

CRANSTON, KY.
GENERAL STORE & POST OFFICE
LELAND & MARGAREE MOORE
1936 TO 1978



~~CRANSTON~~

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CRANSTON, KY
GENERAL STORE
AND POST OFFICE.

LELAND AND

MARGARET HOGGE
POSTMASTERS
1934 - 1974



New Postmaster.

Morehead will have a new postmaster within the next few weeks. Judge J. M. Carey, the present efficient incumbent, having resigned and J. D. Caudill, Rowan County's genial and popular sheriff, having been appointed. Judge Carey and Mr. Caudill will exchange property, and the new management will take charge before October first.

Mountain
Sept 13, 1913

POST OFFICE



Mabel
Carr
Reynolds
Morehead
Postal
Worker
1942

KODAK FILMS
DEVELOPED
TODAY SERVICE

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MABEL (CARR) REYNOLDS STANDS
IN FRONT OF THE MOREHEAD
OFFICE IN 1942. SHE
ONE OF THE YOUNG GIRLS
REPLACED MAILMEN THAT
SERVED THE MILITARY IN WW II.

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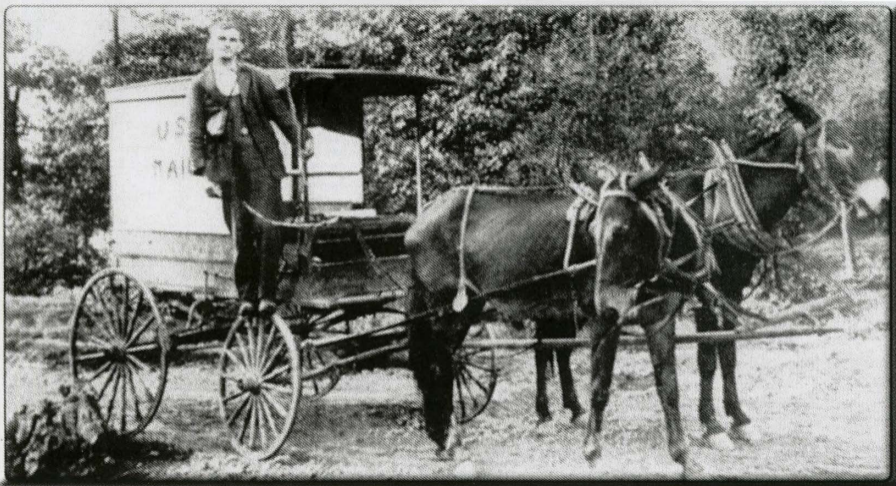
WAS SEPARATED FROM
THE POSTAL SERVICE FOLLOWING
HER MARRIAGE IN 1943.

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An Early Mail Clerk
ON THE Chesapeake
and Ohio Railway
Prepares to Catch
a Mailbag from
a moving train
(US DO Archives)
docs 1913

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U.S. Mail 1914

Jesse Wallace delivering mail to rural Rowan County.



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1985

PO BASEMENT
CONSTRUCTION DATABASE

UNITED STATES POST OFFICE
MOREHEAD, KENTUCKY



MAIN STREET IN
FRONT OF THE
PRESENT MUNICIPAL
BUILDING - 1930S

CITY OF MOREHEAD MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING



" OLD MOREHEAD Post office
Built in 1937. Moved to
New PO (1987) ON FIRST ST.
Now housed Municipal Bldg.

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1999 ^{material} Postal worker Ruth ~~Ann~~ Haley
feeds mail into the bar code sorting
machine. This amazing machine
automatically sorts mail according to
the delivery route. Then, it will
sort mail according to delivery point
on each route.

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Morehead Postcard 1999

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Notes: A vacant lot
and empty building at
the corner of West Main
and North Blair Ave.

on corner of
Blair Ave.

of:

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MAY 19 1964
FBI - MEMPHIS



the arts were not neglected
in the New Deal. Morehead's
Post office mural by Frank
Louv was painted during
the depression. It still can
be seen in the old Post
office - Now the City
Municipal Building.

Library if you need copies.)

**Junior Historical Society - Helen
Surmont**

Meeting Notes

Our December 2002 meeting was called off due to bad weather. Sandy Knipp was to receive our annual Appreciation Award on that date, but instead he received it on December 27 in a surprise ceremony during the Appalachian Crossroads Live program at the Duncan Recital Hall on the Morehead State University campus. He was commended for his contributions to the conservation of bluegrass music and our own mountain music.

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Hilda Post Office

On May 11, 1897, Mattie Howard sent Form 1011 "Location Paper" to the Post Office Department to establish a post office to be named Nola. J.H. Fraley, Postmaster of Morehead, also signed the form. The name "Nola" was crossed out and changed to "Hilda." On the diagram of the area, dated July 28, 1897, Nola was listed as the name, but "Hilda, Ky." was written on the side of the paper.

Since this post office was not on a route, it would be a special post office. The mail was to be supplied by Morehead Post Office, which was 7 miles east. Plummers Landing Post Office was 9 miles west. The name of the other nearest post office to the proposed site was

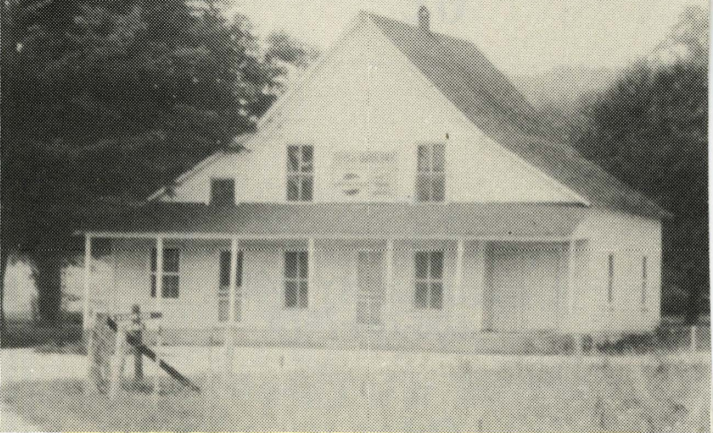
POST OFFICES IN ROWAN
CO. IN 1898 WERE:

COGSWELL - DEBORN, ~~EDSON~~
EADSTON - ELLIOTTVILLE -
FARMERS - FRALEY - FREESTONE
MINOR - MOREHEAD - MUNSON -
ROD BURMAN - TRIPLETT - WAGNER

POPULATION (1898) 6129

MOREHEAD ADVANCE - JULY 1898

WALTZ, Kij P.O.



OWNED BY REBECCA
AND THE DEN CHURCH

WALTZ ONE OF R 44
ROWAN POST OFFICES
WAS ESTABLISHED ON
Dec 12, 1906. THE FIRST
POSTMASTER WAS DAWSON
M. WALTZ.

LOCATED AT THE CON-
FLUENCE OF ROCK FORK
AND ISLAND FORK IT
WAS AT ONE TIME LOCATED
IN THIS STORE, (OVER)



Elliottville Post office
Established Aug. 12, 1876,
John P. Huff Postmaster.

Photo: 1921

L-R

Sara Adkins, Postmaster
with daughters, Lula, Bess,
and Berca.

(Photo: Betty Bowman)



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MOREHEAD POST OFFICE

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POST OFFICE

MORSEHEAD P. ① -

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~~INDREHEND~~

(1960)

Post Office Employees:

- Bob Amburgey
- Don Green
- William Tomlinson
- Bill Calvert
- Bill Thomas
- "Dub" Bellamy
- "Fuzzy" Jayne
- C.O. Leach
- Randy Wells
- Bruce Botts
- Bobby Gray
- Bob Fraley
- Henry Glover
- Pete Armstrong
- Ezra Adkins
- Glen Vencil
- Jack Carter
- and "Zip"

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WALTZ, KY
P.O.

STAR
SHOES
ARE



This was ex. old Walz
Post office established on
Dec. 26, 1906. It was located
at the confluence of Island
Fork and Rock, and Dawson
M. Walz was the first
Postmaster. Later a Tiller
Coudill was ex. Postmaster.

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THE KENTUCKY FIRE BRICK CO
INCORPORATED
GENERAL OFFICE.
PORTSMOUTH O.

AMER. LUMBER COMPANY

POST OFFICE
HALDEN, N.Y.



Haldeman Post Office,
established Feb. 12, 1907,
David Leadbetter, Postmaster.
The Post office was the
last one in Rowan
County To Close in 1997.
Aunelle Eldridge was the
last Postmaster.

