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Mattox chairs meeting

Mark Mattox, president of the Chamber of Commerce, conducted a meeting December 19 concerning new industry for Nicholas County. From left are Mattox, Ernest Sosby and Allen Clay Stone. — Mercury photo.

City and county officials

From left are John Burke, councilman Cartmell Lester, Mayor Frankie Hughes, Judge/Executive Reese Smoot, Stanley Caswell, who attended the Chamber of Commerce meeting on economic development and planning December 19. — Mercury photo.

Seeking new industry

Andy Dudley, president of the First National Bank, is looking over some plans at the industry-seeking Chamber of Commerce meeting last Thursday. At left are Proctor Blair and Licha Farah. — Mercury photo.

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Nearly 6 percent job increase

Governor Martha Layne Collins was presented a t-shirt by Commerce Secretary Carroll Knicely proclaiming the record number of jobs the Collins' administration brought to Kentucky in 1985. The 23,348 jobs announced surpass the previous record of 22,009 for 1984. Governor Collins received the t-shirt during a news conference recently to announce the decision of Krauss Maffei Corporation to locate in Kenton County. — Photo submitted

'Star Wars' discussion MSU feature Jan. 9

Former Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara will discuss President Reagan's Strategic Defense Initiative (Star Wars) and the world's nuclear future on the Jan. 9 edition of Common Ground, a radio series aired each Thursday at 4 p.m. on WMKY FM 90.3, public radio from Morehead State University.

In an exclusive interview with Common Ground, McNamara said the 50,000 warheads held by the United States and the Soviet Union "have brought instability, risk and a world that I don't want to pass on to my children."

McNamara said he agrees with the President's assertion that nuclear wars can never be won and must never be fought. In reference to the present form of the Strategic Defense Initiative, McNamara said the President is attacking the right problem with the wrong solution.

McNamara lays the groundwork for his alternative SDI on Common Ground.

Robert McNamara, former president of the World Bank, serves as chairman of the Overseas Development Council and a trustee of the Ford Foundation, The Brookings Institution, and the Urban Institute. He is the recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom with Distinction, The Albert Einstein Peace Prize, and the Franklin D. Roosevelt Freedom from Want Medal.

Common Ground, a series on world affairs, is produced and fully funded by the Stanley Foundation, which encourages the study, research and discussion of international issues.

SEASON'S Greetings

C of C MEMBERS SEEK satellite plant

The Carlisle/Nicholas County Chamber of Commerce met December 19 to initiate a plan that may attract a satellite industry from Toyota's planned development in Scott County.

Those attending the meeting were representatives from city government, county government and several concerned businessmen.

Suggestions were proposed to be presented to Kentucky State Commerce Secretary Carroll Knicely at a meeting on January 14. The meeting was arranged by councilman Cartmell Lester, Jr.

The initial plan calls for developing a package of incentives that could attract a factory into Carlisle. While there are no firm prospects at this time the group seemed encouraged that Carlisle could benefit from the infusion of jobs created by Toyota's settling in central Kentucky. A marketing committee was formed with the task of investigating the feasibility of several incentives and will report to the local Chamber at a special meeting on January 2, 1986.

Jury duty names released by Clerk

Nicholas Circuit Clerk Sally Watkins announces the following persons are directed to appear for jury duty January 2, 1986 at 1:30 p.m.

Diane R. Allison, John W. Allison, Brenda Anderson, Danny Barnett, Gregory Bean, Carolyn Berry, Larry Berry, David K. Booth, Jane Bradley, Eunice Brumagen, Arthur Buzzard, Carl Cohorn, Dennis Dotson, Norman Duncan, Doris Erton, C.H. Enix, Raymond Frederick, Louise Gates, Mary Ruth Gray, Jimmy C. Hall, Raymond Hall, Douglas Hamilton, Keith Hardwick, Rodney Hatton, Ruth Hollar, Thomas Johnson, Bobby Kelley, Edith Kendall;

Also, Presley Kendall, Flora Klump, Pat Letcher, Charles Manley, Horace Marshall, Patsy S. Marshall, Mary Minton, William R. Mysnar, Clyde McFarland, Jeanie Ramey, Dorothy Reid, Donald Sapp, Lillian Sexton, Wayne Shumate, Marion Sims, Phyllis Smoot, Peggy B. Sparks, Mary Terrell, Larry Trussell, Shirley Trussell, Dorsey Watkins, R.S. Wills Jr., William Wills, Jeff Wilson, Linda Woosley, William N. Young.

