



**HARRY TRUMAN BARKER WAS ON DAD'S SHOULDERS IN THE MOREHEAD CROWD**

MOREHEAD RESIDENT  
OLLIE BARKER HOLDS  
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BARKER ON HIS  
SHOULDERS TO HEAR PRES  
TRUMAN SPEAK IN  
MOREHEAD Oct 1  
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## 'No Stopping' Sign Place to Stop

The "No Stopping" sign on Fourth Street and drizzling rain didn't stop Republican Senator John Sherman Cooper from halting to greet two passers-by as he went on a hand-shaking expedition downtown yesterday. With him are Miss Betty Davis, 168 E. Francis, and Jack Ellis, Morehead, Ky.

**THIS IS THE**

*Myrtle*

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PRESIDENT TRUMAN  
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AT EACH STOP A SEA OF FACES FLASHED PAST TRUMAN'S SPECIAL TRAIN AS IT CAME TO A HALT.

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AT THE MOREHEAD KY DEPOT  
GREETED PRESIDENT HARRY S  
TRUMAN ON HIS SUCCESSFUL  
WHISTLE STOP CAMPAIGN OCT 1  
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## Local Trivia

## Early History

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# History

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## Morehead Memories:

### People & Places

### A test on two patriots

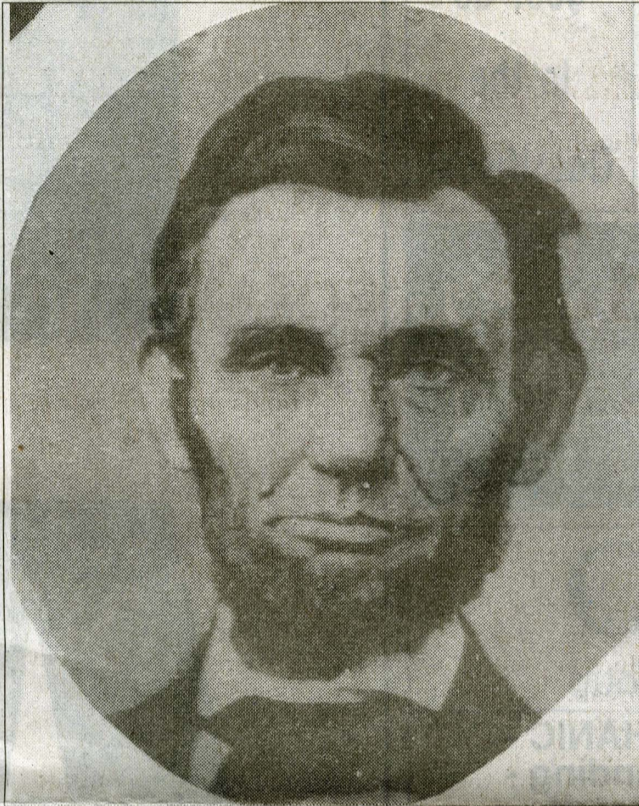
By JACK ELLIS  
Special to The Morehead News

*"I will make them one nation in the land." (Ezekiel 37:22)*

"Are You Smarter Than A Fifth Grader" is a currently popular television program that has humbled many sophisticated and educated contestants. Recently this writer came across an old mimeographed test given to fifth graders during the month of February.

Before Presidents Day was ever conceived as a holiday, February, the birth month of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln, was the month most schools taught a unit about the nation's most famous presidents. It was not called 'a test on two presidents;' instead, 'A Test On Two Patriots' – President Washington, "the father of our country," who won our independence from England, and President Lincoln, who consistently said: "I would save the Union" during the Civil War, were indeed patriots.

A copy of that "Test on Two Patriots" listed below. If there are those who would like to take the test, simply write "L" if you think the answer is



This photo of President Abraham Lincoln reflects a sad, melancholy, depressed president with the weight of a nation torn apart on his shoulders. This was a familiar photo in almost every classroom in America during the early 20th century. Birthday: Feb. 12.

