Cawood Calls BASKETBALL

by Cawood Ledford

THE CHAMPION

The roar of the crowd still rings in my ears. Perhaps it was mob hysteria, but the fans had approached a state of insanity as the old champion swayed helplessly on the ropes, beaten within an inch of his life by the young upstart from Atlanta.

Had it been only six years ago that I broadcast my first University of Kentucky basketball game? It seemed ages ago that I watched Frank Ramsey and Cliff Hagan lead the Wildcats to a perfect season. Kentucky, the proud champion, selling without sympathy over any and all who dared oppose them in the area.

The next season, 1955, Georgia Tech landed a lucky punch. The Engineer toppled the Champion, the first time anyone had done it in Lexington in 12 years. The "old King" has been shaken-up a few times since then, but still . . . Kentucky was still the Champion.

Kentucky's long reign as the King of Dixie basketball may be over. Georgia Tech won its 5th game from Kentucky in the past five years that night in Atlanta—a 90-50 split with the Wildcats—an unheard of accomplishment!

I can still hear the piercing screams that split the night air in Atlanta as Tech hammered the once proud Kentucky senseless on the basketball canvas.

It broke your heart to see Kentucky, the once proud Champions, helpless, completely at the mercy of the young challenger. The confidence; the poise; the trademarks of the Champ were missing.

Warming up before the game, the normally cool and positive Kentuckians were tense and nervous. Tech were the confident cloak, then humiliated the Old Champion 65 to 44 . . . the second worst defeat to a Conference team in Kentucky's history.

Shouts went out around the league that the Champ was dead, long live the new King of Dixie basketball. Teams, long victims of the Wildcat knockout punch, openly predicted a win over the Kentucky team.

I can still hear the crowd at Atlanta. Positive in their wild jubilation. Kentucky's reign was over. But champions have come back. So will the proud Kentuckians—someday.

THE KING HOLDS COURT

The night before or the night after a Kentucky basketball game on the road, Coach Adolph Rupp's hotel room is visited by the press and radio corps. The colorful Kentucky basketball baron holds court. On the night before my broadcast of the Kentucky-Tennessee game over WHAS, I had the good fortune to be among the visitors to Rupp's room, and the Kentucky head man was in rare form. "If I can win the N.C.A.A. again, I'll retire," said the man who has won four of the big basketball prizes. Someone wanted to know if he was serious about calling it quits. "I mean it." he said. "I've been in this business a long time, and if I can win that thing again, I'd like to sit back for a few years and enjoy the fruits of my labor." The newsmen wanted to know if this was off the record. "No, use it if you want to in your stories." Some allowed as how the weather, tobacco man, Hereford breeder, and inventor probably paid more taxes than he earned as a coach anyway. Then the 57 year old host picked up the hotel phone, ordered cokes and hamburgers for his guests, and dashed out to appear on a Knoxville television program.

Some ninety minutes later Coach Rupp was back, still in a talkative mood. "Did you see where they've passed that new rule that you can't sign a high school boy to a scholarship until April 1st?" he asked. "Best thing that's happened in years. Why under this December 7th rule, you take boys you've never seen play." This new date is one rule that Old Uncle Adolph got in "The boy will be through with his basketball and the coaches will have to leave him alone during the season." The Kentucky coach pondered a moment, "We're recruiting this year. We haven't been. We've just taken the boys that came to Kentucky. But this year we're looking at boys in the South, up East, and in the Midwest in addition to the good Kentucky players.

Somebody wanted to know what five players Rupp would choose of it were possible from all the teams he's had since World War II. "I'd pick Spivey at center," he said. "He was a better defensive player than Cliff Hagan would be one of my forwards—Cliff was a great shooter. I guess Wah Wah Jones would be the other forward. At the guards . . . well, that would be Beard and Ramsey."

The conversation always got back around to Coach Rupp's indefinate announcement that he would retire. If he won a fifth N.C.A.A. title, and if he retired who would succeed the successful boss of the Wildcats? "Harry (Assistant Coach Harry Lancaster) deserves the job, and I think he would get it," says Rupp. "Harry and I think alike when it comes to basketball."

Well the next day was a basketball day. The players had long since been bedded down when the court adjourned from Coach Rupp's Knoxville hotel room. All wondered about the retirement. It had been rumored many times over many years.

School board entertained

The Nicholas County Board of Education, Raymond Wesley, School Superintendent, and Mrs. Glenn Clay, School Lunch Director, were guests at a special luncheon given in their honor at the Moorefield School on Tuesday, February 2. The lunch was prepared by the lunchroom workers, Mrs. Sylvia McQuithy, Mrs. Evelyn Bulley, and Mrs. Sheila Mae Barrett.

With the consolidation of East Union and Moorefield School, the enrollment at Moorefield this year is 197. Consolidation has meant organization of a school band under the direction of Carroll Hall and new PTA members from the East Union section.

The school spirit at Moorefield is very high and to be greatly commended as shown by the large and successful participation at the recent Chili supper sponsored by the PTA. Parents, teachers, and students cooperate to make theirs a better school at Moorefield.

The dining room serves as an activity center for club meetings, educational films, PTA meetings and it is where the children eat their Type A lunches. The menus for the week of February 1 to 5 at the Moorefield School are as follows:

Monday — Beef-vegetable soup. Pimento cheese sandwich, celery, pickles, peaches and Chocolate-Oats Cookie, Milk.

Tuesday — Baked Turkey with dressing and gravy, Fluffy Potatoes, Peas, Fruit cup, Ice Cream and Jam Cake, Hot Rolls, Butter, Milk.

Wednesday — Dried Beans, Tomatoes, Buttered Cabbage, Graham Crackers and Peanut Butter with Marshmallow Cream, Cornbread, Butter, and Milk.

