of a girl named Lillian on his chest, and she looks like a headhunter. He told me it was a girl he met in England during the war. I asked him if Lillian did not grow monotonous being so close to him all of the time. He said he would be very happy if she would leave.

I know one fellow engaged, with a picture on his arm, and before the marriage can take place it has to be removed. So far he has it down to a scar about the size of a dollar bill, that resembles a burn. Just give me vanilla!

Hotels in Louisville are somewhat like human lives. Their social standing varies. The Seelbach is getting a steam and sand blasting on the outside. The vice squad is trying to clean it up within. The Watterson is one of the nicest hotels in town, yet I remember when it was not so hot. The only thing I can say about the Watterson is that for many months they have had a life size picture of Lyter Donaldson in the lobby, and when you walked in you felt like you were going to walk right into his mouth. Rhodes K. Myers, with that Rooster, in front of the Kentucky, has not helped their business but they don't need help, they have all they can take care of. Rhodes is the one that needs help. I have not been around to the Salvation Army headquarters as yet, but I am sure some Republican had headquarters there. Anyhow, Republicans are like the cows—they come up late in the evening.

## Traffic Deaths Drop 31 Percent In Year

Traffic accidents resulted in 11,780 deaths in the United States

## City Water Supply Reported Critical

Morehead Mayor N. E. Kennard has issued a warning to citizens of this city to exercise strict conservation of water from the city's supply lines. Water at the dam, from which the city supply is pumped, is very low, and unless every possible drop is saved, Morehead will be without water in a very few days.

Only a hard rain will replenish the supply, and citizens are urged to refrain from washing cars, sprinkling lawns and gardens, and to make every effort to save the remaining small supply for drinking and sanitary purposes only. He warned against becoming too optimistic at the first small shower reminding water users that only a HARD RAIN will put the water supply up to a safe level.

## Lieut. Caliendo Attends Chicago Meeting

Lieut. Emil Caliendo, of the Morehead Naval Training School, was guest of honor and one of the speakers at the Italian-American Meeting in Chicago, last Sunday.

A War Bond Rally, held in conjunction with the meeting, netted a total of \$1,000,000 in bond sales. A very large crowd was in attendance.

Lieut. Caliendo returned to Morehead Tuesday.

## May Wants Postwar Military Train'g Law

Chairman Andrew J. May of the House Military Affairs Committee announced this week he would press for immediate enactment of a universal postwar military training law designed to train 1,000,000 men a year for active military service.

It would be similar to the conscription programs in Europe before the war.

In addition to one year of compulsory military training for all youths between 17 and 21, May's bill will propose a one-month refresher course each year for succeeding generations.

"There must be no scuttling of battleships, airplane carriers or destroyers after this war," May said. "If the other nations want to do it, let them. We must never go in for that thing again."

"It's about time we woke up to the realization that we've got to carry a 'big stick' after the war if we're going to keep others in line who have a tendency to carry the 'big stick' themselves."

May is also working on a bill to be introduced in congress, as soon as it returns September 14, to exempt all fathers from the draft.

He described his postwar conscription plan as a "cheap method" of maintaining a secure peace after the armistice, of jogging up the future health of the Nation, and of teaching young men of post-high school age the value of discipline.

## Ted L. Crosthwaite Gets Commission

Mrs. Stella Crosthwaite, of this city, has received an announcement of the graduation of her son, Aviation Cadet Ted L. Crosthwaite, from the University of California. Cadet Crosthwaite will graduate Monday, September 6, from the California Institute of Technology at the U. of Calif. in Los Angeles, and will receive his master's degree and a commission

## War Fund Drive Meeting Held In Lexington Tuesday

### Rowan County Committee Attends Meeting

A meeting of the chairmen and other county representatives of the Kentucky War Fund Campaign was held in Lexington at the Lafayette Hotel, at noon Tuesday, August 31. Dr. J. D. Falls, Chairman of Rowan County; Commander George Walker, Morehead Naval Training School; Mrs. Ethel Lee Ellington, Principal Morehead City Schools; and Mrs. J. D. Falls, Director local USO, attended the luncheon.

Dr. Frank L. McVey, State Chairman, presided, and Mrs. Virgil Martin, head of the Special Service Division, National War Fund, New York City, was the principal speaker. Mr. Martin gave a very interesting and instructive address on the importance of the American peoples being aroused to do their serious part in supporting the campaign. The campaign will begin in Kentucky October 15, for the purpose of raising approximately \$1,400,000 for the USO and other national relief agencies.

It was emphasized that there will be only two major campaigns this year—one for the Red Cross and the other covering all other agencies. People who have heretofore given to separate agencies will be able to donate to this War Fund Campaign, and such agencies will receive their national quotas.

Dr. McVey summarized the purpose of the campaign as follows: "There was never a time when the concerted effort of our people was more definitely needed than now."

"We are going into this campaign because America needs us, and because, as our boys and girls fight and endure and sacrifice on the war front, we at home must fight with them for freedom and decency and humanity."

"To organize ourselves properly for the job of providing the USO, the Merchant Marine, and aid for our loved ones in prison camps and sending food, medicines and clothing to our fighting allies, we MUST have this one meeting for instructions and inspiration."

The Rowan County delegation came from the meeting imbued with the feeling that this County will raise its quota of \$2,313.46 soon after the drive begins.

## Asks Cooperation In Protecting Forests

Cooperation of landowners, motorists and all other Kentuckians in preventing forest fires which would damage or destroy Kentucky's timber resources was sought today by K. G. McConnell, Director of the Division of Forestry, in a warning that lack of rain had created conditions favorable to fires in the wooded areas of the state.

It is not too early to begin practicing fire prevention measures although the greatest hazard period is several weeks away. Brush and debris fires should be carefully guarded and lighted only when there is no wind. Motorists should refrain from discarding lighted matches and burning tobacco along the roadside where it may start fires in dry vegetation and spread

## Roscoe Hutchinson, Jr. Condition Improved

Roscoe Hutchinson, Jr., who suffered a severe head injury in a bicycle accident August 21, is reported much improved at the St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington. Hospital authorities believe that he will be sufficiently recovered to come home this week-end.

Young Hutchinson was knocked unconscious when the front wheel of the bicycle he was riding buckled and threw him against the concrete curb in front of the Morehead postoffice. He remained unconscious for a number of days and a spinal operation was performed on August 24.

## Rural Teachers To Meet Sept. 10th

The rural teachers of Rowan County will meet Friday morning, September 10, at 10:00 a. m., in the Morehead High School Gymnasium for the first business meeting since the beginning of the rural schools this year. The first meeting will mark the close of the first month of school.

Four vacancies, which now exist in the rural school system, are expected to be filled this week. Attendance is reported very good throughout the county, and Mrs. Mabel Alfrey, attendance officer, has been attending and supervising rural schools for the past two weeks.

## Naval Training School Boys Buy War Bonds

**MOREHEAD MEMORIES: PEOPLE AND PLACES**  
R - **WOODY HINTON'S CRACKER-BARREL COMMENTS**  
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**JACK D. ELLIS**

BC "A Merry Heart Maketh a Cheerful Countenance" (Proverbs 15:13)

Morehead

BC Thomas Wood Hinton was perhaps the best known columnist in the history of the **Rowan County News**. "Woody", as he was known by his friends (and he had many), wrote a weekly column called "Cracker-barrel Comments" for fifteen plus years in the **Rowan County News** and the **Morehead Independent**. It was a column of homespun wit, political satire, and insightful comments on human nature. He was the sage of Morehead who poked good natured fun at people and politics. His was the first column that people reached for when they received their weekly paper. This writer read his columns regularly as a local youth and a teenager and would like to share some reprints from **The Rowan County News** with those who read this column. Perhaps they will help you to recall fond memories, bring a smile to your face and help you to forget many of the world's problems. That's what Woody did for Rowan countians during the bad days of the depression, and the sad days of WW II.

WOODY LOVED TO POKE FUN AT POLITICIANS nameline

Will Roger's political satire was of course much more widely known than Woody's, but it was no better. Woody Hinton was a backwoods homespun political satirist who wrote bitingly, humorously and insightfully about Kentucky's political

system. People today seem to have lost their sense of humor about politics. Today's politicians seem to take a 'dog eat dog, do or die, take no prisoners' approach. What is needed at this time in our nation's history is a Woody Hinton to loosen everyone up. Here's some of what Woody had to say about elections in the 1940s.

"The politicians are beginning to claim they have done everything right and never did anything wrong in their lives. Mark my words, Harry Lee Waterfield (candidate for Governor) and I must say he is the people's choice will claim in his speeches that he is responsible for the bumper crop of strawberries produced in McCracken County. It's no wonder they had a million dollar crop. It used to be that they sold strawberries in the store by the quart...now it is so much each!

Yes sir, anything that is done you can always expect the Democratic candidate in the primary to say "I done it," and in the final election "We done it."

Why, the Democrats will have you believe they are responsible for making cream sour so that you can make buttermilk. They claim the sun shines brightest in Kentucky because there are more Democrats than Republicans and that burley tobacco wouldn't bring enough to pay for the fertilizer if it wasn't for them. They claim they're responsible for the trees growing up and the water running down; for the fishes in the streams and the fowl in the air.

Why, you can offer one of them a drink of moonshine and if it is good and brings an immediate tingle to the toes you'll hear him say: "Some good Democrat made that." But

if it tastes like a mixture of coal oil and ether they'll come out with: "These d-~~m~~ Republicans don't even know how to make good whiskey."<sup>16</sup>

Kentucky just naturally has the claimingest Democrats of any place in the country. They act big and talk big but the worst part about it is that they vote big because there's just more of 'em."<sup>17</sup>

~~While away from Morehead working in defense plants, Woody continued to write~~  
<sup>WOODY WROTE HIS COLUMN WHILE WORKING IN DEFENSE PLANT</sup>

his "Cracker-barrel Comments". His writing helped to cheer up the people on the home front when the war was going badly. In his column of December 10, 1942, he examined some of the problems between labor and management as well as problems with German Prisoners of War.

<sup>11</sup> Just made a flying trip home. Seems like I only had time to kiss "Mom", grab a couple of her hot biscuits and a piece of ham, an<sup>Another</sup> other hot biscuit with some apple jelly.

I can't believe that I ran into Tommy, my son, while here. I was so glad to see him and to know he is doing so well in Dayton.

May not and will not have time to see or talk to anyone while here. Must get back to the worst job I was ever on. However, this is not a time to only thing of feather beds.

Last week I had an opportunity to visit some plants that were really on the rocks during the depression. They are going at top speed now. It is very interesting to talk to some of the men that are really in earnest about this war. I would say that most of them are. Those especially that have orders

to fill. Their greatest trouble seems to be man power. Talked to one man that was almost frantic because he was not getting the proper cooperation from his employees which number runs well over three thousand. It was not for me to say, but I believe his trouble lies with himself and not his men. Few employers seem to realize that our business is run today by a political herd that know more about business than the business man will ever know.

The politicians keep capital in such a muddle and so nervous that they in turn get labor in a stew and it all sums up to one thing, and I think the soldier I met on the train expressed it midly when I asked him where he was going. He said, "I don't know 'Bud', my ticket <sup>says</sup> ~~can~~ Camp Campbell, Ky., Clarksville, Tenn. You know, 'Bud', I think the whole work has gone crazy."