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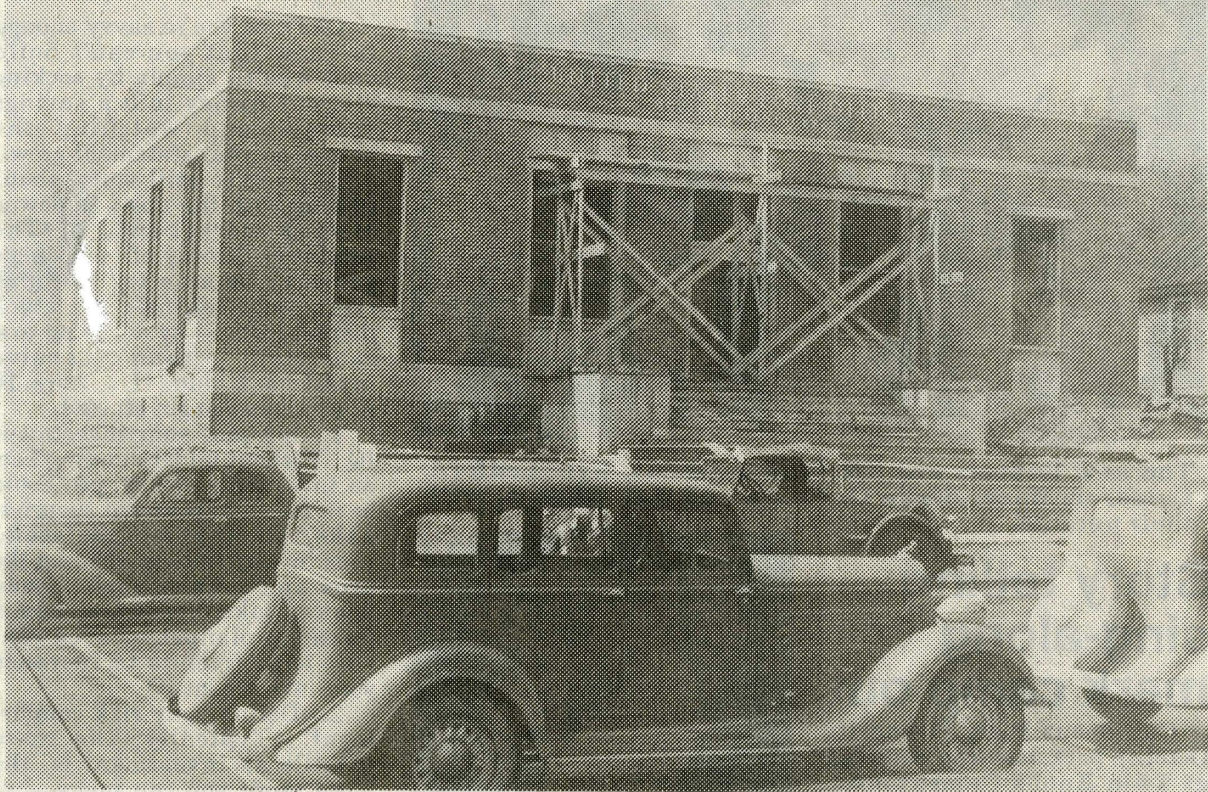
Inside view of the Waddy Post office
and general store located at the confluence
of Island Fork and Rock Fork. (Right) is
Mr. Dawson M. Waddy, first Postmaster.
(c. 1906)

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Substitute clerk-carrier Jack Ellis cased mail in preparation for sending it out on the train. (1949)



April 27, 1937—Latter construction phase of Morehead's Main Street Post Office during the installation of the stone relief designs of the airplane, train and ship. They represented the three ways mail was transported. Those stone reliefs were moved to the new post office on West First Street.



MOREHEAD POSTOFFICE—The address of nearly everybody in Rowan County is 'Morehead' because most rural fourth class offices of by-gone days have been discontinued and rural patrons are served by more modern RFD service. It is probable, based on revenue, that Morehead Postoffice will become 1st class on this Centennial year. The postoffice, pictured above, was built in 1937. Before that time rented quarters were used and location was often changed when leases expired.

ROWAN POST OFFICES

1. Bangor
2. Blue Bank
3. Blue Banks (Sec)
4. Blue Rock
5. Clayton
6. Christy
7. Clearfield
8. Cosswell
9. Crasney
10. Cranston
11. Crisp
12. Dibard
13. Dry Creek
14. Eadston
15. ~~Clearfield~~ ~~Clinton~~
16. Farmers
17. Fraley
18. Frepton
19. Gills
20. Guin
21. Halderman
22. Harsh
23. Hilda
24. Ivy
25. Longway

26. Menier
27. Mizpah
28. ^{moreland} ~~Musick~~
29. New way
30. Paragon
31. Pakin
32. Pine ~~of~~
33. Popping Hill
34. Queen
35. Ramon
36. Radburn
37. Sharkey
38. Smile
39. Triplett
40. Trip Cms
41. Vase
42. Wagner
43. Waltz

Delivered On Route One . . .

Randy Wells

1923 Jan

Mail Carrier Ends 33-Year Career

How would it feel to retire at the age of 49? Few people ever achieve the qualifications to successfully finish a career at that age; however, a Moreheadian has done just that. Randall C. Wells, 415 Edgewood Drive, ended a 33-year career with the Morehead Post Office on Saturday.

Retirement for the 49-year-old Wells will not be the proverbial rocking chair retirement. He has planned an agenda for the years ahead that includes days of work, as well as days for his own pleasure.

Wells, or Randy as he is known affectionately by his many friends and acquaintances, says he has looked forward to retiring from the Post Office, since it will afford him the opportunity to do some things he wants to do.

Took Job Temporarily

What ended up being an enjoyable and rewarding career for Wells, began merely as a part-time or temporary job at the Post Office in 1939. Wells took the job while waiting to be drafted during World War II. He was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1943 and served until April 24, 1946. He is a combat veteran of that war and also of the Korean Conflict. During World War II he spent time in Europe.

Wells' retirement is under Civil Service of

which he has been a part since August of 1942. He retired under a new policy which was effective only from June 5, 1972 to December 31, 1972. The policy was set up to reduce the U.S. Post Office Department work force. When the policy went into effect, there was a surplus of about 100,000 employees, none of whom could be laid off.

By taking early retirement, rather than waiting until age 55 to receive full benefits, Wells' benefits will be about 11 percent less.

Wells' first job with the Post Office was as a substitute clerk carrier with no particular route. From that time until his retirement, he served in numerous capacities including city carrier, clerk in the office, rural route carrier, money order and registry clerk.

Favored Route One

Eagerly revealing his favorite of all post office positions, Wells said he was fondest of being a rural route carrier. He pointed to the close contact that a rural carrier has with the persons on his route and said, "You have a kind of special feeling for those people."

Wells recalled the many times that persons along Route One, where he was carrier for the past seven, would leave fresh garden vegetables in the mailboxes for him. It was not unusual at Christmas and special times of the year for Wells to find other types

of goodies in the mail receptacles.

While he graciously accepted the token gifts from the Route One families, Wells performed many kindnesses himself over the years. Frequently during inclement weather conditions the rural carrier was seen delivering mail to the doors of the senior citizens along his route. He recalled it was often too cold and bad for some of the older persons to walk to the mailboxes.

Wells explained how years ago he would see some member of the family at practically every mail stop. "Today times are different, and about the only ones you see are the older persons or pre-school age children," Wells explained. The older persons, according to Wells, still anxiously await delivery of their mail.

Treated The Youngsters

Many smiling young faces met Wells each day on Route One, and he made it a point to remember those happy little ones at Christmas. He said, "I always took Santa Claus on the route with me at Christmas time, especially to visit my little special friends who came to the mailboxes each day."

Route One consists of 446 families who reside north of U.S. 60 and west of Ky.

Continued On Next

ROWAN COUNTY POST OFFICES

1. TRIPLETT- est. in Fleming Co. on or before 11/8/1828, Henry L. Powers; 5/6/1835, John R. Powers.... 8/22/1848, F. Powers; changed to Morehead (C.H.) when Rowan Co. est. 7/22/1856, John Hargis; 9/8/1857, James H. Hargis.... 10/2/1872, James W. Johnson; Disc. 6/20/1873; Re-est. 7/22/1873, Harrison G. Burns; 10/23/1874, Cyrus Alley....
2. GILLS MILLS est. in Bath Co. on or before 9/11/1832, Thompson L. Parks; 11/21/1836, Harrison Gill; 5/11/1842, Marcus Gill.... 2/14/1855, Wm. M. Ragland; Disc. 9/20/1859; Re-est. 1/20/1860, Oliver P. Maxey; 5/30/1862, Wm. M. Ragland; Disc. 7/31/1863; Re-est. 9/23/1865, Wm. M. Ragland; Re-est. in Rowan Co. 4/2/1866, Charles P. Brown; 4/3/1867, Jonathan M. Lewis.... 1/5/1877, Newton Johnson; Disc. 4/28/1881;
3. FARMER'S- est. in Fleming Co. 8/28/1849, John B. Zimmerman; 1/22/185? , Thomas J. Thomas; (by now in Rowan Co.); 9/18/1857, Joshua M. Carey.... (by now the p.o. name had lost its apostrophe);
4. BLUE ROCK- 9/3/1861, Wm. H.H. Garvin; Disc. 10/10/1863; Re-est. 2/9/1864 in Carter Co.; Disc. 11/30/1865;
5. BANGOR- est. in Morgan Co. 6/22/1868, John J. Cassity; 3/1/1875, Christopher C. Hagemeyer.... (into Rowan Co. on or before 6/28/1891); 6/28/1891, Sanford A. Day; 2/8/1906, Wm. Martin....
6. PINE SPRINGS- 6/29/1869, L.B. Heflin; 11/28/1876, Fielding B. Ham (sic).... 11/11/1892, Daniel W. Clark; changed to Pinesprings, 2/28/1895, Wyman Blanton; 4/20/1895, James Henderson; Disc. 9/4/1895 (mail to Munson);
7. BLUE BANKE (sic)- 7/31/1871, John W. Morgan; Disc. 1/28/1874;
8. ELLIOTTVILLE- 9/12/1876, John P. Huff; 4/24/1877, Will P. Ward....
also, Save Adkins & CURRY Lewis
9. QUEEN CITY- 4/11/1878, Delaney Bolling; 11/15/1882, Wm. Fowles; Disc. 5/28/1884 (papers to Morehead);