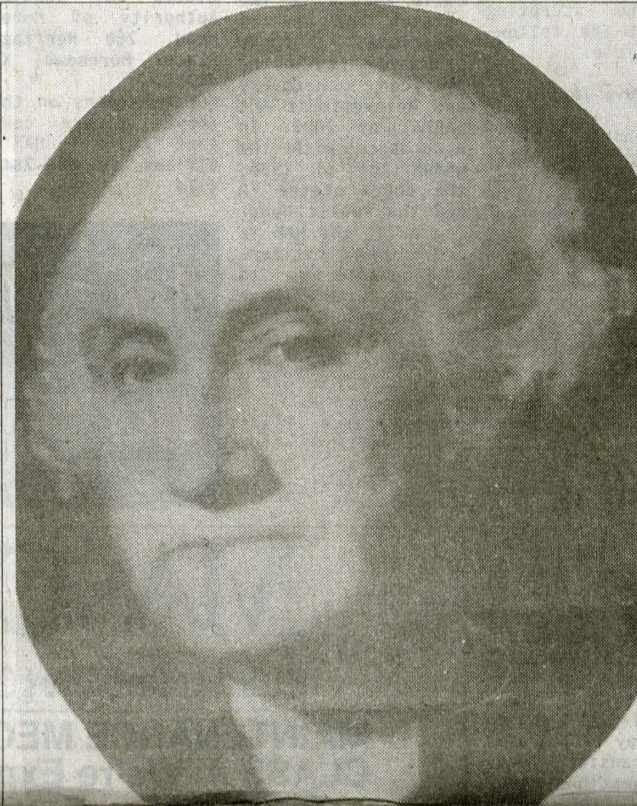
Lincoln or "W" if you think the answer is Washington. You won't have to tell anyone you are not smarter than a fifth grader.

#### A TEST ON TWO PATRIOTS

Place the correct letter, W for Washington, or L for Lincoln, in the blank at the beginning of each sentence.

1. \_\_\_ debated slavery with Stephen A. Douglas.
2. \_\_\_ ran a Ferry Boat across the Ohio River.

3. \_\_\_ took a trip to the West Indies.
4. \_\_\_ was born in the state of Virginia.
5. \_\_\_ walked mile after mile to borrow books.
6. \_\_\_ appointed Alexander Hamilton as Secretary of Treasury.
7. \_\_\_ was assassinated in Ford's Theater.
8. \_\_\_ practiced law in Springfield, Illinois.
9. \_\_\_ grew up as a planter's son.
10. \_\_\_ was born in the State of Kentucky.
11. \_\_\_ was the first President of our coun-



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- try.
12. \_\_\_ had a sister named Sarah.
13. \_\_\_ refused pay for his services in the Army.
14. \_\_\_ retired from public life at Mt. Vernon.
15. \_\_\_ had half brothers named Lawrence and Augustine
16. \_\_\_ did sums on a shovel with charcoal.
17. \_\_\_ married Mary Todd from Kentucky.

18. \_\_\_ wrote the Gettysburg Address.
19. \_\_\_ was President of a convention that drafted the Constitution.
20. \_\_\_ was the sixteenth President of the U.S.
21. \_\_\_ was a surveyor.
22. \_\_\_ was made Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army.
23. \_\_\_ made a trip to New Orleans on a flat boat.
24. \_\_\_ married a widow named Martha Curtis.
25. \_\_\_ served as Post Master at New Salem.
26. \_\_\_ signed the Emancipation Proclamation.

Answers:

- 1-L; 2-L; 3-W; 4-W; 5-L; 6-W; 7-L; 8-L; 9-W; 10-L; 11-W; 12-L; 13-W; 14-W; 15-W; 16-L; 17-L; 18-L; 19-W; 20-L; 21-W; 22-W; 23-L; 24-W; 25-L; 26-L

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## Next time with Morehead Memories:

### Abe Lincoln's Kentucky heritage

February 12, 2009 is the 200th birthday of Abraham Lincoln, Kentucky's most famous son, con-

sidered by many as the greatest of the 43 presidents of this nation. His birthday and year will be celebrated throughout 2009. Although he left Kentucky as a young child, he was always

proud of his Kentucky heritage. More books have been written about Abraham Lincoln than anyone except Jesus Christ. This writer is sure that more will be written about both.