As the case may be, we will have to admit that labor is ignorant, capital is more ignorant and politicians have made us what we are today. I will have to take two days off in order to hire a man to fill out a form to send in that will estimate how much I will earn for the balance of the year. I do not mind, but I think of the multitude that have to leave and travel hundreds of miles to pay poll tax on an unborn child.

I get so happy thinking about all these things that //  
sometimes I <sup>could</sup> ~~could~~ sit down and cry.

SOFTLY POKED FULL AT PEOPLE  
In his "Cracker-barrel Comments" published in April, 1946, Woody Hinton

showed that many of Morehead's movers and shakers were also targets of Woody's biting

wit.

" Local News. Frank Havens, manager of the Big Store that is owned by the local bank, has bath towels big enough to answer the phone in.

Hartley Battson, who is supported by his son, Don, who is one of our best basketball players, keeps on hand at all times not less than ten thousand pills.

J.C.  
J.W. Wells, owner of the bus line that runs from "thar to thar" has a new station wagon with white seats and accommodates nine passengers. That is the number he has in his family. Although it cost him around three grand, prices will not advance on his buses unless the bank starts crowding him and Curt Hutchinson.

Jack (Eagle Beak) West and his partner in crime Hen (Coal Tar) Tolliver will leave for Florida the day after they seal their door at "The Bridge". They will spend the money that we have given them in a lavish fashion. I hope they both get snake bit, and can't find any of that "potato stuff" they have been dishing out.

To you, my friend, it was embarrassing at the game ~~to~~ <sup>the</sup> other night when you asked me for a ticket in the reserved

section. I do not want everybody in town to know that I am having secret dates with Catherine Clayton. If Claude ever heard of that it would be awful. I did not recognize Mrs. Octavia Graves the other night. I am so glad she is back here. She is the most cheerful person I have ever known and so different from a lot of those old sour persons we have at the college."

"All husbands are alike but they have different faces so you can tell 'em apart."--Copied from minutes of the Morehead Woman's Club."

GRAND MOTHERS HOME REMEDIES  
Folk medicine now called "Alternative Medicine" is making a comeback in today's world. In one of Woody's column written while he was working away from Morehead in a defense plant during WW II recalled some of his grandmother's home remedies:

" My grandmother was one of the most wonderful women I have ever known. Sometimes I wonder how she would look upon the pace we are living today.

Grandma could read and write and converse on most any subject. But she was a great hand to listen and greater in "tendin" to her own business. She was from the old school that came from Virginia in an oxcart as a girl. Grandma's education came from experience. She did not belong to any woman's club or play bridge. For relaxation she would rock and smoke a clay pipe.



I never saw her excited about anything and she was the doctor in our small community, the legal adviser and the general soother. If a neighbor got sick, shot, or cut, the first thought was always, "Aunt Til." Grandma had a series of poultices that equaled our now present vitamins. She had mild ones, strong ones, and super-strong ones. She could take warts off your hands and corns from your toes. Grandma always kept her head and the only time I ever saw her get excited was when a chicken hawk got into our chickens.

In sickness or in wounds, she dreaded only one thing-- "gangrene." Grandma had great faith in madstones for dog bites and when a hog got sick, she would always rub the back of his or her ankles with a corncob soaked in turpentine.

She could tell good soil and what it would raise by looking and smelling of it. She went and lived by the changes in the moon and could tell to a gnat's eye what kind of seasons we were going to have and tell three days in advance when it was going to rain.

She would never eat cabbage because it hurt her shoulder.

Grandma had no fear of anything or anybody. I miss grandma."

<sup>and today</sup>  
To try and pass the time in this outpost I visited the library that was presented to the city by the late Major Dooley. In the hopes of obtaining a book, I presented all my credentials and was told that I had to wait until I was better acquainted in the city. If all the people here are as curt as the

librarian, I have no desire to become acquainted.

I sometimes wonder why all the civilized people are fighting and the uncivilized people are at peace.

When the Army doctor asked Claude Clayton if he had any physical defects, Claude replied, "Yes sir, no guts."

**MOREHEAD MEMORIES: PEOPLE AND PLACES**  
**WOODIE HINTON, HUMORIST: PROMOTES PROGRESS**

**BY**

**JACK D. ELLIS**

"A merry heart doeth good like a medicine" (Proverbs 17:22)

Morehead and Rowan County are actively promoting economic development for our area. Much has been done by Judge Clyde Thomas and Mayor Brad Collins, as well as ~~many~~ of the Chamber of Commerce, Tourism and other groups to promote growth.

Morehead has done much specifically to promote Main Street businesses in recent years, eg. Main Street Christmas and Bluegrass Festival. Also Terri Cline has been appointed as Morehead's <sup>new</sup> Main Street Manager to promote those businesses.

But ~~the business of~~ promoting progress in downtown Morehead has a long and colorful history going back to the 1930s. Much of this was written about with "tongue-in-cheek" humor by Morehead's gentle humorist and home spun philosopher. The title of his popular weekly column was "Cracker Barrel Comments" and his name was Woodie Hinton.

Thomas Wood "Woodie" Hinton was Rowan County's witty sage and a poor man's Will Rogers. He was born in Fleming County on January 7, 1904, and died in Morehead April 26, 1949. He was the son of John F. and Lula Spradling Hinton.

Woodie married Lynn Sidney Evans and they had one son, Tommy. Woodie Hinton was one of the best known and most quoted writers in Rowan County. His humorous satirical "Cracker Barrel Comments" appeared in the *Morehead Independent* and *Rowan County*

*from*  
*1930*  
News for 15 years. His insightful homespun humor and frank comments about all citizens, regardless of their status in the community, was read by man and child. His column invoked a great deal of discussion and was the first thing readers turned to when the paper came out each week.

KENTUCKY'S CHANGING WEATHER 11/10/30

Woodie poked good natured fun at people, places, politics and even the weather.

It was America's cowboy philosopher, Will Rogers, who said everybody talks about the wether but nobody does anything about it. Woodie promoted Kentucky's weather as a tourist attraction long before anyone else ever thought of it. He said that if California attracted tourists because of their weather, Kentucky could go them one better by bragging about our weather instead of apologizing for it. He said, "California brags about how you can get a complete change of climate by traveling just a few miles. We can beat them all to pieces because we can get the same result by going no place."

Woodie went on to say, "One morning this week I hoed corn in my BV.Ds and like to burned up. That afternoon I hoed beans in my overcoat and still almost froze to death. California's changeable climate has nothing on us."

Woodie also claimed Rowan's rich soil was much more fertile than California's *because* ~~when he said~~ his garden was so rich that his potatoes grew so fast they kept him awake *at night* bursting out of the ground, ~~at night~~.

MAIN STREET BUSINESSES AND BUSINESSMEN

In one of Woodie's Cracker Barrel Comments, he humorously reported on the progress of Morehead in the 1930s. "I sometimes wonder if any of us realize the

progress that Morehead has made in the last ten years. Take Billy Bishop for instance, now Billy is from over on the head of Craney Creek and I can remember that he used to park his car in Clearfield and walk ~~on~~ to Morehead because he was afraid of getting caught in a traffic jam. Now he has a modern grocery store in town.”

Another example of progress is Claude Brown. I can remember when Claude did not have a pair of shoes and wore a pair of patched overalls with a nail holding the strap up. Now Claude has a prosperous farm, stocked with show horses and a private ring to train them. Of course, Claude made his money by being a smart automobile trader, but he has it and possession is nine tenths of the law. ”

Few local businesses or businessmen escaped Woodie’s soft humor. Woodie reported that, “J.A. Allen’s Grocery on Main Street used to be a place where you could buy a nickel’s worth of cheese and crackers for lunch and they would throw in a big lump of brown sugar for dessert. But now they have progressed so much that you have to go in one door and out the other.” Woodie claimed he always went in the wrong door and came out the same door. He was then right at least half of the time.

Woodie, reporting on the progress of McKenney’s Department Store said, “It hasn’t been so long ago that A.B. McKenney was picking blackberries for spending money and his home address was Licking Union. (A small post office in Bath County.) Now he is building a new department store on Main Street that rivals Marshall Fields in Chicago.

Morehead's Cracker Barrel <sup>said!</sup> ~~says~~ <sup>Harry</sup> "Harvey Goldberg is just across the street from McKenney's and he has enlarged his pantie and over-all business to include a complete haberdashery that carries everything from plastic suspenders to tuxedos. Also, Ray Lytle has been advertising his revolutionary new self-service grocery <sup>store</sup> where you wait on yourself. But the truth of the matter is he adopted that plan because he was too lazy to wait on anybody."

Other signs of Morehead's progress reported in the Cracker Barrel column said, "Jack Helwig's Hardware Store used to be a Lum and Abner proposition. Now you can purchase anything there that you will find in the best stores in Chicago."

"Even Ray Perry has dressed up his place of business so much that I take my hat off and hold it over my heart and bow my head ever time I pass. <sup>There is</sup> Mrs. James Brammer who has one of the most recent stores in town. She makes a living for her husband who spends most of his time playing checkers and spinning yarns."

Even Clark Lane, local Main Street undertaker, was attempting to improve his business as Woodie said he was sending local residents beautiful Christmas cards saying, "I'll be seeing you." <sup>Also,</sup> Alpha Hutchinson, Asst. Cashier at the Citizens Bank, said he was thinking of giving each new depositor a fresh package of Beech Nut chewing tobacco, but he was afraid he would have to put <sup>new</sup> cuspidors in the banks. "

Woodie's column continued by saying the "Citizens Bank has made so much progress that Alpha no longer called me or stops me on the street and tells me I'm over

drawn. But he actually sends me an "overdraft" notice. I asked him if he had any "under draft" notices? He said no but he would think about that possibility. I said "Alpha, I'm about to catch pneumonia from all of those overdrafts you're sending me."

On one occasion Woodie threatened to quit writing his columns in the same paper that ran an advertisement that "The Southern Belle (a Main Street women's boutique) had women's dresses half off." He thought some people might get the wrong idea.

Local druggist Hartley Battson whom Woodie said <sup>was</sup> supported by his son Don who was one of this areas best basketball players, kept over 10,000 pills on hand in his drugstore. At \$1.00 per pill, that's a pretty good inventory."

J.C. Wells, owner of the local bus line that Woodie claims ran only from <sup>that</sup> there to <sup>than</sup> there (actually it ran from Sandy Hook to Maysville) had bought a new nine passenger stationwagon with white seats. It was just a coincidence that was the number in his family. Although it cost him three grand <sup>he said</sup> his ticket prices would <sup>not</sup> increase unless Alpha Hutchinson and the Citizens Bank start crowding him."

Moving from Main Street to First Street, Mr. Hinton reported, "Frank Havens, manager of the Big Store that is owned by the bank, has <sup>both</sup> towels big enough to answer the phone in. (In today's world, that would not be very big.)

*None Later*

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**WOODIE HINTON, HUMORIST: POKES FUN AT POLITICIANS**  
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A merry heart makes a cheerful countenance (Proverbs 15:13)  
In his cracker barrel comments even the politicians  
Even the local moonshiners, revenueurs, and local liquor dealers did not escape

Woodie's warm wit. Everyone that knew Mr. Hinton would agree that he probably knew most of the legal and illegal dealers in alcoholic beverages. He wrote in one column:

"Jack 'Eagle Beak' West and his partner in crime, Hen 'Coal Tar' Tolliver, will leave for Florida the day after they <sup>close</sup> sell the door <sup>at</sup> and the <sup>store</sup> Bridge. (A well known bootleg story).

