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**Go Getters
4 H Club**

The Dec. meeting of the Go-Getters Club was held Wednesday, Dec. 15 in Mrs. Simon's room. The meeting was called to order by the president, Randy Stevens.

The pledges to the American Flag and the 4-H Flag were led by Billy Ray Hunter and Douglas Myner. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The roll call was answered by telling what we like most about the Christmas and New Year holidays.

During the business session plans were made to sell candy to help pay the expenses for our Christmas float. We also decided to go Christmas Caroling.

The topic for our program was, "Gladly During the Holidays." Talks were given by Ruth Ann Hunter, Connie Hunter, Helen Hunt, Susan Logan, Shirley Buckler, and Betty Campbell.

Anna Carpenter led us in games.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Ruth Ann Harney, Reporter.

**Weather Service
To Be Set Up
At University**

An agricultural weather service will be established by the U. S. Weather Bureau at the University of Kentucky Agricultural Experiment Station, according to a recent announcement by Dr. C. E. Barnhart, associate director of the Station.

The service will be in full operation before the beginning of the 1966 growing season, Dr. Barnhart said.

The Joint Weather Bureau-Experiment Station office will provide cooperative research, liaison and information distribution. About 10 agricultural weather observation stations will be added to the current network in crop-producing areas of the state so that daily weather observations can be obtained during the growing and harvesting seasons.

Dr. Barnhart said special public and agricultural weather teletypewriter circuits will enable Weather Bureau offices to send specialized agricultural and public weather information throughout the state. This circuit will be available to all news media, and will include severe-weather warnings and advisories.

Four basic services will be provided. They will be (1) timely and operationally useful weather forecasts geared to current farm operations; (2) fast communications of agricultural advances throughout the state; (3) support of cooperative research on agriculture-weather relationships; and (4) effective liaison between meteorologists, agricultural scientists, and farmers.

The Weather Bureau had stated that three agricultural weather forecasters and supporting personnel will be added to the staff of the Weather Service office at Louisville under the new set-up.



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**CONSUMER PROTECTION
DIVISION ESTABLISHED**

Frankfort—Attorney General Robert Matthews has announced establishment of a Consumer Protection Division within the Department of Law to protect both the consuming public and legitimate business from a small minority of merchants and alleged service specialists of the so-called fly-by-night variety adept at the fast shuffle to make a fast buck.

Matthews said the Division will be headed by Robert Frazier, an assistant attorney general, with legal background and

**Groundhog
Problem**

The scientists call the pesky animal "Marmota monax" because he's a marmot family a burrowing group.

Kentucky farmers—particularly in Webster county where Marmot monax is a ruddy nuisance on a large scale—call him a variety of names. The most printable are groundhog, woodchuck, sandhog, or "whistle pig."

Whatever they call him, his presence poses a formidable problem. He's big (up to 15 to 20 pounds), a strong digger (long claws admirably adapted to burrowing), a voracious eater (one Webster county farmer has already lost several acres of soybeans to the invader) and a stay-close-to-home varmint.

His main nuisance value probably lies in the large holes he digs for his home. Tractors and farm equipment jolt unexpectedly into one and bust parts right and left. Livestock step into them and injure or break legs. Humans can do the same. Burrows and tunnels can blowcomb a field.

Control. "One of the toughest problems this county ever had," says W. T. Hooks, County agent, "We're almost desperate to find some way to get rid of this nuisance."

It was Mr. Hooks who pointed out that sizable loss sustained by one of his farmers this year. The man figures three

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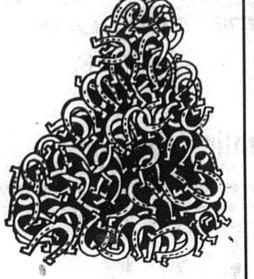
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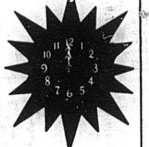
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MAY YOU HAVE A GLORIOUS NEW YEAR
Walter Wyrick



Jan. 7, 1789—The first election for a President of the United States took place throughout the nation.

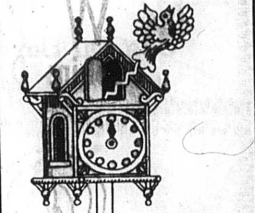
Jan. 10, 1901—The striking of a nail in Beaumont, Texas, marks the start of the great Texas oil boom.

Jan. 11, 1912—Patrons of the National Automobile Show in New York were introduced to a new type of automobile, the "model," a luxury model with four doors.

Jan. 14, 1911—Henry Ford revolutionized the manufacture of automobiles by inaugurating his "assembly line" a new technique that permitted the assembly of a car while it was in continuous motion. In 1913, before the assembly line, Ford mechanics spent about 12 1/2 hours putting together a car. By using the assembly line, they cut the time to 93 minutes.

Jan. 26, 1902—A gift of \$100,000 from Andrew Carnegie established the Carnegie Institution to "encourage in the treatment and most in-

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