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MOOREFIELD

On Friday evening, Oct. 4th, the children and grandchildren of Mrs. J. T. Blount, Moorefield, gathered at her home in honor of her seventy-eighth birthday. The long candle lighted table at which the family were seated, held a centerpiece of fall flowers and the birthday cake. Those present were Mrs. J. C. Blount, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Blount, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Blount, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Blount, Mr. and Mrs. Howe Blount, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Blount, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Hellman, Mrs. Allie Berry, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Lawrence, Carrol Gene Robinson, J. T. and Joe Dudley Blount.

DOG WALK

Rev. R. H. Turner, of Covington, filled his appointment at Morning Glory Sunday morning and evening. He and Mrs. Turner were guests of Mrs. Sudie Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Gaunce and son spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Caswell and family.

Erwin Brunner and wife and George Davis and wife were Sunday guests of Charlie Gates and family.

Mrs. Fannie Buhl spent Saturday afternoon with Mrs. Gladys Gaunce and daughter.

Mrs. Harry Kenney, of Cynthiana, spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Rankin and daughter.

Miss Willa Sue Gaunce spent from Friday until Monday with Elizabeth Gaunce.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Duncan and A. J. Riley were visitors in Lexington Wednesday.

Mrs. Walter Collins and daughter and Mr. Robert Morris spent Sunday with Harry Morris and wife.

Martha, Daily, John and Raymond Kennedy were Sunday afternoon guests of Mrs. Carrie Riley and son.

Lewis Earlywine, of Covington, is spending a few days with Mrs. Carrie Riley and son.

STIRNGTOWN

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Brierly and daughter entertained with a dinner Sunday. The guests were: T. H. Botts, Misses Ethel, Earl and Ina Botts, Mr. and Mrs. Sammie Smith and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sparks and son, of Carlisle; N. M. Thompson and Mrs. Lola Huffman, of Moorefield; Mr. and Mrs. Forest Thompson, of Falmouth; Mr. and Mrs. Luther Brierly and daughter, Elaine; Mr. and Mrs. Perry Vice and son, Lowell, of Little Rock; Bonnie and Garner Riebie, of Paris; Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Brierly and daughter, Alpha, and Miss Helen Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Skeen and little daughter were week end guests of Mrs. Claud Thomas and family Sunday.

Orville Brierly, of Lexington, visited his parents, R. B. Brierly and wife from Thursday until Friday.

Mrs. J. L. Banta spent one day last week with Mrs. S. T. Terrell and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Workman and little son visited her parents Saturday night at Carlisle.

Herman C. Banta remains about the same at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Brierly entertained with a birthday supper Friday night, Oct. 4, for their daughter, Alph. Those present were: Brooks Hinace, Miss Elaine Brierly and Louie Vice, of Little Rock, Miss Rebecca Ruth Rankin, of Cynthiana, Miss Helen Wilson, of Carlisle.

Mrs. Mary D. Thompson is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Enoch Thompson and family.

EAST UNION

(Essel Barr, Correspondent)

The school at Union is very proud of this poem written by Mrs. Maude Seamonds.

A Model School

The just a school house on the hill,
With playgrounds lying 'round about,
Where children run and hop and skip,
And build good health for them, no doubt.

I stood and watched them form in line,
As sweetly sounded forth the bell,
Each one so quickly found their place,
They really had been trained so well.

I watched them marching two by two,
So quietly down through the hall,
Before they all were in
I really marveled at it all.

I saw their towers upon the desk,
Their books in rows upon the shelf,
So great a privilege is theirs,
I seem to be a child myself.

I saw their teacher move about,
Her ways so gentle and refined,
And I saw in her a teacher
Of precious souls as well as mind.

A model school, perhaps you think,
There isn't such a thing today,
But one I found, sure measures up,
No matter what you have to say.

Dr. and Mrs. Fern, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Henry, Mr. and Mrs. K. H. Trimble, Kenneth Fern and Misses Annadel Henry and Vivian Trimble were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Wasson and daughter at Little Rock.

Mrs. Mitchell Pettit and son visited Mrs. Russell Barr one day last week.

MT. MORIAH

(Mrs. Ida Ramey, Cor.)