## Gateway Community Action leaders advocate for community needs in Washington, D.C.

Gateway Community Action Agency Executive Director Dennis Gullely, board member Grant Sorrell, and Weatherization Director Wallace Rose

(CSBG) and more."

The impact of the leaders from around the country sharing a consistent message about the needs have paid off

23 Community Action Agencies that provide services to low income people in all 120 counties of the Commonwealth. "Gateway was one of

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hips. Both carried fan-shaped bouquets of white roses and delphinium.  
Mr. Frank Burns served as best man for Mr. Bradley, while his nephew, Douglas Bradley, was ring bearer.  
Mrs. Bradley is a graduate of Breckinridge Training School and has been a student at Morehead College for the past three years.  
Mr. Bradley graduated from Morehead High School, served in the U. S. Army for two years, spending 18 months of that time in Japan. He has been attending Morehead College since returning from the service and is a partner with his brother, Earl Bradley, in the Bradley Greenhouse.  
The Jayne home was beautifully arranged with masses of ferns, white gladioli and roses forming the background of the altar. Baskets of gladioli and candalaria completed the arrangements. The dining table, covered with

ception with Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Waltz, aunt of the bride, cut the cake. Mrs. Luther Jayne served at the punch bowl.  
Out-of-town guests at the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. Earl Rogers and son, Earl, Jr., of Owingsville, Mr. and Mrs. Ova Bradley and daughter, Pam, of Lexington, and Mr. and Mrs. George Hageman of Lynchburg, Va.  
Mr. and Mrs. Bradley left after the reception for a short wedding trip.  
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*Former Miss Waters Marries Captain Welles in Florida*  
Mrs. J. Howard Henderson, widow of the late chief of The Courier-Journal Frankfort Bureau, was married at noon Tuesday, to Captain R. C. Welles, U. S. Navy, retired, at Coral Gables, Fla. They were attended by Rear Admiral Richard Tuggle, retired, formerly of Barboursville, and Mrs. Tuggle.  
Captain Welles and his bride left for a wedding trip to New Orleans and the Caribbean. He is a graduate of Yale, a speed-boat enthusiast, and has a business at Jacksonville. He is a native of Hartford, Conn. They will make their home at Fort Lauderdale.  
Henderson died in December, 1945. They had a son, John Henderson, Jr.  
Mrs. Welles is the former Miss Sadie Waters. She is a graduate of Morehead College and a sister of Mrs. Ollie M. Lyon, Jr.  
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**Morehead Lass Rated Best Equitation Rider In United States**  
Any doubts that Miss Eleanor Bruce, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Z. Bruce, is the champion rider in Kentucky and possibly in the entire United States were dispelled at Lexington Sunday, when the talented Morehead girl won the seat, hands and horsemanship class at the Junior League Horse Show.  
This equitation class, sponsored by Baseball Commissioner Albert B. Chandler, attracted the top riders from all over the United States. Miss Bruce, riding Prefect Lady, gave an exhibition that brought prolonged applause from the packed stands at the Junior League Show.  
She is now qualified to show in Madison Square Garden, and expert horsemen from all over the nation predicted that the Morehead lass would carry off top honors at New York in November, if she entered the competition there. This marks the third time that Miss Bruce has won a Madison Square Garden qualifying equitation class.  
She may be seen in action again this week at the Harrodsburg show and in September at the State Fair in Louisville, where she is a great favorite and has been a perennial winner.  
Prior to winning the championship event at Lexington, she placed first in the class for Kentucky riders.  
Miss Bruce's well-trained pony, Midnight Parader, also added to his laurels by winning a blue ribbon in the five-gaited pony class at Lexington. In another performance, Midnight Parader was second.