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10. POPPING HILL- 4/30/1879, Wm. W. Phillips; Disc. 7/20/1880;
11. TRIPLET (sic)- 2/24/1880, Fielding B. Ham; 7/5/1892, John W. Shumate....
12. COGSWELL- 7/22/1881, Fielding Alfrey; 1/20/1899, Boone L. Tabor.... 1/4/1906, Wm. P. Cogswell; 6/30/1906, Bert McKinney....
13. PARAGON- 4/14/1882, David Myers; 3/13/1884, John H. Day.... 11/17/1884, Wm. C. Brown; (in Morgan Co. about now); (back to Rowan Co. on or before 12/14/1908); 12/14/1908, John M. Phillips;
14. EADSTON- 10/23/1882, J. Stout; 11/9/1882, James H. Shumate....
15. FREESTONE- 4/16/1883, Henry F. Martin; 7/28/1897, Henry D. Myers; 12/17/1914, John W. Jones; name change to Bluestone, 4/17/1920, John W. Jones;
16. FRALEY- 1/26/1888, John M. Cornett; 10/17/1893, Benjamin F. McGill.... 10/3/1911, Wm. McMillen; Disc. 12/31/1913 (mail to Sideway);
17. MUNSON- 2/25/1888, Fantly R. Muse; 12/26/1889, Hiram D. Lyttleton (sic).... 7/1/1912, Rosa E. Mullen; Disc. 11/30/1914 (mail to Cranston);
18. RODBOURN- 7/3/1888, Amos S. Hixson; 2/17/1894, Henry G. Vincil.... 12/3/1909, Michael T. Dillon; Disc. effective 1/31/1922 (mail to Eadston);
19. MINOR- 5/15/1890, Wm. R. Wells; 11/28/1905, Green Wilson;

ROWAN COUNTY POST OFFICES (3)

20. PEKIN- 5/27/1891, John G. Evans; 3/17/1892, Annie Plank; Disc. 7/15/1892;
21. IBY- 10/5/1892, John Kelly; Disc. 6/21/1895 (no papers sent);
22. WAGNER- 4/2/1894, Samuel B. Caudill; 4/26/1898, Abel Caudill....
23. DEBORD (sic)- 4/2/1894, Joel H. DeBord (sic); 4/19/1899, Joseph C. Williams; 10/21/1899, Howard M. Turner; Disc. 10/3/1900, effective 10/15/1900 (papers to Morehead);
24. CLAYTON- 6/4/1894, Aaron McRoberts; 2/8/1895, Wm. M. Ball; Disc. 9/13/1895 (papers to Muses Mills, Fleming Co.);
25. HILDA- 6/30/1897, Mattie M. Howard; 4/19/1899, John E. Johnson;
26. MIZPAH- 8/5/1897, Wm. Patton; 5/15/1900, Henry R. Johnson; 6/21/1900, Rebecca J. Harris; Disc. 6/6/1905, effective 6/30/1905 (mail to Elliottville);
27. CRIX- 2/11/1899, Robert Arnold; 6/1/1903, Jesse H. Cornett; Disc. 3/20/1905, effective 4/15/1905 (mail to Wagner); Re-est. 12/22/1906, Wesley Cox; 4/15/1914 (Elijah K. Warren....
28. CHRISTY- 4/5/1899, Malissie F. Bradley; 4/27/1900, Hiram H. Stamper....
29. RAMEY- 10/14/1901, John H. Ramey; 12/29/1903, Wm. F. Prater....
30. BLUEBANK- 11/1/1901, T.W. Razor, order rescinded 12/6/1901;

ROWAN COUNTY POST OFFICES (4)

31. CRANSTON- 7/17/1902, James A. Littleton, declined; 8/28/1902, Belford P. Ham; 12/11/1906, Nellie A. Littleton....
32. VALE- 1/29/1903, George W. Bruce; 5/9/1911, Jesse Adams....
33. DRY CREEK- 7/27/1903, John M. Debord (sic), order rescinded 4/21/1904;
34. WALTZ- 12/26/1906, Dawson M. Waltz; 3/19/1907, George W. Waltz....
35. HALDEMAN- 2/12/1907, David Leadbetter; 7/16/1909, Henry K. Leighow.... James E Leighow Nov 15 1919 Ernest Fisher, ~~1922~~ April 26, 1946, Thomas A Eldridge, March 31, 1954, Delbert C. Kopley, May 6, 1966, Auanelle Eldridge, Sept. 15, 1967 — Closed 1998
36. CLEARFIELD- 8/4/1908, Blaine Fulton; 3/15/1918, Howard M. Turner.... 7/11/1930, Anna Bowne, 1938 Bethel Hall, 1968 Gail Stamper.
37. CRANEY- 2/2/1910, U.G. Blair; 3/29/1928, Willie A. Bishop;
38. SHARKEY- est. in Fleming Co. 7/10/1913, Lewis H. Ratliff; 12/28/1921, Jennie L. Ratliff; Disc. effective 2/15/1927 (mail to Ringos Mills); Re-est. 3/16/1928, Samuel N. Sorrell; (into Rowan Co. on or before 3/16/1928); 3/16/1928, Samuel N. Sorrell;
39. SMILE- 9/12/1913, Lydia J. Caudill; 11/3/1920, Maud Richardson...

ROWAN COUNTY POST OFFICES (5)

40. LONGWAY- 7/20/1916, Wm. Wagoner; 7/16/1917, Russell Jones;
Disc. 9/29/1917 (mail to Sideway);
41. NEWWAY (sic)- 8/22/1919, Henry C. Caudill; Disc. effective
12/31/1925 (mail to Waltz);
42. GRIN- 7/14/1920, John W. Barber; Disc. effective 11/15/1921
(mail to Morehead);
43. HAMM (sic)- 6/21/1928, Rushie Martt;

Record of appointment of Postmasters in Kentucky
1832 - Sept 30, 1971. (Micro Form) US PO Archives.

Duplicate

MOREHEAD MEMORIES-PEOPLE AND PLACES

ALL THE LETTERS IN BLACK CAPITALS WERE, OR ARE, NAMES OF ~~NORTH CAROLINA~~ ^{ROUNDALE COUNTY} POST OFFICES.

AN OLDE POST OFFICE FABLE

*Do some of you FARMERS want to go to MOREHEAD? First, hitch up your

buckboard and grease its wheel COGSWELL, so you don't have ^A RODBURN out.

Please remember that you can go either the LONGWAY, or the NEWAY. However, the

most scenic route is across a DRY CREEK, beside a neat CLEARFIELD and through

lovely VALE. As you look around you might think, this is really funny, and you would

SMILE or even GRIN.

When lunch time comes, you can eat a HAMM sandwich. Following lunch, if you

are thirsty, and even if you're ^A MINOR, you can get a drink out of PINESPRINGS. You

stop at GILLS MILLS and buy a bag of meal before proceeding on through regal QUEEN

CITY. There you cash your check at the new BLUEBANK. Suddenly you realize this is

IBY (abbreviation for the international biological year) and, you wonder if the bank is

IBY ready.

As you continue on your journey, you PEKIN the next CRIX you cross, and see

little SHARKEY(s) swimming around. Your horse almost bolts as you cross noisy

POPPIN HILL, and then you notice most of the BLUESTONE has washed off the road.

When you reach the RAMEY house, you DEBORD (step down off of your buckboard),

and ask them to get some FREESTONE on the road, before you reach CRANEY.

Waving at your old girlfriend HILDA, FRALEY, you feel like a PARAGON of

virtue. Now that she's married, you congratulate her on her new TRIPLETT(s). You

think you are lost when the Hogtown community is now called ELLIOTTVILLE, and the

North Fork of Licking community is called BANGOR.

You forgot that you were supposed to meet your Pa on the road, and you WALTZ right on by and MIZPAH.. You go back and get Pa and HALDEMAN on over to CLAYTON. As you enter into town, you're sorry you didn't bring your new girl friend, CHRISTY, but you just didn't want to have to WAGNER around. Also, you missed EADSTON, CRANSTON, and MUNSON, that cannot be included in this fable.

*Each word in black capital letters was once the name of a post office in Rowan County.

There have been 44, and in 1998, there were four: MOREHEAD, ELLIOTTVILLE, FARMERS, and CLEARFIELD. HALDEMAN, ~~was~~ (established on February 12, 1907,) was the last post office to be discontinued in Rowan County. It's doors were closed on January 2, 1997, and Avenelle Eldridge was the last postmaster. David Leadbetter was the first post master in 1907.

Pictorial History Book

Betty Sharp has reported that book sales had reached \$1,295.65 with 47 persons ordering 57 books. The committee is now working on organizing the photographs into categories and will soon start on captions.

Cogswell Post Office

The Post Office at Cogswell was located in southern Rowan County in a rural farm community along the Licking River where Cave Run Lake is now located. It is believed that the community was named before the post office was established on 26 July 1881.

The post office remained open until 30 April 1956.

The Postmasters were:

Fielding Alfrey 1881

William Phelps Cogswell 1906

Harvey N. Alfrey 1909

Anna Alfrey 1911 -1933

W. L. Ellis 1933

Lloyd Ellis 1934 -1949

Charles Ellis 1949 -1951

Nellie Alfrey McKenzie 1951



Society T-Shirts

Rowan County Historical Society T-shirts are available!! You can chose either the large logo or small, and in a variety of sizes and a rainbow of colors for \$10.00 each. Calendars from previous years are also available for \$5.00 each.

To order by mail:

item, color, size _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please inclose \$3.20 postage for the first item and \$1 for each additional item.

Meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month at the Rowan County Public Library. For more information, call Helen Surmont at 784-9527 or write to: Rowan County Historical Society, PO Box 60, Morehead, Ky. 40351.

Hamm Post Office

Established 21 June 1928; Discontinued 23 September 1955
mail routed to Elliottville.

