Opinion

Sure as shootin' stars

Here Abouts

...with Emily A. Wolf

An article in Here Abouts in the Nov. 21 issue of The Mercury (concerning **Charles McClanahan**'s entry in the family Bible in which he described unusual activities in the heavens on Nov. 15, 1833) ended with **Mrs. Bernice McClanahan** wondering aloud if that might have been Halley's Comet her husband Harold's great grandfather had seen.

Not so, says **Dr. Frank Mathias** of Dayton, Ohio. The former resident writes that it was the great meteor shower of 1833 that was recorded in the McClanahan family Bible. That happening is part of a book Frank wrote on **Incidents & Experiences in the Life of Thomas W. Parsons** (from 1826-1900). It was also documented in another book in the University of Kentucky Library written by the late **Judge James Flanagan** of Clark County entitled **Falling of the Stars.**

These meteor showers occur when the earth, on its duly appointed journey around the sun, runs through a swarm of small, rocky space objects, thus the name "shooting stars," Frank points out.

The earth ran into an extraordinarily large swarm of these objects on Nov. 13, 1833 and this produced what was at that time called "The Falling of the Stars." It had nothing to do with Halley's Comet, except that they both came rather close together, Frank said.

A little background: Frank's book on Thomas Parsons was printed by the University Press of Kentucky in 1975. He was researching some family history on the **Ed Metcalfs** who lived next door to Frank's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **Charles Mathias** on East Main Street. Parsons was **Mrs. Elsie Metcalf**'s grandfather. Her mother was **Mrs. Viola Parsons** who married **Andrew McIntire**, a Carlisle dentist. Viola and Dr. McIntire built and lived in the house next door where Elsie was born. She later married **Edwin Grubbs (Ed) Metcalf**. Their only child, **Andrew**, a casualty of World War II, and Frank were close friends.

The following are excerpts of Parson's account of the great meteor shower of 1833 from Frank's book:

"In November 1833 was the great shower of meteors that caused such terror and consternation among the people in this country, and in no part of it worse than in Lee County, Va. I well remember the excitement in that section, that followed it. I was asleep that night and did not see it, but I heard from it the next day, and for a long time afterward. My uncle Robert Parsons had married in an adjoining neighborhood and he and his wife were staying at our house.

"Uncle and father were from home that night, father building a chimney for Mr. James Flanry some two miles away. I do not know where uncle was. Aunt was troubled with a toothache and was up in the night. Next morning she remarked that there were a great many stars shooting the night before, but it was not long till the whole country was in an uproar, and such stories as went abroad were amusing after the excitement had passed over somewhat.

"One man saw a "star" as large as a brush heap fall and tear a great hole in the ground; another was out from home and ran his horse down in order to see his wife and children before the final collapse of all things. Mr. Elijah Hill, a merchant in Jonesville the county town, was standing and viewing the scene in terror, and at last exclaimed, wringing his hands, "Here the day of Judgment has come and my books not posted."

"In our immediate section there were quite a number of the "Hardshell" Baptist, and they had for their Pastors Jonathan Bishop and Isaac Chrisman. A great scare came over the people, and they betook themselves to prayer, and a wonderful revival ensued, and people on the evidence of dreams and all sorts of experiences were taken into the church, the revival running well along into the winter.

"It soon turned cold and the river froze over, but they cut the ice and plunged the converts under. They baptized at Mr. Tom Flanry's the place where I crossed the river to go to school. One Sunday my mother went to the baptizing and saw them cut the ice and immerse seven, and the next Sunday my brothers and I went and saw five immersed. The river was not frozen entirely over that day, but it was a cold day, the snow was flying all day...

"One thing that mystified the believers in a hasty coming of the Day of Judgment was the fact that the next night all the stars, as far as they could count were in their respective places, and not a cog in the whole machinery of the universe was missing.

"Quite a number of the new converts were expelled from the church from time to time, which goes to prove the old, and oft quoted maxim: When the Devil gets sick, the Devil a saint would be; but when the Devil gets well, the devil of a saint is he."

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Hamming it up

There's something about the holidays that brings country ham to mind. While it's more or less of a delicacy now days, it was almost an ever-day meal at hog killing time when I was young. At any rate, we ate a lot of pork. I recall cold packed jars in the cellar, sacks of sausage, hams, shoulders and bacon in the smoke house. Pork tenderloin and hot gravy and biscuits were real treats.

