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O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee to-night.
—Philip Brooks.

The Mercury is asked to make another appeal to the people of Nicholas for clothing for the needy children of this county. Mrs. Taylor, the county school superintendent informs us that but one package of clothing has been left at the office in response to the appeal made recently. Many children are so scantily clad that they are unable to attend school.

Surely the good people of this community will not let this plea pass unanswered at Christmas time. We suggest that you call Mrs. Taylor, learn the names of those children who need clothing and have your gift to one or more of them placed on the Community Tree this afternoon.

Whether you make your contribution in this manner or not, remember that children in your own county are suffering this bitter weather because of insufficient clothing, and act quickly.

"God Bless Us All."

"God bless us all!" said Tiny Tim, and so say we, as we send you the final issue of The Mercury for the year 1924. It has been a lean year with us, as with you, no doubt, and all of us will need Divine blessing as we face the problems of the New Year.

Those who should know predict a tremendous revival of business in 1925. It is to be a wonderfully "good year," say these financial wiseacres. And yet, while this may arouse your optimism and cause the old car to look shabbier than ever before and start you to building new barns "neverything, we know from experience that "eras of unexampled prosperity" bounce off us like a bean flipped against a tank car. "Periods of financial depression" depress us somewhat—in fact they dent us considerably—but, somehow, we refuse to inflate during "periods of inflation."

The fact is that piloting a country newspaper, especially through the shoal waters of mid-summer, is a precarious occupation and calls for financing that is both frenzied and doubtless fearful to bankers and others who know all about money. With the Scylla of ought-to-be-paid bills on the one side and the Charybdis of must-be-paid bills on the other, we steer through the troublous waters of July and August. Cries to our busy farmer friends to throw out the legal tender life line fall on unheeding ears and bang! we run aground on Overdraft shoals. So far, we have been signaling distance of obliging check-writers, and in this case a check is more efficacious than a "line" in getting us afloat. Some day we may run aground, or "abunk," out of the hearing of check-writing friends—and then!

Oh, well! we always have got her out, I reckon we always will," our oldest and darkest and wisest employe used to say, when the old press broke down and the equally ancient gasoline engine got its back up and quit dead on us along about two hours after midnight.

Accepting his philosophic attitude, we feel that we may say, with a reasonable degree of assurance, that The Mercury will visit you fifty-two times next year, provided you urge us sufficiently, financially speaking, to accept of your hospitality. We hope so, for this piloting of a county newspaper is a pleasant, is a precarious game, and has its compensations, not the least of which is your approval of our efforts.

During the year now closing we can say that we have done our best to give you a creditable county paper. We have striven to be fair and temperate always in our expression of editorial opinion and to bring to you all the news that is fit to print. We trust that we have held the friendship and regard of all of our old friends; we hope we have made many new ones. However that may be, we say, with Tiny Tim, "God bless us all!" Our friendships are our greatest assets and in the spirit of the season The Mercury wishes you, one and all, a jolly, old fashioned, soul satisfying Christmas and a New Year bringing you health, plenty and contentment.

The Spirit Of Christmas.

"And there were in the same country, shepherds, abiding in the fields keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them, and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, 'Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people.'

For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ, the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you, Ye shall find the babe, wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suuddenly there was with the angel a multitude of heavenly host praisnig God and saying,

'Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men.'—Luke 2:8-14.

It is but natural that the Anglo-Saxon custom of feasting and conviviality, which marked the celebration of the Yule, should color our observance of Christmas. If riotous merry-making, too often bibulous in character, in commemoration of the birth of Christ seems incongruous, we must remember that custom is strong. Yet it seems to us that this day of all the days of the year, should be marked by joy and laughter and good will toward our fellow men. Somberness, a mien of melancholy piety is not to be found in the life or teachings of Jesus of Nazareth. His sympathies were with the poor, the afflicted, the oppressed; He lived the life of His people; joyed in their joys and wept with them in their afflictions. Publicans and sinners were human beings to Him—and he loved little children.

And today, as we celebrate the humble birth of the Carpenter's Son, the influence of this exceedingly human Divine Man comes to us under the guise of the tender myth of Santa Claus, in the feeling that causes us to pause for a moment in busy lives and think of others; in the peace that was promised mankind, when the angels sang to the wondering Judean shepherds.

Celebrate the day as you will. His is the spirit of Christmas.

