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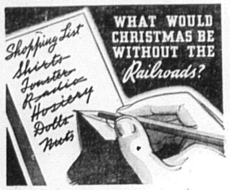


LOOK over that Christmas shopping list of yours.... Now cross off those gifts that come by express and parcel post; those presents from exclusive shops; toys from far-away places; nuts from California; oranges from Florida.... Too bad, you say. Well, that's what you'd probably have to do if there were no railroads.

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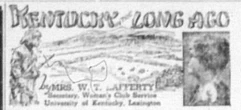
# KENTUCKY LONG AGO



by MRS. W. T. LAFFERTY
Secretary, Woman's Club Service
University of Kentucky, Lexington

## Fleets Of Flatboats Float Down The Rivers

The most important pioneer route into the great West, is known to history as The River Route.

In the beginning England claimed the eastern part of this continent even beyond Hudson Bay. Spain controlled the Mississippi at its mouth and both England and France claimed the Mississippi Basin, England through the discoveries of Cabot, France through the explorations of La Salle.

The thirteen colonies were hemmed in between the Atlantic Ocean and the Alleghany mountains. Beyond that mountain wall was a Mystery Land, the condition and extent of which no mortal mind conceived. Both nations were alert to find a way to possess it.

The beautiful Ohio River was the alluring avenue provided by Nature to open up this country. No river in history has had a greater human interest. Flowing to the westward, it pursued its way in spite of obstacles, and like a siren, beckoned men of all sorts and conditions to follow its course.

Painted savages in undisturbed possession had crept silently through the dark forests that fringed it and climbing into their birch canoes, had crossed it and paddled up its numerous tributaries into the heart of Kentucky, which was their Happy Hunting Ground.

They went into raptures over its beauty and each nation had a name for it which meant beautiful.

The Wyandotts called it Ohezhu
The Mohawks called it Oheyu
The Oneidas called it Ohe
The Iroquois called it Oyo.

The first white men who followed the Indians in order to barter gaudy calicoes, whistles, jewsharps, combs, knives and looking glasses for their discarded pelts, were French fur traders and they also expressed their admiration for its beauty by calling it La Belle Riviere.

The English anglicized the Indian names and called it the Ohio.

France and England struggled for a century to get control of the Ohio Country and the fur trade.

After the Treaty of Aix la Chapelle, a royal grant of 500,000 acres of land on both sides of the Ohio was made to the Ohio Land Company on condition that 100 families would settle on it within seven years. Christopher Gist was sent to select the lands and England made her plans to occupy the disputed territory.

France as a counter move, sent Céleron de Bienville, from Canada, to strengthen her claim to the territory, with a captain, eight subaltern officers, six cadets, an armorer, a chaplain, one hundred and eighty Canadians and thirty Indians. The expedition set out from Montreal in twenty-three canoes, bearing a strange mysterious chest. They paddled up the St. Lawrence, through Lake Erie, and by portage reached the Ohio, down which they floated. Stopping where certain rivers flowed into it, Celeron with great pomp and ceremony, removed a leaden tablet, 7 x 11 inches from the mysterious chest and buried it in the mouth of the river. Then he shouted in a loud voice, "vive le Roi" and affixed the royal arms of Louis XV of France on the nearest tree. Thus France took possession of the rivers and the land drained by them, according to her ancient custom, already established in America by La Salle, when he took possession of the Mississippi River in the name of his Bourbon King.

After the sixth and last tablet had been buried at the mouth of the Miami River and the Indians had been propitiated, Celeron's Expedition took its departure for Canada. But scarcely were they out of sight before Indians began digging up their precious tablets, which they carried to their English allies who disregarded the pretensions of France and continued their traffic in furs.

Down this "shining aisle through a fair green world" came thousands of settlers who founded homes in the strange lands on the "Western Waters."

The River Route was easier but far more dangerous than the overland route. No words can picture the pitiable plight of a cargo of immigrants on a crude drifting craft, helpless on the bosom of the Ohio, under the murderous fire of Indians along the banks. They watched every boat that passed and destroyed boat load after boat load of people, whose names have never been recorded.