But that's another story.

Conn and **Barbara Abnee** have what they consider some real good sugar cured country hams for sale at their newly-acquired Abnee's Blue Licks Grocery. Especially good,

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Pulling 'trigger' on con(sumer)

...easier today with a little bait to get his attention

RUSS METZ

Consumers today are different from consumers even five years ago? An Arizona State University psychology professor named Robert Cialdini thinks so.

A speech Cialdini made to an IBM gathering was reprinted in the October Public Relations Journal, in which he said, "Citizens no longer have the time, the energy or even the mental ability to carefully weigh the pros and cons of most of the decisions that face them."

The way Cialdini makes it sound, if consumers had IQs five points lower, they'd be geraniums. Or at least have to be led around by the hand. But his point is that we take shortcuts because we're so rushed, overworked or inexpert when deciding something as complex as which computer to buy. So we pick out one persuasive piece of information and respond automatically to it. We buy.

Well, maybe.

Cialdini calls these power persuaders "triggers" and thinks there are only a few. Five, to be exact. It's his belief that "sellers" who know which triggers to pull can get most of us to comply beyond their wildest dreams. That goes for advertisers, politicians, salespeople and fundraisers.

Like putting a gun to your head?

Cialdini's five triggers are: reciprocation, scarcity, authority, consistency and social validation.

The trick to reciprocation is to make consumers feel indebted, obligated to respond. He spent a day in Chicago's O'Hare airport watching Hare Krishna hucksters shaking down travelers for donations. The Krishnas first pinned flowers on people, then asked for money. When some people threw down the flowers so as not to feel obligated, the Krishnas switched to pinning on small U.S. flags. Most Americans won't throw flags on the ground.

Reciprocation works both ways. When a Krishna puts the bite on me, I always reach in my pocket and pull out an old Alf Landon button, pin it on him, and ask for a donation.

Fundraisers love to mail us come-on gifts. As I see it, anyone soft-headed enough to fall for that junk deserves to get snookered. But there are more sophisticated methods of reciprocation. Cialdini tested a technique for getting people to volunteer. When people were asked to chaperone juvenile delinquents to the zoo, nobody volunteered. But when first given a more outlandish request and then later asked to chaperone, 50 percent volunteered. They were so grateful to escape the first request, they felt obligated to say yes to the second.

He could have upped his percentage by offering a switchblade knife to everyone who volunteered.

A similar retreat technique is used in retail sales. Brunswick Corp. found it doubled its average sale by first showing customers the most expensive model, then retreating to a less expensive product.

Scarcity is another powerful trigger. Shoppers' competitive juices flow when they hear, "supply limited!" One of Cialdini's students was a beef importer. His salespeople found beef sales doubled when they told buyers there was an impending shortage of Australian beef. Six times as much beef was sold, when buyers were told there was a beef shortage but no one else had this information. Scarce or exclusive information is one of the most powerful triggers of all.

You're telling me. I bought the last left-handed monkey wrench in town four different times.

So is authority. If the seller can demonstrate superior knowledge, many consumers cease at once all brain activity.

D-aah...

The trick to the consistency trigger is getting people to make some small commitment first, such as putting an "I Brake for Whales" bumper sticker on their car. When asked later to donate money, they see it as consistent with their past commitment. Sellers pull the social-validation trigger when they tell us everybody is buying their electric fork. Forty million people can't be wrong.

My wife usually says "Fifty million."

So those are the five triggers. If you intend to pull any one of them, don't point that thing at me.

—RM—

Most people are basically polite. So when they are asked typically polite questions, they usually reply with a typically polite answer. I guess I'm one of them — on one of my better days.

Sometimes, though, I get this evil urge to answer a typical question with an atypical reply. For example:

You're sitting there suffering. Your eyes are bloodshot, the sides of your nostrils glow in cherry red, and you are alternately sneezing and sniffling every 15 seconds. When you speak, it sounds a little like you're talking under water.

Typical question: "Got a cold?"

Typical answer: "Oh boy! Do I ever!"

Atypical answer: "No, I don't have a cold. I just had my sinuses packed with plaster of Paris to see what it would feel like."

