

From Long Ago

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WINGSTON NEWS

J. A. Mullins, of LaFollett, Tenn., is in town for a few days. Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Westerfield are rejoicing over their visitor, a fine girl who arrived Easter morning. Mr. J. J. Lemmons is visiting in Louisville this week. Mr. Mary Morris, of Campbellsville, is with her sister, Mrs. E. M. Westerfield. The children of the Baptist Sunday school were given a pleasant afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Lemmons Sunday. The chief attraction was an Easter egg hunt. Mrs. Mahala Carson is visiting in Jellico, Tenn. for a few weeks. The good people of Livingston had the pleasure of attending Easter services at the Presbyterian Church Sunday, conducted by Dr. Lapsey of Danville. He has the distinction of being the oldest Presbyterian minister in the state. He is ninety years of age and has been a minister 67 years. Mr. Geo. Baker, of Mt. Vernon was in our midst Monday and Tuesday. Messrs H. L. Terrill, W. H. Harris and A. H. Chambers of Paris are among the visiting fishermen this week. Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Johnson will go to house keeping next week. They have rented the house adjoining Dr. Childers' drug store. W. W. Wright and family have taken rooms at the Eight Gables for the summer. Their daughter, Miss Cora, will go to Parkville where she will attend a private school. - Claud Linville, of Paris, Jesse Napier, of Covington, are among the fishermen registered at Eight Gables. - Miss Georgia McFerron was visiting in Mt. Vernon first of the week. - Our Junior Order went to London Monday with their degree train. - Chief Engineer W. H. Courtney, Supt W. H. Anderson, Supt Bridges H. Stamler, Road Master Thos. Walker and Assistant Master of Trains E. Marks were in Louisville Monday night leaving at 7 A.M. Tuesday in Mr. Courtney's private car for a tour of inspection on the new work between here and Corbin. - The boys are catching some nice fish now. They report catching bass and salmon weighing from one to five pounds. - Thos. Deeks, who has been quite sick for several weeks, is much improved at this writing. - W.

H. Fisher, of Louisville came out Wednesday night to try his hand at fishing for a week. There were two or three others with him, but we did not learn their names. Judge Sambock led the prayer meeting at the Christian church Wednesday evening and will also lead our Endeavor services Sunday evening. The public is cordially invited to come out and take part in this good work.

BROADHEAD NEWS

Roscoe Pike, of Louisville is at home for a few days. - Miss Emma Jones of Heidelberg is visiting Miss Eliza Pike. - We regret very much to have to report the disastrous fire that destroyed C. H. Fritz's general store and Dr. W. F. Carters drug store. The origin of the fire is unknown. - Miss Mattie McCannett came out Monday night in honor of Miss Flora Whitehouse, of Lebanon Junction. - M. B. Bowling and Dick Albright were in London Sunday to see two of her girls. - Miss Jewell Francisco entertained quite a few of her friends Wednesday night. - N. Giles Carter, of Friendsville, Tenn., was here Wednesday to see his brother, Dr. W. F. Carter. - Born to the wife of Amos Smith an eight pound son. Mother and son doing well.

LEVEL GREEN NEWS

Mr. Enoch Hammock is reported no better at present. - Charles Lathrop and a Mr. Hayes passed through Level Green Tuesday with a nice drove of hogs. The stock buyers seem to be scraping up every sand splitter hog and scrub calf they can find. Dr. G. C. Price is at home from Louisville where he has been attending the Medical College. - G. W. Sheil had a fine horse drop dead in the wagon last week. - The Sunday school is progressing nicely at Old Friendship church. - Misses Fanny and Lara McConney visited Mr. and Mrs. Debor Sunday. - Dad Hatcher has a position with the R. R. Co. at Lebanon Junction. - The eldest son of Jim Payne near Wabed has a severe attack of pneumonia. - The wet weather has put the farmers behind some but they will come to the front if it stays fair for a few days. - W. F. Debor is preparing to plant corn. He has been harrowing this week. - Victor Price has returned from Clarence where he has been attending school. The school closed last Friday.

