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20 & 45 Years Ago

Thursday, Dec. 20, 1945

The old cut of Santa used at the head of letters for the boys and girls is one familiar to Nicholas county children when the grandfathers and grandmothers o present day tots were young.

There are many readers of the Mercurynow well-advanced in years, who were inspired to write the letters to Santa by the self-same figure in happy days of childhood years ago—in fact more than fifty years ago.

The jolly old saint of today while the same merry fellow, has become a more modern figure most everywhere but so long has the cut been identified with Christmas here, the Mercury would be reluctant to supplant it with a streamlined likeness of Santa.

Operation of the Mercury of 35 years ago is recalled by a veteran woman printer. Miss Nellie Crump, who started learning trade with this newspaper in 1910, has witnessed marked evolution in weekly journalism.

Charles Shrout, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Shrout has arrived in the states.

Oliver Kash Curry, RDM2C of Carlisle, received his discharge from Great Lakes, Ill., Dec. 13.

Married: Anna Ruth Gwings and Luther Herrington Jr. on Dec. 19; Miss Glena Robinson of Moorefield and Newt Lemons of Paris on Nov. 28; Miss Ruth Wills and Arnold H. Ball on Sunday at the home of Rev. W. M. Grogan in Paris.

Born To: Mr. and Mrs. Owen Frederick, a son, Dec. 15 at Johnson Memorial hospital; Sgt. and Mrs. Robert M. Fuller, a daughter, Ann Mabry, born Dec. 8; Pfc. Orville Feeback and Mrs. Feeback are parents of twins a boy and a giri, born at their home Wednesday morning.

Died: Selvinous D. Argo, 81, a retired blacksmith of Ewing, Sunday morning at home of his son, Claude Argo; Sam Lewis Wooldridge, 65, nationally known foxhound fancier and breeder died Thursday from injuries received in an auto accident; John Harvey Stanfield, 64, died unexpectedly at noon Friday at his home on the concrete road; Richard Cummins, 82, of Carlisle, a retired farmer and former resident of Lexington, Friday morning in Lexington hospital.

Thursday, Dec. 16, 1920

A. F. Hoffman organized city school orchestra and they are hoping to be able to play at the school during Christmas.

C. B. Cooper, H. F. Cheatham and Omer Roberts formerly with Howard Hardware Company are opening a plumbing electrical and general repair shop on Main street.

The young folks of the town gave a dance at the hall over Muir & Donnell's confectionery Friday night.

Following produce prices quoted, eggs, 5.6 dozen, hens 12¢ lb., springers, 12¢ lb., roosters 9 ¢ lb., geese 12¢ lb., ducks, 15¢ lb., hides 30¢ lb. There was a decline in the price of eggs this week from 6.5 to 55¢ per dozen.

Christmas Pageant, "The Christmas Story," to be presented at city school Dec. 21.

Some 200 farmers met at Court house Monday and formed government organization to be known as Nicholas County branch of the Burley Tobacco Growers Association. Herdy Myers was selected a temporary chairman of the meeting and presided.

Married: Miss Sallie Vaughn of Ellisville, and Roy Smith of Eminence at North Fleasureville on Dec. 8; Miss Harriette Malcolm Duke and J. Frazier Eales; Miss Magaret Hersberg and Dr. Julius Effron on Dec. 4 at Barborville.

Born To: Mr. and Mrs. Rolla Gaunce, a son, Dec. 14; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Sayle, a son on Dec. 13, the infant lived only a few hours.

Died: Aileen Jane Fleming, at East Union; Dr. John T. Huddleson of Carlisle.

Farm & Home

Estil L. Hoffsinger, County Agent; Thomas Stevens Jr., Associate County Agent; Margie H. Wilson, Home Agent.

Tips to Insure
Safe Christmas
Tree Lights

Decorative Christmas lighting adds so much to the festivities of the holidays. However, if these lights and decorations are handled haphazardly or are carelessly installed, tragedy can snuff out the joy of the season.

A few common sense rules can prevent tragedies from happening.

Use only electrical decorations and lights that are approved by the Underwriters Laboratory. Examine all electrical Christmas lighting equipment for deterioration and wear, such as bare wires, cracked insulation, and so forth. If they are the least bit questionable, discard them and replace them with new equipment.

Never leave the house or premises for any extended period of time, day or night, unless you disconnect all decorative Christmas lighting. The light should be disconnected at the wall outlet, not at the end of an extension cord in the tree or underneath the tree. Also, disconnect all lights at night before retiring. Do not let the lights burn throughout the night.

For outside lighting, use only weatherproof cords and sockets for connecting outside lighting equipment. Keep metallic foil tree decorations from making contact with tree lights or wires for tree lights.