You make a telephone call to a business executive, and his secretary answers the phone.

Typical question: "May I ask the nature of your call?"

Typical answer: "Well yes. Tell him it's about my account with the company."

Atypical answer: "Sure, honey, just tell him that this is Dr. Jones from the clinic and that the results of his Wassermann test are in."

Or: "By all means. It's about his home. Tell him a friend said he has a beautiful home, but that he got a real lemon when he bought his burglar alarm system. And that his wife has excellent taste in silver patterns."

Or: "This is the IRS and I want to talk about this expense he listed as entertainment, taking his secretary to dinner that cost $1500."

—RM—

Texas has never been known to produce politicians guilty of understatement. One time a Lone Star orator climaxed his speech by saying, "No planet in the universe has contributed as many notable figures to history as Texas. Ma Ferguson, Sam Houston, Abraham Lincoln, George Washington, Charlemagne, the twelve Apostles..."

"Hold on there pardner," drawled a big oil man, "only nine of them twelve Apostles was from Texas."

—RM—

There is a joke about how many Las Vegans it takes to change a light bulb. The answer is seven — one to hold the ladder, one to replace the bulb and five to make book on how long it will last.

Natives of other states figure in similar jests. How many Louisianians, for instance, does it take to change a light bulb? Three: one to hold the ladder, one to change the bulb and one to carry the bribe money. How many Mississippians? Also three — one to hold the ladder, one to change the bulb and one to wake up the other two.

How many Virginians? Four — one to hold the ladder, one to change the bulb and two elderly ladies of genteel breeding to discuss how much lovelier the old bulb was. How many Oregonians? Forty-two — the ladder holder, the bulb changer and 40 to write the environmental impact statement. How many New Yorkers? One hundred and two — the ladder holder, the bulb changer and 100 cops to make sure the first two aren't mugged.

How many Tennesseans? Three — the ladder holder, the bulb changer and one to play guitar.

Onward, upward.

Letters...

Teachers concerned over Day Care Center closing

To The Carlisle Mercury:

We are Home Economics teachers at Nicholas County High School and instructors for the Gainful Child Care class. We would like to express our concern about the possible closing of the Nicholas County Day Care Center.

We feel this center is an asset to our community in a number of ways. The center provides quality day care for those attending. They provide a stimulating environment for infants, preschoolers and school age children, rather than just keeping the child safe and fed.

For a number of years this facility has been used as a work center for students enrolled in the Gainful Child Care class at Nicholas County High School. The center has also provided employment for a number of students who have completed this job training course.

This center is a business in our community and its closing would not only limit quality day care in our community but would also eliminate a source of employment for a number of people. We would encourage the parents and citizens of this community to show their concern by giving support to this facility.

Sincerely,
Martha Taylor
Bonnie Metcalfe
Home Economics teachers
Nicholas County High School

Recalls Barr family reaction to comet

To The Carlisle Mercury:

I well remember when I saw Halley's Comet (in 1910). I lived on a farm my father, A.J. Barr owned on Upper Jackstown and Taylor's Creek roads. The only way we knew about it was from the newspaper. I couldn't wait for them to come to read about it. We didn't have radio or television then. Children played Hide and Seek and such games until dark and then to bed.

One summer night I remember my father waking Aunt Alice Jones who lived with us and she, in turn, awakened us. I was 13 years old at the time, my sister Florence Clay was 11, another sister Willie Colliver was eight. We were so excited and made so much noise that my sister Annie Brannon, who was four years old, was wakened and came out saying, "Me see too."

We viewed the Comet from the back of the house just off the porch on what would now be called a "patio." It looked like a big gold beach ball, with a long broad tail, maybe 25 or 30 feet long. My parents couldn't get us back to bed so we danced around and played the rest of the night.

Elizabeth Caywood
Carlisle, Ky.

Down Memory Lane ...from Mercury files

10 years ago

Thursday, December 11, 1975

Miss Ann Marshall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Marshall, was crowned Snow Queen Thursday night during the annual Christmas Parade. Six Nicholas County students vied for the honor.

"Santa's Workshop," the Nicholas County FFA-FHA float, won first place in Thursday night's Christmas Parade. "Toyland," the Guess What 4-H Teen Club float, won second place and "Is It A Dream," the Methodist Church youth group's entry, came in third. The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe's "A Child's Dream Life" won fourth place.

