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## Sub-zero temperatures slow local businesses



**Vaughn home burns** The county and city fire departments answered the Vaughn, West Main, Sunday. Firemen are pictured 3 p.m. call to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Vaughn, battling the blaze under the heavy smoke.

Nicholas County received the winter's first sub-zero temperature Saturday night and Sunday morning, along with blowing wind and falling snow. The three inches of snow fell adding to the three or four inches already on the ground.

Temperatures plummeted to 20 below in the city reported, and in one section of the county it was reported to be 14 below with a wind chill factor of minus 17. The high Sunday was only 14 below. Monday's low was 11 below with a negative wind chill factor.

Firefighters battled blazes which completely destroyed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Vaughn on West Main Sunday afternoon. Cause of the fire was unknown but it originated in the attic. Additionally, Mrs. Vaughn had to be taken to the Nicholas County Hospital when she fell and broke her arm upon leaving the home.

Tommy Crawford, a city fireman, was also admitted to the hospital for smoke inhalation.

The National Weather Service advised people venturing outdoors to dress warmly, putting on several layers of clothing, and that exposed flesh could freeze in minutes.

Reported wind chill factors across the state were: Covington 40, Lexington 30, Bowling Green 40, Louisville 20.

The coldest temperature ever was recorded in Nashville, Tenn. Sunday and Monday with 17 degrees below zero.

Jim Merrill, a weather service meteorologist in Jackson, reported Monday the only thing that compares with what Christmas in 1961, when it was 21 below, but this was more because of everything with the snow and severe cold.

About 17,000 people were without power for several hours Monday in Floyd, Johnson, Martin, Magoffin and Lawrence counties in Eastern Kentucky. Outages were also reported in other cities including Lexington, Frankfort, LaGrange, Williamsonburg and Morgantown.



**Identification help still sought** Mrs. A. Shankland Krebs of St. Petersburg, Fl. was able to identify some of the World War II group pictured in the January 10 issue of the Mercury. She is sure the man with cap sitting on the top step in front of the door is James Kash Shankland, her brother. Others are: Martin McCann, Earl Seommons, Jesse Vize, Luther Ruffin, Albert Hamilton, Edwyn Harmon, Samuel Workins, Jimmy McCracken and Herman Shorrock. Can someone else help with identification?

## County fires

Four fires were reported during the period January 23-24.

On January 23 the home of Danny Samspey, 13 miles out on U.S. 60, received minor damage to the chimney due to a propane heating.

David Wade's home in Section A, Lake Carbon, suffered major damage to house and contents Friday, Jan. 18. The fire started in a refrigerator in the back part of the house. Cause is unknown.

A house owned by Nelson Rymann and occupied by the Shady Grove family was destroyed along with contents, Sunday, Jan. 20. Cause of the fire is unknown.

Also on Jan. 20 the fire department was called to the home of Roberts Austin, Mountain Road. No damage resulted from a fire in the chimney due to a wood burning.

The cold weather caused cancellation of several Sunday church services. Schools were closed Monday and Tuesday along with several businesses. Blue Grass Industries and Knitting also closed.

Sharpsburg Water District customers in the Mountain section of the county were out of water Sunday and Monday due to the freezing and bursting of the water pump.

Statewide and throughout the midwest, as well as southern and eastern sections of the nation, below zero temperatures, blowing winds and snow were reported over the weekend and Monday and Tuesday of this week.

The cold front which swept down from Canada, and nicknamed "the Alberta Clipper," has been blamed for the



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## Insurance proof is now required

Sally Watkins, Circuit Clerk, reports the following information she has received from the commissioner of Driveability Insurance, Frankfort, concerning liability insurance for motor vehicles.

Effective Jan. 1, 1985, vehicles used in the driving performance test must be accompanied by the written proof of motor vehicle insurance document entitled, Commonwealth of Kentucky Proof of Insurance. The insurance policy must be a binder issued by an agent representing the insurance company showing that insurance is in force on the date presented.

Unrepaired insurance stickers shall no longer be adequate proof of insurance.

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## Gov. Collins stresses need for better schools, but not at taxpayers' expense

Governor Martha Layne Collins said Friday that her administration will try to finance school improvements from existing revenues, and that her goal is not to increase taxes.

"Friday's comments on low education returns should be paid for were her most revealing on the subject since last year's legislative session.

Collins told more than 200 people at the winter meeting of the Kentucky Press Association's newspaper editors in Lexington that public discussion on school improvements should focus on the need for reforms and not on how they should be paid for.

"For now, the public discussion must focus on, first, the need for better schools as we can expect better jobs, and second, on the programs that will improve academic achievement," the governor said.

"Unfortunately, there is already a belief among many Kentuckians that a general tax increase is uppermost in my mind.

"But let me assure you. The goal of the Collins administration is not to raise taxes," said Collins, who appointed herself education secretary recently. The goal of the Collins administration is to improve education and thereby strengthen our economy."

The governor stated that the state has a variety of options to explore in an effort to come up with the money that she plans to allocate for education.

"For example, the combination of a modest surplus, sustained economic growth and a shifting of priorities in spending might make available a substantial amount."

She did not elaborate.

## Phillips reports on forage production

By Mike Phillips, County Extension Agent for Agriculture

Will 1985 be remembered as the year of change in agriculture?

Having attended the State Forage Meeting recently held in Berea, it was interesting to note that Kentucky falls short of producing enough alfalfa to meet its own needs. This short fall is approximately 300,000 tons annually. In a recent survey conducted by the University of Kentucky, of those farms purchasing alfalfa and other hay, most of those people indicated they would be willing to purchase hay from local sources if it was available.

The survey also pointed out that not everyone wants straight alfalfa. Some farmers wanted a mixed hay of either alfalfa and orchard grass or alfalfa/clover. Of those wanting a mixed hay, the preference was for a 20:80 alfalfa/clover mix. Clover is also in high demand.

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