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hale have been visiting his mother, Mrs. William Hale and family at Paintsville.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hollar and family visited his mother, Mrs. Homer Kearns and family Sunday.

Clarine Roundtree visited Mrs. Cletis Ritchie and family Wednesday afternoon.

Wanda June Hollar visited Dotty and Barbara Whirles Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Roundtree and daughters visited his mother, Mrs. Homer Kearns, Thursday night.

Clarine Roundtree visited her brother and sister, Jimmie Roundtree, and Mrs. Kennedy Baugus from Monday until Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hale visited her sister, Mrs. Herman Hollar and family at Cynthiana Sunday.

Mrs. Clyde Snapp and daughter are visiting her mother, Mrs. Bettie Snapp.

Mr. and Mrs. Cletis Ritchie, Clarine Roundtree, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Ritchie and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Connie Morris and daughter gave Mrs. Minerva Ritchie a surprise birthday supper Wednesday night, it being her 60th birthday.

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SPROUT

Mrs. Homer Tout, of Bethel, spent Friday with Mrs. Addie Judge and Mrs. Sheila Gilvin.

Tom Shrout is seriously ill at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lyons and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Lyons and daughter spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Clay Vice in Mason county.

Mr. and Mrs. George Ellington and Mrs. T. J. Shrout were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Shrout.

Mrs. Addie Judge and Mrs. Sheila Gilvin spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Shrout at Carlisle.

Mrs. Ina Shrout and son, Raymond, and grandchildren, Bobby and Joy Shrout, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Vice at Carlisle.

George Judge has returned home from St. Joseph's hospital in Lexington.

Rob Crowe visited with his uncle, William Mitchell in Fleming county Sunday.

TAYLOR'S CREEK

Mr. and Mrs. Richard McIlvain and daughter, Mary Elizabeth, and Mr. and Mrs. Roger Hamilton were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clark Stafford near Mt. Sterling.

Mr. and Mrs. Rob Wilson and daughter, Helen, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Wilson and family.

Mrs. Calvin Asbury spent one day last week with her sister Mrs. Joe Sapp.

Mrs. Sam Harding spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. T. C McIlvain and family.

Commissioner's Sale

Nicholas Circuit Court
G. R. Snapp, Admr. etc.,
Plaintiff

Vs. Report of sale in Equity
Edna Snapp, etc., Defendants

By virtue of a judgment and order of sale entered in the above styled case at September 1940 term of the Nicholas Circuit Court, in the above styled case, the undersigned Master Commissioner will on

TUESDAY, NOV. 5TH, 1940

about the hour of 2 o'clock p. m. offer for sale at the court house door at Carlisle, Nicholas County, Ky., at a credit of six and twelve months, the property mentioned and described in the judgement herein as follows:

A certain lot with all improvements therein, situated on Maple street in the City of Carlisle, Nicholas County, Ky., bounded as follows:

Beginning at the north-west corner of Solomon Robertson's lot (now Hollar); thence with the east margin of the pike in a northerly direction 50 feet more or less, to a stake; thence in an easterly direction and with the fence as it now stands to the line of Myers land now Hollar; thence with the line of same southward to John Kennedy's line (now

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Being the same conveyed to John T. Snapp by Mers. by deed to same of record in D. B. 36 at page 67 Nicholas County Clerk's Office.

Subject to right of way to Commonwealth of Kentucky for description see D. B. 43 page 637, said office.

The purchaser to pay the taxes assessed against same as of July 1st, 1940, due in the year 1941.

The purchaser to execute bond with approved surety for the purchase price, having the force and effect of Replevin Bonds bearing six per cent interest from date until paid. A lien will be retained on the property sold to secure the payment of the purchase money.

Wm. Conley, Master
Commissioner N. C. C.

I. B. Ross, Atty. for Plaintiff.
10-17-3t

OAKLAND MILLS

(Mrs. Earl Hamm, Cor.)

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond King and family spent Sunday with Mrs. Laura Purcell.

Mrs. Clyde Marshall and son and Mrs. Clay Graves and daughter went to Lexington Sunday to see Clay Graves, who is in the sanitorium. They found him getting along nicely.

