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Twenty and Sixty-three Years Ago

20 Years Ago
Thursday, May 6, 1943

Governor Keen Johnson escorts President Roosevelt on an inspection tour of Fort Knox.

Annual Commencement dance is to be held at the new Carlisle Armory. The Armory is considered on of the best dance halls in Central Kentucky.

The Annual Alumnae Banquet of the Carlisle High School will be held after the class play on Tuesday night, May 18 in the Carlisle School Lunch room. This is the 50th anniversary and an interesting program has been arranged with Mr. Henry Howe Bramlett of Lexington, acting as toastmaster.

Honor guests will be the 1943 graduating class.

The next meeting of the As You Like It Club will be with Mrs. C. M. Lambert Thursday afternoon, May 13th at 2:30.

Died: William Wilford Feeback, 78, Wednesday morning at the Johnson Memorial hospital. - Mrs. Sue Worthington Bemington Friday afternoon at Massie Memorial hospital in Paris.

Born: To Mr. and Mrs. D'Arcy Hunter of Cincinnati, on April 29, a daughter, Constance May. - To Mr. and Mrs. John Hamm of Dayton, Ohio, a daughter. - To Dr. and Mrs. Warren Manfred Garrison of Chicago, a son.

63 Years Ago
Thursday, May 3, 1900

Mrs. Ella Pott's purchases photograph gallery over T. C. Colliver's store from S. H. Poe.

J. F. Jolly, of Pleasant Valley, leases Palace Hotel in Lexington and takes charge of the business.

Residence of Joshua Woodall, near Miranda, destroyed with all its contents Tuesday afternoon.

New Republican county committee organizes Saturday by electing H. B. Bryson, chairman and Russell Gore, secretary.

Breslin & Reed sell out their clothing store in Cynthiana and will devote all of their time to their stores in Carlisle and Ewing.

At a meeting of the school board Thursday night, all teachers were re-elected except Miss Bessie Spencer, who was not an applicant.

While pumping water at Blue Licks Tuesday, sparks from the engine set fire to and burned the wooden pavilion over the springs. The pavilion was one of the oldest landmarks about the springs.

Married--Miss Frankie Harney and Mr. Dexter Strawther, both of the county, on April 25th. -Miss Sophia T. Gilvin and Mr. Luther R. Leggett, both of the county, on May 2nd. -Miss Virgie F. Gilvin and Mr. William H. Burton, both of the county, on May 2nd.

'A Little Yappin'

By Nellie Crump

Indiana Death.

A message has come announcing the death on April 16 of Mrs. Wesley Williams of North Salem, Ind., a very dear friend of my mother and father many years ago. She was formerly Miss Mollie Lee Bateman, a daughter of the late William and Margaret Carpenter Bateman of Maysville. As a teenage girl, she made her home with the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hubbard of Nicholas county. On January 18, 1900, she was married to William Wesley Williams and moved to Indiana and was a member of the North Salem Methodist church many years.

Survivors include the husband, one son, three daughters, one sister, Miss Emma Bateman, all of Indiana; 30 grandchildren, 40 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Members of the five generations spent the day with me last July. They were on their way home from a visit in Mayslick, Ky.

Mr. Williams is a cousin of Mrs. Clarence Sugg of Dorsey avenue.

—Yap—

Barr Home Burns

About four times within the past ten days, the alarm of fire has been sounded in Carlisle. There was another fire, but no alarm, because no one knew about it until word came that the home of Mrs. Essel Barr, a widow, was completely destroyed, with all contents, in the Sharpsburg-East Union neighborhood. Although it happened late on Thursday, ten days ago, I did not learn of it until Saturday and here is what happened as told to me:

Mrs. Barr was baking a cake for a birthday surprise. She stepped out into her yard. When she started back into her kitchen everything was on fire, presumably from the explosion of the cooking stove. Within minutes all that she had lay in smouldering ruins.

The most heartbreaking loss was her little pet parakeet and some pictures of members of her family that recently passed away. It is said that all she had left was the clothes she was wearing and a pet cat that had managed to save itself.

Mrs. Barr has been The Mercury's East Union correspondent for a number of years.

—Yap—

Landmark Razed.

Quite a change took place on McCracken street one afternoon last week. The garage that once housed the old Ford car of the late W. F. Herndon was torn down I have no idea who had the building erected, although it has been a landmark for many years. I have lived here 22 years, come June, and it was there when I came. During the long illness of Mr. and Mrs. Herndon, the car stayed right in the accustomed place in the little white building. Then came auction day and Robert McFarland (Bobby), a young relative of "Miss Nan and Mr. Tom" became the proud owner. Land sakes, don't ask me what became of the pieces!

—Yap—

Marching, Marching.

Just across McCracken street from the above mentioned garage, a tractor plow was "busy as a bird dog." Progress must go on, but somehow, I wanted to cry. When my invalid mother and I moved to Morgan street in June 1941, that lot was the beautiful flower garden of the late Mrs. John Lawrence (the blacksmith). It was enclosed by a high wire fence. There were flowers and shrubs of every color and description. The fence has been gone for months. In less than an hour last week, the whole shebang was reduced to a mass of upturned brown earth. Where once grew the most beautiful red poppies I have ever seen anywhere, now is possibly a vegetable garden or a tobacco "patch" in the first stages, I do not know.

