

Obituaries

RAY RITCHIE
Ray Ritchie, 88, died Wednesday, Nov. 22, 1978.
He was a native of Nicholas County, retired rural mail carrier, member of the Roswell Methodist Church.
Survived by his wife, Mrs. Elsie E. Ritchie; one sister, Mrs. Reynolds Wagner, Nicholas County.
Funeral services were Saturday at the Mathers-Shearer Chapel by the Rev. Howard Ritchie and Rev. Roy Hunt. Burial in Roswell Cemetery. Bearers will be James G. S. C. C., Reynolds Small, Thurman Snapp, Raymond Coy, Forrest Morris and Ted Myner.

MRS. DEMARKE TODD
Mrs. Inez Gaywood Todd, 86, Flemington, died Wednesday, Nov. 22, 1978, at the Fleming County Hospital.
Survivors include her husband, Dem-

arke Todd; son, Woodie Todd, asst. Mrs. Neil Kenton, Nicholas County; two cousins, Mrs. Clara Layville and Frances Patten, both of Fleming County.
Funeral services were conducted Saturday at the Denton Funeral Home, Flemingsburg, by Rev. Norman Wason and Rev. Glenn Coats. Interment in Fleming County Cemetery.

J. D. MARKEM
J. D. Markem, 84, husband of Mildred Myner Markem, died Tuesday, Nov. 21, 1978.

He was a native of Tennessee, veteran of World War II, and member of the Baptist Church.

Other survivors are a son, David Markem, Birmingham, Ala.; daughter, Julia Markem, Corbin.
Funeral services were conducted Friday at the Mathers-Shearer Chapel, by Rev. Roy Hunt with burial in Carlele Cemetery. Pallbearers were Roger and Dan Myner, Dousie and

Janey Jolly, Reynolds Small and Carl Coy.

ROBERT K. SPENCER
Robert K. Spencer, 71, a native of Nicholas County, a nephew of the late Mrs. Charles P. Norton, died Sunday, Nov. 18, 1978, in Philadelphia, Pa., after a short illness.

Services were held last Tuesday in Philadelphia. Burial in Carlele Cemetery. Mathers-Shearer Funeral Home in charge of local arrangements.

JOHN W. HUTCHINGS
John W. Hutchings, 719 Bullock Place, Lexington, husband of Frances Bush Hutchings, died Friday, Nov. 24, 1978, at Good Samaritan Hospital after a brief illness.
He was a native of Carlele, son of the late Dr. Thomas E. and Mayme Frey Hutchings. He was a veteran of WW II and was a member of Second Presby-

terian Church. For a number of years he was a manager of theaters for the Schrie Amusement Company including the Kentucky, Strano and Ben All Theaters in Lexington. He retired in 1971.

Besides his wife, he is survived by one son, John William Hutchings Jr., Lexington.
Gravestone services were held Monday in Lexington Cemetery with Rev. Edwin W. Stock Jr., officiating.

EARL T. PETTIT
Earl Thomas Pettit, 74, died Sunday, Nov. 26, 1978, at the Nicholas County Hospital.

He was a native of Bath County, son of the late Joseph and Nancy Elizabeth Varvel Pettit. Member of the Mayville Baptist Church, retired farmer.
Survivors are his wife, Ella Candiff Pettit; seven sons, John, Charles, David, Ricky and Eddie Pettit all of Carlele, Robert Pettit, Tampa, Fla., Gobel Pettit, Ochoppe, Fla.; one daughter, Mrs. Mary Frewitt, Ocala, Fla.; one brother, Charles R. Pettit, Bourbon County; two nieces and 19 grandchildren.

Funeral services Wednesday at 2 p.m. Clark Funeral Home. Burial at the Carlele Cemetery. Pallbearers are Albie, Lester, Lynn Trussell, Harold Dren, Raymond Anderson and Bobby Workman.

Tax rate set

A called meeting of the Carlele City Council Monday night resulted in the setting of the 1978 city tax rate.
As approved by the council the 1978 tax rate for the city of Carlele will be \$2.20 per \$100 valuation.
No other actions were taken at the meeting.

