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Twenty and Forty-five Years Ago

Thursday, November 25, 1943

Charles Dixon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Dixon, and Junior Nichols, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Nichols, were in Louisville Monday and Tuesday, guest of the Courier-Journal, with approximately 100 other carriers, for selling War Bonds and Stamps.

The Ellisville school has enrolled 100 per cent in the Junior Red Cross. The 125 pupils in the four rooms gave $5.80.

This makes a total of ten schools in the county that have enrolled this year.

There is an epidemic of chicken-pox in the town and county, but is reported to be in a mild form.

Mrs. Lewis Robbins will be the Thanksgiving guest of Mrs. Warren Fisher in Lexington.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Curry of Joliett, Ill., are Thanksgiving guests of Mrs. Curry's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Gaunce on Sycamore street.

Married: Miss Anna Carolyn Brayfield and Mr. Claude G. Watson on November 20 in the Shawhan, Bourbon County, Presbyterian church.

Died: John M. Hamilton, well known farmer of the Pleasant Spring road, on Wednesday morning.

45 Years Ago

Thursday, November 21, 1918

James W. Parker purchases 90-acre farm of S. W. Mathers on Upper Jackstown pike.

James Mitchell, son of former County Judge James Mitchell, accepts job as ticket agent at Grand Central station in Cincinnati.

Tobacco market opening delayed by flu epidemic.

The W. L. Bramblett property at East Union consisting of 731 acres, sells for $114,000.

American army begins move into Germany.

Miss Florence Barr, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Barr, accepts position as linotype operator at the Mercury office, succeeding Miss Katherine Tune who recently moved to Jenkins, Ky.

Brent Brothers wind up Thanksgiving slaughter of turkeys having bought and killed 4800 turkeys. A total of $16,000 was paid to women of the county and $481 to colored people for picking.

Demobilization of men in camps ordered.

Married: Miss Docia Ralls and Mr. Mason McCord--Miss Lillian Hopkins Fratman and Mr. A. B. Thomas, in Lexington.

Died: Rae Myers, of Bethel--H. E. Ogden, in Virginia.--Mrs. Myra Allen, at Hookstown.--Mrs. Sarah J. Allison, at Lexington.

A Little Yappin'

By Nellie Crump

News of the Week.

William "Tink" Morris, of Race street, was taken to the hospital last Wednesday suffering with his annual siege of pneumonia.

Rebecca Galyon, of West Main street, was out of school several days last week due to illness.

Mr. and Mrs. David McFarland (Dorothy Boggus) and two children, Rebecca Lou and Timmie, of Liberty, Ky., spent Veteran's Day with Mrs. Esther Boggus.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Alexander, of the county, attended the burial of his aunt, Mrs. Mary Alexander Lynn, of Mt. Vernon, Ind., at Elizaville on Tuesday of last week. On the following Thursday, Mr. Alexander was called back to Elizaville for the burial of his cousin, Will Alexander.

Mrs. Tommy Grimes (Frances Alexander) was in Richmond, Va., from Tuesday until Saturday of last week representing the Womans' Advisory Committee of Southern States Cooperative. During their mother's absence, Lesa Belle and Oscar Lee were with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Alexander. Leonard Thomas was at home helping his father run the Grimes home.

—Yap—

It Went That-A-Way.

Little friend Rita came over after school for the ice cream I had promised to save from Sunday's dinner. We were yakety-yappin' when her eyes bulged out and she hollered, "Miss Nellie, my tooth jumped in my dish of ice cream, can you get it? " Excitement ran high as she watched me fishing with the spoon. "It went that-a-way," she felt sure. "See, right here is where it was," and she put her finger where that tiny tooth had been ever since she could remember. Sure enough, there it was in the ice cream! Getting off the edge of the table, she watched as though it had been the most precious possession in the world while I located a little bottle and bedded it down for the journey home. As she finished the melting ice cream, she inquired thoughtfully. "How much money do you think I'll find under my pillow?" One of those coldest mornings a few days later, she was wearing a brand-new sweater! Such is the faith of a little child.