Washington Duke, father of the so-called "Duke of Durham, North Carolina," who recently presented the cause of education in his State some forty millions, came back from the Confederate army, penniless, except for fifty cents in Yankee silver and two blind mules. Yet with these assets he laid the foundation of the Duke fortune. "White mule" and "blind tigers" are laying the foundations of some of our future fortunes in this country, but the chances are that the heirs won't brag about it. Or if they do, they will take metaphoric license with the parental calling (like the daughter of a Southern undertaker, who told her Eastern school friends that her father was a "Southern planter") and allow that "pa was a 'mule' trader."

Apropos of synthetic Christmas "cheer," of the kind that rhymes so frequently and fatally with bier, and creosoted "Scotch," guaranteed to put an asphalt coating on its victims "innards," not to speak of putting him on the asphalt for the count, Will Ardery, writing in the Paris Democrat, says:

> Colonel Smithers was always in the habit of taking a chaser after his liquor. Recently, following a nip, the Colonel mixed something in a glass and drank it.
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> "Is that a chaser, Colonel," asked a friend.
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> "No, that is an antidote," said the Colonel sadly.

"Merry Christmas" is a pleasant and correct greeting, but the old familiar "Chrismus' Gif'" of the darkies has a ring about it that makes one remember the days when Christmas was Christmas. You rarely hear it, now, except from those of the "old school," who always managed to "katch you" on Christmas morning. Their faith that if they "kotched you," the gif' would be forthcoming was usually justified.

Original broadcasting was from station E-V-E.—Glasgow Times.

And although the original tuner-in was not bothered by Adam lot of interference in his reception, the old boy never learned the trick of "tunin' her out." If he did, he failed to pass the information on to his male descendants.

We wish you a Merry Christmas—if you care for such things—says the Cynthiana Democrat. And a Happy New Year—if you think it is worth while to continue the struggle.

Courage, brother. Think of the two-ounce bathing suits at Atlantic City next summer, and carry on.

We refuse to make the obvious comment on the well-filled Christmas stocking, because several of our exchanges have already used the best ones and we abominate the dingy, muckle-dun colors in hosiery that Dame Fashion decrees for the fair sex these days, anyhow.

Last minute shoppers may solve their dilemma by sending the "all-the-year-round" present, The Mercury for fifty-two weeks. Write or telephone us and we will see that the subscription is entered in time to receive the first issue of the new year.

Oh, yoi! yoi! From New York comes this one. A little Jewish boy bought a nickel's worth of animal crackers at the corner grocery and ordered the grocer to 'take all the pigs out.'

30 Years Ago.

Thursday, January 3, 1895

James George, Jr., opens grocery in the Hanley building.

Blizzard strikes Kentucky, causing the coldest weather in several years.

James Spencer, Claude Campbell and Dr. McNew purchase new sleighs.

Miss Tommie Campbell falls on ice covered pavement and breaks her arm.

Robert L. Parks leaves for Paris to take position as clerk at the Windsor hotel.

Oliver McIntire, son of Dr. A. McIntire, leaves for Louisville to enter dental college.

James Mann purchases interest of his partners in the clothing store of James Mann & Co.

William Metcalfe, of Carlisle, takes position as traveling salesman for Mayfield Woolen Mills.

Thief enters office of Henry & Dorsey, lumber dealers, and steals some money and checks from the safe.

While working at his trade last week, C. A. White, the saddler, sustains bad gash in his hand when his knife slips.

At a meeting of the county commissioners, the hitch racks, which was recently removed from the sides of the court house, were ordered put back.

Died—Mr. R. Lee Perrine, at his home near Miller Station on December 23.—Mr. Charles Barnett, at his home near Blue Licks on December 23.

Married—Miss Jennie Stephenson and Mr. John T. House, both of the county, on December 27.—Miss Nannie Bruton, of Montgomery county, and Mr. James H. Minogue, of this county, on December 27th.—Miss Cora Lester and Mr. Samuel W. McAlexander, both of the county, on January 1—Miss Susan Glascock and Mr. John V. Snapp, on January 2.