If these simple rules are observed, chances are that you will have a safe and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Watch Metallic Christmas Trees

You who trim Christmas trees of the metallic variety should go easy on decorating them—especially when using electric lights.

In fact, it is best not to use electric lighting sets. A voltage leak from faulty lights or wiring could result in severe shock or burns if touched.

Instead, use an off-the-tree spot or flood light which will give the desired effect and still protect people and property from harm.

Care of the Christmas Tree

Your Christmas tree needs to be kept moist throughout the holidays to reduce fire hazard. Many water-holding bases are on the market. Be sure the one you get is deep enough so that watering once a day will keep the water level well above the end of the cut stem. Then be sure to put water in the base regularly.

The base should also be stable enough to prevent tipping. Any cover for the base should be fireproofed. You can get fireproofing materials to treat the tree. However, keeping it moist is one of the best methods. For maximum safety keep your tree moist and fireproof it, too.

Below is a recipe for fireproofing various decorations such as cotton, white flannel or paper under and around the tree mantle, etc. The materials may be soaked or sprinkled well with the following solution made by combining: 7 ounces borax, 3 ounces boric acid, 2 quarts hot water, 1 1/2 ounces soap flakes (such as Ivory, Lux, etc.)

After the solution stands, it may become turbid and sometimes jelly-like--warming will quickly restore it to the original solution.

'Agree or Not. I say what I Think ...'

By S. C. Van Curon

FRANKFORT, Ky.—Who's going to be the Democratic candidate for governor in 1967?

That was the one of the big questions batted around in private rooms at the pre-legislative conference at Kentucky Dam Village State Park last week.

Bert T. Combs was almost the unanimous choice of Democratic legislators and they were pushing his candidacy hard. Will he run? Nobody knows for sure, but a lot think they know.

This is the kind of a speculative political column you can't question the principal about. If a newsman asked Combs, he would probably deny he has any intentions or that he hasn't thought about it. Yet, there may be enough hedging room that he could get into a race. One thing is certain, Combs hasn't counted himself out. Yet, if I called him, I coundn't write this particular column.

His friends are imploring Combs to make the race again, some from true confidence and faith in him, and some who may be more interested in furthering their own political or job interests.

There were some who are leaning toward Highway Commissioner Henry Ward since they figure Combs cannot afford to run because it would be too much of a personal sacrifice for him. He has, friends say, a lucrative law practice from his office Lexington.

On the other hand, some favor Atty. General Robert Matthews if Combs does not run.

These friends of Combs project several persons as potential running mates in the lieutenant governor's position. Here is a list of potentials mentioned—Ward, Matthews, J. David Francis, Senator Shelby Kinkead, Senator Wendell Ford and even former Senator Casper D. (Cap) Gardner of Owensboro. Western Kentuckians are pushing Senator Tom Garrett.

Wilburn Caskey, former mayor of Ashland is also mentioned as a potential lieutenant governor candidate. And, Foster Ockerman, chairman of the Democratic State Central Executive Committee gets prominent mention.

Thus, almost any political analyst is able to see that Easterrn Kentucky Mountaineer Combs may be playing it a bit cagy himself. Mention of all of the above names spells out only one thing—he isn't taking any chance of alienating any segment of friends loyal to him in the past.

Too, it puts him in the position of courting some who may have been on the other factional side in the last election—Gardner, for instance.

There also was talk that Combs is interested in getting the judgeship appointment on the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals at Cincinnati—a vacancy created by the recent death of Judge Shackleford Miller. He has denied this on the talks indicates some interest. Too, a flexible man in politics never gets in the position of counting himself out of any step up the ladder.

The second most important question asked, was—Will Lt. Gov. Harry Lee Waterfield run for governor heading the faction opposing the administration, that could there be an outside possibility that the situation may heal and that Waterfield could run with administration support. There is serious discounting of the latter possibility.

Four years ago Ward had a lot of influential people imploring Combs to support Ward, but Combs chose Breathitt over all of this advice. This time, the Ward support could prevail if Combs does not choose to enter the field.

Republican stalwarts were beating the drums for Jefferson County Judge Marlow W. Cook at Kentucky Dam Village. They see him as the top GOP choice while the Democrats throw in the names of Senators John Sherman Cooper and Thurston Morton. This appears as an effort by the Democrats to confuse and diffuse the opposition. The decision will be made toward the tail end of the 1968 session of the General Assembly.

Readers Comments

Editor The Mercury:

Mrs. Edythe C. Moffett of Indianapolis, Ind. writes: Both of my parents Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Crouch are well. Mostly they are shut-ins, but enjoy the Mercury very much.

