



**CENTENNIAL TIME CAPSULE**

PLACED HERE ON MAY 26, 1995

TO BE OPENED AS

THE

ROWAN COUNTY SESQUICENTENNIAL

IN THE YEAR 2016



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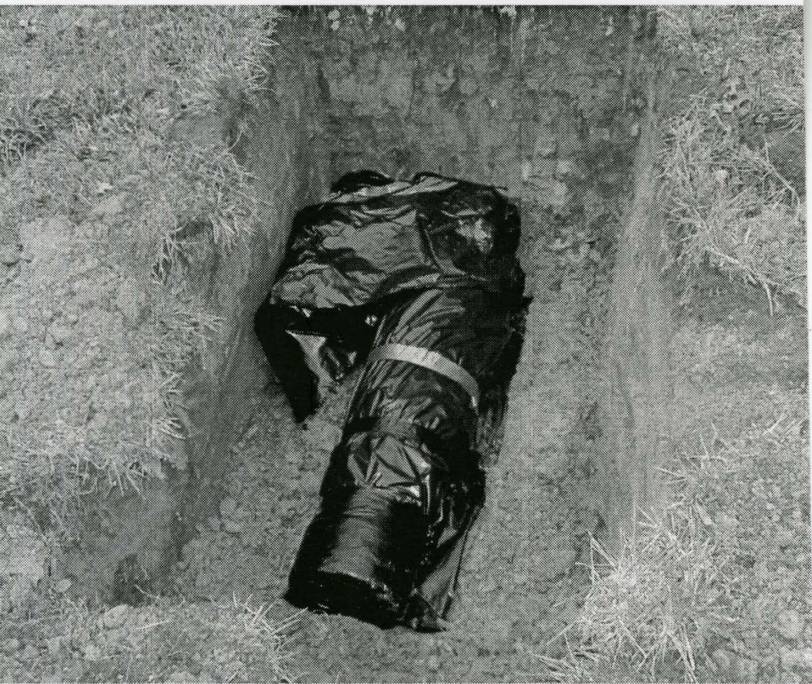
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COUNTY CENTENNIAL

TIME CAPSULE

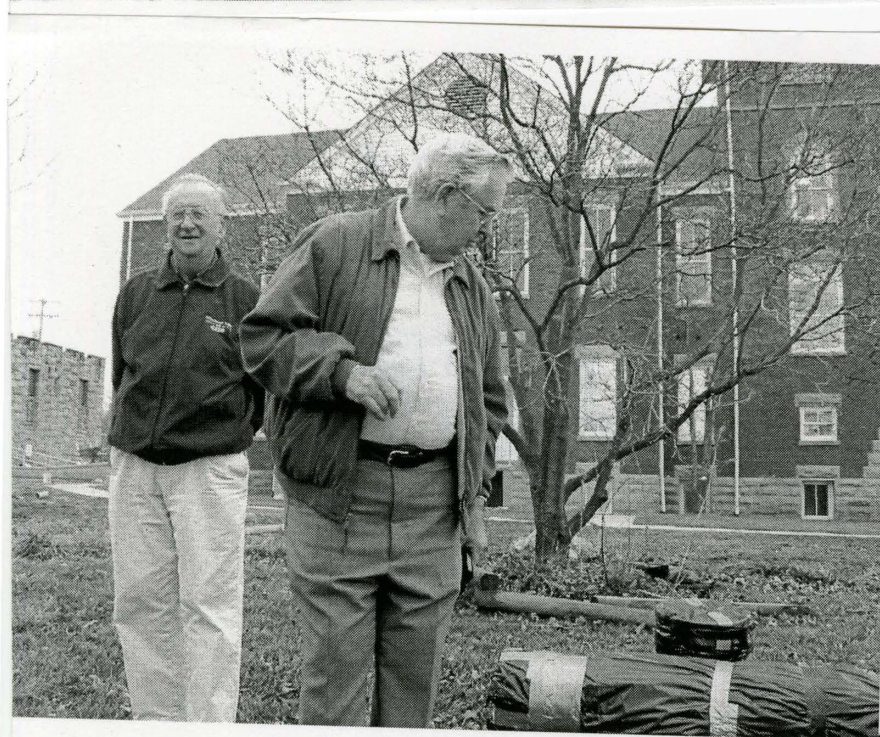
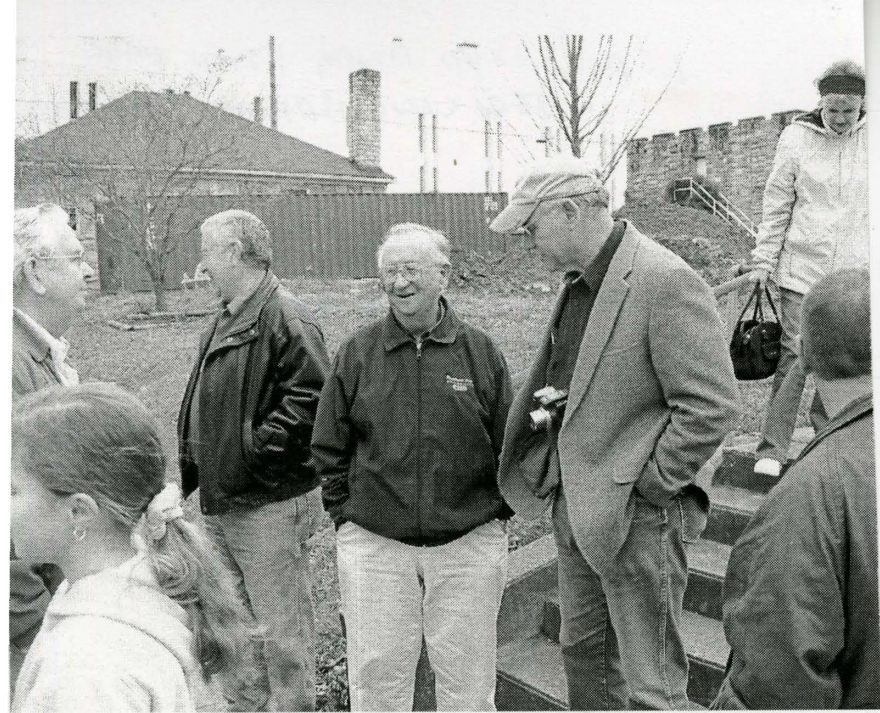
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DIGGING UP THE CENTENNIAL  
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LOCAL PEOPLE VIEW THE  
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**IN THE YEAR 2012**



JACK ELLIS (L)

Lloyd Dean (R)

EXAMINE ROOM 14

CENTENNIAL

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CAPSULE BURIED

IN 1956 -

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Centennial Time  
Capsule  
JACK EHS CENTER  
Old Courthouse lawn  
(West side) 2006

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(2) Helen Williams Brown Public Building  
OPENING OF CENTENNIAL TIME

CAPSULE ON CAMPUS

~~Oct 17, 2006~~

Oct 7, 2006





J ELLIS (4)

HELEN WILLIAMS

TIME CHAPOSLE CEREMONY

~~Oct 24~~

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opening 1956 Time Capsule 2006  
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1858 - 2006 Time Capsule

William Power, \_\_\_\_\_,

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PREMIUM PROCESSING PLUS

1856 - 2006 Time Capsule

\_\_\_\_\_, Elaine White, \_\_\_\_\_

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Opening Time Capsule 1956,  
Library 2006

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Lloyd Dean

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Jack Ellis Morehead College  
yearbook buried 1956 Time Capsule

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1956 Time Capsule  
Jack Ellis  
Janice Ellis  
Lindsay Ellis

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Jack Ellis  
John Barker  
Lloyd Dean  
opening 1956 Time Capsule

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Clyde Thomas  
Jack Ellis  
Time Capsule 1956 in 2006  
Library

opening Time Capsule 2006  
7/1956 Library  
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HELEN WILLIAMS  
TIME CAPSULE OPENING  
2006

Lloyd Dean  
Ellis

2006 TIME  
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OPENING OF CENTENNIAL  
CAPSULE - OCT 2006

1st Row - Kenny Taylor, Janis Ellis  
2nd Row - ? , Clyde + Charlotte Thomas

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(C-12)  
JUDGE CLYDE THOMAS ~~ET~~  
CHARLOTTE THOMAS

MRS DANNY GLOVER  
DANNY GLOVER  
Oct 7, 2006

CENTENNIAL TIME CAPSULE OPENING

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ROWAN COUNTY HISTORICAL  
REPRESENTATIVES AT OPENING  
OF CENTENNIAL TIME CAPSULE  
OCT 7, 2006

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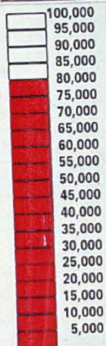


# ROWAN COUNTY VETERANS MEMORIAL WALL

PLEASE HELP HONOR THOSE  
WHO HAVE DONE SO MUCH FOR US!

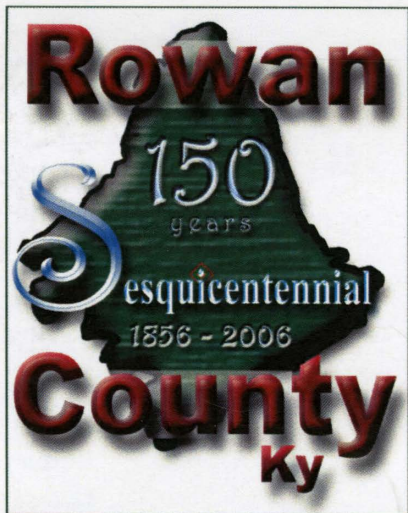
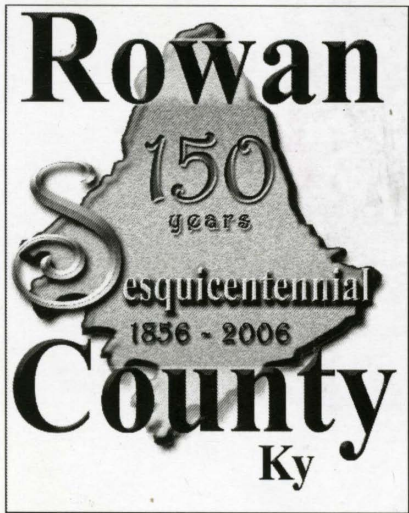
ALL GAVE SOME AND  
SOME GAVE ALL

ROWAN COUNTY VETERANS ASSOCIATION



This Veterans Memorial  
wall is now under  
construction on the  
lawn of the old court  
house. The first un-  
veiling will be  
Saturday Nov 10, 2001.  
At that time only those  
names of men killed  
in action will appear.  
Dedication of the  
completed wall will be  
July 4, 2002.  
photo by John Duff

Now open - called  
Freedom Park



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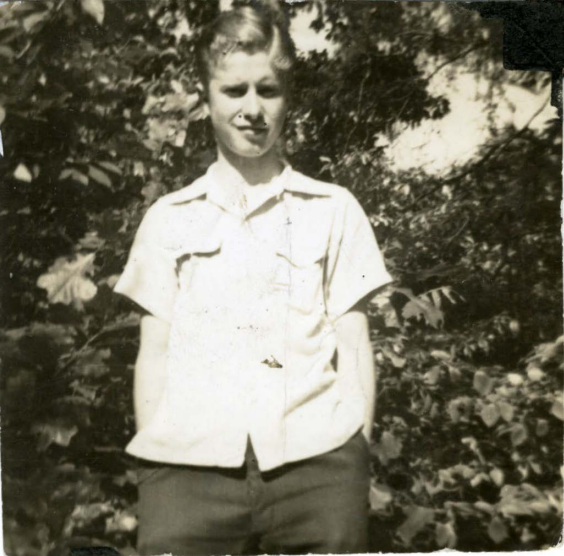


1956

**Centennial Children - First Christian Church**

**(L to R):** Anne Reynolds, Susan Carr

*Candy Williams, Mary Frances Marsh. Kau Patrick, Roy Reynolds*





ALL REGIONAL BASKETBALL STAR  
Bob Holbrook

MOREHEAD HIGH High School  
Graduated 1941



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JACK ELLIS- 12

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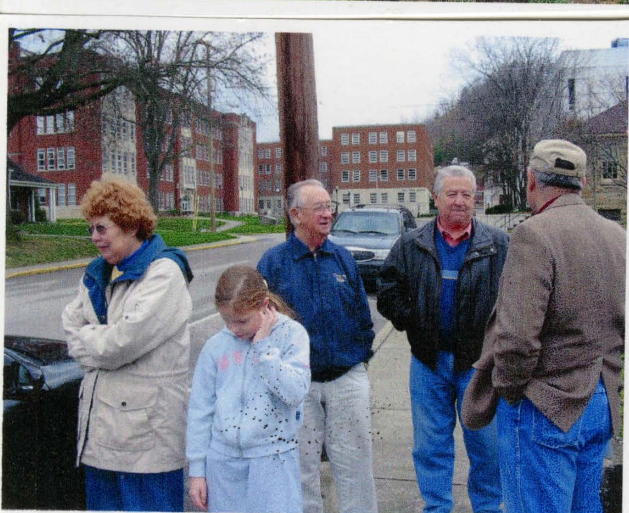
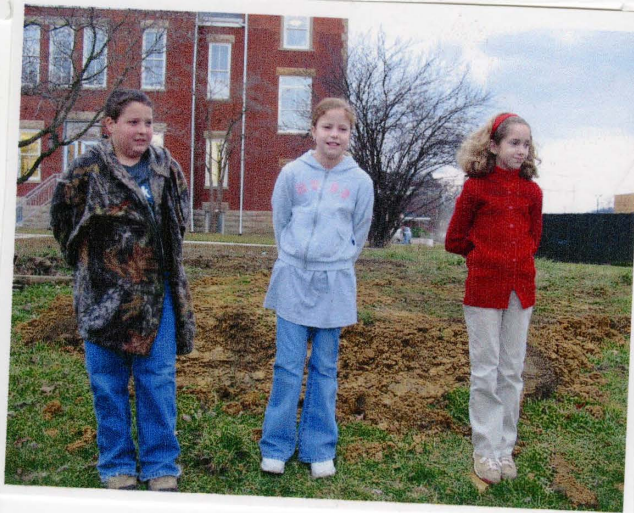
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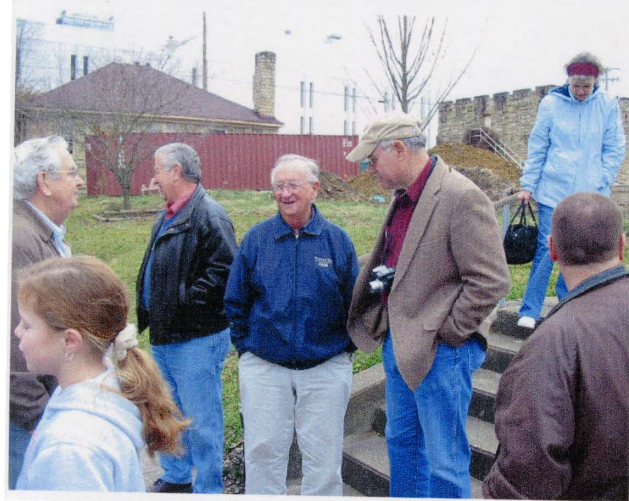
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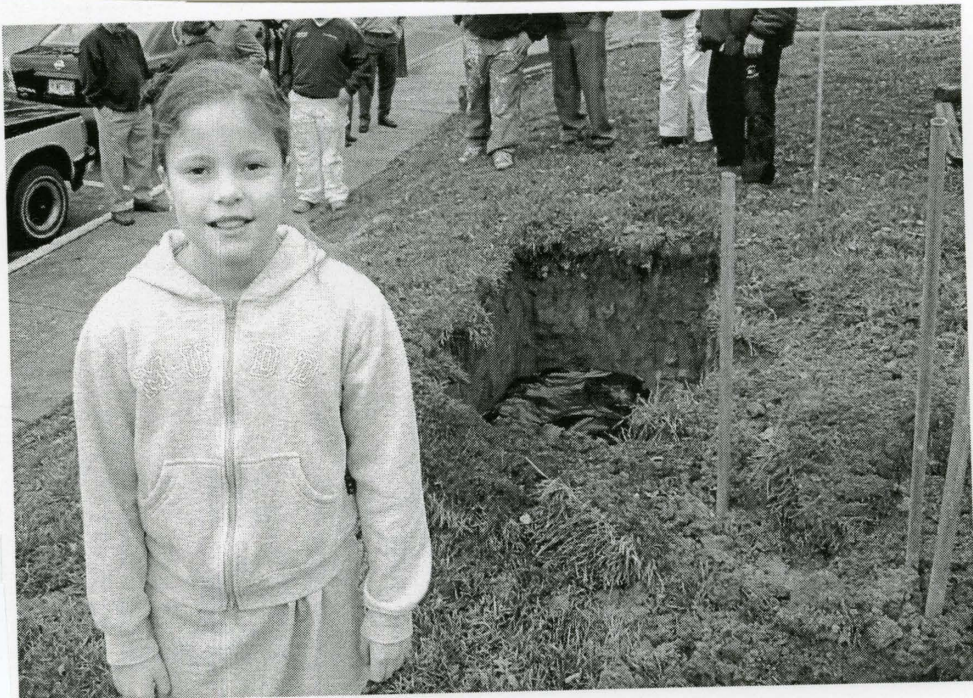
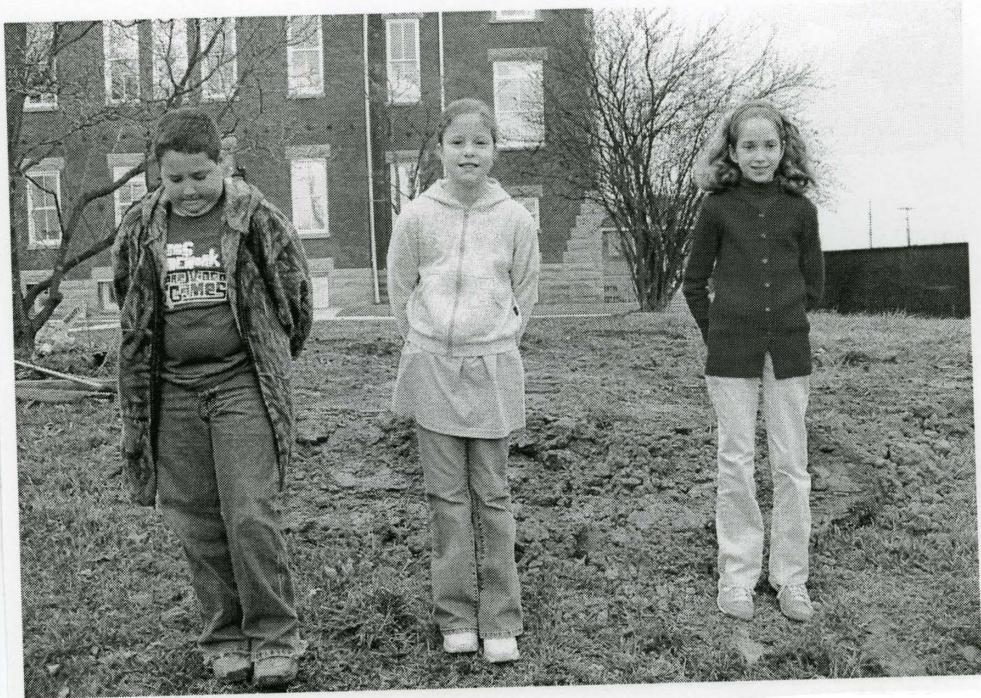










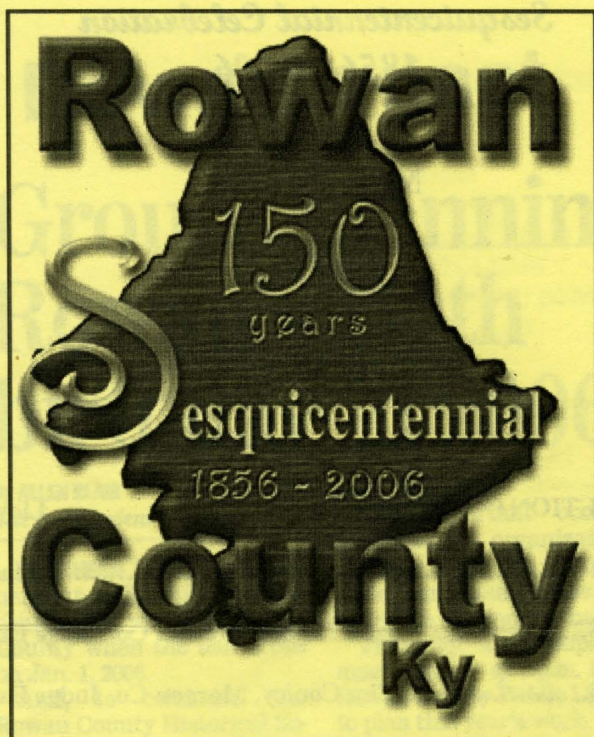








The Rowan County Sesquicentennial of 1856 - 2006 originated with the Rowan County Historical Society several years ago, as reported in Ashland's The Daily Independent on 10/10/04.



*Rowan County  
Sesquicentennial Celebration  
1856 - 2006*

*Harry Bremer*  
*1884-87*

**Rowan County  
Sesquicentennial Celebration  
1856 - 2006**

**May 13, 2006**

**2:00 PM**

**Convention Center**

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS.....Lloyd Dean**

**INVOCATION.....Jack Ellis**

**REMARKS.....Clyde Thomas, Rowan Co. Judge Executive**

**REMARKS.....Tim Conley, Morgan Co. Judge Executive**

**REMARKS.....Brad Collins, Mayor, City of Morehead**

**GOD BLESS AMERICA.....Randy Wells**

**INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER.....Jack Ellis**

**SPEAKER.....Jim Gifford, Jessee Stuart Foundation**

*add by home* *12 years old girl*  
**BENEDICTION.....Don Mantooth**



The Rowan County Sesquicentennial Celebration of 1856 - 2006 originated with the Rowan County Historical Society several years ago, as reported in Ashland's *The Daily Independent* on January 6, 2004:

# Rowan's past Groups planning Rowan's 150th birthday in 2006

By ALLEN BLAIR  
*The Independent*

**MOREHEAD** It will be a banner year, well, really a sesquicentennial year, in Rowan County when the ball drops on Jan. 1, 2006.

And, to celebrate, the Rowan County Historical Society, officials, local historians and others are already planning the 150th birthday party.

"We hope to have something every month of that year," said Lloyd Dean, former society president and chairman of the celebration committee.

"It's going to be a tremendous thing."

Rowan County's official history began in 1856.

That's when the Kentucky legislature created it from parts of Fleming and Morgan counties, making it the commonwealth's 104th county,

Dean said.

The important occasion prompted an organizational meeting with the historical society and countywide organizations last month, he said.

Thursday, the groups will meet again — at 7 p.m. at the Rowan County Public Library to plan this year's work.

A corporation, the Rowan County Sesquicentennial Foundation Inc., also is being formed to coordinate the 2006 activities.

A board of 12 local people, including representatives of tourism agencies, city and county government, businesses and the historical society, has been named.

"We hope to involve every organization (with the sesquicentennial)," Dean said, listing schools, the university, even family reunions.

**ROWAN COUNTY SESQUICENTENNIAL BOARD MEMBERS:**

**Lloyd Dean, Chairman**  
**Terri Cline, Treasurer**  
**Sherry Green, Secretary**  
**Clyde Thomas, County Representative**  
**Brad Collins, City Representative**  
**Matt Collinsworth, M.S.U. Representative**  
**Gary Lewis, Historical Advisor**  
**Willie Roberts, Attorney**  
**Rob McCullough, Press**  
**Philip Lewis, Business Community**  
**Fred Brown, Jr., Business Community**  
**Rodney Hitch, Morehead-Rowan County Chamber**

**For more information, write or call:**

**Lloyd Dean, Chairman**  
**Rowan County Sesquicentennial Committee**  
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OXE CART IN  
ROWAN'S CENTENNIAL  
PARADE 1956

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FAREWELL UNTIL 2056  
BURYING ROWAN COUNTY'S  
SESQUI-CENTENNIAL TIME  
CAPSULE ~~2007~~ ~~2008~~ - 2008  
TO BE OPENED 2056.

LOCATED ON THE LAWN  
OF THE ROWAN COUNTY  
ART CENTER - BEHIND  
THE VETERANS WALL.

L. R. LLOYD DEAN, KEITH PACE  
JACK ELLIS, IN THE HOLE  
JIMMY JACKSON

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# BURYING THE PAST



Tonia Sexton photo

## *Farewell until 2056*

The 1956 time capsule and its contents were buried Saturday along with the 2006 time capsule and will not be revealed again until 2056. The capsule was buried on the lawn of the old courthouse with several people attending the farewell ceremony. Lloyd Dean (left) Dr. Jack Ellis (right), both appointed by the Rowan County Fiscal Court to handle the opening and burial of the time capsule, Keith Pack of Packs, Inc. (center) and Jimmie Jackson (in hole) and member of the Rowan County Historical Society and helped in the burial.







RETIRED MSU PROFESSOR

ALAN LAKE POINTS  
TO LOCATION OF  
ROWAN COUNTY ON  
A WORLD MAP  
PUBLISHED ~~IN~~ 1856  
THE YEAR ROWAN  
WAS ESTABLISHED.

PROFESSOR LAKE DONATED  
THE HISTORIC MAP THAT  
CAN BE SEEN AT THE  
ROWAN PUBLIC LIBRARY



Dr. Jack Ellis;

Just a line to wish you well and that all your expectations come through. With all these activities going on, I know it is very easy to forget some things, such as me. I on some of your talks and meeting people, sure would love for you to have me in mind. If it does come up, here is a list of wooden nickels that I surely would like to enhance my Kentucky collection of some 250 pieces.

Morehead (Rowan County) 1956 - Cent.

5¢ Red, May 25, 1956      5¢ Red June 2, 1956

7½¢ Black Joined Heads      10¢ Blue, print both sides

Olive Hill - 1961      5¢ Black      5¢ Green

5¢ Red      5¢ Blue

Harrison County - 1969 - 175<sup>th</sup>      5¢ Red Aug. 15

5¢ Green Aug. 15      5¢ Brown Aug. 15

Cynthiana - 1969; (I believe correct year)

Bourbon County - 1961 - 175<sup>th</sup>

Grant County - 1970 - 150<sup>th</sup>      5¢ Black Wagon

5¢ Black Man      5¢ Black Buffalo      5¢ Black Indian

Salersville - 1960      5¢ Black Indian Chief

5¢ Red Buffalo      5¢ Green Indian

Mt. Olivet - 1971 - Cent.      5¢ Red

(OVER)



Norman Fletcher

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**Time Capsule Buried by the Centennial Committee  
on May 26, 1956  
on the Campus of Morehead State College**

**Contents of the 1956 Time Capsule  
Opened  
October 21, 2006, 1:30 p.m.  
Rowan County Public Library  
185 East First Street  
Morehead, Kentucky**

**Lloyd Dean, Chairman of the Rowan County Sesquicentennial Committee, and Dr. Jack Ellis, historian and author, carried the capsule into the Rowan County Public Library at 1:30 p.m. on October 21, 2006. Helen Northcutt, President of the Rowan County Public Library Board of Trustees, acted as Secretary. Approximately 50 people attended this exciting event.**

**Jack Ellis, who provided historical information about the documents as they were opened, was 29 years old when he witnessed the time capsule being buried on the lawn of the Johnson Camden Library (now Camden-Carroll). He also witnessed the disinterring of the time capsule on October 7, 2006, at Morehead State University; and today witnessed the opening of the time capsule to reveal its contents hidden for 50 years.**

**As each envelope was opened, contents were described:**

- (1) Attorney James E. Clay on outside wrapper.  
Centennial Edition of the *Rowan County News*.**
- (2) Two issues of *Rowan County News*--July 1, 1954 and May 10, 1956.  
Bulletin of the Inauguration of Dr. Adron Doran, Morehead State College President.  
Copy of *The Trail Blazer*, May 22, 1956 (headline: 85 to get Degrees May 30).  
Typewritten list (plain stationery) of Candidates for Degrees, May 30, 1956.  
MSC Department of Nursing brochure  
MSC brochure, Information about MSC, location, accreditation, degrees, granted, programs, expenses  
MSC brochure, "Education for Business at MSC," Department of Commerce**



**MSC Handbook for Graduate Students, May 1953**

(3) Johnson-Camden Library—Photograph (12 females) and signatures of all staff and student assistants appeared on MSC Johnson-Camden stationery dated May 26, 1956.

A brief typewritten description of the Library was given with the salutation: "To Whom This May Concern in 2056:" Signatures included five librarians and staff: Ione M. Chapman, Librarian; Nona Bess Watson, Cataloger; Marguerite Bishop, Circulation Librarian; Clarica Williams, Training School Librarian; Pauline Canafax, Typist.

(4) Three tickets (\$2.50 each – one reserved seat, one adult general admission, one box seat) to "Within This Valley," a play presented at Jayne Memorial Stadium on May 22 and May 23, 1956.

Popular Rowan County Centennial Promotional Items: Brothers of the Brush pass. Certificate for Brothers of the Brush. Certificate for Sisters of the Switch. Rowan County Centennial Shave Permit Badge. Rowan County Centennial Sisters of the Switch badge. Cosmetic Permit. Centennial Peddler's Permit. Centennial Wooden Nickel.

Photo of 1956 City Officials: William H. Layne, Mayor; James E. Clay, City Manager; George I. Cline, City Attorney; Linus Fair, Jimmy Clay, Leo Oppenheimer, Otto Carr, and Frank Blair, Commissioners.

One Bound Copy of Centennial Publication – *Within This Valley – 1856-1956*.

(5) 1956 Morehead State College *Raconteur*

(6) *Shakespeare Quarterly reprint*, Winter 1956. "Another Masque for the Merry Wives of Windsor" and "Laying the Ghosts in Pericles" by John H. Long, MSU English Department, were in the publication.

A card with this statement was also included: "Mr. Sloan: This is to go in the 'time capsule.'" Signed "Mrs. Breeding" "P.S. This was brought to us by Dr. Long."



(7) Stapled typewritten carbon copies on yellow paper entitled: "Enrollment by Kentucky Counties for Second Semester, 1955-56"; "Classification for Second Semester, 1955-56."

(8) Campus Club 1956 – Summary of Activities "September 22, 1955-May 12, 1956."

Two tickets (\$1.50 each) to Campus Club Dance

New Campus Club officers laminated photo from *The Trail Blazer*

Laminated newspaper article, "The Bell was There to Ring Out Victory" by Billy Joe Hall

Laminated newspaper article, "Campus Club Actions, Traditions Told"

(9) MSC Library Workshop Brochure, July 18-August 6 course listings  
Division of Science and Mathematics 16-page brochure (undated); Fenton T. West, Head

MSC General Catalog, 1955-57

MSC Plan of Buildings and Grounds (4 copies) one-page list of buildings and grounds with schematic location of each

MSC Bulletin of MSC Schedule of Classes, Summer Session, 1956 (2 copies)

Program for Robert J. Breckinridge Commencement Exercises, Tuesday, May 29, 1956, 7:30 p.m.

"Glimpse of Campus Life" featuring Adron and Mignon Doran, Eagles, and other information.

(10) "Proceedings of the Inauguration Adron Doran as Seventh President of Morehead State College" (2 copies)

Order of Exercises for Inauguration Program.

Board of Regents Invitation to Inauguration of Dr. Adron Doran, Friday, October 22, 1954 at two o'clock.

Separate tickets to three events: 1:30 Registration of Official Delegates, Art Gallery, Johnson Camden Library; 2:00 Inaugural Ceremonies, Button Auditorium, Address, Dr. Chester C. Travelstead-- Inaugural Address, President Adron Doran; 4:00 Reception, Johnson Camden Library.



(11) Constitution of *Les Courants*, organized 1955-56, Dr. Wilhelm Exelbirt, Sponsor

(12) MSC High School Day – 1956—each department of the college has one page of text and photos

The Trail Blazer dated October 22, 1954 – Lead story—"Dr. Doran to be Inaugurated as 7<sup>th</sup> President of Morehead at Impressive Ceremonies Friday"

(13) MSC Bulletin – Summer Session. MSC Schedule of Classes, Second Semester, 1955-56

(14) Breck Minstrel Club publications – "Southern Shindig," "Come to Mardi Gras," "South America Take it Away," "The Mid-Century Round-up" and "Across the Rio"

(15) Envelope from Baptist Student Union (BSU) with typewritten note, "Mr. Slone, will you please put this in the time capsule for us. Sibyl" (document reveals on July 1, 1954, Miss Sibyl Bell was employed as director of the BSU activities at MSC)

Plain stationery with this typewritten heading: "May 18, 1956, The Baptist Student Union, Morehead State College, Morehead, Kentucky," a one-page document with brief history of BSU, list of members, and accomplishments.

Morehead-Rowan County Centennial Worship Service Program, Jayne Memorial Stadium, May 30, 1956, 8 p.m.



**Time Capsule Buried by the Centennial Committee  
on May 26, 1956  
on the Campus of Morehead State College**

**Contents of the 1956 Time Capsule  
Opened**

**October 21, 2006, 1:30 p.m.  
Rowan County Public Library  
185 East First Street  
Morehead, Kentucky**

Lloyd Dean, Chairman of the Rowan County Sesquicentennial Committee, and Dr. Jack Ellis, historian and author, carried the capsule into the Rowan County Public Library at 1:30 p.m. on October 21, 2006. Helen Northcutt, President of the Rowan County Public Library Board of Trustees, acted as Secretary. Approximately 50 people attended this exciting event.

Jack Ellis, who provided historical information about the documents as they were opened, was 29 years old when he witnessed the time capsule being buried on the lawn of the Johnson Camden Library (now Camden-Carroll). He also witnessed the disinterring of the time capsule on Oct 7, 2006 at Morehead State University; and today witnessed the opening of the time capsule to reveal contents *hidden for 50 years*.

As each envelope was opened, contents were described:

- (1) Attorney James E. Clay on outside wrapper.  
Centennial Edition of the *Rowan County News*.
- (2) Two issues of *Rowan County News*--July 1, 1954 and May 10, 1956.  
Bulletin of the Inauguration of Dr. Adron Doran, Morehead State College President.  
Copy of *The Trail Blazer*, May 22, 1956 (headline: 85 to get Degrees May 30).  
Typewritten list (plain stationery) of Candidates for Degrees, May 30, 1956.  
MSC Department of Nursing brochure  
MSC brochure, Information about MSC, location, accreditation, degrees, granted, programs, expenses  
MSC brochure, "Education for Business at MSC," Department of Commerce



**MSC Handbook for Graduate Students, May 1953**

(3) Johnson-Camden Library—Photograph (12 females) and signatures of all staff and student assistants appeared on MSC Johnson-Camden stationery dated May 26, 1956.