Yet so dominant was the spirit of western expansion that the eager people came in spite of dangers almost insurmountable, and during the year 1788, more than 20,000 land-hungry settlers floated down the Ohio, bringing 7,000 horses, 2,500 cows and 1,000 sheep.

The Kentucky flat boats were built at Redstone by tens of thousands for the journey to the "Western Waters" and cost around $35.00 apiece. These were loaded with great care, so as to balance perfectly. The powder, dishes, food, furniture and farming implements were stowed away under the bonks. One end of the boat was roofed over, and fitted up with cooking utensils and living quarters for the family. The other end was planked off for the fowls and live stock. The average family boat often carried three generations, the sturdy young settlers, their aged parents and their little tow-headed children. All of these were dependent for food upon the family cow, which was tied to a stake in the middle of the boat, ready to serve meals at all hours. The clumsy craft was steered by a long sweep and when the travellers reached their destination, the improvident ones turned their boats adrift in the stream where they soon capsized and clogged the channel of the river. Because of this custom, the Kentucky flat boat has been called "the boat that never came back." Wiser pioneers learned to break up their flat boats at the journeys end and use the wide flat boards to build their cabin homes on the forest clad hills of Kentucky.

Almost starved, a cat was found standing guard over her three dead kittens among the ruins of a burned building at Montreal.

Fred Guens, forestry worker of Tucson, Ariz., creates elaborate mosaics out of snakeskins and old postage stamps.

May we add our simple greeting to the many you will receive at this season.

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# IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL Lesson

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## Lesson for December 26

### CHRISTIAN CONSECRATION

LESSON TEXT—Philippians 1:12-21.
GOLDEN TEXT—For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.—Philippians 1:21.
PRIMARY TOPIC—Our Best Friend.
JUNIOR TOPIC—Accepted Jesus.
INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Choosing a Life Purpose.
YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—What Christian Surrender Means.

Consecration is one of the words expressing Christian truth which has been so much used and so often misused that it has lost its savor. The writer remembers many a "consecration service" which meant nothing to those present except the fulfilling of a certain formula or program. The purpose of the meeting was excellent, but results were lacking because it had become a mere formality.

Paul the apostle knew nothing of any theory of consecration. He knew, and lived and proclaimed such an abandonment of self to Christ and his cause as really required no statement in words—it was his life.

We close today a three-month series of studies in the Christian life. We began at the right point by considering "Christian Sonship," for no one can live until he is born and no one can live a Christian life until he is born again. We have considered together God's grace in keeping, renewing, guiding, blessing, and communing with his own. All these precious truths call us to devote ourselves to Christ in glad and full consecration.

Men give themselves thus to the building of a fortune, to the propagation of a political or social theory, to the pursuit of an occupation or profession. Why should not the Christian give himself in like measure to Christ and his holy cause?

Paul, in the section of our lesson, gives that spirit and boldly declares that he follows Christ regardless of trying circumstances—he does so now, "in the body," not later in glory. And it matters not whether it be by life or death—"Christ shall be magnified."

**I. "What Then?"** (v. 18).

Paul was imprisoned for the gospel's sake. Did that stop him? no; he made the very guards who were assigned to watch him in his house into missionaries of the cross. He won each one as he took his designated period of service and sent him out as a testimony to "the whole praetorian guard and to all the rest" (v. 13 R. V.).

Then, some of his Christian associates taking advantage of the fact that he was imprisoned, went out to preach just to show that they were as good as he. They made their very preaching an expression of their envy of his popularity and hoped to heap more sorrow upon him. Did he get angry and bitterly fight back? No; he thanked God that Christ was preached. We need more of that spirit in our day.

**II. "In My Body."**

One of the glaring fallacies of human thinking is the idea that at some favorable time in the future we shall be able to enjoy life, do mighty deeds or serve the Lord. For example parents fail to enjoy their children because they are always looking forward to the next stage of their development. The time to enjoy and help our children is now. The time to serve the Lord Jesus is now. The day will come when we shall be glorified with him, but it will then be too late to speak to our neighbors about Christ.

**III. "To Live Is Christ and to Die Is Gain"** (v. 21).

Humanly speaking when a matter is one of "life or death" it is a question whether death may not intervene. The hope is that this may not be the case and every effort is made to prevent it. How different with Paul. He rightly points out that to a Christian death means entering into perfect fellowship with Christ and unlimited service for him. Every human limitation will then be put aside—knowledge, service, communion, will all be perfect and complete.

