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LETTERS FROM MERCURY'S COUNTY CORRESPONDENTS

ELLISVILLE

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Moreland and daughter were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ora Ham of near Maysville.

Truman Poe, of Minerva, Mason county spent the week end with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Thompson Poe.

Miss Carine Carrington, of Moorefield is the guest of Misses Virginia and Jewel McClanahan.

Mr. and Mrs. George Porter were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Bugg, of Carlisle.

Mrs. Mary Stewart of near Covington spent a few days recently with Mrs. J. B. Laughlin.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Murray entertained several friends Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Will Ham, of Cincinnati spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Ham. Miss Lillian Ham accompanied them home.

Mr. and Mrs. Lennie Prather, of Cynthiana were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Benitie Prather.

SALTWELL

T. C. Asbury and wife, Ermine Ritchie, wife and daughter, Mrs. Vera Gaunce, and Temps Gaunce, spent Sunday with Emery Asbury and family

Born—On the 19th, to Mr. and Mrs. Calvert Busby, a daughter, Roberta Kay.

Miss Gladys Hollar, who has been attending school at Richmond, came home Monday.

Mrs. Hargis Earlywine spent Sunday with U. G. Marion and family.

H. D. Allison and family spent Sunday with Dr. and Mrs. C. P. Yates near Morning Glory.

G. Calvin Gaunce and family spent Sunday with John Hollar and family.

Rev. B. W. Dean began a meeting at Rose Hill Monday night.

Berry R. Gaunce was in Cincinnati Sunday.

BUCKTOWN

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cannon, of Indiana, are visiting relatives here.

Joe McCormaughhay and wife spent Sunday in Mason county.

James Hamilton and family spent Sunday with Clarence Hadliton.

Mrs. Ernest Hamilton and family visited George Smart one day the past week.

MOOREFIELD

Mr. and Mrs. Adelbn Blount, of Louisville, are visiting Hs parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Blount.

Mrs. Bettie Turner, of Mt. Sterling, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Kate Myers.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Whaley and daughters, Elizabeth and Lucille and Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Clark were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Whaley.

Howard Hoverman is visiting his sisters in Indianapolis.

Miss Mattie Robinson, of Mt. Sterling, is visiting Miss Etta B. Giltrin.

Miss Corrine Carrington is visiting friends at Lower Blue Licks.

W. H. Hawbrige and daughter, Miss Lena, spent Sunday in Paris.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Riggs and daughters Mrs. Joe Whaley and Miss Catharine Whaley visited in Ashland Sunday.

Several from here attended W. J. Lawson's funeral at Bethel last Thursday.

Mrs. Chester Thompson entertained the Ladies Aid society of the Christian church Thursday afternoon at her home in Sharpsburg.

Mrs. Harry Wilson is at the bedside of her mother in Sharpsburg.

Elton Irvin is visiting his mother, Mrs. Sallie Irvin.

Mrs. Mary Wilson visited Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Evans last week.

Miss Lorena Buntin and Miss Minnie Lee Blount, of Mt. Sterling, are visiting Miss Edna Irvin.

Miss Fanny Ring is visiting in Paris.

Smith Weaver, Miss Lena Hawbrige and the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Vice are on the sick list.

PARKS HILL

Mrs. James Hughes was a Saturday and Sunday guest of Mrs. Edward Joe Crawford spent Sunday with his parents.

Glenn Baugess and wife, of Cincinnati, spent the week end with her mother, Mrs. Thomas Hughes.

Walter Gifford, of Ewing, spent Sunday with his sister, Mrs. E. G. Flora.

Alfred Sapp and family spent Sunday with her brother, Charles Mann, at Locust Grove.

CANE RUN

Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Vice and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Vice.

Marion Davis left for Cincinnati Monday to work.

Cecil Griffin, of Cincinnati has returned home after spending a week with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Myers spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Brumagen.

Mr. and Mrs. Hector Smoot and baby and Frank Davis spent Sunday with Mrs. Davis' father and brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas and John Thomas, of Ewing.

Horace Brooks and Albert Vice spent a few days last week with relatives at Harpersburg, Ohio.

SCRUB GRASS

Misses Judie Hill and Bettie Bowen spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. Lucile Croman.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Minton and daughter spent Sunday with Mrs. Mary Kelley.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Walton had as their guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Robert McGee and children, Mr. and Mrs. Vess Crawford, Mr. and Mrs. Sam George and Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Walton.

Roy Lawrence spent Saturday with Louis Conyers.

Mr. and Mrs. Hanson Walton spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Harvie Sapp.

Chester Tapp spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Mann.

Miss Mary Frances Anderson, of Mt. Sterling is spending the week with Miss Mary Everett.

Mrs. Clarence McCarty and children spent Monday with Mrs. Susie Carty.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Anderson, of Mt. Sterling, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Calleti Everett.

BARTERVILLE

The Ellisville correspondent was correct in a statement last week that the village is not deserted, but is still an important place. In our recent historical mention of the place, we had reference, only, to the time when she had her glory as the seat of government of Nicholas county, and not the present time.

Located not far from "Forest Retreat,"

She's a blue grass hamlet, hard to beat.

Our people surely live in a slippery age. We slip out of bed mornings, slip on a clean pillow slip, slip down to breakfast, slip out at the front door, slip on a banana peel, slip down to old Carlisle, tell everybody what we know, or think we know, about politician and men and measures, then slip on election booth on election day, and vote our sentiments.