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Allison, Bergen were friends

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never utter.
Once, in Frankfort, Allison says, the tent caught fire minutes after 3,000 happy youngsters had departed after being entertained by Bergen, McCarthy and Co. As the flames grew higher McCarthy remained in Bergen, "Why don't you pour some water on it?"
"Don't have any," Bergen replied, to which Charlie answered, "Why you damn fool, there's the Kentucky River behind you!"

Best-loved show
The chaustanqu was perhaps America's best-loved show in those different days. Lecturers, musicians, actors and actresses, and performers like Bergen traveled from town to town, spending seven days in each.
There was a different program each day and after each performance Allison

would go through town plastering the next day's program over the previous one. In many instances the Redpath show would place in the towns.

They were in Dayton, Tenn., when Clarence Darrow and William Jennings Bryan argued the merits of the Scopes Monkey Case that put the theory of evolution on trial. Years later, watching a television special on the trial, Allison saw photographs of the town at the time and noticed the billboards he faithfully filled each day.

Talking movies, automobiles and radio signaled an end to the kind of America where the chaustanqu was the prime form of summer entertainment. The Carlele Mercury may have endorsed the chaustanqu and urged its return after the 1922 performance but the days of the show, which ended each

Sunday with a worship service in the big tent with all the churches in town represented, were fast disappearing. Edgar Bergen went on to fame and Doc Allison went back to Carlele. He watched his old friend during the years on television and in the late 1960's made a trip to Lexington to see him perform for old timer sake.

The two talked a brief time after the performance and then went their separate ways again, no doubt each holding onto a fond memory of days on the road with Redpath when laundry piled up and the common interest of the one big family of performers and workers would move to a different town each week bringing entertainment and enlightenment to a much different America.

Deadline 'floats' away

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was drifting out of line.
In printer's parlance it's called a "floating web." In any sense it's a nuisance. After several false starts the printers had to pull out their level and begin checking the press.

One explanation for the floating web was that the concrete used to set the new units hadn't cured enough before the press was put into use. The printers informed us that the installation was supposed to be done over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend when the press was idle. But the manufacturer's rep had other ideas and the new units were

added a week ahead of time. As a result, the Cynthiana printers had to adjust as they went through their busy schedule.

Goodbye, deadline
At 7 a.m. our post-office deadline, the papers finally were printed. A speedy trip back to Carlele was next but it was thought the mail deadline had been missed.

But at 9 a.m., when the addressing had been finished and the papers hauled to the post office the carriers were still waiting, a generous gesture on their part. As a result of their

thoughtfulness many of our readers had their paper to read over their turkey and between the football games.

Now that we have accomplished what we thought was the impossible, our next job is to convince our readers that getting the papers out that early was a special occasion. As we made the rounds and delivered the papers to the newstands Wednesday, we kept hearing "Where are those Mercurys? We thought they were coming out yesterday."

Happy ending?
We are new back on our regular schedule, which is less expensive to maintain. Not in dollars and cents, but in the form of lost sleep for the publisher and the editor, one of whom never made it to bed last Tuesday night and the other was aroused from his sleep on a false alarm. The next Thursday holiday will probably see a repeat but until then our readers will have to wait until 1:30 p.m. Wednesday to get a Mercury on the newstands or for Thursday's mail. We hope everyone will understand, especially the spouses of the above mentioned journalists, who aren't used to having their men out at all hours of the night.

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state-maintained road that carries an equivalent traffic volume.
Priority II is for state primary roads that serve as major connector routes and other state-maintained roads with similar volume. The only Nicholas County road falling into this category is U. S. 68 from the Robertson County line to the Bourbon County line.
Priority III is for low traffic volume secondary roads that connect Priority I and II roads which provide feeder service for moderate traffic.

Priority III roads in Nicholas are Kentucky 22 from the junction with Kentucky 36 to the Fleming County line, Kentucky 36 from the junction with Kentucky 22 to the Bath County line and Kentucky 57 from the Bourbon County line to the Licking River.

All other state-maintained roads not listed in one of the three above priorities will be included in Priority IV.

Roads in Priorities I, II and III will be maintained in a safe and passable condition during snowfall by plowing, salting and sanding.

Priority IV roads are to be plowed and partially salted when all other roads are cleared.
County roads and city streets not part of the state-maintained system are not included in the snow removal plan. Additional copies of the county map showing road priorities can be obtained from the District Bureau of Highways office in Flemingsburg.

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