Postmasters:

Rushie Martt (Mrs.) 21 June 1928
Norman Nickell 30 April 1935
Davis W. Kidd 20 March 1936
Mrs. Gertrude Blankenbeckler 20 April 1943
Mrs. Flossia McDaniel 12 June 1948
Mrs. Gertrude Blankenbeckler 7 April 1949



Bob Amburgy. - Got
board delivery his mail
went to some way
every day. He decided to
reverse delivery in mail -
The last will first

U. of Ky. Library

Morehead Independent

"ONE OF KENTUCKY'S GREATER WEEKLIES"

MOREHEAD, KENTUCKY, THURSDAY, MAY 30, 1940

Scientist, Holtzclaw, and his Consequences

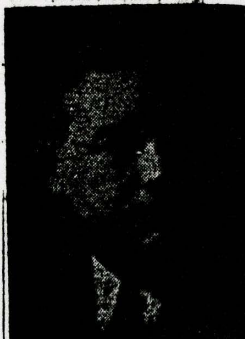
His Action May Cause United States
Political Scientist

Sandford Named To Head Alumni Group For Year 1940-41

Alumni Day was held Saturday,
May 25, at the College with a
small group present.

Robert Sandford, Russell teach-
er, was elected as president of the
association for the ensuing year.
Mary Alice Calvert, Morehead

To Open Campaign
Here On June 8



City To Post De

Board Of Trade
Members To Give
Warm Welcome

Louisville Group Regard Area
As "Brightest South
Of Ohio"

Morehead will be visited
Thursday, June 6th by a group

Friday of this
 county are
 hers Confer-
 Every teach-
 e in attend-
 s have been
 of the county
 School op-
 with 25 en-
 expecting to
 the district
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 Mr. John B.
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T. B. Staggs, For Representative, Aug. 1

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An enjoyable reunion was held at the old Trumbo homestead on July 11. A delicious dinner was served to about thirty guests by Mr. and Mrs. John Trumbo, Mrs. and Mrs. Tom Trumbo and Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Trumbo. In the evening the Trumbo families of Ashland, Ky.; Mr. and Mrs. William Trumbo of Ashland, Ky.; Mr. and Mrs. Luther Trumbo of Portsmouth, Ohio and Mrs. Genert Caudill, Mrs. Taylor Trumbo and son of Ft. Thomas, Ky., Mr. and Mrs. Glacy and children of Ashland, Va. were present.

Program Of Teachers Conference

- THURSDAY**
- 9:30-10:00—OPENING EXERCISES
Roll Call
Singing Sunny Side Quartet
Invocation Rev. A. Perkins
 - 10:00-10:20—THE TREND OF RURAL EDUCATION
H. C. Haggan
W. C. Lappin
 - 10:20-10:55—SCHOOL ORGANIZATION
Mrs. Emma Y. Case
R. D. Judd
 - 10:55-11:35—LOWER GRADE READING
Mrs. Emma Y. Case
R. D. Judd
 - 11:35-12:00—UPPER GRADE ARITHMETIC
R. D. Judd
 - 12:00-1:15—NOON
 - 1:15-2:00 DEMONSTRATION IN PUBLIC SCHOOL MUSIC
L. H. Horton
 - 2:00-2:30—UPPER GRADE READING
Mrs. Emma Y. Case
 - 2:30-3:00—TEACHERS MANUAL and COURSE OF STUDY
R. E. Jaggars
 - 3:00-3:10—RECESS
 - 3:10-3:30—ORGANIZATION OF HIGH SCHOOLS
Supt. H. A. Babb
 - 3:30-3:40—OUR HIGH SCHOOLS
W. W. Jayne
 - 3:40-4:10—PRIMARY ARITHMETIC
D. M. Holbrook
- FRIDAY**
- 8:30-9:00—OPENING EXERCISES
Singing Mrs. Howard
Invocation D. M. Holbrook
 - 9:00-9:25—GEOGRAPHY
Catherine Braun
 - 9:25-10:05—LANGUAGE
Marie Holbrook
 - 10:05-10:10—RECESS
 - 10:10-10:25—MOUNTAIN BALLADS
B. H. Kazee
 - 10:25-10:50—VALUE OF COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES
R. F. Terrell
 - 10:50-11:15—COOPERATION IN ATHLETICS
Roy E. Holbrook
 - 11:15-11:35—SCHOOL FAIR
C. L. Goff
 - 11:35-12:00—A COUNTY HEALTH PROGRAM
Dr. Evans
 - 12:00-1:00—NOON
 - 1:00-2:00—Organization Years' Work, Problems of Teachers
Round Table Discussion, Report Of Committees
County Superintendent
 - 2:00-3:00—RECEPTION (At home of Mrs. C. O. Peratt)
 - 3:00—Visit the office of County Superintendent

The international office of the club intends to conserve all funds for the civic betterment of Morehead.
This idea struck an almost unanimous assent in the club. Everyone seemed to be filled with the hope of devoting all the funds collected for Morehead.
It is felt this will have a wider sympathetic interest to all the local people.
A name has not yet been given to the new club, but it is possible that this will be decided upon by the next Monday evening. A committee consisting of E. V. Hollis, chairman, C. B. McCullough and Dr. A. F. Ellington was appointed by President H. C. Haggan to name the club and to bring in a Constitution and By-laws. Due to the absence of Mr. Hollis from the city, the committee did not meet and were not ready to report Monday night, but they are expected to do so next week.

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BANK STATEMENT IS CORRECTED

We wish to call attention to the Statement of the Peoples Bank in which an error occurred when published in our last issue. The amount of the "Undivided Profits" \$10,000 was omitted following the words. The statement is being published this issue with the correction made.

Post Office Force Swamped By Calls

According to employees at the Post Office, the story carried in the News last week caused them an immense amount of grief and hard work. The story was the one with regard to the lack of carrier service on Saturday afternoon. According to our information, those who wished could get their mail Saturday afternoon by calling at the office. The employees say that apparently everybody who has carrier service also takes the News and reads it, as practically every patron called at the office for his mail. As a matter of fact, the employees say that the mail should not be called for on Saturday afternoon as it is not distributed until Monday. The carrier goes off duty at noon and the mail is not put up from twenty two or twenty three until Monday morning.
They ask that the patrons do NOT call for their mail Saturday afternoon.

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County agent C. L. Goff and his
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tending an educational meeting at
which different phases of the new
program will be explained by experts
from national headquarters.
The county agent has requested
that all farmers come to his office
as soon as possible to sign the 1935
Marketing Cards.

Jefferson Day Dance At College Is Success

Jefferson Day was appropriately
observed Monday by a series of
dances, staged by Young Democratic
Clubs over the state and by Jeffers-
on Day banquets held by older mem-
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lly wide scattered. Locally the day
was observed by a Jefferson Day
dance sponsored by the Young Demo-
cratic Club of Morehead State Teach-
ers College held in the college gym-
nasium Monday night.
The dance was featured by two
hours of square dancing followed
by the balance of the evening with
round dancing. The Morehead State
Teachers College Young Democratic
Club is headed by Lige Monroe
Hogge.

At Ashland the day was featured
by the annual Jefferson Day banquet
held at the Henry Clay Hotel. The
banquet was attended by approximat-
ely two hundred, among them several
from Morehead.

Those from Morehead who attend-
ed the Ashland banquet were Mr.
and Mrs. V. D. Flood, Mr. and Mrs.
Warren Fletcher, Mrs. Grace Ford,
O. P. Carr, Dan Parker, Charles Hol-
brock, Allie Mannin, P. S. Howard
and Jack Wilson.

The address of the evening was
delivered by Congressman William P.
Connery of Massachusetts.

UNCLE OF MRS. TOLLIVER DIES AFTER OPERATION

Mrs. H. B. Tolliver received
word Sunday night that her uncle
John C. Carter of West Liberty had
passed away. Mr. Carter suffered a
fall Sunday afternoon and was rush-
ed to the Good Samaritan hospital
in Lexington. Everything that was
possible was done for Mr. Carter,
but he passed away at 10:00 o'clock.

Funeral services were held Tues-
day at 2:00 p. m. at West Liberty.
Those from here, who drove to the
funeral were Mr. and Mrs. Ottc
Carr. Mrs. Tolliver went to West
Liberty Monday. Mr. Carter, at the
time of his death, was seventy years
old.

on Thursday April 16, 1936 in the
County Court Room of the Rowan
County Court House in Morehead,
Ky., beginning at 9:00 a. m. and
closing at 4 p. m.

The entire community in general
are invited and urged to visit this
room during the day and inspect the
work of the ladies who have been
employed in this training depart-
ment.

Talks will be given by the follow-
ing:

- Judge Chas E. Jennings,
- Mrs. Heaton, District WPA Super-
visor,
- Dr. T. A. E. Evans, County Health
Director,
- Mrs. Raymond, County Nurse.

Rural Mail Route To Be Established

So long ago that it was almost for-
gotten, a petition was filed with the
Post Office Department asking for
the establishment of a rural route
service out of Morehead. Word was
received at the local post office last
week that the petition which was
circulated two years ago has brought
results and that the route, serving
residents between Hilda, Ringo
Mills, Sharky, Ramey, Farmers and
back to Morehead may receive this
service, beginning July 1 of this
year.

The route will be established by
that time, provided 125 patrons de-
sire it, according to the notice. In
other words, 125 patrons of the
route must signify their desire to
get the daily service by signing up
to erect boxes for their mail. There
is little doubt that the patrons will
do this, since the majority of them
were signers on the petition circulat-
ed two years ago.

The establishment of the route, ac-
cording to the postmaster, will not
mean the discontinuance of the rural
post offices that at present serve
this territory. It will mean a quick-
er daily service to the residents of
the section. The mail man will del-
iver the mail daily to your door or
your mail box, which will be a ad-
vised improvement to the majority of
the rural citizens.

It is understood that a petition is
now being circulated to prevent the
establishment of the route. It is not
expected that enough signers will
be obtained to sign petition to
prevent the step forward that every
rural route established means.

