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TWENTY AND FORTY YEARS AGO

Thursday, July 23, 1942

Miss Dora Ashley is able to be out after being confined to her room from a sprained ankle received in a fall on Main street her days ago.

Joe Gabbard, 45 year old Fleming county trader, was hurt seriously and two youths were killed Fleming county fail this week in the result of the farmer owned truck by a car near Flemingsburg, Saturday night. The youths who were killed by Spencer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Clark and Deputy John Anderson, were listed as not members. Trimble county and William Medley, Carlisle boy, was confined in the hospital with two broken legs. Mrs. was available for officers said Medley was informed that condition was serious.

The Farmers Stock Yards at Paris Tuesday with a total of 2,282 head passed through the selling.

Thirteen Nicholas countians were graduated qualified teachers after 3-6 instructors following their successful completion of course which ended last week in Flemingsburg.

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Thursday, July 28, 1922

Gene Jinks, Arthur Stroud and John Squires lived are leaving next week for Camp Knox to enter the Citizens Military Training Camp for a month.

BIRTH — To Mr. and Mrs. George Ellington, of near Sprout, on Thursday, July 20, an eight pound daughter. Elea nor.

DIED — Mrs. Susan Mayhew aged 85 years, at her home near Butterville last Friday. Mrs. Hiram McIlfresh, aged 26 years, at her home near White Chimney, Monday. Ky. Killed Ian Snapp, aged 61 years, at his home at Walnut Grove, last Friday.

A LITTLE YAPPIN'

by Nellie Crump

The Good Old Days.

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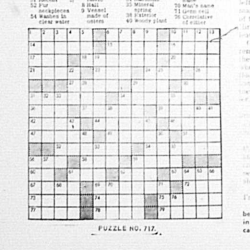

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the trunk and waddled over to a high pole which he "shinned" to the top. The man on the ground waved at him a few times and soon there was power to spare (even the sun was now shining) and the old coal oil lamps that were pulled from storage and made ready just in case were set aside—gentle reminders of the Good Old Days.

—Vap.

Heroine of the Cumberlands.

To many the main event perhaps of the recent Blackberry Festival was the "battle" between the Blue and the Grey in front of the Nicholas County courthouse in commemoration of the Civil War 100 years ago. A special busload of soldiers arrived here from Fort Knox to enact the scenes which brings to light the following story. Oh, no, I did not write it. A man by the name of Vincent did, for the Knoxville (Tenn.) News-Sentinel. When it was reprinted last December it was sent to me by Mrs. Fred Ashley of Knoxville, formerly of Carlisle, so I thought it a just such an occasion as this.

If you have or have not heard of Miss Julia A. Marcum "Heroine of the Cumberlands" read the Vincent story. Quote:

"She is the only woman in the United States to ever get a Civil War pension without the bother of being married, or in some way tying herself to a man. When a girl of 16 she fought a hand-to-hand battle with a Confederate soldier. The soldier had his musket and a bayonet. The girl had only an ax. The girl won."

As I get the story it was something like this:

Out from Hindsville, Tenn., in a clearing in the woods was a log cabin. Hiram and his family lived there. Hiram, for some reason, liked the North. Many of his neighbors liked the South.

Some of those neighbors had enlisted and were stationed in the county. They heard of Hiram Marcum. They heard he was a Damn Yankee. They didn't like Damn Yankees. They wanted to get Hiram Marcum.

But Hiram was foxy. When the night came he was sleeping in the barn.

The Southern soldiers—36 of them—marched upon Hiram Marcum's cabin in the clearing. It was 2 o'clock in the morning. Knock! Knock!

Who is it?

"None of your damned business now."

Wham! The door gave way. Thirty-six soldiers in Gray crowded inside. Children screamed. The mother screamed. Then realizing her husband was safely hidden in the loft she calmed herself and began talking to the men. She asked one of the small girls to light a candle.

Now, so where he is or we'll kill all of you, and set fire to your house," a soldier warned.

The mother pleaded with the men. She couldn't tell where her husband was.

Finally all but one of the men left the room. This one man remained standing in the middle of the floor. He had come to get Hiram Marcum. He wouldn't leave until he did.

One of the frightened children dropped the candle leaving the room in darkness. Just then was 36, felt on the floor. Her hands caught the ankle of a man who was lying there. She walked into the solid

He tugged him in the room and pulled the light cord in the center of the room. The soldier dropped the man and turned about the door.

"Don't," he pleaded. "Don't I'm—

Then the father, who had been aroused from his hiding in the barn by the screams, came into the room. The father fired one shot. The soldier fell dead.

And the girl — a bayonet stab had pierced her skull just over the left eye. A musket ball had torn away a finger.

The story of this battle leaked out to the world. Congress heard it, and Congress in 1884 voted Julia Marcum a pension. The recognition established Aunt Julia as the "Heroine of the Cumberlands." Her story and her picture, the scar of her battle showing over the eye, brought many people to see her, and to talk with her.

