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May Joy And Success Attend You The Whole Year Through To Make 1953 The Best Ever. To Everyone a "Happy New Year" From The Mercury Staff.

Paris Newsmen, J. M. Alverson, Sr., Dies Friday; Published Enterprise

J. M. Alverson Sr., 79, veteran newspaperman and editor and publisher of the Paris Daily Enterprise died Friday night in the Bourbon County hospital which he had entered the first part of last week for the second time after suffering a heart attack six weeks ago.

In The Service

Was Here For Christmas Billy Hudis, son of Mrs. J. R. Chandler of College avenue, was home on leave for Christmas from his base at Topeka, Kansas.

Back To Texas A J. Kenneth Smoot left Sunday for Big Spring, Texas, after spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Pearl Smoot and family.

Stationed In Germany Word has been received that Pfc. Calvin L. Wills has recently arrived in Germany. His address is Pfc. Calvin L. Wills US25160, 775, Co. G, 22nd Inf., Regt. 402, Inf. Div., APO 39, c/o P. M., New York, N. Y.

Returns To California Seamus Warren A. Ritchie has returned to Long Beach, California, after spending a 13 day leave with his wife and son of Carlisle, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Ritchie of Bourbon county.

Sent To Guam Mr. and Mrs. Lovell Shaw of Route 1, Myers, received word this week that their son, A. C. Charles Shaw has been sent to Guam Island at the Anderson Air Base for a period of three months. He has been serving as an MP in the Air Force since 1950.

Home From Korea Capt. W. H. Scott, son of Mr. and Mrs. Worth Scott of Route 2, has arrived home from Korea after a 12 month tour of duty there with the Army Engineers. He will spend a 45 day furlough at home with his parents here and after returning to duty at Ft. Jackson, S. C., he will receive a discharge upon completion of three more months of active duty.

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Two Nicholas FFA'ers Win First, Second In District Leaf Show

Nicholas County FFA's two top tobacco crops in the third annual leaf show held in the county seat in Cynthiana walked off with the top honors—first and second—of the entire FFA district, according to an announcement by the district A judge's hand.

Parade's Win Decoration Contest

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Darrell of the Mayville route were awarded a first prize of \$10 for the best decorated float in the parade held at the contest conducted by the Carlisle-Nicholas County Development Association.

March Of Dimes Drive To Start Here Friday

The Nicholas County March of Dimes campaign to help raise funds to fight polio will begin here Friday, according to an announcement of the campaign chairman, Rev. W. R. Raborn.

Three Hunters Fined In County Court Monday

Three Ahland, Ky. hunters were fined \$10 each for hunting on posted property in county court Monday. The hunters were arrested on Frog Town by Sheriff John Clink.

Draft Boards To Review Farm Deferment Cases

According to Col. Solon F. Russell, State Selective Service Director, draft boards in Central and Western Kentucky have been asked to review the cases of young men deferred as essential farm workers.

Dougherty Lodge Elects 1953 Officers

The three Nicholas county Masonic lodge elected officers for 1953 at regular meeting held by them Saturday. Elmer Damper was elected master of Dougherty Lodge No. 65, Clyde Haman was elected master of Blue Lick Lodge No. 493 and Homer R. Hilcock was elected master of Orient Lodge No. 500 of Headquarters.

45 Acre Farm Sells For \$484 Per Acre

Levin Cronley, Cincinnati and Carlisle, purchased the 45 acre farm belonging to the estate of the late W. D. Myers at public auction Tuesday morning for \$484 per acre. The farm adjoins the one owned by Mr. Cronley on the Mayville road, Mr. Gertrude Myers purchased the house and lot for \$3,000, the same road of Carlisle on the mile west which was also offered at public auction and belonged to the estate of the late Mr. Myers.

Blue Lick Lodge

Spencer Taylor, senior ward; Lloyd Earlywine, junior ward; James Logan, secretary; Oborn Anderson, treasurer; Elmer Moss, chaplain; Dan W. Wells, chaplain; Milton Masterson, junior deacon; James R. Brady, junior deacon; John Anderson, senior steward; Elsie Anderson, junior steward.

Obert Lodge

Daniel Boone Tinsler, senior ward; James D. Gasmir, junior ward; S. R. Barlow, treasurer; Howard Allison Jr., senior deacon; Henry Holiar, junior deacon; Sherman Green, clerk.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Admissions Mrs. Anna Conway, Gatewood Galbraith, Mrs. Ruth Grey, Carlisle; J. T. Gray, Mrs. Virginia Hoover, Jerry Kenney, Gloria Jean Burke, Myers; Ronald Clifton Foy, Dennis Verma Burden, Mrs. Maude Fleckhart, Bartlettville; W. T. Hughes, Tollenbro.

TAXI SERVICE STARTED

John D. Kelley has opened a taxi service in Carlisle and is now doing business.

Local Soldier Squad Leader Of 'Best Buccaneer Combat Squad'

Cpl. Roger Bowles, husband of Mrs. Mary Smoot Bowles of Route 1, Myers and son of Mr. and Mrs. John Bowles of Route 3 was a member of the squad recently named the "Best Buccaneer Combat Squad" of the 32nd Infantry Regiment which is now serving in Korea.

Freedom Crusade Ends Here Saturday

Mr. William Harper, Nicholas county campaign chairman of the 1952 Crusade for Freedom announced this week that the campaign was progressing slowly here and urged people to send in their contributions before Saturday which is the day the campaign closes.

Ball Game

The goal originally set for this county was \$11,000 and 8,000 signatures on Freedom-Grans which are messages urging persons behind the Iron Curtain to listen to Radio Free Europe. Millions of these messages, signed by Americans from all over the country will be dropped from balloons over Eastern Europe in Communist-controlled countries.

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The funds which are raised in the campaign will be used to strengthen Radio Free Asia broadcasts to the Far East. This Radio Free Asia is serving as an active psychological warfare weapon to help our troops in Korea.

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Looking to the year 1953, I am sure my friends and their children will work more faithfully at their jobs. They should not be fooled by present high demands for labor. Early 1953 should be used to "dig in" and better working conditions for the early months of 1953. The demand for and the supply of labor promise to hold in good balance. Later, however, unemployment will increase, reaching its top point toward the end of the year. While employment runs high during the first part of the year, it will continue to plunge into management. Unions, however, do not get so cautious so that they will not bring down on their heads the legislative wrath of a conservative.

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