Ratliff Brothers, the oldest retail business in Nicholas County, has been purchased by Jewel K. Vice and Gilbert Reid, owners of Reid and Vice Builders Supply, Inc. W.B. Ratliff and C.C. Ratliff, brothers, established Ratliff Brothers in 1884. The sellers of this old, fine business in Carlisle were R.L. Talbert of Florida, A.V. (Doc) Allison and the Howard Irvin estate.

Representatives from MMI met with the Nicholas County Board of Education Saturday night to discuss a proposal where Nicholas County students could participate in a Junior ROTC program through the Millersburg school. The program would be available at no cost to Nicholas County High School boys and girls.

A Henryville Improvement Committee was formed Sunday night at a meeting of Henryville citizens at the Wesley CME Chapel to make a survey of Henryville to find out how many residents will hook onto the sewer if the line is made available. They will also check other needs that the residents feel are necessary for the area. Mary S. Rice was elected chairman of the committee. Others are Mrs. Sonny B. Simpson Sr., Cleola Thompson, A.B. Sharp Sr. and Edna C. Boyd.

Senior Master Sergeant Loretta L. Farris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Farris, has received the Meritorious Service Medal at Charleston AFB, South Carolina. Sergeant Farris was cited for her outstanding duty performance as chief of the women in the Air Force Squadron Section, 347th Air Base Group, a unit of the Military Airlift Command. She now serves as First Sergeant for the 437th

BORN — To Mr. and Mrs. Steve Nicholas, Lexington, a son, Nov. 24. — To Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Warner, a son, Charlie William Jr., Dec. 4 at Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington.

MARRIED — Miss Nancy Greer Curtis and Joseph Lee Wilson, Nov. 22 at the First Church of God, Mt. Sterling. — Miss Mary D. Mitchell and Grover Cleveland Livingood, Nov. 21 at the Carlisle Baptist Church. — Miss Beverly Fay Bryant and Kenneth Carl Smoot, Dec. 6 at the Kimball Booth residence.

DIED — Mrs. Louise Frey Clark, 64, wife of Emery Clark Sr., Dec. 7 at Nicholas County Hospital. — Johnny A. Hensley, 66, Dec. 6 at Nicholas County Hospital. — Aitkin Downing, 59, Moorefield, Dec. 6. — Mrs. Minnie Belle Merritt, 78, wife of Ezekiel Merritt, Mt. Sterling, Dec. 1 at Mary Chiles Hospital. — Harold Hillock, 56, Russell Springs, Dec. 4 at V.A. Hospital, Lexington. — Willie Pennie, 54, brother of Mrs. Raymond Kennedy, Lexington, Nov. 22 at Ballymena, Ireland.

20 years ago

Thursday, December 9, 1965

How about a red ripe tomato? That's what Andy Sargent was delivering to Bretz's Grocery Saturday morning. These vine ripened tomatoes were grown by Andy and Walter Shepherd in a plastic greenhouse on Mr. Shepherd's farm. They had planned to have lots of ripe tomatoes for Thanksgiving but the tomatoes did not ripen as quickly as anticipated.

The newly elected Carlisle cheerleaders are Debbie Curtis, Peggy Tincher, Debbie Stone, Mary Ann Mitchell, Karlyn Coatney and Debbie Vice. Becky Galyon is an alternate.

The Carlisle Methodist Church float was awarded first place prize money at the Jaycee annual Christmas Parade held Thursday, Dec. 2. The Carlisle Junior Woman's Club float came in for second place money and honors.

Side by Side is the title of the winning specialty act at the 4-H Talent Show held last Saturday night. Linda Curtsinger and Jo Ann McKee, the performers, are members of the Carlisle 7th and 8th grades 4-H Club.

The second annual Booster's Invitational Tournament will get underway Saturday at 2 p.m. as eight of the top junior high basketball teams in central Kentucky file into the Mt. Sterling High School gymnasium. The tourney opener pits Bath County against Paris; second game features Madison Central and Morton Junior of Lexington. The evening session starting at 7 p.m. opens with Georgetown against Bourbon County and winding up the first round will be Nicholas County opposing host Mt. Sterling.

MARRIED — Mrs. Mary Price and Cantrell Florence, Dec. 1 at the Baptist Church parsonage.

