

Willaita News

By Carol Martin

Word was received here on Sunday of the death of Lester Thompson. He died at the age of 91 on Saturday, November 18th in Ohio.

Mrs. Sally Brown returned home from St. Joseph Hospital on Sunday. She is feeling some better.

Mrs. Freda Stevens of the Elrod community visited Mrs. Mary Jane Randolph one day recently.

Mrs. Juanita McLargue of Greenwood, Indiana spent the weekend with her father, Jim Stevens.

Kecley Goff celebrated her 5th birthday on Friday, November 17th with a party at her home. Kecley is the daughter of Keith and Jennifer Goff.

Mrs. Billie June Burton of Mason,

Ohio were here last week to be with her mother, Mrs. Cola Grace Wilson, who was hospitalized at Rockcastle Hospital.

Saturday night supper guests of Marie Goff were Larry Goff, Greg and Anna Goff and daughter, Savannah of Mt. Vernon; Ronnie Goff of Richmond; Juanita McLargue of Greenwood, Indiana; Ray and Betty Lou Richards of Somerset; Kevin Goff and daughter, Jessica of Crab Orchard; Jason and Amanda Goff and daughter, Kayla; Keith and Jennifer Goff and children, Keifer, Kecley and Taylor Clouse; Diana Sizemore; Eddy Lacy and Jeffery Angel of Brodhead.

What you have to be thankful for...

Submitted By Freda Warf

Take a few minutes to think about what you have to be thankful for.

How's your health? Not so good? Well, thank God you've lived this long. A lot of people haven't. You're hurting? Thousands - maybe millions - are hurting more. Have you ever visited a Veteran's hospital? Or a rehabilitation clinic for crippled children?

If you awakened this morning and were able to hear the birds sing, use your vocal cords to utter human sounds, walk to the breakfast table and read the newspaper, praise the Lord! A lot of people couldn't.

How's your pocketbook? Thin? Well, most of the world is a lot poorer. No pensions. No welfare. No food stamps. No Social Security. In fact, one-third of the people in the world will go to bed hungry tonight.

Are you lonely? The way to have a friend is to be one. If nobody calls you, call someone. Go out of your way to do something nice for somebody. It's a sure cure for the blues. Are you concerned about your

country's future? Hooray! Our system has been saved by such concern - concern for fair play under the law. Your country may not be a rose garden, but it also is not a patch of weeds. Freedom rings! Look and listen. You can still worship at the church of your choice, cast a secret ballot, and even criticize your government without fearing a knock on the head or a knock on the door at midnight. And if you want to live under a different system, you are free to go. There are no walls or fences - nothing to keep you here.

As a final thought, I'll repeat my Thanksgiving prayer: perhaps you will want to use it at your table today. Oh, heavenly Father,

We thank thee for food and remember the hungry. We thank thee for friends and remember the friendless.

We thank thee for freedom and remember the enslaved. May these remembrances stir us to service,

that they gifts to us may be used for others. Amen.



Bryan and Kristi Hansel would like to announce the birth of their son, Jacob Grant Hansel. Jacob was born November 3, 2000 at Partin A. Clay Hospital. He weighed 7 lbs. 2 ozs. and was 19 1/4 inches long. Jacob was welcomed home by big sister, Brianna. Proud grandparents are Virgie and Harold Kelley and Sherry and Garry Hansel. Great grandparents are Bertie Kelley and Inez Hansel.



Hi, my name is Eric Wayne Simpson. I celebrated my third birthday November 9 with a Scooby Doo party with all my friends and family. My dad and mom are Kerry and Ruth Simpson of Brodhead. My grandparents are Lola Harrison and Wayne Harrison of Brodhead and Bobby and Shirley Simpson of Crab Orchard. My great grandparents are Everett and Agnes Harrison of Brodhead and Viola Noakes of Crab Orchard. Thanks everyone for coming.

