A Way Back In The Record

125 YEARS AGO **DECEMBER 13, 1900**

- A Washington special says Representative Gilbert has introduced a bill to pay the estate of Jacob Robinson, of Gilbert's Creek, \$840 for damages caused by the Union army during the civil
- · Miss Katharine Moore closed a very successful school at Rice Academy, December 7th. Miss Hannah Aldridge received the highest average, 99-1/2. Those receiving the most headmarks in the spelling classes were No. 1. Thaddie Aldridge 25: No. 2. Charles Thomas 23; No. 3, Lee Perkins, 17. No prizes were offered, yet Miss Moore awarded those who had been regular in attendance, with a nice book.
- · Rice Ross says he is the father of twenty-four children, twelve of them died in one year.
- Messrs Tom Palmer and Jas Clark have bought in the neighborhood of 100,000 pounds of tobacco. They have two barns in town, one at Point Leavell and one at Paint Lick. They have paid from two to six cents.
- The office of the famous old Mason Hotel has been undergoing improvements and is now as cozy and neat as any office in this section of the state. A steel ceiling has been put on, the walls papered, a new floor put down and all the wood work painted. Everyone who stops there compliments Mrs. Simpson's table, and it justly merits it.
- Next Thursday morning, promptly at eight o'clock, Mr. John M. Farr and Miss Jennie Burnside will be married at the home of the bride's parents, near Hiattsville, this county. The ceremony will be said by Rev. H. N. Faulconer, who will come from his home in Ohio for that purpose. Immediately after the ceremony, they will be driven to Danville, where they take the Queen & Crescent through train for Atlanta. They will spend a few days there, and probably visit other points of interest before returning to Lancaster.

120 YEARS AGO **DECEMBER 15, 1905**

- Mr. and Mrs. Roy Beazley are receiving congratulations upon the arrival of a girl baby, also Mr. and Mrs. Hamm are rejoicing over their first girl.
- Sunday morning, while Robinson and Val, the two handsome little sons of Mr. and Mrs. W.R. Cook were playing about the family room, Val, the younger brother, climbed to a shelf in a press and knocked to the floor a large old revolver which had been here for some years. The weapon was discharged, the ball striking Robinson in the eye, completely destroying the eyeball. Drs. Kinnaird and Burnett were quickly summoned and gave the child every relief possible. It was then decided to take him to a Louisville infirmary, and this was done Monday morning. A letter from that institutes says the little fellow is getting along nicely, and, aside from the loss of the eye, will fully recover.
- Miss Bessie O. Marksbury and Dr. James Staughton, of Covington, were married at the home of the bride's brother-in-law. Louis Landram, in this city, yesterday evening at 8:30 o'clock, Rev. C.S. Ellis, pastor of the Baptist Church, performing the ceremony. The young couple were to have been married early in the fall, but the illness of her father prevented. Owing to the serious condition of Mr. Marksbury, the wedding was a very quiet one, only the immediate family being present. The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. A.B. Marksbury, and the groom a practicing physician of Covington.
- Mr. J.R. Mount, who was injured some months ago in stepping from the morning passenger train, was given a verdict of four

- hundred dollars in the circuit court Saturday. The case was stubbornly fought by both sides, and an appeal will be taken by the railroad people. The road's local attorney Lewis L. Walker, was assisted by Mr. Shelby of Lexington. The suit was brought by Attorney's Joe E.
- Robinson and Robt. Harding. • Mr. J. Wade Walker, one of Garrard's most popular and prominent farmers, showed The Record a circular letter in regard to the recent attempt upon a number of Growers of White Burley Tobacco to perfect an organization and receive better prices for the crop. All the financial arrangements were completed, but many of the growers failed to sign up contracts and, when success was right in the grasp, the plan had to be abandoned for no other reason but the failure of these growers to join hands with their brother growers and thus receive better prices. The plan had abundant backing, men were sent into every nook and corner of the burley district and the plan fully explained, but some growers sat idly by, folder their hands and caused the plan to fail. Now, Mr. Burley Grower has no one to blame but himself. The proposition was so put that the grower had nothing to risk and everything to gain, as it did not interfere with or delay the regular movement of the crop. Unless all the growers united, the fight would have been useless, so it was determined after due deliberation, to throw up the sponge. As stated above, the farmers had success in their grasp, and the failure of the plan lies entirely with the individual growers, and not the promoters.

