

# The bird that got away is remembered

(Editor's note: Dinning, New Mexico residents were treated to an account of a Depression-era Thanksgiving and the bird that got away by former

Carlisle resident Mary Letta Brasher Snapp. The article was printed Nov. 29 of this year and is reprinted below for your enjoyment.)

## The Thanksgiving Dinner That Flew Away

As recounted by Mary Snapp Snapp paid with laughter. "It was a little riotous with shaming feathers of red and gold!"

It was during the Great Depression when a dollar was scarce and hard to come by. If you had one in your pocket, it was like gold. The day before Thanksgiving I somehow managed to have a dollar to buy a chicken. I kept it a secret and was going to surprise everyone with the "rich" dinner.

In those days in the small town in Ohio, one could walk to the little town

## Hospital report

Dec. 8 to Dec. 14  
**ADMISSIONS:** Rhonda McDonald, Lars Ritchie, Delpha Asbury, Ben Trumell, Isa Botta, Hanti Johnson, Benny Mac Dixon, Gladys Cheever, Roy C. Hunt, Pauline Cartmill, Raymond Crump, Carlis Beatty, John Weitzer, Albert Henry, Malcolm Wills, E.H.D. Allison, Carlisle; Florida Moore, M.L. Oliver; George Hill, Ewing; James Earl White, Sharpsburg.  
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Carter's Men's Clothier



The sky's the limit when it comes to our New Year wishes for you! We hope they all come true!  
 Happy New Year  
**Harrison R.E.C.C.**



Hope you'll have a swinging year be-ribboned with good luck! Thanks to you all!  
**Wells Produce**

**Jump shoot**  
 Tammy Rose leaves the floor en route to a jump shot in a recent game against Woodford County. The NCHS Lady Jackets are enjoying the best year in the five-year modern history of the team so far. — Mercury photo.

**Men tire themselves in pursuit of rest**  
 —LAWRENCE STERN

and boy fresh meat at the town market. Chicken was sold live and on the hoof. One had to take it home, kill it, and pick the feathers and clean it himself. I walked to the store and looked over the live fowl. The butcher wanted one dollar for the prettiest little rooster I ever saw. He had both red and gold feathers and was very pretty. He looked over with wise and beady eyes as I looked him over. He seemed to know the destiny I had in mind for him. I bought him.

The storekeeper carried him, tied his feet together, took my dollar and gave the fowl to me to carry home.

Halfway home, although I was going to chop his head off and prepare him for Thanksgiving, I felt sorry for him being carried by his tied feet and upside down. There was no need for him to suffer before his execution. So I untied his feet and carried him in my arms,

holding onto his wings tightly so he couldn't fly away. He lay very still in my arms while I was thinking that all I had for stuffing was stale homemade bread and an onion. But I thought happily that would be fine because I had a little sage I could use with it.

The hen was on level ground and beside it on one side was sort of a marshy space, usually muddy in the middle. The land on the other side rose higher — just quite a hill, but sort of a "rise" with a peak.

I got to the house and must have relaxed my hold on his wings. He sprang from my arms, flew a few feet and took off like lightning toward the "rise".

He crossed the marsh with me running after him through the road. He started up the bank that I couldn't climb. He went to the top of it and stopped and looked down at me with

arrogance. I kept looking up at him. That little chicken knew he had it made. He stood there and crowed and had for stuffing was stale homemade bread and an onion. But I thought happily that would be fine because I had a little sage I could use with it.

I don't think I ever mentioned his escape to Doc. A dollar was a lot of money. I felt wretched because I had taken wings, and his surprise for Thanksgiving Dinner had flown away!



Picking a year that's a real winner for our fine friends. Hope every day is a bright celebration!  
**Ray Flora Real Estate, 289-5824**  
 Ray Flora, Broker  
**Danny Booth, 289-2744, Ramona Wilson, 289-7063**  
 "See us for a Bargain in 1979"

**Welcome 1979**  
 Writing our greetings across the sky for all to see...  
**SPECIAL WISHES FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS!**  
**Nicholas County Bar Association**

**JANUARY**  
 MON. TUE. WED. THU. FRI. SAT. SUN.  
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**1979**  
**Rex & Paul's Shell Service**

# —Campus roundup

**Morehead registration**  
 Registration for the 1979 spring semester at Morehead State University is scheduled Monday, Jan. 8. Orientation for new freshmen and transfer students will begin at 8:30 a.m.

**Morehead schedule**  
 The return to classes, sports, music and an exhibit of casts from the Metropolitan Museum of Art highlight the January events at Morehead State University.  
 Monday, Jan. 15, is the last day to register for a full load and Monday, Jan. 22, the last day to register for credit. The spring semester ends May 12.

**1979**  
 Crowding in with festive wishes for a sky-high happy year!  
 Thanks for the many happy hours of your friendship. It's a pleasure to know you.  
**Abraham's Ladies Shop**

**Season's Best**  
 Here's wishing you all the best that life has to offer! May you enjoy a fruitful New Year filled with success and happiness!  
**R & L Service**

Celebrating the "new arrival" we're sure you'll be sharing many happy hours with those you love in appreciation.  
**the Happiest New Year**  
**Goodman's Shoes**

**GOOD LUCK — GOOD TIMES — and every joy in a bright New Year!**  
**Clark's Tastee Freez**

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**Eastern registration**  
 Regular registration of students for the spring semester at Eastern Kentucky University will be held Jan. 8-11. Dormitories will open to receive the returning and new students at noon Sunday, Jan. 7. Classes will begin Jan. 11.

**UK housing**  
 The University of Kentucky is offering two types of scholarships to outstanding high school seniors who plan to enter UK as freshmen students. They are merit scholarships offered through the Office of the Dean of Undergraduate Studies, and presidential scholarships offered through the UK Honors Program.

**Hoping the New Year will serve up more than a portion of good luck for you! Thanks.**  
**NEW YEAR GREETINGS!**  
**Garrett's Restaurant**

**ANNOUNCING A NEW YEAR**  
 We declare our intentions to serve you better than ever as we ring in the happy year. Thanks for your trust.  
**Dee Jay Auto Parts**

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**Happy New Year**  
 Joyous New Year  
 May peace abound you throughout the New Year! Best wishes all!  
**Sims' Jewelry**  
 It's time again to look forward to another year of your friendship.  
**Coatney's Ice & Meat Processor**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**  
 Loud and clear we say thanks for your patronage. Hope your New Year rings the bell.  
**Rep. Adrian Arnold and Family**

**A NEW YEAR WISH**  
 Hope you'll be snowed under with happiness as you coast into the New Year! Thanks all!  
**Clark's Used Cars**

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May all your hopes for the coming year be fulfilled.  
**Diana's Silver Scissors**

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