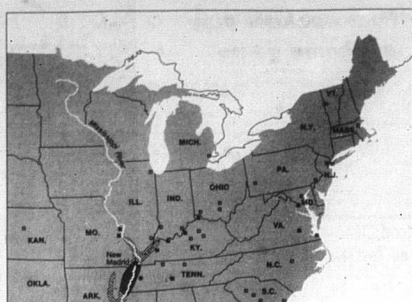


'Forgotten' earthquake not completely forgotten

By Jay Ashenbaker
 News Service
 Chandeliers shook in Charleston, S.C. Clocks stopped. Church bells rang. Windows rattled in Washington, D.C. Dishes clattered in Boston. The earth trembled in Detroit and New Orleans. Back in the foothills of Missouri, the ground rose and fell in earth waves. Houses cracked. Chimneys toppled. Forests were flattened. The mighty Mississippi briefly reversed course.

The culprit was an often forgotten series of earthquakes that struck the New Madrid, Mo., area in 1811-12 and sent shock tremors over more than a million square miles of the continental United States. No other earthquake in U.S. history affected so extensive an area.



Greater Range
 "When Americans think 'earthquake' they think 'California' but earthquakes quake the Rocky Mountains while they do not occur at great frequency as frequently as their California counterparts — generally comparable in force to the 1906 San Francisco earthquake, which killed 600 people, according to geophysicist Dr. Otto Nuttli of St. Louis University. But in the then sparsely settled Missouri frontier, there was little loss of life. The principal devastation was the violent disruption of the environment. Because the area affected would be so great, if an equivalent earthquake struck today, the potential for destruction would be enormous," said Dr. Robert M. Hamilton, a geophysicist with the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS).
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The most obvious one appears on the surface. The San Andreas Fault is visible for its 700-mile length. "You can't exactly put your finger in the New Madrid fault or learn much by looking around the ground," Hamilton said. The fault runs to about 1,000 miles, 2,000 to 3,000 feet of Mississippi Valley mud and silt.

The western faults that show up in the West can be attributed to its geological history, he explained. Most rocks in the West are tens of millions of years old while most rock east of the Rockies is hundreds of millions of years old.

In the West and elsewhere, earthquakes are associated with movement of the great plates that form the earth's outer layers. Along the San Andreas Fault, the North American plate and the shorter Pacific plate scrape against each other as they move in opposite directions. The New Madrid fault lies in the middle of the North American plate.



March, the man's month

By Neely Shaekelford
 In Anglo-Saxon folklore, March, the namesake of Mars, God of War, has been called "Man's Month."
 "Why?" you don't know and folklore does not explain. Maybe it is because March is so full of bluster, as some men are, or maybe, as some menfolk would like to believe, there is so much rugged work to be done outdoors that requires a man's muscle.

But be that as it may, March is high time to get out and get going on the farm and in the garden. Remember that your county Extension agent has the latest farming and gardening information from the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture.

It is time to mend the fence and plant hardy vegetable seeds such as beets, spinach, radishes, salad peas, Irish potatoes, and onion sets. It is a good month, too, to set out strawberry plants, make bushes, holly hedges, and all manner of evergreens. And, if the job hasn't been done already, it is time to apply pruning in the orchard and to finish dormant spray to control scale insects.

During the inclement days of March, and there will be some, it will be a wise and humane thing to do to make some bluebird and martin boxes and put them in strategic places around the old homestead. Place bluebird boxes on posts around the garden fence and

martin boxes in open spaces away from where the family car is parked.

To agree with the declarations of poets, March is the best month of the year in which to get up early in the morning. In no other month are the nurseries more verdant and spectacular or the matins of red birds more beautiful. These nurseries unobscured by the foliage of trees are all revealing and symbolize all the wonderful hopes of spring — a season that becomes more evident with each passing morning. Without intention of getting into the field of metaphysics, it is easy to believe in the Resurrection and all that it involves on a warm morning in March.

As with all other months of the year, many many superstitions surround the 31 days of this third month. Melted snow water gathered during the month, according to one old medical superstition, makes the best hair tonic in existence. Water from melted snow that falls in March will sprout hair, even on a turp. Or so it was said. To be effective, though, this "tonic" must be applied about the time of the rising moon.