110 YEARS AGO **DECEMBER 16, 1915**

- · At the age of sixteen a girl imagines the average man is all soul, but at the age of thirty she knows he is mostly stomach.
- · McCullon Ison went to Lancaster one morning last week to meet the early train when his horse which was hitched near by became frightened at the train and ran never stopping until it got to the gate at home. Mr. Ison was about half a day getting the harness together. The buggy was beyond repair.
- The residence of Mrs. Isaac Hamilton, on Maple Avenue, caught fire from an over heated grate, last Monday evening, entailing a loss of several hundred dollars before the blaze was extinguished. The fire originated in the room of Mr. W. B. Burton, whose loss is nominal, with no insurance. Mrs. Hamilton's loss is several hundred dollars, which was covered by insurance.
- · One of the most beautiful drug stores of Central Kentucky is that of Mr. John E. Stormes, in this city. Where this beautiful and up-todate store stands has been known as the "Stormes Corner" for over fifty years. Mr. C. C. Stormes the father of our druggist had a drug store on this spot before the war and when John was a small boy he changed the style of the firm from C. C. Stormes to C. C. and J.E. Stormes. In loyalty and in memory of a devoted father that is the name of the firm today.

Many changes have taken place in our little town in all these years, and this drug store, who never changing its name, has changed in every other way, for it has always kept abreast of the times. First it was enlarged, then beautiful windows put in, then a handsome soda fountain, only recently it was redecorated by a city artist and a mezzanine floor placed in it, where you can have Coca Cola, soda water, ice cream, hot chocolate, bouillon and sandwiches far above the noisy crowd, where you can see and not be seen as it were. Where you can eat, drink and be merry in the most private way imaginable. Mr. Stormes with a heart and mind always alive to progress has made joy forever.

- The fact that there will be no marrying in Heaven isn't worrying a lot of men. They would like to have some assurance that there will be no borrowing there.
- · The price of gasoline is steadily advancing, and the owners of automobiles will soon be compelled to put a second mortgage on the machine in order to get the juice.
- · We were in error when we stated in our last issue that the contract for the soil investigation has been awarded to Mr. Horace Herndon, when in fact Mr. J. A. Beazley secured this contract, his bid being about ten dollars less than that of Mr. Herndon's.
- A letter from Congressman Helm states that we are to get this building and that plans and specification will be prepared in a few weeks. The assistant treasurer having authorized \$5,000 to begin the work.

80 YEARS AGO

- **DECEMBER 13, 1945** An increase of \$231,864 in accessed valuation of property in Garrard County both real and personal is shown in the first recapitulation made for the 1946 tax levy sent to Frankfort by Walter C. Cox, commissioner.
- · For the benefit of helping finance the recreation hall the Lancaster Christian Church young peoples group assisted by other young people in the community will sing carols again this year. A group of carolers will be sung at each home that has a candle placed in the window it was an-
- · James R. Adams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kearny Adams., was featured in a picture of Roto magazine section of the Courier Journal Sunday. Adams at the time the photograph was taken was a student of Shrivenham American University, operated by the Army. He is shown receiving a Bronze Star from Brig. Gen. Claude Mc-Thiele, school commandant and a native of Danville.
- · The wedding of Mrs. Helen Wesley King, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Moore, Danville, and James Roderk Swope, son of Mr. and Mrs. Swope of Garrard County was solemnized at 12:15 o'clock Thursday afternoon in the study of the Centenary Methodist Church in Danville, with Dr. Adolphus Gilliam officiating in the presence of the immediate families. The bride is a graduate of Perryville High School and attended the University of Kentucky. The groom is a graduate of Camp Dick Robinson High School and is engaged in farming.

60 YEARS AGO DECEMBER 9, 1965

- · Obituaries: Chad Allman Watkins, infant; Porter P. DeShon, 76; Ella Mae York Bolton, 38: George McKinney, 81; Mike Owsley Kennedy, 92.
- The Christmas decorations have been erected here in Lancaster and with the weather taking on aspects of winter very quickly, one realized that the time is fast approaching.

This will be the first time in many, many years that Lancaster has not had a tree in the center of town, however that is the way of progress; new streets do not allow for the space needed for the tree, thus progress both helps and hurts, affecting various things in various ways.

