



Kelli Robinson is sports editor

Kelli Robinson, a Junior Child Psychology major at Transylvania University, has been named Sports Editor of the Rambler, a weekly paper published by the students of the Herd-Leader.

James T. Clay is leaving political post

Carlisle native James T. Clay will be leaving the political arena in North Carolina when he resigns from the post of city commissioner in Wendell at the end of the year.

Deanna Gillespie places second

Miss Deanna Gillespie, Route 1, Carlisle, received second place at the "Variety Show for Youth" held last weekend at the 1981 State Farm Bureau Convention at the Galt House in Louisville.

Plaque from the court

Outgoing Circuit Court Clerk Beulah Hughes was presented with a plaque from the Nicholas County Fiscal Court at a reception held in her honor last Friday, Presiding the plaque is County Judge/Executive Reese Smoot. — Mercury photo.

Reception Friday honors Miss Beulah Hughes

Outgoing Circuit Court Clerk Beulah Hughes was honored with a reception at the courthouse Friday afternoon. Miss Hughes has been Circuit Clerk for 34 years.

Marie Chapter to meet Dec. 21

The Marie Chapter 269 will hold its regular monthly meeting Monday, Dec. 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Temple. After the business meeting refreshments will be served in the dining room, and Christmas gifts will be exchanged.

34th birthday is celebrated

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Wilcoxon of Pleasant Valley entertained their son David with a dinner party Thursday, Dec. 3, celebrating his 34th birthday.

Couple to wed Friday night

Mr. and Mrs. William T. Dempster announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Wendy Ellen, to Danny Grimes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dickie Grimes, on Friday, Dec. 11 at 7:30 p.m. at the East Union Christian Church.

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Personals

Matthew D. Kennedy attended the three-day Farm Bureau Convention at the Hyatt Regency in Louisville last week. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Blount of Corbin spent the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.F. Galloway of Richmond, Va. Mr. and Mrs. James Warren Wilcoxon with her sister, Mrs. Warren Fisher and Mr. Fisher.

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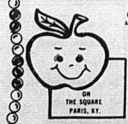
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Random thoughts of a country editor...

Of joy and delight which a new baby brings. There's a smile that is brighter than sunbeams of May.

A wave of farewell as you're starting away. A glad time of frolic which no one can steal. There's irreplaceable, lovely to feel.

There's something to boast of something to tell. When a baby has come to the place where you dwell.

There's never an hour that is lonely and drear. The days are filled up to the do with good cheer. You have someone to play with and someone to sing to.

Sometimes to romp with and someone to cling to. And always you're finding some pleasure that's new.

When God has sent down a good baby to you. But however manful fond male parents of baby daughters may seem to offer folk it comes to me this drab, gray morning, that dimpled hands and uncertain, patting feet will guide me back again only to the snail slope of the Road to Yesterday, to the joy of Christmas that I had thought gone to me forever.

For it is five years now, since a little lad walked out of the fairyland of Christmas enchantment, leaving a greater lump in the throat of his mother than came into his own. And I wrote one midnight, as the embers burned to a glowing heap, bidding farewell to all Christmases at our house, as follows:

We know a little lad who has stepped straight out of that fairy land of enchantment where dwells the patron saint of all innocent children. For him Santa Claus of the ruddy cheeks and snowy curls, the tinkling silver bells and gaudy reindeer is but his beloved and hushed anticipation of a Christmas Eve no more forever.

Into the limbo of infant memories goes the little myth for a child of little curly and bravely witty, for knowledge is sweet beneath its latter coating and one must pass gallantly into the land of Big Boy.

For it is the sentimental parent, who, musing on the passing of a beautiful life, is fain to drop a tear. For what faith so powerful may come to us again? Were that possible, could there be given such simple fealty to the Man of Galilee, who himself preached a flaming doctrine of love and whom the world still thinks of little curly and bravely witty, for knowledge is sweet beneath its latter coating and one must pass gallantly into the land of Big Boy.

And of all through the house. Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse. Do you remember the stockings hung from the rafters, the cakes laid on the warm hearth for Old Santa?

The stockings were hung by the chimney with care, in the hope that Saint Nicholas would be there.

The sense of delicious dread anticipation of tomorrow, do you remember that? The desire to stay awake a little longer, going, going, a distant tinkle of sleigh bells... (in the mind's ear, or did one really hear them?)... a falling ember... shadows flick out longer, going, going, but I heard him exclaim ere he drove out of sight, "Merry Christmas to all and a good night!"

So, after a while, with many pleasing dreamy memories, to sleep.

So, heartened by my thoughts, and the day

Agree or Not

new equipment in the form of 111 new dump trucks, 40 snow plow attachments and 60 salt spreaders.

The Transportation Department also has stockpiled 71,000 tons of salt, 43,000 tons of this at the state highway garage across the state and the other 27,000 tons in dump ready to be distributed to the garages if needed.

The state also has a small supply, which is expected to be needed in a normal winter, but it is not certain which is right to ten times more expensive than salt.

Food salt costs \$15 a ton, Clark said, while the calcium chloride costs from \$10 to \$12 a ton, he said.

Planning for the battle against ice and snow is just one of the many duties being handled by the highway department for winter.

Drainage is one of the most important operations against road damage during winter months. Employees in the various districts across the state have been pulling and repairing drainage ditches and making sure water will drain away from the road surface and not into or across the road.

Water standing along roadways or beneath them does far more damage than snow or ice. It is a major cause of traffic over the road when thawing begins creates a pumping action that

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