He would not, however, turn away from his present privilege and duty. Since it is God's will that he should abide in the flesh he will do it in such a way as to make it literally true that to him "to live is Christ." Every life has a purpose and that ruling passion which controls and directs a life is what should be written into the sentence, "To me to live is . . ." What is it—money, position, pleasure, sin? Or is it Christ? If he is your life, then you enter into the New Year with the assurance that it will be full and satisfying, and gloriously useful.

### Spiteful Words

A spiteful word cuts both ways. A slander hurts the man or woman who spreads it in a more deadly, though unseen, way than it hurts its intended victim. Victor Hugo nobly says, "Every sword has two edges; and the man who wounds with one, wounds himself with the other."

### Only One Real Failure

There is only one real failure possible; and that is, not to be true to the best one knows.—Canon Farrar.

**666** checks COLDS and FEVER first day
Liquid, Tablets, Salve, Nose Drops — Headache, 30 minutes
Try "Rub-My-Tism"-World's Best Liniment

### Rust, Corrosion Destructive

Rust and corrosion cause an annual direct loss exceeding that caused by fire and flood combined.

May this Christmas Season bring
All happiness to you
And all your castles in the air
And all your dreams come true.

SKYLITE BEAUTY SHOP
Over Carlisle Drug Co.

To thank you for past kindnesses and to wish you again the Season's Compliments.

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May this Christmas be one of hopes realized — happiness attained —and success in fullest measure.

PITMAN'S
Jewels of Quality

Of all gifts none will be finer than having had the pleasure of being of service to you in the past.

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We send to you—
the high regard in which we treasure your friendship and loyal patronage . . . the good wishes we would like to convey in person . . . and the hope that you may have a right Merry Christmas filled with all good things.

HARPER'S GARAGE

### Forerunner of the Cigar

The precursor of the cigar was a roll of tobacco leaves smoked by primitive South American Indians.

### Caverns Long Bat Havens

The Carlsbad caverns of New Mexico have been the home of millions of bats for centuries.

Really nothing can express what we want to say as well as a good old fashioned "Merry Christmas."

C. R. KING
Hardware

In the spirit of the season we send you our greeting for a Merry Christmas and the wish that all of us may carry much of the spirit and blessings of the day into every other day of the year.

The Boys from the
KROGER STORES

May this Christmas be twice as nice, twice as happy as any you have ever had.

JEANETTE COX

Wishing you
In the heartiest way
A very happy holiday
For you and your family

MRS. EDA S. TAYLOR

Even as the bonds of friendship are strengthened at this Holiday Season so may our business associations grow in strength and confidence.

TUREMAN'S PHARMACY
George Gaffin, Prop.

### Delayed George III's Crowning

The barons of the Cinque Ports, traditional carriers of the royal canopy, delayed George III's crowning more than an hour. They had mislaid the canopy.

### Magnesium in the Sky

One reason why meteorites flare so brilliantly in the sky is because they contain magnesium, the flashlight powder occasionally used by photographers for night pictures.

