

# Nursing Home news

Herman Conyers attended prayer meeting at the Pymarr Nursing Home one night recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Polry and two children of Portsmouth, Ohio, came Thursday to see Mark's mother, Mrs. Vada Polry. They were accompanied by and with presents. They took Mrs. Polry for a ride to her home.

It is said that NEVEN may tear up a home, but they NEVER break up a home.

Heleen Fisher, a nurse's assistant, was off on her vacation for a week, and her family increased and got educated. Her Mr. Sterling daughter, Mrs. James Gill had a new daughter. Her daughter Helen got married, and graduated. So did her husband.

Herman Shannon's daughter, Mae Booth, came by one hot day. She said couldn't stay long because she had the back of her car full of old hens. Don't get excited—the hens weren't alive. They had been dressed by Al Sharp.

Mrs. Ethel McCarty has a pretty plaster in her room which contains some pretty things. The card said "Daphne, Sophia, Bud, Tressie and Beth. She said Opal brought it from Texas.

"Imagination is the gateway to reality"—Mrs. Elizabeth Bell. By the way Mrs. Bell had a birthday Sunday, June 10. She might not want me to tell her age, and she doesn't look it. Her only niece, Frances Patton, came in carrying presents, one of which was a beaded bag big enough to hold a person's head and also received cakes and wall plaques.

June 10 is in my book of memories. That day don't know what year I made

my first "lesson plan" at Eastern in Richmond.

Mrs. Ivy Payne does quite a bit of entertaining. On Wednesday Mrs. Paul Lawrence came from Paris and Mrs. Harry Duncan came too. Herman Shannon's daughter, Mae Booth and her present, Rachel, are never too busy to go see her.

The hair dresser, Frances Hughes, is still in the hospital but we had a good substitute Monday. Charlotte Fryman came. From what we can hear Frances is improving, but she can still use her prayers and cards.

My only cousin, Veach Delaney's brother-in-law, Louis, came to see me one afternoon. She made me think of the worship service the Headquarters Methodist had one Sunday afternoon recently. It took a lot of preparation and they did a fine job. Jimmy Wilson played the guitar and sang. Fred Holler let us in prayer. I couldn't keep the tears back. For I thought of the old Mt. Carmel Church and the snowy winter evenings we would all meet at the church and ride on a sled to Headquarters to church. And so before we left, and was the first one to greet us when we arrived at the church in Headquarters. "Those were the good old days."

One night not too long ago the Methodist Men of the county came by and sang to us. They were very good and we sang and listened to some good music.

Mrs. Grace Ledford, one of the good

neighbors. Ewell said he was working at the Veterans' Hospital, and his good wife, Thelma, who is a patient at Bourbon Heights, was still confined to her wheel chair. They have four boys of school age. Mr. Wilson said their friends, neighbors, in-laws and church people were so good long enough to wear it.

My good friend, Nellie Amburg, used to tell me about what good folks the Williams are.

Mrs. Claudia Wells' son, Arthur, comes

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to see his mother every day before he goes to his place of business. Dan, who lives in Florida, doesn't forget her either. Lewis Williams, who works here and at the hospital, told us he had a little three and one-half month old baby which didn't know about.

Did you know that "Andy" King was a president and a king? His name is Andrew Jackson King.

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REPORTS TO THE PEOPLE OF KENTUCKY

During debate on the farm bill, which the Senate passed last week, 369, some critics charged that farm support programs are a waste that benefit only a few rich farmers. That simply is not true.

In Kentucky, some 65,536 farmers will participate in programs covered by this bill. The breakdown is as follows: feed grain program, 54,330; wheat program, 10,985; and cotton, 221.

All pointed out in a Senate floor speech, most of the farms in Kentucky are rather small, with an average size of about 120 acres. Furthermore, about 70 percent of the farms sold less than \$5,000 of agricultural products during that year.

In feed grains, 81 percent of the farm bases, which determine participation in support programs, were less than 30 acres in size and 41 percent were less than 10 acres. In wheat, about 99 percent of the farms had allotments of less than 30 acres and 90 percent were less than 10 acres. In cotton, 78 percent of the farms had allotments of less than 30 acres and 52 percent of less than 10 acres.

So the first thing I would point out about the farm programs enacted is that they do not, as some critics claim, represent a huge bonanza to a few wealthy farmers. In Kentucky, the average farm payments would not go very far toward making anyone rich.

For instance, of the more than 54,000 farms participating in the feed grain program in Kentucky during 1972, some 72 percent received payments of less than \$500 per farm. In wheat, over 91 percent received less than \$500 and in cotton the percentage was over 50.

These farm and income programs have not only provided protection for farmers in Kentucky, but they have also contributed to substantial economic activity in the local communities nearby.

Over the years, we have seen the number of farmers in our nation continuously decrease. The trend, even now, continues. This is not a trend that we should hasten by the elimination of all supports, for such a move can not only destroy a spirit and way of life which has contributed unaccountably to our region's heritage but also can bring close the day when farming will be in the hands of a select few with the usual consequences of monopoly and limited competition.

We must also remember that the farmer faces risks that few other businessmen face, and he lacks the protection that most other businesses have. The farmer is at the mercy of droughts, storms, floods, and other natural disasters. Farm costs are rising every day, and the return of the average farmer is a third what it is for manufacturing.


So rather than driving the small farmer out of business, we must continue to provide protection and support necessary to enable him to compete and receive an income commensurate with other sectors of the economy.

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