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Herbert "Hard Times" Higginbotham reported no flat tires and a few gas bill. Higginbotham used this method while growing up in McCreary County, years of custom corn picking Hillock Photo submitted.

Donation made

At Blue Grass Industries plant on Monday, Nov. 27, officers of Marie Chapter 259 are shown presenting the chapter's contribution for the Nicholas County Hospital Chapel Fund to Rev. Mark Preve representing the Nicholas County Ministerial Association. Marie Chapter officers left to right are Alma Curtis, treasurer; Wanda Shrest, secretary; and Mary Lou Scott, Worthy Maester.

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Why didn't Orville fly in airplanes?

by Donald J. Frederick
National Geographic News Service
WASHINGTON — Why didn't Orville Wright, one of the fathers of the modern airplane, ever travel by air?
In October 1966, eight years before he died, Orville confided his secret in a letter to Luis Marden, a National Geographic photographer and writer whom he had met in Dayton, Ohio. By then air travel had become common. Orville explained: "On account of the effect of vibration on a nerve which was injured in an accident at Fort Myer, Va., in 1908, I have not been able to use the airplane in the last 25 years, though I have been up in the air for a few minutes a number of times; the last time being a short flight in the DC-4 when it was a Wright Field last year. Railway travel is almost equally severe."

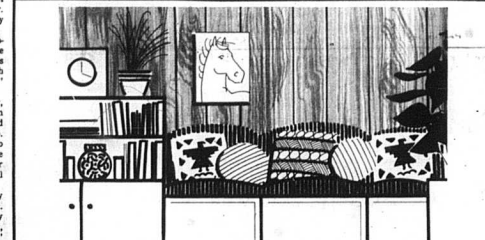
"I would prefer, however, that nothing be said about this, as it might give the impression that travel by railway is more comfortable than by air, which for others than myself is not true."
Secret is Revealed
Marden, who still has the letter, decided to make it public in recognition of the first successful manned, powered flight at Kitty Hawk, N.C., 75 years ago.

"Orville Wright would be pleased to see how popular air travel has become today, and I feel he would no longer object if I revealed his secret after all these years," said Marden.
The momentous achievement by Orville and his brother Wilbur on Dec. 17, 1903, at Kill Devil Hills, near Kitty Hawk, seemed shrouded in secrecy, too. After decades of reported "flights" and failures by inventors, half-baked inventors, sensation-seekers, and assorted cranks, the press was wary. The next morning most of the newspapers in the United States ignored the story; only a few — 17 by one estimate — saw fit to run it.

A losing toss of a coin gave Orville the first of the flights which were to transform man's concept of the world. Flipping a coin "for the first whack," Wilbur won the privilege of trying the first flight on Dec. 14. The Wright Flyer planked into the sands shortly after takeoff because of a judgment and was damaged slightly.

Flow in Gale
It was ready to go again on the 17th but near gale conditions prevailed. Under normal circumstances the brothers would have waited for a steady weather, but they were determined to get home for Christmas dinner with the family, and they had faith in their calculations and skill.

It was Orville's turn. After warming up the engine, he started forward into a 27-mile-an-hour wind. The machine lifted off its wooden-track runway after 40 feet and flew erratically for about 10



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Jill Hardin elected 'Little Miss FHA'

The Nicholas County Future Homemakers of America held a chapter meeting Nov. 24.

At a meeting a film entitled, "From Generation to Generation," was shown to the members. The film contained information on having a "Healthy Baby." This is a project promoting our state-wide Impact Project, Healthy Babies — Chance or Choice.

Also at the meeting, the sponsors of the little girls competing for Little Miss F. H. A. were asked to pick up their jars, which were displayed in the county. Later the votes were tallied and Jill Hardin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hardin was elected for this honor.

Matt Motok and his son Anton spent some of their time recently in building a shrine next to their house. Motok said that with the pending move of the Shrine of Our Lady of Gadsahope from the city limits to a new location on U. S. 61 he felt something would be missing if Carlisle didn't have a shrine. The "Shrine of Our Lady of Carlisle," as Motok calls it, is in his side yard at 634 Broadway. — Mercury photo.



SFC James Frederick
Army names new recruiter

Sergeant First Class James H. Frederick has been named the U. S. Army's recruiting representative for Bourbon, Harrison, and Nicholas counties. He will serve the local area from the Paris Army Recruiting Station.

Sergeant Frederick has been in the Army for 22 years and has been a recruiter for seven years. He was a recruiter in Pensacola, Fla. before coming to the local area.

Since becoming a recruiter, Sergeant Frederick has put more than 700 men and women in the Army.

He is a native of Mason County, Ky., and a graduate of Columbia College, Mo.

Sergeant Frederick says the Army offers male and female high school graduates an opportunity to continue their education and to get excellent job training in many different career fields.

"The Army has a career field that is suited to each person," said the recruiter. "I am available to assist local men and women find an Army job in which they can do their best and rise to the top," he added.

Sergeant Frederick asks those interested in the challenge of an Army job to contact him at the Paris Army Recruiting Station, 722 Main Street, Paris, telephone 987-8121. Those calling long distance should call collect.

Brotherly love
Baboons and chimpanzees have been known to play together, as if they were the same species. On occasion, however, a group of chimps will kill and eat a young baboon.

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