A GOOD YEAR COMING

Mr. John H. Perry, a gentleman whose judgment upon business questions is always valuable, looks toward 1925 as a banner business year, and sounds his hymn of confidence as follows:

With America having possession of more than one-half of the entire world's gold supply, with the World War problems substantially all readjusted, with Labor all employed at profitable wages, with the products of the farm at least commanding reasonably good prices, with interest on our foreign debts at least being partially paid, with our taxes diminishing; with the cost of government gradually decreasing from the World War period; with tremendous orders heretofore held in abeyance and distributors, with pessimism dead, with optimism alive and vibrant, 1925 is going to be the greatest year for business in the history of America.

Subject to the chances of time and tide to which we all are subject, the businessmen and farmers of America may with confidence look forward to the new year. At any rate, confidence is in the air. We are pleased that it is so.—Louisville Herald.

The first law school in America was opened in Philadelphia in 1790.

LETTERS TO SANTA.

Bethel, Ky., Dec. 20, 1924.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little boy seven years old. I go to school at Little Flat school. My teacher's name is Miss Mary Capps. want you to bring me a pisto and some caps and don't forget my little brothers, and my aunt Gladys. She wants a wrist watch that will run. Don't forget papa and mama. Bring them something nice. Bring me some candy, nuts and all yinds of fruit. Your little boy, William Shields.

Dec. 1924.

Dear Santa:

As we are going to have a Christmas tree at our school house and one at the Baptist church if you have anything for me please put it on one of them as we did not have any Christmas last year. Just anything you give us this Christmas will please us. Please remember ever child Santa. J. C. Honaker.

Carlisle, Ky., Dec. 16, 1924.

Dear Santa.

I am a little four year old and would like very much for you to call around and see me. I have been real good this time with the expectation of you bringing me a little auto with a starter and gas saver. Also I want a drum so I can play with mother and daddy and Santa whatever you do don't forget my little cousin Maxine. She lives at Berea. But I know you can find the place alright. Bring her some candy, oranges, apples and nuts as well as myself. I will go to bed early. Don't forget us. Your little boy, Harold B. Rogers.

Dec. 1924.

Dear Santa:

As last Christmas was a sad one to us as my little brother died, we had no Xmas. Will you please make this one bright for us. I go to school every day. I will be pleased with anything you bring me. Please don't forget any little poor children. Your little boy, Earl Kash Honaker.

Carlisle, Ky., Dec. 20, 1924.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am writing you to tell you what I want for Xmas. I want a wheelbarrow, a toy accordeon, a little train and lots of candy, fruit, and nuts. I will go to bed early and look for you Christmas eve night. Your little boy, Lloyd Waugh.

REMEMBER THE EDITOR AT CHRISTMAS TIME

Think thou of the editor at Christmas time. Lo, the holiday season approacheth, the little ones they set up an ceaseless cry for Santa Claus and the humble Saint shrinketh from the arduous task. He cannot supply the needs of the editor's offspring. The money, it cometh not forth from the highways and byways and it putteth the Editor in a bad light with his creditors.

Canst thou resist the plea that cometh forth at this gladsome season. Yield not to the temptation to put off paying the subscription thou owest. Be prompt to meet thy obligations lest the Editor's children be forced to forego pleasures thou canst afford them by promptness in this trivial matter. Deliver the Editor from the evil that besetteth him because of thy tardiness, else he may be prompted to saying all manner of evil things about thee. Let not thy angry passion rise at this gentle reminder that thou owest for the paper thy family and thee hast enjoyed these many months past, since necessity commandeth it and it is no fault of the editor. Come forth and pay which thou owest and receive the blessings assured thee—Swiped.

BIRD IN HAND WORTH TWO IN THE BUSH

(Flemingsburg Gazette)

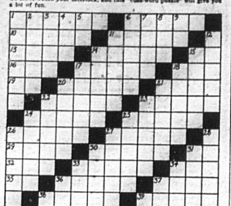
Ever since we were a small boy we have been reading of the prospects that certain so-called heirs have of getting a vast estate in the heart of New York worth anywhere from fifty million to a couple or so of billion dollars. Once in a while the prospectors have a meeting to discuss the matter, always a collection is taken up for expenses, and so the matter goes on from generation to generation with some one absorbing the expense money and the squatters in New York City still holding possession. Just now a meeting of the Edwards heirs are passing around the hat and are receiving flattering reports from the promoters.

Bud Fisher, noted cartoonist, is planning to send his string of race horses to Paris.

The reward of $6,000 offered for the solution of the murder of Robert Franks has been divided between two reporters of the Chicago Daily News and six other men.