COVE NEWS

The prospect for fruit is good in this locality. - Mrs. E. S. Owens who has been very sick, has recovered. - Misses Geo. Fields and Minnie McConney were the guests of Mr. Minnie Riddle Sunday last. - The Bible reading at this place is progressing nicely. - Mrs. S. T. Bryant,

of Orlando, was visiting the family of Sam-Bryant first of the week. - Ambrose Rodes of near Orlando, has been quite sick for several days. - Sam Mullins and little sister, Edw. of Wabed, were visiting their grandfather, W. H. Proctor, last week. - Rev. Green Fish led his regular appointment at Buckeye Sunday last. - Messrs James and Ed Bullock were called to Shages Creek Friday on account of the death of their sister, Mrs. Andy Robins.

PERSONAL NEWS

R. P. Norton is reported very sick. - Dr. Dyche spent Sunday with homefolks at London. - Mrs. Mollie Miller was in Louisville this week shopping. - J. J. Lawrence, night agent, is taking a few days vacation. - W. H. Rich, of Andrews, is reported in a very serious condition. - Dr. W. D. Laswell has moved from Orlando and is located at Wildie. - Miss Georgia McFerron visited relatives here Saturday. - Miss Best Sparks stopped here for a short visit from her trip from Florida. - David Stokes and sons were here from Jellico to meet Dr. G. B. Lawrence Tuesday. - Frank Meyers has returned to work at Lebanon Junction after two weeks at the sick list. - Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Cox have gone to house keeping in the W. T. Smith residence recently purchased by Mr. Cox. - Wheeler Meadows and Jim Nichols, L. & N. Brakenham, spent Sunday night here as the guests of the family of J. T. Meadows. - Mrs. W. H. Carmical and children, have returned from a several days visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Sams near Livingston. - J. J. McCall, the Hazel Patch merchant, was here Wednesday. - "Jop" says the hard times have struck Hazel Patch in full force and effect. - Mrs. M. C. Williams, of Somerset is visiting relatives at Stanford this week. She will be on the sick list. - Mrs. M. C. Williams, of Somerset is visiting relatives at Stanford this week. She will be on the sick list. - Mrs. M. C. Williams, of Somerset is visiting relatives at Stanford this week. She will be on the sick list.

W. H. Fish has been chosen as representative of the Mt. Vernon Camp of the M. W. of A. to the state Convention which meets at Owensboro next month. A good selection. - Mrs. J. R. Rider spent several days in Louisville this week. She will also spend a few days with Mr. Rider at Gallatin, Tenn. before returning home. Mr. Rider has a position traveling in that state. - Dr. J. F. Baugh had a very narrow escape Tuesday from what might have been a serious injury. She will be on the sick list. - Mrs. M. C. Williams, of Somerset is visiting relatives at Stanford this week. She will be on the sick list. - Mrs. M. C. Williams, of Somerset is visiting relatives at Stanford this week. She will be on the sick list.

OTTAWA NEWS

McBarnes and family of Broadhead spent Easter with Mr. S. T. Proctor and family. - The wheat crop is looking fine in this section. - A series of meetings conducted by Rev. Phelps at Union Hill closed Sunday. - Bringing their spring and all wet weather, has caused the farmers to get badly behind in their work. - Dr. Elijah Wallen is still on the matrimonial list and wedding bells are expected to ring soon. - S. T. Proctor, one of our bustling mechanics who is doing some carpenter work at Mt. Vernon, was with homefolks Saturday and Sunday. - Spring has come again and leaves and flowers are putting forth and it is causing the little birds to sing sweet songs which makes things pleasing to the ear. - Mrs. Mary J. Brown has sold her

stock of millinery to Mrs. Eva Brown. - Laswell and Son have their saw and grist-mill up in running order and all that is lacking is the grain. - Tart Proctor visited his son-in-law, Eugene Rogers of Small last week. - Mr. and Mrs. Ransom Brown, Jr. visited relatives at Krueger Saturday and Sunday. - Prospects for fruit is very encouraging in this part. - J. H. Johnson was in Broadhead Saturday on business. - Mrs. Mary J. Brown is numbered among the sick at this issue. - Rev. John Elder will preach at Providence Sunday morning. - J. S. Cash, our bustling merchant, is having a splendid trade. - Daniel Brown, Sec. to James Brown of near Bee Lick a call for \$9.