One-vehicle accident kills woman

Mrs. Joyce FayeRoberts, 18, wife of Timothy Roberts, 403 Sycamore Street, died about 3:15 a.m. Wednesday at the University of Kentucky Medical Center of injuries received in a one-vehicle accident on Ky. 36 near Blue Grass Industries. She was not wearing a seat belt.

The accident occurred about 1 a.m. as she was returning home from work at K-Mart in Lexington. The car traveled 100 feet along the left side of the road, and missed a bridge before jumping a creek and hitting the abutment on the other side of the bridge. She was thrown through the windshield.

Santa reigns supreme; letters galore

Dear Ho Ho,

My name is Lindsey Gayle. I am 1½ years old. I would like you to bring me a baby doll, a toy puppy, some pots and pans and anything else you would like. Please remember my Papaw and Mamaw Lyons and Papaw and Mamaw Wilson, all my uncles, aunts and cousins. I will leave a treat for you under the tree.

Love, your little girl,
Lindsey Gayle Wilson

Dear Santa,

My name is Aaron Cobb. I am almost 7 months old. My Mommy is helping me write this letter. I have tried to be a very good boy. I would like you to bring me some clothes and a Mickey Mouse motorboat and some special things in my stocking. I will leave you some milk and cookies under the tree.

P.S. Don't forget to leave Midnight something at Mamaw Howard's house.

I love you, Santa,
Aaron

Dear Santa Claus,

I am a little girl 2½ years old.I have tried very hard to be a good girl this year. For Christmas please bring me a Glo-Bug, Baby Brite, a Wuzzle, and a stove, sink and refrigerator just my size.

Please don't forget my mamaws and pappaws and MeMe and Noie.

Your little girl,
Lindsay Ockerman

Dear Santa,

My name is Wesley Hunt and I am four years old. I have been a pretty good boy this year so I hope you will stop at my house on Christmas Eve.

I would like for you to bring me a bicycle, Snake Mountain, Castle Greyskull and any surprises you want to bring me.

Please remember my cousins Brandon, Adam and Kyle, all my little friends and all the little boys and girls everywhere.

I'll leave you some cookies and milk under the tree.

Love,
Wesley

Dear Santa,

I have been very good. I have learned a lot in school. I would like for you to bring me a Hug-a-Bunch and lots more. Would you please bring my sister lots of things too?

Love,
Jana Louise McCarty

Dear Santa Claus,

I have been a good boy this year. My name is Patrick Lee Sparks. I want a bunch of stuff this year. And for starters I would like a computer and some Transformers for Christmas and some clothes and I would like a remote control airplane.

Love,
Patrick

Dear Santa Claus:

My name is Kristin Warner. I am 5 years old. I've tried to be good but sometimes it's hard with two big brothers. Please bring me a bike, Strawberry Shortcake doll, Mickey Mouse phone and some clothes.

P.S. Don't forget Mommy and Daddy.

Your girl,
Kristin Warner

Dear Santa,

My name is Jenci Danielle. I'm nine months old and my mommy is helping me write this letter. My mommy and daddy say that I have been a really good girl this year. For Christmas I would like a Cabbage Patch Preemie, a musical Glo Worm, an Angel Bunny, some clothes and anything else you would like to leave me. Don't forget all my cousins and friends.

Love,
Jenci Danielle Smith
2399 Cane Run Rd., Carlisle

Dear Santa,

My name is Staci and I am 7 years old. I have been pretty good this year.

For Christmas I would like a keyboard, a Cabbage Patch Preemie, a Care Bear Cousin, some clothes, a game and some surprises.

Please don't forget all my friends at school and in my gymnastics class. I will leave you a snack under the tree.

Love you,
Staci Robinson
Moorefield

Dear Santa,

My name is Nathan and I am 4 years old. I can't say I have been all that good this year but I will try harder next year.

For Christmas I would like a Viewmaster, some walkie talkies, a Rock 'em Sock 'em Robot game, some Masters of the Universe figures, a corduroy sport coat and lots of surprises.

Please don't forget all my friends. I will leave you some jam cake and milk under the tree.

Love you,
Nathan Robinson
Moorefield

More Santa letters beginning on page 3.

Burley market averages drop

The market for burley tobacco was not quite as strong during the third week of sales (Dec. 9-12) as it had been the first two weeks, according to Agriculture Commissioner David E. Boswell.

Lower grade averages were noted for a majority of tobacco sold as compared to the week before, although the quality remained about the same.

"Generally, averages decreased by about a dollar or two a hundred for a large majority of grades. Several better quality grades averaged the same as before, or just about a dollar or two above the support price," Boswell said.

The top average recorded was $166 per hundred, but the practical top average remained at $161 to $162.

By the latest estimates, about 62 percent of the crop had been sold as of Dec. 12.