—Yap—

A Cat and Dog Life.

Pee Wee, the little dog that suffered a broken leg recently when he collided with a bicycle near the corner of Morgan and McCracken, was doing so well on three legs until last Sunday week. His tiny "girl friend" across the street decided to come over and he attempted to meet her about halfway. She saw the oncoming danger and ran back safely, but Pee Wee was struck with such force he landed under a parked car. The hit and run driver whizzed on. It could have been a child that lay there broken and suffering!

All witnesses thought the end had come for Pee Wee Mr. and Mrs. Marshall picked up the yelping little fellow and Mr. Marshall was giving him a lot of "sweet talk" as he trembled against his breast. Mrs. Marshall was walking by their side patting the frightened dog as they carried him to as comfortable quarters as possible in their grassy back yard.

Later, Pee Wee was coaxed to drink a little water and the next day took a little food. He was limping, but getting along mighty well as he greeted me through the fence this Saturday morning.

Yaps—All . . .

Farm & Home

By Estil J. Noffsinger,
County Agent, Margie Wilson
Home Agent, Mason Morrison
Assistant County Agent

Most of our farm land in Kentucky is now in grass and if we can get new and better grasses it will mean a great deal to the future prosperity of the state. The Kentucky Agricultural Experiment Station and the USDA Research Service have been working cooperatively on this problem for several years. Especially, they are working toward the improvement of bluegrass and Ky. 31 Fescue. A great deal of progress has been made but much remains to be done. Nature gives up her secrets reluctantly and slowly.

We must bear in mind that only one generation of grass can be produced in a year and this makes progress in plant breeding very slow. Our tall fescue program was started in 1950 in an effort to improve its' palatability and nutritive value. A synthetic variety of tall fescue has been developed which animals prefer to graze in preference to our existing tall fescues when given free choice. Agronomic and animal performance of this variety is being compared with that of Ky. 31 Fescue on several farms in Kentucky as well as at the experiment stations in other states. The nutritive value of the varities to livestock as well as the agronomic performance is being studied before a decision will be made to release the variety for use by farmers. Rye grass is one of our most palatable and nutritious grasses. Ryegrass and fescue have been crossed in an effort to transfer the palatability and nutritional qualities of the fescue. Unfortunately, all these hybrids have been sterile. Fertility has been restored by backcrossing one group of hybrids to tall fescue. The variety formed from these hybrids looks like tall fescue and has many of the fescue qualities except that animals prefer to graze it in preference to tall fescue when given the choice. Soon Kentucky will have some better grasses.

"For These Things I Am Thankful"—Mary D. Browder. Have you ever felt the pressures of time so keenly at the Thankgiving season that you actually dreaded the thought of preparing a festive dinner? How often we get so caught up in details and trivial things that we overlook the significance of the season! We sometimes take for granted that we should give thanks for a bountiful harvest, and yet fail to recognize many of the other blessings we have received.

We live in a country where we are free to have family prayers, to teach openly our faith to our children. We can read books without fear of being persecuted. We have a provision for our children to have an education, and we have the privilege to go to the polls and cast a secret vote for the person of our choice on election day. This opportunity to have some part in decisions that affect us in often neglected and not used, but we should be thankful for this freedom.

At the Thanksgiving season, we might well express our thanks to all the people who serve us, who make life more comfortable. We can teach our children to be gracious, only as they see us in our daily life showing appreciation to all people around us who help us. We are sometimes shocked that so many young people fail to say "Thank you", and yet if they do not see this as a vital part of our way of life, they have a poor example.

Friendships are so often accepted as a normal part of life without teaching children that to have friends, they need to be friends. Life without genuine friends would be a humdrum affair. But when friends walk beside us, our burdens seem less heavy, the hills are not so steep and the miles pass more quickly. The whole world seems brighter when friends walk by our side. A thanksgiving prayer we might well offer is "God make me worthy of my Friends".

OUR FOUNDATION

Readers Comments

Dear Sir:

Please renew my subscription to the Mercury for one year. Thank you.

Joe Wagoner
Route 2,
Carlisle, Ky.