LOCAL NEWS

We are glad to see to our readers that Mr. Henry Beatty, of Walnut Grove has decided to move his flour mill to Mt. Vernon and was here Saturday to have plans for his building and to place his order for lumber. The mill will be located just in back of W. M. Poynter's store. - Information has just been received here of the death of James M. Merit, in Colorado. He was a brother of Alva Merit, of Wildie and a cousin of James Merit, our townsman. Mr. Merit left this country 35 years ago and spent his life among the mines of the various Western states. - FOR SALE: Rhode Island red cockerels and pullets, also eggs at \$1.00 per setting. - Mallard duck eggs \$1.00 per setting. - ICE CREAM PARLOR, open from 12 to 11 P.M. on Tuesday, Thursdays and Saturdays. Also open all day Sunday. Bring your sweetmeats and come and enjoy the Ice cream and cake made by Mrs. Wilmoth Four and daughters. Will also make cream in larger quantities when ordered. - M. F. Foure, Livingston, Ky. - There arrived a nine pound girl at Geier Fain's, at Pine Hill, Wednesday. - The construction force of the East Tennessee Telephone Company, has reached a point this side of Broadhead in setting poles from Crab Orchard to Mt. Vernon.

"Sweet n' Sour"

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had to go to the "out house" in snow or rain to use the pot.

For me the worst thing about it was there was not room for two of us to use that one hole at the same time. We two older girls had always gone to the outside toilet together. That was where we could talk, titter about funny things, complain about too much work or the mean tricks our brothers played on us. I guess that was where and when I learned what a wonderful sister I had. My big sister, Polla, giggled as she taught me how to pull up my drawers over the long underwear we had to wear till the first day of May. And how to keep my long stockings up over the same long underwear. Her caring and always ready guide made everything easier. The sound of her voice, especially when she was singing, could calm a fretting child or charm a fussing bunch of siblings into order. We all loved her dearly and obeyed her every wish.

Now that we were big girls we enjoyed the new found privacy of being alone when we undressed and bathed. Mom had not been well since Katie was born so Polla was big sister and mother to the rest of us and I was second mate. A few short years

later Polla got married and I grew up. Dad got a promotion and again the family moved, this time to Cincinnati, Ohio. Other chapters in my life were yet to come.

I finally met and chose the man I would love honor and fuss with till death do us part, as it did in 1983. Madison S. Graves, "Mad" was born and bred in Kentucky and as most everyone knows, any one who has ever had their feet dirtied with Kentucky soil can never be free of it, so when Judy, our first born, was five months old we loaded up an old Ford truck and headed for, what is known by all those who tried city life for awhile, HOME. To Mat it meant Buffalo, in Rockcastle County. To me it meant a strange new place to make a home, raise a family and learn how to make do with things I had never dreamed of before. When one pioneers an area in what to me was a wilderness, there are none of the things one believed to be necessary. Water had to be located from what would later be called the spring, then carried to the house in a bucket. The tumbling down log cabin had to be emptied of the collection of filth left by stragglers passing by and cleaned before we could even put a bed to sleep in. And there certainly was no "necessary room" out house, or toilet to be found anywhere. But there was space aplenty under the bushes. To my amazement many of the local people were still in that phase of living.