CROSS-WORD PUZZLE No. 2
"THE HEAVENLY STAIRWAY"

You're likely to trip up if you try to ascend or descend too rapidly. Go slow, watch your interlock, and this "cuss-word puzzle" will give you a lot of fun.



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Horizontal.

1—Relating to a hundred
6—The contrabass
10—Watchful
11—Musical instrument
13—Inter
14—Food containing gelatin
15—Thus
16—Stir
17—Completely
18—Shelter
19—Definite article (French)
20—Poorly
21—Bodies of water
22—Substance used medicinally
23—Distributed
24—Seed of a tobaccoous vine
25—Looks for
26—Slope
27—Vehicle on runners
29—Earth
30—Dams up
31—Forward
32—Belonging to it
33—Female horses
34—The sun
35—Not you
36—Spring flower
37—Noisy
38—A muscle
39—Deceitful
40—Smells strongly
41—Crude form of steps

Vertical

1—Mystic art
2—Evade
3—Roman emperor
4—Assay
5—Up
6—Bulging part
7—To unite
8—Crafty
9—In order that
11—Small rooms
12—Cook in oven
14—Magistrate
15—Classes
17—Hero of a drama by Goethe
18—Permits to escape
20—Burn with iron
21—Plants
22—College supervisors
23—Considers
24—Flat dish
25—Slumber
26—Viscous mud
27—To deprive
28—Anything that unites or cements
30—Auctions
31—To tousle
33—Filth
34—Bartered
36—Bind together
37—Boy
38—Exist
39—Musical note

The solution will appear in next issue.

Solution of Puzzle No. 1.

A	Z	A	N		F		L	A	R	D
V	A	N		V	I	A		B	O	A
O	X		H	A	R	R	Y		T	R
W		H	A	S		E	E	L		E
	M	E	T	E		A	W	A	Y	
S	E	A						S	E	T
	W	R	A	P		C	E	S	S	
F		S	L	Y		L	O	O		Z
I	T		T	R	I	O	S		L	A
J	A	G		E	R	G		M	E	N
I	R	O	N		E		Q	U	A	Y

DID YOU SOLVE NUMBER 1? THEN TRY NUMBER 2

Have you gotten into the "puzzle-nut" class? Get a good, sharp pencil and try your hand at this fascinating game. Last week some of our readers had trouble with No. 5, under Horizontal words. If you will consult Webster, however, you will find that one meaning of the word, "lard," is "to fatten."

As a clue for beginners this week, Number 1, Vertical is CABALA.

HOW TO SOLVE A CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

When the correct letters are placed in the white spaces this puzzle will spell words both vertically and horizontally. The first letter in each word is indicated by a number, which refers to the definition listed below the puzzle. Thus No. 1 under the column headed "horizontal" defines a word which will fill the white spaces up to the first black square to the right, and a number under "vertical" defines a word which will fill the white squares to the next black one below. No letters go in the black spaces. All words used are dictionary words, except proper names. Abbreviations, slang, initials, technical terms and obsolete forms are indicated in the definitions.

The spirit of the season prompts us to express to you our appreciation for the business you have given us during the past year. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year and trust that the pleasant business relations which have existed between this store and the people of this community will be continued during the coming year.

R. T. KIRKLAND & CO.

We desire to extend to you the compliments of the season and express our sincere wishes for your prosperity the coming year wiih a continuance of the cordial relations existing between us.

Farmers Bank of Carlisle, Ky.

An electric mop has been invented.

Nearly 100,000 automobile tires are made in a day in Akron.

We wish to convey to you all that Accumulation of Good Wishes which have gone unexpressed throughout the year.

That you may have a Merry Christmas and Abundant Prosperity During the New Year is the wish of

J. M. PITMAN

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THE OLD RELIABLE

The Management and Employees of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad Extend to You the Season's Greetings

Fifty thousand men and women, comprising the L. & N. family, take this opportunity to thank the readers of this newspaper and all other patrons for the privilege of serving them during the year just drawing to a close, and to express the belief and the wish that 1925 will be a banner year for every citizen of the L. & N.-served South.

DISTANT FRIENDS ARE IN REACH OF YOUR VOICE

PROBABLY you do not see your friends or relatives in other towns as frequently as you like.

But you can visit with them just the same, right from your home, by long distance telephone.

They will be as glad to hear your voice as you will be to talk with them.

The quick, station to station service at lower rates enables you to enjoy the pleasure of a telephone visit at small cost.

