PRINT SHOWS THROUGH

CHRISTMAS—1970

What a wonderful, happy, festive, spicy time of year is Christmas! A time we have been eagerly awaiting for a whole year to happen again. We must confess that some of the days before Christmas can be a bit irksome, and all of the hustling and bustling and buying and bundling and boxing and tinseling has gotten way out of hand; but for millions of children of all ages, it is the only time of the year when we can make dreams come true--and that, my friends, is not to be sneezed at!

We're reminded of those old stories beginning with the words, "Christmas isn't what it used to be...." But maybe it isn't what it used to be--it's more.

First, there's Santa Claus, and he will never let us down. We all have memories of those absolutely fascinating days of being a child with every inch of our bodies tingling over the thought of jolly old Saint Nick climbing down the chimney and leaving all those special things we asked for. Remember writing those letters to Santa, telling him how good you had been all year (and the promises, to be better next year)? Sometimes we wonder when and where the innocence of childhood leaves us. We can't remember seeing it go--but we must remember that it is still here, all around us.

And Christmastime is the time to pause and to remember the true meaning of Bethlehem, and the Manger, and the Star in the East. Time to renew our faith in our fellow men and to rededicate ourselves to the task of making this a better world in which to live. Time to pray for those, including our own, held in human bondage throughout so much of our world. For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6)

MERCURY VAPOURS

By Warren R. Fisher

Generally I have an idea or two recorded either on a note pad or tape recorder, but seemingly I've run out this time. I believe in the oil well drilling parlance they call it a "dry hole"...and I hope that company I'm interested in doesn't hit too many of them in the coming year. Now had I been more fluent this morning I wouldn't be cutting my own tape tonight, I beg your pardon the word is punching, since this is a tape punch device I am pecking at.

--MV--

An old friend, (I almost wrote fiend) had a little note on the Christmas card this year...Come on down--he lives in Florida, he really knows how to get at a fellow! All I can say is, come on up, after all this is your native state and county too, for the matter.

--MV--

Christmas is, too time when people put so many bulbs on the outside of their houses, you don't know if they're celebrating the birth of Jesus or the utility company. (That one is not original).

--MV--

This one I've heard before in another form, but after all, IT ISN'T for EVERYBODY:

After the advent of Medicare, a man awoke one morning with a severe pain in his side. He went downtown to a huge building marked MEDICARE. In the lobby he found an elevator marked NEW PATIENTS and entered. When it stopped, he was in a corridor facing a long row of doors bearing, in alphabetical order, the names of all the common ailments. Selecting the one marked APPENDICITIS, he entered and saw that he was in a tiny room with two doors marked MALE and FEMALE. Passing through the door marked MALE he found two more doors labeled PROTESTANT and CATHOLIC. He chose another door, entered and faced two doors, marked TAXPAYER and NON-TAXPAYER. Since he was in good standing with IRS, he chose the door marked TAXPAYER. In front of him were two more doors marked SINGLE and MARRIED. Since he had a wife he went through the door marked MARRIED only to find two more doors, CONSERVATIVE and LIBERAL. With a sigh of relief he the door marked CONSERVATIVE and fell nine stories into the alley.

--MV--

This will be enough typing after I make all the necessary corrections, if that's possible.

Agree Or Not

From the State Capitol

I Say What I Think by S. C. VanCuron

FRANKFORT--Legislative Research Commission has done some extensive research on taxation and has been taking a searching look at school financing.

The State Department of Education also has been cooperating with other school people at the federal level searching for answers to the problems of finance as well as improving the quality of education.

Kentucky legislators are becoming increasingly tired of being made the target of criticism over school finance and are seeking ways to shift some of the responsibility back to the local communities. This is a nationwide problem.

Some are becoming disenchanted with the "required local effort" factor in Kentucky's minimum Foundation passed in 1954. Reason is that it doesn't distribute the tax effort equitably across the state. Some school districts capable of raising more revenue at home make the minimum required effort and then come to the state for the remainder of the money to operate their schools.