Aunt Julia married this, and she still likes it. Lying in bed here she laughs. They're going to make a big ado over me when I die," she says. The G.A.R. and the soldiers—they'll make a big ado over me.

And Aunt Julia Marcum Texas takes my finger and places it present and were presented all ver speaks. I am a member of her eye holds up her right our local chapter of the U.D.C. hand, showing the finger cut and past presidents, organized away. Marcus P. Douglas Camp sons of Confederate Veterans here 35 years ago. My son, the late Major Henry W. Smith, was a member and was appointed Staff Commander of the Texas Division, Sons of the Confederacy, while he was serving in the U. S. Army in Korea as Honorary President.

"The only woman in the United States to draw a pension without the aid of a man," she says. "I earned it — just by myself."

—Yaps — All

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BRIDGE

BY MARY STONE

East and West vulnerable. West deals.

	NORTH	
	♠ 5 9 7 4	
	♥ 10 7	
	♦ 5 2 3	
	♣ 7 3 5 2	
WEST		EAST
♠ A 3		♠ K Q J 10 6
♥ K 8		♥ 4 3 2
♦ A K 9 7 2		♦ 6
♣ A K 10 7 5		♣ Q 6 4
	SOUTH	
	♠ 2 5	
	♥ A Q J 9 5	
	♦ Q 10 5 4	
	♣ 9 2	

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
1 ♥	pass	2 ♣	2 ♦
3 ♥	pass	4 ♠	pass
5 ♣	pass	pass	pass

Opening lead: 2 of spades.

East took the first trick with the queen in her own hand and then drew trumps in four rounds, ending with the king of diamonds and a heart from the dummy. East then led two top spades from the board and when the jack failed to fall, ranked two top hearts, returned a spade and ruffed a diamond, thereby losing a spade and two diamonds for entrick set.

COMMENT: When the jack of spades did not fall, East should have led spades, once more, ruffing with the last trump in her hand, and thus establishing an extra trick in spades while keeping the heart entry to the board. East would have then made contract.

This hand was played by a bridge group that has been meeting regularly for 23 years. Although not professionals, all of the players are above average. How would you have bid and played this hand?

THE FAMILY GOES "YO-YO"

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

311 W. Locust St.
Nicholas
July 16, 1962

Dear Editor:

I have been a subscriber to the Mercury for 57 years. In the July 5th issue there was a picture of Confederate soldiers known as Morgan's Men. My father, John W. Reid, of Last Union was a member of the 9th Ky. Regiment under Col. Breckenridge.

As a child I remember his telling about the Battle of Look-out Mountain, known as the battle above the clouds; Missionary Ridge and Shiloh, Tenn.

In another item is mentioned two sisters being real Daughters of the Confederation I am a Real Daughter and attended a District meeting at Palestine, Texas. 13 real Daughters were present and were presented all at the old battle scar over her eye holds up her right hand, showing the finger cut and past presidents, organized Marcus P. Douglas Camp sons of Confederate Veterans here 35 years ago. My son, the late Major Henry W. Smith, was a member and was appointed Staff Commander of the Texas Division, Sons of the Confederacy, while he was serving in the U. S. Army in Korea as Honorary President.

I have the History of Nicholas Bourbon, Scott and Harrison counties published in 1882 by William Henry Perrin. At that time my father was a charter member and organizer of B. F. Reynolds Lodge F. & A.M., then located at Moorefield.

Enjoy the mail every Saturday morning when the Mercury arrives. I live just a block from the post office and Federal building.

Just a bit of History from an ex-Kentuckian.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Emma Breed Smith

Farm and Home

By: Wm. T. Straw, County Agent
Mason Morrison,
Asst County Agent
Margie H. Wilson, Home Agent

Crepe Myrtle in Kentucky

Crepe myrtle is a beautiful plant but very slow about putting out leaves in the spring. It is a great favorite in the South where it serves about the same purpose as lilacs in the North. However, it is a marginal plant in Kentucky. In most of the state it is hard to cut back crepe myrtle to the ground each year and grow it as a small shrub. Some nurseries sell strains of crepe myrtle that can be cut back or frozen back each year and still will bloom well before fall. The plants may be set in the fall but it is better to buy container plants and set them in late spring. In this way you will be assured of the first season's growth. At best, crepe myrtle is a marginal plant in Kentucky and at a performance is erratic. However in some favored locations it does not freeze down but survives for many years.

Agricultural Research is a Bargain

If farmers today were using the same farming methods of 1940, it would cost the nation each year an extra 13 billion dollars to produce the food and fiber we use. This extra cost, passed along to consumers would add more than 5 dollars each week to each family's bill for farm products. Research has shown our farmers in this country how to produce abundantly so that we have a large variety of wholesome and nutritious foods all year.

Most people in the world spend half of their available income on food, and in underveloped areas, people spend most of their time grubbing a living from the earth. Because our agricultural production is efficient, most of us spend only about a fifth of our income on food, and none of our time producing it. The 13 billion dollar a year saving has great significance when compared to the cost of research. The bill for all agricultural research in the last 100 years has totaled only 6 billion dollars. That is, our agricultural research has cost us 6 billion dollars in a hundred years but it saves us 13 billion dollars every year.