DIED — Mrs. Margaret Downer Hockett, wife of Paul Nelson Hockett, Dec. 6 at home in Lexington. — Basil Crouch, 69, Dec. 3 at home on Chestnut Street. — Bruce West, 79, Dec. 4 at St. Charles Hospital, Covington. — Mrs. Inez Burrows Spencer, 84, Nov. 27 at home in Philadelphia, PA. — Frazier F. Kearns, 75, Nov. 23 at Collins Rest Home, Cynthiana.

40 years ago

Thursday, December 13, 1945

The annual Nicholas County Farm Bureau banquet, held last Thursday night at the Carlisle School gymnasium, was described by W.T. Straw, Nicholas County agent, as the best ever held here. More than 300 persons attended in spite of inclement weather.

Installation of a new lighting system on streets forming the courthouse square has been a decided improvement. Brighter illumination, along with strings of vari-colored lights on Main Street for decorative purposes during the holiday season, has added much to the appearance of Carlisle.

The Carlisle Musketeers won their first CKC game when they defeated Nicholasville here Tuesday night by a score of 33 to 32. Lineup for Carlisle included Crawford, Clark, Cannon, Blake and Dixon. Substitutes were Woodall, Young and Pitman.

The Bourbon District Court of Honor of the Blue Grass Council, Boy Scouts of America will be held in Carlisle next Sunday afternoon at the Carlisle Christian Church. An invitation has been extended to A.B. Chandler, High Commissioner of Baseball and former U.S. Senator, to deliver the principal address for the occasion.

Nicholas County Judge Walter Shepherd will head a delegation of local citizens which is to attend a public hearing to be conducted by government engineers at the post office building in Frankfort Tuesday in protest of the carrying out of a proposed flood control project by the government on Licking River.

BORN — To Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Earl Humphries, a son, Dec. 4.

MARRIED — Jeanette Letcher and Glenn Caywood, Dec. 6 in Maysville. — Leola Stone Hunt and Stanley C. Crawford, Dec. 7 in the Fortville, IN Christian Church. — Marriage licenses were issued to Eleanor Shrout and Eugene Shrout, Coledo V. Jackson and Milford Soard.

DIED — J.M. Woodall, 81, Wednesday at home here. — The Rev. S.L. Moore, 63, Dec. 5 at home in Cynthiana. — Thomas Coleman Vancamp, 70, Monday at Johnson Memorial Hospital. — Mrs. Margaret Harney Laughlin, 88, widow of Joseph L. Laughlin, Tuesday at home on Elm Street.

50 years ago

Thursday, December 12, 1935

An average price of $19.39 a hundred pounds was paid for 14,786,528 pounds of tobacco sold on 10 of the largest Kentucky burley markets last week, the first of the 1935-36 sales season. The total money distributed on these markets during the week was $2,867,153.86. Last year during the first week of sales the same markets sold 5,056,443 pounds at an average of $20.34 a hundred.

BORN — To Rev. and Mrs. Monroe G. Schuster, Gary, IN, a son, Dec. 4. — To Mr. and Mrs. George Letton, Stanford, a son, George Jr., last week at Boyle County Memorial Hospital, Danville. — To Rev. and Mrs. Charles Eric Mount, Versailles, a son, Charles Eric Jr., Saturday at Woodford County Hospital.

MARRIED — Miss Gladys Mynear and Bernice Wagoner, Wednesday by Judge D.M. Curry. — Miss Edna Smith and Huron Bishop, last Thursday by Rev. Frank Simons.

DIED — Erma Jean McIntosh, 10-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Julius McIntosh, Tuesday at home in Dorseyville. — John Shea, 65, Monday at home in Lexington. — Mrs. Belle Arthur Secrest, 80, wife of Allie G. Secrest, Thursday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. Myers Fuller of Lexington.

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Here Abouts

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we're told, if you don't care for the salty taste, or are on a low sodium diet.

They sell it by the sandwich or sliced by the pound, as well as the whole ham which they'll cook for their customers. Asked last week if he's well supplied for Christmas, Conn said he hopes so. "We've got a lot of them to sell."