For years the News has been
agitating for the establishment of
rural routes out of Morehead to
serve the people of the rural sections
better. The establishment of this
route means not only quicker ser-
vice to these citizens, but it means
employment to at least one additional

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of Georgetown College, will pro-
nounce the invocation and John O.
Gross, president of Union College
will give the benediction. The oath
of office will be administered by
William H. Rees, Judge of the Court
of Appeals of Kentucky. Dean Wil-
liam H. Vaughan will introduce the
official delegates.
Music will be furnished by the
college orchestra and the Foster
Choral Club.

Pupils Of Dorothy Riggs Have Chapel Program

- The pupils of Dorothy J. Riggs,
instructor in piano, presented a pro-
gram at the regular chapel period
Friday morning as follows:
Brother James, arr. By MacGregor
Jeanne Fielding, Kathryn Barber,
Jane Young
Row, Row, Row Your Boat arr.
by MacGregor
Ruth Fair, Barbara Hogge, Kathryn
Barber
Pretty Lass Frances Penix
composer at the piano
Song of the Seashell Krogmann
Angeline Francis, Joyce Ann Wolf-
ford, Mary Ella Lappin
Little Prince Krogmann
Ruth Martin, Margaret Crooks, Harry
Crooks

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Rowan Club Will Sponsor Cleanup

The Rowan County Women's Club
has formulated plans for Morehead's
annual "Clean Up Campaign." This
year the Club is sponsoring an essay
and slogan contest for students of
the seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth,
eleventh, and twelfth grades. The
rules of the contest are as follows:

Subject — "Make Morehead Clean
and Attractive." Length — About
five hundred words. Size of paper,
8 x 11 1-2 or typewriter sheet size.
Preferably typed but if not typed,
written neatly in ink. There will be
no name written on papers, but the
Principal will place a number on
each paper submitted to him; and
will keep the list of names with the
numbers used. In this way the jud-
ges will not know the name of pup-
ils graded until prize essay is select-
ed.

Slogan — Select a catch slogan
such as "Morehead, Clean and Beau-
tiful," "Clean Up Morehead," etc.

The Rowan County Woman's Club
will give a \$2.00 prize for the best
essay, \$1.00 for second best essay;
the same amounts will be given for
best and second best slogan.

Slogans must be handed to Prin-
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Foster Choral Club To Broadcast Thur

A broadcast program by the
Foster Choral club of Morehead
Teachers College will be on
from Station WHAS, Morehead,
Thursday April 16, at 7:30
CST. The choral club is a
chorus of thirty voices directed
by Louis Henry Horton, Head
Department of Music of the
The singers will be assisted
Keith P. Davis, first violin;
Harpham, second violin; C
Thaw, viola, and Evelyn H
cello. Miss Dorothy J. Riggs,
professor of piano, and Casper
flautist, with the cellist of the
quartet, will be heard wi-
chorus.

A feature of the program
chorus in a transcription of the
ous "Liebestraum" by Franz
the premier of Mr. Horton's
cription of "Polonaise Milit-
piano composition by Frederh
in. Mr. Horton's "Choral F
and his arrangement of the
tucky folk songs, "Madam,
Come A-Courting" and "Prett
Miss," will also be heard.
anthems; "Send Forth Thy
choral numbers include two-
by Archangelcky and "Hospo-
lui" by Lyovsky, as well as
the songs of the "American
dour," Stephen C. Foster, fo
the chorus is named.

The string quartet will play
movements from a Beethoven
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THOSE POST OFFICE MURALS

A REVIEW BY LAUREL SHACKELFORD

Depression Post Office Murals and Southern Culture

A Gentle Reconstruction
By Sue Bridwell Beckham
Louisiana State University Press
338 pp., \$32.50

The reviewer is a *Courier-Journal* editorial writer.

Thankfully, Sue Bridwell Beckham doesn't maintain that Southern post office murals are great art. She does make a winning case, however, for viewing them as something more than Depression-era curios. Indeed, her book — a cultural history of white rural Southerners as revealed through murals — leaves one eager for a stroll through any number of post offices, including those in Berea and Morehead.

Decorating post offices with murals was part of a federal effort to bring the South into step with the rest of the country, undertaken during an era when Washington also was creating jobs for millions of unemployed Americans, including artists. The aim was to commission murals that were intelligible to the masses and so innocuous they offended no one. What evolved was a body of work that serves as "an ideal vehicle for the study of Southern middle- and working-class consciousness during the late 1930s," a time when Southerners chafed under stereotypes: lazy, sickly, dirty bumpkins.

What Southerners wanted to remember was their once respected and powerful position in the country. They clung to "the fantasy that a beautiful way of life had been lost and that Southerners, forced to fight their own compatriots, did so bravely and with chivalry."

It is this view that emerges in murals, nowhere more purely than in the Kentucky post offices decorated by Frank Long. Elsewhere, stamp buyers had to make do with murals done by artists who skewed history and kowtowed shamelessly to the brass in Washington. Long committed few such sins. He knew Kentuckians and their history, and he welcomed their comments on work in progress. His Berea Post Office mural proved to be the "most charming" in the South, the author said.

Long drew upon the days when com-

mencement exercises at Berea were community festivals, and he created a montage of cheerful people celebrating a tradition: in it, a young swain plays the dulcimer for his lady, horse traders try to calm a frightened horse while examining its teeth, friends chat and politicians orate.

For the Morehead Post Office, Long celebrated positive aspects of contemporary mountain life — namely, a close-knit, literate family living in a well-built house.

His original sketch featured an imposing matriarch reading a letter aloud,

and her listeners included a comely daughter. After reviewing the design, a government official demanded alterations. He believed the mother's size might lead sensitive Southerners to think they were being ridiculed, and he suspected that a young woman living in those conditions was unlikely to be so attractive. Long acquiesced reluctantly.

Interestingly, Long is the only muralist to paint joy, according to Beckham. Others filled their pictures with earnest, hard-working people with little to celebrate.

Frank Long, muralist of Depression, dies

HERALD-LEADER STAFF REPORT

Frank Weathers Long, an artist best remembered in Kentucky for his Depression Era murals that adorn post offices and other public buildings throughout the state, died Friday in Diamondhead, Miss. He was 92.

Mr. Long, a Knoxville, Tenn., native who formerly lived in Berea, was one of an army of artists that the federal Works Progress Administration used to decorate public buildings during the 1930s.

He did murals at the old Louisville, Morehead and Berea post offices and the University of Kentucky's Margaret I. King Library. Other murals by Mr. Long are in public and private buildings in Illinois, Indiana, Oklahoma, Maryland and South Carolina.

His paintings, done in flat, subdued colors, included images of hard-working and hard-playing people.

Mr. Long described his experiences as a muralist in *Confessions of a Depression Muralist*, published in 1997.

The UK Art Museum and Berea College's Rogers Gallery have had exhibitions of other paintings by Mr. Long. His works are in several prominent muse-

ums, including the Smithsonian Institution, and private collections throughout the country.

Mr. Long studied at the Chicago Art Institute and the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts in Philadelphia during the 1920s. An avid runner, he qualified for the 1928 U.S. Olympic team, but went to Paris to study at Academie Julien, instead.

He maintained a studio in Berea from the early 1930s to the early 1940s. He returned to Berea later in the 1940s and established a workshop where he designed and created fine jewelry, and returned to Kentucky yet again for a brief time in the late 1950s.

During the 1950s and 1960s, Mr. Long was a member of the U.S. Department of the Interior's Indian Arts and Crafts Board, a position that took him to Alaska, New Mexico and Florida, where he advised tribes in arts and crafts programs.

Mr. Long is survived by his wife, Laura Long, and a daughter, Angela Petrucio.

A private memorial service will be later. Contributions are suggested to the UK Art Museum. Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, Miss., is in charge of arrangements.

PIECES OF MAIL DELIVERED IN NOVEMBER
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dark and dismal foreboding, for hoding that was realized in the dreary hours between 2:00 and 3:00 p. m., when the Morehead Eagles knocked, battered and drove through, over and around the Maroons from Eastern to register the most decisive victory over the big Red team from Richmond, piling up a score of 26 to 0.

Morehead has won football games from Eastern before, not on many occasions but enough to know the taste of victory. There was a dreary day in 1936 when the Eagles at Richmond, playing on a soggy field, tossed the Easterners for a loss, 18 to 0.

There was another day last year, when at Richmond, the Eagles decidedly the underdogs in the battle rose in their might and tore victory from the Easterners hands, 19 to 7. Those were also Red Letter Days. In between there were days that were not so rosy, especially the day two years ago when the Eagles dropped before Eastern 56 to 0.

But Saturday, before a crowd that literally packed Jayne Stadium and the ground in front, a crowd that lined the home outside and pressed against the bleachers, the Eagles presented their greatest game of the year. They out-fought, out-played and out-generaled a heavier team, drove through them almost at will and piled up a total score of 26 points against nothing for the enemy. Had it not been for an off-side penalty, which called it back, the Eagles would have had another touchdown to their credit.

Here facts and figures fail miserably to illustrate the difference between the two teams. The Eagles were simply unbeatable Saturday. They were not the same team that had played the week end before against Transylvania, to drag out a lonely win 7-4. They were not even the same team that earlier in the season had defeated Cincinnati 7-0. They were Rosebowl contenders Saturday, with nothing to prevent their making the trip except the invitation. They were the greatest team in Kentucky for that day at least.

Bruce Dudley, sports writer for the Courier-Journal was a guest of Morehead for the day, and his story of the game is worth reading. Here it is in part. Coming from Bruce (Continued On Page Six)

Fincel Gives Cast For Coming Play

"Mellerdrummer" To Be Produced November 17.

Professor Neville Fincel, member of the college economics department and director of college play productions, has announced that the initial play for this semester is to be presented the evening of November 17, in the auditorium.