Try it tonight.

L. K. WEBB, Kentucky Manager.

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Lv. Danville	11:30 P. M.	Lv. Danville	11:40 A. M.
Lv. Somerset	12:50 A. M.	Lv. Somerset	12:50 P. M.
Ar. Chattanooga	6:00 A. M.	Ar. Chattanooga	6:15 P. M.
Ar. Birmingham	10:05 A. M.	Ar. New Orleans	9:55 A. M.
Ar. New Orleans	9:00 P. M.	Ar. Birmingham	10:35 P. M.
Lv. Lexington	10:40 A. M.	Lv. Lexington	10:30 P. M.

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SOUTHERN RAILWAY SYSTEM

A "chemical sponge" that absorbs food odors and gases in refrigerators and pantries is a new invention.

The new cable between New York and Italy service six messages simultaneously.

LOCAL

PROGRAM

Tonight, Thursday, comes May McAvoy in "Tarnish." This sure is a good picture. Will you see it?

Friday—Charles Ray in "The Girl I Loved." This is another good one.

Saturday—Buck Jones in "The Vagabond Trail." This is some keen picture—one of Buck's best. Also a comedy.

Monday—Comes Agnes Ayers and Antonio Moreno in "Bluff." You sure want to see this one.

We wish you one and all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

LYRIC THEATRE

Local merchants report good business during the holiday season, although not as heavy as in some recent years.

The Chamber of Commerce has put evergreens on the telephone poles along Main street, making the block very attractive.

Ratliff Bros. Co., has been awarded the contract for hauling tobacco received by the Burley association at Mt. Olivet to Carlisle.

As The Mercury goes to press there is every indication of a "White Christmas," snow having fallen most of the day Tuesday.

All records were shattered with receipts of mail at the local post office Monday morning. Two large truck loads came in on the early morning train.

Sportsmen have only six more days to hunt until the close of the season. Birds have been fairly plentiful this season, but rabbits were scarce.

Monday was the first day of winter, according to the almanacs, and was the shortest day of the year. The days will gradually grow longer until June.

Local receiving plants of the Burley association closed on Tuesday night and no more tobacco will be received until next Monday, December 29.

The Nicholas fiscal court met Tuesday morning with all of the magistrates present. Only routine business such as the allowance of claims, etc., was transacted.

A wagon loaded with tobacco skidded into the gasoline pump in front of Harper's Garage Monday afternoon, tearing the tank loose from its base and damaging it considerably.

Dougherty Lodge No. 65, F. & A. M., will hold its annual election of officers at the lodge room Saturday morning, December 27, beginning at 9 o'clock. Following the election, oyster soup will be served.

Fire caused from sparks from a flue falling on the roof, caused a small blaze at the residence of Dr. C. W. Kash on Elm street last Friday. The fire was extinguished by the fire department with small damage.

Students of the Carlisle city schools will enjoy the longest Christmas vacation for several years, the school having been dismissed last Friday for two weeks. The next session will be held on Monday, January 5.

This, the last issue of The Mercury in 1924, is sent to our readers one day earlier than usual in order that they may receive it before Christmas and to give our force a holiday. The office will be closed all day Thursday.

The long-heralded "cold wave" arrived last Friday and this section has been shivering during the past few days with the coldest weather of the season. A drop of 60 degrees was made in two days, the thermometer last Thursday registering 68 and on Saturday 8.

Col. Charles H. Morrow, of Frankfort, will deliver a lecture on Russia and the Far East at the Orpheum Theatre in Carlisle on Thursday, January 1. Proceeds will go to the local national guard organization. Col. Morrow was in command of the A. E. F. in Russia during the war.

J. C. Tureman has donated to the Christmas tree to be given Wednesday night about 125 packages of candy and toys to be distributed among needy children in addition to the packages which they will receive from the tree. Anyone who has any special gift for a child, such as shoes, clothing, etc., may bring it to the tree and it will be given out.

Quotations on the Cincinnati live stock market Tuesday morning: Hogs, active, 35 to 75 cents higher, with prices ranging from $10.50 for packers and butchers to $5 for fat sows. Cattle, strong to 25c higher; steers, from $9.50 for choice to $4 for common; heifers, from $9.50 for choice to $3.50 for common; cows, from [illegible] for choice to $2.50 for cutters.