While the Kentucky Constitution requires the state to provide adequate education opportunities for children, it does not spell out in detail how it is to be done. Historically, most of the effort was done at the local level before 1954, but since that time the state has taken over an increasing percentage of the cost.

Now, Finance Commissioner Albert Christen is saying that the state has gone about as far as it can go under present tax sources and he is opposed to increasing state taxes to provide more money for schools.

Education gets 66 per cent of the general fund, but only 39 per cent of this goes to primary and secondary education. The remainder goes to higher education and for operation of the State Department.

Higher education got the lion's share of the increase in the 1971-72 budget.

But back to the financial problem. At a recent meeting of School finance officers in Phoenix, Ariz., a speaker said, "State assumption of most of the responsibility for school financing is necessary to fix political accountability for education finance where it belongs--at the doorstep of the governor and state legislature."

"If we spent 20 years in research, we couldn't find a system better suited to passing the buck than the present one. Rather than raise state taxes, legislators can now send parents and teachers back to the local school boards for larger appropriations, while the people at home sent them to the legislature."

Kentucky legislators are getting tired of being handed the "hot potato."

For years the battle over equalization was in the assessment of property, but since the 100 per cent fair cash value ruling of the Court of Appeals, it is in rates levied at the local level for schools.

Some consideration is being given to rewriting the Minimum-Foundation formula. Under discussion is levying a flat rate on property by the state for school purposes and distributing this by the state.

For instance, a study shows that 132 of the state's 192 school districts levy a school tax rate under 50 cents per $100 valuation. If the state levied a 50 cent rate on all of these, $10.5 million in additional revenue would be raised at the local level. This also would equalize the school tax burden across the state. School districts could then levy anything above 50 cents at the local level. For instance, Ft. Mitchell has a 91 cent rate and would levy 41 cents locally above the state levy. No district would get below what it is getting now.

Under question now in the courts is the 1965 rollback tax law that froze the amount of money that could be collected through taxes by school boards, cities and counties. Uniformity in rate is the key point under question.

Not included in the calculation at the 50 cent rate are three counties--Carter, Harrison and Rowan who have assessment cases pending in court.

Pulaski County has settled its court case on a required increase in assessments and to meet the rollback requirement of money collected the rate would be 24 cents

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CARE OF CHRISTMAS POT PLANTS

Jack Buxton, from the University of Kentucky Horticulture Department gives the following points on Care of Christmas Pot Plants:

Poinsettias, cyclamens, chrysanthemums, and other pot plants received during the Christmas season will provide a colorful display for several weeks if they are given the proper care.

Many environmental conditions affect the keeping quality of pot plants. Plants are sensitive to extreme cold or warm temperatures, too little or too much water, and low light intensity.

Temperature for the plant should be neither too low nor too high. Poinsettia and chrysanthemum plants should be kept in an area free of drafts and maintained at 60 degrees to 70 degree F. Temperatures above or below this range may cause the leaves and bracts to drop on poinsettias. The cyclamen plant prefers cool temperatures. The temperature should be maintained at 50 degrees F. at night and 60 degrees to 65 degrees F. during the day.

Plants are sensitive to overwatering as they are to underwatering. Plant roots need air as well as water, but excessive water suffocates the roots. Plants should be watered when the surface of the soil feels dry to the touch. Enough should be used so that water drips out the bottom of the pot. If less than this is used, soil near the bottom stays dry and will cause a decrease in keeping quality.

Low humidity causes the plant to lose water faster and thus may cause wilting. Little can be done to correct this condition, except to install a humidifier in the home. Native habitats of most cultivated pot plants have a relatively high light intensity in comparison to that in the home. Pot plants should be given as much light as possible.

Place the plant close to a south window for more light; however, if it is placed too close it may become chilled.

By giving Christmas pot plants the best possible environmental conditions, they will provide a colorful display for several weeks following Christmas.