# Kentucky -THEN and NOW

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## ROCKCASTLE COUNTY

Rivers and streams have always appealed to the imagination. Everyone is fascinated by the sound and sight of a running brook. The lure of the stream has been felt by all of us. For the adventurous, it is an invitation to explore. To follow a stream to the source or the mouth has furnished excitement to many a boy. The force of running water has been a challenge to the inventor, while streams have aroused in man feelings of mystery, awe, and reverence. The picturesque region of the Rockcastle river, like that of the Hudson and the Rhine, is a constant delight for the lovers of the beautiful, and perhaps Rockcastle county provides one of the world's finest laboratories of nature for the physiographer to study the work of streams and underground drainage. The presence of the castle-like rocks and picturesque palisades of the narrow gorge gave the river and county their names. This little shire of 310 square miles was created by the Kentucky legislature in 1810 as the fifty-second county of the state. It is situated a short distance southeast of the state's geographic center, and the six adjoining counties form a crude hexagonal boundary. The western part of the county merges into the Mississippian Upland, or Pennyroyal, while the eastern part of the county tips within the border of the Cumberland Plateau, familiarly known as the Eastern Kentucky coal fields. The largest portion of the county lies within the Kentucky knobs belt, that famous horseshoe which surrounds the central Kentucky bluegrass area. Rockcastle forms thereby a natural passway from Cumberland Gap to the Bluegrass area. The county is hilly and rugged throughout, and the maximum relief ranges from 775 feet in the Rockcastle gorge to 1575 feet at the crest of the Linville Knob. Local relief averages from 450 to 500 feet. The steep cliffs and rugged slopes of many precipitous topographical features are often erroneously described as mountains. However, they are only characteristics of the most rugged portions of the knobs. A study of the physical geography of this county emphasizes the importance of streams as channels of drainage, and the presence of caves, sinkholes, solution basins, the major features of underground drainage. The waters from rains and the outflows from springs flowing into the Rockcastle and Cumberland Rivers suggest one great influence on human life. Rivers are more than continental drainage ditches; they may be a source of power; they may offer the only means of travel through trackless forest, as was the case of the Rockcastle River when it influenced Daniel Boone in determining the Wilderness Trail that leads from Cumberland Gap to Boonesboro. The narrow gorge of the river has prevented the building up of wide plains, as its downward cutting has exceeded its lateral swing. Practically all of the county is marked by numerous springs and streams, which bear picturesque names, as Clear Creek, Skagg Creek, Brush Creek, Roundstone Creek, and Negro Creek.

The beautiful scenery has thrilled the native Kentuckian and the passing tourist as they follow U. S. Highway 25 and the "Boone Way." The first use of the Rockcastle River was as a means of travel, for the raft and canoe were the earliest devices for the transportation of man and goods. Though this river was comparatively little used for transportation, its valley basin provided the only route for entry to the otherwise impassable territory as it provided the most practicable passageway for the early pioneer to enter Kentucky. Like the Oxus River of Asia, though unnavigable itself, it determines by the course of its valley a trade route to the interior of Kentucky. This stream affected the location of the various settlements and today provides drainage and boundary line for the county. This river provides recreational resources in addition to its drainage value.

(To be concluded next week)

We can only say—
May Peace, Prosperity and Happiness be yours.

MARTIN'S GARAGE
CHEVROLET—BUICK

Not big or lavish, but truly sincere as any greeting you will receive is our "Merry Christmas to You."

WALTER HAZELRIGG

Even as the Spirit of Good Will is increased at Christmas Time so may our associations grow in mutual accord and confidence.

SMATHERS SERVICE STATION

## COMMISSIONER'S SALE

Nicholas Circuit Court
Sallie K. Parsons, Admx. etc. Plaintiffs
vs. Notice of Sale in Equity
Ora Mitchell etc. Defendants

By virtue of a judgment and order of sale of the Nicholas Circuit Court, entered at its May, 1937 term, the undersigned will on

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 8, 1937**

at or about the hour of 2 o'clock p. m. offer for sale at the court house door, in Carlisle, Nicholas County, Kentucky, at public auction to the highest and best bidder on a credit of six and twelve months, the following described tracts of land:

Tract No. 1—A certain tract of land located in Nicholas County, Ky., and bounded and described as follows:

Situated seven miles of Carlisle, Ky., on the Parks Ferry and Goose Creek road and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning in the center of said turnpike and corner to Wm. Buchanan and the one acre tract of land sold to Mrs. Matilda Gillispie by Frank Berry; thence with center of said pike S. 34¼ E. 11.76 poles; S. 5 E. 18 poles; S. 17¾ E. 18 poles; S. 41½ E. 23 poles; S. 36½ E. 7.24 poles; thence leaving the turnpike S. 80¾ E. 53 poles to the West bank of Licking river thence down the river N. 8 E. 26 poles; N. 22 E. 32 poles; N. 36½ E. 40 poles thence leaving the river and up the cliff N. 80 W. 9 poles to a black locust tree corner to Mrs. Shannon (now Gillispie); thence with Mrs. Shannon's line around the cliff N. 30 E. 22 poles; N. 16¾ E. 19 poles N. 12½ W. 10 poles; N. 27 W. 3.36 poles to a set stone corner to Mrs. Shannon and No. 2; thence S. 65½ W. 148 poles to the center of said turnpike; the place of beginning, containing 61¼ acres more or less.