Powdery Mildew Attacks Many Plants

From now until frost is the powdery mildew season but it often comes even earlier than this. Powdery mildew affects but not fat. Many people believe the sow should not be fed during the first day after farrowing. However, most sows get hungry and restless and should have a light feed with plenty of water. Careful attention to all details incident to farrowing will pay real money to the hog man.

IN THE RED RIVER VALLEY of Cumberland National Forest is one of Kentucky's most scenic parks—Natural Bridge State Park, named for this 65-foot-high arch carved out millions of years ago by water, wind and temperature changes. Swimming and boating are enjoyed in a crystal-clear lake, a short walk from picturesque Hemlock Lodge, modern vacation cottages and fully-equipped trailer and tent camping areas. Natural Bridge State Park is located near Slade, Ky., off Ky. 15, about 57 miles southwest of Lexington. With completion of the Winchester-Campton section of the Eastern Kentucky Turnpike late this fall, visitors will enter the park direct from the Slade exit.

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BY YOUR CONGRESSMAN
JOHN WATTS

Land Grant Colleges

A hundred years ago this month, while our nation writhed in the dark depths of the Civil War, a bill was signed into law by President Lincoln with scarcely a passing glance of attention. Yet, this bill perhaps was the single most important piece of Federal legislation in the history of American Education.

The bill I refer to is the Morrill Act which created America's

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land grant system of higher education. This great education law was to open college doors to young people who could not otherwise afford higher education, an educated people is the bulwark of a democratic nation and at the time the Morrill Act became law only the wealthy few were going on to college.

Neither Abraham Lincoln who signed the bill into law nor Justin Morrill, the Vermont Senator who proposed the bill and guided it through Congress, could have foreseen the extraordinary future of the educational project. But the two men knew the value of educating young vital people, conquering a new continent and building a young republic. Like President Lincoln, Senator Morrill was a self-taught man. Their own respect for learning was no doubt all the greater because of their lack of formal education.

Senator Morrill was the son of a Vermont blacksmith. He was poor to attend nearby Dartmouth College, hardworking and self disciplined, Morrill saved his money as a village storekeeper before venturing upon a near half century career in Congress, serving in both the House of Representatives and the Senate.

Today 68 land grant universities and colleges are scattered across the nation with at least more in each of 50 states and Puerto Rico. In Kentucky we are fortunate to have the University established in 1865 under this Land Grant Act and Kentucky State College chartered and in 1886. Both of these institutions of higher learning have extended the lives of many Kentuckians who have in turn contributed to the advancement of Kentucky and the Nation.

Though representing only about five percent of all United States institutions of higher learning, the land grant colleges and universities of all sizes and students and confer nearly 40 percent of the doctoral degrees. Twenty-five of America's 40 Nobel Prize winners attended land grant colleges.

The Morrill Act provided that Federal grants of land would be made to all the states and that the income from the sale of land be invested in a fund to found at least one college in each state to teach such branches of learning as are related to agriculture and the mechanic arts. Originally it was also called the agricultural college bill but other scientific and classical subjects were included in the curriculum very early. One of the most important provisions of the law and that which helped most through a Congress concerned with winning a war was the inclusion of the study of military tactics. Since that time the colleges Reserve Officers Training Corps — the ROTC — has proved its value again and again in national emergencies. Today land grant institutions train the most half of all regular and reserve officers of the armed forces through ROTC programs.

Land grant colleges and universities have contributed tremendously to the growth, advancement, and power of our nation. Research at these schools brought the development of the first cyclotron, television tube, transistor, the production of pure uranium, and the discovery of such wonder drugs as streptomycin, stilbestrol, and diuramaid.

The ceramics, soybean, and woodpulp industries all began in their laboratory beginnings in land grant schools.

But the greatest impact of these schools probably has been in agriculture. In his first speech in Congress on the land grant idea in 1858, Morrill said his bill would enable every farmer to raise two blades of grass instead of one. Little did he know how prophetic these words would prove to be. Today as a result of the research work done in agriculture by land grant schools, one American farm worker produces enough to feed himself and 26 others. This is an efficiency ratio without parallel in world history.

The strength of the Morrill Act is imbedded in the philosophy that through education, people are able to think, judge and achieve. Education of the majority of our citizens has strengthened our democratic processes. Now the United States is helping the underdeveloped nations of the world to adapt the land grant idea to their own needs. With the development of these struggling countries' greatest natural resource — their own people — the land grant idea will help all peoples achieve greater fulfillment and strengthen the ballwark of the free Western World.

Visitors From The District

Major General Arthur S. Lloyd, Frankfort, Kentucky

Today's Thought

Perhaps the most valuable result of all education is the ability to make yourself do the thing you have to do, when it has to be done, whether you like it or not.—Huxley.

Birthday Dinner at Blue Licks Park

Mrs. Charlie Hunt and children Sharry Lee Hendrickson

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