

### Local Retail Sales Up 24 Percent In 4 Years

Some indication of the economic health of the area has been furnished by the annual report of the Kentucky Department of Commerce and Finance, which shows that retail sales in this area have increased 24 percent in the last four years.

The progress that was made in this direction is reflected in the fact that the volume of sales in the area has increased 24 percent in the last four years.

As a result, the sales volume of local retail stores has increased in the last four years. Part of this increase is due, of course, to higher prices for many commodities.

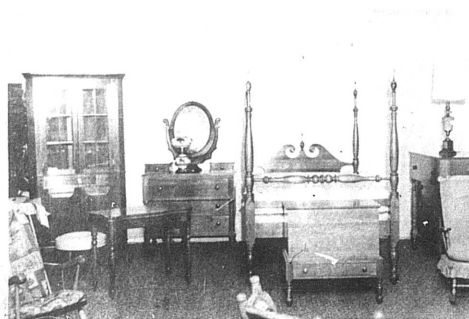
### Bracken Downs Nicholas 91-72

By Larry Alford  
The track was recently closed for a week because of a fire in the grandstand. The fire was caused by a gas leak and the grandstand was damaged.

### Alexanders Celebrate 45th Anniversary

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### Deaths Recorded

Wayne and Helen Harwick, 79 across county lived in the local area. The 143 men and women employed in these areas and the size of their payrolls kept pace with the increase in business.

### Stewart-Glass Marriage Told

Miss Marcia Stewart, daughter of Mrs. Clifton Stewart and Albert Glass, son of Mr. and Mrs. Olesky Glass, both of Carlisle were united in marriage Saturday night by Rev. Frank Simons.

### Births

Mr. and Mrs. William Hunt announce the birth of a daughter born Nov. 30, at the Nicholas County Hospital, weight eight pounds and has been named Amanda Ann.

### Personals

Miss Donna Waugh has arrived home from Eastern Kentucky State University, Richmond, to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Crawford.

### V.A. Questions

Instead of a grave marker given by the Army, can we get the money to apply toward a stone we want to buy for my veteran father?

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### Florence-Peak-Fryman Gets The

# FIRST SALE ON JANUARY 8TH

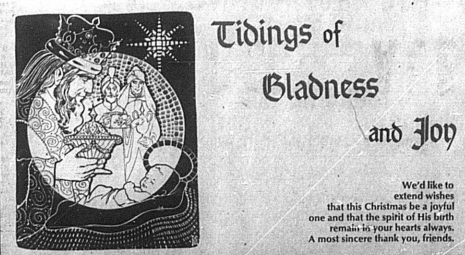
## Cynthiana House

On North Main Street, Cynthiana, Ky.  
No. 2 House on Republican Road Will Sell About 2 Days Later

### PLENTY OF ROOM

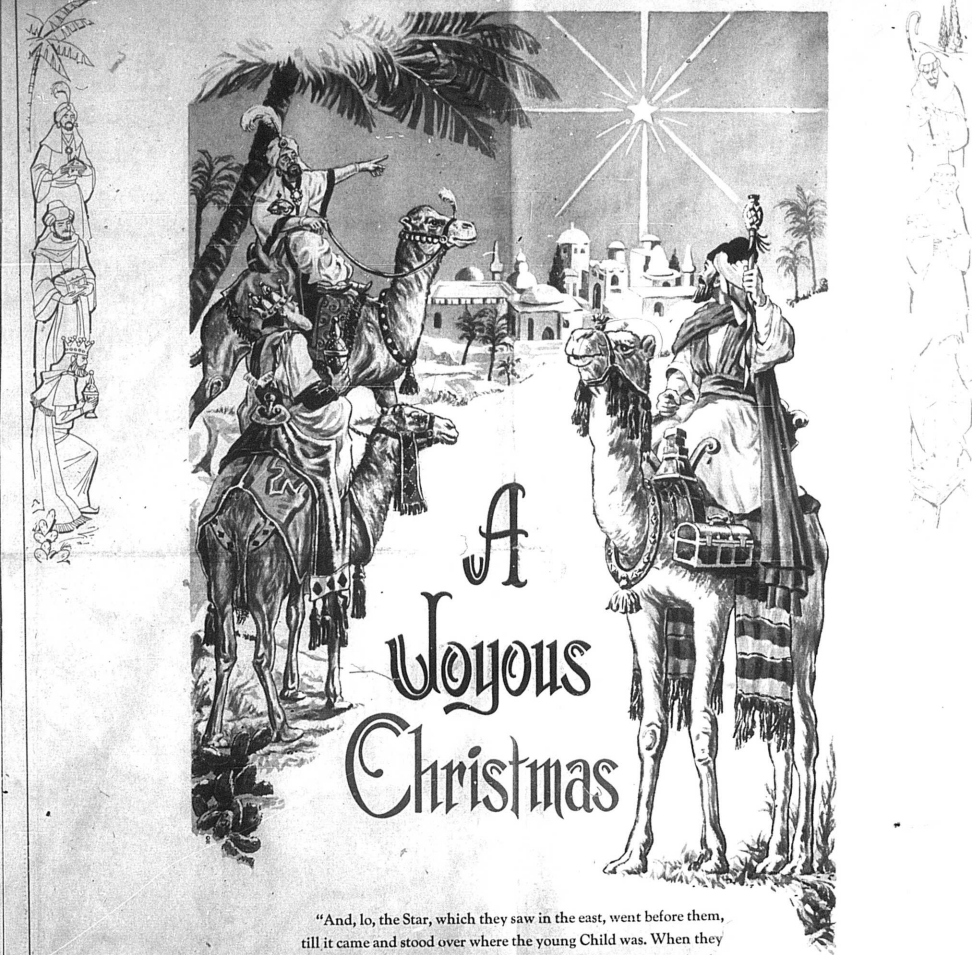
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We'd like to extend wishes that this Christmas be a joyful one and that the spirit of His birth remain in your hearts always. A most sincere thank you, friends.

### CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



# A Joyous Christmas

"And, lo, the Star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was. When they saw the Star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy." So today, let the peace and joy of Christmas shine throughout our daily lives, bestowing the blessings of the season upon one and all. In the glad tradition of this most beloved holiday, we join in the wonder and rejoicing, and say a heartfelt "Merry Christmas" to our many good friends.

Sincere thanks to our loyal customers for your kind patronage.

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