

How Not to Cross a Stream—Use an Old Bridge and a Heavy Load



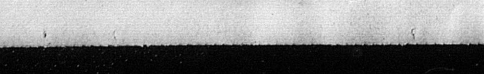
1 Looking Down
Owens Junior Ockerman, owner and driver of the truck, next to the man bending down, received only a scratched hand when the old bridge across Somerset Creek collapsed last Thursday, Feb. 18. Story on page one.----- Mercury pictures



2 Another View
Looking up stream at the underside of both truck and bridge as workmen peered to right truck with the aid of cables, pulleys and wreckers.



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One might suppose the weight limit sign was only needed for insurance practice with its 11 bullet holes showing.



4 Two Cables, Two Wreckers
The wrecker of Buddy Pettit of Sharpsburg pulls front of truck to the left while Woodrow Wilson, at the controls of his wrecker lifts the truck. The wrecker used by Pettit formerly belonged to Wilson.



5 In Unison
Both wreckers tug disabled truck up steep bank minus tire load of gravel.



6 The Other Side!
The front wheels of the vehicle touch Ky. 57 after some 150 minutes have elapsed since the first picture was taken. This definitely is not the best way to cross a creek! Times, 4 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18 (our thanks to Allen Earlywine and Bill Dollins for informing The Mercury of the accident).



Nursing Home News

By Virginia Smith Donovan

Whatever you have received more than others in health, talents, in ability, in success, in a pleasant childhood, in harmonious conditions of home life, all this you must not take to yourself as a matter of course. You must pay a price for it. You must render an unusually great sacrifice of your life for another life.—Albert Schweitzer

As we approached the home it was easy to tell that cupid had been busy. Cupid was the new social worker, Miss Barbara Griffin. Her sister, Miss Susan Griffin had assisted. The doors were all decorated with her. Freddie had his own. Ardeella Thompson had made Valentine cookies and there was punch. So the "old folks" enjoyed a "tea."

Some of the folks were brought into the dining room in wheel chairs, some came with their walkers, others were helped by the good nurses. Some were too sick to come to the dining room, but the goodies were served to them in their rooms.

The residents like to be remembered. There has been so much snow and ice that the folks were not forgotten, but their friends and relatives were afraid to run the risk.

Miss Cordia Bell and Mrs. Gertrude Woodall had pretty Valentines saying "to my teacher," from a former pupil, Mrs. Ruth Galliker Barber. Ruth went to school to Mrs. Cordia at Bell, and to Mrs. Gertrude at Park.

She said she was living at Nepal, Ind. was the mother of five daughters and five sons; had ten nieces; 23 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She left in 1923 for a nursing home in the left Nicholas County in 1927. It seems as if her sister-in-law, Mrs. Ida Mae Barber George sounds like the Mercury to her each year as a Christmas present. It would be nice if more of the former pupils of Miss Cordia, Miss Edna Jones had a few days off. Mrs. Woodall and Johnny Feback would take time out to send them a card or note. It doesn't have to be fancy. Just think how many spelling words and arithmetic problems they helped you with.

Mrs. Carrie Mitchell had a beautiful Valentine flowers arrangement in her room. The card said, Love, Eunice and Edna, her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Edger and Sarah. They were entertaining again. This time Mrs. Mitchell had her nephew and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Croves and their wife, and great nephew and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Crowe and two sons, David and Eric Crowe of Madeira, Ohio. Four generations. They were quite welcomed.

Helen Myers was in the kitchen working right on with her pretty white apron with the red hearts on it.

Miss Cordia Bell said awhile ago that Hord Crawford brought her nice jam cake. Hord and gene went to school to her. William Ritchie of Harrison County were around Sunday to visit friends. When we saw them, they were visiting the chief reporter, Herman Conyers. They were accompanied by Mrs. and Mrs. Cleve Ritchie. The two Mrs. Ritchies are sisters, but the men came from a different "set" of Ritchies and grandchildren.

The best way to remember your girl friend's birthday is to forget it. Do you remember the old fashioned wood box that set behind the kitchen stove? It came handy on such days.

There was a little mistake in last week's news. Miss Lida E. Gardner was not assistant superintendent, but Superintendent of

Nicholas County Schools.

Mrs. James Barnes helped out one or two days while Nurse Merrett Jones had a few days off. Mrs. Barnes was wearing a nice white pants suit, and looked nice. She must have whispered to Merrett how well the patients accepted the nurses' new fashions. In fact, just like the other girls a little more time to give their dresses more wear, and as they are living in home, they will do as home does.

Mrs. Cora Guance just began for company. So many of her friends live too far away for her to see them. She can't see to read anymore. It's just like her, she says, "old people get so lonely."

The world is changing fast. We could hardly realize that George Washington's first (2nd) birthday was Feb. 15, 1971. Had his month-er known about planned parenthood she might have planned his birthday on a suitable day.

There seems to be a population explosion around the nursing home. Mrs. Eva Blount has a new great-granddaughter, first child born to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Blount. Her name is Sarah Katherine. Col. J.N. Merritt Jones has a new grandchild, No. 2, Mrs. Claude Weila has two new great-grandchildren. One lives in Florida and one in Robertson County. No wonder these ladies had their chairs pulled out. We love the love children and grandchildren, but what would we do without our friends too?