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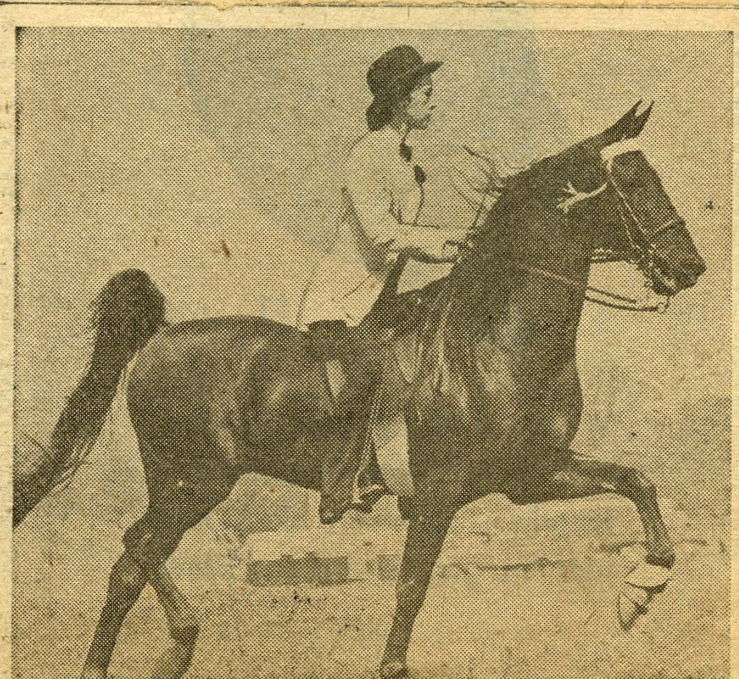
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**Morehead Girl Adds To Laurels In Horse Show Ring**

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She easily won all the equitation classes which she entered at the Harrodsburg show and then made a clean sweep at the Shelbyville Horse Show. She also won the five-gaited pony class at Shelbyville, riding "Midnight Parader." She was astride her fine mare, "Perfect Lady," in the equitation judging.  
Miss Bruce plans to retire from the equitation classes this year. Indications that her successor as the best rider in Kentucky will be a former Morehead girl who received her training here was shown at Shelbyville when Miss Mary Scott Wendell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Wendell, placed second. The Wendells moved to Shelby County last year.

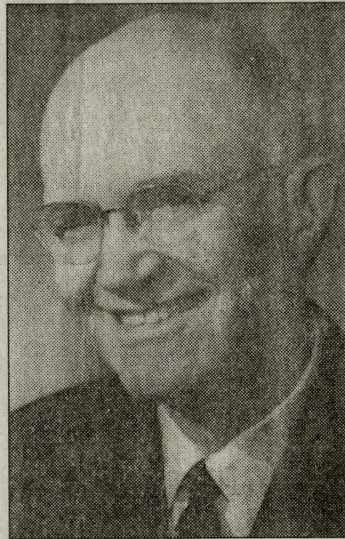
**Son Born to Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Clay**  
A son, James Claude Clay, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Clay Saturday, June 19 at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Lexington. The baby weighed 8 pounds. Mrs. Clay was formerly Miss Maxine Phillips of Lee City.  
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**Son Born to Mr. And Mrs. Walter Hogge**  
According to a telephone call  
... by Mrs. Maggie Hogge.



... at 11 a.m.  
M. Harris, 73.  
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**History** From A-6



**John Palmer, V.P. Lee Clay Co. and President of the Morehead Industrial Foundation, 1948.**

Products Company, and president of the Morehead Industrial Foundation, Inc., announced the signing of a contract with the Cowden Manufacturing Company to establish a garment factory



**President Truman**  
*"Most-admired" man in the world*

in Morehead. That company operated a garment factory that employed between 250 and 300 women during the peak years of their 30+ years in Morehead. Also, that year Mr. Palmer was elected President of the National Clay Pipe Manufacturers' Association at their annual meeting in Chicago.

