



Greetings from the chief
Why are (from left) Johnathon Tapp, Brenda Barbee, Emma Fryman, Tracy Farrow and Rebecca Feback smiling? They're in the second grade remedial math class at Nicholas County Elementary School that recently sent President Carter a birthday card. The president's reply and the names of all the children at the school who sent the cards are inside this week's Mercury.—Photos submitted.



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Kentuckians find ghost stories no farther than front door

By Helen Price Stacy
Kentuckians with ties to the "Old Country" have been brought up on stories of very scary, misty and old castles with their stairways haunted by dim figures which travel only in the midnight hours.
All Hallows, however, most Kentuckians look no farther for their stories of ghosts and strange apparitions than the dark hallways of the commonwealth's old mansions, the untraveled side roads or the log houses still standing in the fog-shrouded Highlands.
Most residents tend to destroy good ghost stories by rationalizing, ridiculing or shrouding the stories into bits of fact and hysteria.
But anyone who says he has seen a ghost, heard a haunt rattling chains on stairs or watched a door open and close without human help will stand by the stories.
There is supposed to be an invisible horseman and his steed who ride the roads in Morgan County. They reportedly have been heard countless times galloping along the Licking River Road, past a few scattered farmhouses, only to pass suddenly beneath a tree that might have been the scene of a hanging during the Civil War.
It is said that during the war a tree in the area was used for hangings. One time a rope was looped around a limb of the tree to hang a Northern sympathizer. The ghost of the man, said Capt. John T. Williams heard the saw

and left West Liberty to stop the killing. His supposedly arrived just in time to save the man, even though they fought on opposite sides.
There was the boundary tree in Kentucky Highlands that disappeared overnight, taking its trunk and roots on its ghostly journey and leaving the spot where it stood.
The late Henry P. Scalf told stories when marking timber in the area, including the tall tree, for cutting. The next day the crew returned to find everything as if the great tree had never existed.
In the Ashland area, one resident is reluctant to discuss mysterious music he frequently hears about midnight. The soft tones of a calliope sound over the broad Ohio River. Sometimes sounds of laughter accompany the music, "but on occasion the woman is heard sobbing," the Ashland man says. "Try as he might he has never seen a boat or anything to indicate the source of the sounds, he adds.
Ouida Jewell of Fallon said a man he knew was hunting and failing in the Murphy's Pond section in Hickman County when he discovered enormous footprints. He didn't have around too long, but returned home to get the Jewell said.
The two men went back to the spot in the pond area armed with guns. They saw the creature which they described as large, hairy, milklike. They dis-

covered it, but later said he'd been a spirit on the lawn.
"People living on the place next door said they would tell us things but never did," she added.
Science has done much to explain many strange happenings, but the old ghost stories remain. They are events to tell and retell when days grow short, mist cover the land and Halloween is just days away.

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