A brief typewritten description of the Library was given with the salutation: "To Whom This May Concern in 2056:" Signatures included five librarians and staff: Ione M. Chapman, Librarian; Nona Bess Watson, Cataloger; Marguerite Bishop, Circulation Librarian; Clarica Williams, Training School Librarian; Pauline Canafax, Typist.

(4) Three tickets (\$2.50 each – one reserved seat, one adult general admission, one box seat) to "Within This Valley," a play presented at Jayne Memorial Stadium on May 22 and May 23, 1956.

Popular Rowan County Centennial Promotional Items: Brothers of the Brush pass. Certificate for Brothers of the Brush. Certificate for Sisters of the Switch. Rowan County Centennial Shave Permit Badge. Rowan County Centennial Sisters of the Switch badge. Cosmetic Permit. Centennial Peddler's Permit. Centennial Wooden Nickel.

Photo of 1956 City Officials: William H. Layne, Mayor; James E. Clay, City Manager; George I. Cline, City Attorney; Linus Fair, Jimmy Clay, Leo Oppenheimer, Otto Carr, and Frank Blair, Commissioners.

One Bound Copy of Centennial Publication – *Within This Valley – 1856-1956*.

(5) 1956 Morehead State College *Raconteur*

(6) *Shakespeare Quarterly reprint*, Winter 1956. "Another Masque for the Merry Wives of Windsor" and "Laying the Ghosts in Pericles" by John H. Long, MSU English Department, were in the publication.

A card with this statement was also included: "Mr. Sloan: This is to go in the 'time capsule.'" Signed "Mrs. Breeding" "P.S. This was brought to us by Dr. Long."



(7) Stapled typewritten carbon copies on yellow paper entitled: "Enrollment by Kentucky Counties for Second Semester, 1955-56"; "Classification for Second Semester, 1955-56."

(8) Campus Club 1956 – Summary of Activities "September 22, 1955-May 12, 1956."

Two tickets (\$1.50 each) to Campus Club Dance

New Campus Club officers laminated photo from *The Trail Blazer*

Laminated newspaper article, "The Bell was There to Ring Out Victory" by

Billy Joe Hall

Laminated newspaper article, "Campus Club Actions, Traditions Told"

(9) MSC Library Workshop Brochure, July 18-August 6 course listings  
Division of Science and Mathematics 16-page brochure (undated); Fenton T. West, Head

MSC General Catalog, 1955-57

MSC Plan of Buildings and Grounds (4 copies) one-page list of buildings and grounds with schematic location of each

MSC Bulletin of MSC Schedule of Classes, Summer Session, 1956 (2 copies)

Program for Robert J. Breckinridge Commencement Exercises, Tuesday, May 29, 1956, 7:30 p.m.

"Glimpse of Campus Life" featuring Adron and Mignon Doran, Eagles, and other information.

(10) "Proceedings of the Inauguration Adron Doran as Seventh President of Morehead State College" (2 copies)

Order of Exercises for Inauguration Program

Board of Regents Invitation to Inauguration of Dr. Adron Doran, Friday, October 22, 1954 at two o'clock.

Separate tickets to three events: 1:30 Registration of Official Delegates, Art Gallery, Johnson Camden Library; 2:00 Inaugural Ceremonies, Button Auditorium, Address, Dr. Chester C. Travelstead-- Inaugural Address, President Adron Doran; 4:00 Reception, Johnson Camden Library.



(11) Constitution of *Les Courants*, organized 1955-56, Dr. Wilhelm Exelbirt, Sponsor

(12) MSC High School Day – 1956—each department of the college has one page of text and photos

The Trail Blazer dated October 22, 1954 – Lead story—"Dr. Doran to be Inaugurated as 7<sup>th</sup> President of Morehead at Impressive Ceremonies Friday"

(13) MSC Bulletin – Summer Session. MSC Schedule of Classes, Second Semester, 1955-56

(14) Breck Minstrel Club publications – "Southern Shindig," "Come to Mardi Gras," "South America Take it Away," "The Mid-Century Round-up" and "Across the Rio"

(15) Envelope from Baptist Student Union (BSU) with typewritten note, "Mr. Slone, will you please put this in the time capsule for us. Sibyl" (document reveals on July 1, 1954, Miss Sibyl Bell was employed as director of the BSU activities at MSC)

Plain stationery with this typewritten heading: "May 18, 1956, The Baptist Student Union, Morehead State College, Morehead, Kentucky," a one-page document with brief history of BSU, list of members, and accomplishments.

Morehead-Rowan County Centennial Worship Service Program, Jayne Memorial Stadium, May 30, 1956, 8 p.m.



... love hog jowls, blackeyed peas and corn bread, at least that's what their certificates as members of Brothers of the Brush and Sisters of the Swish indicate. Left to right in Centennial regalia are Virgil Davis, Virginia Anglin, Joyce Brown and Fred Wing.

# Time Capsule Will Be Placed On Campus As Part Of C'tennial

Morehead State College Homecoming Day on Saturday of Centennial Week, will climax the seven-day celebration with a full day's schedule of events. Included will be a grand parade, Centennial Time Capsule ceremonies, pre-pageant entertainment by the college band and chorus, and the Centennial Queen's Ball.

The Homecoming Day will be of special interest to friends and former students of the college who will register on the campus near the Administration Building beginning at 9 a. m. The college will observe Open House and conduct guided tours from 10 to 12 o'clock. Friends of the college may have luncheon together at the college cafeteria which will open at noon.

A Grand Parade of all units of previous Centennial parades is set for 2 p. m. Dr. Adron Doran, president of Morehead State College, will preside at the Centennial Time Capsule ceremonies on the campus near the Library at 3 p. m.

At 7:30 p. m. the college band and orchestra will present a 30-minute program preceding the final performance of the pageant, "Within This Valley," at Jayne Memorial Stadium. The band is directed by Larry Zingale and the chorus by Music Department head, Milton Moore. The Centennial Queen's Ball will be held at 9:30 p. m. in the college gymnasium. Music will be by Jim Andy Caudill's orchestra, and tickets are priced at three dollars per couple. Final showing of the Fireworks Display at Jayne Stadium will be at 10:00 p. m.

According to Dean Roger L. Wilson, the college's Centennial representative, the Time Capsule is a project of the Centennial Committee with the cooperation of the college. A container filled with documents and photographs depicting contemporary life of the city, county and college will be buried in a concrete vault near the Johnson Camden Library.

Included in the Capsule will be a copy of the Centennial Edition of the Rowan County News, a current college catalogue, a roster of the present city council,

information about the college library and student organizations, blueprints of present city and college territory and photographs of contemporary buildings and landmarks within the county.

A plaque identifying the time capsule will be placed at ground level over the vault, Dean Wilson said. The legend will include instructions for the opening of the capsule during the county's sesquicentennial or bicentennial year. Location of the vault was determined by the Centennial Committee, which considered the spot the least likely to be disturbed.

## Journalism, Publicity Man Named

Mr. Ray Hornback has been officially appointed Instructor in Journalism and Director of Publicity and Publications, Dr. Adron Doran announced today. Mr. Hornback will assume sponsorship of The Trail Blazer among other duties, relieving Dr. Norman Tant who has filled in for two years subsequent to the resignation of Dr. N. B. McMillian.

Mr. Hornback is among the June graduates from the University of Kentucky with a journalism major. He is presently managing editor of The Kernel, the student newspaper at the university. He has also been employed by the Associated Press under Mr. Ed Easterly who is now the Governor's press secretary.

A graduate of Okalona High School in Jefferson County, Mr. Hornback brings a newspaper background to his new job. His father is head of the advertising department of the Louisville Courier-Journal.

"We have heard only the finest of things from everyone concerning Ray," Dr. Doran commented in discussing his appointment.

## Week-Long County Celebration Now Underway Here

A score of bands—fireworks—marching units—floats—contests—dances—displays—a midway—special entertainment—dignitaries—thousands of visitors.

These and many, many other features are highlighting the greatest event in the history of Morehead and Rowan County during Centennial Week.

The mammoth observance started Sunday with prayer in all churches followed by 'Faith of Our Fathers' religious observance in Jayne Stadium Sunday evening at 7:30. Dr. James DeWeered, Pastor of Cadle Tabernacle, Indianapolis, was the Sunday evening speaker. A massed choir, representing all churches provided the music.

From solemnity the Centennial changed yesterday into a fun-making week of almost-around-the-clock activity. Gov. Chandler and around 20 members of his Cabinet were present for yesterday afternoon's parade. Later the Governor held Open House, followed by an invitational dinner in the college cafeteria.

The pageant, "Within This Valley", opened last night and will be given each evening at 7:30 in Jayne Memorial Stadium. The Centennial Queen was crowned on opening night.

Tuesday is Youth and Young America Day; Wednesday is Fireman and Forestry Day; Thursday is Rowan County Day; Friday is Homecoming Day; and Saturday is Morehead State College Day.

Elaborate programs have been arranged for each day.

Here are some of the in-between activities: Midway Amusements open each day; festivities for the Queen and her Court; scores of window displays; specialty acts; fireworks at the pageant with the shooting of an atomic bomb; pioneer mother crowning; street dances; square dances; fire fighting demonstrations; industrial and farming displays and exhibitions; special tours of Morehead College campus; coon drag; kangaroo court sessions; and style shows.

In addition Morehead homes will be the scene of hundreds of parties, dinners and entertainment.

gram Law, he said.

## Mr. Denver Sloan Has New Status

Mr. Denver Sloan, Director of Publications and School Relations, will enter new duties with a change of status at Morehead State College effective September 1. His new title will be Assistant Professor of Education, Director of Graduate Instruction.

Mr. Sloan, who came to Morehead in September of 1954, to get his Ed.D. degree from University of Kentucky in August. He has completed all college and residence requirements lacks only the last chapter of dissertation. His field is educational administration.

## Summer Term Professors Announced

By Betty Cooper

Five visiting instructors have been appointed to the college faculty for this summer, it was announced by Dean Warren C. Pin.

Three of the visiting instructors will teach in the Education Department. Warren Robb, field supervisor with the State Foundation program in rural education, sponsored by Berea College, will offer a course "Teaching in the Small Rural School". Leroy Dorsey, principal of Fleming County High School will teach "Human Growth and Development" and "Fundamentals of Elementary Education" course in "Supervision" will be taught by William P. Eidson, the Ashland City School system.

Mrs. Katie Lou Byrd, commerce instructor at East Central Junior College in Decatur, Mo. will teach in the Commerce Department.

Miss Virginia Smith, a consultant in elementary education the John C. Winston Publishing Co., will teach "Science for Elementary Teacher" in the Division of Science and Mathematics.

## Sloan Was Speaker

Eighth grade commencement speaker at Vanceburg School Friday evening was Denver Sloan, college staff member.



**MOREHEAD MEMORIES: PEOPLE & PLACES  
1856-2006: ROWAN IS 150 YEARS OLD  
LOOKING BACKWARD WITH PRIDE: FORWARD WITH HOPE  
BY**

**JACK D. ELLIS**

"THIS DAY SHALL BE FOR YOU A MEMORIAL" (EX. 12:14)

This year Rowan County will celebrate its sesquicentennial birthday with events scheduled throughout the year. A 12-member Sesquicentennial Board has been established with Lloyd Dean, chair; Teri Cline, treasurer, and Sherry Green, secretary. This impressive group along with the Rowan County Historical Society, city and county government officials, schools, clubs, businesses, churches, medical, legal, veterans and university community, as well as most citizens are all making plans to make this the biggest birthday bash in our history. (The Centennial Celebration was said to be the biggest at that time.)

Certainly a birthday should be a time of celebrating past events as well as looking hopefully into the future. We live in the present and anticipate the future based upon our knowledge of the past. By reaching deep into our past we try to understand those people and events that shape our lives. In reaching into the past and trying to understand those who have gone before us, by studying their character, sensing their spirit, sympathizing with their suffering and savoring their success, we are better able to understand the present as we look forward into the future.

The late Dr. Thomas D. Clark, Kentucky's renown historian, wrote in his introduction to my book, Kentucky Memories - Reflections of Rowan County, "Literally



scores of people have contributed both positively and negatively to the history of this community (Rowan County), and each of their acts should remain as a record of their presence and activities. In the same way every important human act documenting the past should be passed on to future generations as a foundation for its presence and actions." This is exactly what so many people in this county will be doing this year as we look backward with pride and forward with hope.

Our own Kentucky Folk Art Center on First Street in Morehead has already put together a magnificent display of prints, photos, artwork and memorabilia documenting the 150 year history of Rowan County. **It is an excellent exhibit everyone should see and it is free! Do not miss it!**

### **ROWAN'S 100<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY BASH A BIG ONE**

In 1956, Rowan's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, there were many events scheduled throughout the year. There were marching bands, fireworks, floats, contests, dances, displays, a midway, dignitaries, special entertainment, and thousands of visitors. Those many, many other events highlighted the greatest year in the history of Morehead and Rowan County. Those many activities opened on Sunday <sup>morning</sup> with people in all churches followed by a Faith of Our Fathers<sup>11</sup> religious observance in Jayne Stadium Sunday evening. The speaker was Dr. James DeWeered, a radio evangelist of his day. A massive choir representing all churches provided the music.



The next week the mood moved from faith to fun with almost around the clock activities beginning with Governor Chandler and 20 members of his cabinet present for a parade and open house. Later a pageant entitled "Within <sup>This</sup> The Valley" ran for several nights at Jayne Stadium.

There were many special days throughout the year including Youth and Young American Day, Firemen and Forestry Day, Rowan County Homecoming Day, and Morehead State College Day. Elaborate programs were conducted celebrating the history of these groups. Also, included in the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday bash were what was called "In Between Activities," e.g. midway amusements; festive activities for the centennial queen and her court; scores of window displays; specialty acts; fireworks at the pageant including shooting of an "atomic bomb"; crowning of a pioneer mother; street dances; square dances; fire fighting demonstrations; industrial and agricultural exhibition; special tours of Morehead College campus; coon drag; kangaroo court sessions by the legal community; and style shows. In addition, hundreds of Morehead homes held private parties, dinners and entertainment.

*BROTHERS OF THE BRUSH - SISTERS OF THE SWISH*  
Rowan County men celebrated the centennial celebration in 1956 by joining the Brothers of the Brush. Women joined the Sisters of the Swish. Each received certificates saying <sup>//</sup> they had a high regard for black eyed peas, turnip greens, hog jowl, sow belly, pot licker, grits and chitlins. <sup>//</sup> The men acknowledged they would enter into the revered Kentucky custom of beard cultivation. The women acknowledged they would



follow the revered Kentucky custom of bustles and staves. Both men and women agreed to <sup>stand</sup> start whenever they heard "My Old Kentucky Home." Those not following those regulations were brought before a kangaroo court and many were placed in stocks.

### **CENTENNIAL TIME CAPSULE CONTENTS**

A major event of every historical celebration is the burial of a time capsule to be opened at a future date. That was especially true for Rowan's Centennial Celebration. In 1956, this writer happened to be a student at MSC working on my certification for Library Science. I was coming out of the Johnson Camden Library and witnessed the burial ceremony of the Centennial Time Capsule. (I really had no idea I would ever be around when it was to be opened.)

The ceremony began at 3:00 p.m. May 28, 1956 with MSC President Adron Doran presiding and Steve Hamilton, MSC College Student Council president, and later a renowned professional major league baseball player and NBA basketball star, as well as later becoming MSU Athletic Director, doing the honors. According to Dean Roger Wilson, the college's centennial representative on the Centennial Committee, the capsule was a project of the Centennial Committee with the cooperation of the college. The vault was filled with documents and photographs depicting contemporary life in the city, county, and college in 1956. It was buried in front of the College Library because the Centennial Committee considered that spot the least likely place to be disturbed.



However, later on when the Carroll Library Tower, the Caudill-Little Bell Tower and the concrete outdoor patio were constructed, because of having to re-route portions of the underground utilities tunnel, it could have very well been lost. But thanks to the conscientious university administration, the time capsule was preserved.

The instructions on the time capsule clearly state <sup>"</sup>Centennial <sup>"</sup>Time Capsule<sup>"</sup> placed here May 26, 1956, to be opened at the Rowan County sesquicentennial in the year of 2006. Included in the time capsule are such items as a centennial edition of the Rowan County News, current college catalog, city council roster, information about the college Library and student organizations, blueprints of city and college territory, photographs of contemporary buildings and landmarks within the county. The Sesquicentennial Committee will present plans for opening the valued vault sometime in 2006.

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Time capsules capture a moment in time in the history of a family, a community, a state, the country, the world or even some group or segment of society. Time capsules are tucked away with items preserved for some future generation to open long after all of those who put it together have passed from this existence. They offer a unique glimpse into that segment of time. They give us some look at what was happening in that period of time. Politics of the era, turmoil, the celebrations and the joys of the time are often found in the newspapers, magazines and letters and essays that were placed in the capsule. In more recent times, items have gone into time capsules that show the technology of the times and leave us to wonder if those who find the items will even know what to do with them or understand how they operate.

As we prepare for the celebration of Newton Falls' Bicentennial, we have discussed doing a time capsule. We know that there is a time capsule in existence that was done in 1976, the year of the United States Bicentennial celebration. That time capsule is not slated to be opened until the 2076 at our nation's tri-centennial. There are items that are placed in that time capsule that were the latest innovations for that time and even the children who placed the items there wondered the same thing.

Discussions have come about in how do we determine what will go in the time capsule, what if we get too many items, how will we choose? But part of deciding what to put into the time capsule is to remember the purpose of the time capsule. We are asking individuals to think about what you might like to see placed in our bicentennial time capsule. Keep in mind that we are limited in the size number of items going into the time capsule. Some items will be easy to determine, items like newspapers from that weekend, envelopes with the bicentennial stamp that will be the last one to be cancelled with the cancellation stamp for each day. Other items may be harder to determine. Some items will be unique to the individual who will ask to place the time in the time capsule, some items will have a meaning for all of us and to those who find them.

The Bicentennial Committee passed a resolution to do a time capsule to be opened in 100 years from now on the City of Newton Falls Tricentennial. It will be sealed on December 31st, 2006 at a time to be determined and will be the last official act of the Bicentennial Committee. It will be done in a way to reflect the entire Bicentennial year. It will include letters from the members of the Bicentennial Committee, telling those in the future something about each of the members and why they became involved in the committee. We hope to have items from the many organizations and businesses in town. If you have an item that you would like to place in the Time Capsule, please contact Sara Davison at 330-766-3449 or 330-872-6022, or Zane Stowe at 330-766-3450 or 330-872-7782.



This is the year 2006, and in Rowan County, it is the cause to celebrate the 150 years since Rowan County was formed. The question comes up, "What was the world like in 1856?" Well, Franklin Pierce was President of the United States, and there were still unexplored areas in the West. In the Rowan County Library is a map published in 1856 that shows the world into which Rowan County was born in great detail. This map with a size of six feet by six feet contains an encyclopedia of information about the time.

The map contains the existing states as well as the territories from which many of our present states would eventually come. The map is amazingly accurate considering the techniques available at the time for determining the places shown on the map.

One of the provisions of the map is to show the areas where each of the known Indian tribes were living, and into what areas they extended.

Besides North and Central America, the entire world is shown in both global and extended projection. Hawaii is shown, but called by the name then in use: the Sandwich Islands.

Instead of Canada being the large country to our north, the great area was called British America. There was a small area that was called Western Canada and another small area called Eastern Canada, but the huge area now known as Canada did not exist when this county came into existence.

There are several lists of information giving distances from place to place as travel could then be followed, as well as rivers and canals. Probably the most interesting list for us today, is the list of every county in the United States together with the population as known by the census of 1850.

One of the interesting items to be omitted is the location of highways. Highways as we know them were not in existence when the map was made. Travel was an entirely different mode at that time.

So if you are interested in the emergence of Rowan County as a unique place on earth, you need to see the map that can show you what was present as Rowan County began. It seems that is the logic of celebrating a sesquicentennial.

*Clubsville Rowan County*

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MORE HAND NO MORE! People's Place

"GOOD TEACHING IS WITH YOU IN ALL THAT YOU DO" (GEN. 22:11)  
On Saturday May 13 2000, at the new <sup>James D. F.</sup> ~~Rowan County~~ <sup>121</sup> Convention Center  
the first of several activities was held celebrating Rowan County's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday.  
That was a busy day in our community and many could not be  
there for that celebration. Therefore I am writing words to share with you the  
following.

I'm proud to share this important day with you, and I thank Lloyd

~~speech at that meeting as he pointed with pride to the past while~~  
Dean for inviting me, Jack Ellis for his kind introduction, and all of you for  
offering a challenging hope for the future; ~~for being the CEO~~  
attending.

~~and Senior Editor of the News-Sun & Foundation in Rowan Co. KY.~~

~~as our History Editor~~  
Today we are celebrating Rowan County's Sesquicentennial—the

county's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday. It is the right time to reflect on the county's prideful  
past, because the past is secure and will richly repay our examinations. It is  
also the perfect time to reflect on Rowan County's future. If the past is  
secure, then the future is insecure and that's the way many of you feel about  
it—insecure.

### WE ARE ALL TEACHERS

Why? Because you are not completely confident that your children  
and grandchildren have the courage, the strength of character, and the work  
ethic necessary to continue the great work that you have <sup>already accomplished.</sup> ~~done here.~~ And  
that's not an indictment of young people, <sup>just</sup> it is simply a concern, ~~and~~ those of  
you who have contributed to society with your hard work and public  
responsibility have earned the right to be concerned. In general terms, that  
concern and how to deal with it is the subject of my brief remarks today.



When I look out across this sea of faces, *you are the audience* I see America's greatness. I see men and women who fought wars, built homes, and raised children. I see magnificent people who have given everything to make Morehead a great community and Rowan County a great county.

I also see people who are great teachers. Right now some of you are thinking, "I'm not a teacher," and that's not true. You are all teachers because you teach by example. Your children, grandchildren, and friends look at your example when they face crises and attempt to solve problems. Jesse Stuart once wrote that "good teaching is forever and the teacher is immortal" and that applies to every person here today. What you teach through your example becomes immortalized in the people who follow your example.

And when you think about it that way, it helps you, ~~I think~~, to see the enormous importance of each person's life and each person's example.



## WINNING WARS NOT ENOUGH

You and your ancestors fought and won wars to preserve America's freedom. But the greatest fight is still ahead of you. You have won the wars and today I challenge you to win the peace.

What does that mean? It means you have to build a community that represents the things you fought for as soldiers and fought for as citizens.

And that is going to be a struggle friends, because America is eroding! America is eroding! Our great country is more threatened by internal weaknesses than by any outside threat. And that's a problem that can only be solved one citizen at a time, one home at a time, <sup>and</sup> one community at a time. Saving America is not someone else's job!

## SCHOOLS REFLECT SOCIETY

Let me give you an example of the societal deterioration that I'm talking about: In the 1940s, according to CBS News Reports, the top seven school problems were: talking out of turn, chewing gum, making noise, running in the halls, cutting line, dress code infractions, and littering. In the 1980s, the seven major school problems were: drug abuse, alcohol abuse, pregnancy, suicide, rape, robbery, and assault. The last 25 years have certainly seen no improvement.



Let me be quick to say this is not a criticism of our schools. It is a comment on the society that created those schools. Schools do not exist apart from society. They are, like most other institutions, mirror images of society. And when we look in this mirror we see today's world -- a society that we created -- and <sup>a society</sup> that we must change for the better.

DO YOU LOVE YOUR COUNTRY AS MUCH AS YOU LOVE YOUR COUNTRY?

I know you love your country and I know you love your hometown.

So I'm going to whisper a little platitude that you may have heard from your spouse at one time or another: Love is not something you say; it's something you do.

TEACH THE CHILDREN THE FUTURE

Briefly I want to suggest five things that you, as individuals, can **do** in the privacy of your homes and in your capacity as everyday citizens that will combat the national problems we face and help to insure the preservation of your personal legacy, too.

1. Teach your children and grandchildren to enjoy reading.

Functional literacy is not enough. Teach them to love reading.



It will make them wiser and calmer. You must teach them with your example.

2. Teach your children and grandchildren to work. There is a dignity to work that ~~that~~ only workers can understand. America is obsessed with and addicted to entertainment. You must teach the people who look to you for guidance how to work...and the value of work. There's only one way to do that. Work with them.

3. Teach your children and grandchildren to live within their means. Children must learn the difference between wants and needs.

4. Teach your children and grandchildren to obey the law. Criminal behavior is epidemic in America today...You must set a good example and you must create an expectation in your community that law enforcement officers will enforce the law and that citizens will obey the law.



5. Teach your children and grandchildren to love God, and to follow his commandments. Teach them with your example.

Jesse Stuart once said, "We've lost something we've got to get back; Not the one-room schoolhouse, but the spirit of the one-room schoolhouse." I know that spirit exists in the hearts and minds of the people who are here today and I know you can focus it on today's problems. If we work together to solve today's problems, we cannot fail. If we do not work together, we cannot succeed. *My sincere hope this year will be and brighter* I hope today is the beginning of a better future for Rowan County. Good luck my friends. The challenges ahead are great, but so are the rewards. Happy Birthday Rowan County. May you have 150 more.

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*Rowan County  
Sesquicentennial Celebration  
1856 - 2006*

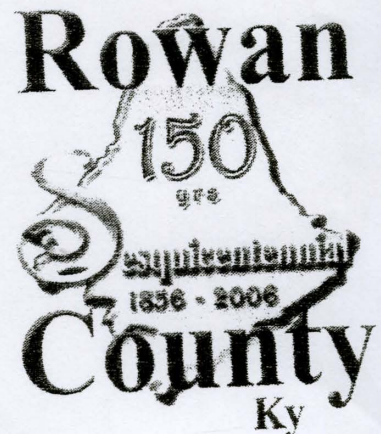
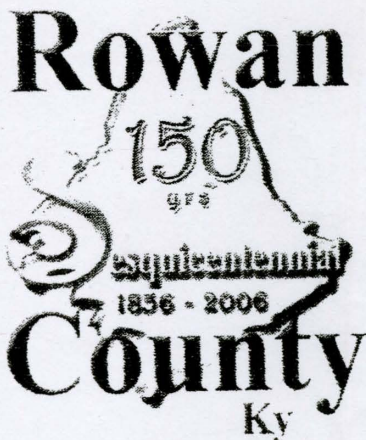
1956<sup>s</sup> vehicles needed for Parade

Rowan Countys 150th year Sesquicentennial Parade will be held in Morehead December 2 starting at 1 P.M.

All 1956 cars and trucks that are still in use in Rowan County <sup>are</sup> invited to participate. They will be placed in line together to give honor to Rowan Countys Centennial Parade which was held in 1956.

To register in the parade, contact Rodney Hitch or Carrie Lawson at 784-5874, Tracy Williams at the chamber of commerce, 784-6221 or Lloyd Dean 784-9145 before November 24.

Lloyd Dean, Chairman  
Sesq. Committee





There is a map in Rowan County that could very well be an  
 opened in time capsule buried in 1856 - before Rowan  
 became a County. It clearly shows the world as it  
 existed in the year Rowan was created. The map contains  
 28 states that made up the United States of America in 1856.  
 It also shows the territories that made up the Commonwealth  
 of Kentucky and gives the population of every County in  
 America in 1856.

1856 Ky 37, 680 Souther - Pop 982,405.  
 The map was published by Augustus Mitchell and shows  
 the US, Canada, North American Provinces,  
 Sandwich Islands (aka Hawaiian), Mexico, Cuba and  
 West Indies. It includes longitudes and latitudes.

It shows steam boats, all manner of ~~ships~~ also  
 railroads completed or under construction. It shows  
 Railroads completed from Ky to Mt Sterling - and under  
 construction from Mt Sterling to W. Va border.  
 Shows Canal Port in Shepherdstown of Fairbairn, Steam  
 ship and plenty sailing the Fall - winter with a  
 dredge.

Cleaveland Board - Illustration  
 Flemington, Overquell W. Kent no Duplet or Mermaid

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Swilley, Shaffer  
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PST work

2 months  
 11/18/19

Swilley



MITCHELLS NEW NATION  
 EXHIBIT 3  
 NORTH AMERICAN  
 SOUTH AMERICAN  
 CENTRAL AMERICAN  
 MEXICAN

Heights of mountains - 45 - mt Brown 15,800 ft  
 Grandfather mt N.C. 5560  
 Long's Peak CO. 15,400

Length of river from 38 mi  
 Ohio 1,000 miles from 2500 mi. 3,000  
 Susquehanna 350

LYNN ROUTES

NY TO WASHINGTON via Philadelphia 946  
 Louisville via Denkin 994

ST LOUIS TO OREGON CITY 24496

FROM PHILADELPHIA TO WASHINGTON

VIA PITTSBURGH TO INDIANAPOLIS - 860  
 VIA CINCINNATI TO INDIANAPOLIS - 963  
 VIA STAMPSVILLE CINCINNATI - 796

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Molai, Oahu, Kauai, Hawaii 1851 census

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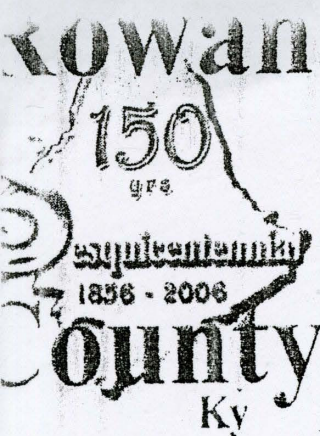
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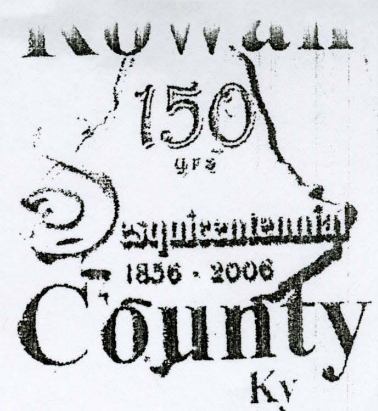
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Rowan County  
Sesquicentennial Celebration  
1856 - 2006



SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION MEETING SET

The Rowan County Sesquicentennial Celebration Committee will hold its quarterly meeting July 13th at 2 P.M. at the Chamber of Commerce in the old Depot.

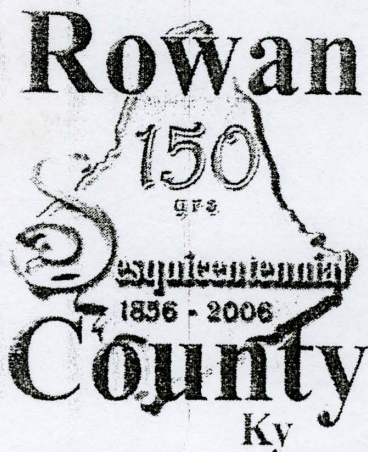
The three main topics to be discussed is the opening of the 100 year Time Capsule which was buried in 1956 at the University, the burving of time capsules by businesses, churches, schools and organizations this fall, and the 150th year Sesquicentennial Parade which will be held in Morehead this fall.

All organizations are asked to send a representative to the meeting.

The programs and celebrations are expected to go through December 31, 2006 to round out Rowan Countys 150 years.

For more information, call or write Lloyd Dean, 6770 U.S.60 East, Morehead, Kentucky 40351 or 784-9145

Lloyd - Rob  
Tom -



*Lloyd Dean*  
Lloyd Dean, Chairman  
Rowan County Sesa. Committee  
784-9145

*Parade 3 Sat Sept 16 10:00am*

*Next Meeting Sept 7, 7:00 - THURSDAY*

*Regular meeting - Oct 7-9 DEC 14 2:00 THURSDAY*

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Oct 15 - 30*



seeds of conflict for many years. One battle was fought in Rowan County near Bluestone. But Morehead was held hostage on two different occasions, and the Courthouse was burned in 1863.

- 1869 (8) Morehead was officially incorporated as a city with a mayor and council form of government.
- 1871 (10) Although a bond issue of 25,000 dollars to help in construction of a railroad through Rowan County had been rejected by Rowan voters, a railroad did open up through Rowan County. The Elizabethtown-Lexington Railroad connected with the Eastern Kentucky and big Sandy Railroad opening up Rowan to the east and west. It made Morehead one of the early railroad towns in Kentucky.
- 1884 (10) Beginning of the Rowan County War (Tolliver-Martin Feud). That Feud ran rampant through the region for three years. Morehead was considered a lawless town without courts, schools, judges and churches. The town was held hostage for a time by one faction of the feud and many citizens moved away to escape the violence. During that period there were 22 killed and many wounded. A plea was issued for missionaries.
- 1887 (10) The feud ended and Morehead Normal School opened under the sponsorship of the Disciples of Christ Missionary Society. Frank Button and his mother became the first principal and teacher. One pupil showed up the first day but the school grew rapidly and soon acquired 50 acres for new building expansion.
- 1898 (8) A beautiful Courthouse opened which heralded a new era for Rowan County government. It is being restored to its original <sup>grandeur</sup> ~~grander~~ in 2006 as the Rowan County Arts Center.



- 1900 (10) A company was formed in Clearfield, Pennsylvania, and stock issued in New Jersey. A.W. Lee and John W. Wrigley were the principle owners. Out of that company came the Morehead North Fork Railroad, Clearfield Lumber Company, Lee Coal Company, Lee Clay Products Company, a town, and a post office known <sup>as</sup> Clearfield, Kentucky.
- 1906 (10) Articles of Incorporation were issued for a corporation called the Kentucky Fire Brick Company, located in Rowan County, Kentucky. Principle stock holders were Lunciford Pitt Haldeman, Grace Haldeman and J.B. Hammond. Out of that company came a firebrick factory, a town, and a post office known as Haldeman, Kentucky.
- 1911 (7) Cora Wilson Stewart, Rowan County Superintendent of Schools, opened the county rural schools at night with volunteer teachers. The program was called "Moonlight Schools" and was an attempt to educate illiterate adults. The first night they expected an enrollment of 150 and over 1,200 showed up. The Moonlight School program became synonymous with adult education and spread rapidly through the nation and world.
- 1913 (5) A "Chautauqua" was established that became the Rowan County educational and agricultural fair which continued for almost half a century.
- 1917 (4) WWI took many Rowan County men from their home to fight a war on foreign soil. Fifteen did not return. Cora Wilson Stewart wrote several manuals for the military designed to teach illiterate soldiers to function in the military.
- 1920 (5) Prohibition in this nation brought increased illicit production of an alcoholic beverage known as "moonshine whiskey" or "white lightening." For over a decade it was the main source of income for many mountain families.