The play is to be another "mellerdrummer" reminiscent of the type put on this past summer by the College Players.

A very distinguished and outstanding artist has been induced to

Post Office Moves Without Interrupting

Move To New Federal Site Made Saturday Night Without Mail Service Delay

"It's better late than never," said Mrs. Mattye Burns, as she moved about in her new office in the new Morehead Post Office and Federal building, recently completed. Or should we say recently occupied, as the building is not yet completed, lacking a few tile which have been held up due to strikes.

For the past few months the News has been kept busy trying to tell the patrons of Uncle Sam's post office, that they would soon be receiving the mail from the new post office building. They have told the same story so many times that it has come to be a standing joke.

Last week, Mrs. Burns said that they expected to move Sunday. Thinking it more or, less one of those previously reported rumors, the News ignored the statement.

Sunday morning, as usual the citizens of Morehead went, by force of habit to the old post office in the Caskey building and found the birds had flown and taken the mail with them. The post office force deserves a great deal of credit in the way in which they handled their moving, with no interruption whatsoever in mail delivery.

There is no doubt that the new post office building, in which the Morehead post office is now located is a credit to the city and to the federal government. It is commodious and well-lighted, and is beautifully finished. The lobby is roomy, in contrast to the lobby in the old building, and every article of furniture is an added touch of perfection.

In the delivery room, the employees have ample space to sort the mail and get it ready for delivery. The room is large and well lighted and there seems to be little left to be asked for.

Among other conveniences is the private office for the post master, comfortably furnished and ventilated.

Another convenience is a special room for the rural carriers, where they may make themselves comfortable while they wait for their mail to be sorted and made up.

Taken all in all, Morehead should be distinctly proud of their new federal building, and distinctly grateful to Congressman Fred M. Vinson for his efforts in obtaining the funds for its erection.

Elliott Elects Republican For County Judge

Complete election returns from Elliott county give Langley Adkins, Republican, candidate for

repaid in one week ending October 3.

The rural rehabilitation program which Congress recently voted to continue in connection with the new farm tenancy program is now being administered as a major function of the Farm Security Administration. The Rural Rehabilitation program includes debt adjustment and supervised loans for crop production and for the purchase of livestock and equipment. Where of tenure are satisfactory, loans also are made to include items for soil improvement.

The loans are made to worthy farmers with approved land resources. Including tenants, who are unable to secure proper credit from other sources. Loans are repayable over a period ranging from one to five years, depending upon the amount of the loan used for livestock and equipment or other capital goods useful over a period of years. Mr. Earl Mayhew of Lexington, Kentucky is State Director in charge of this phase of the Farm Security work.

News Receives Many Compliments On Paper

Readers And Subscribers Approve Of Change In Size Of Page And New Depts.

Since the last issue of the News was published last week, in its new size and new dress, printed on the new Babcock Optimus Press recently installed, the management of this paper has received many compliments, for which they wish to thank their readers and subscribers.

It seems that our readers have been greatly impressed with the improvements made and that they like it. Several have dropped in at the same time to pay up their subscriptions and a number who have seen the paper, but were not subscribers have taken out new subscriptions.

The management is grateful to the readers, for their endorsement. The News has been under the present management for the past twelve years and it has been our continued effort to give the readers an improved paper, at all times. We realize that we have fallen down on that ambition at times, but with the greatly improved machinery we hope to continue to improve in the future and to give our readers only the best.

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Finally, it is important to note that federal bonds are insured by the U.S. Treasury Department. This means that your investment is protected against default by the government.

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H. Hargis, James W. Johnson, Harrison R. Burns, Cyrus Alley,
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wife, Mary Foley, on March 15, 1901. Altogether he had eight children. He was buried in Macphelah Cemetery in Mt. Sterling.

Allie Young had a partner in his law office named James Clay. James virtually took over the law office when Allie became a senator and James handled most of the trials. Allie had a very famous secretary, Cora Wilson Stewart. Mrs. Stewart was a great teacher who started the famous "Moonlight School" in Rowan County.

The building also had other uses. After Allie Young's death, Mrs. Reulah Stewart used it to house her seamstress business. It was later used as Bo's Barber Shop until he moved into a new site.

The Law Office of Allie Young should be preserved for future generations so they can learn about the historical significance of this building and the man who owned the building. Allie Young has helped thousands of people by helping our community get Morehead State University. He helped many Rowan County citizens get out of legal troubles and he helped make many new laws as a senator. The Law Office of Allie Young deserves to be preserved and protected, so future generations can learn about the building.

Wagner Post Office

As the proposed postmaster, Samuel B. Caudill signed Form 1011 (location paper) on March 12, 1894, for a new post office to be called Wagner. It would be located in Rowan County one mile east of Craney Creek and 15 miles north of the Licking River. Minor Post Office was 4 1/2 miles east and Morehead 10 miles west. Elliottville was 6 miles north. The name of the nearest railroad was Chesapeake and Ohio. The new post office was to be classified as a special office, as it was not on a route and mail would be supplied from Morehead. The population to be served was 75. John W. Fraley, Postmaster of Morehead, also signed form 1011.

Samuel B. Caudill was commissioned Postmaster April 2, 1894, and resigned this position March 28, 1898. Abel Caudill was appointed Postmaster April 26, 1898. He sent a location form to the Division of Topography of the Post Office Department on February 18, 1911, stating that Crix was the nearest post office by traveled road and was 4 miles west. The mail was still supplied from

Morehead, 12 miles distant. Wagner Post Office was on Route 29127. Anna Fultz was appointed Postmaster on May 29, 1929. The post office was discontinued September 7, 1933. Effective September 30, 1933 mail was sent to Hamm Post Office.

Computer Corner

Did you know that eight United States Presidents were/are descended from passengers on the Mayflower? Franklin Delano Roosevelt and the Presidents Bush had four Mayflower ancestors in common, therefore they were cousins—however many times removed! Barbara Pierce Bush also had an ancestor who sailed on the Mayflower, although not the same one in her husband's line. Zachary Taylor and Franklin Roosevelt also had common Mayflower ancestry. Former Vice President Dan Quayle is descended from Myles Standish and John Alden. If you would like to explore more of our presidents' Mayflower ancestries, these two sites are helpful:

<http://members.aol.com/calebj/presidents.html>

<http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Ridge/4602/pr ez.html>

NEXT GENERATION GENEALOGISTS

A modern mother is explaining to her little girl about pictures in the family photo album. "This is the geneticist with your surrogate mother and here's your sperm donor and your father's clone. This is me holding you when you were just a frozen embryo. The lady with the very troubled look on her face is your aunt, she's the family genealogist."

[found on the WWW at:

<http://homepages.rootsweb.com/~tracers/genealog.htm>]

Thank you to the contributors to this issue: Gary Lewis, Willow Leach, Avanelle Eldridge, and Betty Sharp, and to Fred Brown for printing the newsletter. Special thanks to the children for letting us share their essays.

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1897-1898 Rowan County, KY School Census

POPLAR GROVE SCHOOL

Parent/Guardian Name - Child's name, sex-age

Abel E. Caudill – **Jesse F.**, m-17, **Elizzie A.**, f-15, & **Thm. E.**, m-12
J. F. Stamper – **Henry Cynthia**, f-14, **John W.**, m-13, **Nancy A.**, f-10, & **Sarah F.**, f-6
J. V. Bentley – **Rosa B.**, f-16, **Jesse F.**, m-14, **Wm. C.**, m-12, **John C.**, m-10,
Benjamin S., m-8, & **Mirtie**, f-6
John Kidd – **Hamilton**, m-17, **Mary**, f-13, & **David**, m-8,
L. P. McBrayer – **Martha E.**, f-18, **Arch**, m-15, **Wm. E.**, m-14, **Lillie M.**, f-12, & **Charles H.**, m-10
Ben F. McBrayer – **Mertie**, f-16 (married)
John M. McBrayer – **M. B. Day**, f-11
Harison McBrayer – **Ollie**, f-14
Elijah Wilson – **Birl**, m-13, **Lee**, m-12, **Mirtie D.**, f-9, & **Sarah J.**, f-6
Wm. D. Royse – **Henry R.**, m-13, & **Rosa E.**, f-7
Albert Royse – **Jas. W.**, m-8, & **O. E.**, m-6
W. O. B. Fraley – **Molie**, f-18, **G. W.**, m-15, **Henry C.**, m-15, & **N. R.**, m-6
M. T. McDaniel – **Dan**, m-15, & **Elizzie**, f-10,
S. T. Profet (?Prophet) – **Kelly**, m-12, **Nancy**, f-9, & **R. L.**, m-8
Thomas Dillon – **Geo.**, m-15, **Rosa**, f-13, **Frank**, m-10, **Willie**, m-8, & **Effie**, f-6
Wm. Campbell – **Evert**, m-7, & **Plenny (?)**, f-6
J. R. Coffee – **Noah**, m-12
S. A. Debord – **J. H. Nickell**, m-12
Silas Caudill – **Amanda**, f-17 (married)
H. C. Scaggs – **Sarah A.**, f-18, **Mollie**, f-14, **Lewis L.**, m-12, **Nancy**, f-10,
Oliver, m-8, & **Mahaley**, f-6
S. B. Caudill – **B. F.**, m-19, **Alvin**, m-15, **Irving**, m-13, **Cynthia J.**, f-10, & **Herbert H.**, m-8
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District 10 – Poplar Grove (Post Office address for parent/guardian – Wagner, KY)

THOSE POST OFFICE MURALS

A REVIEW BY LAUREL SHACKELFORD

Depression Post Office Murals and Southern Culture

A Gentle Reconstruction

By Sue Bridwell Beckham

Louisiana State University Press

338 pp., \$32.50

The reviewer is a *Courier-Journal* editorial writer.