Washington Report

Rep. John C. Watts

Airline Service For Central Kentucky

It is always of paramount interest to Congressmen to see that the needs of their District are being met. I have been disturbed over the past few years that the airline passenger service for Lexington and Central Kentucky, as well as the air freight and air cargo service for local businesses, has been reduced. In 1959, there were 56 inbound and outbound daily flights serving the Blue Grass area, but now there are only 38. During this same period, both the economy and population of Lexington have expanded.

Because I feel that the reduction in air service inconveniences travelers and places an unnecessary burden on the economic progress of our community, I have taken up this matter with the Chairman of the Civil Aeronautics Board, the government agency responsible for developing a balanced air transportation system for the nation, and with the presidents of the three airlines serving the Blue Grass Field—Eastern, Delta and Piedmont.

Pursuant to my complaint, I received a letter from the Chairman of the Civil Aeronautics Board, Alan S. Boyd, stating that he had assigned a CAB official to look into the Lexington air service situation. This official has advised me that he would like to call a meeting of the airline representatives, if possible, and civic officials of Lexington, to consider the overall situation. He stated that he had "conducted several of these meetings in the past (concerning other localities) and that they (had) been generally successful in at least obtaining a better mutual understanding on the part of the air carriers and the civic officials involved."

As a result of this response on the part of the Civil Aeronautics Board, I am hopeful that such a meeting will be held in Lexington, and be attended by officials from the airlines, the CAB, and by our own civic leaders. If such a meeting can be arranged, it would provide an excellent opportunity to properly present before the appropriate persons, the need for better air service for Central Kentucky.

In any difficult situation, it is always best if both sides can meet across the conference table to discuss their differences. I would like to see this meeting held, I hope that it will be held, and that it may result in improved air service for Lexington and the surrounding area.

District Visitors

Edwin N. Yeary, of Lexington.

EMILY ASBURY, editor of the Jefferson Reporter, Louisville (Buechel), Ky., receives a plaque from James McLain, representing the Jefferson County Playground and Recreation Board. The recognition is a Flying Dutchman award given by Charlie Vettiner to persons throughout the state for valuable contributions to playgrounds, recreation in general, and park programs, Emily is the daughter of Mrs. Hicel Asbury and the late Mr. Asbury.

In The Service

Promoted To S4

Jerry R. Porter, 23, whose wife, Charlotte, lives on Route 2, Flemingsburg, was promoted to specialist four Oct. 23 at Fort Riley, Kan., where he is serving with the 63d Armor.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Orville F. Porter, Route 2, Sharpsburg, and was employed by the State Highway Department in Flemingburg, before entering the Army.

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Diabetes Tests

Every man, woman, and child in Kentucky was urged today by Robert S. Tillett, M. D., Louisville, chairman of the Kentucky State Medical Association's Diabetes Committee, to take advantange of the free diabetes tests offered by physicians, hospitals, and laboratories during National Diabetes Week which begins Sunday.

The importance of early detection of diabetes was stressed by Governor Bert T. Combs who has proclaimed the period from November 17-23 as Diabetes Week in Kentucky.

"An estimated 1,000,000 persons in this country and 15,000 in Kentucky alone have undiscovered diabetes," said Doctor Tillett, "and it is to find these people and to give them an opportunity to take advantage of available control measures that the KSMA has sponsored the Drive annually since 1951."

He emphasized the importance of being tested for diabetes each year, since early detection can greatly simplify the problems of control of the disease. "The unfortunate victims of the disease are those that are unaware they have it," he said, "because when caught early, very often the only precautions needed to insure a long life are contol of weight and diet."

4-H TOBACCO

We are still in the process of raising funds for the new 4-H Camp now under construction. For the past two years 4-H leaders have solicited a stick of tobacco. There will be no fund drive this year but we know a lot of farmers were missed originally. Any tobacco farmer wishing to donate a stick of tobacco toward the 4-H Camp may do so by leaving it at the County Extension Office or by calling the office (phone 36) and some one will be glad to pick it up. Anyone wishing to contribute in this manner will be greatly appreciated.

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