- 1922 (7) Morehead High School established as the first public high school in Rowan County. Sports team first called "Black Cats". ~~Row~~<sup>1922</sup> Rowan County High School's sports teams are "Vikings."
- 1923 (10) Morehead Christian Normal School became a new state supported college. The committee appointed by the Governor to select a site for a new state college in Eastern Kentucky finally broke a deadlock between Morehead and Paintsville. Morehead won the coveted prize.
- 1925 (10) Midland Trail, US 60, opened up through Rowan County. That brought a connection to the outside world that the county had not had before. Tourists came along with automobile and truck traffic. A new era opened up.
- 1929 (7) Collapse of the Stock Market and the beginning of the era called the "great depression." The Morehead State Bank failed and the Citizens Bank came out of that failure bank. But the Peoples Bank survived the crash. Many new deal government programs were established to aid the hungry.
- 1931 (7) New Breckinridge High School building opened on the Morehead College Campus. Sports team called the "Eaglets." (Closed 1982).
- 1933 (8) Rowan County Civilian Conservation Camp (CCC) Camp F-4 Company 578 established in Clearfield, Kentucky. They built ~~any~~<sup>many</sup> roads, bridges and buildings.
- 1939 (8) Flash flood struck Morehead. July 4, a tragic devastating flash flood struck Morehead and Rowan County. Property damage was established at between \$2,000,000 - 5,000,000 but the human tragedy could not be calculated because 25 people drowned that night. They ranged in age from 7 months to 77 years.



- 1941 (10) Pearl Harbor attacked by the Japanese launching this nation into WW II which lasted almost four years. All those alive at that time would forever remember where they were when they heard the news. Morehead, Rowan County as was the nation forever changed. Over fifteen hundred men (and women) from Rowan entered some branch of the military service. Those who returned were forever changed and sixty would never return.
- 1946 (4) Morehead State College dropped from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools accreditation list. That was the worst penalty that could be assessed a college.
- 1956 (4) Rowan County Centennial Celebration. For the first time Rowan Countians remembered their heritage.
- 1956 (7) First Rowan County Public Library Board appointed. That group led the fight for a library tax and eventually a new public library.
- 1960 (10) A newly formed organization called the Northeast Kentucky Hospital foundation was formed. This committee of fourteen citizens spearheaded the drive to build a hospital in Morehead.
- 1963 (10) the new St. Claire 41-bed hospital opened, later called St. Claire Regional Medical Center, opened its doors to a whole new era of medicine in Morehead.
- 1965 (8) Decision by the Morehead City Council to build and operate their own water system and go to Licking River for their water.
- 1966 (8) Morehead State College became Morehead State University, opening a whole new era of education in Kentucky.



- 1972 (8) I-64 opened through Rowan County.
- 1974 (10) Cave Run Dam completed and operational. This flood control project and recreation area on the Licking River near Farmers, Kentucky, was first authorized in 1936 and created a lake of over 7,300 acres.
- 1980 (10) Opening of the new and expanded St. Claire Hospital facilities forming the bases for becoming St. Claire Regional Medial Center.
- 1997 (5) Dedication of the Kentucky Folk Art Center.
- 2002 (5) Construction of Rowan County's Clyde F. Thomas Regional Airport.
- 2006 (4) Renovation of the Old Courthouse into an Arts Center.
- 2006 (7) Morehead Conference Center opened.
- 2006 (8) Rowan Sesquicentennial Celebration.



THE SESQUICENTENNIAL QUARTERLY MEETING

WHERE: CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, FIRST STREET

WHEN: 13 April 2006

TIME: 2--3 P.M.

SPEAKERS INVITED FOR UPDATE: HARVEY PENNINGTON, HELEN SURMONT,  
TIM GILLIAM, J.D. REEDER,  
JACK ELLIS, BOB SLOAN

GARY LEWIS, JEAN CLINE, BETTY SHARP,

Home Demonstration Agent, 4-H, and

COUNTY AGENT, PLUS PARADE UPDATE:

CHRISTINE BARKER

MSU REPRESENTATIVE

(TALK ABOUT PARADE DATE  
AND MONTH AND  
WEEK MOST ACTIVITIES  
WILL TAKE PLACE.)

ROWAN COUNTY SESQUICENTENNIAL BOARD MEMBERS:

Lloyd Dean, Chairman

Teri Cline, Treasurer

Sherry Green, Secretary

Clyde Thomas, County Representative

Brad Collins, City Representative

Matt Collinsworth, M.S.U. Representative

Gary Lewis Historical Advisor

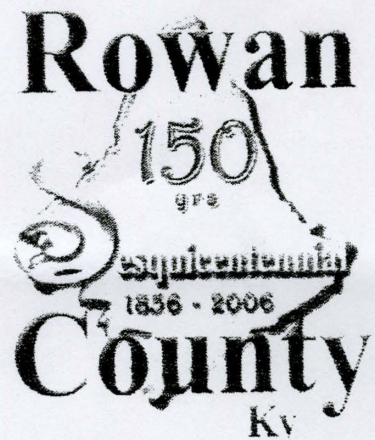
Willie Roberts, Attorney

*Rob McCollough* Press

Philip Lewis, Business Community

Fred Brown, Jr. Business Community

Rodney Hitch, Morehead, Rowan County Chamber



Jonothan Stiles, local CPA is to be thanked for his help, also in helping to build the framework for the organization to help celebrate Rowan Countys past of 1856 to 2006.

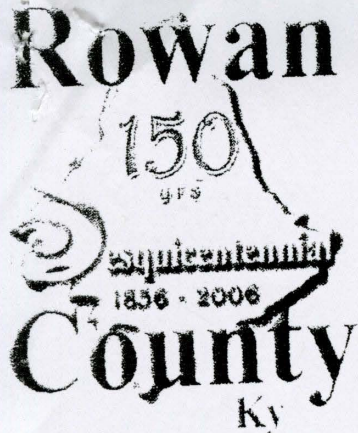
ITEMS OF IMPORTANCE TO US ACCORDING TO JONOTHAN STILES

1. Need Mission statement
2. Three years of budgets,
3. Tentative schedule of activities and brief description of activity,
4. By-Laws,
5. Copies of fundraising letters or samples, etc., to be used.
6. Fundraising activities,
7. Copy of filed articles with Secretary of State.

A SPECIAL THANKS TO WILLIE ROBERTS FOR HIS HELP AND INPUT INTO OUR LEGAL RESPONSIBILITIES.

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*Rowan County*  
*Sesquicentennial Celebration*  
*1856 - 2006*

SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION MEETING SET

The Rowan County Sesquicentennial Board will conduct its quarterly meeting April 13th at 2 P.M. at the Chamber of Commerce Building.

The main topics to be discussed will be the May 1st celebration involving all of Morehead and Rowan County, and the May 13th program at the new Convention Center, starting at 2 P.M. with Jim Gifford as speaker. Jim Gifford is Director of the Jessee Staurt Foundation in Ashland.

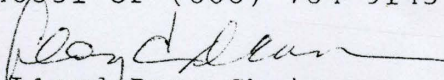
An update will be given on putting into action other events for 2006.

All organizations in the County are asked to send a representative to the meeting.

This is expected to be the largest celebration in Rowan County's history throughout the year of 2006.

The Rowan County Sesquicentennial Celebration of 1856-2006 originated with the Rowan County Historical Society several years ago.

For more information call or write Lloyd Dean, 6770 U.S. 60 East, Morehead, Kentucky 40351 or (606) 784-9145

  
Lloyd Dean, Chairman  
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*Rowan County*  
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Restaurants  
Morehead, Ky 40351

Dear Manager;

As you probably already know, Rowan County and Morehead will be celebrating its 150th birthday May 1st. The Kentucky Legislature established Rowan County as a county 1 May 1856, from Morgan and Fleming County.

Several projects have already been completed or in the process of being formed.

The Sesquicentennial Celebration Program will be held May 13th at 2 P.M. in the new Convention Center. The public is invited to attend this once in a life time event.

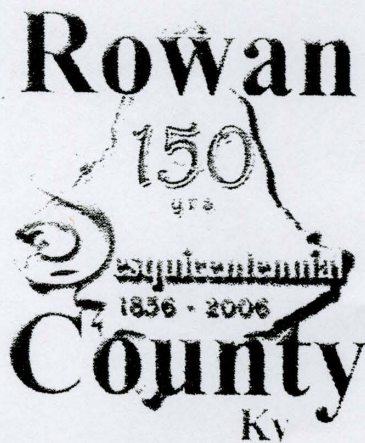
We would like to invite all eating establishments in the town and county to serve a small piece of Birthday cake on May 1st to everyone who might be eating in their establishment at twelve 0 clock in celebration of our once in a life time celebration.

Rowan County students have been asked to design and prepare Birthday cards for the celebration on May 1st.

We have also asked all Fire Departments, Police, and the town siren to sound off at 12 0 Clock for this event. This sound off will include cars, trucks, dinner bells and etc.

Jim Gifford, manager of the Jesse Staurt Foundation will be guest speaker at the May 13th program in the new Convention center starting at 2 P.M.

Thank you very much for helping to make this a once in a life time for Morehead and Rowan County.



*Lloyd Dean*  
Lloyd Dean, Chairman  
Sesquicentennial  
Celebration Committee



on 8-10-05 - Mailed to:  
Clark Group  
1-800-744-3995  
PO Box 24766  
Lex KY 40524

**KENTUCKY ALMANAC 2005**  
**ROWAN COUNTY**  
**BY**  
**JACK D. ELLIS**

Since Rowan was carved out of an isolated, violent, feud filled region of Kentucky 150 years ago, it has grown into an important cultural, educational, medical and recreational center in Eastern Kentucky. But that growth has not been without several struggles.

Historical Rowan County is nestled amid the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains on the edge of the Daniel Boone National Forest. It is believed the first Europeans entered this section of Kentucky in 1772 and later settled in the Licking River Valley. They soon started a town called Crossroads (later named Farmers.)

Rowan was established as the 104<sup>th</sup> county on May 1, 1856. It was formed out of portions of Morgan and Fleming Counties, and named for distinguished jurist-attorney John Rowan the owner of Federal Hill in Bardstwon where his nephew Stephen Foster wrote "My Old Kentucky Home." At its formation Rowan was the 77<sup>th</sup> in size with a population of about 2000. The economy was based upon timber and agriculture.

Triplett, a tiny community near the geographical center of the county was selected as the site of the county set and the name was changed to Morehead in honor of Kentucky Governor Charles Morehead (1855-1859). Although Morehead was selected as the county seat it was not incorporated until 1869.



During the Civil War (1865-1869) some of the county's citizens fought on both sides. It was brother against brother, neighbor against neighbor and Morehead's Courthouse was burned March 21, 1864. That bitter battle helped sew the seeds of another conflict which began Election Day, 1884, called the Tolliver-Martin Feud or Rowan County War (1884-1887). Rowan became a lawless community and many people were killed over a three year period. At one time the Kentucky Legislature unsuccessfully tried to pass a bill to abolish Rowan County.

Rowan County attracted international attention because of the violence. In April, 1887, a Louisville Courier Journal headline read: "Rowan, a county without schools, without churches, without judges: missionaries urgently needed." As a result of that headline, Frank Button and his mother Phoebe were sent to Morehead by the Kentucky Christian Church Board to establish a church and a school. They opened the Morehead Normal School on October 3, 1887, with one student. Out of that humble beginning came Morehead State Normal School 1922, Morehead State College, and in 1966, Morehead State University which has almost 10,000 students and employs over 1,000 people.

A movement to help overcome illiteracy in the region began September 5, 1911 at 7:00 p.m. when School Superintendent Cora Wilson Stewart with volunteer rural teachers opened what was called "Moonlight School" through the county. They were opened on moonlight nights so people could better see how to get through the darkened



hills and hollows. They expected 150 to enroll but 1200 came the first night. This movement grew nationally and internationally as a model for adult education.

In 1881 the railroad came through Rowan County opening up the market for the region's vast virgin timber, stone and clay deposits. Immediately small communities open up along the railroad as shipping points for those products. Those communities included Farmers, Rockville, Bluestone, Egypt, Bronson, Brady, Eadston and Haldeman. At one time the Kentucky Fire Brick Company at Haldeman employed 400 men. It was a busy factory town with schools, churches, businesses, post office, parks, sports teams and a recreational area. Sadly in 2005 the community has all but disappeared.

In 1906 a railroad was built from Clearfield, Kentucky, to Morgan County to reach the vast timber and clay deposits in the region. At one time the Lee Clay Products company employed 300. In 1973, Clester "Booge" Armstrong purchased the Lee Clay holdings and his son now runs a lumber mill on the site.

On July 4, 1939, Morehead and Rowan County suffered its greatest disaster. Shortly after midnight a flash flood roared through the town, washing away houses and drowning 25 people. It also caused 5 million in property damage. As a result of the devastation a flood wall was built to prevent a repeat of such a tragedy.

On July 1, 1963, St. Claire Hospital opened its doors as a 41 bed general acute care hospital under the administration of the Sisters of Notre Dame. In 2005, it is a modern 159 bed Regional Hospital providing the latest in health care to the people of



Eastern Kentucky. This health care facility employs over 1,000 people.

In December 1973, the U.S. Corps of Engineers completed the Cave Run Dam across the Licking River between Rowan and Bath Counties. The dam created a beautiful 8270 acre lake that provides flood control, water supply to the region, and a recreational area that attracts thousands every year.

On July 4, 2002, Freedom Park was dedicated on the grounds of the old courthouse in downtown Morehead near the old Doughboy Statue. It is a living monument to honor all Rowan Countians who have served in the military in war and peace. In 2005, there are almost 3,000 names on the wall including over 1,500 who served in WW II. Names are added as men and women are discharged from the military.

In 2005 the future looks bright in Morehead, Rowan County. They recently opened a regional park for economic development. Now manufacturers, businesses and industry are moving in. This year, they are building a new convention center in downtown Morehead. Also, they are building a Regional Armory and airport. The city, and Rowan, Bath, Morgan and Menifee Counties are cooperating in building a regional development center that will benefit the whole regional.



# Groups planning Rowan's 150th birthday in 2006

By ALLEN BLAIR  
*The Independent*

**MOREHEAD** It will be a banner year, well, really a sesquicentennial year, in Rowan County when the ball drops on Jan. 1, 2006.

And, to celebrate, the Rowan County Historical Society, officials, local historians and others are already planning the 150th birthday party.

"We hope to have something every month of that year," said Lloyd Dean, former society president and chairman of the celebration committee.

"It's going to be a tremendous thing."

Rowan County's official history began in 1856.

That's when the Kentucky legislature created it from parts of Fleming and Morgan counties, making it the commonwealth's 104th county,

Dean said.

The important occasion prompted an organizational meeting with the historical society and countywide organizations last month, he said.

Thursday, the groups will meet again — at 7 p.m. at the Rowan County Public Library to plan this year's work.

A corporation, the Rowan County Sesquicentennial Foundation Inc., also is being formed to coordinate the 2006 activities.

A board of 12 local people, including representatives of tourism agencies, city and county government, businesses and the historical society, has been named.

"We hope to involve every organization (with the sesquicentennial)," Dean said, listing schools, the university, even family reunions.

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## Birthday: Groups seeking family histories for book

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For example, Dean coordinates his family's Dean and Creech reunion, and "we may have them at that particular time come in pioneer dress," he said.

The groups are currently in the process of asking residents to write family histories for a Rowan County history book.

They hope to be deeply involved with the project by end of this year, and print the book sometime next year so it's ready for sale by January 2006, Dean said.

There are also plans to record oral histories from the county's

oldest people, he said.

"Of course, there will be a parade," Dean said, adding he hopes to see a Rowan County king and queen, as well as a horse and buggy in the parade.

For the parade, it also would be interesting to find a 1956 automobile, representing the county's centennial, and a 2006 one for the sesquicentennial, he said.

"It is hoped that this will be one of the greatest and longest celebrations Rowan County has ever seen."

For more information, write the Rowan County Historical Society, P.O. Box 60, Morehead, KY 40351.

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or (606) 326-2657.



**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
ROWAN COUNTY SESQUICENTENNIAL FOUNDATION, INC.**

The undersigned incorporator executes these articles of incorporation for the purpose of forming and does hereby form a nonprofit corporation under the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, KRS 273.161 et seq., in accordance with the following provisions.

**ARTICLE I**

The name of the corporation is ROWAN COUNTY SESQUICENTENNIAL FOUNDATION, INC.

**ARTICLE II**

(A) Said corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, religious or scientific purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (or corresponding section of any future Federal Tax Code). The corporation shall have all the powers allowed corporations by Chapter 273 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes.

(B) In furtherance of the general purpose in Paragraph (A), the particular purposes of the corporation are to promote the celebration of the history of Rowan County, Kentucky, community pride, and to honor founders and forefathers of Rowan County, Kentucky.

**ARTICLE III**

The business and affairs of the corporation shall be governed by a board of directors. The twelve (12) members of the initial board of directors shall serve until the first annual election of directors and until their successors are elected and qualify. The names and mailing addresses of the initial directors are as follows:

Lloyd Dean  
6770 U.S. 60 East  
Morehead, Kentucky 40351

Teri Cline  
150 East First Street  
Morehead, Kentucky 40351

Sheree Greer  
150 East First Street  
Morehead, Kentucky 40351

Clyde Thomas  
627 East Main Street  
Morehead, Kentucky 40351



Brad Collins  
105 East Main Street  
Morehead, Kentucky 40351

Gary Lewis  
302 East 2nd Street  
Morehead, Kentucky 40351

Matt Collinsworth  
102 West First Street  
Morehead, Kentucky 40351

Phillip Lewis  
1470 Flemingsburg Road  
Morehead, Kentucky 40351

Fred Brown  
210 Morehead Plaza  
Morehead, Kentucky 40351

*Mr. Lawrence*  
~~Jack McNeely~~  
722 West 1st Street  
Morehead, Kentucky 40351

Willie Roberts  
627 East Main Street  
Morehead, Kentucky 40351

Rodney Hitch  
150 East First  
Morehead, Kentucky 40351

#### ARTICLE IV

The street address of the initial registered office of the corporation is 6770 U.S. 60 East, Morehead, Kentucky 40351

The name of the initial registered agent at that address is Lloyd Dean.

#### ARTICLE V

The mailing address of the principle office of the corporation is 6770 U.S. 60 East, Morehead, Kentucky 40351.

#### ARTICLE VI

No part of the net earning of the incorporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, directors, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of 501(c)(3) purposes. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

#### ARTICLE VII

Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other



activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (or corresponding section of any future Federal Tax Code) or (b) by a corporation, contribution to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code (or corresponding section of any future Federal Tax Code).

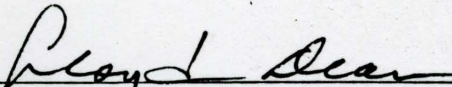
#### **ARTICLE IIX**

Upon dissolution of the Corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, i.e., charitable, educational, religious or scientific, or corresponding section of any future Federal Tax Code, or shall be distributed to the Federal government, or to a state or local government for a public purpose.

#### **ARTICLE IX INCORPORATOR**


The name and address of the incorporator is Lloyd Dean, 6770 U.S. 60 East, Morehead, Kentucky 40351

24th Executed and acknowledged by the undersigned on this day of September, 2003.

  
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LLOYD DEAN, INCORPORATOR

#### **CONSENT OF INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT**

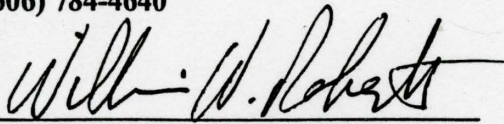
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THE SESQUICENTENNIAL QUARTERLY MEETING

WHERE: CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, FIRST STREET

WHEN: 23 SEPTEMBER 2004

TIME: 2 P.M.--3 P.M.

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WHEN: 10 March 05, 2 P.M.

TIME: 2 P.M.--3 P.M.

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*Jack,  
Sure hope you can  
attend!*

*Rowan County  
Sesquicentennial Celebration  
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SESQUICENTIENNIAL CELEBRATION MEETING PLANNED OCT.13th

On Thursday October 13 at 2 P.M. the Sesquicentennial Board will meet in the Chamber of Commerce Building on First Street. The Chamber office is located in the old C & O Depot.

An update will be given on planning for the celebrations of Morehead and Rowan Countys 150th year which will take part all through 2006.

All organizations are invited to participate in the year long events and are invited to send a representative to the meetings.

The Rowan County Historical Society will serve as a clearing house for all activities.

For more information call Lloyd Dean 784-9145 or write 6770 U.S.60 East, MOREhead, Ky. 40351.

*Lloyd Dean*  
Lloyd Dean, Chairman  
Sesquicentennial Board  
1856-2006  
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SOME PROJECTS COMPLETED OR IN THE PROCESS OF COMPLETION

1. Rowan County History 1856-2006---Jack Ellis
2. Painting of Old Courthouse-----Christine Barke5r
3. Rowan County History 1856-2006 Rowan County Historical Soc.
4. CDs-----Harvey Pennington and Committee
5. Martin--Tolliver war-----Robert Sloan
6. Rowan Agricultural Projects----Tom Stevens, Jr.
7. Pioneer Sunday for churches in County--Dr. Michael Anderson
8. Home Makers Cookbook----Extension Office and others
9. Parade, time, makeup of parade for Morehead & Rowan County
10. Main Kickoff for celebrations, date, location, program



**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
ROWAN COUNTY SESQUICENTENNIAL FOUNDATION, INC.**

The undersigned incorporator executes these articles of incorporation for the purpose of forming and does hereby form a nonprofit corporation under the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, KRS 273.161 et seq., in accordance with the following provisions.

**ARTICLE I**

The name of the corporation is ROWAN COUNTY SESQUICENTENNIAL FOUNDATION, INC.

**ARTICLE II**

(A) Said corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, religious or scientific purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (or corresponding section of any future Federal Tax Code). The corporation shall have all the powers allowed corporations by Chapter 273 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes.

(B) In furtherance of the general purpose in Paragraph (A), the particular purposes of the corporation are to promote the celebration of the history of Rowan County, Kentucky, community pride, and to honor founders and forefathers of Rowan County, Kentucky.

**ARTICLE III**

The business and affairs of the corporation shall be governed by a board of directors. The twelve (12) members of the initial board of directors shall serve until the first annual election of directors and until their successors are elected and qualify. The names and mailing addresses of the initial directors are as follows:

Lloyd Dean  
6770 U.S. 60 East  
Morehead, Kentucky 40351

Teri Cline  
150 East First Street  
Morehead, Kentucky 40351

Sheree Greer  
150 East First Street  
Morehead, Kentucky 40351

Clyde Thomas  
627 East Main Street  
Morehead, Kentucky 40351



Brad Collins  
105 East Main Street  
Morehead, Kentucky 40351

Fred Brown  
210 Morehead Plaza  
Morehead, Kentucky 40351

Gary Lewis  
302 East 2nd Street  
Morehead, Kentucky 40351

Jack McNeely  
722 West 1st Street  
Morehead, Kentucky 40351

Matt Collinsworth  
102 West First Street  
Morehead, Kentucky 40351

Willie Roberts  
627 East Main Street  
Morehead, Kentucky 40351

Phillip Lewis  
1470 Flemingsburg Road  
Morehead, Kentucky 40351

Rodney Hitch  
150 East First  
Morehead, Kentucky 40351

#### **ARTICLE IV**

The street address of the initial registered office of the corporation is 6770 U.S. 60 East, Morehead, Kentucky 40351

The name of the initial registered agent at that address is Lloyd Dean.

#### **ARTICLE V**

The mailing address of the principle office of the corporation is 6770 U.S. 60 East, Morehead, Kentucky 40351.

#### **ARTICLE VI**

No part of the net earning of the incorporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, directors, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of 501(c)(3) purposes. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

#### **ARTICLE VII**

Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other



activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (or corresponding section of any future Federal Tax Code) or (b) by a corporation, contribution to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code (or corresponding section of any future Federal Tax Code).


#### **ARTICLE IIX**

Upon dissolution of the Corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, i.e., charitable, educational, religious or scientific, or corresponding section of any future Federal Tax Code, or shall be distributed to the Federal government, or to a state or local government for a public purpose.

#### **ARTICLE IX INCORPORATOR**


The name and address of the incorporator is Lloyd Dean, 6770 U.S. 60 East, Morehead, Kentucky 40351

Executed and acknowledged by the undersigned on this 24th day of September, 2003.

  
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LLOYD DEAN, INCORPORATOR

#### **CONSENT OF INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT**

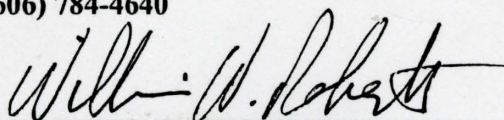
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Phone: (606) 784-4640**

**BY:**

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "William W. Roberts", written over a horizontal line.

**WILLIAM W. ROBERTS**



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WHERE: CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, FIRST STREET

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WHEN: 13 April 2006

TIME: 2--3 P.M.

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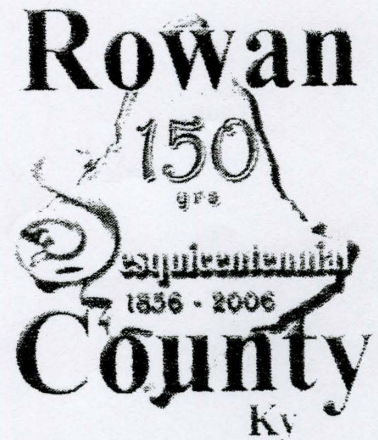
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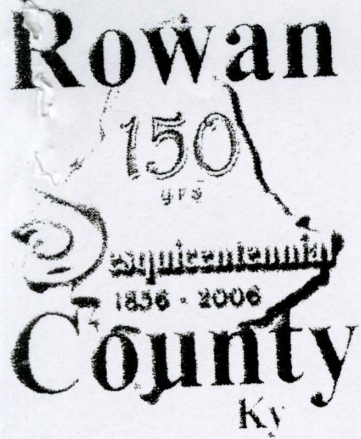
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SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION MEETING SET

The Rowan County Sesquicentennial Board will conduct its quarterly meeting April 13th at 2 P.M. at the Chamber of Commerce Building.

The main topics to be discussed will be the May 1st celebration involving all of Morehead and Rowan County, and the May 13th program at the new Convention Center, starting at 2 P.M. with Jim Gifford as speaker. Jim Gifford is Director of the Jesse Staurt Foundation in Ashland.

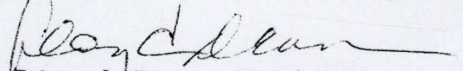
An update will be given on putting into action other events for 2006.

All organizations in the County are asked to send a representative to the meeting.

This is expected to be the largest celebration in Rowan County's history throughout the year of 2006.

The Rowan County Sesquicentennial Celebration of 1856-2006 originated with the Rowan County Historical Society several years ago.

For more information call or write Lloyd Dean, 6770 U.S. 60 East, Morehead, Kentucky 40351 or (606) 784-9145

  
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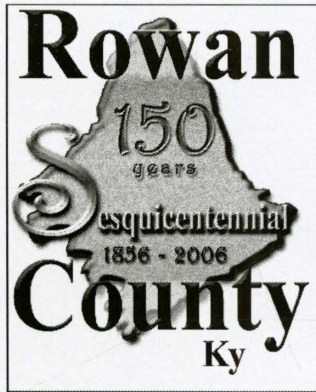
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## Brief History of Rowan County



**F**rom parts of Fleming and Morgan counties, on May 1, 1856\* the Kentucky Legislature created Rowan County. It was the 104th county in the state and was named for Judge John Rowan, a distinguished jurist and United States Senator from Kentucky. The seat of justice was named Morehead in honor of James T. Morehead, a former Kentucky governor. Although Morehead was designated the county seat, it was not legally incorporated until January 26, 1869.

In the 1880's the railroad arrived and the towns began to grow. Rodburn, Eadston and Brady developed as lumber towns, and Rockville and Bluestone as rock quarry centers

**T**rouble began in the 1870's during an election campaign for circuit judge. More troubles accompanied each succeeding political campaign until it became open warfare in 1884. In an altercation John Martin killed Floyd Tolliver, and the Martin-Tolliver feud began. During the next three years it grew to involve many families in the fray. The lawlessness became so prevalent that many citizens moved their families to more peaceful areas. The state militia came to Morehead three times during the course of the Feud and stayed for a while until order was restored, but as soon as they left lawlessness returned. Finally on June 22, 1887\*, a group of armed citizens surrounded the hotel where the clan had gathered and shot it out with them. By the end of the day several of the men of the feuding families were dead. The Rowan County war was over.

**I**n 1856 Judge Thomas Hargis came to Morehead. He studied law with his father Col. John Hargis, Morehead's first postmaster, town trustee and business man. Young Thomas Hargis became a Confederate soldier during the Civil War to fight for the Confederacy, even though his father employed a negro mammy.

He distinguished himself to become a captain the the famed Orphan Brigade. He later served as Nicholas County Judge, Kentucky State Senator, Circuit Judge for this district. In 1879 he became the youngest Chief Justice of the Kentucky Supreme Court ever to be elected.

In 1893 Judge Thomas Hargis donated \$500. and four acres of land and built the first school building on that land.

Frank Button and his mother, Phoebe came to Morehead and actually started a Christian school which gradually evolved into Morehead Normal School. After gaining state support evolved to Morehead State Teachers College. In 1966 it progressed and became Morehead State University.



**T**he Moonlight Schools were first established in Rowan County in 1911. This was made possible by the inspiration and hard work of Cora Wilson Stewart. Through her efforts great strides were made in combating illiteracy.

They were called "Moonlight Schools" because classes were held only on bright moonlit nights due to the rough trails students had to travel and after the days work was done.



**N**ear midnight on July 4, 1939\*, nearly six inches of rain fell near the Rowan-Carter line. By 2:00 a.m., Triplett Creek had overflowed causing the greatest disaster in Morehead's history. Water rose so swiftly that 25 persons lost their lives and over two million dollars worth of property was destroyed. In the 1950's tobacco was the leading farm crop. Completion of Interstate 64 brought industrial growth. Employment opportunities today are growing rapidly with the advancement of the Educational opportunities, regional Medical facilities, Industry, Shopping Centers and Tourist attractions.

### Farmers

**O**ne of the first villages to develop was Farmers on Licking River. The exact date is unknown, but it was said to have been there during the Revolutionary War. Natural resources such as timber, stone and water from Licking River played a great role in the development of the community. Several names have been given to the village: Farmer's Cross Roads, The Cross Roads, Confederate Cross Roads and the 1880 Rowan county Census listed the village as Licking City. During this time Licking City was a thriving metropolis compared to Morehead. There were physicians, a drug store, hotel, with many businesses and occupations represented. The stone quarries and lumber yards provided many jobs.

Dr. T.A.E. Evans was elected Mayor of Licking City (Farmers) and later in 1925 he was elected Rowan County Judge and served four years. Farmers is now just a small version of what it once was in the 1800's.



## Clearfield

**C**learfield was the second settlement in Rowan County. Dixon Clack, from a military grant, obtained land just south of the confluence of Dry Creek and Triplett Creek and built his home, a store, and a water-powered sawmill. The Clearfield Water Company from Clearfield, Pennsylvania established its sawmill near Dixon's site and the town developed as Clearfield. The mill operated about 17 years. In October 1925 the Lee Clay Products Company purchased the land to use the very fine clay for tile and like products. Lee Clay company developed a community for their 300 employees. Since transportation was a difficult problem for men to get to work, the company houses they provided were a Godsend.

In the late 1950's and early 60's Union trouble began brewing and a strike was called. During the long strike, Lee Clay Company lost most of their outstanding contracts and was forced to go out of business. Some blamed the union for their loss of livelihood.

## Morehead

**M**orehead, the third settlement, was known as a stage stop on the road to and from Ashland and Lexington. Travelers to and from the salt works in Carter County to the Bluegrass depended on finding food and lodging in Morehead. Fertile land, good water and the lack of Indians encouraged people to settle in the area. It was known as Triplett but the name was changed to Morehead in 1856 when it became the county seat. With the addition of the railroads, Federal highway U.S. 60 and good strong leadership, the citizens no longer need to travel to Ohio and Indiana to find employment. Morehead has become the Regional Medical, Educational, Industrial and Shopping Center for this area of Kentucky.

## Elliottville

**E**lliottville was first called Hoggetown for Squire and James Hogge who settled there in 1870 and opened the first store. The post office was Elliottville in 1876, probably for a Mr. Elliott whose first name has been lost. In 1878 Charley Ward, a storekeeper and judge, had the village incorporated as Bristow, but the Elliottville name is still used. Elliottville was settled as a farming community and progressed into a small village with a large modern school, fire department, and several businesses with many worthy community activities.



## Rodburn

**R**odburn was a boom town. About 1873 the Hixon-Rodburn Lumber Company came from New York and erected a million dollar sawmill at the junction of U.S. 60 east and Ky 32 to process lumber from the Cranston area. They built one of the largest mills, employing 300-500 men. They provided homes and built an up-to-date town for their employees and their families. There was a black smith shop, general store, post office, and a large lodge. Board walks ran all through the town. There was a depot and all trains stopped at Rodburn. There was also a railroad from the saw mill to Cranston and every Sunday the train took people to church at New Hope ...for FREE. After the timber began to be exhausted the mill was sold to a company in New York. There was a great fire and the sawmill and many of the homes and buildings were completely destroyed. The man in charge of the mill was arrested. Only a few of the homes and businesses were ever rebuilt.

## Haldeman

**T**he town of Haldeman was named for L.P. Haldeman of Portsmouth, Ohio who with his uncle W.A. Connally of Soldier, Kentucky and Joe H. Sole of Louisville, formed a corporation in 1902 called the Louisville and Portsmouth Firebrick Company to produce bricks from the area's clay deposits. In 1906 a new corporation was formed: The Kentucky Firebrick Company. It continued until 1944 when it was sold to General Refractories.

In 1916 a second firebrick company was established. There were two brickyards for about 30 years.

Haldeman developed into a modern town. There were company houses, a company store, schools and a medical facility, which was established for their workers, was also made available to the community. General Refractories's Nurse, Lacy Kegley, attended to the medical needs of their employees . In addition to this (without pay) she cared for the citizens of the community ( even to delivering babies ). She also was available to the school children in Haldeman for all their cuts and scrapes. (*If she had been a Catholic, I think she would be considered as a Saint.*) The post office was established in 1907.