Yaps—All . . .

FARM & HOME

Certain feeds give undesirable flavors to milk unless they are fed to cows at the right time. When a cow consumes feed with these undesirable flavor compounds, the flavor compounds pass into the blood, then to the milk in the udder and back to the blood. Off flavors are detected in the milk within 15 to 30 minutes after the cow consumes the feed. To decrease the undesirable flavors in milk, a carefully managed feeding program is important. Feeds or pastures that give off-flavors to the milk should not be fed or made available to the cows within 3 or 4 hours before milking time. This will allow time for these flavors to be removed from the milk.

When cows are allowed to graze continuously on grass they will often fail to clean up their grain ration. This isn't so important early in the pasture season because cows usually increase in production when they first go on pasture. However, after several days, the higher-producing cows start losing weight and declining in milk production. After a few hours in a dry lot to improve the flavor of their milk, some of their fill will be digested and pass out of their stomach. They will then be more willing to eat their grain, and the original gain in production by grazing excellent pasture will be maintained. About 3 hours time in the dry lot before milking will be a big help in removing off-flavors in milk.

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For a little zip in the kitchen, the homemaker may want to introduce some color. Why not a yellow mixer and electric can opener or maybe a red teakettle. She may even like her garbage can in decorator colors.

Available this year are cordless electric toothbrushes, electric shavers and clocks. One manufacturer has a cordless portable electric mixer.

There is a new upholstery shampoo that comes in an aerosol can, so only foam touches the fabric. A special sponge-brush applicator fits on the container and shampoo is released by pushing a button on the applicator head. Shampoo can be used on any color fast fabric except velvet. One 14 oz. can cleans 2 ordinary chairs or one sofa.

There is an electric slicing knife on the market. This knife has two 9 inch stainless steel blades that fit together and move back & forth alternately.

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Clear the shelves. There's another instant food on the way. This time it's sweetpotato flakes -- a product developed by the U. S. Department of Agriculture to revive interest in sweetpotatoes.

And, the product may do just that. Overhalf of the restaurant operators who tried the instant sweetpotatoes said they definitely would serve sweetpotatoes more often if the new product were made available to them. Homemakers also seemed interested. Those who tried the new sweetpotato flakes liked the way they tasted. They said the flakes were a "fine time saver," "quick and easy to prepare."

Although most of the homemakers liked the flakes as plain mashed sweetpotatoes, they liked them even better in casserole dishes and in a sweetpotato pie. As for restaurant customers--80 to 90 per cent rated the dishes made with sweetpotato flakes "very good."

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The district Jr. 4-H Rally was held Saturday, April 27 in Jessamine County. Receiving ribbons were Kay Threlkeld--blue; Mary Ellen Stone - Blue; and Joe Burden - red. Also making the trip were Carolyn Jolly, Eddie Fryman, Mrs. James Simons and Mr. & Mrs. William Threlkeld.

Washington Report

Rep. John C. Watts

Kentucky's Youth Presents!

This week, Kentucky brought culture to the Nation's Capital!

The Berea College Country Dancers and the Central Kentucky Youth Symphony Orchestra performed on the South Lawn of the White House in a setting ablaze with flowering dogwoods, azaleas and tulips, a beautiful sky overhead, and nearly ideal spring weather. The event was the sixth in Mrs. Kennedy's concert series of Programs for Youth by Youth. The talent of both of these groups was brought to the attention of Mrs. Kennedy by the wife of Kentucky's Senator John Sherman Cooper.

I was very pleased to be a member of the audience, which, along with a scattering of Washington officials, included more than 1,000 members of school orchestras and bands from Washington the nearby Virginia. I found it a very enthusiastic audience which seemed to respond to the obvious joy and excitement of the young performers. I was also pleased to note that the young musicians and dancers later received favorable reviews of their performances in the Washington papers.

President Kennedy, walking onto the outdoor stage at 2 p.m., was greeted by the orchestra's "Hail to the Chief", played with a confidence later noted by the President. The President, addressing the gathering, said he felt the Youth Concerts highlighted the cultural surge taking place in the United States. He extolled the cultural virtues of our citizens, indicated by their capacity to read 60 million books last year; their increasing support of educational television; and their ever-growing attendance at art galleries. He referred to "culture" as, "in the Greek sense", meaning the full development of the capacities, inner resources, and talents of each man and woman in a free society. In developing one's self to the fullest, "the greater good of all our people" is served.

The energetic, able dancers, under the direction of Ethel Capps, performed first. The girls' colorful, homespun costumes with the traditional mountain designs banding the skirts, quickly captivated the audience's imagination. The group performed folk dances, not only from the United States but also from Denmark and England. The intricate patterns of the English sword dance and the American square dance seemed to have particular appeal.

The orchestra, under the leadership of Joseph Pival, illustrated its far-ranging musical ability. They played "My Old Kentucky Home", "Pop! Goes the Weasel", a movement of Dvorak's Symphony No. 4 and Rimsky-Korsakov's "Russian Easter Overture".

