

by Mrs. Fred Hollar

# Saltwell

Mr. and Mrs. Sherie Gausse, Mr. and Mrs. Donald D. Gausse and Greg, Mrs. Hilda Poyner, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Punter, all of Lexington were Wednesday supper guests of Mrs. Woodrow Gausse in Carlisle.

Mrs. Howard Livingston entertained the Headquarters United Methodist

Women with a Christmas Party at her home on Friday night. A short devotional and program was given, gifts exchanged and refreshments served. There were 18 present.

Mrs. Gladys Kenney returned home on Saturday after a two-week visit with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kenney and son of

Covington.

Gayle Brady entered St. Joseph Hospital on Thursday for treatment and remains a patient there. Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Brady and Mrs. June Brady and daughter visited him on Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Delaney and Mrs. Roy Hunt and Mrs. Billy Ockerman were Saturday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Riggs and family for ice cream and cake.

Jeff Carpenter of Carlisle spent a couple days the past week visiting with his uncle James Carpenter in Princeton, W. Va.

Orville Doyle entered Harrison Memorial Hospital on Wednesday for minor surgery. He returned home on Friday. He had many visitors during his stay.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Rose visited Mrs. Ramona Wilson in Carlisle Saturday night.

Mrs. Thomas Gausse, Cynthia spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Russell Mattox in Carlisle and visited Mr.

Walker Gausse in the afternoon at his home. Mr. Gausse is not so well at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Gausse spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Gausse and family of Searles.

Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Delaney and Mrs. Snapp spent Sunday with Mrs. Nora Burris of Covington.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Brady spent Wednesday and Thursday nights with Mr. and Mrs. Orville Doyle.

Everett Snapp, Alma Mattox and Phyllis Brady dined at a Carlisle restaurant on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Huddell and Sara, Lexington and Mr. and Mrs. George Boots, Georgetown visited Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Grey, Carlisle on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Grey are confined to their home from illness.

Frances Barrow, Carlisle and Mrs. Mable Fryman, Cynthiana spent Sunday with Mrs. Phyllis McDonald.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Kennedy, Dan and Mrs. Herbert Blakeman, Tama and

and extends sympathy to the family of Mrs. Charles Watkins who passed away early Sunday morning at her home in Paris.

Mrs. James Sugg, Jeff Snapp and Rickie Hunt spent Wednesday with Mrs. Nora Burris in Covington.

David, Cynthiana were Sunday dinner guests of Rev. and Mrs. D. Jeff Wood of Louisville were Sunday supper guests of Mrs. Hollar dined with Mrs. Gladys Kenney on Sunday.

They visited with Mrs. Ida Martin and Mrs. Mary and Mrs. Reynolds Gausse in Paris in the afternoon.

I wish to make a correction from last week's Mercury. Mrs. Naomi Snapp instead of Mrs. Naomi Gausse spent several days the previous week with her brother Everett Snapp.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Doyle and Robert and Mrs. Bobby Brady were among the large crowd attending the funeral of Turley Pope at Cynthiana on Thursday.

Miss Norma Gausse spent one night last week with Patti Coover.

## Vietnam vets best-educated

A new statistical profile of the 8.7 million men and women in military service during the Vietnam Era is available in a Veterans Administration report, "Data on Vietnam Era Veterans."

The report reveals that VA readjustment programs and other benefits for this youngest group of veterans amounted to \$6 billion during the last fiscal year. More than \$40 billion has been spent during the 14 years since the beginning of the Vietnam Era.

VA's total budget for all programs for nearly 20 million veterans of all wars was \$18.4 billion last fiscal year. Education assistance payments for Vietnam veterans consumed more than half of the \$40 billion total spent since 1965 on Vietnam veterans' programs.

"Because Vietnam Era veterans are the best educated group of veterans in the nation's history," VA chief Max Cleland said, "they have outstripped both World War II and Korean Conflict veterans in their use of the GI Bill education program."

Nearly 65 per cent of the Vietnam veterans used their education benefits compared to 50 per cent after WWII and 43 per cent after the Korean Conflict.

"More Vietnam veterans have used the GI Bill for college than the total for WWII and Korean Conflict combined," Cleland pointed out.

Compensation and pension payments comprise the second largest VA expenditure to Vietnam Era veterans, a total of almost \$1.1 billion through FY 1978.

Medical care expenditures for Vietnam Era veterans have amounted to \$3.1 billion through FY 1978.

The report shows that California leads the nation in the number of Vietnam Era veterans — 901,000 call it home. New York State is next, with 605,000; followed by Texas, with half a million; Pennsylvania, with 480,000; Ohio, with 441,000; and Illinois, with 423,000. Wyoming has fewer Vietnam Era veterans than any other state, with 14,000.

Other highlights from VA's data book show that Vietnam Era veterans:

- have bought 1.8 million homes worth \$47 billion;
- have a 61 per cent chance of being employed;
- are the least likely (because of their relative youth) to have been hospitalized;
- are 21.9 years of age on the average.

"While the great majority of these young Americans have taken military service and the return to civilian life in stride," Cleland said, "our continuing

concern is for those whose traumatic experiences during combat have made readjustment difficult.

Cleland, himself a severely disabled veteran of the Vietnam war, pointed out that nearly 30,000 Vietnam veterans were totally disabled and that over 300,000 have some degree of disability.

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## Stamler to expand

William R. Stamler, president, the W. R. Stamler Corporation, has announced that a contract had been signed for a 13,000-square-foot addition to Stamler's Factory in Millersburg.

The free-standing building will be equipped with two 30-ton bridge cranes and used for fabrication and assembly of Stamler's line of heavy-duty, high-capacity belt feeder-breakers used in the underground and surface coal mining, non-metallic ore mining, and quarrying industries. Stamler will also manufacture its hydraulic railroad car spotters in the facility.

Located adjacent to Stamler's existing plant, the free-standing structure will be the key building for additional planned structures which will include a steel warehouse and cutting center, fabrication buildings, painting areas, and assembly bays.

In addition to providing more production capacity, Stamler commented that the facility would enable very large, heavy machinery to be manufactured more efficiently. Production employment may be increased by 50 per cent when the structure is completed in late summer of 1979.

Wilson Bond and Associates of Lexington is the designer and White and Crompton Construction Company, also of Lexington, is the prime contractor.

Sunshine energy falling on the lower 48 United States in a single day equals four times the energy in the quantity of oil Americans use in an entire year.



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