With the advent of the Union, General Refractories Brick Co. began to notice unrest with their workers. The Union called a strike and turmoil broke out among the workers. Neighbors and friends became divided; fights and gun shots took the place of peace. After the strike, Haldeman never returned to its previous status. General Refractories moved their business elsewhere. The community became a ghost town and many of the workers had to leave Kentucky to find jobs.

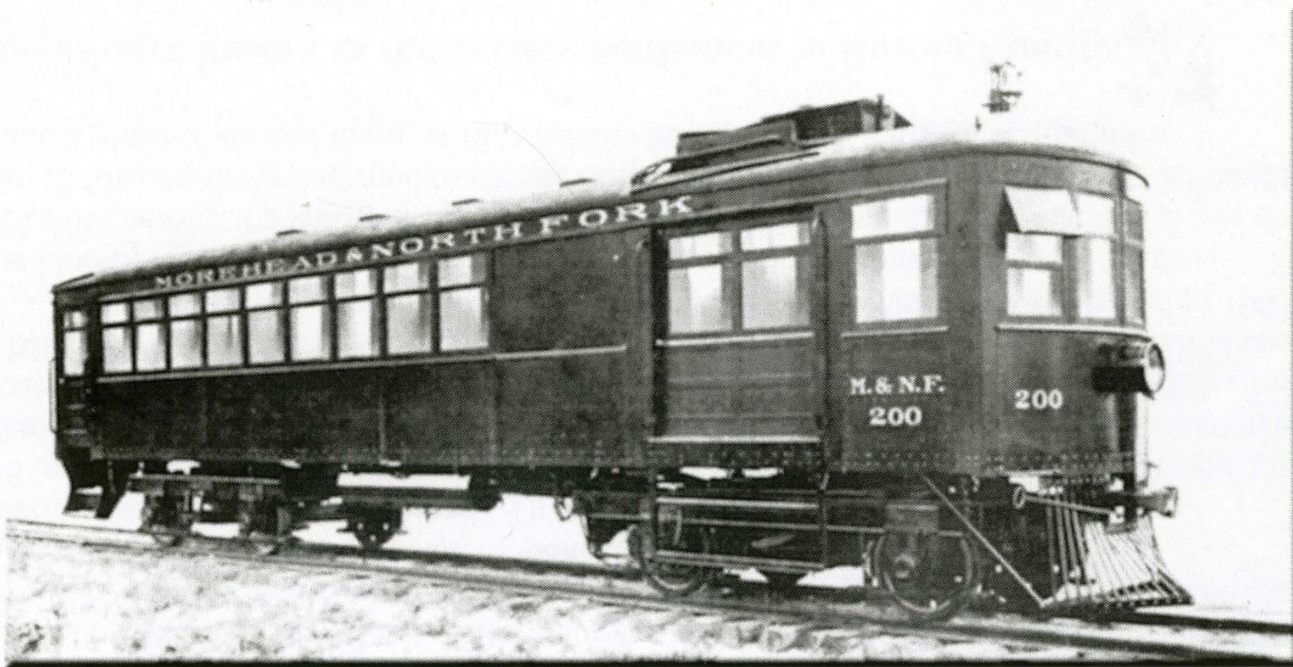
**\* Haldeman was once known as the Society Settlement in Rowan County.**

## Other Communities

**Bluestone, Rockville, Hilda, Brady, Egypt, Bronson, Munson,  
Cranston, Cogswell, Crix, Paragon, Vale, Eadston and Minor**



**“Our discards become someone else's Treasure”**



### **Blue Goose , the pride of Clearfield**

This beautiful blue Coach afforded a luxurious ride for Rowan and Morgan county people to visit relatives, go shopping or just to take a magnificent scenic trip to enjoy the beauty of rural Kentucky.

It's regular route began at Clearfield and traveled over Clack mountain, through both the Paragon and the Twin tunnels with Rigley as it's destination. This daily routine began in 1920 and ended in 1933.

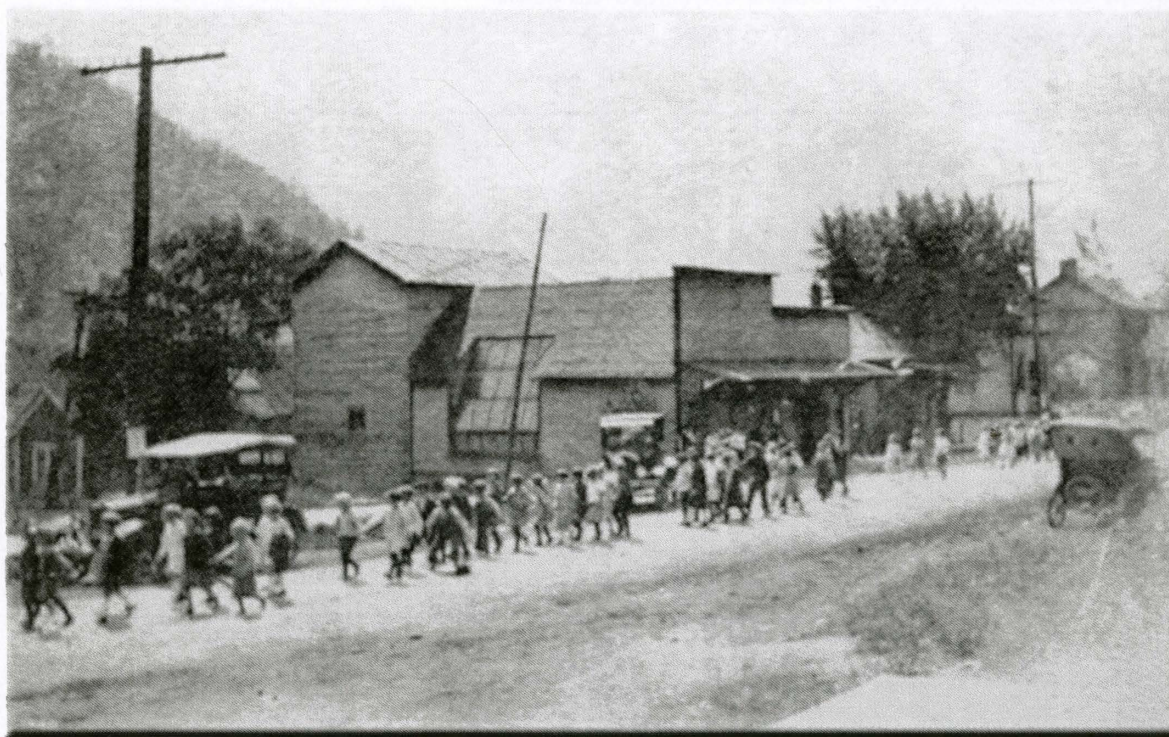
The Blue Goose was powered by it's own motor and did not need a steam engine to pull it, even though it ran on the railway track. This unique Coach is still in operation today out West . Knott's Berry Farm,( a giant amusement park in Buena Park, California) purchased the Blue Goose and several miles of track from the Morehead and North Fork Railway system . As of today (Oct. 21st, 2005) the famous Blue Goose (now named :Gallopig Goose" ) transports hundreds of thousands of people each year around the scenic railway system at Knot's Berry Farm in Orange county, California.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
New Year's Day <b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	Epiphany First Quarter Moon <b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	Full Moon <b>14</b>
<b>15</b>	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day <b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
Last Quarter Moon <b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	Australia Day <b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
Chinese New Year <b>29</b> New Moon	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<p>Morehead's first movie was shown in 1904. The silent pictures were shown on a screen which was a white sheet stretched on the wall. A pianist furnished the musical sound and set the pace for the scenes</p>			

*January*





**The Dixie Restaurant - 1922  
Main Street in Morehead**

A favorite place for hungry travelers to stop and enjoy the delicious home cooked meals. This family restaurant also specialized in delicious pies and pastries. It was always a busy spot in town



**Sunday****Monday****Tuesday****Wednesday****Thursday****Friday****Saturday**

**Paragon Tunnel**  
It is now at the bottom of Cave  
Run Lake.

**1**

Groundhog Day

**2****3****4**First Quarter  
Moon**5****6****7****8****9****10****11**Lincoln's Birthday **12**

Full Moon

**13**Valentine's Day **14****15****16****17****18****19**Presidents' Day **20**Last Quarter  
Moon**21**Washington's  
Birthday**22****23****24****25****26****27**Shrove Tuesday **28**  
New Moon

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*February*





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The old wash tub along with some home-made soap was a Saturday tradition in rural Kentucky.

Ash Wednesday **1****2****3****4****5**First Quarter  
Moon**6****7****8****9****10****11****12**Purim begins  
at sundown**13**

Full Moon

**14****15****16**St. Patrick's Day **17****18****19****20****21**Last Quarter  
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New Moon

**29****30****31**

**Unlawful**  
to gallop a horse  
through downtown  
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Morehead.

*March*



## Transportation



**U.S. Mail 1914**

Jesse Wallace delivering mail to rural Rowan County.



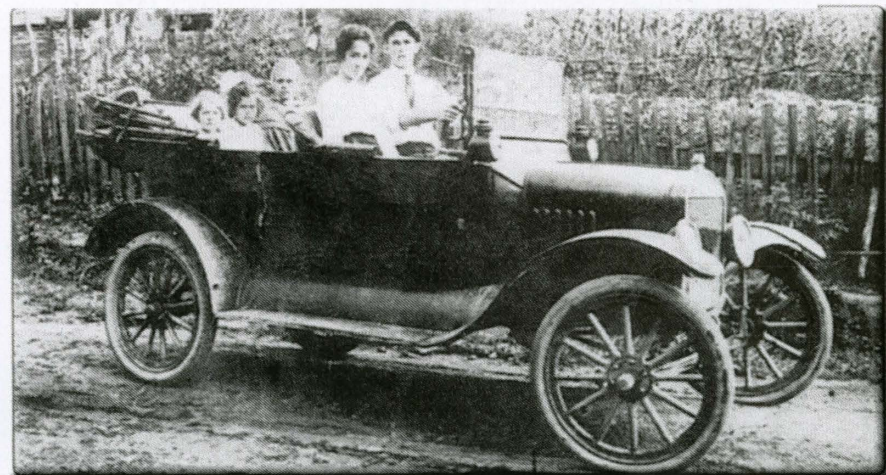
**April 28, 1975**

Susie Halbleib, R.N. and Dr. Louise Caudill in Rowan County on one of their many visits to patients.



**1908 Going to town**

Andrew and Francis Ann McKenzie  
and son, John.



**Model T. Ford touring car**

Dan and Alta Parker with Hazel & Ethel Hays and  
Nola Mae Parker



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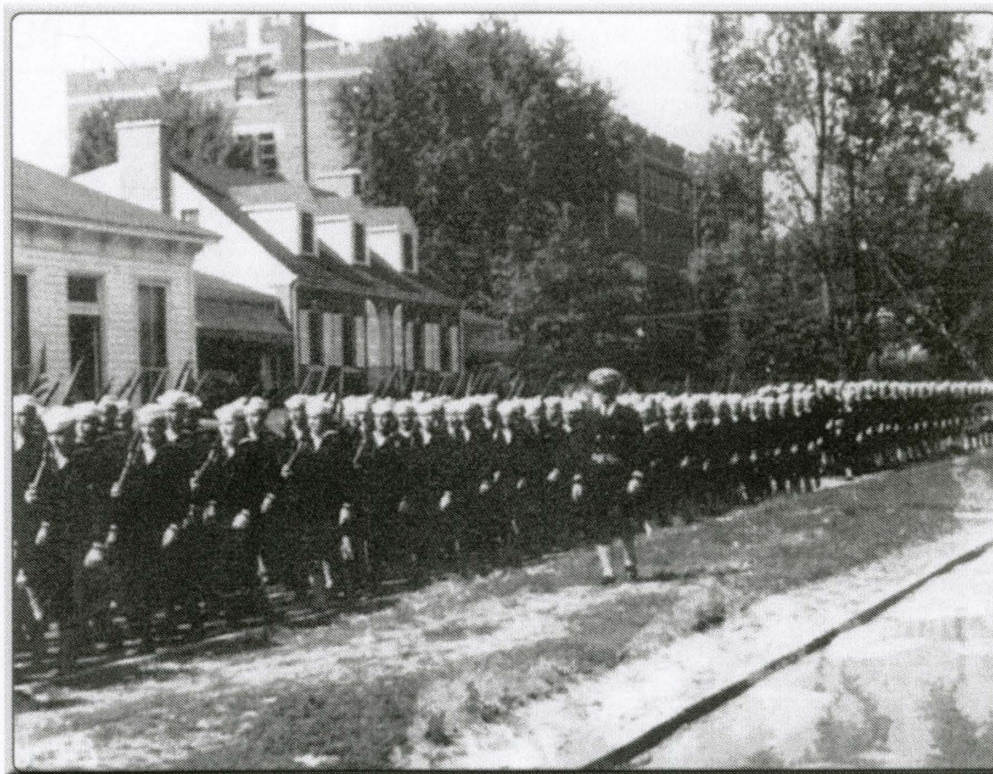
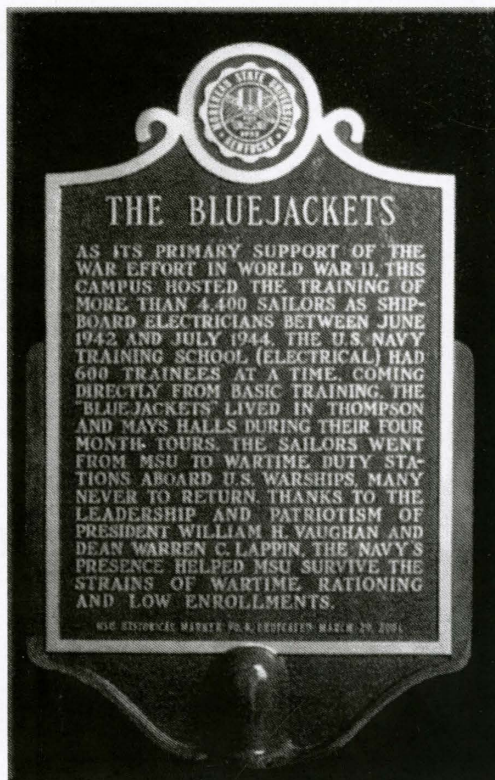


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
The first Fire Department was called "The Bucket Brigade"	May Day <b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	First Quarter Moon <b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	Full Moon <b>13</b>
Mother's Day <b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	Armed Forces Day <b>20</b> Last Quarter Moon
<b>21</b>	Victoria Day (Canada) <b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	New Moon <b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	Memorial Day <b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	 <p>Denzel Foster and dog "Old Bounce". Talent and musical abilities were plentiful in early Rowan County History</p>		

*May*



## “Anchors Away”



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From left, Ed Jackson, unknown and Paris Jackson Jr. in Hawaii, 1943. The brothers met accidentally during WW II. Paris Jr. was then shipped out to the South Pacific and lost his leg on the Saratoga to suicide bombers.

**1****2**First Quarter  
Moon**3**Children's Day **4****5****6****7****8****9****10**Full Moon **11****12****13**Flag Day **14****15****16****17**Father's Day  
Last Quarter Moon **18****19****20**First day Summer **21****22****23**St. Jean-Baptiste  
Day (Quebec) **24**New Moon **25****26****27****28****29****30**It is unlawful to  
swim in the creek  
nude.
*June*



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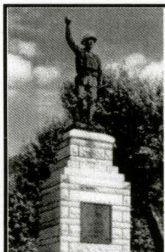
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Many little boys grow up to become soldiers and carry guns. "All World Wars and conflicts around the globe have affected Rowan County families during these last 150 years."  
**Kentucky is noted for it's patriotism!**

 Canada Day **1**
**2**First Quarter  
Moon**3**Independence Day **4****5****6****7****8****9****10**

Full Moon

**11****12****13****14****15**

Easter

**16**Last Quarter  
Moon**17****18****29****20****21****22****23****24**

New Moon

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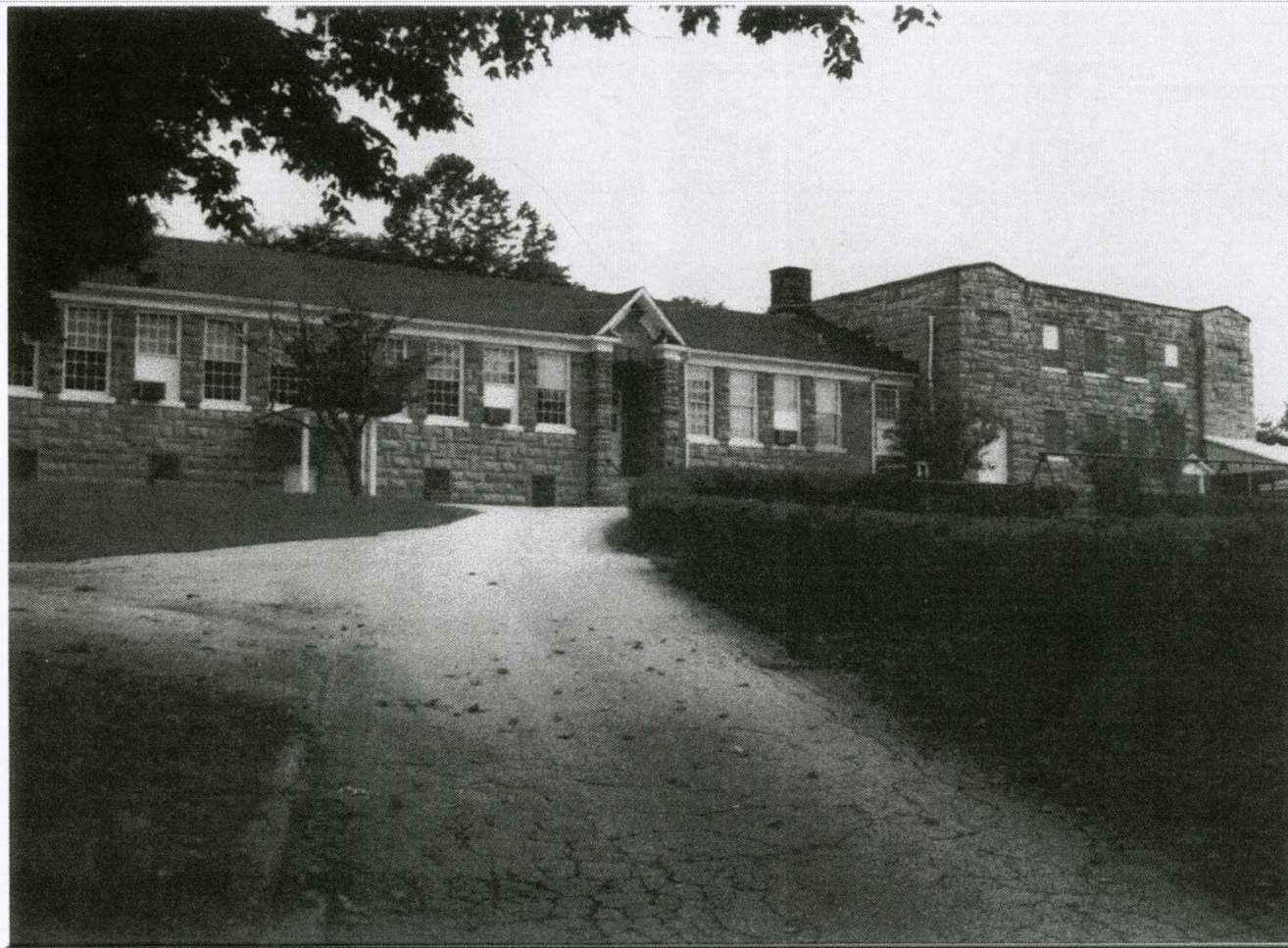


Sunday		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<b>Old Law:</b> Women's dresses lengths must not reveal their ankles			1	First Quarter Moon2	3	4	5	
		Hiroshima Day6	7	8	Full Moon9	10	11	12
		13	14	15	Last Quarter Moon16	17	18	19
		20	21	22	23	24	25	26
		27	28	29	30	31	Main Street was first paved in 1924.	

*August*



## Elliottville School



### **Built in 1939 by WPA**

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Similar school structures are still standing. Farmers School is a delightful Antique Center full of historical items to both view and also to purchase.

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**Sunday****Monday****Tuesday****Wednesday****Thursday****Friday****Saturday****Old Law:**

No work or business shall be done on the Sabbath day, except for duties of women providing food, household chores and necessary caregiving.

**1****2****3**

Labor Day

**4****5****6**

Full Moon

**7****8****9****10**

Patriot Day

**11****12****13**Last Quarter  
Moon**14****15****16****17****18****19****20****21**New Moon  
Rosh Hashanah  
begins at sundown**22**First Day of Fall **23**Ramadan begins **24****25****26****27****28****29**First Quarter  
Moon **30***September*



**"Calaboose"**



**Rowan County Jail 1870's**

The jail and stockade were built of logs and Prisoners were allowed in the small space inside the stockade during the daytime.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Yom Kippur begins at sundown <b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	Full Moon <b>7</b>
<b>8</b>	Columbus Day <b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	Last Quarter Moon <b>14</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
New Moon <b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
Daylight Saving Time ends <b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	Halloween <b>31</b>	<b>Old Law:</b> It is unlawful to spit upon the streets or sidewalks or any public place in the city of Morehead.			

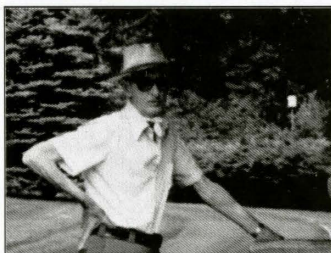
*October*





Oxen team and steam engine on Railroad Street, late 1880s/ early 1900s  
Peoples Hotel, tall building on the left.



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When Earnest Sparkman was 12 (after the death of his father) he was given a job at Haldeman Brick Yard where he was employed for the next 50 years. He was the sole support of his mother, 5 sisters and 1 brother.

All Saints' Day **1****2****3****4**Full Moon **5****6**Election Day **7****8****9****10** Veterans Day **11**Last Quarter Moon **12****13****14****15****16****17****18****19**New Moon **20****21****22**Thanksgiving Day **23****24****25****26****27**First Quarter Moon **28****29****30****31**

A car must honk it's horn when rounding a curve.

*November*





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**Sunday****Monday****Tuesday****Wednesday****Thursday****Friday****Saturday**

In 1886 Legislature laid down an edict that Rowan County would be discontinued unless the feuding stopped immediately.

**3****4**

Full Moon

**5****6**National Pearl  
Harbor Day**7****8****9****10****11**Last Quarter Moon **12****13****14****15****16****17****18****19**

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**20****21**First Day of  
Winter**22****23**Christmas Eve **24**Christmas Day **25****26**First Quarter  
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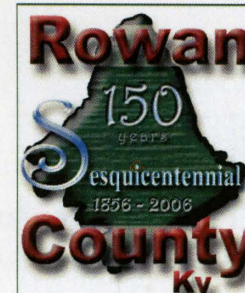


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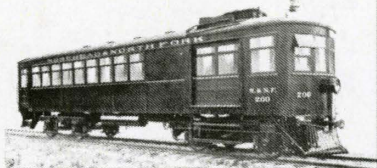
Author Christine Barker, a local Artist, has traveled around the globe but her great love and passion for Rowan County has always beckoned her back home. This bit of history has been a labor of love. The memory most etched in her mind, is her miraculous survival of the 1939 flood.

Thanks to **Juanita Blair** for her spirit of generosity in sharing her knowledge of historical events and photographs. A special thanks to Dr. Jack Ellis and Rev. Loyd Dean.

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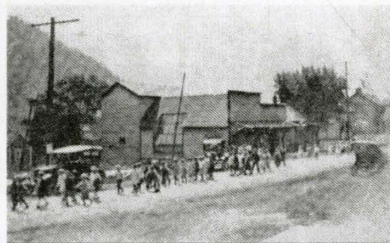


"Our discards become someone else's Treasure"



Blue Goose, the pride of Clearfield

This beautiful blue Coach offered a luxurious ride for Rowan and Morgan county people to visit relatives, go shopping or just to have a magnificent scenic trip to enjoy the beauty of rural Kentucky. Its regular route began at Clearfield and traveled over Clark mountains, through both the Paragon and the Twin tunnels with Riley as its destination. This daily routine began in 1920 and ended in 1933. The Blue Goose was powered by its own motor and did not need a steam engine to pull it, even though it ran on the railroad track. This unique Coach is still in operation today out West. Knott's Berry Farm (a giant amusement park in Buena Park, California) purchased the Blue Goose and several miles of track from the Morehead and North Fork Railway system. As of today (Oct. 21st, 2009) the famous Blue Goose now named "Galloping Goose!" transports hundreds of thousands of people each year around the scenic railbed system of Knott's Berry Farm in Orange County, California.



The Dixie Restaurant - 1922  
Main Street in Morehead

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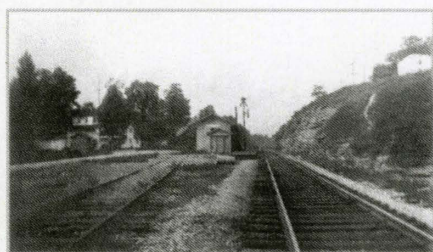
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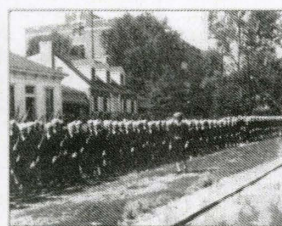
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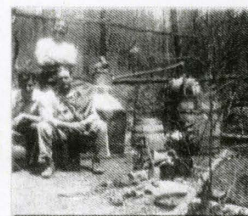


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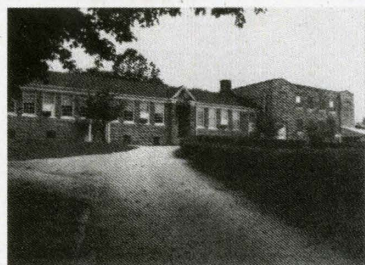
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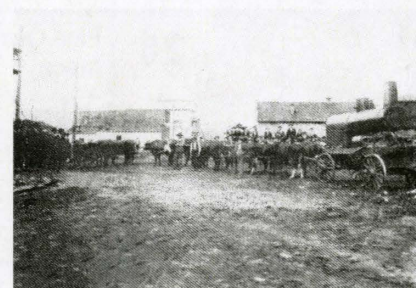
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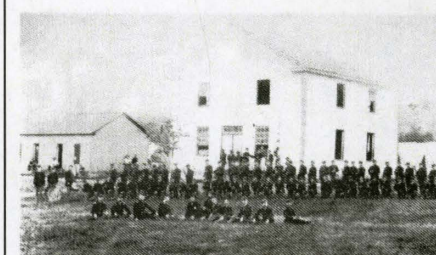


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Even those with no ties to Morehead will find themselves interested by the succinct way Ellis presents historical facts in a painless manner such that the reader must merely turn the next page and enjoy.

(From Lexington Herald-Leader's review of MOREHEAD MEMORIES: True Stories From Eastern Kentucky, 9-16-2001)





Tonia Sexton photo

Copies of the Trail Blazer and the Rowan County News were among the many items inside the 1956 time capsule that was opened Saturday at the Rowan County Public Library.

## Capsule From A-1

nial organizer, and Dr. Jack Ellis were in charge of the opening proceedings and both were pleased with the number of people who decided to attend the opening.

"We have carried out the wishes of the 1956 centennial committee to open this time capsule this year," Dean commented.

Among the many envelopes stuffed tightly inside the canister was one that held a 1956 copy of the Rowan County News, later named The Morehead News. Other envelopes contained items such as photos of city officials, a Morehead State University 1956-year book and tickets to the 'Within the Valley' play that was performed during that time at MSU.

During a short speech by Ellis, he told everyone he was pleased to be part of the 2006 opening of the



Tonia Sexton photo

**Dr. Jack Ellis holds a 1956 copy of Morehead State University's Trailblazer after it was taken from the time capsule.**

time capsule. He said he remembers well the day it was buried on the MSU campus.

"They chose the campus as the safest place to bury it because they wanted a place that would prevent it

from being moved as much," Ellis told those attending the opening. "Although it has been moved twice since it was placed in the ground, I do believe campus was the best place for it all these years."



# The anticipation ... ends

*Time capsule buried in 1956 finally opened*

Willow Leach was among the many people to be present Saturday during the opening of the time capsule.

Tonia Sexton photo



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Dr. Jack Ellis holds a copy of "The Rowan County News" that was buried 50 years ago when the time capsule was placed on the campus of Morehead State University. Also pictured is Lloyd Dean, sesquicentennial committee leader.

**By TONIA SEXTON**  
Staff Writer  
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The 50 years of waiting came to an end Saturday, as

the 1956 time capsule was finally opened and all its contents were revealed to the community.

The opening ceremony took place this past Saturday at

the Rowan County Public Library with several people attending the much-anticipated moment.

The metal cylinder was brought to the surface Oct. 7,

but due to its potentially fragile contents the opening was delayed.

Lloyd Dean, Sesquicenten-

**See CAPSULE on A-8**



# BURYING THE PAST



Tonia Sexton photo

## ***Farewell until 2056***

The 1956 time capsule and its contents were buried Saturday along with the 2006 time capsule and will not be revealed again until 2056. The capsule was buried on the lawn of the old courthouse with several people attending the farewell ceremony. Lloyd Dean (left) Dr. Jack Ellis (right), both appointed by the Rowan County Fiscal Court to handle the opening and burial of the time capsule, Keith Pack of Packs, Inc. (center) and Jimmie Jackson (in hole) and member of the Rowan County Historical Society and helped in the burial.



# The anticipation continues...

A look at 50 years of buried memories to be viewed Oct. 21

Allen Tabor, member of the physical plant at Morehead State University, uncovered the 50-year-old time capsule Saturday at the MSU campus. The event was one of many that marks Rowan County's 150th birthday. The capsule will officially be opened Oct. 21 at the Rowan County Public Library.

Tonia Sexton  
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By **TONIA SEXTON**

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Although those attending the time capsule ceremony Saturday were eager to see the opening of the barely rusted, metal canister, it was decided to wait until the potential fragile contents could be taken to a more protected atmosphere.

Saturday was all about the digging up of a 50-year-old time capsule that was scheduled for reappearance during this year's Rowan County Sesquicentennial.

Several folks attended the ceremony that took place on Morehead State University's campus. As people stood around eagerly waiting for the stainless steel flask to reach

above the surface, most had to wonder what they were about to see from the past.

"As we transfer custody of this time capsule, we are pleased to have taken care of it," said MSU President Dr. Wayne Andrews. "This is an important time for all of us here in Rowan County. And, we are certainly glad to



*See BURIED on A-10*



# Morehead Memories:

5/12/06

## *Sesquicentennial segments of Rowan's 150-year history*

**By JACK ELLIS**  
Special to The Morehead  
News

*"Remember the former  
things of old." (Isaiah 46:9)*

This is a selected list of major events that have happened in the 150-year history of Rowan County. This writer has ranked them on a scale of 1-10 as to their importance in the growth and development of Morehead and Rowan County (10 being of major importance and down to 1 as being of minor importance). Of course, many of you might place a different ranking on these events. Also, many others might be added to the list; however, most of these have been written about in my books. This is an attempt to arrange them in chronological order and rank them as to their importance in Rowan's history.

1803 (5): By act of the Kentucky Legislature a toll road was opened from the confluence of Triplett and Licking to where the Big Sandy river empties into the Ohio (near Catlettsburg). It was to serve as a more direct route to our nation's capital. There was a tollgate about 4 miles west

of Morehead where the creek ran near the hill (Gayheart Pond). The tollgate was operated by the Powers Family. There probably was an illegal "shun" road around the gate to avoid paying toll.

1856 (10) By act of the Kentucky Legislature a new county was created out of portions of Fleming and Morgan counties. It was named Rowan in honor of famed jurist Judge John Rowan who lived at Federal Hill where Stephen Foster wrote "My Old Kentucky Home".

1856 (8): The village of Triplett was selected as Rowan's county seat. The name was changed to Morehead in honor of former Governor James Morehead.

1861 (7): Civil War began between the northern and southern states. Although Kentucky remained neutral many fought on each side. That served as the seeds of conflict for many years. One battle was fought in Rowan County near Bluestone. But Morehead was held hostage on two different occasions, and the courthouse was burned in 1863.

1869 (8): Morehead was officially incorporated as a city with a mayor and



**Dr. James M. Gifford**

**Dr. James M. Gifford, president, CEO, and senior editor of the Jesse Stuart Foundation, is one of Kentucky's foremost historians and authors. He will speak Saturday, May 13 at the opening ceremony of Rowan County's Sesquicentennial at 2 p.m.**

council form of government.

1871 (10): Although a bond issue of 25,000 dollars to help in construction of a railroad though Rowan County had been rejected by Rowan voters, a railroad did open up through Rowan County. The Elizabethtown--Lexington Railroad connected with the Eastern Kentucky and big Sandy Railroad opening up Rowan to the east and west. It made Morehead one of the early railroad towns in Kentucky.

1884 (10): Beginning of the Rowan County War (Tolliver-Martin Feud). That feud ran rampant though the region for three years. Morehead was considered a lawless town without courts, schools, judges and churches. The town was held hostage for a time by one faction of the

feud and many citizens moved away to escape the violence. During that period there were 22 killed and many wounded. A plea was issued for missionaries.

1887 (10): The feud ended and Morehead Normal School opened under the sponsorship of the Disciples of Christ Missionary Society. Frank Button and his mother became the first principal and teacher. One pupil showed up the first day but the school grew rapidly and soon acquired 50 acres for new building expansion.

1898 (8): A beautiful courthouse opened ...

**See complete story  
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## Local Trivia

### Early History

■ The Sesquicentennial Committee is encouraging churches, clubs, schools or other organizations to bury their own time capsules.

## Section D

# History

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## About the Author



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# Morehead Memories:

## People & Places

### Time capsules 1956 and 2056

By JACK ELLIS

Special to The Morehead News

*"The vision is yet for an appointed time." (Habakkuk 2:3)*

Lloyd Dean, the hard working and community minded chairman of the Rowan County Sesquicentennial Committee, recently had surgery. It has slowed him down, and he has temporarily lost his voice. As the result of his illness, Mr. Dean has asked this writer to help him in finalizing information about the 2006 Rowan County Time Capsule. Therefore, if your organization plans to submit material for the new time capsule, it should be delivered to me at 552 West Sun Street on or before Dec. 20, 2006. (Please read this article before you make a decision.)