These were just a few of the important events of 1948.

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**The Morehead Company employed about 250 women. They were located in one of the state's most modern factories on West Main Street, constructed by money subscribed by progressive Moreheadians who in turn leased the building. The company made a top grade dungaree sold all over the nation. This is an interior view in the plant.**

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The "Jeep" workhorse of WW II had many peaceful postwar uses on the MSC campus, 1948.

1948 was a very good year for the Democratic Party, Harry Truman elected president, Kentucky's Alben Barkley his "veep".

## History From D-1

### WW II veterans flocked to Morehead State

Over fifteen hundred from Rowan County served in WW II. In addition, 560 former MSC students served in that conflict. Of those 560, 125 were officers. Sixty Rowan Countians did not return from that conflict that ended in 1945. In 1948 Morehead State College was bursting at the seams with returning veterans. Many of those veterans had families and were serious students. In 1948 the college had an enrollment of 860. There were 498 men and 362 women with 265 veterans of WW II enrolled under the GI Bill. (This writer was one of those veterans.) The GI Bill was one of the greatest pieces of legislation ever enacted by Congress. Many of those in WW II later became national congressmen. At one time there were 262 members of Congress who were veterans of WW II. Surprisingly in 2006 there are still two members who are WW II veterans.

### Low budget but successful athletic program

1948 was not a very good year for Morehead State College's budget. They received only a \$9,000 increase in their budget but were determined to make the best of it (so what else is new.) It was the college's silver anniversary as a state college and it was one of the best-equipped colleges in the nation to handle the new breed of mature students with families.

Most of those veterans were forced into getting an education because they had been in so many places and realized the importance of education. 1948 was a very good year because Sonny

Allen, Morehead College's flashy basketball star led all scorers in Kentucky colleges. (Had the three point shot been available Sonny would have been even more sensational.) That year MSC won their first ever Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletic Championship in baseball. (This writer was a member of that team.) We won the championship in the last game of the season by beating Union College 16-12 by scoring 10 runs after two outs in the last of the ninth inning. The next year the Ohio Valley Conference was formed and Morehead State was a charter member.

In 1948, MSC Football and Basketball Coach Ellis Johnson, who was a member of the 1928 Ashland High School National Championship team (yes, they had National High School Tournaments), was one of four who played against that 1928 Ashland team in a preliminary Morehead State College game with Kentucky Wesleyan. After 20 years, Ellis showed he still had great athletic ability with his passing and shooting. (In 2006 Ellis Johnson, a two sport All-American in the 1930s, at the University of Kentucky, was elected to the Kentucky Athletic Hall of Fame.) Also in 1948 Linus Fair, MSC Registrar was named chairman of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

### Night basketball arrives in Morehead

In 1948 Morehead State College played their first night baseball game in the old Jayne Stadium. It was a contest between the College team and the Halde-man Brickyard Team. This writer played shortstop in

that game. I don't remember the score but I do remember getting hit by a wild pitch. That was a long time before protective helmets were used and now you know what's wrong with me. The lighting was very poor and the poles were actually in the outfield, and if a ball hit a light pole it was an automatic double.

The third annual horse show was held in old Jayne Stadium that year. It was extremely successful in spite of the rain and fog. Mary Frances Barber won the Rowan County Beauty Pageant and represented the county at the state pageant in Louisville. Local lady Eleanor Bruce qualified for the national horse show in Madison Square Garden in New York by winning first place at the Lexington Junior League annual horse show. Yes, 1948 was a very good year in Rowan's 150-year history.

In 1948 a bill was introduced in the legislation by Rowan Senator O.M. Lyon, to create a 15-member Board of Trustees to replace the Board of Trustees at the University of Kentucky and all other state colleges. It was defeated. But it was the beginning of a successful movement to change the governance structure of our state colleges. Governor Earle Clements named a whole new Morehead State College Board of Regents after the previous Board resigned. And that year Morehead State College was re-accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. That brought new life to the college community.