OUR CHRISTMAS WISH

Has Christmas become a burden and merely an exchange of gifts? Christmas is more than holly decorations or a trimmed tree. It is more than giving of gifts, more than good things to eat. It is giving of yourself for the happiness of others. It is love for your family, friends, and others you come in contact with day by day. Christ gave so much for us and expects us to give in return.

"...Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born in the City of David, a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. . .and suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

The Extension Staff wishes you and yours a very merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous new year.

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THE PEG TYDER

Smelled Any Good Newspapers Lately?

By Russ Metz

If this piece came out smelling like soda pop last week instead of its usual odor of dead fish, it's because I knocked over a bottle of pop on it and didn't have time to relunder it.

Smelling up a newspaper is nothing new for the idea boys on advertising row. For years they have been dreaming up new odors for newspapers to make their products come out smelling like a rose.

Now they tell us, they can scent up the ink so your paper will smell like a new car. And this stunt might be a real suspender snapper, if you know what a new car smells like. I haven't owned one for so long I wouldn't know. The cars I have been buying have been stinkers, which is not exactly what the Madison Avenue boys would call a "sell smell."

Wonder if they can make a paper smell like a $200 coon hound or a load of locust posts?

A few years ago, the Richwood, W. Va., News-Leader caused quite a stink with its subscribers and especially the post office department when the paper came out with a special ramps section. The ink was impregnated with the odor of ramps and the post office people yelled uncle, but not before the stunt got nationwide publicity.

You're asking what are ramps? It is a plant of the lily family that grows in that section of the country. I'm told the flavor is wonderful, but the smell is indescribable. Some say ramps start where limburger cheese leaves off. Not only do ramps stink on the plate, they're absolutely unbelievable on the consumer's breath. For days on end. The only defense against them is to eat ramps yourself.

Actually, in this perfuming newspapers business you got a tomcat by the tail. This is particularly true when two or more advertisers want their smells in one edition. The thing would probably come out smelling like ramps and readers are going looking for the editor with an ugly stick.

I have always contended that newspaper people are not thinking far enough ahead. Time was when a newspaper had many uses after it was read. Such as swatting flies, lining shelves, equipping outhouses, papering walls, starting fires, wrapping fish and shellacking kids, but prosperity has changed all that.

My idea would be to restore the secondary value of the newspaper to its ultimate worth. Let's make newspapers out of potatoes, instead of pulpwood and use an ink made

from cheddar cheese. Then after the paper is read, you simply toast it over an open fire and you have the finest potato chip-cheese dip snack you ever tied into.

That way we could be sure readers would swallow everything we write.

-tpt-

The Christ of the Andes statue, standing on the Chile-Argentine boundary line, symbolizes a pledge made by the two countries. As long as the statue stands, it was agreed, there shall be peace and good-will between the two nations.

But, ironically enough, the statue itself was the cause of what almost resulted in open conflict. When the work was completed, someone in Chile pointed out that the Saviour's back was toward Chile. Naturally, the Chileans felt they had been slighted. But while indignation was at its height, a Chilean newspaperman saved the day. In an editorial he explained:

"The Argentineans need more watching over than the Chileans."

-tpt-

Some time ago, the New York Times carried a story about a wealthy New York candidate for Congress who lived in an apartment of 6½ rooms.

Being a cornfed country boy, who never had half enough learning, this 6½-room thing sort of bugs me. We have a few homes on the mountain with 1½ baths and everybody knows what these are. A half bath is for half dirty people to get half a bath in'n they are half a mind to.

And we have some 1½-story houses, which means you are going to bump your head about half the time if you hang around the house much. Half rooms are something else. We don't have them in these parts, unless desegregated outhouses count.

But New Yorkers are used to doing things halfway. Henry Hudson wanted a halfway route to the Orient and started out in a ship called the Half Mine, because he was part owner. He found he had only half enough water to keep his ship afloat and stopped off at Albany to complain to the state legislature about the pitiful conditions of New York waterways. His next try for a Northwest Passage wasn't half as bad. He managed to get to Hudson Bay and was pleased to find the place named after him.