### Time capsules freeze a moment in time

Time capsules should capture a moment in time in the history of a community, state, country, or world. It should include documents about government, politics, churches, clubs, or other institutions and organizations that make up various segments



Morehead's city officials, 1956, from left, back: Council members LA Fair, Leo Oppenheimer, Otto Carr, Franklin Blair. Front: Jimmy Clay, city manager; Bill Layne, mayor; George Cline, city attorney.

of the community. The capsule should contain information and items preserved for some future generation to open long after those who have put the material together have passed from the scene.

Time capsules offer a unique glimpse, frozen in time, of what was important to that generation at that time. Materials could be about politics, education, churches, clubs, social activities, turmoil, troubles,

and celebrations that are recorded in newspapers, books, magazines, documents, letters and essays. It is vital that everything be dated and identified. Recently materials included in time capsules have reflected the technology of that era. It makes one wonder if those who recover the data in the future would know how to retrieve the information. Such things as video discs that are so prominent today might not

be able to be played in the future because there might not be hardware available or compatible for the software. Technology tends to change format rapidly and the future generations might not be able to recover the data. When computers first came on the scene, programs were punched into cards and fed into the computer. I don't think if we recovered punch cards in a time capsule buried in the 1960s we could retrieve

## TIME CAPSULE NOTICE

Material to be included in the 2056 Time Capsule should be delivered to Jack Ellis, 552 W. Sun Street on or before December 20, 2006 Phone (606) 784-7473.

the data, or had information in 8 mm home movies been in the 1956 time capsule, it is doubtful that an 8 mm movie projector is available today.

As 2006 rapidly comes to a close, we as a community should examine what was buried in the Rowan County Time Capsule in 1956 and determine what should be placed in another capsule to be buried in 2006.

### Listing of 1956 time capsule

In examining the contents of the Rowan County Time Capsule buried on the campus of Morehead State College in 1956 and opened Oct. 21, 2006, we gain some insight into a moment frozen in time 50 years ago. As the contents were opened and examined in the Rowan County Public Library, Mrs. Helen Northcutt, president of the Rowan County Public Li-

brary Board of Trustees, acted as secretary and recorded a list of the documents hidden for 50 years.

As each envelope was opened the contents were described. A partial listing of the contents of the 1956 Time Capsule included:

1. A centennial edition of the Rowan County News and two single issues of that paper for July 1, 1954, and May 10, 1956. (Attorney James Clay's name was on the envelope.) Also a copy of the Trail Blazer for May 22, 1956.
2. A typewritten list of MSC graduates for May 1956.
3. Bulletin of the Inauguration of MSC President Adron Doran with proceedings of the event and reception on Oct. 22, 1954.
4. Many MSC brochures about degree programs and handbooks with depart-

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## History From D-1



Jack Ellis, left, and Lloyd Dean examine Rowan County Centennial Time Capsule buried in 1956, opened 2006.



Ox cart in Rowan's Centennial Parade, 1956.

tenial Committee and keep a copy in your own organization.

Sadly, hundreds of time capsules have been buried in this country and lost because of lack of documentation. The Sesquicentennial Committee has plans to prepare a map of all time capsules in Rowan County. Families could even bury their own time capsule and have it recorded on the County Map.

### What might be included in time capsules

Those things for consideration in the County Time Capsule should include documents and information from clubs, businesses, schools, churches, and other institutions. Materials submitted should include dated and identified documentation about important recent events. The material should be strongly packaged in as small a package as possible, and sealed in heavy paper and then covered with plastic. Remember space is a very important factor. All items recovered from the time capsule buried in 1956 were in good condition. However, after being exposed to light for a few days they lost some of their luster.

We hope to see some of your organizations' important recent events included in the 2056 Time Capsule.

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mental information such as Nursing, Business, English, and Library.

5. Photographs and information about the Johnson Camden Library.

6. Enrollment at MSC by Kentucky counties.

7. Breckinridge Minstrel Club publications: "Southern Shindig," "South America Take it Away," "Across the Rio" and "The Mid-Century-Round Up."

8. Many items of the Rowan County Centennial promotions. Items including tickets to the play "Within This Valley," an outdoor drama presented at Jayne Memorial Stadium May 22, 23, 1956.

9. Brothers of the Brush Certificates and Shaving Permits, Sisters of the Swiss Certificate and Cosmetic Permits. Centennial Peddlers Permit and Centennial wooden nickel.

10. Morehead-Rowan

County Centennial Worship Service Program at Jayne Stadium May 30, 1956 at 8:00 p.m.

11. Information about Baptist Student Center in 1956.

### Groups and families may want their own time capsule

Since this time capsule was buried on campus it was heavily weighted with Morehead State College information. Plans are for the 2006 capsule to be buried on the ground of the newly renovated and restored Rowan County Courthouse. Hopefully, that capsule will include much more of community activities about the important things happening in Rowan County in 2006 as well as MSU information.

The Sesquicentennial Committee is encouraging churches, clubs, schools or

other organizations to bury their own time capsules. If they do, please be sure everything is dated, identified and properly preserved. Also they should prepare a map explaining where it is buried and sent one copy to the Sesquicentennial



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**Local Trivia****Early Beginnings**

■ In post war 1946, hope would again spring eternal in the hearts of Rowan Countians with the prospect of building Cave Run Lake. There were pro and con groups organized.

# History

THE MOREHEAD NEWS, JANUARY 3

**About the Author**

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

## Morehead Memories:

### People & Places

### 2003-Looking Backward With Pride, Forward With Hope

By JACK D. ELLIS

Special to The Morehead News

Hope springs eternal in the human breast. That hope has always been in the hearts of Moreheadians even though they faced an uncertain future. That was especially true in the political arena.

In 1941 with the nation on the verge of a world war, J. Don Talbott, state democratic leader, addressed 450 democrats at a local Jefferson Jackson Day dinner and called upon our nation to beware of our enemies "within and without." Of course, it was the original "axis" nations of Germany, Japan and Italy that brought us into World War II for the next four years. Today we face another axis, "the axis of evil."

In 1941 County Clerk Vernon Alfrey urged all sportsmen to buy their hunting and fishing license because local game wardens would be cracking down on violators. It was something new then, but everyone over 16, including women, were required to purchase the \$1 license. Also that year, Kenneth Vencill and Kenneth Lewis opened a new business called "The Open Air" fruit and vegetable market on East Main Street. It was one of the first such businesses in the county.



**Randall C. Wells, chairman of the Rowan County Centennial Committee in 1956.**

line for filing for political office in 1951, there were a total of 57 candidates for political office in Rowan County's democratic and republican primary.

Among those filing for magistrate that year were: Elmer R. Crisp, John A. Hamm, John Harvey Trent, Bruce Botts and Edmond Oney. Also, Austin Alfrey was a candidate for reelection as County Attorney.

1956 was Rowan County's centennial year and local resi-

dents went all out in planning and organizing a spectacular centennial celebration that brought thousands of visitors and former residents to Rowan County.

The herculean effort included a planning committee, a contest for centennial queen, parade, pageant, centennial ball and a special five day celebration.

A Centennial Committee was appointed by the fiscal court that included Randall C. Wells, chairman, as well as M.L. Tate, Roger Caudill, Mary Alice Jayne, Dwight Pierce, Mickey Ponder, George Cline, Glenn Lane, Beulah Williams, Eunice Cecil, W.T. McClain, William Whittaker and W.E. Crutcher. Dr. Normal Tant, audio-visual director at MSC and survivor of the infamous WW II Bataan Death March, was the official photographer. He took over 500 photographs for the centennial.

#### Centennial pageant production

The Centennial Committee made plans for an elaborate pageant. As is the case in any pageant, a Queen must be selected and a contest was held to select the Pageant Queen. The Queen would be the young lady who sold the most pageant tickets.

Tickets could be purchased in advance all the way up to

the night before the pageant opened. General admission tickets were \$1.50, reserved seats \$2 and box seats \$2.50. Children's tickets were \$0.75. All tickets purchased before May 19 received a 50 cent discount.

Twenty-two lovely young ladies, both married and single, between the ages of 16 and 30, began heatedly selling tick-

ets "hoping" to earn the honor of being Pageant Queen. Thirty-three were nominated but 16 withdrew, many to help a friend or relative in the contest.

The active candidates included: Merle Allen, Patty Skaggs, Barbara Hyden, Loreda Hardin, Janice Moore, Joyce Brown, Donna Kautz, Joan Lewis, Mary Louise Cox, Joyce Hall, Betty Green, Shelby Manning, Lydia White, Marilyn Easterling, Gail

Crosthwaite, Patty Johnson, Ella Bocook, Joyce Gullett, Ruth Green, Phyllis McBrayer, Joyce Moore and Wilma Lewis.

Although the lead changed from week to week, the young lady who sold the most pageant tickets was Loreda Hardin, who became "Pageant Queen." Her court included the first, second and third runner-ups Pat Skaggs, Wilma Lewis and Barbara Hyden

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# GOODY'S

## JANUARY SEMI-ANNUAL CLEARANCE



In post war 1946, hope would again spring eternal in the hearts of Rowan Countians with the prospect of building Cave Run Lake. There were both pro and con groups organized. The anti-reservoir group was led by County Judge Luther Bradley and the Rowan County Farm Bureau came out solidly against the project.

The pro forces had not yet organized, but the dam would not be build for almost another 30 years. That year land owners in the Licking Valley were hopeful of a major oil strike following a 150 barrel a day oil well drilled on McCulley Branch in Salt Lick, not far from the already established Ragland Oil Field.

In 1946 farm ponds and contour farming were major projects of the Rowan County Conservation Committee. That year Bishop William T. Mulloy visited Morehead to select a site for a Catholic Church or Chapel and the Morehead Stockyard sales hit a new record high as top veal calves sold for \$18.15.

#### 1946 state championship and senior play

Of course it is the hope of every school in Kentucky to win a state basketball championship. In 1946, that hope was realized in Morehead when Breckinridge Training School captured the State Basketball Championship. (This writer has written much about that team and it will "hopefully" be in a future book).

Another proud moment for the Breck class of 1946 was their classic senior play. The cast included Martha Lee Pennebaker, Elaine Lyon, Ailene Caudill, Janet Patrick, Jean Tabor, Jean Flannery, Betty Coleman, Nell Fair, Janis Caudill, Jean Christy, Jean Sorrell, Barbara Schafer, Louise Kelly, Margaret Gullett, June Bentley.

Also Lois Jean Wheeler, Harold Caudill, Bill Roberts, Harve Mobley Jr., Sonny Allen, Joe McGruder, Bill Litton, Carl Johnson and Edward Fannin.

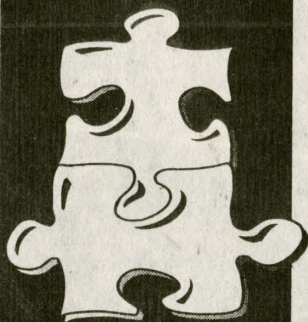
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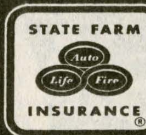
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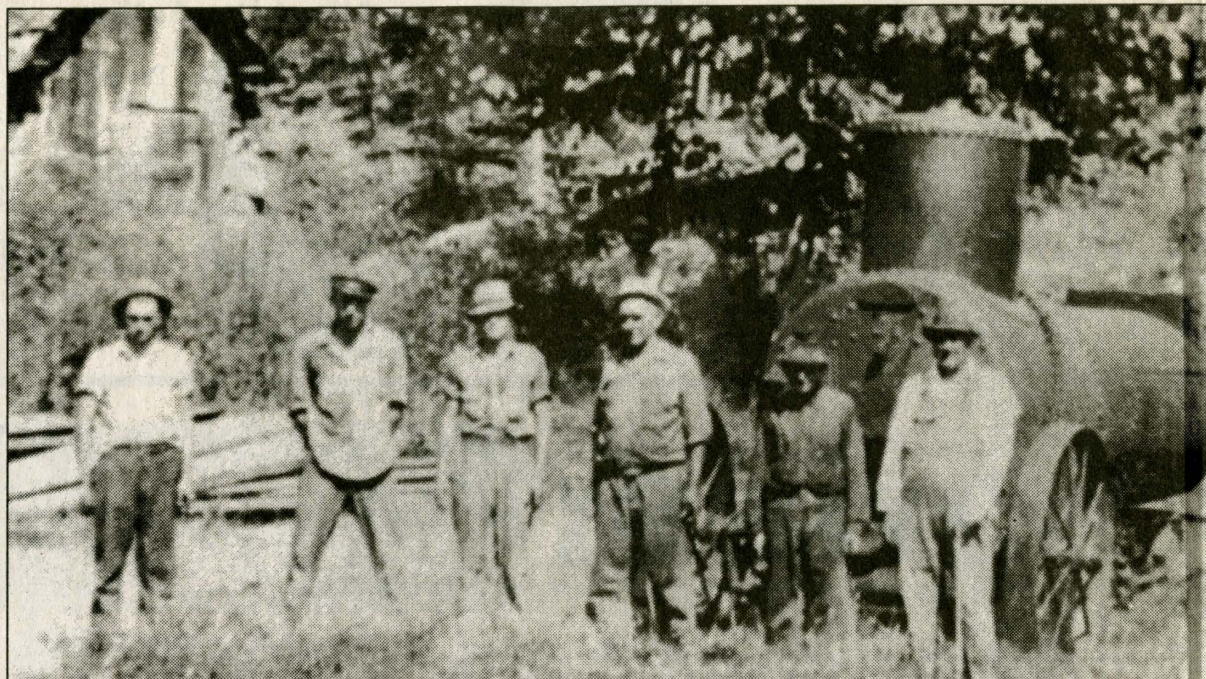
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From left, Carmel Johnson(?), Farl Ellington, ?, the old Dutchman, Labe McKinney(?) and Ransom Gibbs. Early wildcat oil drilling crew at Mount Hope in Rowan County in the 1940s. They used a steam-powered drill, seeking oil.

## Looking From A-9

respectively. The tickets were sold and the pageant ran for six nights in May 1956.

The title of the 1956 centennial pageant was "Within This Valley." The name was suggested by Mrs. Marie Howard who felt the name was most appropriate for portraying the historical events of Rowan County. The title was also intended to present an image of a valley of peace and calm, which was opposite of the image of Bloody Rowan in the early days of its history.

The pageant was an elaborately staged production of the 100 year history of Morehead and Rowan County. It was presented in 28 scenes that ran for six nights, May 21-26. There were 300 costumed persons on a stage almost as long as the football field in old Jayne Stadium, where the pageant was presented. It opened with the fanfare of trumpets that heralded the arrival of the Centennial Queen and her court.

Following an introduction by a narrator called "The Old Timer" there was a transportation scene that took the audience backward in time from



Morehead ladies dressed in their centennial finest during Rowan's Centennial year, 1956, include from left,

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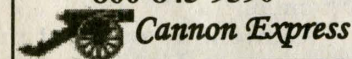
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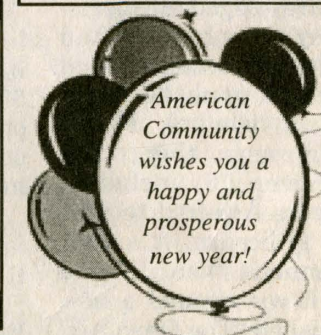
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Marguerite Sayne, Deanne Tant, Mignon Doran and Beulah Williams. They were called "Sisters of the Swish".

man, who for many moons lived, loved, hunted and fought within this valley. There was a tepee studded village of Indian families with old men shivering in blankets around the campfire as children ran and

played and dogs barked.

Rowan Countians have always looked back nostalgically and looked forward with hope. Building upon what has been and improving on what is to come.

## Sisters of The Swish

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As evidence of her good faith in accepting this obligation, the member named herein will continue to consume a true ladies share of the fare mentioned above, pay respectful homage to our bearded brothers, and always stand at attention when "My Old Kentucky Home" is played.



Done Within This Valley in the City of Morehead and the County of Rowan in the State of Kentucky, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ in the year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Six.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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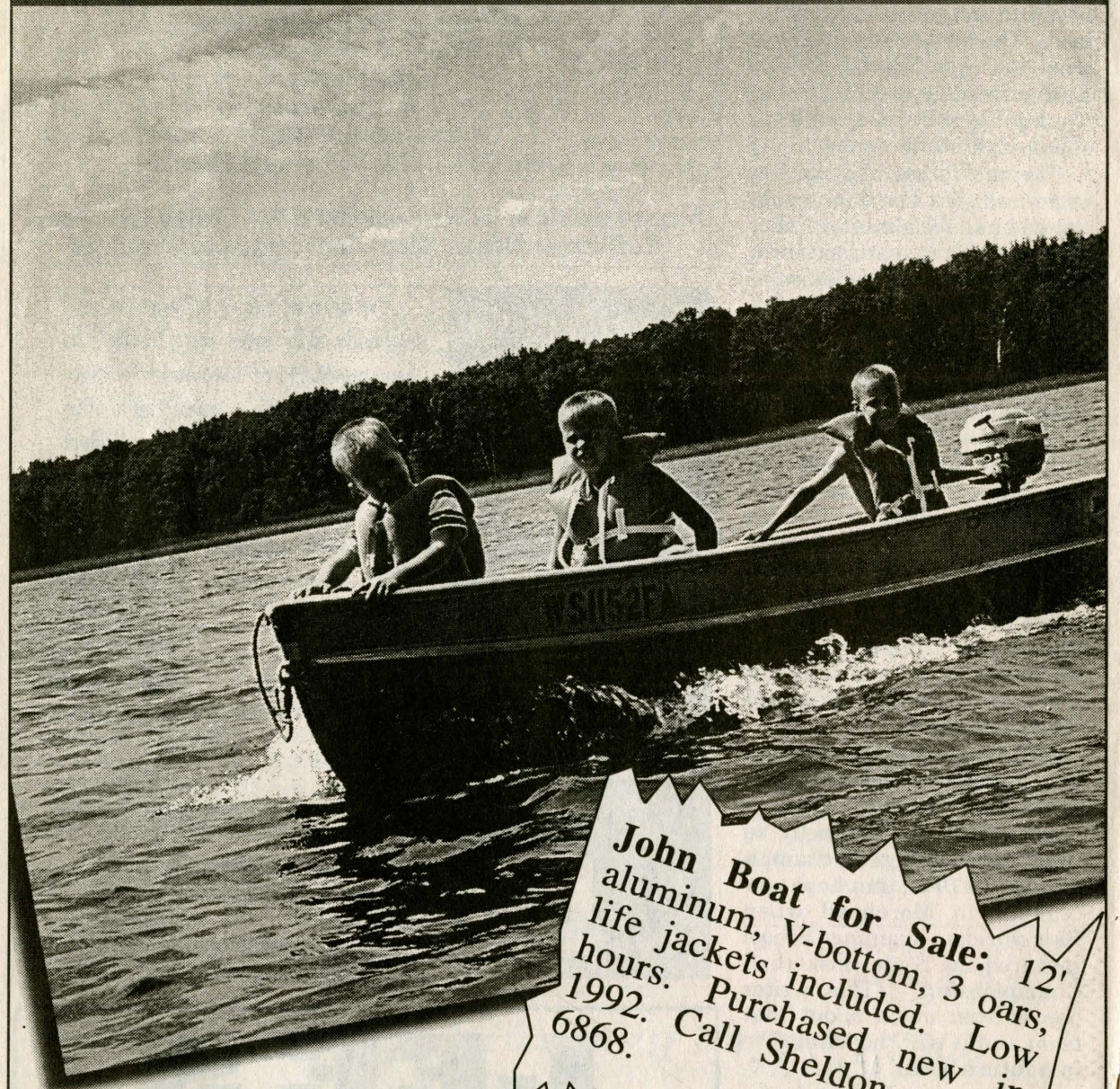
scheduled is a native dance demonstration. In the evening, a buffalo dinner buffet will be served.

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### Early History

■ 1856: The village of Triplett was selected as Rowan's county seat.

# HISTORY

THE MOREHEAD NEWS, MAY 19, 2006

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# Morehead Memories:

## Celebrating the Sesquicentennial

By JACK ELLIS  
Special to The Morehead News

"Good teaching is with you in all that you do."  
(Genesis 22:11)

On Saturday, May 13, at the new Morehead Convention Center, the first of several activities was held celebrating Rowan's 150th birthday. That was a busy day in our community, and many could not be there for that celebration. Therefore this writer wants to share with you the following complete text of Dr. James Gifford's inspiring, positive and challenging speech of that meeting as he pointed with pride to the past, while offering a challenging hope for the future:

"Today we are celebrating Rowan County's Sesquicentennial – the county's 150th birthday. It is the right time to reflect on the county's prideful past, because the past is secure and will richly repay our examinations. It is also the perfect time to reflect on Rowan County's future. If the past is secure, then the future is insecure and that's the way many of you feel about it—insecure.

### We are all teachers

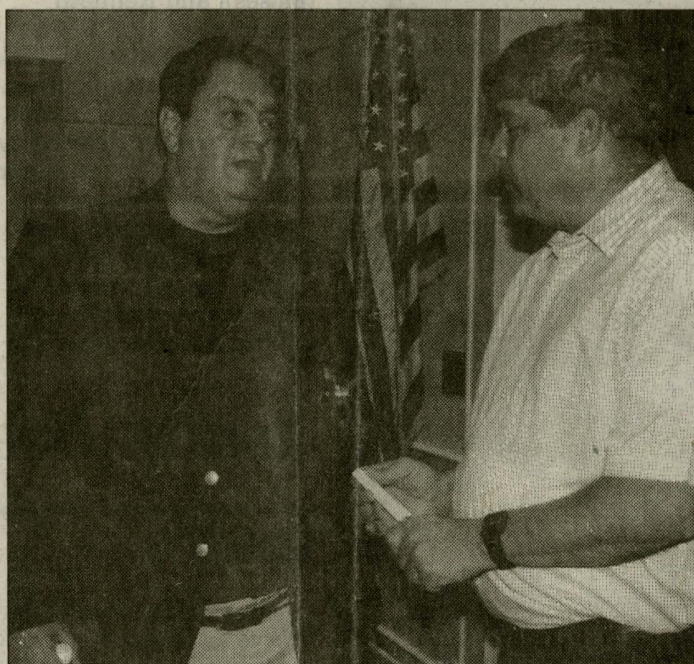
Why? Because you are not completely confident that your children and

represents the things you fought for as soldiers and fought for as citizens. And that is going to be a struggle, friends, because America is eroding! America is eroding! Our great county is more threatened by internal weaknesses than by any outside threat. And that's a problem that can only be solved one citizen at a time, one home at a time, one community at a time. Saving America is not someone else's job!

### Schools reflect society

Let me give you an example of the societal deterioration that I'm talking about: In the 1940s, according to CBS News Reports, the top seven school problems were: talking out of turn, chewing gum, making noise, running in the halls, cutting line, dress code infractions, and littering. In the 1980s, the seven major school problems were: drug abuse, alcohol abuse, pregnancy, suicide, rape, robbery, and assault. The last 25 years have certainly seen no improvement.

Let me be quick to say this is not a criticism of our schools. It is a comment on the society that created those schools. Schools do not exist apart from society. They are, like most other institutions, mirror images of society. And when we look in this mirror we see



Stephanie Ockerman photo  
Dr. Jim Gifford, left, was the featured speaker at the May 13 Sesquicentennial Celebration.

make them wiser and calmer. You must teach them with your example.

2. Teach your children and grandchildren to work. There is a dignity to work that that only workers can understand. America is obsessed with and addicted to entertainment. You must teach the people who look to you for guidance how to work...and the value of

work. There's only one way to do that. Work with them.

3. Teach your children and grandchildren to live within their means. Children must learn the difference between wants and needs.

4. Teach your children and grandchildren to obey the law. Criminal behavior is epidemic in America today...You must set a good

example and you must create an expectation in your community that law enforcement officers will enforce the law and that citizens will obey the law.

5. Teach your children

and grandchildren to love God, and to follow his commandments. Teach them with your example.

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Why? Because you are not completely confident that your children and grandchildren have the courage, the strength of character, and the work ethic necessary to continue the great work that you have already accomplished. That's not an indictment of young people, but is simply a concern. Those of you who have contributed to society with your hard work and public responsibility have earned the right to be concerned. In general terms, that concern and how to deal with it is the subject of my brief remarks.

When I look out across this sea of faces in the audience, I see America's greatness. I see men and women who fought wars, built homes, and raised children. I see magnificent people who have given everything to make Morehead a great community and Rowan County a great county.

I also see people who are great teachers. Right now some of you are thinking, "I'm not a teacher," and that's not true. You are all teachers because you teach by example. Your children, grandchildren, and friends look at your example when they face crises and attempt to solve problems. Jesse Stuart once wrote that "good teaching is forever and the teacher is immortal," and that applies to every person here today. What you teach through your example becomes immortalized in the people who follow your example.

And when you think about it that way, it helps you to see the enormous importance of each person's life and each person's example.

Winning wars not enough

You and your ancestors fought and won wars to preserve America's freedom. But the greatest fight is still ahead of you. You have won the wars and today I challenge you to win the peace. What does that mean? It means you have to build a community that

institutions, mirror images of society. And when we look in this mirror we see today's world -- a society that we created -- and a society that we must change for the better.

I know you love your country and I know you love your hometown. So I'm going to whisper a little platitude that you may have heard from your spouse at one time or another: Love is not something you say; it's something you do.

### **Teach the children**

Briefly I want to suggest five things that you, as individuals, can do in the privacy of your homes and in your capacity as everyday citizens that will combat the national problems we face and help to insure the preservation of your personal legacy, too.

1. Teach your children and grandchildren to enjoy reading. Functional literacy is not enough. Teach them to love reading. It will





From left, Kennedy Keays, Matthew Gregory, Carrie Hurst, Andrew Dillion, Aizhan Taylor, Austin Alderson, Caitlyn Hamm, Joseph Parsons, Hannah Taylor.

## Farmer's Market coupons to be issued

The Women, Infants and Children's (WIC) Program is issuing Farmer Market Nutrition Coupons for eligible WIC participants. Federal and state mandated guidelines require that when issuing the Farmers Market coupons to WIC participants, they must also receive nutrition education. Therefore, beginning this year the Health Department will be issuing Farmer's Market nutrition program coupons during regularly scheduled WIC appointments.

Many have just been issued WIC Food Instruments (vouchers) at the Health Department and may not have an appointment for another 3 months. Since coupons are being issued early this year all participants should receive coupons by Aug. 15. The Farmer's Markets are still going strong in August and the last day to use coupons is Oct. 15. This should allow all WIC participants a chance to use their coupons.



From left, Susie Taylor, Tonya White, baby Slade White.

## MOREHEAD-ROWAN COUNTY CHAMBER EVENT UPDATES

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# Events scheduled for First Church of God, RCCA

Morehead First Church of God hosted a dinner for supporters of Rowan County Christian Academy on Friday, May 12. The event was one of the first events held at the Morehead Convention Center. The audience was entertained by former Miss Kentucky Tanya White (now an RCCA mom); Tyler Elam (Moses); and Kenneth Alderson (an RCCA student). All students of RCCA participated in a program. Guest speaker Dr. Gordon Carlisle was introduced by Steve Lewis, the emcee for the evening. Morehead First Church of God and RCCA thank all who attended and all who had a part, large or small, in making the evening a suc-



RCCA fundraiser at Morehead Conference Center.

cess. Lisa Litton spearheaded the event. Greta Bo Bennett directed the program, and Kim Allen was responsible for flower arrangements.

The church and school are looking forward to their first summer camp, "Adventures with Jesus" which

will be held June 12 through July 28 and directed by Kim Nettleton, wife to First Methodist Church's pastor. The fee for the 7-week camp is \$400. Registration for the fall term at RCCA is now underway. Call 780-9566.

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## History From D-1

Jesse Stuart once said, "We've lost something we've got to get back: not the one-room schoolhouse, but the spirit of the one-room schoolhouse." I know that spirit exists in the hearts and minds of the people who are here today and I know you can focus it on today's problems. If we work together to solve today's problems, we cannot fail. If we do not work together, we cannot succeed. My sincere hope is this year will be the beginning of a better and brighter future for Rowan County. Good luck, my friends. The challenges ahead are great, but so are the rewards. Happy Birthday, Rowan County. May you have 150 more."

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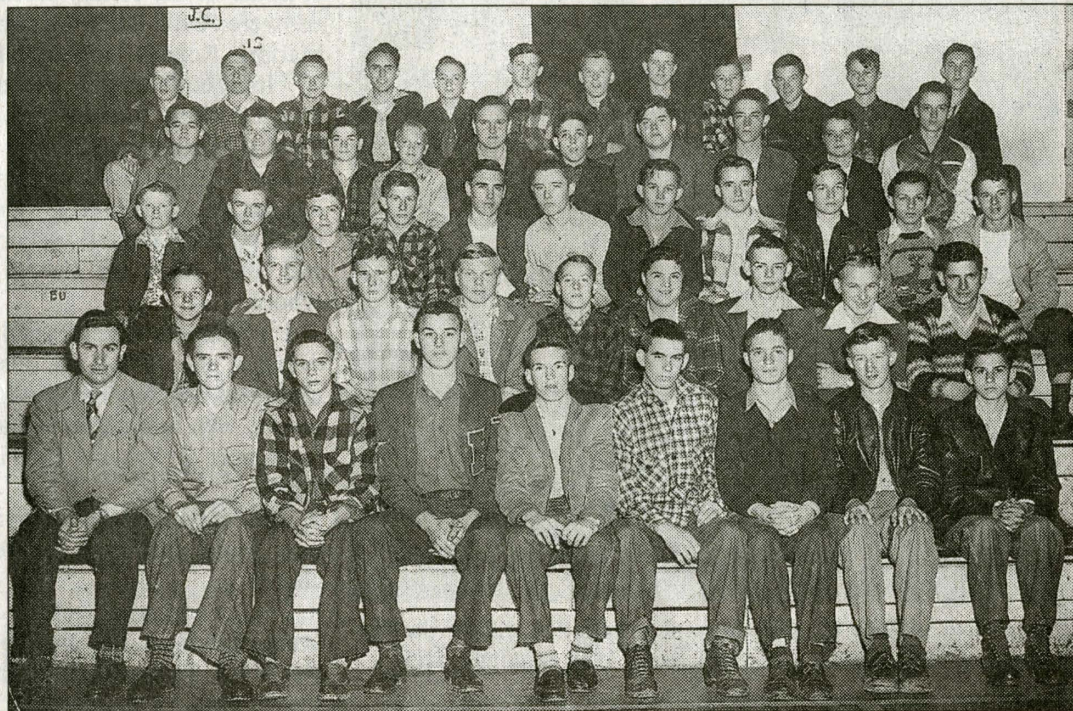
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MOREHEAD, KENTUCKY-FRIDAY, MAY 12, 2006

CELEBRATING ROWAN COUNTY'S 150<sup>TH</sup> YEAR



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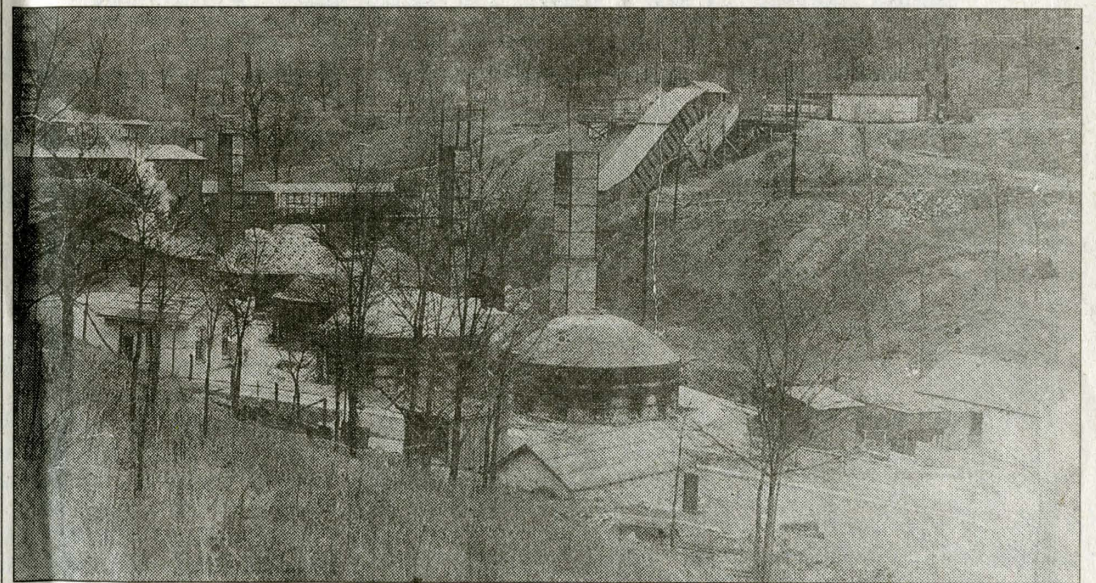
**Rowan County Historical Society charter members**  
April 1, 1977

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## County celebrates its 150th birthday



**Haldeman Brickyard**

No. 1 Brickyard, Haldeman, taken in 1920s.

## Leaders serve on board to plan birthday events

8 November 2003  
Dear Corporation Member  
Rowan County Sesquicentennial Foundation, Inc.  
Morehead, Kentucky 40351

Let me take this moment to personally thank you for agreeing to serve as a member of the Rowan County Sesquicentennial Foundation in helping to celebrate its history of 1956-2006.

We have scheduled its first of

picture of the group which will be used through 2006 and beyond. We certainly hope you can be at this important event which is a once in a life-time event.

We hope this 2006 celebration will involve the total population of Rowan County and serve as a model for other counties in their future planning.

Various groups are already involved in the planning for the year of 2006.

it more convenient for you and possibly at 2 P.M.

Many activities are being planned for the year 2006 and interest in the Birthday will grow as we get closer to the date.

We value your input into future activities and we recognize the value of your serving on this very important Foundation.

I feel that permanent good can come out of this for Rowan County and its citizens as we do



# Rowan County: Then and Now

## Planning group says zoning is way of the future

By KIM HAMILTON  
News Editor  
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We've come a long way since Rowan County's 100th birthday in 1956.

Back then, farmers diversified their crops with strawberries to enhance income. This spring, voters in Elliottville approved allowing wine sales at the CCC Trail Vineyard.

In 1956, downtown businesses thrived. In 2006, Wal Mart hopes to build a new, Super Center here. That super store is planned for a parcel of city property located beyond the old J.C. Wells sawmill and lumber yard on Flemingsburg Road. The location is quite a distance past what many would have envisioned as a part of the city.

With municipal growth and change has come the idea that planning for the future is important and that "future" is approaching more rapidly than many have anticipated.

Recently, one of the top suggestions of a large group of citizens who participated in a planning effort was county-wide zoning.