They will spend the money we have given them in lavish style. I hope they both get snake bit and can't fine any <sup>more</sup> of that potato stuff they have been dishing out."

Although he claimed <sup>the following</sup> that poem came to him from a reader in Akron, Ohio,

Woodie wrote, Attention: Revenue Agent Lee Stewart. The poem below was not signed but I have reason to believe it came from a Rowan County moonshiner. Please check finger prints and hand writing against known suspects.

I know a little man who is always in a keg,  
He spreads so much stuff and says its only a gag.  
In days gone by I've seen some corn,  
On the ear and shelled too.  
But when they put it in a keg,  
It's called mountain dew.  
He ribs his neighbors right and left,  
Just nothing else to do, but spreads a little corn  
Keeping people in a stew.



If I had him in a barrel  
Until the stage off fermentation.  
I'd take the head back out  
And call it Woodie's commendations.

(Woodie's column had a cartoon of his head in a barrel.)

POLITICIANS TOOK CREDIT FOR EVERYTHING RIGHT.

In his "Cracker Barrel Comments" Woodie Hinton, the sage of Rowan County,

had much to say about politics, eg. "I've tried all of my life to vote the straight (Republican) ticket and be a good citizen and tax payer. But some of these politicians who claim they've done everything right and nothing wrong are beginning to turn me off. (They were mostly Democrats). Harry Lee Waterfield, candidate for governor, is now taking credit for the bumper crop of strawberries in western Kentucky. Its no wonder though because they used to sell strawberries by the quart, but now are selling them by the berry."

Harry Lee, I must say as the peoples choice and in his speeches he continued to say that anything, "That is done right in Kentucky we done it. But anything that was done wrong they done it."

"Why the Democrats would have you believe they are responsible for making cream sour so you can make buttermilk. They claim the sun shines brighter in Kentucky because there are more Democrats than Republicans. Also, that burly tobacco wouldn't bring enough to pay for the fertilize if it wasn't for them."

POLITICIANS BLAMED EVERYTHING WRONG ON OTHER PARTY  
"They claim they are responsible for the trees growing tall and water running

downhill. Also now they're taking credit for the fish in the streams and the fowls of the air. Why you offer a Democrat a drink of moonshine and if its good and brings an immediate tingle to their toes, you'll hear him say, "Some good Democrat made that. But if it tastes like a mixture of coal oil and rotten corn filtered through a burlap bag, they'll say every time some Republican made this and those da- Republican don't even know how to make good moonshine."

<sup>POLITICS IN THE 19th AND 20th CENTURIES</sup>  
1) Kentucky just simply has the claimingest Democrats in the country. They all brag and talk big but the worst part about it is they vote big and there are so many of them. They even use the weather to their advantage. Why last week I met Bill Sample (Republican candidate for State Senator) walking up Wilson Avenue shivering and saying he was as cold as kraut juice and claiming the Democrats were trying to freeze the Republicans out of the election."

Following the election, Woodie claimed he had gotten a lot out of the candidates. He wrote, "The election is now over and we can all get back to work and give the Courthouse lawn a chance to breath and Jailer Hoss Sorrell a chance to get the ambeer washed off the sidewalks. I'm proud to say that all my candidates won and I'm assured of a state job next year."

Wily Woodie claimed he also got a big loan from both the People and Citizens Bank. He also had a tooth pulled for free by Dr. O.M. Lyn (Democrat candidate for State Senator). Also he claimed all of his legal of ~~his~~ <sup>affairs</sup> were cleared up by George I. Cline

(candidate for County Attorney.) He also insisted that the candidates were not nearly as friendly after the election. He declared that before the election they always said good morning Woodie and put their arms around his shoulder. But after the election all they <sup>said was</sup> ~~said to me is~~ "Ugh." It must be the Indian coming out in them.

HAD ANSWERED TO GETTING COLLEGE RE. ACCREDITED

During the trying times when Morehead State College was dropped from the accredited list by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools everyone in town had their own theory about how to get the college re-accredited. In one of his Cracker Barrel Comments column Woodie wrote, "John M. Palmer (Superintendent of the Clearfield Lee Clay Tile Company) in his letter to the Point-of-View column in the <sup>Louisville</sup> *Courier-Journal* last Tuesday was all wet." He stated, "That our Board of Regents are situated too close together and to other colleges."

Woodie went on to say, "My idea and I think you can <sup>can on my</sup> Upon my idea, is that all of the Board of Regents should be from our town. Then they would have the right to arbitrate for a suitable place for meet." (One of the problems at that time was board members would miss meetings because they had too far to travel.) But Woodie said if they were all from Morehead they could meet once a week in a room over McKenney's Store. They could even have a sign in gold letters put on the door reading something like this, \*Local Union 101 MSTC.) "

He continued his discourse by saying, "Industry can't get anywhere without being organized. Labor is fighting capital and vice versa. We should have our colleges

organize just the same as we have our industrial plants. I think I can sell Mr. Palmer on the idea that if we are properly organized, it would be no trouble at all getting back on the accredited list. (Of course Woodie was being satirical because Mr. Palmer had union problems at Lee Clay.)

Woodie Hinton, although critically ill, wrote his last column 10 days before his death April 26, 1949. "Snooks" Crutcher, Publisher and Editor of *The Rowan County News*, had a facsimile of Woodie's head sticking out of the Cracker Barrel placed on the columnist's casket. In his eulogy, Mr. Crutcher wrote Woodie would probably look down and say that slave driving penny-pinching old Editor remembered me after all. Crutcher continued, "But old friend, that penny pinching old Editor of what you once called a one a <sup>weekly</sup> rag sheet, if the presses don't break down and the <sup>line o-type</sup> ~~line of type~~ operator stayed sober." respectfully dedicated one section of the Centennial <sup>edition</sup> ~~Editor~~ of the *Rowan County News* to Woodie Hinton, the guy who had only love in his heart for everyone.

Thomas Wood "Woodie" Hinton was buried in Lee Cemetery in Morehead, but later exhumed and transferred to <sup>his native</sup> Fleming County. ~~Ge...~~

Woodie's nephew Frank Hinton in Fleming County shared this story with me about his Uncle Woodie. He said <sup>Woodie</sup> ~~one~~ <sup>was</sup> home one weekend while he was working in a defense plant in ~~Ward~~ <sup>Ward</sup> ~~Ward~~. He said he had some ~~two~~ pipefitters union in Louisville. Some ~~one~~ saw why Woodie you don't know anything about pipe fitting and he said: "Yes I do, my wife and I put up a new wood stove at home and I fitted all of these stove pipes together and now I am a pipe fitter."

# A Page From The Past...

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As a way of marking Rowan County's 125th year of existence, **The Morehead News** will be publishing pages from the Special Centennial Edition on the Rowan County News.

Published on May 10, 1956, during a week designated to mark the centennial, the edition was the "biggest" newspaper that had ever been printed in Rowan County — 108 pages.

The newspaper contained hundreds of photographs and feature articles on the county's 100-year history, and took

several months to prepare. As an article on the front page of the edition explained, "Every effort was made to mix the old with the new — to portray the truly remarkable progress the mountain county of Rowan and the college city of Morehead have achieved in five score years."

In 1956, the centennial was marked with a variety of activities, including a parade, a pageant, a visit by Gov. A.B.

"Happy" Chandler and a ball. No special celebration for the 125th birthday is planned; still there is some interest in the event, and we hope these pages help serve as a reminder of our county's colorful past.

Although additional copies of the Centennial Edition were later reprinted, no copies are currently available from our offices.

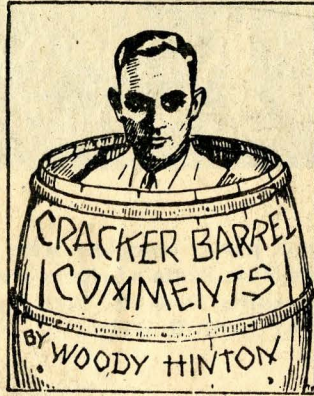
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## The Rowan County News

Morehead, Kentucky, Thursday Morning, May 10, 1956

Page Ninety-Three



Christmas has come and gone and I am about through with my exchanging.

I have a trip to Lexington to make, but I am sort of afraid to get on the train with some of the ties I received. I got some shorts that if I put them on, minus my pants, and walked up the street people would ask: "Where is that barber pole going?"

The \$75 watch that Ezra Martt was going to give me didn't arrive. Something happened at the factory and production slowed down.

The Parker pen that I was expecting from George Caudill did not come in. He was going to give me the "52" set instead of the Parker "51".

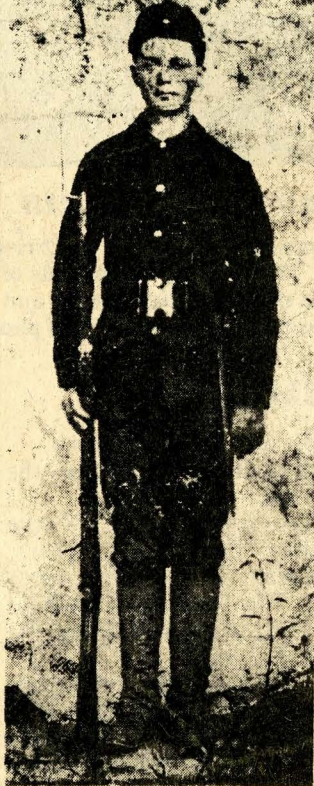
Frank Laughlin gave me his good will and E. E. Elam sent me a picture of his goat. Ray White promised me a check for \$3,399, but I found out that it was made to the Federal Revenue Department and has been endorsed and cashed by same.

The Citizens Bank sent me a notice saying "Overdraft." I sometimes wonder if they have any blanks that say "Underdraft". I get so many drafts from that bank it is a wonder that I don't catch pneumonia. But Alpha Hutchinson, the assistant cashier, did give me a chew of tobacco.

"Snooks" Crutcher, the editor of this paper and my boss, was very generous this year. He sent me a Christmas card that had a name rubbed out on it. That lousy bum.

Clark Lane, the undertaker, had some beautiful cards this year, and the inscription read: "I'll be seeing you."

I interviewed Lee Cochran yesterday to get the low-down on the school proposition. As you



IN 1899 this is the way Ed Franklin, now of Soldier, looked as a member of the Morehead National Guard. To belong to the Guard was one of the community's highest honors. Mr. Franklin recalls some in his company, including John Allen, Wilson Allen, L. Crum, Marion Rose and Charlie Hogge.

Thanks, Mr. Cochran. I consider you a scholar and a gentleman.

Attention Mt. Sterling newspapers: Please copy — Raliff Lane lost \$81.90 to a blind man in a poker game at Louisville.

It is indeed with shame that I have this week as my guest columnist Dr. Cillie M. Lyon, who is running for State Senator. Dr. Lyon is a veteran of both wars. He is too old and feeble to support us in Frankfort, for there is too much mileage on him.

He is a good fellow and a good man but I am against him. So let's all go to the polls on election day and stamp that ticket under the log cabin and

### This Centennial Edition Dedicated To Everybody's Friend—Woody Hinton

Perhaps the best known writer in Rowan County's 100 year history was Woody Hinton whose widely read and quoted column, "Crackerbarrel Comments" appeared for 15 years in the Morehead Independent and Rowan County News. His homespun wit and frank comments about all citizens, regardless of their stature in the community, resulted in a column that was the first thing readers turned to.