We built our house that summer and moved into it. It took awhile, before, and with the help of my brother, Bud, visiting from Ohio, we had a little "necessary room," built with a bench, two holes and a door for privacy. It also had a rack for toilet paper and space for a Sears catalog, if and when needed. I felt like I had stepped up one rung of the ladder to a more civilized life-style. Since we were now living in the new house we built from scratch and a necessary room at the end of the path

Thursday, August 16, 2001 Pg. A7 leading past a clump of bushes that would soon be cleared for a garden. I had another goal, a bathroom. But first we must build the electric company into getting lines to the farm, a well drilled to furnish more water and money to do it all with. With some coaxing and explaining the need for electric we got it and not only for us, but for the whole community. I got a job so the well was drilled. First thing was a water line to the wash house and we had a shower installed. About thirty years later when Mat was building an addition to the house we finally had a bathroom. My goal had been reached.

The old toilet, out house, or necessary room, built 50 years ago, along with memories of earlier days when it was a blessing to me but dreaded by those who had never used or seen one before has long been gone, but not forgotten.

So to the house, in its place is a pile of ashes covering the memories and heartbreak of the family born and raised under the roof that sheltered them all their life.

Now there is a new "John" in almost the same place as the old toilet and still serving the same purpose. Church and Polla built it when they turned the wash house into a room for their use when they want to get away from the lights and confusion in town. They spend few nights a week there when they can sit on the porch and listen to the night birds go to bed, watch the humming birds feed and fireflies flicker their lights on and off over the fields.

The renovation of wash house has electricity for things that need it, but because of regulations not allowing water piped in the house till the septic tank was rebuilt they still carry water from the well and use the "john" or "necessary room" out back. It is located at the end of a well worn path, in the shade of young trees that frame it with a glorious mixture of color when the cool breezes of autumn blow the summer sun away.

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Dr. Bernard Moynahan III
would like to welcome
Dr. Indira Moodumane
to Rockcastle County
Dr. Indira Moodumane has joined Dr. Bernard Moynahan III practicing in Pediatrics. Her special interests include: Neonatal Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine. Dr. Moodumane, a native of India, received her Doctor of Medicine at University of Medicine in India, completed her Pediatric Residency at Beth Israel Medical Center Albert Einstein College of Medicine, New York, N.Y., and a fellowship in Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine SUNY HSC at Brooklyn, N.Y. She is a Board Certified Pediatrician. Her practice is located at 27 S. Main St. in Broadhead. Dr. Moodumane and her husband, Dr. Sath Mysore, Cardiac Anesthesiologist, have one daughter, Neha. They will be residing in London, Ky. Dr. Moodumane will be accepting new patients starting August 15, 2001. Beginning August 6, 2001, if you would like to make an appointment, or have any questions, please call 606-753-4606.
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The Rockcastle Kiwanis Department will be offering FREE classes to help people stop smoking. The classes are one hour once a week for 12 weeks and have a high rate of success. Classes will begin mid-September and at a time determined based on convenience for participants. If interested, please call the health department at 256-2242.

Bookmobile Schedule
Mon., Aug. 20th: Calloway, Red Hill, Livingston, Lamoine, Pine Hill, Tues., Aug. 21st: Maple Grove, Orlando, Climax, Three Links, Wed., Aug. 22nd: Spiro, Level Green, Williford.

Weight Watchers
Come join us at Weight Watchers! Meetings are every Monday night. Weight-in begins at 5:30 p.m. and the meetings begin at 6:00 p.m. Meetings are at Rockcastle Hospital and Respiratory Care Center in the basement (LPN Classroom).

Fish Fry
Catersville Ruritan Fish Fry, all you can eat, August 18th: Adults \$6, children, \$3. Catersville Ruritan Park, Hamons Lick Rd., 1/4 mile off Hwy. 954, 4 to 8 p.m. Everyone welcome.

Indian Tribe
Trail of Tears, Kentucky Indian Tribe meets the 2nd Saturday night of each month at 4 p.m. at former R.J.'s Bakery in Broadhead.

Free Class
Quilted "New" Tote, August 24, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Extension Office. Call for materials list: 256-2403. Quilted Mini-Wallet, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at the Extension Office. Call 256-2403 for materials list.

VA Rep
VA Rep. Homer Vanover, will be at the Rockcastle Courthouse first Tuesday of each month behind Judge's office. Call 1-877-773-7747.

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