Thursday — Turkey Hash, Lettuce Salad, Cheese Wedge, Grapefruit Sections and Cookie.

Friday—Hamburger DeLuxe, Potatoes, Slaw, Cherry Cobbler, Butter and Milk.

Saltwell

by Mrs. Fred Hollar

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Williams of Cynthiana, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Kenney and children.

Mrs. Chester Mattox and baby son, Jeffery Ward, returned home from Bourbon County hospital on Saturday.

Mrs. Melia Hollar returned home from the Nicholas County hospital on Monday and spent the week with Mrs. Grace Earlywine.

Mr. and Mrs. Layne Hollar and baby spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Bussell in Carlisle.

Mrs. Gene Kenney was a patient at the Good Samaritan hospital during the week She remains ill with a foot injury at her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Junius Kenney and children of Lexington, Mrs Gladys Kenney, Mr. and Mrs Fred Hollar, Gary and Sterling Hollar spent Sunday with Mrs Lee Hollar and son

Hot Rolls, Butter and Milk

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mitchell of Stoney Creek, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Kenney visited Mr. and Mrs. Calvert Sooby and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Kenney on Sunday.

Luther Hollar spent a couple of days in Wilmore the past week, attending a Ministeral Convention and was the guest of Rev. Phillip Ott.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Allison, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Lovell Allison and son in Carlisle, returned home the past week.

Miss Kay Adamson, student of Union College spent the weekend with Ramona Hollar.

Look for citrus fruit that is firm and heavy for its size, free from mold or soft spots and that has a pleasing aroma.

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Yet today the Christian world is divided into conflicting opinions as to what the Bible means. Sincere and equally learned Bible scholars give different meanings from the same words, and there are many Christian sects which disagree on basic Bible questions.
The average Christian who wants to understand the Bible finds all this confusing, wondering which interpretation to accept, whom to believe. The result is that the Bible often gathers dust on the family bookshelf, when it should be bringing joy to the hearts of men.
Catholics, of course, join with Christians everywhere in recognizing the complete Bible as the inspired Word of God. It could not be otherwise, for it was the Catholic Church which assembled the books of the Bible nearly 1600 years ago, and which preserved its precious message on parchment for a thousand years before the invention of the printing press.
It is unfortunate, however, that some of the most devoted Bible readers do not understand it. As a matter of fact, Holy Scripture is seldom correctly understood unless we have certain preliminary knowledge concerning God's revealed truth.
In writing the New Testament, its authors took into account that a knowledge of God's revelation already prevailed. The books they wrote were intended to instruct and confirm teachings already known—not to announce something entirely unknown. When you have this preliminary knowledge, the Bible is neither contradictory nor confusing.
The books of the Bible were given by God through writers who addressed themselves to people who already possessed faith in God and to whom the divinely inspired message was, to some extent, already known. These books set to explain and confirm this message and to induce readers to conform their lives to it. They were certainly not intended to teach all of God's revealed truth to those who were learning at the very first note.
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Myers road

by Mrs. T. H. Vice

Mrs. Addie Ritchie is suffering with pneumonia at the local hospital.

Mrs. Flurry Bowles has been ill with flu. We wish them a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy K. Rose, James Cassidy, Hopkinsville, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rose, Lexington, Stanley Rose and Jeff, Carlisle, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Vice Thursday night.

Charles Rose left Saturday for Spain, Mrs. Rose will join him after finishing nurses training in the fall.

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Henryville News

by Harrison Hamilton

Marion Shepard of Cincinnati, visited over the week-end with his grandmother, Mrs. Eliza Simpson.

Bobby Steverson visited during the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Steverson and family.

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Rev. William Barber filled his pulpit Sunday at the Christian Church.

Miss Betty Jo. Steverson of Frankfort, is spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Steverson and family.

Rev. Moses Sutton filled his place Sunday at the Wesley Chapel C.M.E. Church but due to circumstances concerning the heating system, were unable to have a meeting Sunday.

Elmer Jones of Sharpsburg, spent a few hours here Sunday.

Master Logan Bean of Lexington, visited with his aunt, Mrs. Sarah McGuffey over the weekend.

Myers 4-H News

The Myers Teen 4-H Club met January 18, at 7:30 at the home of Jimmy Letcher on Cassidy Creek road. Linda Mc Clanahan led the group in a song and Sue Grey led us in a couple of games. Luther Whitaker told us of the speeches and demonstrations coming up soon. He also told us about the talent contest. The meeting was adjourned by president, Jimmy Letcher. The next meeting is to be held at Faye Evans' home on the Carlisle road. — Jessie Barnett, Reporter.

Bald Hill

by Mrs. Elmer Ritchie

The McDonald family has moved from the Barterville store to Carlisle, the store will soon be remodeled.

We extend sympathy to the bereaved family of Mrs. Myrtle Arnold, who spent her girlhood in this community. Mrs Myrtle still had in her possession the old Ogden homestead, where many happy days were spent by the large Ogden family.

Little Jeff Jones has been out of school the past week, with chicken pox.

Mrs. Jesse M. Dotson spent one day last week with Mrs. Eugene Gates and children.

Mrs. Norma Carwell spent last Wednesday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Ritchie. Mr. Ritchie has been ill the past few days.

Eddie G. Gates visited Mr. and Mrs Elmert Ritchie and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gates Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Stanley Morris spent the weekend with her sister, Mrs. Ray Ritchie and Mr. Ritchie.

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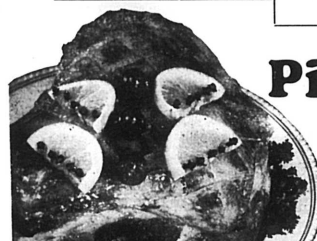

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