The grocery has taken on a country store look in one corner where old barn siding on the walls makes an excellent backdrop for a number of craft items for sale. Parents **Betty** and **Shy Abnee** have supplied a few antiques to lend authenticity to the area. It's Barbara's brainchild and she's having a lot of fun fooling with it between making sandwiches, selling pop and pumping gas.

Quite a bit of their trade is from transients who find it a good place to pull off and relax between Maysville and Lexington. They browse around the store, spot the old ham and fill their tummies and gas tanks simultaneously. Visitors to the adjoining Blue Licks State Park often stop in.

Said Barb: "One woman told me her husband couldn't eat country ham because of all the salt. I told her this was sugar cured and she said she'd try a slice. Well, in no time at all she was back for more, saying her husband had tasted her sandwich and loved it."

The Abnees are hard at it from early morning to late at night, seven days a week. So, no matter what time it suits your fancy to drive down and take a look around at all the changes that have taken place at "Abnee's Emporium" it's a good bet they'll be open. And glad to see you. Can't think of two nicer young people anywhere.

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Here and there

Local subscribers to the National Geographic magazine will no doubt save the December issue which was delivered last week. It features an extensive look at **Daniel Boone**, including a color photo of his now restored log cabin on Forest Retreat Farm...

Once more for the record, yards were cut over the weekend and fishermen were on Lake Carnico as late as midday Sunday, before howling winds arrived in advance of a cold front that dropped temperatures into the 20s overnight and into the low teens and even single digits in some parts of the county Monday night, our first real winter baptism...

At the risk of embarrassing her, it must be said that **Mrs. Barbara Hopkins** deserves a collective community pat-on-the-back for taking charge of the Christmas Parade which just might have fallen by the wayside without her persistent prodding and willingness to take charge of the many facets of such an undertaking.

As is the case in so many small towns, people power wears thin when the same ones are asked over and over to run the show. Barbara sensed this to be true this year and took it upon herself to be the unofficial coordinator, with the help of the old standbys who always seem to come through, no matter how busy or otherwise involved.

The town was packed for a short while Saturday afternoon, but once the parade festivities ceased, people headed home. Now, if Barb and Santa's other helpers can just come up with something to encourage folks to stick around and do some shopping.

Trimming the tree

That the Christmas season is upon us is evidenced by NCES health aide Libby Clark and secretary Dorothy Woosley decorating the office Christmas tree.

Parade

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exhibition, and thanks to relatively dry streets, the Gold Wing Road Riders of Lexington were able to stage a bike riding demonstration.

The Lions Club passed out candy to youngsters, always a crowd pleaser.

IN THE EYES of young viewers, the highlight of any Christmas parade is the appearance of Santa Claus. And he didn't disappoint his audience, although his arrival was slightly behind schedule.

Bobby Smith of Lexington, a former Carlisle businessman, made his yearly trip here as Santa's stand-in.

As promised, the community Christmas tree was put in place on the courthouse second floor balcony. It was trimmed by Perry Feeback, Bobby Hatfield and Mike Trusty with decorations made by Nicholas County Elementary School students.

A BAZAAR held in connection with the parade reportedly had brisk business throughout the day. A number of craft and antique dealers consigned items for sale.

Barbara Hopkins, parade coordinator, said that "things went smoothly." Morning rain dissipated prior to the 2 p.m. startup. Temperature was in the lower 60s, a sharp contrast to the freezing weather last year.

Twenty-four hours later, a cold front and accompanying snow flurries pushed through, plummeting the thermometer approximately 40 degrees to more seasonal temperatures.

Saltwell ..... by Mrs. Fred Hollar

Mr. and Mrs. H.A. Gaunce and Amanda and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley W. Caswell spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Gaunce and Brian, Lexington.

Rev. and Mrs. Howard Livingood, Wilson, NC spent the past week with their family, Mr. and Mrs. Arden Livingood, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Ritchie and Niki, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Livingood Jr. and Alton Livingood. They returned home Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Vaughan Mattox, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Mattox, Jeremy and Amanda of Berry, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Mattox and Brandon and Mr. and Mrs. Larry White were Thursday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jennings Mattox.

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Kenney, Shane and Duane, J.R., Jamie and Scot and Chris Kenney were Thursday dinner guests of Mrs. Mae Kenney and Lovell.

Mrs. Gladys Kenney dined with Mrs. Hazel Snapp on Thursday.