In this Centennial Edition the News reprints portions from some of Woody's last writings—he even wrote his column, although desperately ill, 10 days before his death. Mr. Hinton died April 26, 1949.

The News Editor had a good picture of Woody which Woody often referred to as "the time I had hair on my head". However, instead of printing that the Editor had an engraving made of the drawing which headed Woody's weekly column, with Woody's head sticking out of the barrel.

Few knew it, but a facsimile was put in Woody's casket. . . the Editor's know that in the hereafter Woody would smile if he could see this page and probably comment: "That slave-driving, penny pinching editor remembered me after all."

Old boy, the Editor and the staff of what you said was "this once a week sheet if the presses don't break down and the linotype operator stays sober" respectfully dedicate this edition to Woody Hinton—the guy that had only love in his heart for every-

one.

in if elected. Applying to the Railroad: When two trains are approaching each other at a crossing they should both come to a full stop and neither should start until the other is gone.

Fish and Game Law: I would like to have a law enacted to make it illegal to catch a whale in any of the land waters of my district. (This would protect Stone Jackson, Bob Mutters and Jack Helwig.)

I am also in favor of an ordinance in every city of the first four classes that any animal on the street after dark shall prominently display a red tail light. This would be a good appointive job for a well qualified male or female to supervise or enforce the law.

Well, readers, there you have Dr. Lyon's platform. I will have to admit that it is very constructive and very deep in text. I can readily see that he has spent many sleepless nights thinking over the things that should be done for the betterment of the country as listed above—Woody.

I sometimes wonder if any of us realize the progress that Morehead had made in the last 10 years.

Take Billy Bishop, for instance. Now, Billy is from over on Craney Creek. I can remember that he used to park his car in Clearfield and walk into town because he was afraid of the traffic. Now, he has a modern gro-

cery that I take off my hat every time I pass.

Then there is Mrs. James Brammer, who makes a living for her husband. She has one of the nicest stores in town.

It hasn't been so long ago that A. B. McKinney picked blackberries for spending money and his address was Licking Union. Now, he is building a store like Marshall Field's.

Across the street Harry Goldberg enlarged his pantie and overall business to include a complete department store and a men's haberdashery that carries everything from plastic suspenders to tuxedos.

You perhaps have noticed that Ray Lytle has been advertising his self-service grocery. The truth of the matter is that he adopted this plan because he is too lazy to wait on anybody.

The above are signs of progress. At a later date I intend to expound on some other business improvement, omitting, of course, that the city permitted box cars to be moved on Main Street to be set up as business places.

I can't get over how my garden is coming along. My potatoes are growing so fast they keep me awake at night bursting out of the ground. One day I hoed my beans in my B.V.D.'s and like to have burned up. The next day I hoed the corn out in an overcoat and almost froze to death.

California claims you can get a complete change of climate there by traveling a few miles.



IF YOU RECOGNIZE THIS you are well up in years. It is the old Morehead jail dating back some 80 years. Notation on the picture was that the crowd collected, as they did in those days, to see the jailer slap a law violator in the calaboose. The jail and stockade were log and prisoners were allowed in the small space inside the stockade during the daytime.

has only two slats.

As I write this I am hanging sideways as half of me hangs down through the chair. Ed, who operates the linotype, makes so much noise, that I can't concentrate, and Christian is all the time going up and down the aisle and leaning over my shoulder. Gene Hall, another employee, is always on the go and she makes me nervous.

The Trail Blazer editor (that's another rag that's printed in this office) just came through and asked me a question so I just can't think what to write. So I started going over my fan mail and I found this poem from one of my readers in Akron, O.:

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In days gone by I have seen some  
corn  
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Since his death the remains of Woody Hinton have been moved from Lee Cemetery to his native Fleming County. This is probably appropriate since Fleming is the mother of Rowan County which Woody loved so well.

could have paid me. From now on we are at ease. I think the world of your children and will always love them, but to me you are a lousy "Bum-m-m."

The double or four-lane highway will go through from here to Farmers. That is another sign of progress.

We often hear on the streets and in the stores of the shortage of money. I checked on this last week and asked my banker, Alpha Hutchinson at the Citizens Bank if he was out of money. He took me back to the vault and showed me piles of it. I said, "Could you let me have a little?" And he said, "Sure. Have you any collateral?" I didn't and that solves the question. We are not short on money in this country, but we are short on collateral.

to spring he'll put the checker back. Last Saturday night Judge Bradley and Judge Caudill played all night until three minutes of eight Sunday morning. I do not think either of them went to church. If they did go, I imagine they were a nice sight sitting in the Amen corner with a checker hangover.

John Palmer in his letter to Point-of-View column in the Courier-Journal last Tuesday was all wet. He states that our Board of Regents are situated too close together and to other colleges.

My idea, and I think you can depend on my ideas, is this, all the regents should be from one town so that they may organize and have a right to arbitrate a suitable place for their meetings, and I would suggest they meet once a week in a room over McKinney's Store and have a sign in gold letters put on the door downstairs reading something like this: "Local Union No. 101, MSTC". We can't get anywhere without being organized. Labor is fighting capital and vice versa

One." However, I got a lot out of this election. I borrowed all the money I could from the Citizens Bank and the Peoples Bank for I was strong for both Waterfield and Clements. I got a nice loan from Allie Manning on Dummit. I had my teeth pulled by Dr. Lyon and all my legal affairs straightened out with the help of George Cline.

When they were running it was always: "Good morning, Woody" . . . and with their arm around my shoulder, "How are you today, Woody?" Now all they say when they meet me is "Ugh." I guess it's just the Indian in them coming out.

Now, I want to say to these gentlemen that the people of this county have shown their respect for them and if they go to Frankfort and don't try to help the college, our schools and the road system, they are herewith challenged to meet Woodrow Hinton in a duel in front of the courthouse at high noon. This goes for Elwood Allen and Mrs. Lyde Caudill. Republican nominees



# Beck Students Have Key Roles In Mock UN

University Breckinridge students took leadership roles at the Kentucky United National Assembly, a YUMCA-

sponsored convention that concluded over the weekend in Lexington. John VanHoose, senior, was

president of the General Assembly. John presided over all sessions of the Assembly and served on the YMCA State Board of Directors this year.

He presented "Ambassadors of Good Will" awards to several persons who helped him in his leadership role. Local recipients were sponsors Randy Koehler and Mrs. Gail Russell, Jerry Thatcher, Dr. James Bauer and his parents.

VanHoose was president of the Junior KUNA while a freshman. He plans to help with the organization of state United Nations organization on the college level.

While president, VanHoose appointed Steve Taylor, sophomore, as his assistant. In addition to those duties, Taylor received a speaking award for outstanding oratory, sponsored a United Nations proposal and spoke on several other bills.

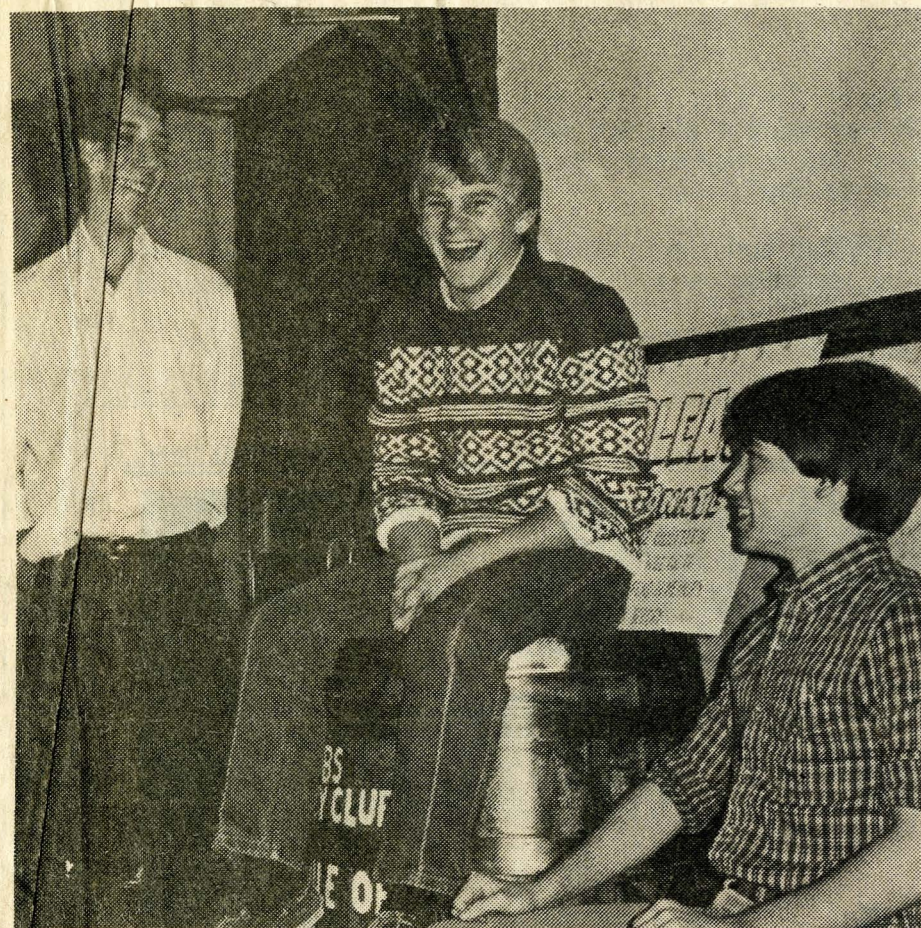
Taylor is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Steve Taylor.

Steve Burchett, sophomore, was elected president of the International Court of Justice. This was the first year the court functioned identically to the actual United Nations court.

Burchett is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Troy Burchett.

Breck representatives, who were among 400 delegates, represented Cuba at KUNA.

Proposals passed by KUNA will be viewed by representatives of the actual United Nations.



**Active At KUNA**

These University Breckinridge students were actively involved at the Kentucky United National Assembly, a YMCA-sponsored convention in Lexington last weekend. From left are John VanHoose II, senior, Steve Burchett and Steve Taylor, sophomores. (Staff photo by Kathy Partin)



**Sigma Alpha Santa**

Santa, a busy man this time year, visited the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity earlier this week. The Morehead State University student organization and the Morehead Police Department's Police Athletic League

sponsored a Christmas party, complete with donated gifts, for the kids of the PAL. Santa's helpers are Marcia Phillips, left, and Jennifer Noland. Both are MSU students. (Staff photo by Danny R. Wright)

## School Band In Concert Twice Sunday

The Rowan County High School band will present two concerts Sunday, Dec.

13. It and the Rowan County Junior High band will hold the school's annual Christmas performance at 3 p.m. in the gymnasium.

There is no admission, but donations for the high school band's trip to the World's Fair in Knoxville, Tenn. will be accepted. The Marching Vikings were selected as one of the honor bands for the fair. They are scheduled to march around the fairgrounds next fall.

A repeat performance of the Christmas Cantata, "Night of Miracles," will begin at 8 p.m. in St. Claire Medical Center's cafeteria.

Selected members of the Rowan County High band, under the direction of Phil Shepherd, a 26-voice choir led by Dan Prickett and organist Myron Doan make up the Cantata's talent.

Staff, patients, visitors and guests are invited to attend. The event will be seen on close circuit television by

patients unable to leave their rooms.