No one knows what happened to Hudson after that. One theory is that he teamed up with LaSalle and DeSoto and discovered Detroit, where they went broke in the automobile business.

Since that time, New York has been swarming with Dutch poltroons, those bluff, hearty men who smoke long pipes and eat burghers, while figuring out reasons why the rest of the country isn't half as smart as they are.

They have concluded that half a room is better than none at all. And other logical statistics, such as the average farm family has half a television set. Also, the average man buys half a morning newspaper which, in all fairness, should show his wife took the other half.

Each family in the country is supposed to have 2½ children. That's why we have so many kids with split personalities and half sense today. And, by the same token, every man has 2½ suits of clothes. This figure comes the closest to being half right. It means an average man has two suits and a coat for a pair of pants with a hole in the seat and no vest for any of them. Then with the advent of the sports car, it was concluded that every family has 1½ cars.

In 1940, it was concluded that each car on the road contained an average of 3.2 persons. In 1950, occupancy had declined to 2.1 persons per car. By 1960, the average was down to 1.4 persons.

If those New Yorkers keep on living in 6½-room houses and putting out statistics, by 1980 they will notice every third car going by will have nobody in it.

Up, up and away.

Twenty and Forty Years Ago

Thursday, December 28, 1950

The annual awards for the best Christmas decorations were presented by the Rotary and Women's clubs of Carlisle; Best resident exterior--1) Keller Hughes; 2) Raymond Wesley. Best resident interior--1) Dr. Stanley Hutchings; 2) Raymond Wesley. Local merchant window display--1) Holbrook's; 2) Hopkins Drug.

The home of George Kokendorfer, East Union, was totally destroyed by fire about 12:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Marion Walton Belt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Belt of Flemingsburg, has accepted a position as assistant to Edward L. Sanders, soil conservationist here.

Receipts from Nicholas tobacco crops continued high as sales closed last Thursday. A 3,804-pound crop of J. Harvey Bromagen and Duncan averaged $66 to top Nicholas growers last week.

MARRIED--Miss Millie Stamper, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hamilton Stamper, of Lexington, to John Estill Soper Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Soper of the Mayerille Road, Dec. 23, in Lexington.--Miss Mildred Burden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vernis Burden, and James Mynear, son of Mrs. Dora Mynear, Dec. 23, at home of Rev. R.C. Mynear.

BORN--To Mr. and Mrs. Everett Bussell, a son, Dec. 24, at Nicholas County Hospital.--To Mr. and Mrs. Otis Ratliff, a son Gary Alan, Dec. 22, at the Nicholas County Hospital.--To Mr. and Mrs. John Koehler, Mayslick, a son, Henry John, Dec. 22, at the Nicholas County Hospital.

DIED--William A. Gaunce, 50, Covington, Thursday.--Jesse Herman Parsons, 65, Saturday.--Mrs. Julia Ockerman McLean, 86, widow of John M. McLean, Bourbon County, Wednesday, at Massie Memorial Hospital, Paris.--J.L. Barnett, 75, father of Charlie Barnett, Winchester, Friday at Veterans Hospital in Dayton, Ohio.--Albert Bruce Crouch, 88, Tuesday, at his home in Bethel.

Thursday, December 25, 1930

At a special meeting of the city council Monday night, Joe Clay, superintendent of the water works was instructed to cut off the city's water supply to conserve the remaining water in the lake. Had all citizens co-operated with the plea for several months, to conserve water, the action might not have been necessary, Clay said.

Carlisle High school, one of 117 high schools in Kentucky to be acclaimed by the Southern Association, again has been named as an accredited school, according to a letter received by Supt. E.E. Pfanstiel.

A total of $6,974.10 in dividends will be distributed to holders of 2,517 shares of stock in the Nicholas County Building and Savings Association Jan. 1, Sam K. Veach, secretary of the Association announced Saturday.