Mr. Clay Herrin, well known farmer of the county, formally announces in this issue of The Mercury, as a candidate for Jailer of Nicholas county, subject to the action of the Democratic party at the primary to be held on August 1, 1925. Mr. Herrin has been a farmer all of his life, and is well known throughout the county. He is a staunch Democrat and capable of fulfilling the duties of this office should he be elected.

Today, Christmas, being a holiday, the banks will be closed and there will be no R. F. D.

More than 40 persons are dead as the result of the blizzard which has swept the northwest this week.

Government expenditures in 1923 were $10,045,000 or 15 per cent of the national income for that year.

Miss Alice Robbins, 21, was fatally burned Sunday when she fainted and fell in an open grate at her home at Hazard.

Joseph Jackson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jackson, of Winchester, has been appointed private secretary to Rodolph Valentino, noted film star.

C. Stedman, 30, Louisville taxicab driver, was shot in the cheek and seriously wounded by a bobbed haired young woman "fare," who attempted to rob him.

Samuel B. McGuire, of Cynthiana, National Deputy Master, was at Barefoot last Friday night and reorganized Olive Branch Grange No. 465, P. of H., with 21 members.

William A. Samuels, 56, County Attorney of Montgomery county, died at his home in Mt. Sterling Friday night of pneumonia, following an operation for appendicitis.

Dr. George L. Rankin, of Shawhan, Bourbon county, was seriously injured at an early hour Monday morning when his automobile, in which he was making a call, overturned.

A large Garford bus, owned and operated by the White Star line, was destroyed by fire early Saturday morning near the Fayette-Clark county line. The bus was worth $6,000.

Masters of the various Masonic lodges in the county are requested to send names of the newly elected officers to The Mercury next Monday so they will reach us in time for next week's paper.

James B. Brown, majority stockholder in the Louisville Herald-Post Co., has purchased the interest of Richard G. Knott and Mrs. R. W. Knott, and will become editor and publisher of the papers on January 1.

At Harrodsburg Monday, David Terhune, 9, lost two fingers and may lose an eye, besides having his face and one hand badly burned and mangled by an explosion of what is thought to have been a dynamite cap left in the coal at the time.

At this season of the year many casualities are caused by fire. Christmas trees lighted with candles are especially hazardous, and the state fire marshal's office has issued a warning to citizens of the state to be careful in lighting trees.

James Robinson, the Boyle county calf club member, who won the grand championship at the fat stock show held at Louisville recently, where more than 1,000 head of stock were exhibited, received about $1,000 from his calf and the prizes won on it.

A novel plan is being tried out in the rural schools of Clark county this year. The schools closed down on December 16 and will not reopen until March 19, in order that the children will not be required to attend school during the winter months.

Inasmuch as "a green Christmas maketh a fat grayeyard," according to the old saying, prospects of a "white Christmas" are being hailed with delight by "Uncle" Marion Blair, Howard Veach, "Bones" Allen, the editor of The Mercury and other of our elder citizens.

The postoffice department Monday issued a ruling that the offering of prizes by newspapers and other publications for solutions of cross word puzzles in the order such solutions are received violates the postal laws and prohibits such publications from being circulated in the mails.

Only five days remain in which to pay state and county taxes and Sheriff Gaunce has announced that the penalty will be added on January 1. A large amount of taxes remain to be paid, and unless taxpayers are more prompt than they have been during the past two weeks there will be many delinquents.

Belated Christmas shoppers can find no more acceptable gift to send to a friend than The Mercury for a year. This is one gift that will be appreciated 52 weeks during 1925. A card will be mailed to each person to whom the paper is sent, informing them of the sender. A subscription received any time this week will be in time for next week's issue.

Circuit Clerk L. S. Hughes Saturday night issued a temporary restraining order against Omer Bussell to prevent him from selling his tobacco other than to the Burley Tobacco Growers Cooperative Marketing Association. Bussell is a tenant on the farm of Mrs. Daisy Huddleson on the Upper Jackstown road. He is not a member of the pool, but the contract of Mrs. Huddleson, who is a member of the association, guarantees all tobacco raised on her land to be sold through the association. The suit was brought jointly by the association and Mrs. Huddleson.

PERSONAL

—Miss Lois Tabert, of Georgetown College, is home for the holidays.

—The Fortnightly Book club met with M. R. Burton Monday night.

—Miss Sophia Gordon left Sunday for a visit with friends in Paintsville.