An offering will be taken for the school band's use.

At the first performance of the Cantata Sunday, Dec. 6 at the First Christian Church of Morehead, \$265 was donated. The band's travel fund now stands at \$1,374.95. Goal for the Knoxville trip is \$5,000.

Band Director Shepherd announced four Rowan County High students were finalists in the All-State band auditions held Saturday at Morehead State University.

At the regional competition, about 25 students were selected from 200. The four local band finalists were Lisa Williamson, sophomore, Jennifer Moon, junior, and Allison Keeton, sophomore, all clarinet players, and Scott Dobler, junior, trombone.

Ray Ross, senior, earned a seat on the all-state orchestra. Ross, who sent in a taped audition, plays string and electric bass.

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## Packed House Watches Play

The First Church of God in Morehead was packed Wednesday night as its youth presented Christmas music and a play, "Christmas, 2001."

Buddy Smith welcomed the audience and recited a Christmas poem.

A "Cherub Choir" sang "Angels in His Band," "Happy Birthday Baby Jesus" and "Away in a Manger." April Gevedon concluded the Cherub's concert with her solo, "Go Tell It on the Mountain."

Other members of the choir are Jamie Clay, Sarah Lewis, Matthew Osborne, Bryan Root, Debbie Sharp, Amir Zaheri, Nathan Drew, Gabe Nickell, Jenny Jones, Kerry Alderman, Tina Rowe, John Ramey, Nathan Manley, Marvin Mabry, Richard, Julia Taylor, Sheri Smith, Kelly Hicks, Becky Fraley, Emily Lambert, Angela Lanham, Shawna Mabry, Sabrina Caudill and A.J. Picazo.

Nellie Smith is director of the choir, with Esther Skaggs and Betty Sharp assisting.

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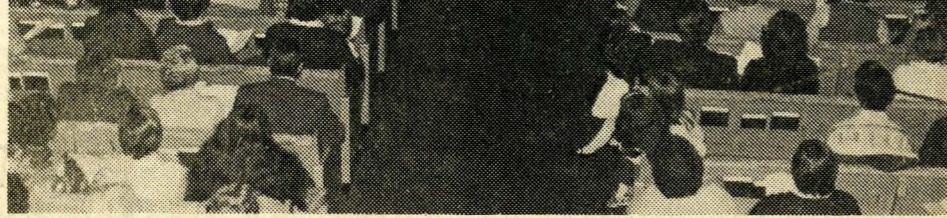
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Other solos were by Amy Nickell and Kim Barker, doing "Jesus is His Name." Ann Marie Jones singing "Sleep My Child," and Krystal Bowling, assisted by pianist Marcia Anderson, performing "His Names is Wonderful."

Other choir members are Vickie Lewis, Gina Purnell, Tammy Gibbs, Jodi White, David Ramey, Jessica

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Music director was Janet Alderman. Puppeteers, directed by Jeannie Stafford, were Tammy Tufts, narrator, Dana Lewis, Michelle Wells, Tommy Tufts, Randy Fraley, John Prather, David Nickell, Randy Fraley, R.D. Nickell, Sharon Tufts, Jennifer Trout,

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## Local Trivia

### Early Beginnings

■ Thomas Wood "Woodie" Hinton was Rowan County's witty sage and a poor man's Will Rogers.

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# History

THE MOREHEAD NEWS, MAY 9

## About the Author



Dr. Jack Ellis is a retired Morehead State University Library director and a retired minister.

# Morehead Memories:

## People & Places

### Woodie Hinton, Humorist: Promotes Progress

By JACK D. ELLIS  
Special to The Morehead News

"A merry heart doeth good like a medicine" (Proverbs 17:22).

Morehead and Rowan County are actively promoting economic development for our area. Much has been done by Judge Clyde Thomas and Mayor Brad Collins, as well as the Chamber of Commerce, Tourism and other groups to promote growth.

Morehead has done much specifically to promote Main Street businesses in recent years, eg. Main Street Christmas and Bluegrass Festival. Also Terri Cline has been appointed as Morehead's new Main Street Manager to promote those businesses.

But promoting progress in downtown Morehead has a long and colorful history going back to the 1930s. Much of this was written about with "tongue-in-cheek" humor by Morehead's gentle humorist and home spun philosopher. The title of his popular weekly column was "Cracker Barrel Comments" and his name was Woodie Hinton.

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Left, Claude Brown, Morehead car dealer, showed and owned world champion Tennessee Walking horses. Woodie said he could remember when Claude had to hold his overalls up with a nail.

citizens, regardless of their status in the community, was read by both man and child. His column invoked a great deal of discussion and was the first thing readers turned to when the paper came out each week.

#### Kentucky's changing weather

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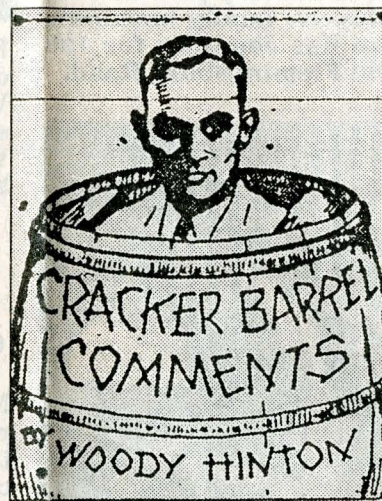
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traveling just a few miles. We can beat them all to pieces because we can get the same result by going no place." Woodie went on to say, "One morning this week I hoed corn in my BVDs and like to burned up. That afternoon I hoed beans in my overcoat and still almost froze to death. California's changeable climate has nothing on us."

Woodie also claimed Rowan's rich soil was much more fertile than California's because his garden was so rich that his potatoes grew so fast they kept him awake at night, bursting out of the ground.

#### Main Street businesses and businessmen

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Woodie Hinton, known as "the sage of Morehead". His weekly column appeared in the Rowan County News and the Morehead Independent for 18 years.

er, but he has it and possession is nine tenths of the law."

Few local businesses or businessmen escaped Woodie's soft humor. Woodie reported that, "J.A. Allen's Grocery on Main Street used to be a place where you could buy a nickel's worth of cheese and crackers for lunch and they would throw in a big lump of brown sugar for dessert. But now they have progressed so much that you have to go in one door and out the other." Woodie claimed he always went in the wrong door and came out the same door. He was then right at least half of the time.

Woodie, reporting on the progress of McKinney's Department Store said, "It hasn't been so long ago that A.B. McKinney was picking blackberries for spending money and his home address was Licking Union. (A small

Ray Lytle has been advertising his revolutionary new self-service grocery store where you wait on yourself. But the truth of the matter is he adopted that plan because he was too lazy to wait on anybody."

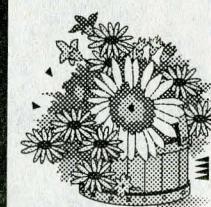
Other signs of Morehead's progress reported in the Cracker Barrel column said, "Jack Helwig's Hardware Store used to be a Lum and Abner proposition. Now you can purchase anything there that you will find in the best stores in Chicago."

"Even Ray Perry has dressed up his place of busi-

ness so much that I take my hat off and hold it over my heart and bow my head ever time I pass his store. Also, there is Mrs. James Brammer who has one of the most recent stores in town. She makes a living for her husband, who spends most of his time playing checkers and spinning yarns."

Even Clark Lane, local Main Street undertaker, was attempting to improve his business as Woodie said he was sending local residents

See WOODIE on C-2



## Spring Fellowship Revival

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In one of Woodie's Cracker Barrel Comments, he humorously reported on the progress of Morehead in the 1930s. "I sometimes wonder if any of us realize the progress that Morehead has made in the last ten years. Take Billy Bishop for instance, now Billy is from over on the head of Craney Creek and I can remember that he used to park his car in Clearfield and walk to Morehead because he was afraid of getting caught in a traffic jam. Now he has a modern grocery store in town."

Another example of progress is Claude Brown. "I can remember when Claude did not have a pair of shoes and wore a pair of patched overalls with a nail holding the strap up. Now Claude has a prosperous farm, stocked with show horses and a private ring to train them. Of course, Claude made his money by being a smart automobile trad-



Morehead's New Mains Street had shown great progress in 1945.



Inside progressive self-service Allen's Grocery, 1947. From left, Maude Adams, Mrs. Kelley, Mrs. Tobolto (Fleming County), Mrs. Waltz. Woodie Hinton said Allen's Store had made progress — you had to go in door and out another.

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**Friday Night.....Rev. Tim Rhodes**

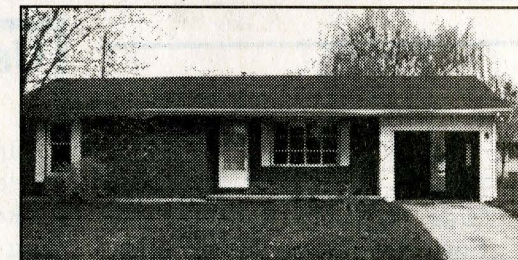
Pastor, Elliottville Baptist Church

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## U.S. GOVERNMENT FORECLOSURE SALE

**THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2003 AT 10:00 A.M.**

**AT 106 ROXANNE STREET - PRETTY VALLEY SUBDIVISION  
CLEARFIELD, KY OF HOUSE AND LOT**



This is a three bedroom house in need of repairs. It consists of a living room, dining area, kitchen, 3 bedrooms, 1 bath and attached 1 car garage. This property is considered unsuitable for the Rural Development, Rural Housing Program. This would be an excellent buy for investor interested in rental property or for resale after repairs.

Payment of the 2003 property taxes are the responsibility of the purchaser.

The minimum acceptable bid for this property will be \$20,100.00.

An Open House will be held on May 9, 2003 from 3:00 - 3:30 PM.

### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, May 15, 2003, at 10:00 A.M., at 106 Roxanne Street, Pretty Valley Subdivision, Clearfield, Kentucky, in order to raise the sum of \$36,026.15 principal, together with interest credit subsidy granted in the amount of \$23,710.00, plus interest in the amount of \$3,662.78 as of December 10, 2002, and interest thereafter on the principal at \$8.7423 from December 10, 2002, until the date of Judgement, plus interest on the Judgement amount (Principal plus interest to the date of judgment) at the rate of 1.32% computed daily and compounded annually, until paid in full and for the costs of this action, pursuant to Judgement and Order of Sale, being Civil Action No. 02-229 HRW on the Ashland Docket of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky, entered on February 7, 2003, in the case of United States of America vs. Christina Frank n/k/a Christina Gee, William Steven Gee, Imogene Hosack, the unknown spouse of Imogene Hosack and the Commonwealth of Kentucky, the following described property will be sold to the highest and best bidder:

A certain tract or parcel of land, being Lot No. 29-A, Pretty Valley Subdivision, Phase One, as shown on the plat of same recorded in Plat Book 4, Pages 38 and 39, Rowan County Records, to which plat reference is hereby made for a more particular description of said lot. There is a dwelling house located on said lot.

Being the same property conveyed by Deed dated September 25, 1990, recorded in Deed Book 151, Page 23, in the Rowan County Clerk's Office.

**TERMS OF SALE:** Ten percent (10%) of the bid price (in the form of a Certified Check made payable to the U. S. Marshal) on the day of sale with good and sufficient bond for the balance bearing interest at the rate of 1.32% per annum until paid, due and payable in thirty (30) days and said bond having the effect of a Judgement. Upon a default by the Purchaser, the deposit shall be forfeited and retained by the U. S. Marshal as a part of the proceeds of the sale, and the property shall again be offered for sale subject to confirmation by the Court.