Charles Hamm, of Cincinnati, spent the week end with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Rawlings had as Sunday guests her parents, of near Moorefield.

There will be preaching at the Oakland Mills church the second Sunday in every month.

Those on the sick list are Mrs. Raymond Rawlings and Tom McCowen.

Tall bearded irises may be planted until the middle of November, producing strong stalks next spring.

Commissioner's Sale

Nicholas Circuit Court
Frank C. Henry, Admr. etc.,
Plaintiff

Vs. Notice of sale in Equity
Annie Latham, etc. Defendants

By virtue of a judgement and order of the Nicholas Circuit Court entered at its September 1940 term, in the above styled action, the undersigned Master Commissioner will on

TUESDAY, NOV. 5TH, 1940

about the hour of 2 o'clock p. m. offer for sale to the highest and best bidder at public auction at the court house door in Carlisle, Nicholas County, Kentucky, on a credit of six and twelve months, the property mentioned and described in the judgement herein as follows:

A certain lot of ground with all the improvements thereon, lying in Nicholas County Ky. a short distance north of Carlisle, Ky., and immediately on the line of the Carlisle & Parks Ferry turnpike road, bounded as follows:

Beginning at a stone in the east margin of said turnpike, corner to Alfred Harris; thence with Harris line eastward 90 feet to a stake corner to same; thence at right angles southward 75 feet to a stone corner to Henry Holliday; thence at right angles westward 90 feet to the east margin of said turnpike road; thence with the margin of same northward 75 feet to the beginning.

Being the same property conveyed to Rosa Ann Johnson by Leora Johnson, single, April 5th, 1930, by deed of record in D. B. 49 page 591, Nicholas County Clerk's Office but excepting therefrom the following described parcel: which was conveyed to by said Rosa Ann Johnson to Leora Johnson on April 29th, 1930 D. B. 49 page 608, same office.

Beginning at a stone in the east margin of said turnpike road westward 33 feet, corner to first party; thence north 90 feet corner to Alfred Harris lot; thence at right angles westward 90 feet to east margin of said turnpike to the beginning.

The amounts to be made on day of sale are as follows:

$35.90 with interest from July 29th, 1937.

$119.9 with interest from [illegible]

The taxes for the years 1931, 1932, 1938 and 1939 will be paid by the estate and the 1941 taxes will be paid by the purchaser.

The purchaser to execute bond with good surety for the purchase money with approved surety, having the force and effect of Replevin Bonds, bearing six per cent interest from date until paid. A lien will be retained on the property as security for the payment of the purchase money.

Wm. Conley, Master
Commissioner N. C. C.

I. B. Ross, Atty. for Plaintiff.
10-17-3t

HOOKTOWN

(Miss Daisy Ritchie, Cor.)

French Hurt, of St. Joseph, Mo., spent one night last week with his cousin, Coley Ritchie and family.

Eddie Rogers and wife, of Newport, spent Thursday with Mrs. Rogers' parents.

Roy Mullikin and wife, of Mt. Olivet, spent last week with Mrs. Mullikin's sister, Mrs. Tommie Feeback and family at Glenmoore.

Alvin Heflin, wife and two children spent Sunday with Coley Ritchie and wife.

Cecil Faulkner and family moved to Cynthiana last Tuesday.

Born—Last week to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Courtney at their home in Cynthiana, a daughter.

Commissioner's Sale

Nicholas Circuit Court
Otto Jarvis, Admr. etc.,
Plaintiff

Vs. Notice of Sale in Equity
May McCauslin, etc. Defendants

By virtue of a judgement and order of sale entered in the above styled case, at its September, 1940 term, of the Nicholas Circuit Court, the undersigned Master Commissioner or the Nicholas Circuit Court will on

THURSDAY, NOV. 7, 1940

at the court house door in Carlisle, Nicholas County, Ky., at about the hour of 2 o'clock p. m. offer for sale separately, to the highest and best bidder, on a credit of six and twelve months, the property mentioned and described in the judgement and order of sale herein as follows:

FIRST PARCEL: One and one-half lots or parcels of land, lying in Nicholas County, Ky., near the City of Carlisle, and being Lots No. 31 in Block No. 3 and the northern half of Lot No. 33, in Block No. 3, as shown on the plat of Arnold Heights, of record in the Nicholas County Clerk's office in D. B. No. 25, page 446, and being same property conveyed to T. B. Jarvis by Edith Cox, executrix of Foster V. Cox, by deed of record in D. B. 45, page 59 said office. It is further provided that the property herein conveyed shall never be occupied by or transferred hereby to any person except one of the Caucasian Race. Being the same property conveyed by T. B. Jarvis and wife, by Sudie Hunt and husband, by deed of record in D. B. 45, page 565 said office.