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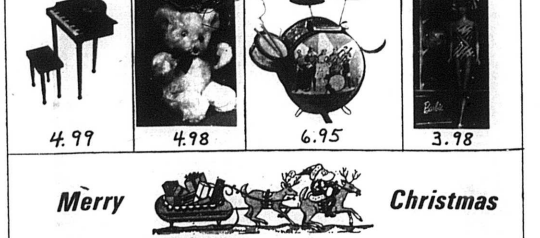
TOY SALE



Merry Christmas

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From the Diary of a Country Editor

by Warren R. Fisher Sr.

Up betimes for me, and for a Sunday morning and find the day as drab and gray as only December can bring. Overhead the sky, a misty pall, gives no hint of a sun our faith must know still shines. Even the leaves of the honey suckle and privet hedges, evergreen through last winter, are withered and drooping from early frigid blasts of this twelfth month. Nature reels in naked agony, uncomforted by the white, warm blanket of the snow.

And 'tis less than a fortnight till Christmas—Christmas with its riot of man-made color that will bring for a brief season a semblance of life to a dying year—Christmas which will bring to spirits that plod down the drab leagues of life's westering slope a fleeting glimpse, if they be fortunate, of memories warm and rejuvenating. And if these be doubly fortunate, tiny figers and golden heads and little flying feet will lead them back over the rocky slope and into the golden, sunlit years of Yesterday, the hushed, blissful anticipations and gay delights of Christmas that were.

Heigho! there is much to do, ere the sombre grayness of this cheerless Sabbath is transformed into the gaudy reds and greens of a Christmas in full flower, much to be done in attuning hearts, as well as much to be hoped for from the weather and the purse. In which later regard I find myself, as always, lacking.

So, sombre as the weather and seeking to find a spot of color, as I take my morning coffee, yet cannot. Even the red topknot of the downy woodpecker is absent from the suet lump on my cherry tree and his much-abused wife, poor wretch, snatches her breakfast in nervous haste. I must take down my martin's house and refurbish it against the coming of another April. This morning it perches atop its dripping pole in my gray garden with all the pathetic desolation of a "house with nobody in it." And it is painted gray! Outside all is gray, sodden, colorless, cold and lifeless. Nature rests, yet her rest today is that of a shivering, wretchedly clad pauper on his pallet of the rags. There is no warmth without and the cold leaden light creeps indoors and starts us poking fires. We will have need of Christmas greens and holly and white berries of the mistletoe, of the flame of poinsettia and the gaudy reds of toy trumpets and little wagons in our homes, if Nature stays in the weeping doldrums next week.

Curtis Jones Bass Soloist In Berea College 'Messiah'

CURTIS JONES

Curtis Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Jones, Route 3, Carlisle, will be the bass soloist in a performance of Handel's "Messiah" at the Union Church on the campus of Berea College at 7:30 p.m. December 15. Curtis is a 1961 graduate of Nicholas County High School and he is a senior at Berea.

This will be the 58th annual performance of the Messiah by the Berea College Harmonia Society, the College Orchestra under the direction of Joseph Firszt, and seven student soloists, all of whom are music majors at Berea College. The performance will be conducted by the Chairman of the Department of Music, Rolf E. Hovey. The public is welcome.

4-H Meeting

The Carlisle 5th grade 4-H meeting was called to order by John Soper, president. Pledges to American and 4-H flag by Venora Eads, and Barbara Kingsolver. Roll call by Robin Sloan, secretary.

Mr. Stevens talked about woodcraft. Songs "We Wish You A Merry Christmas," and "Here we Come A Caroling" led by Barbara Kingsolver, song leader.

Meeting was turned over to the vice president, Kathy Jones. The program for this month was about "Safety During the Holidays." Meeting was then adjourned.

Submitted by Mike Soaby, reporter.

Deaths

Isaac S. France

Isaac S. France, 80, died of a heart attack at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 11 at his home in Sherburne. He was a farmer and a member of the Sherburne Christian Church.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Mary E. Harmon France; two sons, Charles M. France, and Robert W. France, Fleming County; a stepson, Earl Harmon, Sherburne; a sister, Mrs. Lucy Jackson, Nicholas County, and three grandchildren.

Strangers are friends you do not know yet. Harold S. May, The Florence (Ala.) Herald.

The government undertakes a good deal of work that proves it isn't fit for it. Geo. B. Bowra, Aztec (N. Mex.) Independent Review.

One word can often make a tremendous difference. Consider the difference in meaning between a wise guy and a wise man. Lois W. Matson, The Kiester (Minn.) Courier.

If they keep widening our freeways, it may solve our farm surplus problem. Lois W. Matson, The Kiester (Minn.) Courier.

"Notice" The "Teen Inn" Christmas Dance is this Friday Nite, Dec. 17th from 9:30 PM to 1:00 AM. Tickets on Sale at door TEENAGERS, Come one and all for a Merry Christmas Dance.

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