The Central Kentucky Youth Symphony Orchestra was organized in 1948 with a nucleus of 14 string players. Today it is a full symphony with 84 young musicians participating. The orchestra presents four concerts, free to the public, each season, one at Christmas, another in the spring, and two children's concerts.

Following the concert, I had an opportunity to talk with some of the young people and found them very stimulating. I was very proud of these attractive young people and the fine contribution they made, both as exemplary citizens and as performing artists. They are, indeed, a credit to the State of Kentucky.

District Visitors

Messrs. R. A. Greene, Ernest R. Gray, William Piles, Wilbur Threlkeld, Elbert R. Vance, S. R. Caldwell, Kenneth Duett, J. W. Bennett, Herbert Caldwell, and Judge R. Lester Mullins, Williamstown.

Dr. Howard L. Bost, Mr. and Mrs. James W. Robinson, Mr. Frank Sadler, Mr. Leonard E. Paulson, Mr. Edwin N. Yeary, Lexington.

Messrs. Harry R. Lair, W. O. Penn, James S. Patterson, Wilson Palmer, of Cynthiana.

Mr. and Mrs. John Greenwade, Mt. Sterling.

Mr. and Mrs. Edmon Burgher, Clay City.

Messrs. Kearney Adams, Cecil Sanders, Willie Prewitt, Lancaster. Mr. O'Ramus Chadwick, Frankfort. Mr. and Mrs. Overton Giles and Mr. Bill Hinkle, Nicholasville. Herman Peyton, Hustonville. Thomas Gooch, Stanford. Robert E. Arthur, Dry Ridge. Roy Gray, Butler.

SAY YOU SAW IT IN THE MERCURY!

Readers Comments

We send you greetings from our little Kikongo home on the Wamba River in the Republic of Congo. For the benefit of those of you who have not been in on our plans for the last several months, Wendell is here on a medical aide project through CPRA—Congo Protestant Relief Agency. He is the only doctor in an area roughly the size of New Jersey.

Kikongo is an American Baptist Mission Station. There are 3 missionary families besides ourselves here on the station. They are wonderful people and have made us feel at home already.

Wendell has a hospital here, but they have never had a doctor. The people are so thrilled and grateful to have a doctor that we feel very humble to be the fulfillment of so long a prayer.

We spent almost a week in Leopoldville gathering a 4½ month's supply of food. Even their food is scarce and we went to every store almost everyday. Here and there we picked up this and that until we have most of the necessities—5 large cans of peanut oil, 100 lbs. of sugar, 100 lbs. of flour, a case of powdered milk, etc. We felt like the early pioneers preparing for their trek West.

March 19, we strapped ourselves into a pretty little Mission Aviation Fellowship plane and flew to what is to be our home in Congo. The countryside between here and Leopoldville is most desolate and rugged. Now and then from the air we could see a grass hut village. Along this river and east of us the population is more dense.

When we landed on the grassy runway at Kikongo, our new Congolese friends—men, women and children, were lined up to greet us. We made our way through the crowd and stood while the elementary children lined up from tallest to tiniest and sang 2 songs. This filled us with emotion to be so welcomed. The little ones had to run to keep up as they marched off.

That night, the local Congolese officials held a big feast for us. They killed a young kid (goat) and roasted it. The tables were decorated with sprigs of tropical flowers. We were served manioc bread, goat meat, gravy, rice, manioc greens, a type of yam, and beans seasoned with hot red peppers. We enjoyed all of it—a bit sandy and some odd tastes, but this was their sincere desire to do something for us.

We have no electricity, so kerosene lamps are lit about 6:00 when it gets dark here slightly south of the equator.

Wendell's first medical work here was dramatic. It was an emergency Ceasarian section. We walked by flashlight to the hospital where the little portable generator used only for emergencies had the lights going in the operating room.

Nsing, the Congolese male nurse, had the instruments sterilized. While the natives watched by little fires outside the screened windows Wendell operated. Nsing assisted and I was second assistant. It was a bit tense for us, knowing our reputation here hung in the balance. All went well and a precious little light brown baby was soon crying and opening its eyes upon a strange new world. This was the woman's fifth child—the first to be born alive. Just as Wendell put in the last stitch the lights went out—the motor had failed. "The Lord's on our side tonight" Wendell said in English as he finished while I held the flashlight. Most of the work here will be routine, but the beginning certainly wasn't.

There are four languages spoken here, besides French, so communication is an odd mixture. We're learning though.

We have grapefruit, lemons, and tangerines right off the trees. The people have brought us antelope meat. We make bread about every two days. I think we will have enough food to stay healthy. The children love being able to play outside.

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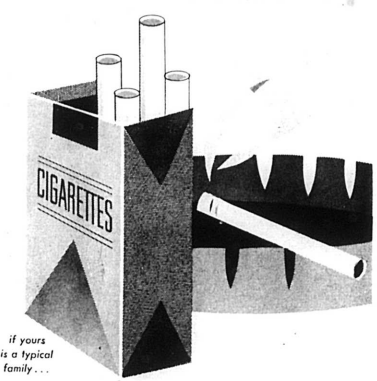

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