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(Notice self-service sign). Regal Store owned by Ray Lytle (right), 1938. In Cracker Barrell comments, Woodie said the only reason that system was installed was ray was lazy to wait on you. (Raldin Ellis, left).

## Woodie From C-1

beautiful Christmas cards saying, "I'll be seeing you. Also, Alpha Hutchinson, Asst. Cashier at the Citizens Bank, said he was thinking of giving each new depositor a fresh package of Beech Nut chewing tobacco, but he was afraid he would have to put new cuspidors in the banks.

Woodie's column continued by saying the "Citizens Bank has made so much progress that Alpha no longer called me or stops me on the street and tells me I'm over drawn. But he actually sends me an "over-draft" notice.

I asked him if he had any "under draft" notices? He said no but he would think about that possibility. I said, "Alpha, I'm about to catch pneumonia from all of those overdrafts you're sending me."

On one occasion Woodie threatened to quit writing his columns in the same paper that ran an advertisement that "The Southern Belle (a Main Street women's boutique) had women's dresses half off." He thought some people might get the wrong idea.

Local druggist Hartley Battson, whom Woodie said "was supported by his son Don, who was one of this areas best basketball players, kept over 10,000 pills on hand in his drugstore. At \$1 per pill, that's a pretty good inventory."

J.C. Wells, owner of the local bus line that Woodie claims ran only from thar to thar (actually it ran from Sandy Hook to Maysville) had bought a new nine passenger stationwagon with white seats. It was just a coincidence that was the number in his family. Although it cost him three grand, he said his ticket prices would not increase unless Alpha Hutchinson and the Citizens Bank start crowding him."

Moving from Main Street to First Street, Mr. Hinton reported, "Frank Havens, manager of the Big Store that is owned by the bank, has bath towels big enough to answer the phone in. (In today's world, that would not be very big.)

*More later*

16 through 7 a.m., May 17, when the local Relay for Life event will be held at MSU's Academic Athletic Center.

## Revival at Salt Lick church

Salt Lick Freewill Baptist Church will hold a revival May 12-15, beginning at 7 p.m. nightly.

Evangelist Sterlin Bowlen will preach, and there will be special singing each night. Everyone invited to attend.

## Memory Days pageant May 17

The 2003 Miss and Mr. Memory Days Pageant will be held at East Carter High School, Saturday, May 17, at 4 p.m.

Eight age divisions will be judged for girls and five age divisions for boys. This pageant is held in conjunction with Grayson Memory Days. Winners are asked to participate in the parade on Saturday, May 24.

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At dusk, all participants will share in a special luminaria ceremony to remember those individuals who have been affected by cancer. Luminaria will be displayed in honor or memory of cancer patients and placed around the perimeter of the track. You are invited to support this effort by purchasing a luminaria in honor of a loved one who has been touched by cancer. Simply fill out the form below and mail your order to the address below.



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## Local Trivia

### Early Beginnings

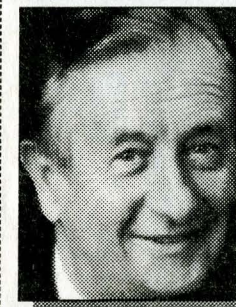
■ Woodie Hinton, although critically ill, wrote his last column 10 days before his death April 26, 1949.

## SECTION C

# History

THE MOREHEAD NEWS, MAY 16

## About the Author



Dr. Jack Ellis is a retired Morehead State University Library director and a retired minister.

# Morehead Memories:

## People & Places

### Woodie Hinton, Humorist: Pokes Fun at Politicians

By JACK D. ELLIS  
Special to The Morehead News

"A merry heart makes a cheerful countenance" (Proverbs 15:13).

In his Cracker Barrel Comments, even the politicians, moonshiners, revenueurs and liquor dealers did not escape Woodie's warm wit. Everyone that knew Mr. Hinton would agree that he probably knew most of the legal and illegal dealers in alcoholic beverages. He wrote in one column:

"Jack 'Eagle Beak' West and his partner in crime, Hen 'Coal Tar' Tolliver, will leave for Florida the day after they close the door at the Bridge. (A well known bootleg store). They will spend the money we have given them in lavish style. I hope they both get snake bit and can't find anything but that potato stuff they have been dishing out."

Although he claimed the following poem came to him from a reader in Akron, Ohio, Woodie wrote, Attention: Revenue Agent Lee Stewart. The poem below was not signed but I have reason to believe it came from a Rowan County moonshiner. Please check finger prints and hand writing against known suspects.

I know a little man who is always in a keg,  
He spreads so much stuff and says its only a gag.  
In days gone by I've seen some corn,  
On the ear and shelled too.  
But when they put it in a keg,  
It's called mountain dew.  
He ribs his neighbors right and

Waterfield, candidate for governor, is now taking credit for the bumper crop of strawberries in western Kentucky. Its no wonder though because they used to sell strawberries by the quart, but now are selling them by the berry."

Harry Lee, I must say as the peoples choice and in his speeches he continued to say that anything, "That is done right in Kentucky we done it. But anything that was done wrong they done it. Why the Democrats would have you believe they are responsible for making cream sour so you can make buttermilk. They claim the sun shines brighter in Kentucky because there are more Democrats than Republicans. Also, that burley tobacco wouldn't bring enough to pay for the fertilizer if it wasn't for them."

**Politicians blamed everything wrong on the other party**

"They claim they are responsible for the trees growing tall and water running downhill. Also now they're taking credit for the fish in the streams and the fowls of the air. Why you offer a Democrat a drink of moonshine and if its good and brings an immediate tingle to their toes, you'll hear him say, 'Some good Democrat made that.' But if it tastes like a mixture of coal oil and rotten corn filtered through a burlap bag, they'll say every time some Republican made this and those da- Republican don't even know how to make good moonshine."



**Alpha Hutchinson, former president and CEO of Citizen's Bank.**

"Kentucky just simply has the claimingest Democrats in the country. They all brag and talk big but the worst part about it is they vote big and there are so many of them. They even use the weather to their advantage. Why last week I met Bill Sample (Republican candidate for State Senator) walking up Wilson Avenue shivering and saying he was as cold as kraut juice and claiming the Democrats were trying to freeze the Republicans out of the election."

Following the election, Woodie claimed he had gotten a lot out of the candidates. He wrote, "The election is now over and we can all get back to work and give the Courthouse lawn a chance to breath and



**A guest unloads at the progressive Midland Trail Hotel in Morehead, 1940. It was owned by John and Jack Cecil, and was a Morehead Main Street business for 50 years. The sign says meals: breakfast, 7-8:30; lunch, 11:30-1:30; dinner, 5:30-7:30.**

Jailer Hoss Sorrell a chance to get the ambeer washed off the sidewalks. I'm proud to say that all my candidates won and I'm assured of a state job next year."

Wily Woodie claimed he also got a big loan from both the People and Citizens Bank. He also had a tooth pulled for free by Dr. O.M. Lyn (Democrat candidate for State Senator). Also he claimed all of his legal affairs were cleared up by George I. Cline (candidate for County Attorney.)

He also insisted that the candidates were not nearly as

friendly after the election. He declared that before the election they always said good morning Woodie and put their arms around his shoulder. But after the election all they said was "Ugh." It must be the Indian coming out in them.

**Had answer to getting college reaccrredited**  
During the trying times

when Morehead State College was dropped from the accredited list by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, everyone in town had their own theory about how to get the college re-accredited.

In one of his Cracker Barrel Comments column Woodie wrote, "John M. Palmer (Superintendent of the Clearfield Lee Clay Tile Company) in his letter to the Point-of-View column in the Louisville Courier-Journal last Tuesday was all wet." He stated, "That our Board of Regents are situated too close together and to other colleges."

Woodie went on to say, "My idea, and I think you can win on my idea, is that all of the Board of Regents should be from our town. Then they would have the right to arbitrate for a suitable place for meet." (One of the problems at that time was board members would miss meetings because they had too far to travel.)

But Woodie said if they were all from Morehead they could

See WOODIE on C-2

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(Woodie's column had a cartoon of his head in a barrel.)

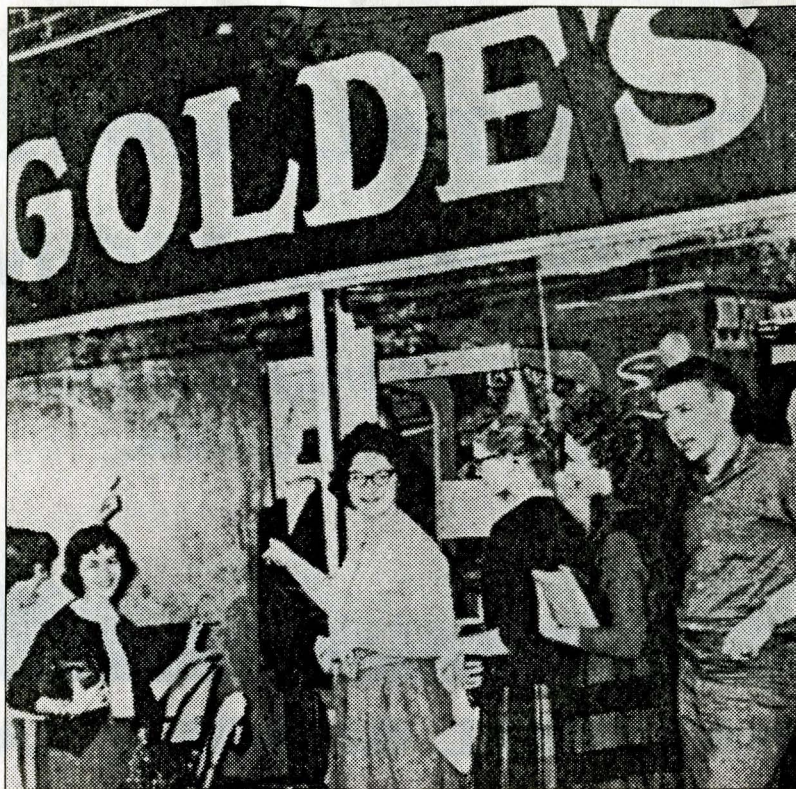
**Politicians took credit for everything right**

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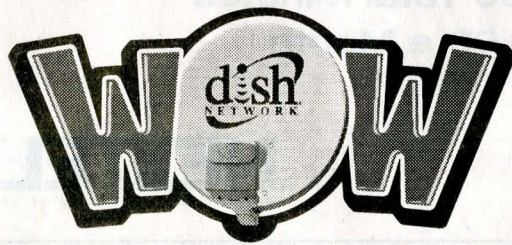
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"The residents of the counties that will be served by the mobile clinic are among the poorest in the state. Residents of these counties suffer a greater burden of disease as well as economic

challenges that other residents of the state," said Rose Rexroat, coordinator for Community Services and Mobile Health Services Administer for Saint Josephs.

This service is a joint effort of Saint Joseph HealthCare, Cabinet for Health Services/Department for Public Health, Catholic Conference of Ky, Appalachian Regional Healthcare and St. Claire Regional Medical Center.

## Woodie From C-1

meet once a week in a room over McKinney's Store. They could even have a sign in gold letters put on the door reading something like this, Local Union 101 MSTC."