Morehead and Rowan County was the first to participate in the NewCity initiative in April.

A merged city-county government was a second priority and suggestion from the 72 persons who worked on plans for the

community's future.

In a month long roundup of ideas, NewCities employees held sessions with various civic groups, organizations and local residents.

"The investment you make today will have future dividends," said Anthony Reynolds with the NewCities Institute.

The workers with the institute will compile the information they gathered and are to return in June to give a report. By mid-summer, they will have a completed report that can be used as a potential future plan.

"We will come back with strategies for getting the community where it wants to go," said Steve Austin with the NewCities Institute.

During a four-hour session in April, the participants were divided into about 13 groups in which they discussed needs for Rowan County and created visual maps of how to get there.

Leaders of the various work groups spoke to the audience:

"We felt like when you address those issues, the first and foremost thing is county-wide zoning," said Ray White.

"We thought the number one thing would be to merge city and county government, and with that we could bring in county-wide zoning," said Gail Lincoln.

"We want to see a Morehead and Rowan County that is cultur-

ally, technologically and health conscience," said Francene Botts Butler.

"We had the concept of a new model for economic development that generates jobs and keeps money here," said Betty Regan. "We thought we should focus on turning natural resources into products here instead of shipping them out of the region."

"Our group said we need safe, affordable housing and we should outlaw aluminum buildings with strict codes for enforcement and zoning," said Kay Stiner.

"Zoning and having growth where it is natural - along KY 801 and KY 32 North - and whatever plan is chosen needs to be stuck with," said Fielding Turner. "Politicians come and go, but if I sink money into something, I want to know what it's going to be next to."

"We think the main thing we need in this community is someone who will stand up and say what he thinks," said Paul Blair. He added that the city's zoning ordinance itself is 30 years old and does not allow for town houses.

He added that there should be county commissioners instead of magistrates so everyone could vote for them, not just the people in their district.

Common themes were:

- County-wide zoning
- Merged city-county govern-

ment

- A tax for emergency services such as fire and ambulance

- Sidewalks
- Affordable living for all stages of life

- Jobs
- Jobs using natural resources
- Protecting tourism
- MSU student and community transition

- Diversity
- Revitalize downtown
- New model for economic development

- Mass transportation
- County-wide technical resources

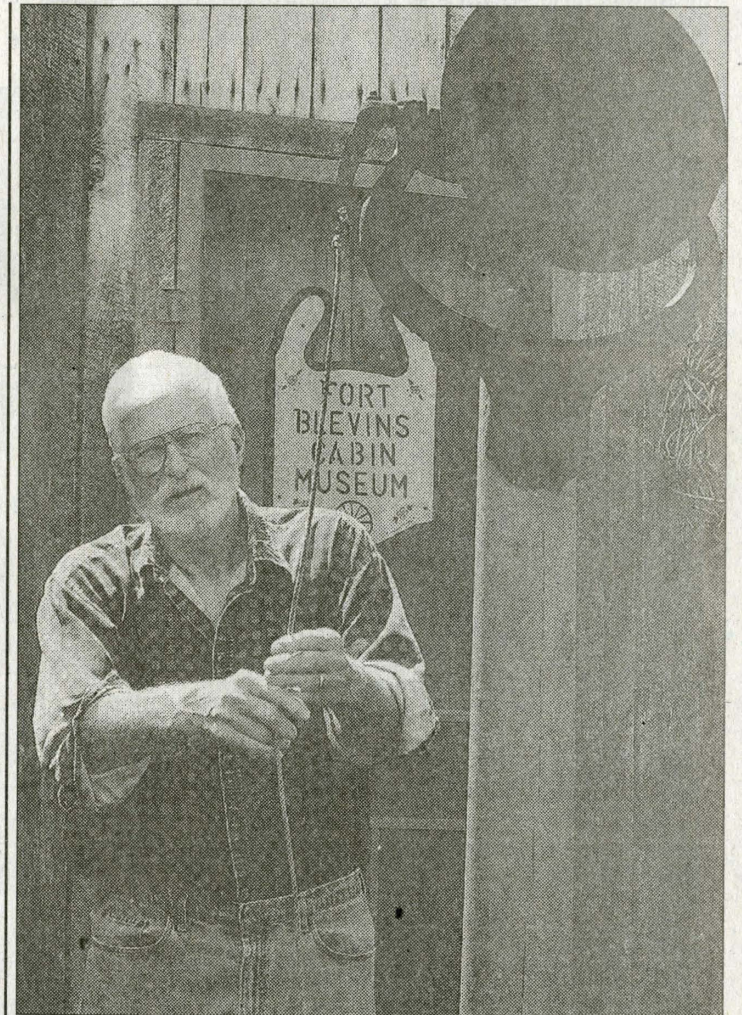
- Providing recreation and a park plan
- Community education collaboration

- Better entertainment
- Higher paying jobs
- Fostering self-owned businesses

- Community safety
- Building design standards
- Affordable health care
- Regionalism
- Preservation of heritage
- Sticking to an adopted plan
- Acting locally, thinking globally

- Protection of natural resources
- More "community" spaces where people can meet

We've come a long way since 1956. Happy 150th birthday, Rowan County.



**Y'ALL COME:** Danny Blevins Sr., who lives on Cranston Road, is shown ringing his old dinner bell at noon on May 1, 2006 in honor of Rowan County's 150th birthday. Picture taken in front of the Blevins Family Museum.

## *Rowan Countians asked to hold reunions, old-time dinners*





**THE HAPPY COUPLE:** Virgil Cornett and Bonnie Williams on their wedding day, Jan. 4, 1964.

September of that year. But Madison County jumped ahead of this county and booked all of the talent Rowan had counted on securing.

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BEARDED, COSTUMED, and ready to participate in the centennial celebration of Rowan County, Ky., are Morehead TGT'ers Mr. and Mrs. Earl Alderman with son Buster, Roy Reynolds, and Mr. and Mrs. Milton Tuckett and son Larry. Beards qualified men as 'Brothers of the Brush.'

## County Fair has its beginnings in early 1900s

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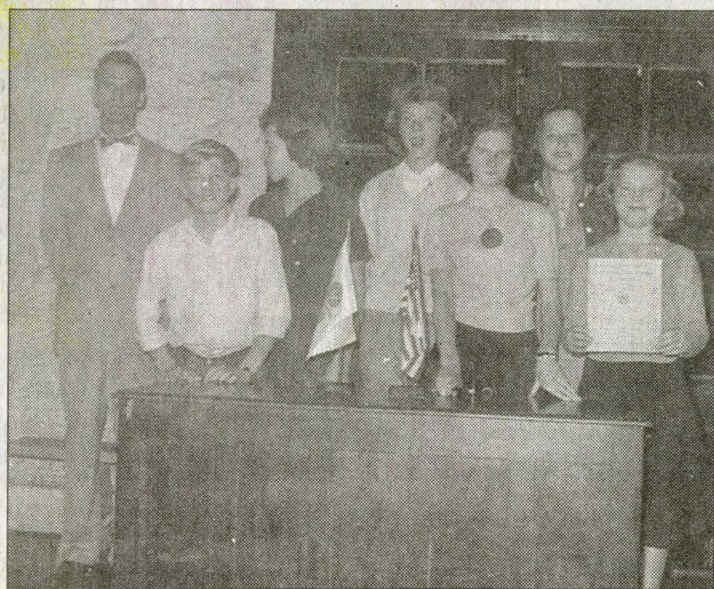
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Rowan farmers hold Chautauqua

In the fall of 1913, Rowan made plans to become the first mountain county to hold a chautauqua, and it was planned for



**YOUTH OFFICERS:** 4-H officers, Elliottville Elementary, 1956-57. From left, Carson Castle, Butch Roe, Bonnie Templeman, Bonnie Williams, Janet Lewis, Beulah Moore, Donna Templeman.



**LEAVING SCHOOL:** Eighth-grade graduation, Elliottville Elementary, 1957, Ronnie Chadwell, front; Ivan Jennings, back.



**CENTENNIAL BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION:** Evangeline Endlerle, Ethel Williams, — Fraley.

## Some history of Little Perry community

Compiled by Lloyd Dean (attended Little Perry 1937-38), March 1984

1. Some of the early families of Little Perry community were: Oney, Barker, Parker, Fraley, Messer, Turner, Stamper, Sparks, Skaggs, Sturgill, Bradley, Eldridge, and Thomas.

2. Some of the former teachers were: Ollie Click Sexton, Marjorie Roberts, Mabel Kelly, Imogene Hogge, Opal Hogge, Marie Lewis, Steve Caudill, Nannie Caudill.

3. Two one room schools were located at Little Perry. One was known as the little school and the other as the big school.

4. Pie Suppers were a yearly event at the school to raise money to buy supplies for the school. Ben Sturgill served as auctioneer for some of the Pie Suppers.

5. The remaining building is now being used as a Baptist church.

6. Little Perry used to have a voting house. It was built by the W.P.A. in the 1930s of native stone.

7. There were ball games between Little Perry and the other one-room schools.

8. The school had an outside well for drinking water.

9. The school also had outside restrooms.

10. Superintendents of schools at the time were, Powers, Cornett, Crosthwaite, Cecil and Cassady.

11. One cemetery located on Little Perry was called the Parker Cemetery.

12. The Little Perry schools used a coal stove for heat.

13. Little Perry is a farming community and some of the native trees are walnut, maple, dogwood, oak, sycamore, hickory, pine and others.

14. Little Perry School built around 1920, part of students came from Gates school.



# Rowan County rural school roster 1946-47

1. Clearfield: Murl Gregory, Clearfield; Virginia Cox, Morehead; Aileen Hall, Clearfield; Emma Caudill, Clearfield; Nelle Phillips, Morehead; Oleta Lewis, Clearfield.

2. Dry Creek: Sadie Fielding, Morehead.

3. Wes Cox: Goldia Cox, Elliottville.

5. Craney: Ruby Roe, Morehead.

6. Bratton Branch: Ernest Ferguson, Bluestone.

7. Upper Lick Fork: Milford Jones, Pelfrey.

13. Ramey: Clela Prater, R.#1, Morehead.

14. Bull Fork: Mary Holbrook, Sharkey.

15. Alfrey: Chas. H. Ellis, Cogswell.

16. Mt. Hope: C.C. Crosthwait, Bangor.

17. McKenzie: Chas. McKenzie, Cogswell.

19. Seas Branch: John Caudill, R.#3, Morehead; Phoebe Butcher, Morehead.

23. Poplar Grove: Chilma Butcher, R.#3, Morehead.

24. Ditney: Margaret Pelfrey,

Elliottville.

26. New Home: Elzie Johnson, Elliottville.

27. Big Brushy: Hazel Johnson, R.#1, Morehead.

28. Johnson: Marie Ellington, Morehead.

30. Cranston: Minnie Gastineau, Morehead; Mary J. Quesinberry, Morehead.

31. Clearfork: Lulie Hogge, Morehead, R.#2.

32. Rockfork: Gustiva Masters, Morehead, R.#2.

33. Island Fork: Hazel Molton, Morehead, R.#2.

34. Adams-Davis: Juanita Cooper, Morehead, R.#2.

35. Clark: Inez Sturgill, Morehead, R.#2; Iva Stacy, Morehead, R.#2.

36. Holly: George Brown, Morehead, R.#2.

37. Little Brushy: Dorothy Ellis, Morehead; Grace Christy, Morehead.

41. Lower Lick Fork: Sena Forman, Morehead, R.#3.

43. Old House Creek: Allie Porter, Morehead, R.#3.

44. Oak Grove: Aster Jones, Hamm.

48. Moore: Dorothy Alley, Farmers.

49. Waltz: Katherine Caudill, Morehead.

51. Three Lick: Thelma Kissick, Salt Lick.

52. Rosedale: Carma Jones, Elliottville.

53. Little Perry: Minnie L. Wells, Morehead, R.#2.

54. Sharkey: Myrle Kinder, Morehead, R.#1.

Ted L. Crosthwait, Supt., Morehead.

Mabel Alfrey, Attendance Of-

ficer, Morehead.

Eunice Cecil, Supervisor, Morehead.

Myrtle Caudill, Book Custodian, Morehead.

Elsie Lee Cornette, Clerk, Morehead.

Janitors: Chas. Kegley, Morehead School; Forest Cornett, Morehead School and office; Craig Hamilton, Elliottville School; Harry Adams, Farmers School; Sam Bowen, Haldeman School.

## Rowan County remembers 'The fairest of them all'

By JACK D. ELLIS

"Let the people be assembled together" Is 43:9

(Editor's Note: This is one in a series of articles about local history entitled Morehead Memories: People and Places. The articles deal with those business and professional people that helped Morehead grow and prosper.)

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clared a success by everyone.

Fair interests increases

Interest in, and support for the Community Fair grew rapidly, and by 1927 "represented a tremendous step forward in the development of Rowan County." The heavy downpour of rain on that Friday, Oct. 8, 1927, failed to dampen the enthusiasm of the exhibitors. Although the crowd was down on Friday due to the rain, attendance was excellent on Saturday.

Rowan's Community Fair was growing and becoming more successful each year.

Its idealistic purpose also expanded to bring all of Rowan Countians together and to develop a better relationship between the farmer, merchant, parent and school. Prizes were awarded for the best examples of canning, baking, sewing, fruits and vegetables. The prizes, ribbons, and catalogs were paid for by local merchants, who reaped tremendous benefits from the thousands of people that eventually attended these fairs.

Name and fair site changed

With the construction in 1928 of the new, modern Morehead High School Gym and auditorium, the site of the fair was moved from the college to the new Gymnasium on Second Street and Tippet Avenue. Not only the site of the fair changed but the name of the fair changed.

Therefore, by 1930, under the

and participants, that an extra day (Thursday) was needed for registration, and building temporary pens to house the animal exhibits. Also, detailed plans were made for the first School Parade.

Schoolteachers involved - parade added

All Rowan County teachers met Friday, Sept. 13, 1935, to finalize plans for the fair. The teachers met in the Morehead High School Gym, and the program was as follows:

Morning Session 9:30 a.m.

Assignment of tests for scholarship events (Art, Music, Literature)

Devotional Exercises - the Rev. T. F. Lyons

Roll Call - Secretary

Aims and Purposes of the Fair

- Mrs. Lester Hogge

Registration of Exhibits - the Rev. B.H. Kazee

Group Singing led by Murvel Blair

Agricultural Department - C. L. Goff

Afternoon Session 1 p.m.

How to Prepare School Exhibits - Goldie Dillion

Art in School Exhibits - Lillian Messer

Preparation for the Parade - Frank Laughlin

Athletic Events (Track & Field) - Austin Riddle

Open Discussion - Questions for Teachers - Roy

Cor-

building banners, floats, and preparing exhibits of livestock, cooking, canning, and sewing.

The 1935 Fair, considered on the county's best, brought seven thousand people into Morehead. They came from Haldeman, Farmers, Elliottville, Clearfield - and all points east, west, north and south. They came from schools such as: Charity, Bull Fork, and Clark. They came from Haldeman, Hardeman, and Holly, and from Ditney. Dry Creek, McKenzie, and Minor. From Mt. Hope, Oak Grove, Waltz, Wess Cox, Razor, and Perkins, and from 40 other schools. But they came and were happy to be here.

Fair Day more exciting than Christmas

Fair Day was the most exciting day of the year in the life of Rowan's school children. They expected little for Christmas, and received very little. They understood their parents could not afford to buy them much for Christmas. BUT FAIR DAY - that was something else. Each child in each home was up long before daylight.

They completed their chores, put on their Sunday best over-all, or gingham dresses, and began the exciting journey to Morehead. There they proudly participated in the parade, prizes, and other activities. If they won a blue ribbon for any activity, they were as proud as any Olympic athlete, because they understood they represented their school. Also, the ath-

Booklets - Ella May Boggess and Mable Alfrey, Supervisors

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Public Events

Cooking, Canning - Mrs. E. Hogge and Mrs. T. F. Lyons, Supervisors

Best canned fruits, vegetables, fried chicken, cake and candy.

Sewing and Handwork - Mrs. Ernest Jane, Mrs. Sadie Fielding, Supervisors

Best quilt, dress, apron, handkerchief, and hooked rug

Flowers - Mrs. C. E. Bishop and Mrs. Gertrude Synder, Supervisors

Best Vase of dahlias, zinnias, roses; and Best Potted Plants, ferns, and artificial flowers. Also best crops of potatoes, hay, pumpkins, watermelons, and tobacco. Also best garden crops including tomatoes, turnips, beans and onions.

Also orchard products of apples, peaches, and pears.

Livestock - Henry Hagan, Supervisor

Best calves, pigs, chickens, and sheep.

Miscellaneous Events

Awards were given for the best hog caller, chicken caller, fiddler, and hoe down dancer. (This event attracted more spectators than any other event.)

The Rowan County Fair continued every year until 1939. That was the year of the very destruc-

night. Also, buildings, roads, bridges, and crops were devastated. Therefore, the Fair Committee elected not to hold the fair in 1939.

But it was resumed in 1940 and 1941, until World War II stopped it again. Although the fair resumed in 1946, there never seemed to be the enthusiasm and interest that was there before the war. The nation, as well as Rowan County, seemed to have lost their innocence, and became too sophisticated to participate.

Fair fades slowly away

Before World War II everyone looked forward to the fair and marching in the parade. Also they eagerly became involved in the events. But the post-war ear brought grumbling from teachers, children and parents. They complained that too much time was spent on the fair. Therefore, the Rowan County Schools and Agricultural Fair died a natural death in the 1950s.

In 1956 Rowan County celebrated its centennial year, and there was a major Morehead parade and other activities. But the County Fair has disappeared. It has now be replaced by the excellent Hardwood and Harvest Festivals. But these events seem to be economically based, whereas the old fair was educationally based.

Both are important, and as we approach the new millennium - we must not forget this. Maybe we need a Rowan County Schools and Agricultural Fair to



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#### A fair beginning

Beginning in the 1920s, county fairs sprang up throughout Kentucky. Each county tried to make their own fair the "fairest of them all." Rowan County was certainly no exception, and on the first Friday and Saturday in October of 1925, Rowan's first fair was held. It was called a Community Fair, and had a very modest beginning on the campus of Morehead State Teachers College and Normal School.

It was the brainchild of Agriculture Professor Henry C. Haggan, County Extension Agent, C.L. Goff, School Superintendent Harlan Powers and MSC President Frank Button. The first fair was called a Community Fair. Its purpose was to promote city, county, and college cooperation. It was a noble purpose and the first Community Fair was housed in five rooms of the college administrative building. It was de-

intended Lydia Messer Caudill, Rowan's Community Fair became known as the Rowan County School and Agricultural Fair. Greater emphasis was placed upon school participation emphasizing the educational importance of the fair. Added to the list of usual fair exhibits were Art, Athletics, Music, and Livestock. Not only ribbons were awarded for winners in their areas, but prize money was also provided by the local merchants.

#### Fair Committee appointed

Roy Cornette became the Superintendent of Rowan County Schools in 1934. Working with local community leaders, he began to enlarge and expand the Fair, with the schools taking an even more active part. Planning began with the appointment of a Fair Committee, which met July, 8, 1935. Mrs. Lester Hogge was elected president of this committee. Other committee members included Henry C. Haggan, Head, Agricultural Department MSC; the Rev. B. H. Kazee, Pastor Baptist Church, Secretary; Dr. H.L. Wilson, Treasurer; Roy Cornette, Head of School Dept.; C.L. Goff, Agriculture; Mrs. C.U. Waltz, Home Department; and Austin Riddle, Athletics. This same committee served for five years, improving and enlarging the fair each year.

Rowan's 1935 Fair was held on Oct. 3, 4, and 5 in the Morehead High School Gymnasium. It was decided that because of the great number of floats, exhibitors,

5-8 held at this time)

Business Meeting - Ira Caudill, president.

The first teachers meeting every school year throughout the remainder of the 1930s involved primarily planning and preparation for the Fair.

Very detailed planning for the fair did not include how to get the children into town. The problem was left up to the ingenuity of the individual teachers. There were no school busses for these early fairs, and it was up to teachers and parents to bring the children into town. Some walked, and some came in cars, cattle trucks, wagons, and on horseback. Many schools held pie suppers to pay for a truck to haul the children into town. But they came to town to march in the parade and celebrate the fair. It was a great day in the life of the community.

Schools and teachers march in parade

Each school and teacher was required to march with a banner or a float in the parade. (However, first and second grades were not required to march.) Banners, and floats carried by the children proudly represented their school and community. For instance the banner carried by the Sharkey rural school children had a picture of a shark, and the picture of a key; thus making "Sharkey." Also, the Little Brushy School carried a banner with the word "Little" printed next to a pile of brush, followed by a "Y"; therefore "Little Brushy." They worked hard

the events were held at the State Stadium, and few had such things as athletic shoes, so most everyone took off their heavy shoes, and participated barefoot.

Some examples of the 400 events listed in the 1935 School Fair were:

#### School Events

Athletics - Austin Riddle, Supervisor

High jump, broad jump, baseball throwing, and 75 yard and 100-yard dash.

Kindergarten - Norma Powers, Supervisor

Clay modeling, hand writing, and best booklet

Emergency Education - Katherine Caudill and Oscar Patrick, Supervisors

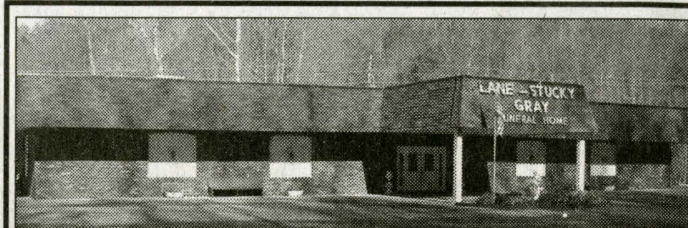
Best academic display, and domestic art display

Elementary School - Ellen Hudgins and Mae Meadows, Supervisors.

Best posters, hand drawings, poems, and maps.

County on July 4. There were 25 people drowned on that dreadful

replace the Rowan County Schools and Agricultural Fair.



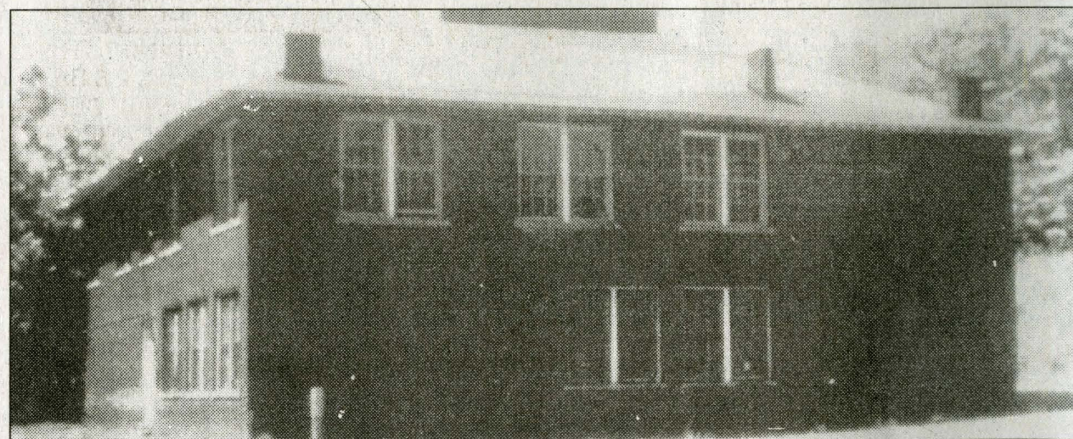
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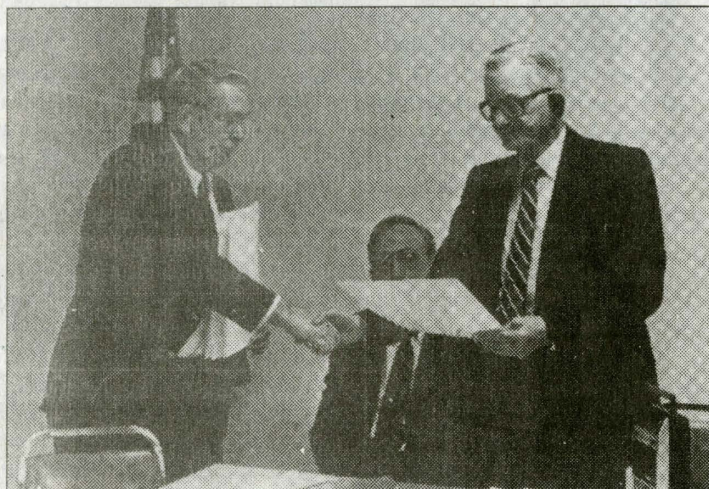
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**WE SHALL NEVER FORGET:** One of the few times The Morehead News printed a special edition outside of the regular Tuesday and Friday edition was a special 9/11 section printed in 2001.



Lloyd Dean, left, presents Raymond Hall with a recognition award from the Rowan County Historical Society for contributing to the history of Rowan County. Hall is president of the Historical Society and active with the annual Haldeman reunion.



**POSING AS PIONEERS** of their Kentucky county are W. E. (Bill) Bradley and Mrs. Bradley with children Ricky and Cathy.

### Reminders of back when...

According to the Rowan County News, published on Thursday, May 10, 1956:

Loreda Hardin held the lead in the race for Centennial Queen with Pat Skaggs in second place, Wilma Lewis in third and Barbara Hyden in fourth.

Other candidates were Joyce Brown, Merl Allen, Janice Moore, Donna Jean Kautz, Patty Sue Johnson, Joyce Hall, Mary Louise Cox, Betty Jean Greene, Ella Mae Bocook, Phyllis McBrayer, Marilyn Ann Easterling, Joan Lewis, Shelby Manning, Joyce Moore, Ruth Greene, Joyce Gullett, Gail Crosthwaite and Lydia White.

The Rowan County News also listed the members of the Centennial Celebration committee.

They were Randall C. Wells, chair, M. L. Tate, Roger Caudill, Mary Alice Jayne, Dwight Pierce, Mickey Ponder, George Cline, Glenn Lane, Beulah Williams, Eunice Cecil, W.T. McClain, William Whitaker, W. E. Crutcher and Roger Wilson.

### KERA 10-year anniversary

This month marks two important occasions. The 10-year anniversary of the beginning of sweeping educational reform in Kentucky was this week.

It also is the start of another important round of assessment testing at Rowan County schools, a direct descendant of the Kentucky Educational Reform Act passed in 1990.

Teachers at all schools are gearing up for assessment, or CATS also known as Commonwealth Accountability Testing System, scheduled for April 17-28.

Despite test scores from 1999, whether good or bad, teachers and administrators are concentrating on this year and how to improve student learning.

One school that's focusing on reading is Clearfield Elementary. Although it had the highest test scores in the district in math and social studies, teachers aren't looking for praise but realize those numbers could be in decline next year.

They are focusing on doing it right, today.



**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:** The late Frank and Eunice Cornett, 50th wedding anniversary, 1970.



**CENTENNIAL 1956:** Evangeline Enderle, Alta Click, Bonnie Williams.

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## gives annual awards

The Rowan County Historical Society held its annual awards night Dec. 18, at the Rowan County Library to recognize 10 local individuals for their contribution to Rowan County history. Those recognized for 1990 were: Rev. Russell Reynolds, Clester Armstrong, Lottie Powers, Steve Wright, Raymond Hall, Bessie C. Hall, Steve Hamilton, John Collis, Jim Forrest and Kim Hamilton.

Debbie and Sandy Knipp and their band provided entertainment for the evening. They performed Christmas carols and folk songs.

Formed around 1976, the Historical Society works closely with the Kentucky Historical So-

ciety to preserve the historical richness in Rowan County.

Lloyd Dean, secretary-treasurer, said the society is currently working on several projects.

They are involved with the 1992 bicentennial for the county, the genealogy of some of the oldest families of the county, locating the oldest buildings and the oldest people in the county. They also have a project started to put up highway markers in the community indicating where historical sites are located.

The Historical Society is currently having a membership drive which costs \$2 for one year or \$4 for two years.

For more information contact Lloyd Dean or Raymond Hall.

In 1956, advertisements in The Rowan County News included:

A garage on (old) Flemingsburg Road for rent, lease or sale. The garage was owned by Curt Hutchinson and was a Standard Oil dealer. Potential renters could call him at phone number 199. The ad touted the garage as "the best looking garage in Morehead."

Calvert's Pharmacy was located on Main Street across from the (old) courthouse. The business was established in 1950 by Bob Holbrook and J.B. Calvert. Early in 1956, the business became associated with the Walgreen Agency and Calvert purchased Holbrook's interest.

In 1956, the Farmers Airport was reported to be able to accommodate larger planes "than most people think." The airport had a 2,000 foot runway and was maintained as a state auxiliary landing field.

"Now is a time to spray your strawberries," read an advertisement for C.E. Bishop Drug Company in the Rowan County News in 1956. "For liquid spray, 25 percent is malathion; 50 percent is DDT and 50 percent is captan."

In 1956, Clayton Perkins owned Rowan County Plumbing and Heating on Fairbanks Avenue. The business offered a complete line of heating and plumbing supplies as well as expert service personnel.

In 1956, an advertisement read: "it's smart to eat out when you have a restaurant like the All New Greyhound." The Greyhound Restaurant was managed by Verne Lewis and Shade Kincaid.

In 1956, "We have all grown together," read an advertisement for the Model Laundry and Dry Cleaners owned by J.B. Calvert Sr. "Exclusively using Sta-Nu, that wonderful fabric restorer that makes garments look like new. Every garment is moth proofed."

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# Sesquicentennial segments of Rowan's 150-year history

By JACK ELLIS

"Remember the former things of old." (Isaiah 46:9)

This is a selected list of major events that have happened in the 150-year history of Rowan County. This writer has ranked them on a scale of 1-10 as to their importance in the growth and development of Morehead and Rowan County (10 being of major importance and down to 1 as being of minor importance). Of course, many of you might place a different ranking on these events. Also, many others might be added to the list; however, most of these have been written about in my books. This is an attempt to arrange them in chronological order and rank them as to their importance in Rowan's history.

1803 (5): By act of the Kentucky Legislature a toll road was opened from the confluence of Triplett and Licking to where the Big Sandy river empties into the Ohio (near Catlettsburg). It was to serve as a more direct route to our nation's capital. There was a tollgate about 4 miles west of Morehead where the creek ran near the hill (Gayheart Pond). The tollgate was operated by the Powers Family. There probably was an illegal "shun" road around the gate to avoid paying toll.

1856 (10) By act of the Kentucky Legislature a new county was created out of portions of Fleming and Morgan counties. It was named Rowan in honor of famed jurist Judge John Rowan who lived at Federal Hill where Stephen Foster wrote "My Old Kentucky Home".

1856 (8): The village of Triplett was selected as Rowan's county seat. The name was

changed to Morehead in honor of former Governor James Morehead.

1861 (7): Civil War began between the northern and southern states. Although Kentucky remained neutral many fought on each side. That served as the seeds of conflict for many years. One battle was fought in Rowan County near Bluestone. But Morehead was held hostage on two different occasions, and the courthouse was burned in 1863.

1869 (8): Morehead was officially incorporated as a city with a mayor and council form of government.

1871 (10): Although a bond issue of 25,000 dollars to help in construction of a railroad though Rowan County had been rejected by Rowan voters, a railroad did open up through Rowan County. The Elizabethtown--Lexington Railroad connected with the Eastern Kentucky and big Sandy Railroad opening up Rowan to the east and west. It made Morehead one of the early railroad towns in Kentucky.

1884 (10): Beginning of the Rowan County War (Tolliver-Martin Feud). That feud ran rampant though the region for three years. Morehead was considered a lawless town without courts, schools, judges and churches. The town was held hostage for a time by one faction of the feud and many citizens moved away to escape the violence. During that period there were 22 killed and many wounded. A plea was issued for missionaries.

1887 (10): The feud ended and Morehead Normal School opened under the sponsorship of the Disciples of Christ Missionary Society. Frank Button and his mother

became the first principal and teacher. One pupil showed up the first day but the school grew rapidly and soon acquired 50 acres for new building expansion.

1898 (8): A beautiful courthouse opened which heralded a new era for Rowan County government. It is being restored to its original grandeur in 2006 as the Rowan County Arts Center.

1900 (10): A company was formed in Clearfield, Pa., and stock issued in New Jersey. A.W. Lee and John W. Wrigley were the principle owners. Out of that company came the Morehead North Fork Railroad, Clearfield Lumber Company, Lee Coal Company, Lee Clay Products Company, a town, and a post office known as Clearfield, Kentucky.

1906 (10): Articles of Incorporation were issued for a corporation called the Kentucky Fire Brick Company, located in Rowan County. Principle stockholders were Lunciford Pitt Haldeman, Grace Haldeman and J.B. Hammond. Out of that company came a firebrick factory, a town, and a post office known as Haldeman, Kentucky.

1911 (7): Cora Wilson Stewart, Rowan County Superintendent of Schools, opened the county rural schools at night with volunteer teachers. The program was called "Moonlight Schools" and was an attempt to educate illiterate adults. The first night they expected an enrollment of 150 and over 1,200 showed up. The Moonlight School program became synonymous with adult education and spread rapidly though the nation and world.

1913 (5): A "Chautauqua" was established that became the

Rowan County educational and agricultural fair, which continued for almost half a century.

1917 (4): WW I took many Rowan County men from their home to fight a war on foreign soil. Fifteen did not return. Cora Wilson Stewart wrote several manuals for the military designed to teach illiterate soldiers to function in the military.

1920 (5): Prohibition in this nation brought increased illicit production of an alcoholic beverage known as "moonshine whiskey" or "white lightning." For over a decade it was the main source of income for many mountain families.

1922 (7): Morehead High School established as the first public high school in Rowan County. Sports team first called "Black Cats". Today Rowan County High School's sports teams are "Vikings".

1923 (10): Morehead Christian Normal School became a new state supported college. The committee appointed by the Governor to select a site for a new state college in Eastern Kentucky finally broke a deadlock between Morehead and Paintsville. Morehead won the coveted prize.

1925 (10): Midland Trail, US 60, opened up though Rowan County. That brought a connection to the outside world that the county had not had before. Tourists came along with automobile and truck traffic. A new era opened up.

1929 (7): Collapse of the stock market and the beginning of the era called the "great depression". The Morehead State Bank failed and the Citizens Bank came out of that failure bank. But the Peoples Bank survived the crash.

Many new deal government programs were established to aid the hungry.

1931 (7): New Breckinridge High School building opened on the Morehead College Campus. Sports team called the "Eaglets". (Closed 1982).