Joe Snapp of Bourbon County was around Sunday to see his father, Roy Snapp.

Mrs. D.P. Parsley is always a welcomed visitor at the home. George Earlywine is a new patient at the home. He hails from the Bartterville section.

Saltwell... By Mrs. Fred Hollar

David Earlywine will be speaking for Methodist Men at the Head-Quarters of the church, Thursday night at 7:00 p.m. Supper will be served. Mrs. Pearl Craig has a pretty red dress like her, she'd just carry it around on a stick for people to look at.

Mrs. Stella Watkins says if her roommate, Mrs. Pearl Craig has done anything out of the way, she doesn't know it.

Rob Barbee of Washington was around Sunday to see his father, J.P. Barbee.

At this writing Mrs. Maggie Hammond is the only resident in the hospital.

Mrs. Mae Moreland said the usual family crowd had been around to see her.

Mrs. Clarence Kash had a pretty Valentine box of candy and cut flowers in a bud vase. She didn't remember just who sent them. Must have been her daughter, Frances of Winchester.

Silver Lining—Deep snow has no Redeeming sake; I hid those leaves I failed to rake.—George Cumber

Our community extends a sympathy to the family of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Sexton in the loss of their little son Ronnie Jr., who passed away last week.

Mrs. and Mrs. Thomas Guance spent Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Shell Guance and daughter, Linda Guance.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Gum and sons of Headquarters visited Mr. and Mrs. Courtney Gum of Moorefield and Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Guance.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Woolsey entertained with a birthday party on Wednesday night for the 3rd birthday of their son Bobby. Those present were Mrs. J. C. Mattox and children, Sandra and Rickie, Mr. and Mrs. T. Woodley, Mrs. Harvey Woolsey and Bobby, Tony, Donnelly, Woolsey and Children Mike and Theresa, Mrs. Richard Cain and Mrs. Tracy Sue and Bobby. All enjoyed the good time and refreshments served by Mrs. Woolsey.

Reynolds McDonald, a patient at the State Tuberculosis Hospital at Paris was home for the weekend with his brother Fred McDonald and other relatives. Mrs. Floyd McDonald remains a patient at Nicholas Co. Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Bonnie Guance and children moved from Bourbon County during the week to a farm they purchased recently in Harrison County.

Roy, Tommy Fryman, Mr. and Mrs. David Earlywine and children, Donna and Jeff, Clark Earlywine and Allen Flora were Sunday dinner guests—Mr. and Mrs. Jesse T. Earlywine of Millersburg.

AGREE OR NOT

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the primary, the primary could be thrown out and a new one called if there were sufficient time.

Or, the court could throw out the primary and require all to run at large.

Or, the party committees might meet to discuss the nominees, if there were not time for a primary after the court reapportionment.

If legislators were forced to run statewide, it is conceivable that

one party could capture all the House and Senate seats along with the governor this year. The only thing is only half the 38 senators run this year, but all 100 House members must run every two years.

Illinois ran into the "at large" problem in 1964 when the Federal Court threw out the reapportionment plan. There are 177 seats in the Illinois legislature. Each party agreed to nominate 118 candidates, thereby guaranteeing that one party would not win them all.

But, look at the problem facing the voters if he had to look over 200 names on the Kentucky ballot to choose 100 House members, and 38 names to choose 19 Senators. The ballot in Illinois was described as "bed sheet" size.

None of the legislators want to run "at large." Under this plan, it is conceivable that Jefferson County, with about 25 per cent of the state's population, could elect nearly all Jefferson County members of the legislature. The rural areas would be left almost entirely out, since the urban areas have more votes.

Another problem, there are few people now in the House who could afford to finance a statewide campaign. Such a campaign would be prohibitive for a primary race.

What some want to do is wait until the regular 1972 session to consider reapportionment, but since Gov. Louie B. Nunn has called the session it is almost at the mandatory stage. Even if the governor hadn't called the session, there was the probability of a court case to demand reapportionment.

The Farm Bureau now has a suit seeking to prevent the splitting of counties, thus postponing the issue.

While everyone is talking about reapportionment for the legislature, no one has mentioned reapportioning the districts for the seven members of the Court of Appeals. The Court districts haven't been reapportioned in recent memory. Maybe the legislature will get to this in the 1972 session. There's a case in the Court of Appeals now on this, filed by a convicted man.

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By Mrs. Rena Crawford

Mr. and Mrs. Meral McCarty and daughter visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas George over the weekend.

Mrs. Kathleen Fryman and her daughter were in Lexington on Saturday.

Mrs. Rena Crawford, Mrs. Rosemary Kinder visited Mrs. Milton Flora and children.

Mrs. Mable Shroud and Mrs. Rena Crawford were in Lexington on Saturday to visit Milton Flora who is in the Veterans Hospital. His condition is slowly improving.

Those who spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Flora were Mr. and Mrs. Billie Flora and son, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Flora and family, Mr. and Mrs. Otha Crawford and Mr. and Mrs. Otha Crawford and daughter of Carlisle visited Mrs. Rena Crawford Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Turner George of Paris visited Mrs. Rosemary Kinder and family Sunday.

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