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stove pipes together, and now I am a pipefitter."

Woodie Hinton, although critically ill, wrote his last column 10 days before his death April 26, 1949. "Snooks" Crutcher, Publisher and Editor of The Rowan County News, had a facsimile of Woodie's head sticking out of the Cracker Barrel placed on the columnist's casket.

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Stephanie Davis photo

Rowan County Senior High School students advancing to state competition in French include, from left, front row, Sarah Willenbrink (also winning first in oral proficiency Level III German and first in recitation Level III German), Megan Mraz, Gary Cornett, back row, Cassie Weigel, Lauren Abner and James Secor.

## RCSHS French students compete at festival

The following French students placed in the Foreign Language Festival.

In Realia Individual, Alex Newman and Chesley Smith received blue ribbons.

Frameable Art — Ariel Perkins, 2nd place.

Grammar Level I — James Secor, 2nd place; Ariel Perkins, white ribbon.

Grammar Level III — M'Shae Alderman, white ribbon.

Listening Proficiency Level I — Craig Stevens, Krista Smedley, and Ariel Perkins, white ribbons; James Secor, 3rd place.

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place; Tyler Elam, red ribbon.

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Extemporaneous Prose Level IV — Lauren Aloner, 1st place.

Recitation of a Literary Passage Level I — Craig Stevens, Alex Collins, Lauren Tackett, blue reubens; Ryan Brown, 3rd; Andrew Shrout, 3rd place.

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These students will compete at State in May:

Level IV — Lauren Abner, 1st, prose.

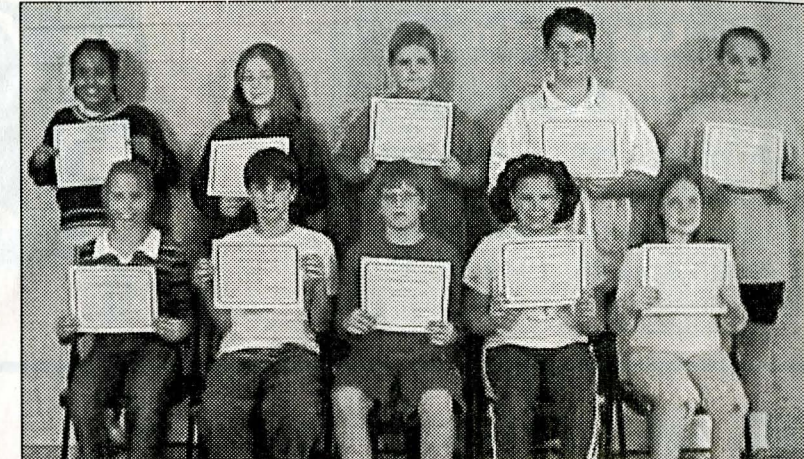
Level III — Cassie Weigel, 1st, recitation.

Level II — Gary Cornett, 1st, listening.

Level III — Megan Mraz, 1st, listening.

Level I — James Secor, 2nd, grammar.

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## Spring elementary testing

Rowan County elementary schools will hold spring KCCT testing on May 5-16. These Morehead Elementary fifth graders scored distinguished in reading last year. They are, front row, from left: Dakota Cooper, Jacob Hayes, Jack Eklund, Suzannah Willis and Maggie Lambert. Back row: Eleni Mehari, Casey Fields, Justin Gregory, Travis Ruth, Beth Richmond. Not pictured: Nikki Stephens, Erin Ward.

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Woodie's nephew, Frank Hinton, in Fleming County, shared this story with me about his uncle Woodie. He said Woodie came home one weekend while he was working in a defense plant in World War II. He said he had joined the pipefitters union in Louisville. Someone said "Why Woodie, you don't know anything about pipefitting!" and he said, "Yes I do, my wife and I put up a new wood stove at home and I fitted all those

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Thomas Wood "Woodie" Hinton was buried in Lee Cemetery in Morehead, but was later exhumed and transferred to his native Fleming County.

Level 11 — Tommy Dahlberg, Level 1 — James Secor, 3rd, blue ribbon; Lee Adkins, 3rd, listening.

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# Morehead Memories (People and Places)

## Woodie Hinton- The sage of Morehead 'Cracker Barrel' Comments

By Jack D. Ellis

"Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing." (Ps 126:2) "A merry heart doth good like medicine." (Ps 17:22).

Thomas Wood Hinton was born Jan 7, 1904, in Fleming County, and died April 26, 1949, in Rowan County. He was the son of John F. and Lula (Spradling) Hinton. Thomas Wood Hinton, "Woodie" as he was known, moved to Morehead in 1925, soon after the Midland Trail (U.S. 60) was built through Rowan County. His nephew, Frank O. Hinton, said "Woodie moved to Morehead because the new highway and Morehead State Teachers College offered more opportunities for the future than Fleming County."

Woodie soon opened up a service station and tourist camp and became a successful businessman.

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below in a reprint of his Jan 3, 1947 column:

### Southern Association Drops MSC

"I interviewed Lee Cochran yesterday to get the low-down on the school proposition. As you know, Lee is the night watchman at the college. His statement is as follows: 'Instead of the Southern Association dropping us, we should have dropped them. I never did like that bunch... they're just a pack of rebels. My contention is to join the Western, Eastern, Or Northern Association.

'I run the college at night,' Lee continued, 'and I don't care whether this college belongs to the Baptist Association or the Association of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, I am still for it. We have strived and we have struck: we have argued and we have fit. If any of them Southern rebels think they can run us out I am ready to meet them at the city gates.'

'Credits,' said Lee. 'That is what is wrong with the country today. Everybody wants to much credit. Everyone should think more of learning and less about the credit (hours) they receive. And furthermore, the reason a dog has so many friends is because he wags his tail instead of his tongue.' "Thank you, Mr. Cochran. I consider you a scholar and a gentleman."

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"I hate infidels, and for ghost stories, I read Ingersoll, Pastor Russell, and have nightmares. I hate tattoo marks on anyone, yet I am not afraid of it. But if a man would ever come to me with a tattoo needle I would be gone in nothing flat. I like to read tattoo marks on people, and I know some very nice people have tattoo marks on them. I always wonder just what frame of mind the people were in when they had them put on.

"It seems that it is coming back in now. I don't know why, and I don't care, but I can't resist asking a fellow why he had that done. You see so many

with Social Security numbers on their arms. I know one man happily married, with a picture of a girl named Lillian on his chest, and she looks like a head-hunter. He told me it was a girl he met in England during the war. I asked him if Lillian did not grow monotonous being so close to him all the time. He said he would be very happy if she would leave.

"I knew one fellow, engaged, with a picture on his arm, and before the marriage can take place it has to be removed. So far he has it down to a scar about the size of a dollar bill, that resembles a burn. Just give me vanilla!"

### Early Rowan County "Shakers" needed

Woodie got his "digs" in at the local politicians at a time when personal contact was necessary

to get elected. He was quick to point out that Morehead had a colony of Shakers in their community. He said, "Cliff Hamilton could shake lots of hands in one minute. But Arthur Hogge was the shakiest man I've ever known. He could shake more hands in one minute that your normal shaker can shake in 30 minutes. He's what I call a year round d shaker. But Joe McKinney can shake hands without laughing out loud, while James Clay, Esq. swells up like a bullfrog when he does his shaking."

Following the July 4, 1939 Flood, Woodie's column got serious. Three days after the flood he wrote: "No one can say that the people of Morehead and Rowan County can't take it on the chin. After a brief survey, and talking with several folks, I find them now in much better spirits. They are all working like 'towheads' and are talking of building a bigger and better Morehead. They're saying, the fact is we can't stop, we have to go ahead." He also paid tribute to the many remarkable acts of kindness by so many people during the tragedy of the flood.

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### Even Christmas comedy included

One of Woodie's last Cracker Barrel columns was a classic, as he poked fun at many friends over the Christmas gifts he did, and not receive.

"Christmas has come and gone and I am about through with my exchanging.

"I have a trip to Lexington to make, but I am sort of afraid to get on the train with some of the ties I received. I got some shorts that if I put them on, minus my pants, and walked up the street, people would ask: 'Where is that barber pole going?'

"The \$75 watch that Ezra Martt was going to give me didn't arrive. Something happened at the factory and production slowed down.

"The Parker pen that I was expecting from George Caudill had not come in. He was going to give me the '52' set instead of the Parker '51'.

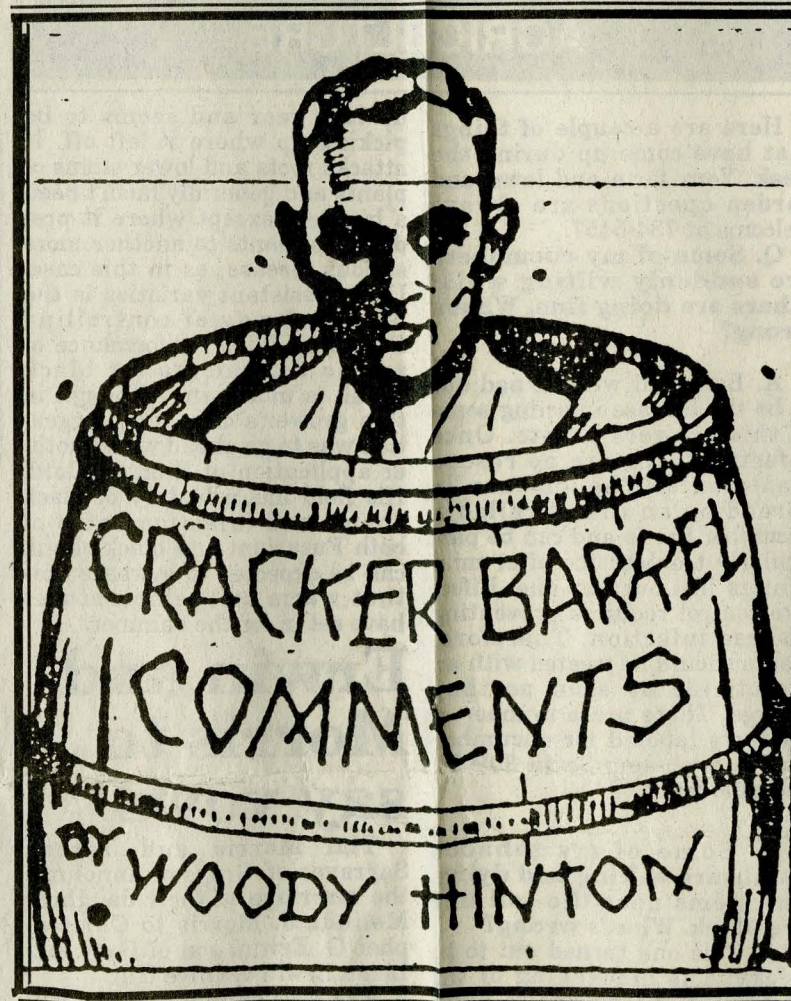
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#### Woodie helped us laugh at ourselves

Woodie Hinton was a poor man's Will Rogers and he made us laugh during the depth of the depression, and the weariness of war by helping us to laugh at ourselves and each other.

He delighted in poking good natured fun at local citizens, politicians, business and professional men. It was always gentle humor and few people ever took offense. Except when Woodie once wrote, "the only time C.B. Daugherty (President of the Citizens Bank) and his wife, Hazel ever went out together was after the stove blew up." Cap Daugherty said, "that was not true, they went out together once before the stove blew up - it was only smoking".

