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Twenty and Forty-five Years Ago

Thursday, December 23, 1943
Two Carlisle women residents graduated recently from the Naval Training School (Shorekeeper) with the petty officer ratings of storeskeeper third class. They were selected for this school on the basis of their "boot training" attitude and part civilian experience. They are Beulah Fanner Huddleston and Beulah Parker Watson.

Two fires in Carlisle this week. The home of C. C. Ratliff on Locust street was practically destroyed and small damage was caused at the home of Ben Alexander when a short-circuited wire ignited the building.
Dr. W. C. Irvin said his modern two-story brick home on Sycamore street to C. C. Ratliff.
Miss Emily West Aubrey entertained with a luncheon party in the Colonial room of the Lafayette hotel in Lexington, in honor of Miss Ellen Hamilton (Mrs. Marshall), bride-elect.

A Little Yappin'

By Nellie Cripp
People Houses and Lands. This is where we left off last week—
No-scare, Aunt Polly did not like me! There was also little love lost as far as I was concerned. However the poor old soul did her best to comb my waist-length hair when my mother was ill. I would cry and try to get away when she pulled at it. Then she would really get rough. One day she said I was "braggy." I had heard word before but did not know what it meant (then). When Polly called me the same I thought it an honor, but felt queasy. I noticed the old dirt lane between the Long farm and the old Woodward home is now a nice road. Mrs. Elsie Terrell now owns and lives at the Woodward place. Others living there that I remember were Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Prater and daughter Gertrude (Mrs. J. Howard Evans of New Philadelphia, Ohio).

Right where the lane and Miller Station road joins was a pretty little home built by my parents on the small "point" of land purchased from the Woodward farm where I was a little girl. Wm. L. Tume the late Catherine Tume's father) and "Uncle Bob" Sparks did the carpenter work, committing daily from Carlisle on the "Spring" near the house. There were less than two years, before moving into town to reside. Sometime later the house was destroyed by fire. Another house was built which also burned. In a phone session with Mrs. Terrell today she said flowers still grow there. I feel my mother put them there.

I shall never forget what happened when we lived in this new home. There at Miller station train due at Miller about 2:45 each afternoon. On time one lovely fall day the whistle blew for the station as usual. Within minutes my father rushed from the fence shouting as he entered the front door. "Didn't you hear the crash?" The train jumped the track and is bottom up, wards down the bank. Everyone within sight and hearing was running. We ran too. The scene spread before horrified spectators was almost beyond belief for there was the engine "bottom upwards down the bank." The baggage car lay



45 Years Ago
Thursday, December 19, 1918
Mrs. Ella Imko Curtis accidentally electrocuted when she fell into a fallen "live" wire near her home.
Many residents receive word from boys in service that they will be home in the near future. Fifteen thousand men were released daily by the Army. It is expected 30,000 more will be released soon.

Charles E. King writes to editor of Mercury of his experience in France.
Robert Harper advertises his acre farm in Fleming county for sale.
and then. The home was always neat as a pin. Well do I remember the joggles early springtime, the rag carpet in the living room and the big starched apron Mrs. Aunt Pop always wore. There were many chery trees about and this dear old neighbor had a most uncanmy way of timing my calls. She seemed always to have a cherry pie baked and a glass of cold, sweet milk. There were no refrigerators in those happy days and I just cannot figure how come the milk was always cold more.
Recently, Mrs. Mae H. Monahan took me a drive and we went down the Miller Station road as far as the railroad. I noticed the old dirt lane between the Long farm and the old Woodward home is now a nice road. Mrs. Elsie Terrell now owns and lives at the Woodward place. Others living there that I remember were Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Prater and daughter Gertrude (Mrs. J. Howard Evans of New Philadelphia, Ohio).

Washington Report
Rep. John C. Watts
A New Best Seller
A best seller just off the printing press is the new historical book on the United States Capitol, entitled, "WE, THE PEOPLE."
This book has been prepared by the United States Capitol Historical Society in collaboration with the National Geographic Society as a service to history and the American heritage." It is modeled after the historical book, "THE WHITE HOUSE," prepared under the direction of Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy.

The President and the U. S. Capitol Historical Society said of this book: "In its pages are compiled the story of the majestic edifice that is our Capitol—how it came about, how it grew, and why it stands as a symbol in stone of the success of our Republic." This book truly represents a labor of love by the members of the Capitol Historical Society, who devoted many hours to sorting fact from fancy, and in order to present an accurate account of how the Capitol has grown, as our Nation has grown. In reading the book, one is impressed by our great American heritage and the many sacrifices it has cost.

agreed with his philosophy of government, his courage, patriotism and dedication of purpose were universally respected.
Our Nation is indeed fortunate that we have Lyndon Baines Johnson, a man of great character, ability and experience to assume the reins of our highest office, Presidency of the United States. I know our people will display valor and faith, and give their support to our new President.

In our lost at this time, we are reminded of the great heritage of our Nation. Our forefathers conceived a Constitution establishing a government of law giving our future a security and stability shared by few other nations in the world. In this Thanksgiving season, our tragedy has made us more keenly aware of the spiritual heritage of our Nation, entrusted by our government, of law and order.

Mrs. John F. Kennedy and the President's family have displayed courage, devotion and dignity for the man they loved, and the office he held. Mrs. Kennedy's personal courage has given strength to all of us. One newspaper has said Mrs. Kennedy has given our Nation something it has never had: "a touch of majesty."
It is a great tribute to our Nation that our democratic form of government can survive such a catastrophic event as which occurred in Dallas, Texas, on that infamous afternoon of Friday, November 22, 1963. The authority of our government, riveted in the president's eyes in times of extraordinary circumstances—can be passed peacefully to the proper, legally elected successor. Chaos has not happened now, never has happened, and I hope never will, in a change in the Office of President. We owe eternal thanks to our forefathers for this enduring gift which helps guide the destiny of our great Nation through its journey upon troubled waters as well as upon calm seas.

Henry Watts Long-fellow wrote many decades ago: "... sail on, O Ship of State! Sail on, O Union, strong and great! Humanity with all its fears, With all the hopes of future years, Is hanging breathless on thy fate!"
The architect of the original design of the Capitol was actually a trained architect. He was William Thornton, physician, painter and inventor who turned amateur architect in order to enter the contest for designing the Capitol. His prize was \$500 and a city lot in Washington. He praised his plan for its "Grandeur, Simplicity and Convenience." At what must have been very colorful ceremonies, George Washington laid the cornerstone. The event was prepared by an elaborate parade and followed by a beque of "an ox of 500 pounds."

The fate of our Capitol building has not always been secure. On August 24, 1814, British troops set fire to it. The interiors of the Senate and House wings were gutted and probably would have been beyond repair had there not been a heavy rainstorm that night. Congress was unable to return to its home in the Capitol building until December, 1819.
In previous newsletters I have written about the abundance of American art in the Capitol—especially in its paintings and statues of famous Kentuckians who have played a vital role in American history. "WE, THE PEOPLE" may be purchased for \$125 (including postage) by writing to the United States Capitol Historical Society, House Office Building, Washington, D. C. 20515.

District Visitors
Messrs. Richard J. Clemen and Lyle Lauber, of Frankfort.
In Memoriam
The Nation is grieved. The tire world, except for Chuck, has joined in expressing its sorrow for the loss of our President.
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In ceremonies unexampled in my lifetime, the country has paid tribute to its fallen leader. As a member of the House of Representatives, I had the sad privilege of attending these ceremonies of final respect.
John Fitzgerald Kennedy was a most attractive young man, father and President, in order to form a more perfect Union, establish justice, . . . provide for

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