1933 (8): Rowan County Civilian Conservation Camp (CCC) Camp F-4 Company 578 established in Clearfield. They built many roads, bridges and buildings.

1939 (8): Flash flood struck Morehead. July 4, a tragic, devastating flash flood struck Morehead and Rowan County. Property damage was established at between \$2,000,000 - 5,000,000 but the human tragedy could not be calculated because 25 people drowned that night. They ranged in age from 7 months to 77 years.

1941 (10): Pearl Harbor attacked by the Japanese, launching this nation into WW II, which lasted almost four years. All those alive at that time would forever remember where they were when they heard the news. Morehead, Rowan County, as was the nation, was forever changed. Over fifteen hundred men (and women) from Rowan entered some branch of the military service. Those who returned were forever changed and sixty would never return.

1946 (4): Morehead State College dropped from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools accreditation list. That was the worst penalty that could be assessed a college.

1956 (4): Rowan County Centennial Celebration. For the first time Rowan Countians remembered their heritage.

1956 (7): First Rowan County Public Library Board appointed.

That group led the fight for a library tax and eventually a new public library.

1960 (10): A newly formed organization called the Northeast Kentucky Hospital Foundation was formed. This committee of fourteen citizens spearheaded the drive to build a hospital in Morehead.

1963 (10): The new St. Claire 41-bed hospital, later called St. Claire Regional Medical Center, opened its doors to a whole new era of medicine in Morehead.

1965 (8): Decision by the Morehead City Council to build and operate their own water system and go to Licking River for their water.

1966 (8): Morehead State College became Morehead State University, opening a whole new era of education in Kentucky.

1972 (8): I-64 opened through Rowan County.

1974 (10): Cave Run Dam completed and operational. This flood control project and recreation area on the Licking River near Farmers was first authorized in 1936 and created a lake of over 7,300 acres.

1980 (10): Opening of the new and expanded St. Claire Hospital facilities forming the bases for becoming St. Claire Regional Medical Center.

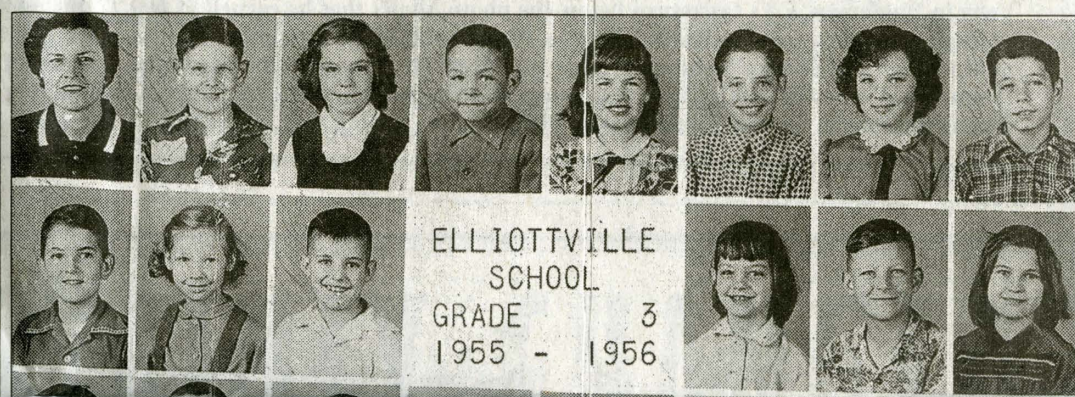
1997 (5): Dedication of the Kentucky Folk Art Center.

2002 (5): Construction of Rowan County's Clyde F. Thomas Regional Airport.

2006 (4): Renovation of the Old Courthouse into an Arts Center.

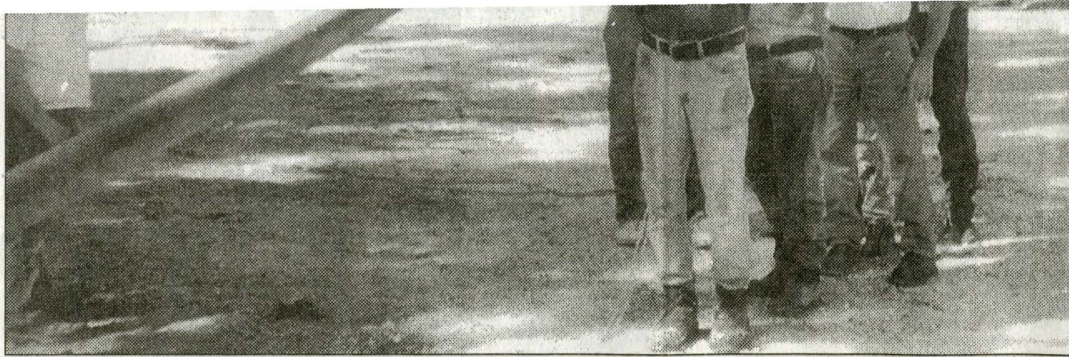
2006 (7): Morehead Conference Center opened.

2006 (8): Rowan Sesquicentennial Celebration.



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**FLAG RAISING:** Danny Oney, Ivan Jennings, Donny Oney, Paul Dehart, Patrick Oney, and Jerome Bowen raising flag pole at Hayes Crossing/Haldeman Volunteer Fire Department.



**FAMILY REUNION:** Arthur Gregory and Mary Alice Ham Gregory family reunion, May 28, 1995.

## Habitat for Humanity begins fund raising drive campaign

Morehead Area Habitat For Humanity has officially kicked off a fund raising campaign to build three additional homes next year.

Habitat for Humanity provides decent, safe and affordable housing for families in need in Morehead.

The group hopes to raise \$120,000 from the community in donations from service corporations, civic organizations, government entities through grants, churches and individuals.

The first \$30,000 raised will be matched by an anonymous

donor.

Habitat volunteers have built 18 homes in "partner families" within the last 12 years.

The homes are not given to families; 350 hours of work must be done by the family after they are chosen to receive a house. First the family must apply and meet with an interview committee.

Homes are sold at cost and no interest loans are repaid over a 20-year period.

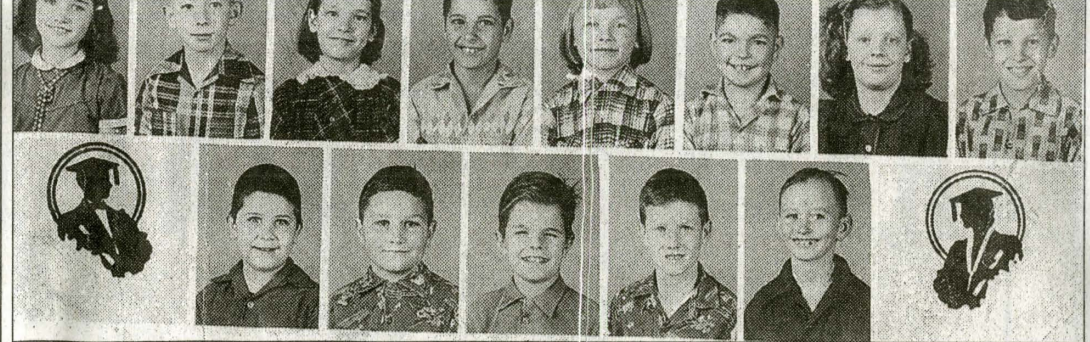
The three homes will be built in 2000. The foundation has already been poured on one of the

three houses, all which will be built in Humanity Hills off Bullfork on Poplar and Hyatt Lane.

Habitat also works in collaboration with Frontier Housing, Inc.

The selection process is still open for two of the homes. To apply, call executive director Russlyn Case-Compton at 784-8408.

Other officers include Henry Oakes, president; Mark Minor, secretary; and Perry Thompson, treasurer. There also is an active board of directors. Office space is provided by the First Baptist Church.



Row 1, across: Teacher Katheryn Caudill, Steve Parker, Karen Templeman, James Fouch, unknown, Glenni sDehart, unknown, unknown. Row 2: Tommy Fouch, Monnie Dillon, Michael Templeman, Mary J. Jennings, Russell Kidd, unknown. Row 3: unknown, Michael Williams, Sally Hargis, unknown, Jewel Kidd, Ed Crisp, Laverne Fraley, unknown. Row 4: Larry Hamlin, Estill Crisp, Delmont Sparkman, Holly Manning, unknown.

The Morehead Methodist Church on Main Street broke ground for its new addition during the Centennial in 1956.

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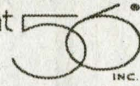
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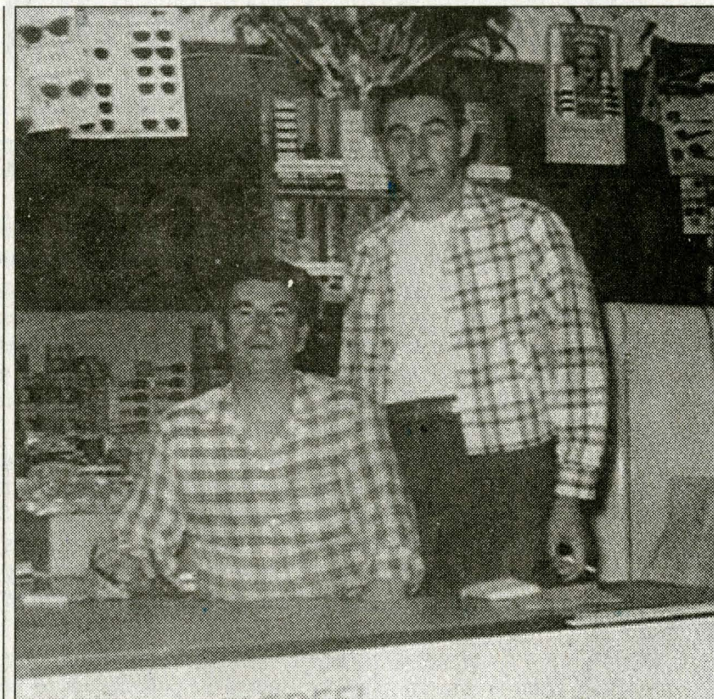
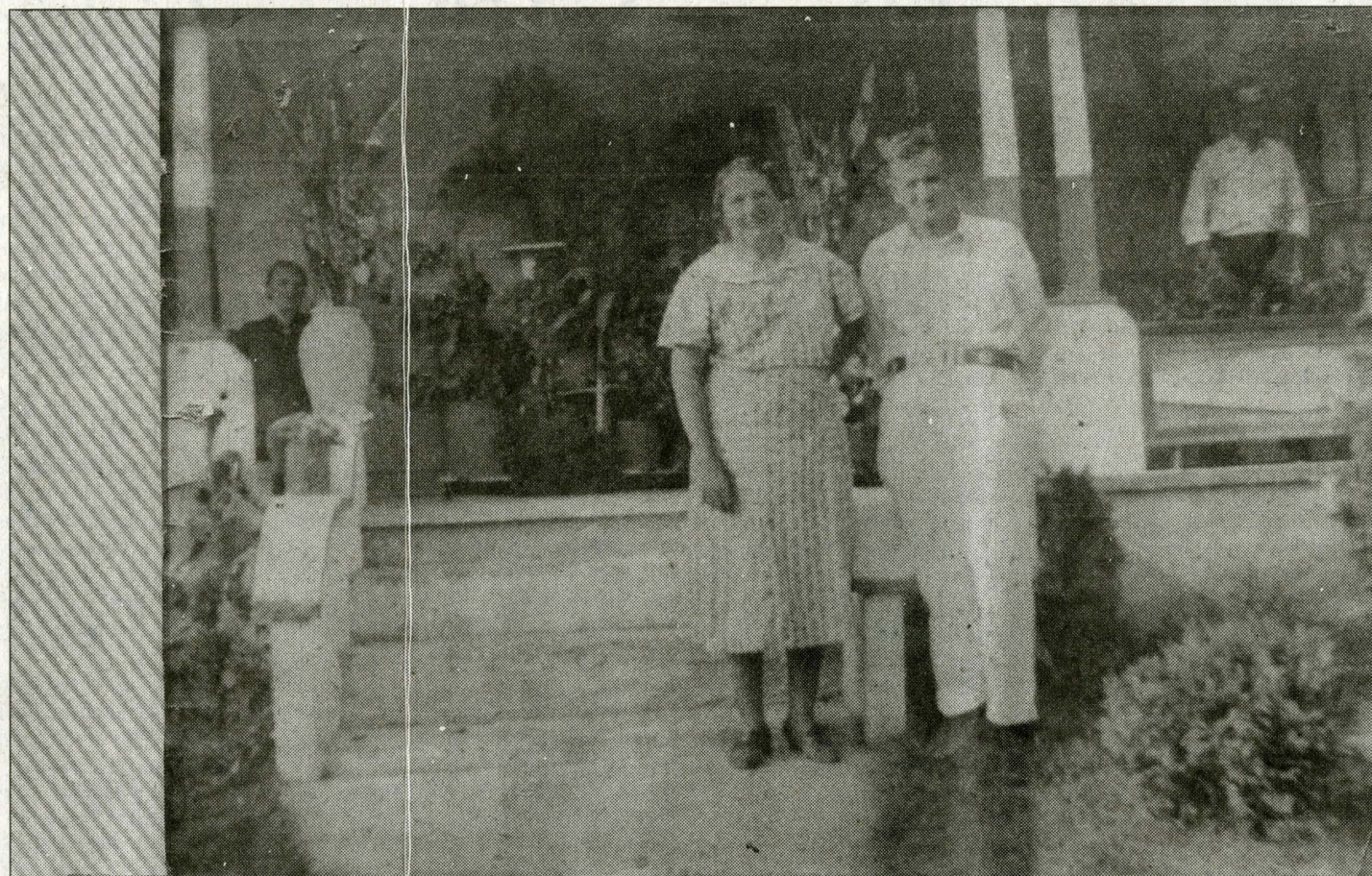
  
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## Campaign kicked off to raise \$500,000 for performing arts center

The campaign to raise at least \$500,000 for a performing arts center has begun.

The Rowan County Board of Education announced the start of the fund raising campaign at its regular board meeting on Tuesday night.

The board hopes to match or exceed the donation of \$500,000 given by Lexington philanthropist Lucille Caudill Little, a native of Morehead.

Her donation was announced in March.

Early estimates for the fine arts center place the cost of construction at \$1,370,300. Construction cannot begin until \$1 million is in hand.

The proposed structure will house a 400-seat auditorium, fine arts classrooms and art exhibition areas and will serve all Rowan County Schools students in the

region's first comprehensive program of performing arts instruction.

The center can also be used at appropriate times by other community performing groups.

To help in matching Little's donation, contributions from the community and other friends of the center can be given through levels of giving or the "Buy-a-Brick" project.

This project allows the donor to purchase engraved bricks for \$100 per brick. Bricks can be engraved in memory or in honor of any individual, important date or event.

All bricks will be used in the auditorium and may be engraved with up to three lines.

Preliminary plans specify a 9,650 square foot addition to Rowan County Senior High School.

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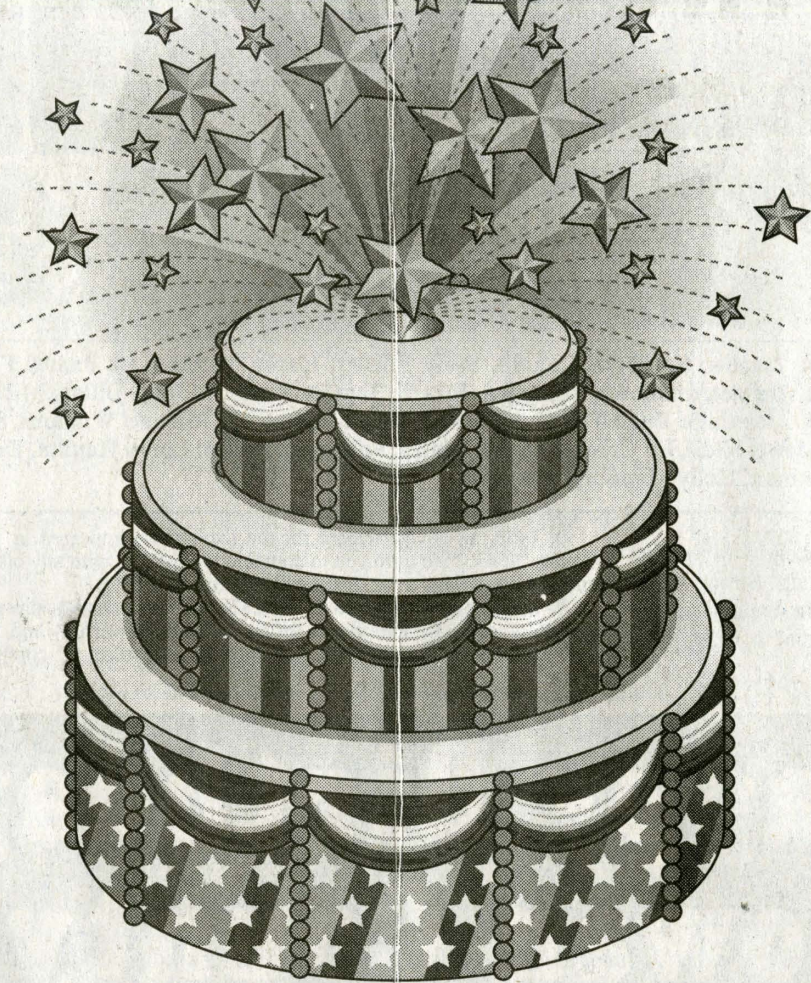
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Pictured above are Mary M. and Allie Edward Hamilton at their home on Christy Creek. Ed worked at the Kentucky Fire Brick Company in Haldeman. Ed's tax return below the photo, shows that he earned \$1,699.77 during the year of 1942. They were the parents of the late Everett, George, Harlan, Goldie, Paralee and Olive Hamilton. They were the grandparents of the late Freeman Hamilton of Morehead and Sheila (Wedding) Waddell of Olive Hill. They were the great-grandparents of Kim Hamilton of Morehead, Stephanie (Hamilton) Conley of Sandy Hook and Sonya Hamilton of Corvallis, Ore. Freeman Hamilton was a senior at Morehead High School during the Rowan County Centennial in 1956.

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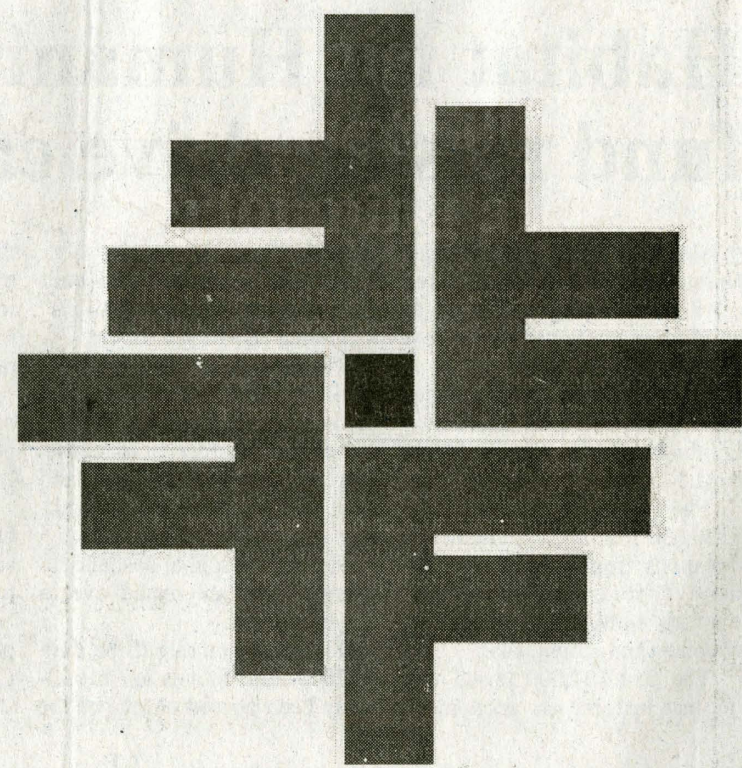


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# Brief history of Rowan County

From parts of Fleming and Morgan counties, on May 1, 1856 the Kentucky Legislature created Rowan County. It was the 104th county in the state and was named for Judge John Rowan, a distinguished jurist and United States Senator from Kentucky. The seat of justice was named Morehead in honor of James T. Morehead, a former Kentucky governor. Although Morehead was designated the county seat, it was not legally incorporated until Jan. 26, 1869.

In the 1880's the railroad arrived and the towns began to grow. Rodburn, Eadston and Brady developed as lumber towns, and Rockville and Bluestone as rock quarry centers.

Trouble began in the 1870's during an election campaign for circuit judge. More troubles accompanied each succeeding political campaign until it became open warfare in 1884. In an altercation John Martin killed Floyd Tolliver, and the Martin-Tolliver feud began. During the next three years it grew to involve many families in the fray. The lawlessness became so prevalent that many citizens moved their families to more peaceful areas. The state militia came to Morehead three times during the course of the feud and stayed for a while until order was restored, but as soon as they left lawlessness returned. Finally on June 22, 1887, a group of armed citizens surrounded the hotel where the clan had gathered and shot it out with them. By the end of the day several of the men of the feuding families were dead. The Rowan County war was over.

In 1856 Judge Thomas Hargis came to Morehead. He studied law with his father Col. John Hargis, Morehead's first postmaster, town trustee and businessman. Young Thomas Hargis became a

Confederate soldier during the Civil War to fight for the Confederacy, even though his father employed a Negro mammy.

He distinguished himself to become a captain of the famed Orphan Brigade. He later served as Nicholas County Judge, Kentucky State Senator, and Circuit Judge for this district. In 1879 he became the youngest Chief Justice of the Kentucky Supreme Court ever to be elected.

In 1893 Judge Thomas Hargis donated \$500 and four acres of land and built the first school building on that land.

Frank Button and his mother Phoebe came to Morehead and actually started a Christian school, which gradually evolved into Morehead Normal School. After gaining state support it evolved to Morehead State Teachers College. In 1966 it progressed and became Morehead State University.

The Moonlight Schools were first established in Rowan County in 1911. This was made possible by the inspiration and hard work of Cora Wilson Stewart. Through her efforts great strides were made in combating illiteracy.

They were called "Moonlight Schools" because classes were held only on bright moonlit nights due to the rough trails students had to travel and after the day's work was done.

Near midnight on July 4, 1939, nearly six inches of rain fell near the Rowan-Carter line. By 2 a.m., Triplett Creek had overflowed, causing the greatest disaster in Morehead's history. Water rose so swiftly that 25 persons lost their lives and over two million dollars worth of property was destroyed. In the 1950's tobacco was the leading farm crop. Completion of Interstate 64 brought industrial

growth. Employment opportunities today are growing rapidly with the advancement of the educational opportunities, regional medical facilities, industry, shopping centers and tourist attractions.

## Farmers

One of the first villages to develop was Farmers on Licking River. The exact date is unknown, but it was said to have been there during the Revolutionary War. Natural resources such as timber, stone and water from Licking River played a great role in the development of the community. Several names have been given to the village: Farmer's Cross Roads, The Cross Roads, Confederate Cross Roads and the 1880 Rowan County Census listed the village as Licking City. During this time Licking City was a thriving metropolis compared to Morehead. There were physicians, a drug store, hotel, with many businesses and occupations represented. The stone quarries and lumberyards provided many jobs.

Dr. T.A.E. Evans was elected Mayor of Licking City (Farmers) and later in 1925 he was elected Rowan County Judge and served four years. Farmers is now just a small version of what it once was in the 1800's.

## Clearfield

Clearfield was the second settlement in Rowan County. Dixon Clack, from a military grant, obtained land just south of the confluence of Dry Creek and Triplett Creek and built his home, a store, and a water-powered sawmill. The Clearfield Water Company from Clearfield, Pa. established its sawmill near Dixon's site and the town developed as Clearfield. The mill operated about 17 years.

In October 1925 the Lee Clay Products Company purchased the land to use the very fine clay for tile and like products. Lee Clay Company developed a community for their 300 employees. Since transportation was a difficult problem for men to get to work, the company houses they provided were a Godsend.

In the late 1950's and early 60's Union trouble began brewing and a strike was called. During the long strike, Lee Clay Company lost most of their outstanding contracts and was forced to go out of business. Some blamed the union for their loss of livelihood.

## Morehead

Morehead, the third settlement, was known as a stage stop on the road to and from Ashland and Lexington. Travelers to and from the salt works in Carter County to the Bluegrass depended on finding food and lodging in Morehead. Fertile land, good water and the lack of Indians encouraged people to settle in the area. It was known as Triplett but the name was changed to Morehead in 1856 when it became the county seat. With the addition of the railroads, Federal highway U.S. 60 and good strong leadership, the citizens no longer need to travel to Ohio and Indiana to find employment. Morehead has become the regional medical, educational, industrial and shopping center for this area of Kentucky.

## Elliottville

Elliottville was first called Hoggetown for Squire and James Hogge who settled there in 1870 and opened the first store. The post office was Elliottville in 1876, probably for a Mr. Elliott whose first name has been lost. In 1878 Charley Ward, a storekeeper and judge, had the village incor-

porated as Bristow, but the Elliottville name is still used. Elliottville was settled as a farming community and progressed into a small village with a large modern school, fire department, and several businesses with many worthy community activities.

## Rodburn

Rodburn was a boom town. About 1873 the Hixon-Rodburn Lumber Company came from New York and erected a million dollar sawmill at the junction of U.S. 60 east and KY 32 to process lumber from the Cranston area. They built one of the largest mills, employing 300-500 men. They provided homes and built an up-to-date town for their employees and their families. There was a blacksmith shop, general store, post office, and a large lodge. Board walks ran all through the town. There was a depot and all trains stopped at Rodburn. There was also a railroad from the sawmill to Cranston and every Sunday the train took people to church at New Hope for free. After the timber began to be exhausted the mill was sold to a company in New York. There was a great fire and the sawmill and many of the homes and buildings were completely destroyed. The man in charge of the mill was arrested. Only a few of the homes and businesses were ever rebuilt.

## Haldeman

The town of Haldeman was named for L.P. Haldeman of Portsmouth, Ohio who, with his uncle W.A. Connally of Soldier and Joe H. Sole of Louisville, formed a corporation in 1902 called the Louisville and Portsmouth Firebrick Company to produce bricks from the area's clay deposits. In 1906 a new corporation was formed: The Ken-

tucky Firebrick Company. It continued until 1944 when it was sold to General Refractories.

In 1916 a second firebrick company was established. There were two brickyards for about 30 years.

Haldeman developed into a modern town. There were company houses, a company store, schools and a medical facility, which was established for their workers and was also made available to the community. General Refractories's Nurse Lacy Kegley attended to the medical needs of their employees. In addition to this (without pay) she cared for the citizens of the community (even to delivering babies). She also was available to the school children in Haldeman for all their cuts and scrapes. The post office was established in 1907.

With the advent of the Union, General Refractories Brick Co. began to notice unrest with their workers. The Union called a strike and turmoil broke out among the workers. Neighbors and friends became divided; fights and gunshots took the place of peace. After the strike, Haldeman never returned to its previous status. General Refractories moved their business elsewhere. The community became a ghost town and many of the workers had to leave Kentucky to find jobs.

Haldeman was once known as the Society Settlement in Rowan County.

## Other communities

Bluestone, Rockville, Hilda, Brady, Egypt, Bronson, Munson, Cranston, Cogswell, Crix, Paragon, Vale, Eadston and Minor.

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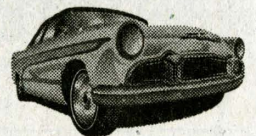
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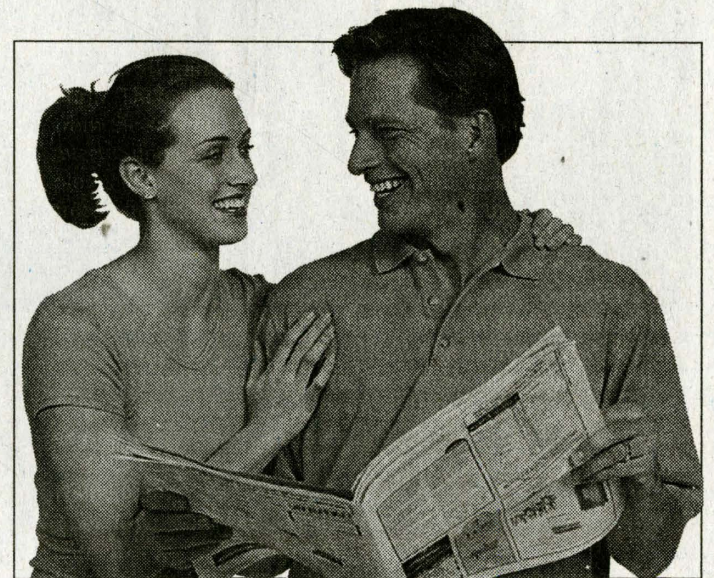
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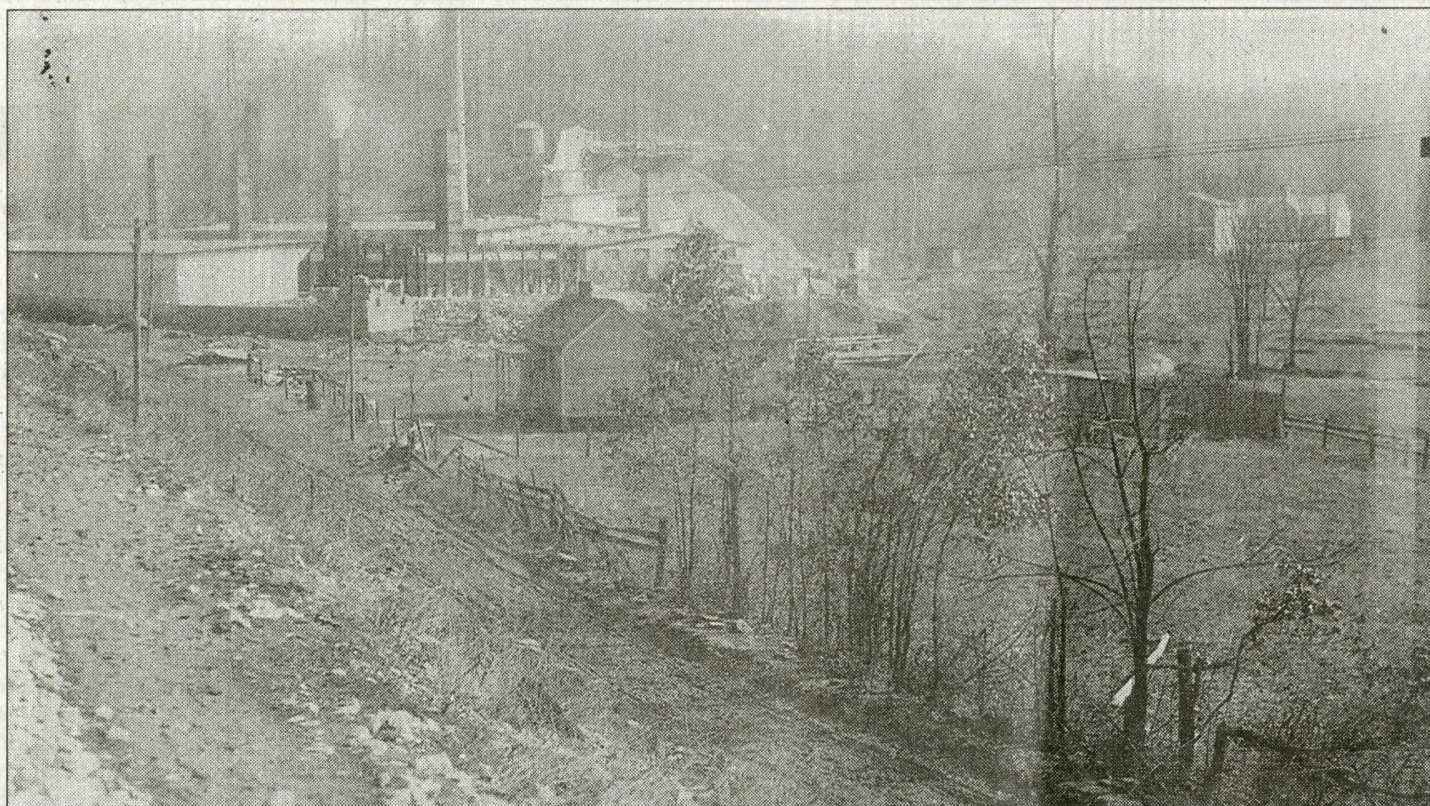
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Haldeman brickyard #2, taken in 1920s.



REMEMBER THIS? Lucy Conn Moore, Bill Walker, Elliottville Elementary.



**K.I.A.C. CHAMPS**—These Morehead College baseballers won the first K.I.A.C. baseball title in the school's history. Left to right, they are: Front row—Don Cuzzort, 3d; L. Kinney, 1st; R. Cunningham, p; M. Perpish, c; J. Ellis, ss; M. Wells, c; C. Chattin, ss; J. Wing, 3d. Back row—Coach Stanley Radjunas; W. Brokopovich, p; Ed Stumbo, 2b-p; R. Scroggin, cf; G. Kinney, p; M. Lyons, c; J. Danner, p; J. Purkhiser, manager. Jack Carson was absent when picture was taken.

1948

## Morehead Eagles Capture First Kentucky Conference Baseball Title

Morehead, Ky., June 4.—Proving that the old saying—"The best defense is a good offense," Morehead's Eagles rolled past all opposition at least once during the baseball season just ended to win its first Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletic Conference championship.

In winning seven games and losing only one in conference play, the Morehead nine compiled a batting average of .303. Topping the list of hitters was leftfielder Emanuel Lyons who hit a healthy 90. Following Lyons were Dick Scroggin, centerfielder, and Jerry

Wing, third baseman-pitcher, with .380 and .342, respectively.

In the pitching department, Jimmie Danner led Coach Stanley Radjunas' Blue and Gold crew with three wins against no losses in conference competition. Bob Cunningham won two games with a single loss while Ed Stumbo and Gordon Kinney had 1-0 records.

In all games played, Morehead won 10 and dropped four. Mar-

shall College of Huntington, W. Va., was the only team to down the Eagles twice.

Probably the most spectacular feat of the Morehead season was the scoring of 10 runs with two out in the ninth to down Union 16-12 May 26.