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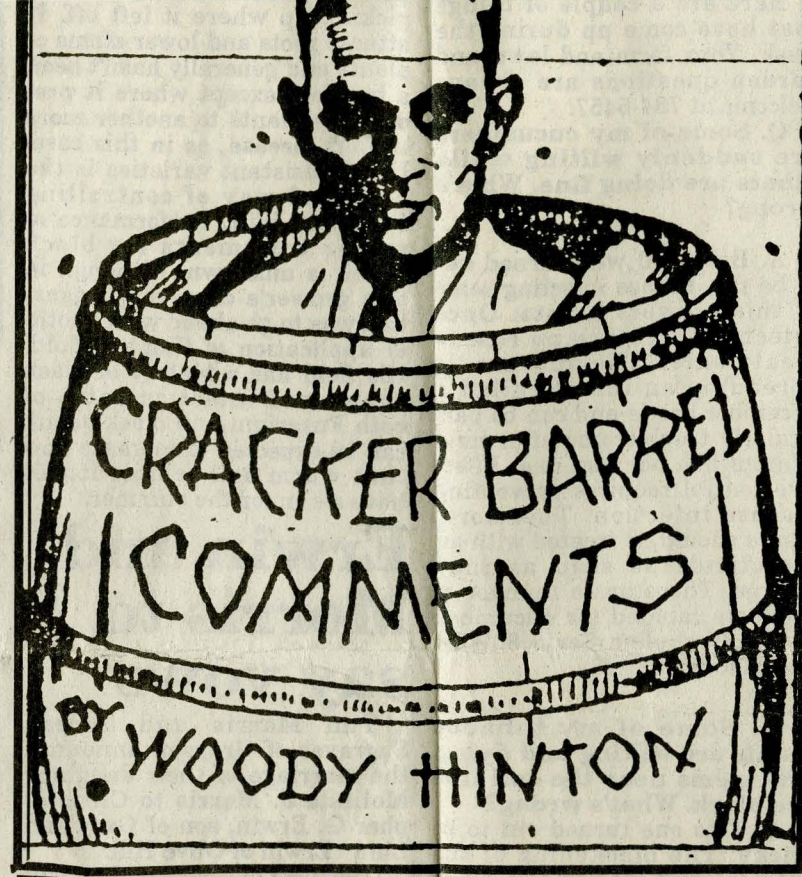
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Woodie declared that Claude Brown, a local auto dealer, weighed about as much as the car he drove. He also said of the dealer W.C. Jayne: "Mr. Jayne says you can buy one of his cars for a song, and Woodie said the song's title is "Over the Hill to the Poor House."

When Woodie didn't like something, he would offer some constructive criticism. For Instance, Woodie had some constructive criticism about tattoo marks on the human body. (That is still a controversial topic even today.)

#### "Woody Tabood Tattoos"

"There are four things I have found in life that I absolutely hate and I am confronted with the creeps and burst out in goose-pimples the moment I see them. The greatest fear I have is of snakes. I don't like even the pretty little garter snakes. I



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**Local Trivia****Sage of Morehead**

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# History

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### People & Places

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Special to The Morehead News

"A Merry Heart Maketh a Cheerful Countenance" (Proverbs 15:13)

Thomas Wood Hinton was perhaps the best known columnist in the history of the Rowan County News. "Woody," as he was known by his friends (and he had many), wrote a weekly column called "Cracker-Barrel Comments" for 15 plus years in the Rowan County News and the Morehead Independent. It was a column of homespun wit, political satire, and insightful comments on human nature. He was the sage of Morehead who poked good natured fun at people and politics. His was the first column that people reached for when they received their weekly paper.

This writer read his columns regularly as a local youth and a teenager and would like to share some reprints from The Rowan County News with those who read this column.

Perhaps they will help you to recall fond memories, bring a smile to your face and help you to forget many of the world's problems. That's what Woody did for Rowan Countians during the bad days of the depression, and the sad days of WW II.

#### Woody Loved to Poke Fun at Politicians

Will Roger's political satire was of course much more

you'll hear him say: "Some good Democrat made that." But if it tastes like a mixture of coal oil and ether they'll come out with: "These d—m Republicans don't even know how to make good whiskey.

Kentucky just naturally has the claimingest Democrats of any place in the country. They act big and talk big but the worst part about it is that they vote big because there's just more of 'em."

#### Woody Wrote His Column While Working in Defense Plant

While away from Morehead working in defense plants, Woody continued to write his "Cracker-Barrel Comments." His writing helped to cheer up the people on the home front when the war was going badly. In his column of December 10, 1942, he examined some of the problems between labor and management as well as problems with German Prisoners of War.

"Just made a flying trip home. Seems like I only had time to kiss "Mom," grab a couple of her hot biscuits and a piece of ham, and another hot biscuit with some apple jelly.

I can't believe that I ran into Tommy, my son, while here. I was so glad to see him and to know he is doing so well in Dayton.

May not and will not have time to see or talk to anyone while here. Must get back to the worst job I was ever on. However, this is not a time to only think of feather beds.



movers and shakers were also targets of Woody's biting wit.

"Local News. Frank Havens, manager of the Big Store that is owned by the local bank, has bath towels big enough to answer the phone in.

Hartley Battson, who is supported by his son, Don, who is one of our best basketball players, keeps on hand at all times not less than ten thousand pills.

J.C. Wells, owner of the bus line that runs from "thar to thar" has a new station wagon with white seats and accommodates nine passengers. That is the number he has in his family. Although it cost him around three grand, prices will not advance on his buses unless the bank starts crowding him and Curt Hutchinson.

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"Aunt Til." Grandma had a series of poultices that equaled our now present vitamins. She had mild ones, strong ones, and super-strong ones. She could take warts off your hands and corns from your toes. Grandma always kept her head and the only time I ever saw her get excited was when a chicken hawk got into our chickens.

In sickness or in wounds, she dreaded only one thing—"gangrene." Grandma had great faith in madstones for dog bites and when a hog got sick, she would always rub the back of his or her ankles with a corncob soaked in turpentine.

She could tell good soil and what it would raise by looking and smelling of it. She went and lived by the changes in the moon and could tell to a gnats eye what kind of seasons we were going to have and tell three days in advance when it was going to rain.

She would never eat cabbage because it hurt her shoulder.

Grandma had no fear of anything or anybody. I miss grandma."

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and was told that I had to wait until I was better acquainted in the city. If all the people here are as curt as the librarian, I have no desire to become acquainted.

I sometimes wonder why all the civilized people are fighting and the uncivilized people are at peace.

When the Army doctor asked Claude Clayton if he

had any physical defects, Claude replied, "Yes sir, no guts."

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read this column.

Perhaps they will help you to recall fond memories, bring a smile to your face and help you to forget many of the world's problems. That's what Woody did for Rowan Countians during the bad days of the depression, and the sad days of WW II.

### Woody Loved to Poke Fun at Politicians

Will Roger's political satire was of course much more widely known than Woody's, but it was no better.

Woody Hinton was a backwoods homespun political satirist who wrote biting, humorously, and insightfully about Kentucky's political system. People today seem to have lost their sense of humor about politics. Today's politicians seem to take a 'dog eat dog, do or die, take no prisoners' approach. What is needed at this time in our nation's history is a Woody Hinton to loosen everyone up.

Here's some of what Woody had to say about elections in the 1940s.

"The politicians are beginning to claim they have done everything right and never did anything wrong in their lives. Mark my words, Harry Lee Waterfield (candidate for Governor) and, I must say he is the people's choice, will claim in his speeches that he is responsible for the bumper crop of strawberries produced in McCracken County. It's no wonder they had a million dollar crop. It used to be that they sold strawberries in the store by the quart...now it is so much each!

Yes sir, anything that is done you can always expect the Democratic candidate in the primary to say "I done it," and in the final election "We done it."

Why the Democrats will have you believe they are responsible for making cream sour so that you can make buttermilk. They claim the sun shines brightest in Kentucky because there are more Democrats than Republicans and that burley tobacco wouldn't bring enough to pay for the fertilizer if it wasn't for them. They claim they're responsible for the trees growing up and the water running down; for the fishes in the streams and the fowl in the air.

Why, you can offer one of them a drink of moonshine and if it is good and brings an immediate tingle to the toes

couple of hen not biscuits and a piece of ham, and another hot biscuit with some apple jelly.

I can't believe that I ran into Tommy, my son, while here. I was so glad to see him and to know he is doing so well in Dayton.

May not and will not have time to see or talk to anyone while here. Must get back to the worst job I was ever on. However, this is not a time to only think of feather beds.

Last week I had an opportunity to visit some plants that were really on the rocks during the depression. They are going at top speed now. It is very interesting to talk to some of the men that are really in earnest about this war. I would say most of them are. Those especially that have orders to fill. Their greatest trouble seems to be man power. Talked to one man that was almost frantic because he was not getting the proper cooperation from his employees which number runs well over three thousand. It was not for me to say, but I believe his trouble lies with himself and not his men. Few employers seem to realize that our business is run today by a political herd that know more about business than the business man will ever know.

The politicians keep capital in such a muddle and so nervous that they in turn get labor in a stew and it all sums up to one thing, and I think the soldier I met on the train expressed it mildly when I asked him where he was going. He said, "I don't know 'Bud,' my ticket says Camp Campbell, Ky., Clarksville, Tenn. You know 'Bud', I think the whole world has gone crazy."

As the case may be, we will have to admit that labor is ignorant, capital is more ignorant and politicians have made us what we are today. I will have to take two days off in order to hire a man to fill out a form to send in that will estimate how much I will earn for the balance of the year. I do not mind, but I think of the multitude that have to leave and travel hundreds of miles to pay poll tax on an unborn child.

I get so happy think about all these things that sometimes I could sit down and cry."

**Softly Poked Fun at People**  
In his "Cracker-Barrel Comments" published in April 1946, Woody Hinton showed that many of Morehead's

passengers. That is the number he has in his family. Although it cost him around three grand, prices will not advance on his buses unless the bank starts crowding him and Curt Hutchinson.

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To you, my friend, it was embarrassing at the game the other night when you asked me for a ticket in the reserved section. I do not want everybody in town to know that I am having secret dates with Catherine Clayton. If Claude ever heard of that it would be awful. I did not recognize Mrs. Octavia Graves the other night. I am so glad she is back here. She is the most cheerful person I have ever known and so different from a lot of those old sour persons we have at the college."

"All husbands are alike but they have different faces so you can tell 'em apart." — Copied from minutes of the Morehead Woman's Club."

### Grandmother's Home Remedies

Folk medicine, now called "Alternative Medicine" is making a comeback in today's world. In one of Woody's columns written while he was working away from Morehead in a defense plant during WW II he recalled some of his grandmother's home remedies:

"My grandmother was one of the most wonderful women I have ever known. Sometimes I wonder how she would look upon the pace we are living today.

Grandma could read and write and converse on most any subject. But she was a great hand to listen and greater in "tendin" to her own business. She was from the old school that came from Virginia in an oxcart as a girl. Grandma's education came from experience. She did not belong to any woman's club or play bridge. For relaxation she would rock and smoke a clay pipe.

I never saw her excited about anything and she was the doctor in our small community, the legal adviser and the general soother. If a neighbor got sick, shot, or cut, the first thought was always,

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