For the use and benefit of the owners and occupants of the foregoing parcel of land, a passway is reserved over Parcel No. 2 conveyed to Lucy Berry; passway starting at a Sycamore tree corner to Nos. 2 and 3 and from and to the turnpike across Lot No. 3.

This being the same land conveyed to W. A. Mitchell by Frank Berry etc. by Commissioner of the Nicholas Circuit Court by deed May 20th, 1933, Deed Book 32, page 275, Nicholas County Clerks office.

Tract No. 2—A certain lot or parcel of land lying in Nicholas County, Ky. on the waters of Fleming Creek and on the south side of same and bounded as follows: "Beginning at a walnut stump on the south side of the Pleasant Valley Mill Race; thence south to a stone and corner to same; thence east to a corner on the south side of Fleming creek; thence with Fleming Creek down the creek to the Pleasant Valley Mill Race; thence down said Race to the beginning, containing 1¼ acres more or less.

This being the same land conveyed to Wm. Mitchell by Henry Flora and wife by deed dated Feb. 10th, 1913, recorded in D. B. 29 page 220, Nicholas County Clerks office.

Said land will be sold in separate tracts and tract No. 1 will be sold by the acre subject to survey.

The purchasers will be required to pay the taxes assessed against said land as of July 1st, 1937, for the year 1938. After confirmation of this sale the Circuit Clerk shall issue writ of possession to the purchaser on request of same.

Purchasers will be required to execute bond with aproved surety for the purchase price of lands sold herein, having the force and effect of replevin bonds, bearing six per cent interest from date of sale.

A lien will be retained on the land sold to secure payment of the purchase money. Bonds payable to Wm. Conley, Master Commissioner of the Nicholas Circuit Court.

Wm. Conley, Master Commissioner N. C. C.
I. B. Ross, Atty. for Plaintiffs

## A LITTLE BOY'S LETTER TO SANTA CLAUS

(By J. W. Bratton)

I want a gun, one that will shoot;
I want a horn, one that will toot;
I want some cheese, I want a harp;
I want a knift, I want it sharp;
I want some candy both red and white
I would like to have a nice little kite.

I know you will come, you never fail,
You stop not for snow, wind or hail;
Your little slick horse will run over the house
And scare from its hiding the little gray mouse
That is hungry and waiting to take my cheese,
So box them up Santa, box them up please.

So as a phantom down the chimney you glide
To make all good little children glad
Then up again at a single bound
In a second more you are on the ground
Then away, away over fields of snow,
To visit the homes of the high and the low
Thy course is onward and onward still
Till the last little stocking in the land you fill.
Then away to your own home
But where that is is unknown
Perhaps in some distant shady nook
Close by the side of a babbling brook
Perhaps in some far off Sylvian dell
Where wild flowers invite fragrant smell
In some sunny land where fairies roam
Somewhere you have a beautiful home.

But I told you what I want and I want them bad
If you will bring them I will be so glad
I will be a "dood"—boy when my gun I shoot
I will be a "dood" boy when my horn I toot
I will be a "dood" boy when I play my harp
I will be a "dood" boy if my knife is sharp
I will be a "dood" boy when I eat my cheese
So then bring them Santa, please bring me all of these.

### Napoleon No Sea Hero

Napoleon never won a single sea battle.

It is folks like you whose friendship has made our Christmas a happy event. May we extend our thanks and our greetings.

THE VARIETY STORE

We take this occasion to wish you a Merry Christmas and a prosperous and Happy New Year.

STONE'S TRANSFER

To You and Yours—
Believe the hearty sincerity of this little greeting and expression of Good Will.

RATLIFF BROS. CO.

Straight from the heart—
Comes our Christmas greeting
To you and all our friends.

SIMS BROS. FILLING STATION

The greatest satisfaction in public office is the joy that comes from human relationship. This greeting is sent to you as an expression of appreciation of your friendship and with the hope that your Christmas may be filled with happiness.

JNO. F. SUGG, County Clerk
H. M. ENDICOTT, Deputy