Imbibing saffron tea is another ritual once practiced as religiously during the month as taking the annual dosage of sulphur and molasses. Saffron tea during the month guards against "spring fever," a malady that often besets citizens lacking in elbow grease. Stump water gathered and bottled from hollow black oak trees cut down in March for firewood, was deemed a specific for "summer colds" and "spring fever," a malady that often besets folk of the hinterlands in July and August. (For the benefit of those of the younger generation, "summer complaint" was euphemism for "hookworm" infestation, which doctors now refer to as diarrhea.)

Along with its superstitions and such, March also has its legends and one of the most interesting in this. In Medieval times there was a belief that the 17th day of the month marked the start of the deluge which was the Biblical flood. On this day, says a legend, Noah took his family and all the animals into the ark.

And such, is the parent of March's

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Bank names directors

The board of directors of the First National Bank of Carlisle announced the election of three new members of the board and the promotion of a bank officer after a recent meeting, according to Andy Dudley, president of the bank.

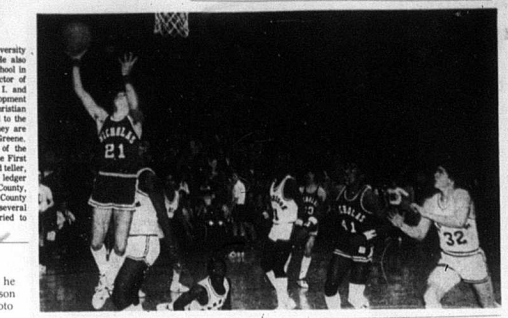
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Hopkins is an attorney, with offices at 20 Main Street. He is a graduate of Millersburg Military Institute, Centre College of Kentucky and is a member of the Shreveport Water District. He is a sponsor for the Bath County F.F.A., the Bath County 4-H and the Mt. Sterling Boy Scouts of America. He is also an honorary member of the Bath County F.F.A. A native of Bath County, he is married to the former Barbara Griffin and they are the parents of a son, Stephen Greene. Mrs. Buckler is supervisor of the first National. She has served as head teacher, first operator and general ledger operator. A native of Nicholas County, she graduated from Bourbon County High School and has taught several banking courses. She is married to Buddy Buckler.



'79 harvest best for deer
 By John Wilson
 Kentucky's deer hunters enjoyed their best year ever in 1979. The total statewide harvest was up 21 percent over last year's harvest, which was listed a record.

The increasing harvest reflects the growth of the state's deer herd, now estimated at around 100,000 by Wildlife Resources, the agency in charge of deer research for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources.

Deer harvests should continue to increase for several more years, Phillips said. Then with proper management, herd size and harvest should level off at a fairly consistent figure. Of the 13,566 deer taken during 1979, gun harvest accounted for 12,300 and archers took 1,266, according to check station results. A total of 8,082 deer were taken in the state's open counties, with the other 5,284 coming from wildlife management areas, military reservations and the special areas, followed by 131, with 1,054 and the Ballard Wildlife Management Area with 1,069.

FL Knox, with 2,201 deer, had the highest harvest of these special areas, followed by 1,811, with 1,054 and the Ballard Wildlife Management Area with 1,069.

Before Kentucky went to the present system, which requires that deer be checked at an official check station, researchers needed almost a year to estimate the annual deer harvest. With the check station procedure, it now takes less than two months to tabulate these harvest figures and they are important tools in managing the deer herd. When used in conjunction with the results of other population surveys conducted throughout the year, harvest data can give an accurate reflection of the size and health of the deer herd in a particular area.

Because deer hunters and habitat vary so much over the state, biologists need to look at data on an almost county-by-county basis before deciding on the best harvest regulations for particular areas of the commonwealth. The 1980 deer season dates, bag limits and other deer hunting regulations will be set at the next meeting of the Fish and Wildlife Commission, scheduled for March 2 and 3 in Frankfort. The commission will also establish 1980 small game regulations, as Kentucky hunters can start planning for next year after March 3.

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