Church News

Christmas Bazaar

Mt. Vernon Church of God will be having a Christmas Bazaar, Craft and Bake Sale Dec. 2nd from 9 to 4. Lots of handmade items, food and baked goods. Everyone invited.

Singing

Rose Hill Church Lamb of God Ministry's Bro. Kenneth Carroll invites everyone to a gospel singing Saturday night Nov. 25th at 7 p.m. at the Rose Hill Church, Out Old Brodhead Rd., turn onto Rose Hill, watch for signs. Singers will be "The New Faith Singers" and anyone else that wants to come and sing expecting a pouring out of the Holy Ghost. Come fellowship with us.

Community Thanksgiving Service

Community Thanksgiving Service, Wednesday, November 22nd at 7 p.m. in auditorium of First Christian Church, 160 West Main St., Mt. Vernon.

Youth Explosion

Lighthouse Assembly of God presents Youth Explosion, the youth group will be leading a service of praise and worship. New Frontier: Praise Music: Shalanta Nicely & Skit Team: Skits: Jacob and Jarrod Burdette. Word of God, December 9th from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. The church is located at the first right past Jean's Restaurant. Pastor Gene Cassman and Youth Director Rick Nicely invite everyone to attend.

Revival

Cupps Chapel Holiness Church will be in revival Dec. 1st, 2nd and 3rd at 7 p.m. with Evangelist Scott Kilburn. Pastor Duayne Carpenter and church welcomes everyone.

Benefit Singing

Cupps Chapel Holiness Church will have a benefit singing Dec. 9th at 7 p.m. with Salvation and Family Circle. Everyone welcome.

Shelter donations needed for Fairview Centry

We are in the process of building a shelter at the Fairview Cemetery at Mullins Station. Anyone wishing to give to this cause may do so by sending your donation, checks please, to:

Mr. Billy R. Cummins
215 Joyce St.
Mt. Vernon, KY 40456
(606) 256-4902

As most know by now the church building is gone and in case of bad weather there is no shelter. We can't always depend on tents. The shelter can be used for family get togethers, etc. We must remember our loved ones gone on before by continuing to have the Mullins Reunions for the upkeep of the cemetery.

Prayer for the Autumn Years

Submitted By Freda Warf

Lord, now that I've reached my autumn years and my pace is considerably slower, please don't let me become pessimistic and wither on the vine. Remind me that (if it's Your will) I have miles of journey left, and I need to give it my very best.

Thanks to the sweet memories of springs and summers lived, but don't let me dwell on the past and neglect the present. Help me to welcome life's challenges and make new memories daily.

Steer me away from self-pity. Help me to understand that life may be more difficult from now on. Remind me daily that all things work together for my good, to be thankful for every blessing, and that You're in charge instead of me.

Wrinkles covered my face when I wasn't looking. Don't let them creep into my heart, for there I feel young and able to move mountains. Increase my faith in Your goodness and mercy. Give me a deeper love for You and others, and the desire to make what's left of my life count in Your service.

Though mature in years, I still have lots to learn. Help me with priorities Lord. Give me the courage to say "no" to things that serve no useful purpose, and "yes" when You think it best.

I know years won't make me old, but my attitude will. Let the fruits of the Spirit be the framework for my life in days to come. Help me to be optimistic, keep a childlike sense of wonder, and welcome each new day with thanksgiving.

Remind me, in this autumn season of my life, that as long as I walk hand-in-hand with You, my age is a most wonderful age to be.

70th Birthday Celebrated

Irene Ball Longworth, daughter of the late James L. and Margie L. Ball, of Paris, celebrated her 70th birthday on October 12, 2000 with family and friends at a Mountain Retreat in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. Those helping her celebrate included her daughter, Nancy Ann of

Columbus, Ohio; her sisters, Barbara McCracken of Knoxville, Tennessee, Linda Setters of Independence, Mo., Betty Haskamp of Ft. Wright, Rose Chinn of Walton and Patty Rich of Walton; her sister-in-law, Barbara Ann Ball of Independence, along with nieces and friends.

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