Thankfully, Sue Bridwell Beckham doesn't maintain that Southern post office murals are great art. She does make a winning case, however, for viewing them as something more than Depression-era curios. Indeed, her book — a cultural history of white rural Southerners as revealed through murals — leaves one eager for a stroll through any number of post offices, including those in Berea and Morehead.

Decorating post offices with murals was part of a federal effort to bring the South into step with the rest of the country, undertaken during an era when Washington also was creating jobs for millions of unemployed Americans, including artists. The aim was to commission murals that were intelligible to the masses and so innocuous they offended no one. What evolved was a body of work that serves as "an ideal vehicle for the study of Southern middle- and working-class consciousness during the late 1930s," a time when Southerners chafed under stereotypes: lazy, sickly, dirty bumpkins.

What Southerners wanted to remember was their once respected and powerful position in the country. They clung to "the fantasy that a beautiful way of life had been lost and that Southerners, forced to fight their own compatriots, did so bravely and with chivalry."

It is this view that emerges in murals, nowhere more purely than in the Kentucky post offices decorated by Frank Long. Elsewhere, stamp buyers had to make do with murals done by artists who skewed history and kowtowed shamelessly to the brass in Washington. Long committed few such sins. He knew Kentuckians and their history, and he welcomed their comments on work in progress. His Berea Post Office mural proved to be the "most charming" in the South, the author said.

Long drew upon the days when com-

mencement exercises at Berea were community festivals, and he created a montage of cheerful people celebrating a transition. In it, a young swain plays the dulcimer for his lady, horse traders try to calm a frightened horse while examining its teeth, friends chat and politicians orate.

For the Morehead Post Office, Long celebrated positive aspects of contemporary mountain life — namely, a close-knit, literate family living in a well-built house.

His original sketch featured an imposing matriarch reading a letter aloud,

and her listeners included a comely daughter. After reviewing the design, a government official demanded alterations. He believed the mother's size might lead sensitive Southerners to think they were being ridiculed, and he suspected that a young woman living in those conditions was unlikely to be so attractive. Long acquiesced reluctantly.

Interestingly, Long is the only muralist to paint joy, according to Beckham. Others filled their pictures with earnest, hard-working people with little to celebrate

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Morehead, KY 40351
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Frank Long, muralist of Depression, dies

HERALD-LEADER STAFF REPORT

Frank Weathers Long, an artist best remembered in Kentucky for his Depression Era murals that adorn post offices and other public buildings throughout the state, died Friday in Diamondhead, Miss. He was 92.

Mr. Long, a Knoxville, Tenn., native who formerly lived in Berea, was one of an army of artists that the federal Works Progress Administration used to decorate public buildings during the 1930s.

He did murals at the old Louisville, Morehead and Berea post offices and the University of Kentucky's Margaret I. King Library. Other murals by Mr. Long are in public and private buildings in Illinois, Indiana, Oklahoma, Maryland and South Carolina.

His paintings, done in flat, subdued colors, included images of hard-working and hard-playing people.

Mr. Long described his experiences as a muralist in *Confessions of a Depression Muralist*, published in 1997.

The UK Art Museum and Berea College's Rogers Gallery have had exhibitions of other paintings by Mr. Long. His works are in several prominent muse-

ums, including the Smithsonian Institution, and private collections throughout the country.

Mr. Long studied at the Chicago Art Institute and the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts in Philadelphia during the 1920s. An avid runner, he qualified for the 1928 U.S. Olympic team, but went to Paris to study at Academie Julien, instead.

He maintained a studio in Berea from the early 1930s to the early 1940s. He returned to Berea later in the 1940s and established a workshop where he designed and created fine jewelry, and returned to Kentucky yet again for a brief time in the late 1950s.

During the 1950s and 1960s, Mr. Long was a member of the U.S. Department of the Interior's Indian Arts and Crafts Board, a position that took him to Alaska, New Mexico and Florida, where he advised tribes in arts and crafts programs.

Mr. Long is survived by his wife, Laura Long, and a daughter, Angela Petrunco.

A private memorial service will be later. Contributions are suggested to the UK Art Museum. Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, Miss., is in charge of arrangements.

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**MOREHEAD MEMORIES - PEOPLE AND PLACES
EARLY POSTAL SERVICE, PART I
BY
JACK D. ELLIS**

Prior to the Revolutionary War, the early colonials had their own postal system, and they saw little reason to standardize the system. Therefore, there was a "hodge podge" of mail from one state to another. But on May 1, 1693, Andrew Hamilton was appointed by King William III of England "to receive and dispatch mail between the American Colonies and all parts of the civilized world". (The Colonies must not have been considered civilized then.) The Crown designated the Richard Fairbanks Tavern in Boston, as the center of postal exchange between England and the Colonies. But in any event, Andrew Hamilton could be considered the first Postmaster General in the new world. However, it was not until July 26, 1775, that the first Continental Congress meeting in Philadelphia, agreed that a Postmaster General be appointed at a salary of \$1,000 per year.

The "modern" U.S. mail delivery system as we know it today began in 1836. It was then that Congress enacted legislation providing for "the business-like operation of the U.S. Postal System". President John Tyler recommended the appointment of Amos Kendall as the Postmaster General in 1845. It was at that point that the new Postal Service was born. Prior to that time, each state had their own mail delivery service and saw no reason to standardize the system. But that changed rapidly under the U.S. Mail

System.

When gold was discovered in California in 1848, there was an urgent need for overland mail delivery to California. It was then that William Russell established the Pony Express. He advertised in the newspapers as follows: "Wanted: skinny, wiry fellows not over 18. Must be expert riders willing to risk death daily. Orphans preferred." Thus, the Pony Express was established as a private enterprise. The Pony Express route covered 2,000 miles from St. Joseph, Missouri to California. The route was through wild un-explored territory, and many Pony Express riders were killed by Indians.

The first overland mail arrived in California in May, 1848. It required 10 ½ days, and 75 horses to accomplish that spectacular feat. The fastest overland trip ever made by the Pony Express was 7 days and 17 hours. That was done in order to deliver President Abraham Lincoln's inaugural address in 1861. The Pony Express was a romantic part of the early mail delivery system in this country. It did much to unite this nation when the California settlers realized they could communicate across country in 10 days.

Rowan County's relationship to the U.S. Postal System began even before the county was formed. However, since its formation, there have been 44 post offices established throughout the almost 150 years of Rowan County history. Triplett was the first post office established in what is now Rowan County. However, in 1828, what is now Morehead was called Triplett, and was then a part of Fleming County. Early Morehead postmasters included: Henry L. Powers (1828), John R. Powers (1835), F.

Powers (1848), (In 1856, the name was changed to Morehead when Rowan County was formed) John Hargis (1857), James H. Hargis (1872), James W. Johnson (1873), Harrison G. Burns (1873), and Cyrus Alley (1874).

On July 22, 1856 when Rowan County was formed, the name Triplett was changed to Morehead, and John Hargis was the first postmaster at Morehead. It is interesting to note that the Morehead Post Office was discontinued briefly June 20, 1873, when James W. Johnson was postmaster. It was re-established just one month later on July 22, 1873 with Harrison G. Burns as the new postmaster. That break in continuity was probably because of the change in postmasters.

There was very little mail arriving in Rowan County in those early days. Therefore the job of postmaster was very much a part time job. There was very little mail and few people could even read or write. In the early days of Rowan County, the mail was slow, expensive and unreliable. In 1860 the population of Morehead was about 200, and Rowan County's population was 2,282. Before the railroad was built through Morehead in 1881, it was still an insolated community with a population of 400. However Rowan County had a population of 4,420 in 1880. What little mail that came to Morehead came via steamboat to Maysville, or by stagecoach through Fleming County. Colonel Warren Alderson's freight line brought the mail from Maysville and Fleming County to Morehead before there was a railroad through Rowan County.

As the early pioneers pushed westward it was the U.S. Mail that bound its people

together. Without any other form of long range communication (except maybe smoke signals) a letter from home was both rare and expensive. However, in the later 19th century, with the expansion of the railroads, mail became much more reliable and less expensive.

The first post offices in Rowan County was housed in grist mills, stores, or even homes of the Postmasters. Those were awarded politically as well as by bid. Morehead residents got their mail by going to the post office and asking for it. During the days before the railroad came through Rowan County, mail arrived here about twice a week. It was usually delivered by wagon from Maysville when it came by boat. (It was picked up by Warren Alderson's freight wagon and brought to Morehead.) Also, mail came on the stage coach that ran about once a week through Fleming County and Bath County. It was then delivered on horseback to Morehead.

In 1881, the railroad opened through Rowan County. It brought a new era of reliable mail service. Morehead soon became a center for regional mail distribution to the surrounding counties with no railroads. Soon star routes (mail routes awarded to private bidders) were established to distribute mail to surrounding counties and post offices. The mail would come to Morehead and be sorted, and then delivered by star route carriers to the outlying regions. Morehead rapidly became a regional distribution center for mail and freight. The coming of the railroad put Colonel Alderson's freight line out of business.

The Postmaster usually held other jobs, such as store keeper, farmer, judge or

sheriff. On October 1, 1913, Judge J.M. Carey resigned as the Morehead Postmaster. He was replaced by Rowan County's genial and popular Sheriff, J.D. Caudill. Mr. Caudill, the new Morehead postmaster, also exchanged property with the former postmaster. Judge Carey moved out to the farm of J.D. Caudill, and Mr. Caudill moved into town so he could serve as postmaster. Although it was usually the husband that was appointed postmaster, in almost every case his wife took care of the postmaster duties so the husband could farm or work at other jobs. In 1925, the post office moved from its First Street location near the present Folk Art Center to the corner of Main Street and Carey Avenue. By that time, Morehead's main business section had shifted to Main Street. Mr. H.C. Lewis was the postmaster at the time of the move to Main Street.