Possession to be given within 30 days after confirmation of the sale if confirmed at any other term than the regular term of this court. The purchaser to pay the taxes assessed as of July 1st, 1940, due and payable in the year 1941. Purchaser shall execute bond with approved surety for the purchase price having the force of a Replevin bond.

A lien will be retained on the property sold to secure the payment of the purchase money.

Wm. Conley, Master
Commissioner N. C. C

I. B. Ross, Atty. for Plaintiff.
10-17-3t

SUGAR CREEK

Mrs. A. C. Laughlin spent Wednesday with her father and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Ham.

Mrs. Omer Anderson, Mrs. W. H. Ethel and Billie Keene Anderson, of Ellisville, spent Thursday with relatives here.

Miss Lucille Hilander is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Onie Sears, this week.

Mrs. Maude Hardwick visited her daughter and family, Mrs. Onie Sears and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Ham and family spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Ham.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sears and Arthur Sears and family spent Sunday with relatives at Bald Eagle.

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TRACT NO 1: Contains 79 acres, all in grass with 1 large tobacco barn.

TRACT NO. 2: Contains 75 acres, mostly in grass. No buildings.

TRACT NO. 3: Contains 145 acres, all in grass with many acres of virgin soil. Improvements are a new 6-room home, really designed and durably constructed, wired for electricity and concrete basement, large tobacco barn and all other necessary outbuildings. Also stock scales.

TRACT NO. 4: Contains 92 acres, mostly in grass with one tobacco barn.

TRACT NO. 5: Contains 203½ acres, all in grass except a few acres in cultivation. Has a 5-room house, 1 barre capacity tobacco barn, and all necessary outbuildings. This tract will be offered in 2 parts, 103½ acres and 131½ acres and then as a whole.

TRACT NO. 6: Contains 112 acres, and is located on Forest Avenue, near the city limits of Carlisle. Practically all is in grass. Has a comfortably constructed 2-story house of 8 rooms and is supplied with electricity. Also a good 4-room house, 1 stock barn and 1 tobacco barn, and all other necessary outbuildings. This farm will be sold on the premises at 2 o'clock p. m.

Prospective purchasers may obtain complete description and see blueprints in the office of Mr. I. B. Ross, Attorney, Carlisle, and they will be shown the farms by Mr. Frank C. Henry of Carlisle, by Mr. Clay Eckendoffer, who resides on Tract No. 3, or by the selling agents. Possession will be given on or before March 1, 1941.

TERMS: 10% on day of sale with contract, 40% when deed is executed and 50% in equal payment in 12 and 24 months respectively with lien notes bearing 6% interest from date of deed until paid. Supplemental provisions and any changes made in sale provisions will be announced on day of sale.

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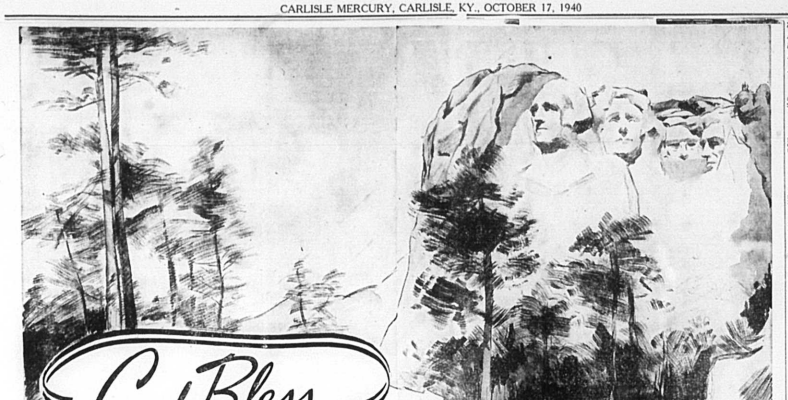

AND HE HAS blessed our country . . . but His benediction imposes upon each and every one of us the sacred duty of defending every priceless heritage that we have been granted. With so great a portion of humanity inured to calamity and injustice, let each American silently consecrate himself and his conscience to the preservation of every American ideal . . . ideals that are more precious today than ever before.