—Mr. F. B. Henry is reported quite ill at his home on Maple street.

—Miss Martha Dudley is spending the week with relatives in Lexington.

—C. B. Thomas is reported better, from a week's illness with acute indigestion.

—Misses Katharine Frey and Frances Tureman motored to Paris, Friday.

—Mrs. B. O. Beck has returned from a visit with relatives in West Virginia.

—Mr. and Mrs. Chas. A. Pitman, of Mt. Sterling, are guests of relatives here.

—Prof. M. Erie Iler will spend the Christmas holidays with relatives in Chicago.

—W. H. Kirby, formerly of Carlisle, is very ill in a hospital in California.

—Mrs. Sam Holmes and Miss Elizabeth Holmes are guests of relatives in Maysville.

—Miss Dorothy Fick left Friday for her home in Quincey, Ill., to spend the holidays.

—Mrs. S. W. Hopkins, who has been suffering from an infected finger, is improving.

—Mr. Duke Williams, of Detroit, Mich., is visiting his brother, E. B. West and family.

—Prof. Joe T. Embry left Monday for Stanford to spend Christmas with his parents.

—Mrs. W. B. Ratliff is reported convalescing slowly, this week, from her recent illness.

—Miss Louise Frey will visit Miss Eva Dean Squires at Richmond during the holidays.

—Miss Lena Tureman, of Lexington, is the guest of her brother, J. C. Tureman and wife.

—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Scott, of Cincinnati, are guests of their mother, Mrs. N. P. Scott.

—Everett Smith, of Centre College, Danville, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Smith.

—Oliver Lambert, of Davenport, Iowa, is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Lambert.

—Miss Rolla Dalzell, of Transylvania College, is home with her mother, Mrs. Bertha Dalzell.

—Mrs. Cora Herndon is spending Christmas with her niece, Mrs. Henry Dailey, at Owingsville.

—Dr. and Mrs. W. G. Irvin and baby, of Vanceburg, are spending Christmas here with relatives.

—Miss Mabel Reed, of Transylvania College, is home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Reed.

—Miss Mary Brock, of Dwight, Ill., is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Brock, for Christmas.

—Mrs. J. M. Pitman has returned from a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wood, in Nicholasville.

—Miss Ruth Colliver, of Georgetown college, is spending Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Ida Colliver.

—Miss Ruth Barton, of K. F. O. S., Midway, is spending Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Barton.

—John Squires Reed, of the University of Kentucky, is here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Reed.

—Miss Fannie Kerns remains quite ill at the home of her sister, Mrs. R. L. Burgess, on West Main street.

—Miss Elizabeth Harper, of K. W. C., Danville, is home with her father, Mr. Robert Harper, for the holidays.

—Mr. Louis P. Scott, of Chicago, arrived Monday to spend Christmas with his mother, Mrs. N. Pickett Scott.

—Paul Bryson, of Louisville, will come Wednesday for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Bryson.

—Mr. T. R. Hall is spending Christmas with his sons, Ernest Hall, in Richmond, and Rolla Hall, in Covington.

—Miss Anna W. Gaither, of the University of Kentucky, is spending the holidays with her aunt, Mrs. B. T. Hensl.

—Clarence McAlister and Hugh Williams, of Lexington, were guests of the family of Dr. J. C. Martin Sunday.

—Miss Katherine Taylor, of Eminence, is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Taylor, for the holidays.

—Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Tandy, of Warsaw, will come this week for a visit with their daughter, Mrs. S. F. Hutchings.

—Marion Mathers, of the University of Kentucky, is spending Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Mathers.

—George Insko, of the University of Kentucky, is here to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt Insko.

—Miss Lila Mae Crouch, of Berea College, is spending the Christmas holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Crouch.

—Mrs. Elwood Carpenter, of Charleston, W. Va., will come Friday for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Henry.

—Harry B. Tilton, of Washington D. C., arrived Monday for two weeks visit with his parents, Judge and Mrs. A. J. Tilton.

—Miss Louise Kennedy, student at K. W. C., Danville, is spending Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hay Kennedy.

—Henry Harp, of the University of Kentucky is spending the Christmas vacation here with his father, Mr. Bert Harper.

—Berry Wills, who is attending school at Millersburg Military Institute, is spending Christmas with his parents near Moorefield.