In 1930, Mattie Burns was appointed Morehead's first female postmaster. That year the post office moved to the Alf Caskey Building on Main street. (Present site of Arby's Parking Lot). That was the beginning of a new level of services by the Morehead post office. Lock boxes were installed, money order service began, and soon a village mail delivery route was established in town. Also, plans were made for a new post office building, and bids were accepted for a possible site for a new building site.

The bid submitted by Harlan Blair for 106 front feet on Main Street and South Hargis Avenue was accepted at the price of \$50.00 per front foot or \$5,300. However, the bid was later rejected as un-suitable and new bids were accepted. The successful new bidder was land owned by the Citizens Bank at the corner of North Wilson and Main

Street. However, there was one small problem. The owners asked \$7,500 and the government offered them \$6,300. Condemnation proceedings were about to begin when local realtor James M. Clayton negotiated the compromise price of \$7,250 (The Citizens Bank later bought the property from Harlen Blair and that is the present Citizens Bank location). Dr. H. Van Antwert, Citizens Bank cashier said: "They had reached an agreement benefitting both parties." With the purchase of the land, bids were then received for construction of a new post office building.

The successful bidder for the construction of the new post office was the DiBlasio Company of Canton, Ohio. Construction began on the new Morehead Post Office in August 1, 1936. Mr. W.G. Noll of Cincinnati, Ohio was the architect for the new post office, and Mr. J.H. Parnell was the on-site construction engineer. At first, the work progressed slowly. Excavation for the basement was accomplished with two mules pulling a large two-man scoop. The excess dirt was hauled away in a Ford dump truck, and dumped along Triplett Creek at the end of Bridge (Union Street).

Work on the new post office moved rapidly during the fall of 1936. The weather was mild and workers were many. It was during the depth of the depression and there were many local skilled and un-skilled men who needed work badly. Also, some special skilled workers were brought into Morehead for the job. Work was completed, and the building accepted October 15, 1937, and plans were made to move the post office into the new building.

The new post office, located at Main and North Wilson Avenue, was occupied November 1, 1937. The move was made from the former post office on Sunday with no interruption of service. The new building was the ultimate in post office architecture. It was functional, attractive, and well constructed. It had a full basement and coal furnace with steam heat (no air conditioning). There was a covered loading dock at the rear, plenty of inside work space, and a well lit lobby. It was tastefully decorated with a mural in the lobby depicting family life in rural America. It was called WPA art. The mural in the 1937 Morehead Post Office is a study unto itself. It was controversial when it was painted by southern artist, Frank Long, and it is still controversial today. It was called depression art, and was the result of the government's attempt to hire un-employed starving artists to stamp their art into the depression era culture. There are those who question even calling it art.

Sue Beckham in her book, **DEPRESSION POST OFFICE MURALS**, L.S.U. Press, 1988, calls it a "crude attempt to change the stereotypes of southern culture." She says of the Morehead Mural (still located in Morehead City Hall), that the artist Long, "celebrated positive aspects of contemporary mountain life—namely a close knit literate family living in a well built house". He was trying to paint hard working earnest people with little to celebrate.

Frank Long, the artist and Berea College graduate, who painted the Morehead Mural in 1937, died in January, 1999. He was 92 years of age. His murals were an

attempt to decorate public buildings during the depression era, and they now hang in Lexington, Louisville, Berea, Morehead, and in public and private buildings in many states.

The outside of the building had stone reliefs of a plane, ship, and train. Those were moved to the Post Office on West First Street. The lobby had 325 rental post office boxes. Also, there was a secret passage behind the work area where postal inspectors could spy on workers. They were the only ones with keys to that forbidden area, and you never could tell when you might be spying upon.

The mail arrived in Morehead on two trains going east, and two trains going west each day. The local Calvert Transfer Company had the contract to bring in-coming mail from the train to the post office and take the outgoing mail to the train. The post office was open 10 hours per weekday, and 4 hours Saturday. City mail was delivered mornings and afternoons each week day, and once on Saturday. Parcel Post was delivered 6 afternoons a week. Jack Lewis was Morehead's first city letter carrier, and he also began the first Parcel Post delivery service July 1, 1940. He delivered parcel post after delivering the first and second class mail. Parcel Post was delivered in town in a big two-wheel push cart furnished by the post office department. (Prior to the free city parcel post delivery service in Morehead, patrons were notified if there was a package for them at the post office and they had to come and pick it up.) Jack Lewis, a former college football and baseball player, had trouble controlling the cart going down Wilson Avenue, and pushing it back up Wilson Avenue. All pushing and breaking was by man power only.

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**MOREHEAD MEMORIES - PEOPLE AND PLACES
EARLY POSTAL SERVICE, PART II**

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On January 1, 1936, a petition was filed with the Post Office Department to establish a rural route out of Morehead. The petition was approved and on October 10, 1936, and Rowan's first Rural Free Delivery Mail Route (Route 1) was established. Mr. Howard Spurlock was the first Rural mail Carrier. Route 1 went north on what is now Route 32, eliminating post offices at Hilda, Ringos Mills, Sharkey and Ramey. The route continued to Sharkey on Route 158. Then it continued across Tar Flat (Route 801) to the Licking River. From there, down Licking to the Fleming County line. Then back to U.S. 60 to Farmers and back east on U.S. 60 to Morehead. The route was 65 miles long and had 125 patrons on that first Rowan Rural Route. Except for State Road 32 and U.S. 60, the roads were mud and gravel. (Many times the mail carrier had to be pulled through the mud by mules across Tar Flat.) This writer's family lived on West U.S. 60 at that time, and was one of those 125 patrons.

There was a petition circulated opposing the route, because of the post offices it might eliminate, but it failed to get much support. The new mail route was overwhelmingly received because it meant better mail service to your home and mail box. It was not necessary to walk to the post office to get mail and stamps, or mail a letter. Mr. Howard Spurlock, the rural letter carrier, was to receive a "fair" salary and expenses

for his work. (Mr. Spurlock remained as the letter carrier on Route 1 until he retired in 1966.)

RFD 1 was so successful that on July 1, 1940, Rural Routes 2, and 3 were established. Mike Flood, the former owner of the Eagles Nest, was employed as the first rural mail carrier on Route II. There were about 175 patrons on the 70 mile route that began on Cranston Road (Rt. 377) and extended all the way to the Lewis County line. (It was a dusty gravel road all the way.) Then the route came back and ran up Holly Fork and back across Big Perry to U.S. 60. (Still a gravel road until U.S. 60) Then east on U.S. 60 to Carter County line and from there the route extended across to Haldeman and Brinegar, and back down U.S. 60 to Tolliver Addition and back to Morehead.

On July 1, 1940, RFD 3 was established with Mr. C.O. Leach as the first rural carrier. The route had about 160 patrons and covered 75 miles, beginning on (32 South) Christy Creek and extending to the Elliott County line. Then back across the CCC Trail from Elliottville to Clack Mountain. Then over Clack Mountain up the North Fork of Licking as far as the Morgan County line at Craney. Next, the route came back across Clack Mountain down Morgan Fork, through Clearfield, and back to Morehead. It was 75 miles of hard driving, and, except Route 32, it was all a limestone gravel road or worse. Many times the mail carriers would get stuck in mud and have to be pulled out.

The reason this writer can write of the details of those rural mail routes is because for seven years, I was a substitute carrier on those routes. (1948-1955). The pay was excellent for this region of the country. In fact, when Dr. Adron Doran was appointed

President of Morehead College, he was paid \$5,400 the first year. Those rural mail carriers used to make fun of me because I kept trying to finish college and they were paid more than the President of Morehead College in 1954.

The time came in 1955 when I had to either quit the post office or the bookmobile. Everyone in Morehead believed I had lost my mind when I elected to quit the post office for a career in library work. However, this writer has never had any regrets over that decision.

Each of the three rural mail carriers had a different attitude toward serving their postal patrons. When the routes were first established, carriers were required to pick up un-stamped mail as long as it was accompanied by the money for the stamp. Later on, that policy was changed and the carriers were not required to pick up un-stamped mail.

Howard Spurlock, the RR 1 carrier, immediately implemented the new policy. He would never pick up un-stamped outgoing mail. Mike Flood, RR 2 carrier, was a little slower weaning his patrons away from the old policy. However, C.O. Leach never did implement the new policy. He continued to accept un-stamped outgoing mail as long as it was accompanied by enough money to cover the cost of the postage. Also, even if there was not enough money to cover the postage cost, he would pay the difference himself, and put a notice in their box that they owed him for previous postage. Mr. Leach would pick up groceries in town and deliver them to isolate patrons, sometimes carrying them in their house. He would also pick up some of his patrons doctors prescriptions, and get those prescriptions filled at the drug store. He would also wrap outgoing parcel post for

his patrons. (C.O. Leach was considered a full service carrier if there ever was one.)

When this writer substituted on those routes in the late 1940s and early 1950s, I was expected to provide the same services in the same way as the regular carrier. That meant when I carried the Leach route, I spend a great deal of time licking ad pasting stamps, especially at Christmas time.

Every Saturday, I delivered City Route 1. Jack Lewis was the regular carrier, and stray dogs were always a problem. If the patron had a dog running loose, Jack wouldn't deliver their mail. Therefore , when I substituted on his route, I would not deliver the mail if there was a dog problem. However, Randall C. Wells, City Route 2 Carrier, said the dogs never stopped him, but he did have to take rabies' shots on three different occasions. (This writer never was bitten by a dog in seven years.)