James B. Allison, 46, well known Ewing farmer, was almost instantly killed Monday morning when his car skidded on the graveyard Mt. Carmel Pike and crashed into a portable rock crusher.

There has been less hunting in the county this year than ever before.

The following college students are home for the Christmas holidays: George Gaffin, Ellen Jane Gaffin, Lewis Gaffin, Milton Galbraith, Lucille Whaley, Harold Durham and Mary Lois Campbell, Kentucky Wesleyan; Evalyn Collier, Edwin Hazlirigg and Phillip Martin, Georgetown; William Alexander, Transylvania; Princess Gaffin, Morehead; Bertha Ledford, Millersburg; Elizabeth Cole and Hallye Griffin, Hilda Booth, Berea; Tempa Gaunce, Janice Kennedy, Katherine Norton, Nancy McClure, Irene Mitchell, Jean Rankin and Martha Jane Snapp.

BORN--To Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Clark on the 20th, a son, Leonard Lester.--T. Mr. and Mrs. James A. Standiford of near Blue Licks on the 22nd, a son, James A, Jr.

MARRIED--Miss Viola May Swain and Jack Hall Williamson, Dec. 25,--Miss Evalyn Cartmil and Roy Sexton, Saturday.--Miss Zetta Sargent and Raymond McCord on the 16th.

DIED--Miller Arnold, 21, last Wednesday in Paris.

Altered Meaning

The meaning of "Merry Christmas" has changed somewhat over the years. Originally, "merry" meant "blessed, peaceful; pleasant."

As the saying goes, "If we would but light one candle, what a bright world this would be!"

How about it, men and women, the rich, the middling and the poor . . . of How about it, men and women, the rich, the middling and the poor . . . of Christmas 1970?

May the gladness and cheer of the HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON Bring much happiness to you!

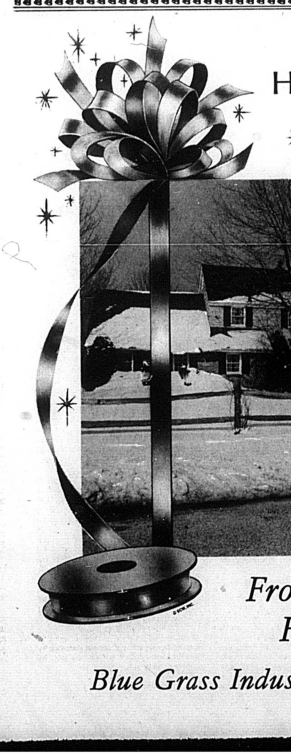
Coe Oil Service
Stewart Moore, Agent

True joy be yours and love abounding, as once again we celebrate the dear Saviour's birth. And we thank you for your continued good will.

Marshall's Restaurant

Even as the Wise Men did, let us worship Him.

Nicholas County Bar Association



HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!

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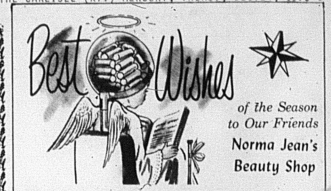
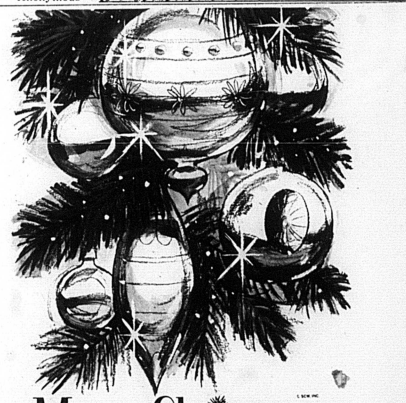


May you have a candy-cane Christmas
So bright and gay; may Yuletime's
pleasures linger past Christmas Day!

Sing hey! Sing hey!
For Christmas Day;
Twin mistletoe and holly.
For friendship glows
In winter snows,
And so let's all be jolly!

— Anonymous

Hopkins Drug Co.



It's always a pleasure to take time during the holiday season to wish our friends well!

Duncan Electric Shop