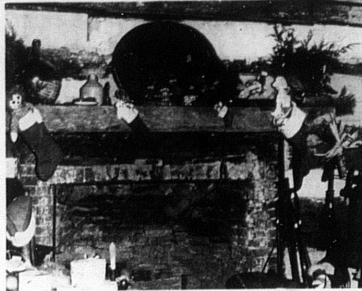


# Washington reflects on frontier Christmas



CHRISTMAS PAST—Frontier Christmas as it looked in Kentucky in 1790, will be the theme of a celebration in Washington, Ky., Dec. 4 and 5. Six historic buildings will be open to the public, and Kentucky Burgoo, country ham sandwiches and transparent puddings will be served. Washington is on U.S. 58, four miles south of Mayville.

Kentucky claims the first town in the United States to be named for our first President. That was in 1786, Washington, Kentucky, is now being recognized with all the traditions and history it had already accumulated in its early days when Simon Kenton and Daniel Boone surveyed its land, protected it and lived from its bounty. There will be a frontier day open house celebration, Dec. 4 and 5, called "Frontier Christmas," with decorations and activities which they would have had in 1790, two years before Kentucky became a state.

Now an annual affair, "Frontier Christmas in Kentucky" is attended by throngs of people who enjoy walking through the six buildings now restored, and watching the ancient art of arrow making and various other crafts including candle making, broom making, weaving, portrait painting, quilting, woodcarving and handknitting.

Kentucky's famous long rifle team will participate in the fourth Frontier Christmas open house. The long riflemen, dressed in authentic clothes of the Kentucky frontier in the 1790's, will be in a parade and will stage an exhibition of marksmanship at 3:30 Sunday afternoon.

Saturday, Dec. 4, opening day of Frontier Christmas will see the interesting old buildings will welcome visitors with candlelight and the scent of pine and sound of Christmas chamber music performed by the Limestone String Quartet. The music will continue intermittently at Paxton Inn during the event.

As a result of its location, just south of the Ohio River (in

present-day Mason County), Washington was an early seat of commerce and culture, with many private schools, many inns. It was an important "shopping center" where Central Kentuckians came to buy liquor from New Orleans and Europe. In 1795 there were 17 stores in the town. The little community grew fast, and thrived so well, that by the 1800's it had become Kentucky's second largest town after Lexington.

It was a springboard to the settlement of the West. Travelers left the Ohio River at Limestone Landing and traveled four miles south to Washington, where they were safe from attack by savage Indians of Southern Ohio. Here, they rested and were refreshed for their travels to the South and West. The Ohio River, often referred to as "the nation's first highway," allowed room for travelers to bring their homes with them down the Ohio and settle in Washington, Merfords Fort, believed to be one of the last existing flatboat houses in the nation, is now restored and open to visitors.

While visiting Washington, Harriet Beecher Stowe saw a slave being sold and was inspired to write "Uncle Tom's Cabin." She may have mailed first drafts of her story from the busy post office in Washington, as it was the

distributing point for mail to seven states.

A visit to Washington anytime is enchanting, with its architectural and flagstone walks which are still in place, but a visit during the Frontier Christmas celebration can be a romantic trip back into yesterday's way of life. Kentucky Burgoo, country ham and transparent pudding will be served to visitors, and if you like what you taste, you may purchase some of the homemade delicacies to take home. At 4:45 on Sunday afternoon all the bells in the village will ring, calling visitors to the beautiful flickering candle-wagon service in the old church museum.

The Musical Singers from Mayville High School will participate in this service, planned by the Mason County Ministerial Association. The congregation will join in singing traditional Christmas carols, to bring to a close the touristic season in historic Washington for another year.

Highway US-68 to Washington is now open, and through some detour signs are still up until guard rails are finished, one may drive without delay. During the regular travel season, Washington is open daily from May through Labor Day; it is open weekdays only until Dec. 1. Prospective visitors can contact her story from the busy post office in Washington, as it was the

## Nicholas County Soil & Water Conservation District News

By Willmer Halcomb  
The Nicholas County Soil Conservation District Board of Supervisors, consisting of Edgar Allen Darrell, chairman; Lowell Holler, vice-chairman; Fred Whaley, secretary-treasurer; Norwood Auster and Howard Slide, recently held a dinner meeting at one of town restaurants.

### Drug Arrests Up, Study Says

By Leonard Kimball  
Special Writer

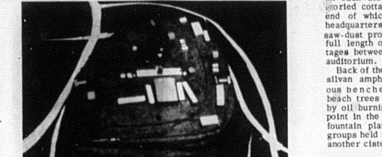
"The drug peddler in Kentucky may not have his back to the wall yet, but he's beginning to feel the pinch."

So stated Col. Larry C. Boucher, state police director, today after disclosing that drug arrests by state and local police throughout Kentucky increased by about 47 per cent during the first half of this year.

Boucher said his remarks on a

## Nicholas County Memories

Of the many roads of the Mercury, few have personal memories of Old Park Hill as it appeared in the glorious days of the Deer-



Clay model of Parks Hill of yesterday

higher ground was the secretary's office, the Sunday baggess check room, the soccer park, and finally the icehouse, so important to the enjoyment of the diners in the dining hall.

Add to all of this, the excellent programs in the auditorium, the excellent speakers, including several of national fame, the unsurpassed welcome at the dining hall, the singing of the waters as they "set the Table" for the daily meals, the trays beneath the grand oak benches, and the daily balladeers flitting about the gate to welcome the arrival of the commuters from Carlisle, Millersburg and Paris, and finally, the great "Last Sunday" gathering of visitors, and you have Park Hill as remembered by one who as a boy enjoyed it immensely.

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This column of questions and answers on the President's Economic Stabilization Program is provided by the local office of the U.S. Internal Revenue Service and is published as a public service. The column answers questions most frequently asked about wages and prices.

Q—Will raw agricultural products, such as fresh fruit and vegetables, be excluded from the standards for prices set by the Price Commission?

A—Yes, just as during the freeze, raw agricultural products will be excluded.

Q—How will prices and wages

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study just completed by the State Police Bureau of Uniform Crime Statistics which collects arrest data from law enforcement agencies across the state for publication in Kentucky's annual uniform crime report.

According to that report, 827 drug arrests were reported by police statewide during the first six months of 1971. The 12-month total of 1970 was 1,128.

Although the number of arrested persons being arrested on charges during 1971 may not be as high as 40 per cent over the 1970 figure," Boucher said.

A breakdown of drug arrests by type of drug for the first half of this year, as compared with a similar listing for 1970, also shows an increase in the number of persons being arrested on charges involving "hard narcotics" rose from 247 to 146 per cent.

Only synthetic narcotics and non-aromatics—such as demerol, amphetamines, barbiturates and LSD—registered a decline.

During 1970, synthetic narcotics dropped up among 8.5 per cent of 247 persons arrested during the first half of this year, that figure was down by about 1.5 per cent, Boucher said.

Non-aromatic drug offenders dropped from 32 per cent in 1970 to 30.4 per cent this year.

Other disclosures made in the survey included:

- Male offenders (698) outnumbered females (129).
- Of those arrested in the under-18 age group, 19.6 per cent were charged with marijuana violations while another 19.6 per cent involved "hard narcotics."
- Most marijuana "hard narcotic" offenders, however, were between 18-25 years of age.

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