

## Obituaries

**REV. FRANK SIMONS**  
Rev. Frank Simons, 78, died at his home on Dorsey Avenue, Sunday, Nov. 23, 1975 after a brief illness. He was a native of Meigs county, a minister of the Church of God for over 50 years.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ruth Carter Simons, two daughters, Mrs. Ralph Columbia, Millersburg; Mrs. Hubert Bowers, Columbus, Ohio; one son, Frank Simons Jr., Lawrenceville, Ga.; two sisters, Mrs. William Howard, Mayville; Mrs. Virgil Higgins, Versailles; three brothers, William Simons, Cynthiana; James Simons, Germantown; Alton Simons, Meigsville; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26, 1975 at the Mathers-Shearer Chapel, conducted by Rev. Harley Johnson and Rev. Harold Harr. Burial in the Carlisle Cemetery. Active pallbearers: Robert Guy, Roy Guy Jr., Arnold Wyatt, Andy Earlywine, William Wilson and Stanley Ramsey. Honorary pallbearers: Ray Smoot, W. J. Fryer, W. D. Doyle, Rev. C. J. Estes, Rev. C. O. Leach and Bob Livingston.

**MRS. MINNIE STRAW**  
Mrs. Minnie Straw, 71, died Wednesday, Nov. 19, 1975 at the Nicholas County Hospital after a long illness. She was a native of Nicholas

county and a member of the Carlisle Christian Church.  
She is survived by two grandsons, Charles Thomas and Roger Cray, Covington; one brother, Joseph Henson, Lexington.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21, 1975 at the Mathers-Shearer Chapel by Rev. Eugene White. Burial in Elmwood Cemetery. Nephews served as pallbearers.

**WILLIAM EVERETT JUDGE**  
William Everett Judge, 84, died Saturday, Nov. 23, 1975 at the Nicholas County Hospital after a three-week illness. He was a native of Nicholas county, a farmer and deacon of the Moorefield Christian Church.

He is survived by two sons, William D. Judge, Bowling Green, Pa.; George W. Judge, Champagne, Ill.; one daughter, Mrs. Boyd Cannon, Bethel; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 24, 1975 at Mathers-Shearer Chapel, by Rev. David Debow. Burial in Carlisle Cemetery.

Active pallbearers: Bobby Paul and Charles Judge, Charles Crump, Joe Winston Crouch and William Sims. Honorary bearers: Raymond Hawkins, Herman Burke, Bob Livingston, Clyde Cannon, Frank Weaver, Cliff House.

### Happy days

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it passed. But he remembered that the Laffoon forces feared that the bill would pass, so they drafted another bill calling for two primaries—a runoff and then a two-man race. Chandler delivered his votes for the two primary bill—and it passed.

The eventual nominee laughed and recalled, "There was a lot of irony in their move. If they would have stayed out of it, they probably would have had their convention. But they were afraid Gov. Beckham would run again if he just had one primary and they also thought I could deliver enough votes to pass my bill." He chuckled and said, "They were right about Beckham. He didn't run since we had two primaries. But they avoided Beckham and got me."

More irony of the Laffoon-supported two primary bill was the outcome of the primaries. In a field of five candidates, Ribes and Chandler were the top two finishers, in that order. But in the second primary, two of the also-rans from the first race threw their support to Chandler, who then defeated Ribes by over 50,000 votes.

Ever since that year, however, Kentucky has just had one primary election, instead of two.

With a campaign song fitting to his name—"Happy Days Are Here Again"—Chandler noted that he adopted another campaign song in his many political races. The gray-haired Chandler explained that he sang "Gold

Mine in the Sky" to crowds all across the Commonwealth. "I wasn't a bad singer, partner," he stated.

Listed the low salaries he received in each of his offices, Chandler claimed to remember that a wealthy Kentucky once publicly announced that he had never given Happy Chandler a nickel. Chandler reacted, "I was glad he said that. But I was upset that I was still suspect for four cents."

Remembered as probably the most ardent hand-shaker and road-runner of all recent Kentucky politicians, a wife's life story has been told countless times about Chandler's fervor for crowds of people. At an annual fall campaign picnic held off rally at Fancy Farm, people remember Chandler's car pulling up to the site with the candidate's door open, him leaning out the door, stretching and shaking every hand he could reach while the car was still moving.

Chandler has run against many of Kentucky's politicians. And he has collected amusing stories about each of those races. His second race for governor, in 1955, was against Bert Combs in the Democratic primary. Chandler said that Combs' father was a Chandler supporter in every race except the 1956 primary. He recalls, though, that Bert Combs told him after that race that he wasn't real sure his father wasn't for Chandler in that race, too.

Stemming from the 1955 race, Chandler had a long-time feud with Tom Ribes and Ribes's heir to Logan county power, Doc Beauchamp. Chandler stated that in his 1940 race for

the U.S. senate, he carried 118 counties. The county he lost was Logan county. Showing old-time political style, Chandler wickered and added, "If you'll check the records, you'll find that Logan county reported more votes in that race than they had voters."

Both times Chandler assumed the governorship, he bragged about not keeping Doc Beauchamp in Frankfort and sending him home to the farm. "I once heard Doc say that his family had been trying for a long time to get him to go into farming and that I did it for them with just one stroke of the pen," Chandler laughed.

He said that his critics view the first two years of his first administration as his best. But he stated, "The other years were just like those two."

Recalling that he views as his major accomplishment, he has adopted the title of "The Father of the Primary in Kentucky." But one area Chandler is especially fond of is his road building.

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He said that he originated the nine-one-one program in funding road building. He explained that the program called for \$9 of federal money for each dollar the state put up.

The former governor also said that his state government reorganization program was copied all across the nation. "We cut the boards and commissions from 120 to 22. We just tightened the ship a bit," he stated.

But what he considers his best accomplishment was the construction of the medical center at the University of Kentucky. The hospital now bears his name and recently had his wife of over 50 years ("Mama") as a patient. He credits the facility with saving his wife's life.

Chandler explained that the Commonwealth's doctors and newspapers fought him over the project, believing that the medical center was not needed. But Chandler proceeded and now cites that the hospital has treated over one million patients since it opened 10 years ago.

The ebullient Chandler said that although it is little-known, he comes from a political background. He said that he had an uncle that was the first Kentucky Highway commissioner and a relative that was speaker of the state house of representatives. "And one more interesting thing," he added, "is that my great grandfather, in 1788, married President James Monroe's daughter."

**W.C.T.U. meeting set for Monday**  
The W.C.T.U. will meet Monday, Dec. 1 at 2 p.m. at the Nicholas County Library.

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