Harold Mattox was a patient at Humana Hospital, Lexington, several days the past week where he underwent elbow surgery.

Mrs. Rex Spencer, guest of Mr. and Mrs. G.B. Feeback and family several days the past week, visited Mrs. Alice Marie Feeback one evening the past week. Dr. Ralph Wesley and son, Nashville, TN, Dr. Raymond Wesley and sons, Hendersonville, TN, and Harold Mann, Carlisle, also visited Mrs. Feeback on Friday evening.

Bob Kenney and Jason, Covington, spent Friday and Saturday with Mrs. Gladys Kenney.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Buzzard, Carlisle, and Tammy Morris, Rose Hill, spent several days the past week with Rev. and Mrs. Marvin Snapp of Abington, IL.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Kerr, Winchester, and Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Hollar were Friday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Tanner and Jessie.

Mrs. Kathy Placier, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Brady, David Keith Doyle and Dorothy Hedrick visited Orville Doyle on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank McCoy and family spent Thursday with Mrs. Mary Fults of Olive Hill.

Our community extends sympathy to the family of Hicel Ritchie, who passed away early Thursday morning at a Versailles hospital after suffering an apparent heart attack at his home a little earlier. Several from here attended visitation at Duell-Clark Funeral Home in Versailles Friday night and funeral services on Saturday morning. Hicel was born and reared in Nicholas County and has many friends and relatives here who regret his passing.

Mrs. Naomi Gaunce spent the Thanksgiving holidays with Mrs. Steve Gaunce in Lexington. Several others enjoyed the dinner with her on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Fryman, Tim Fryman and Lisa Linville were Friday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Fryman. Jim Fryman also spent Saturday night and Sunday with the Frymans.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hollar, Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Hollar, Mr. and Mrs. Layne Hollar, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Hollar, Chris and Tracy, Mike Sowell and Stephanie Ockerman were Thanksgiving dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill George, the occasion also being the birthday of Fred Hollar.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Mattox, Richmond, and Regina Mattox, Cynthiana, spent Thursday and Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Chester Mattox. Mrs. Ruth Ward, Paris, also spent the day Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Doyle, Sharon and Robbie, Gayle Brady and Dean Weddle were Thanksgiving dinner guests of Mr and Mrs. Bobby Brady.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cain were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Gladys Kenney.

Tip Fryman spent one night the past week with Chris Hollar.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Brady and Gayle Brady were among many who enjoyed a family dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Whitson and Carl, Cynthiana, on Sunday.

Martha and Daley Kennedy and Frances Barlow enjoyed dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Kennedy on Friday. During the meal Raymond became ill and was moved to the St. Joseph Hospital, where he remains a patient for treatment.

Oren Ray Gaffin, Richmond, and Phillip Gaffin, Washington, D.C., visited Miss Frances Barlow on Thursday. They all visited Mrs. Molly Mattox and Mrs. Grace Allison at nursing home and later enjoyed lunch at Jerry's in Paris.

Mr. and Mrs. Vaughan Mattox spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hollar.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Doyle, Sharon and Robb entertained family members and Orie Mullen and Edward O'Neal with a dinner on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Price and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Rickie Price and children, Mr. and Mrs. John Stacy and daughter were Thursday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Gene Price.

Rev. and Mrs. Randy Coleman spent the Thanksgiving holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wachtel of Shreve, OH. They also dined with Mr. and Mrs. Claudie Fryman on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Kennedy, Martha and Daley Kennedy were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Blakeman, Penni and Dana of Lexington on Thursday.

Mike Sowell dined with Mr. and Mrs. Bill George on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Rule, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Allison Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Larry Allison and children were Saturday supper guests of Rev. and Mrs. Rick Grant and children Allison and Jay, honoring the third birthday of Jay.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cain spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cain, near Cynthiana.

Rev. and Mrs. Harold Caserta and son Jonathan enjoyed an evening meal on Sunday with several friends and family of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Gum and son at their home at Headquarters.

Chimney box fire

A house on Miller Station Road owned by G.W. Sexton and occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Daryl Sexton caught fire about 1:10 a.m. Monday. The Nicholas County Fire Department was able to confine the damage to the interior wall around a rusted-out chimney box, cause of the blaze. Loss was not extensive.

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