Commissioner Boswell pointed to the continued low comparative amount of burley going under loan — 14.6 percent for the week and 10.5 percent for the season, compared to 26 percent placed under Federal loan last year during the same periods.

Gross sales during the third week totaled 131.46 million pounds and averaged $159.35 per hundred, down 76 cents from the week before. The total for this season stands at 411.85 million pounds at an average of $159.76.

For the same 11-day sales period last season, sales totaled 369.3 million pounds and averaged $187.63.

Kentucky burley tobacco production for 1985 is expected to total 412.8 million pounds, 18 percent below last year, but 19 percent above the preliminary effective quota. Yield is estimated at 2,400 pounds per acre, compared to 2,340 pounds last year. Harvested acreage fell 18 percent to 172,000 acres.

Kentucky's 1985 burley crop benefited from an early spring and favorable weather during much of the growing season. Setting began much earlier than normal and as a result the crop developed at a better than normal pace throughout the summer. Most areas of the state ex-

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1936 Mercury file revisited

An Editor's random thoughts

If you ever read the rambling remarks in this column, perhaps you noticed that I took a few liberties with Sacred Writ last week, substituting the father for the son, and plumping the tree, proachable Joseph down into the sheep pastures of old Laban, instead of his pernicacious, but somewhat reprehensible Daddy, the wily Jacob. I didn't notice it myself in copy or proof sheet, until The Mercury was in the mails. And I haven't the temerity to shift the blame to our linotypist, who is a good operator and would "follow copy," I sincerely believe, if it blew out of the proverbial window. It is one of those unaccountable blunders that happen in newspaper offices and of course it was not due to ignorance of Old Testament history, all editors of country newspapers—though unregenerate in some respects perhaps—being deeply versed in the Scriptures. If I could be sure that any considerable number of our readers ever peruse the incongruous remarks that appear on this page, I should be able to guage rather accurately this generation's familiarity with the Hebrew chronicles Hohum. Either few read what I write here, they are possessed of unusual forbearance, or the Bible though it remains the best selling book, is not the most widely read volume in these parts. For it is now several days since the appearance in these columns of "Joseph in the sheep-breeding pastures of his father-in-law, Laban" and only two readers have called my attention to the error.

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The craftiness of the wily Jacob has always intrigued me. From the time he concocted a mess of pottage and tricked his brother out of a rightful inheritance, until—deceived himself by the substitution for Rachel, the comely, of Leah, the not so beauteous—he staged his retaliatory filling of the pastures of his father-in-law with ewes ring-straked streaked and spotted, Jacob's is a career of sharp practices. I think of him as the father of the not too-conscientious horse trader and as the ancestor of the "shrewd business man," so called. Jacob was the sort, who at the end of a life of chicanery and business duplicity looks forward with calm certainty to the purchase of a box seat in realms celestial through the shrewd exercise of that ability to bargain that has always stood him so well in hand. I would prefer, I think, descent in the line of Esau

It seems to me to be universally true of those who dabble in ink that we are incorrigible procrastinators. All my life I have intended to "write something," a book or a story; I was never very definite about it and somehow have never found the time. Now, as spring dances into summer and summer fades into autumn and autumn is stripped to stark bareness by winter, I intend to enjoy sitting in my yard more, or to go fishing more, or to have a lily pool—in short, to live a little as I journey along, more and more rapidly. It seems, through the changing seasons till another year is gone. Somehow I never get around to living for making a living. I never get to real writing for hack writing. I never "have time," somehow. Instead of using time, Time uses me. It is a sort of shiftlessness, of which one pleads guilty, yet does nothing about it. And so it is a consolation to find another—in this case a distinguished man—who pleads guilty to a lifelong shiftlessness of intent. Clarence Darrow closes his book, "Farmington," the story of a small mid-west-ern town seen through the eyes of a small boy, with a thought that somehow carries a gripping pathos for me and earns the respect I always cherish for well written prose. He writes:

"All my life I have been planning and hoping and thinking and dreaming and loitering and waiting. All my life I have been getting ready to begin to do something worth the while. I have been waiting for the summer and waiting for the fall. I have been waiting for the winter and waiting for the spring. Waiting for the night and waiting for the morning. Waiting and dawdling and dreaming until the day is almost spent and the twilight close at hand."

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I am not acquainted with the details of the proposed tobacco compact legislation, but I do know that the growers of tobacco must approve some means to curtail the acreage next year, or the goose that is now laying golden eggs for them will be killed. It is possible, as this newspaper has said before, that some other factors aside from supply and demand may contribute this year to the high price of tobacco, but I doubt it. Any reduction com