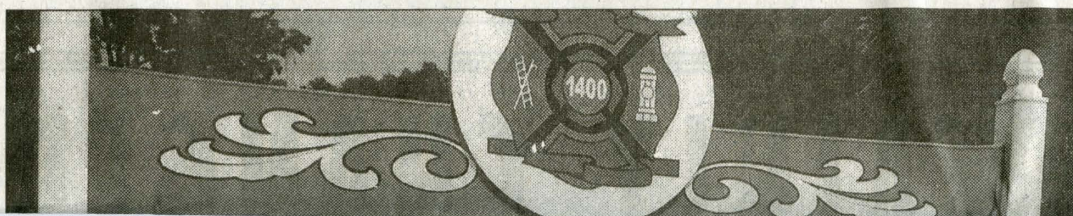
The largest feather and most colorful in the Eagles' cap came from their 8-6 win over their ancient rivals, the Maroons of Eastern.

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Nadine Pennington Downing, Renita Jackson, Chance Nathanson.



# Happy Birthday





Presidents HXHVFD Ladies Auxiliary, taken 2004. Shelly Knipp, Anita Davis, Jean Ann Burton, Kelly Keller.



CHORUS LINE (Morehead Lions Club show), from left, Thelma Skaggs, Mrs. Billy Calvert, Judy Jones, Ethel Williams, Jewel Carr, Mrs. Bob Reynolds.

A 1956 story in The Rowan County News Centennial Edition read: "Morehead No Longer a Hot Town...Morehead in the 1920s, was known as a 'hot town' - not in the underworld or jazz circles - but only in fire insurance parlance.

"According to Clark B. Lane of the Lane Insurance Agency, Morehead at that time sustained more

loss by fire than policy premiums amounted to. Lane stated that in 1926, when his agency was formed, insurance companies were writing policies here only because they felt that the town would progress rapidly due to the recent establishment of the state college."

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A Morehead family was among the few who rode Morehead's last passenger train Saturday.

They are Mr. and Mrs. Danny Blevins and children - Danny, Jr., Dowe and Dana. They were accompanied by Loranza Skaggs to Louisville.

With the exception of Railpax trains, all passenger service in the nation was discontinued May 1. The last train, the George Washington on the C&O, left Morehead Saturday at 7 a.m. bound west for Lexington and Louisville.

The first passenger service operated at Morehead in 1883 when people came from miles to view the steam locomotive and coaches with kerosene lamps, and coal burning stoves.

# 50th anniversary of MSU's first NCAA basketball appearance

## Laughlin's team won first OVC title

By BRAD LAUX

Fifty years ago the Morehead State men's basketball team made history. The 1955-56 squad was the first at the school to advance to the NCAA Tournament. Led by All-Americans and future NBA players Dan Swartz and Steve Hamilton, the Eagles led the nation in scoring and went 2-1 in the national tournament.

Under the direction of coach Bobby Laughlin, MSU finished 19-10 and won its first Ohio Valley Conference title, which it shared with Tennessee Tech and Western Kentucky.

One observer once claimed that the Eagles were "The fastest big team I've ever seen", a fact not surprising considering the squad set a then-national scoring record with 95.9 points per game.

Individually, Swartz was the

national scoring leader at 28.6, while three others--Hamilton, Donnie Gaunce and Jess Mayabb--all averaged at least 10 a game.

As a team, MSU scored more than 100 points in 10 contests that season, including a high of 138 against Centre College.

However, the Eagles were not known for playing much defense. With their fast-break style of offense, they allowed their opponents to average 86.1 ppg.

The fast-paced action meant lots of rebounds. Hamilton led the nation in defensive rebounds and Swartz in offensive rebounds. Between the two, they averaged nearly 28 boards per game.

"Basketball was king (in Morehead) at that time," recalls Rex Chaney, a manager on the '56 team. "We were there to entertain the public."

Things have changed quite a bit since those days. That year, the enrollment at MSU was only 1,256 and the team traveled to games in station wagons.

No matter, the Eagles still made a splash on the big stage.

After winning the OVC Championship with an 84-80 victory over Western Kentucky, MSU traveled to Ft. Wayne, Ind., where they defeated Marshall, 107-92. The Eagles then went back on the road, traveling to Iowa City, Iowa, for NCAA regional play.

Although many in attendance at the games held at the University of Iowa were there to see Bill Russell and his San Francisco Dons, which went on to win the national championship, Laughlin kept the throngs of media on hand in stitches.

"Coach Laughlin had trouble hearing, so he grabbed me to help relate the questions to him at the press conference," Chaney said.

"One of the reporters from San

Francisco asked him why our team didn't play any defense," Chaney continued. "And Coach Laughlin in that nasal twang of his responded, 'We're averaging 96 points per game and leading the nation in scoring. We shoot about a 100 shots a game and are making about 40 percent of them, which is 50 more shots a game than San Francisco, which is averaging only 56 points a game. So, we have a differential of 14 points and they have just four points. Now, you tell me who doesn't play any defense?'"

"That just brought everybody there to their knees, and from that point on all of the reporters were hunting him down for quotes," Chaney concluded. "He just broke them up with his country wit."

The Eagles fell to the home standing Hawkeyes in their first game, 97-83, but won the consolation match up with Wayne State, 95-84, to finish the season.

# Security cameras to be installed at high school

The Rowan County Board of Education is taking steps to have security cameras installed at Rowan County Senior High School.

A group of 14 school administrators, including Superintendent Kay Freeland, school board member Bill Redwine and RC-SHS principal Martin Voiers, attended a demonstration at the school Friday by a digital surveillance system distributor.

Also in attendance were school officials from Morgan, Lewis, Bath and Carter counties.

"We want to be a model site for districts that want to look at other schools and see how (the system) works. It's really state of the art," Freeland said.

The C-ROM Digital Surveillance System combines key func-

tion.

What the camera sees is recorded on a personal computer (PC) hard drive and stored in a data base. Images can be accessed over the Internet or accessed over the school computer network.

Key features of the system include remote access, digital recording and playback, alarm functions, camera control and time scheduling.

The system is sold by RTI/Securex based in Miamisburg, Ohio, and distributed by Central School Supply of Louisville.

Central School Supply has been marketing the system for about four months.

Cost of the system depends on the number of cameras installed and the type of lenses installed in

\$279 to around \$900, according to John McCallum of RTI/Securex.

"We looked at a number of vendors but this is the first vendor we've found that can do (surveillance) through the computer system," Freeland said.

"Since all our schools are networked, this is the most econom-

ical way to do it," she said.

Rowan school officials will do a "walk through" at the high school on Wednesday at 9 a.m. to determine where to locate cameras and what kind of lenses to install.

Location of the cameras will depend on what kind of camera is purchased, Freeland said.

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Chance Nathanson, son of Jace Nathanson, first day of kindergarten, 1989.



Rowan County Centennial, 1956, Whitt's Grocery, R#173. From left, Rufus "Dude" Whitt, Harmon Click.

In 1956, Dairy Queen, operated by Jack and Mary Powell on U.S. 60 east, advertised the Coconut Isle Sundae.

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# Recollections from growing up on Ditney Ridge: possum hunting

By Arthur McBrayer,  
nephew of Edna Mae (Lambert)  
Caudill and grandson of Amanda  
(Nickell) Lambert

In the early 40's on Ditney Ridge, before TV, VCRs and computers, the boys hunted critters for meat, fur and sport like squirrels, rabbits, groundhogs, and the easy-to-catch possum. There were no deer or turkeys on the Ridge in those days like there are now.

Every farm on the Ridge had at least one possum-hunter in residence with family names like Lewis, Fultz, Pennington, Caudill, and of course, the McBrayer boys.

Almost any dog that would bark at a cat would do for possum hunting. Coon and fox hunting were specialties, requiring dogs bred and trained for that purpose. Besides, a big boar coon would fight a running sawmill and could kill a good-sized dog.

A possum couldn't run very well. He lumbered through the leaves dragging his belly along making all kinds of noise and would climb into the first small tree he came across. I once saw four big ones in one persimmon tree.

Most of the time, a good shaking of the tree would bring the possum thrashing down to the



ground. He wouldn't run but would play dead. (Play possum). All curled up with a hideous grin hoping he would be thought dead and be left alone. This never worked with us. We made sure

the dogs didn't tear into him and ruin the fur. We put him into a burlap bag to be carried home. Sometimes, we would let one go to be treed again some other time. If one had a rich pelt he would be



skinned and the hide sold for around fifty cents, which in the early 40's would be enough to buy a couple of gallons of gas.

Some neighbors cooked up a possum with a bed of sweet potatoes and raved about how good it was. I could never stand to even taste one. They looked too much like a big rat to me.

The possum favored ripe persimmons just after the first frost when the fruit was plump and slightly purple. They did taste good but the aftertaste would make your tongue and inside of your mouth draw up like you had eaten alum.

My dad, Bert McBrayer, and cousins Harve and Joe McBrayer went out one night possum hunting and took along the family dog, Dempsey. This short stout

bulldog didn't know when to quit when in a fight.

They treed a possum up inside a tall hollow stump with a hole near the bottom. Dad cut a switch about four feet long and worked it up into the hollow of the tree intending to twist the end of the switch into the possum's fur and pull him out of the tree. However, the possum was not up high inside the tree but was instead just inside the opening where dad's hand was. As soon as dad stuck his hand inside that hole the possum latched onto the skin between dad's thumb and forefinger and wouldn't turn loose.

Dad yanked his hand out of the hole bringing the possum along who was not about to turn loose. Seeing this, Dempsey latched onto the possum's hindquarters and began violently shaking the possum from side to side. This, of course, caused dad's hand and the possum's head to be jerked from side to side. Cousin Harve finally had to choke Dempsey out till he turned loose of the possum and then choke the possum to free dad's tortured hand. Sometimes a possum hunt was not routine.

One time granddad, Henry McBrayer, in his later years, went with dad on a hunt with the understanding that they would go no further than a known persimmon tree not far from the house. The

household cat tagged along, bringing up the rear. Their luck was not good that night. The persimmon tree was vacant and the dog had given no sign that a possum might be in the vicinity. Granddad, not wanting to go back home without hearing the dog barking treed, took the cat and put him up into the tree. He then convinced the dog to bark up the tree.

After awhile, being satisfied, granddad took the cat down from the tree and they all trailed back to the house satisfied with a job well done.

Granddad, in his younger years, went out with my dad and took along a young dog that granddad had recently acquired. This was the first time for possum hunting for this youngster. It was a very dark night. The dog would not leave the dim light cast by the lantern. Granddad, a man of little patience, picked up the dog and sort of tossed him off into the dark woods with a stern command to get out there and hunt! For a moment or two there was total silence then granddad said, "I think I just threw my dog over a cliff." Turned out he had, but it was a small cliff and the dog was all right.

I wonder what the possums on Ditney Ridge are doing these days.



## Old courthouse restoration marks county's birthday

By KIM HAMILTON

We've waited 150 years for this.

Rowan County's Sesquicentennial Celebration or "150th birthday" is here.

May 1 marked the beginning of just some of the festivities for the county's birthday. Sirens were

the sesquicentennial:

- Everyone is asked to plan picnics and family get togethers for sometime during the year.

- All businesses are asked to erect signs that read "Happy Birthday Rowan County."

"I want to thank everyone for helping to make this once in a lifetime event for Morehead and Rowan County," Dean said.

rode their horses throughout the area to courthouses in different counties where they presided over court.

May 1 was only the beginning.

On May 13 at 2 p.m. at the new conference center, there will be a Sesquicentennial Celebration program.

Thomas will speak along with Morehead Mayor Brad Collins





Soccer team, Oct. 1992.

The following public service announcement appeared in the 1956 "Centennial Edition" of the Rowan County News, which had originated in an 1890 newspaper:

"Asa great many girls live in the country where they have not the convenient bath tub, it is best

to use a large wash basin, standing the while on a strip of oil cloth.

"Really the bath taken in a basin is much more beneficial than one taken in a bath tub, as with the former you simply have to scrub and wash, whereas with

the latter some women are inclined to lie luxuriously in the water, forgetting that what the body needs is to be cleansed of grimy deposits which cannot be done without the use of soap, a wash cloth and friction."

## Places to visit in Haldeman area

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| 1. Tunnel site of C & O Railroad  | man, Kentucky                                    | 27. Buffalo Community  |
| 2. Haldeman Depot site  | 13. Mabry Cemetery, Hays Branch, KY              | 28. Bearskin Community   |
| 3. Haldeman Mine sites  | 14. Haldeman Post Office                         | 29. Little Perry Community                                     |
| 4. Number 1 Brickyard site  | 15. Haldeman Company Store                       | 30. Big Perry Community  |
| 5. Number 2 Brickyard site  | Sites Number 1 and Number 2                      | 31. Gates Community  |
| 6. Haldeman Voting House  | 16. Haldeman Clinic Site                         | 32. Haldeman Community   |
| 7. Hays Crossing United Pentecostal Church, commonly called the Cobblestone Church in the Wood. | 17. Haldeman City Park site                      | 33. Tunnel Hill, Haldeman                                      |
| 8. Glenwood Elementary School site  | 18. Haldeman School (Elem & High building sites) | 34. Work camp for C & O Railroad when it was built at Haldeman |
| 9. Little Perry Elementary School site  | 19. Hays Crossing Train stop site                | 35. Hays Crossing, KY  |
| 10. Richards Cemetery, Hays Crossing, Kentucky  | 20. Gates Train stop site                        | 36. Haldeman Brickyard office site                             |
| 11. Hays Cemetery, Hays Crossing, Kentucky  | 21. Gates Tie Yard site                          | 37. C & O Railroad Spur up Big Perry                           |
| 12. Nucille Cemetery, Haldeman, Kentucky  | 22. Haldeman Ball Diamond                        |  |
|   | 23. Haldeman Trestle site                        |  |
|   | 24. Hays Crossing Post Office site               | Prepared by Lloyd Dean; July '80.                              |
|   | 25. Hays Community                               |  |
|   | 26. Glenwood Community                           |  |

"Snack time is any time when you have a food freezer," read an advertisement from the Kentucky Utilities Company in 1956. "Live better...electrically with full horsepower wiring."

The 275 horsepower Packard Clipper was advertised by the Lewis Garage on U.S. 60 east in 1956.

## Restrictions on fireworks gets city's initial OK

The City of Morehead has given an initial nod to restricting the sale and storage of fireworks.

The preliminary ordinance was approved unanimously 6-0 by council Monday evening.

Morehead Mayor Brad Collins hopes the restrictions will prevent damage and injuries that can be caused by fireworks sales that go unmonitored.

The Morehead regulation is based largely on state law which specifies where fireworks can be stored and sold.

It requires that fireworks vendors be at least 16 years of age and have a license and liability insurance.

A permit to sell fireworks will cost \$10 and be valid for 12 months.

Fireworks may be sold and stored only in permanent structures that have a functioning telephone and adequate fire extinguishers.

The ordinance prohibits smoking on the premises where fireworks are sold or their storage

within 100 feet of any gasoline storage tanks or pumps.

This year, a fireworks stand was set up in an adjacent lot of a Morehead gasoline station.

Among other regulations, no sales of fireworks will be permitted in residential zones, and no one shall be allowed to sleep on the premises where fireworks are sold or stored.

Violation of the regulations will result in revocation of a vendor's permit until compliance is met. A \$50 re-issuance fee must then be paid.

This year, Lloyd Dean, chairman of the birthday committee, wants the celebration to be just as special.

"I'm excited about it," Dean said. "It's something the total population of Rowan County can participate in and it's a once in a lifetime thing for all of us. It adds depth to the history of Rowan County."

Restoration of the old Rowan County Courthouse is one of the developments in the works and should be unveiled later this year.

Activities are suggested for

Judge-executive Clyde Thomas said he is happy to have been around for the 100th and the 150th birthdays.

"I don't think we can do too much to celebrate our 150th birthday," he said. "I was around for the first one and being able to participate in two of these is great."

Thomas was 18 during the Centennial Celebration in 1956. He said he was in an outdoor theatrical production where he played the part of a circuit judge.

In earlier times, circuit judges

and Morgan County Judge Executive Tim Conley.

Remember, Rowan County was formed from part of Morgan and part of Fleming counties.

During the program, Jim Gifford with the Jesse Stuart Foundation will be the keynote speaker.

"By the 15th, there will be a lot of activities going on with churches, family reunions and we'll have a garden contest this year," Dean said.

As the year progresses, there will be more to come.

"Itza Nice Time When Its Ice Time, call 71, Morehead Ice and Coal Company," read an advertisement in 1956.

"If you see 'flying ants' near your house, you may have termites," read a 1956 advertisement. "Ask for free inspection. For more information call Carr Lumber Company, phone 6, Morehead.

In 1956, a May advertisement for the Morehead Drive-In Theatre touted "Entertainment and Relaxation Under the Stars." Playing at the drive-in was "Robbers Roost, with George Montgomery and Sylvia Findley."





Pictured above are retirees of the Haldeman brickyard, (Kentucky Firebrick Company) 1940s.

## Healing from the home and the hills

By JACK D. ELLIS  
Special to The Morehead News

"The fruit thereof shall be for meat, and the leaf thereof for medicine" (Ezekiel 47:12).

One hundred years ago there were few doctors and even fewer roads in Rowan County. Therefore, much of Eastern Kentucky was isolated from the outside world.

For treatment of maladies and disease, many people relied on home remedies, native plants and "Herb Doctors" for their medical care. Although they didn't know it at the time, today it is called folk medicine. Webster defines folk medicine as "traditional medicine practiced nonprofessionally by people isolated from

seems my grandfather insisted that the best home remedy for a boil was by placing a cow manure poultice on the boil. It was supposed to bring the boil to a head and it would clear up. Therefore, I wore a cow manure bandage around my leg for several days. Thank goodness I was not in school at the time as my humiliation would have been even worse.

The boils soon cleared up, but I still have scars on my legs where the "core" came out and probably have trauma in my psyche.

### Herbs used singly and together

Many of the herbs and plants used by the herb doctors were used either singly or in combination. For example, yellow root, a

bee stings. It was claimed to draw out the poison and relieves the pain. Many pioneers used it for snakebites to draw out the poison. The onion was simply cut in half and placed over the wound. Of course, eating onions was supposed to be good for the blood.

### Lowly dandelion a star among folk remedy

The hearty dandelion, which so many people kill relentlessly in their lawns, was once a star in the folk medicine realm of remedies. In the springtime, the early pioneers cut the tender shoots for a raw salad or cook it as a green vegetable.

The roots also could be dried and ground up, roasted and

rash on her face that Cr. Louise Caudill attributed to drinking too much sassafras tea. More recently, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has declared the compound safrale found in the root to be potentially carcinogenic if taken in large amounts.

In the latter 1800s, there was once a sassafras mill in Rowan County. It was located past Cranston on the banks of the North Fork of Triplett Creek. The company bought the sassafras roots dried them, chipped them and sold them throughout the U.S.

The sassafras roots were used in root beer (how do you think it got its name?), chewing gum, toothpaste, sasspirilla (how many times in an old western movie

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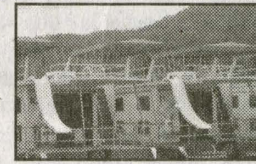
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use of plants".

Folk medicine began when the first settlers landed in Jamestown, Va. Certainly there was no professional medical care, so they relied on local native plants sometimes using the ancient doctrine of signatures.

That doctrine believed that "God put a sign on plants for specific disease"; e.g. the eyebright plant was thought to be good for the eyes. Old timers claimed that hawks would tear into the plants and rub their eyes with the juices to improve their vision. The leaf of the buglass plant was shaped like a snake's head and was used to treat snakebites.

In deed, as late as 1733, a slave in Virginia was given his freedom and a lifetime pension for concocting a remedy for scurvy, dropsy and other ailments made from Spanish oak, pine bark and sumac boiled in water. The knowledge of herbs and plants was handed down from one generation to the next.

#### Early pioneers brought folk medicine west

As the early pioneers moved westward into Rowan County they brought their home remedies and herb doctors with them. By that time, there was a whole compendium of folk medicine practiced by the pioneers. It was a skill that was respected by the early pioneers.

This writer's mother, Dot Ellis, used to tell about her grandmother making her wear an asafetida bag around her neck in the winter time. It was a stinking gum residue made from the carrot family and tied tightly in a bag and worn to school as a necklace. She was not to popular wearing that foul smelling remedy. It was thought to prevent colds and flu, and was rancid that no self-respecting germ would come near it.

When this writer was a small child, you would think my mother would not subject me to that kind of home remedy folk medicine after the trauma she suffered. But she did. It happened one summer when I developed several painful boils on my legs. It

was used as a sore throat gargle or as an antiseptic. (Long ago the Indians used it to make a bright yellow war paint for their bodies).

The old herb doctors prepared yellow root liquid as follows: take two large roots, crush them with a hammer, add one pint of water and bring to a boil for one minute and set it aside to cool. It is then ready to be used as a gargle for a sore throat.

In early Rowan County, before aspirin, the herb doctors used what they called preachers feverweed (also called mouse ear) to fight a fever. Feverweed also was used to stop nosebleeds and treat boils. Other plants used in folk medicine for treatment of fever include bervine root and plantain root used in combination.

#### Folk medicine offered myriad of treatments

Early herb doctors used witch hazel to treat skin diseases. The mixture was prepared by soaking the plant bark, twigs and leaves in water for 24 hours. it was then applied with a hot towel on cuts and bruises, or with a cold towel on fevered brows.

Many people think witch hazel has something to do with black magic, but it actually comes from an old English word meaning to bend. Its branches make excellent divining rods (used to locate underground water).

Other folk remedies include bone set or wild cherry bark in the treatment of cold and flu. It is reputed to break a fever and loosen the bowels. It is drunk as a tea made from the leaves and flowers. Wild cherry bark tea with added sugar makes a good tasting cough syrup. But the leaves and the fruit pits of the wild cherry should never be consumed because they contain a poisonous acid that causes shortness of breath, loss of balance, convulsions and even death.

Tea from the lady slipper is reputed to cure headaches, tension and is an antispasmodic. But people with dermatitis should not use these plants because it could aggravate their condition. The lowly onion was used, among other things, as a treatment for

The bright blossoms were brewed into a summer wine. Boiling the blossoms over a hot fire gave you a soft yellow dye, and boiling the roots gave you a bright yellow magenta dye. Dandelion tea supposedly was considered good treatment for heartburn, liver problems and made a good laxative. To this day, this writer refuses to have his lawn sprayed with an herbicide that kills the dandelions.

The soft inner bark of the slippery elm tree has long been used in folk medicine. It was used as a tea to calm an upset stomach. When soaked in water it makes a gummy substance used on cuts and bruises.

During the Revolutionary War, the military surgeons used slippery elm as a dressing for gun shot wounds. Early midwives also used it as a lubricant to ease the childbirth process. Other early remedies for gynecological problems included a tea made from witch hazel bark that was supposed to clear up bleeding between menstrual periods. Also, wild ginger tea was used to ease monthly cramps and regulate a woman's cycle.

Wild ginger is nothing like the fragrant spice used in spice cake and gingerbread. Wild ginger gives off a foul odor that resembles rotting meat. Early residents used wild ginger tea to break a fever, relieve gas and stimulate the appetite.

#### Sassafras once a commercial crop in Rowan County

Sassafras tea is a distinctive tasting aromatic tea familiar to most Rowan Countians. It offered a welcome taste change from coffee, cola or regular tea. The tea is made from the dried roots of the sassafras tree. It is a delightful aromatic drink prepared by boiling the root in a pan of water and adding sugar. According to the early pioneers, it was used in the springtime to eliminate "poison" from your system.

Evidently one can drink too much, as did this writer's wife, Janis, during her college days. The result was that she broke out in a

have you heard the new tax and bartender for a sasspirilla?) and many other products.

Catnip, that bushy, fresh smelling herb with the gray leaves and lavender flowers, makes an excellent tea. But unlike cats, humans get no "high" from the special oil the plant secretes as an insect repellent. However, catnip does offer some benefit in folk medicine remedies. Chewing the leaves is said to relieve a toothache. The tea supposedly serves as a sleep inducer and prevents nightmares. Catnip is prepared by pouring boiling water over two teaspoons of dried leaves and allowed to steep for five minutes. Lemon and honey may be added.

#### Bostonians patriotic -- drank liberty tea

Goldenrod tea is another common tea in the lexicon of folk medicine, and was once exported to China, which was the birthplace of tea.

After the Boston tea party, when protesters threw all of the imported tea into the harbor, they suddenly realized they had nothing left to drink. Forced to turn to native plants, one ingenious colonist came up with "Liberty Tea", made from the leaves of the goldenrod. Also, the flowered tops of the goldenrod were used as a treatment for colic and the each was used to treat urinary disorders.

Much of the ingredients used in herbal folk medicine are now synthesized and used in modern medicines. Of course, many of those folk remedies did not live up to their claims. But then, neither does our modern medicine.

However, history shows that many of those old remedies did have some merit to some extent. The folk medicine now called "traditional" medicine is returning to our lexicon of treating diseases. But those who use traditional medicine urge common sense in us. Never concoct or ingest any folk medicine you are unsure about. Avoid wild foods and herbs and use great care and common sense in using traditional medicine as well as modern medicine.

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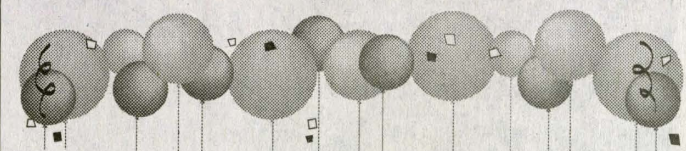
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# Ghosts of Christmas past — 1941

By JACK D. ELLIS

"When you shall hear of wars and commotions be not terrified: for these things must first come to pass." Luke 21:9

Christmas is a meaningful time of rich remembering, and almost everyone has vivid memories of a special Christmas past. With apologies to Ebenezer Scrooge and Charles Dickens, this writer would like to recall some ghosts of Christmas past, of a time like our country had never known before, or may never know again.

The year was 1941, and the ghost of war was very real in Rowan County. That was the first Christmas this nation was locked in mortal combat in the global conflict called World War II.

## Many lives lost before war began — and on Dec. 7, 1941

In early December, even before the war began, the U.S. Navy had lost their first warship in the battle of the Atlantic. The USS Reuben James was sunk by a German submarine off the coast of Iceland with 76 men lost out of a crew of 110.

Although tensions were mounting between the U.S. and Japan, talks were continuing. Even as Japanese troops were slaughtering the Chinese, U.S. Secretary of State Cordell Hull urged the Japanese to end their hostilities with China. Relations with Germany were also almost at the breaking point.

On Dec. 7, 1941, "a date that would live in infamy," 360 Japanese warplanes suddenly and without warning attacked the U.S. Naval Base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. That attack destroyed or damaged 22 ships and 200 aircraft and over 2,200 American soldiers and sailors were killed. Over 400 civilians were also killed in that sneak attack.

There were a total of over 1,300 soldiers, sailors and civilians wounded. The ghost of Dec. 7, 1941 will always haunt this nation with sad memories.

## Those old enough remember where they were Dec. 7, 1941

Dec. 7, 1941 when they heard the news of the Pearl Harbor bombing.

This writer was a student at Breck, and a member of the Minstrel Club. Although it was Sunday, Dec. 7, we were having a final rehearsal for the minstrel program scheduled for Dec. 10. George McCullough came up to rehearsal and gave us the news. He was later killed in the Pacific War.

Professor George Young was the director and the endmen that year included Jack Freedman, Irvin Kash, Earl Fraley, Meredith Mynhier, Jimmy Bradley, Jack Ellis and Tommy Powers. Also, there were many others in the cast.

At first there was talk of canceling the minstrel that year. However, it was decided to present the minstrel for the seventh straight year, and that it might help overcome the somber mood of the community.

In 1941, the whole nation was in a somber mood. The future was uncertain and the solution was bleak. U.S. troops were being overrun by the Japanese at Bataan, Wake Island and Guam. Then, on Dec. 25, the British Colony of Hong Kong fell to 38 divisions of Japanese troops.

Germany and Italy had declared all out war on the U.S. and our allies. However, President Roosevelt in one of his memorable fireside chats assured this nation that, "With the help of Almighty God, we shall ultimately prevail."

## War declared — meaning of Christmas recovered

Following that declaration of war, and as the 1941 Christmas season approached, there was certainly little peace on earth or good will toward men.

But as the season continued, Rowan Countians seemed to recover more of the real meaning of Christmas.

## Toy collection continued

Among those ghosts of Christmas 1941, remembered by many Rowan Countians, was the Girl Scout toy collection drive. The Morehead Merchants Club spon-

W.H. Rice, collected the toys.

Broken toys were repaired and distributed by the Agriculture Club, under the direction of Professor H.C. Haggen. Rowan County was still mired in a depression, and Professor Haggen estimated half of the children in Rowan County would not get any toys for Christmas, except for the toy drive.

Rowan County was beginning to recover some of the true meaning of Christmas giving, even in war. The Morehead Men's Club and the Morehead Merchants Club also met jointly that month and voted \$25 to purchase new toys for needy Rowan County children.

Another ghost of Christmas 1941 was letters from servicemen. Mrs. Flora Hicks received a letter from her son, Pfc. Roy Hicks, who was stationed in Hawaii. At that time, he was enjoying his army experience in a peaceful setting. But that changed shortly after his mother received that letter.

## 1941 brought true spirit of Christmas

By Dec. 15, 1941, the mood of Moreheadians had changed from joy to sadness, and then back to joy as Christmas approached. Their mood also changed from materialistic to spiritual.

As Christmas approached that year, the ghost of Christmas reminded Rowan Countians that it was not a season of material things, but a season of spiritual understanding by celebrating Christ's birthday.

That year, The Rowan County News carried a prayer for our President. That prayer requested God's help for our President and all leaders of this nation during those trying times. That they may be shown the way, and be given the strength to walk in that way and that ultimately all mankind might live together in peace.

## Christmas programs presented by civic and church groups

There was an editorial in The Morehead Independent that urged Rowan Countians to "Look up unto the hills for their strength during these troubled times." It

the top of Triangle Tower and experience the full meaning of receiving help from the hills.

That was especially good advice for those young men who would soon be leaving the serenity of these hills and might never see them again. That year "The Messiah" was presented by the Morehead Civic Chorus, under the direction of music professor Lewis Henry Horton, for the fifth consecutive year. The Civic Chorus was made up of MSC faculty, students and townspeople. It was an inspired performance that lifted the spirits of all who attended.

During the Christmas season of 1941, the First Church of God presented a program at the church on Sunday evening. That program included Junior Alfrey playing "Under the Stars" on piano, the welcome by Pauline McBrayer and a prayer by James Lowell Ellington. Others on the program included Jack McBrayer, Phyllis Ann Alfrey, Sandra Day and Harold Gee.

Memories of the ghosts of Christmas past — 1941 also included spiritual, patriotic, civil and commercial ghosts. That year, Professor H.C. Haggen, Chairman of the local Red Cross, issued an appeal for funds. He predicted there would soon be great demands upon that organization. That appeal raised \$2,500 in Rowan County. Those giving \$1 or more had their name printed in the paper.

## Theaters show newsreels of Pearl Harbor bombing

Many Moreheadians were trying to forget the bloodshed and war around the world by going to the Trail or Mills Theaters. Movies shown that week were "Shepherd of the Hills," starring John Wayne, Harry Carey and Betty Field. In addition, "The March of Time" newsreels promised the latest war news and films of the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

Moreheadians were also listening to Nat King Cole singing "Straighten Up and Fly Right" and Helen Forrest, vocalist for Harry James and the Music Makers, singing "I've Heard That Song Before."

Other Morehead ghosts of Christmas past — 1941 were the Christmas sales and merchandise available. That year, Allie Jane's Beauty Shoppe offered permanents for \$2 and up. A.B. McK-inney's Department Store offered men's dress shirts for 59 cents and galoshes for \$1. Women's skirts were \$1 and step-ins for 50 cents.

Another ghost of Christmas — 1941 was automobiles were cheap. Just one week before Pearl Harbor, this writer's father bought a new 1941 Chevrolet for \$540 including a heater, but no radio.

Another ghosts of Christmas past — 1941 was the cost of groceries. That year the Kroger Store at Main and North Wilson Avenue (yes, we had a Kroger Store in Morehead in 1941) offered coffee at three pounds for 53 cents, 100 pounds of potatoes for \$1.89 and 25 pounds of Domino sugar for \$1.49.

Golde's Department Store offered men's suits and topcoats for \$9.98, boys' hi-top leather boots for \$1.98 and all wool sweaters for 98 cents. If these all sound like good prices, remember tobacco averaged selling for \$29.93 per hundred.

## Books, paper and metal collected

More ghosts of Christmas past — 1941 were the paper and scrap drives as well as war bond sales. The American Legion, under the direction of Jack Cecil, began collecting scrap metal and waste paper.

There were pick up points assigned throughout the county and the Legion members collected the paper and metal and shipped it to the central Kentucky collection point.

The money made from these scrap drives went to the USO clubs. There was also a book drive to collect books for the servicemen's clubs throughout the world. Alice Palmer Morris, MSC Librarian, was chair of what was called the "Victory Book Drive."

## Civil Defense organized as men enter the military

Of course, the important ghosts of Christmas past — 1941

service in the summer of 1941. Many were already in battle in the Pacific area. And everyone knew many others would also soon be in harm's way.

Among those local men to enter service soon after Pearl Harbor were: Robert Brigham Hogge, Claude Dillon Kessler, Walter Carr, Elijah Hogge, Ligon Kessler, Pete Kessler and many more.

On the home front during Christmas 1941, Civil Defense programs were soon organized. Morehead Fire Chief C.B. McCullough was chairman of the County Civil Defense. Eight members made up a board that administered the Civil Defense program.

That board consisted of: Boyd McCullough, fire services; Bill Carter, police services; Dr. W.A. Adkins, medical services; Burl Fouch, road services; W.H. Rice, utility services; W.E. "Snooks" Crutcher, public relations; Roy E. Cornette, educational services; and the Rev. A. E. Landalt, church services.

## First casualty comes to Rowan County

Morehead's first casualty of World War II was U.S. Navy Coxswain Irvin Hamm. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Hamm, received that bitter Christmas announcement on Dec. 15, 1941.

The message stated: "The Navy Department regrets to inform you that your son Willie Irvin Hamm was wounded in action in service to his country." Furthermore, the message stated, "The department appreciates your anxiety and will furnish further information as soon as it is received. To prevent possible aid to the enemy do not divulge the name of his ship or his station. (He survived Pearl Harbor). Signed: Rear Admiral C.M. Nimetz."

It was in those dreaded telegrams that the war was made real to many Rowan Countians. Perhaps the ghosts of Christmas past — 1941 still haunt us because Rowan remembers those 60 young men who never saw another Christmas or their beloved



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1956 Rowan County Centennial, Hobart and Ethel Williams, children Mike and Bonnie.

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