Yes, we still can have faith in man's higher destiny even though nations, once the homes of great cultures, crash back into abject slavery. There can still be hope though elsewhere fearful death-dealing machines are thrust into the hands of children, though churches are barricaded, books destroyed, though millions of families are scattered to the four winds.

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Lesson for October 20

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THE MESSAGE OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

LESSON TEXT—Luke 3:3, 8-17, 21, 22.
GOLDEN TEXT—Bring forth, therefore, fruits worthy of repentance—Luke 3:8.

Four centuries of silence! God made a living appeal to His people through Malachi, the prophet (see lesson of June 23), but they failed to respond, and for about 400 years no prophet had appeared with an authoritative message from God. But now "God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets" was ready in the "last days" to speak by "his Son" (Heb. 1:1, 2).

Before the Lord should come, however, the prophet Isaiah (40:3-5) had declared that a voice was to come out of the desert to cry, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord." The great honor of that ministry did not fall upon the religious or political leaders mentioned in Luke 3:1, but "the word of God came unto John . . . in the wilderness." When God calls a preacher, something vital and interesting is about to happen.

I. The Preacher—His Call and Character.

It is significant that the call of God for this ministry passed by the mighty of Rome, which was politically powerful, holding sway over the world of its day. It is doubly significant that it passed by Jerusalem, the religious center of the Jewish nation. God was not looking for influence, or wealth, or position. He was looking for a man, and He found him, though He had to seek him in the wilderness. Where is God's man this day?

The character of John is revealed to us by Scripture as unique and rugged. He was a striking figure as he came suddenly out of the wilderness, but the outstanding qualification of John was that he was humble and obedient to God's will. Upon such a man the power of God may fall in all its fullness.

II. His Message—His Nature and the Reaction (vv. 3, 8-14).

Repentance, as evidenced by baptism, this was John's word to his day. He did not grant them absolution from their sins, but in repentance they were to look forward to the cleansing from sin by the washing of the blood of Christ who was to come. John was the forerunner of Christ. His message of repentance was a preparation for the coming message of redemption.

The reaction of the people is expressed in the question, "What must we do?" Much more would be accomplished for Christ in our day if that were the response of people to the preaching of the truth. Instead of criticizing or commending the preacher, or listening to his talk, "What shall I do about it?" and then let us do it.

The answer of John was that each one should, by his works, show the reality of his repentance in the details of his daily work and life. Of course, the all-important thing is that a man should believe in Christ, and by faith receive him as his Saviour, but that faith must show itself in daily living or it is meaningless, and, in fact, nonexistent. The world is full of those who need to answer our Lord's own question, "Why call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" (Luke 6:46).

III. His Ministry to Jesus—the Baptism and Heavenly Response (vv. 15-17, 21, 22).

The forthright honesty and the humility of John appeared in his immediate correction of the people's mistaken idea that he was the Christ. He made clear that his baptism with water, indicating their change of mind concerning sin, would only have real meaning as the coming One—the Lord and ours—would change their natures by the baptism of fire and of the Spirit.

Jesus, who knew no sin of which to repent, took the place of a penitent sinner and was baptized by John. Thus He, the sinless One, entered upon His public ministry and His work of redemption by taking the place of fallen humanity. What infinite grace and condescension!

As Jesus prayed, after John had baptized Him, the heavens opened and the Holy Spirit, taking the form of the gentle dove, rested upon Him. God the Father spoke forth heaven's estimate of our Saviour; He was declared to be the "beloved Son" of God, in whom the Father was "well pleased."

This attestation of His divinity and recognition of His spotless life and character was for Him, but not for Him alone. It speaks to us even as it has spoken to all men through the centuries, of the One who is Saviour and Lord. "He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens" (Heb. 7:25, 26).

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