The berry crop of Nicholas is ripening very fast, and judging from the prospects, it may excel the past. Soon the luscious berries will be making very fine; in hanging, gorgeous bunches, some dozens on a vine. Then all our near-by counties, in village and in town, will buy these splendid berries, of Nicholas renown. This Nicholas county, has surely stood the test; in producing juicy berries, and exciting all the rest.

Mrs. Topsy Bowe and two children are spending this week with her mother, Mrs. George Donahue.

Mrs. Bettie Donahue who fell and broke her arm, is getting along nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Woodward had as their Sunday guests J. B. Ritchie and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Newton Ritchie and Mrs. John Bowe.

Aaron Greene, wife and mother motored to Maysville Sunday.

John Broderick and wife spent one day the past week with Otis Broderick and wife.

Eli Fryman is seriously ill.

T. C. Asbury and wife motored to Paris one day the past week.

Miles Hollar spent the week end with Lon Feeback and family.

STONY CREEK

Mr. and Mrs. Tivis Stone spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Anderson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Purcell, of Lexington, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Lacy Dampier.

Miss Mary Elizabeth Sellers is spending a few days with her grandfather, T. V. Sellers.

Mr. and Mrs. V. F. Hardin and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Pumphrey.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. McCluley and little daughter, spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Odd Hunt.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Ward and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Sellers.

Steve and Marybelle Dampier spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Dampier and family.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Estille Flax, on July 8, a son, Earl Holder Flax.

Sunday school every Sunday morning at 9:30. Every one welcome.

PLEASANT VALLEY

Mrs. Mae Kenney left Monday for Asheville, N. C. to spend several weeks. She was accompanied by her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Letcher, of Paris, who will return in a few days.

Miss Gladys Cray has returned from Richmond where she attended school.

Mrs. John Caywood and children of Latonia are spending the week with her mother, Mrs. Grant Wilcoxon.

Misses Helen and Georgie Bell Letcher are visiting their grandmother Mrs. C. F. Letcher.

Mrs. J. E. Barton spent Saturday with her sister Mrs. Dick Myers.

Mrs. Allen Hall is visiting relatives at Williamstown this week.

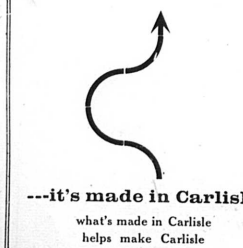
Miss Annie Jolly is on the sick list.

MILLTOWN

Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Clark had as their guests Sunday Rev. Hoch and Rev. Sauer, of Cincinnati, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Neal and son, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Neal and baby, Mrs. C. T. Neal, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Chrisman, John Young Chrisman, Miss Amelia Gill, Mrs. Tom Moore, Mrs. James Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Clark.

Pearl Gill, of Louisville, has been visiting W. F. Chrisman and family the past week.

Friday, July 20th has been set for the date to clean off the Mt. Zion grave yard. Let all come and help.



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CHAPTER IX

Life, as everybody has known for a long time, is just one darn thing after another. Possibly the truth of reality seems on it if it were a whole bunch darn things, one on top of another if carefully piled. Sort of.

I slept like a log after I once got to sleep, but I would up early to a bound new set of troubles.

Dinsmore, Dixie sleeping and Mrs. James seemed to be doing the same. I didn't mind. I wanted solitude. Then I ate. As I recall, I slipped into my clothes and hurried downstairs and out on to the lawn and straight to the place where Jonathan and I had our conference the night before. I wanted to know whether they had any material on sign of their presence—whether they had dolighted the cross where they found or the body of the tree from which the white efficience had shone to expose them.

From a distance everything looked the same as it had the time I had watched the place; but as I drew nearer I noticed something white on the ground and when I stooped I saw that it was a bunch of Easter lilies tied with a white ribbon. I remembered then that the women of the night before had been there to inspect a lawyer breast and that I had been a fool not to have thought of it. The lilies were crushed as if trampled beneath a good hard solid foot—not a ghastly foot, but a pressing foot, I picked up the the tree and thought I did not see any signs of burning, but not that the bark was ripped and the branches sore or lose broken. Somebody, or somebodies, had been up there—something real, not a ghost.

Then I went in to the house and investigated the bathroom. I found no signs of ghost there either, but I did find something that I was sure had been there the night before I left the house for town a month—a wet towel on the floor, right where the dancers had been practicing a few nights ago to the "Dixie Mustard," I found two long chalk lines and also the soles of the triangle within which they had danced. Moreover, close to the spot of the triangle, just where Mr. Ghost or Miss Ghostess had stood when they had danced—I found a fine row strip of wood nailed to the floor. Mr. Ghost or Bertie Holgoe and I could not have just what those things meant, but I did know that they did not prove ghosts. I refused to believe in ghosts that walked—or danced—a cold turkey.

It followed that somebody had been using my house and grounds without my permission. The only clue my first one was that Perkins had been living in a lot of wild oats. The future if he had it would explain a lot of things—why he was so anxious to prevent Josephine and me from staying at Dinsmore that night, for instance.

But not then was I sure of it. Furthermore I saw that this explanation would not explain the presence of a dancing man, for one thing I couldn't dance and I was sure that if any one he hadn't been for a good many years. Another thing for me