—Dr. G. T. Gan and Dr. S. F. Hutchings attended the meeting of the Blue Grass Dental Association at Lexington Saturday night.

—Mrs. Mary Johnson is quite ill at her home on Elm street. Her eyes have given her much trouble in the past year and it is thought this illness is from a slight infection.

—Frank Cummins, of the University of Kentucky, is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cummins.

—Miss Glennie B. Fisher is home from University of Kentucky to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Fisher.

—Mr. Fred M. Graeter, of Franklin, Tenn., attended the funeral and burial of his grandmother, Mrs. Margaret Margadant, here last week.

—Mrs. John Swarts is confined to her home suffering from a sprained knee, which she sustained when she fell on the street last Saturday night.

—Miss Elizabeth Holmes arrived Saturday night from the University of Kentucky to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr and Mrs. Sam Holmes

—Mr. Alois Peters went to Lexington Tuesday and brought home his little granddaughter, Elizabeth Collins, to spend the Christmas holidays with him.

—Dr. and Mrs. S F. Hutchings, Mrs. Mayme Frey and Dr. and Mrs. G. T. Cowan were in Lexington Saturday night to attend the Kentucky Dental Association.

—Prof. Frank D. Scott, principal of the graded and high school at Elizaville, is spending the vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Scott, in the county.

—Miss Nealya Burgess, who is attending Hardin College at Mexico, Mo., reached home Monday night to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Burgess.

—Miss Mary Ediall Ross, of Louisville, was the guest of Mrs. H. B. Bryson on Thursday, enroute home after a visit with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Andrews, in Flemingsburg.

—Mrs. B. F. Reynolds and two little daughters, left Saturday for Harrodsburg to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cook. Dr. Reynolds will join them in a few days for a visit.

—Miss Elizabeth Cole, of Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn., and Chester Cole, of Branham-Hughes Military Academy, Spring Hill, Tenn., are spending Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Cole.

—Mrs. Loute S. Thompson came Wednesday to spend Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Ella Squires, and other relatives. Mrs. Thompson has charge of the commercial law department of Southern Bros. Fugazzi College at Ashland.

—Messrs. Perry McClanahan, of Dougherty Lodge, Roy Snapp, N. E. Campbell, Charles Kenton and Mark Kenton, of Blue Licks Lodge, attended the celebration of the 70th anniversary of the Mt. Olivet Masonic lodge at Mt. Olivet last Thursday.

MARRIAGES

CRAWFORD-CRAWFORD—Miss Clyda Crawford and Mr. [illegible] Mason Crawford, both of the Pleasant Valley vicinity, were married at Maysville on December 17 by Magistrate Fred W. Bauer.

PATTON-DAY—Miss Anna B. Patton and Mr. Thomas Day, both of Bourbon county, were united in marriage at the home of the officiating minister, Rev. E. L. Crystal, in this city, December 17. Following the ceremony they left for New Orleans for several weeks bridal trip.

HICKS-RACE—A wedding which came as a pleasant surprise to the friends of the groom here was solemnized at the home of the bride's parents in Leesville, La., last Thursday, December 18, when Miss Lucille Hicks became the bride of Dr. William Harding Race, local chiropractor. The wedding was a quiet affair, only members of the immediate family being present. The bride, who was a former student at Transylvania College, is well known here where she frequently visited friends while attending the Lexington school. She is an attractive and accomplished young woman. Dr. Race is a native of Butler, but has been located in Carlisle for the past year, having moved to Carlisle from Paris. Dr. and Mrs. Race returned home on Monday and have leased the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Myers Fuller on North street for the winter. Dr. Race has made many friends during his stay in Carlisle, who extend congratulations.

St. JOHN'S RECTORY

Christmas (from the words Christ and mass) will be solemnly celebrated by the Catholics of Nicholas County by a Mass at midnight Dec. 24th. Services will start at 12 P. M., and during the same Christmas hymns will be rendered by the choir. A sermon will be preached on the "Mercy of God."

This is the first time in the history of the congregation that Midnight Mass is to take place. All are invited to join us in the worship of the New Born King, Christ our Saviour.

Rev. Earl E. Bauer, Pastor.

Felix Baker, 30, school teacher in Crittenden county, was arrested last week on a warrant charging him with a statutory offense against a thirteen year old girl who attended his school.

The Woolworth building, the tip of which is 796 feet above the street, is to be tested to settle rumors that its tower sways in a hard wind.

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