• Two Garrard County girls at Eastern State College will appear in the college choir's presentation of Handel's "Messiah," to be given in Brock Auditorium, Sunday and Monday, December 12th and 13th at 8 p.m.

Miss Norman Vanover and Miss Donna Oakes are both sophomore at Eastern.

· Garrard County started their winning ways last Friday then they defeated Somerset 62-54. Tuesday they came right back with a thrilling victory over arch rival Stanford by the score of 67-66. Garrard County's over all record is

a beautiful and bright spot in Lancaster that we feel sure will be a

The scoring for two games were as follows: Kenny Hurt, 51 points; Wayland Long, 26; Terry Tatum, 18; Robert Campbell, 26, with Paul Withers, Jr. Ross, Dickie Arnold and Chester Kavanaugh rounding out the scoring.

50 YEARS AGO DECEMBER 11, 1975

- · Obituaries: William Carey Simpson, 42; Ada Cornett Finely, 92; Nobel S. Ledford, 81; Arthur Jenkins, 47.
- · The National Bank of Lancaster has completed some of the site preparation and foundation for their new branch facility at 208 Stanford Street.

The branch will allow the National Bank to give better and more convenient service to its customers. There will be two drive-in lanes with capability for expansion to a third land at a later date if need. A drive-by night depository and a walk-in lobby with two tellers stations will also be offered at the new location.

- · Garrard County fell to Casey County at Liberty on Friday December 5, 63-55. The Lions didn't have a good first half but battled gamely in the second half and could have won just as easily as it lost. This loss leaves the Lions winless at Liberty against Casey County. Casey now leads 2-5 in
- Ann Tackett of Richmond, KY didn't know anything was wrong Saturday until the Tennessee Highway Patrol called to say her husband had been capture by armed fugitives.

"It almost scare me to death," said Mrs. Tackett, reached by telephone Saturday night.

Two men, believed by police to have been among eight escapees from the Fayette County Jail, had forced her husband, Floyd, to drive them from Richmond to Knoxville

There, they released him, and Mrs. Ticket said her husband told her by phone what had happened, and reassured her that he was un-

Tackett had driven to work at Bluegrass Hardware in Richmond about 7:30 a.m. Mrs. Tackett said.

"He said he went to the city parking lot on Water Street and was getting out but two men came up with pistols and forced him get back in the car," she said. "He said they drove the car and he just rode."

"When they got to Knoxville, they left him and the car at an exit ramp," she said "He said they told him you're a nice fellow, we're not going to hurt you."

"As soon as they left he got back on the highway and the first car behind him was the Highway Patrol, so he reported it to them,' she said.

Mrs. Tackett said it was about noon when the Highway Patrol called her and later when she spoke with her husband.

Police said the pair apparently commandeered a bus, and a taxicab to get Richmond, forced Tackett to go with them to Knoxville, and took 12:40 p.m. bus from there to Chattanooga.

Mrs. Tackett is the former Ann Rainey of Lancaster.

40 YEARS AGO DECEMBER 12, 1985

- Obituaries: Charles Eddie Buford, 21; Chester Merida, 78; Clarence Merida, 74; Kenneth Carl Morgan, 74; Nora Lee Neikirk Grasham, 64; Robert Lee Cocanougher, 76; Robert Sears, 82; Tinnie L. McCulley, 81; Opal Kitts Brooks. 72: Worth B. Conn.
- · Randy Carrier has been promoted to environmental supervisor for the West Bluegrass District Health Department.
- Bethel Wren, about 80, scared away an intruder who had entered his house and choked him Thursday night.

Authorities said that Wren was asleep when a man entered his home on Pine Hill Road. Wren awoke and saw the burglar and told police the man choked him and then fled the scene after Wren had managed to turn on a

The intruder, who apparently

THE GARRARD CENTRAL RECORD, DECEMBER 11, 2025 - A - 7 planned to burglarize the house entered then house through a rear door. A .22 caliber pistol and a set of tools were taken.

- · Kyle Joseph Ayres was born on November 21, 1985 at Good Samaritan Hospital. Kyle is the son of Sammy and Connie Ayres.
- 1985-86 Lady Lions: Tina Roark, Vicki Helton, Vicki West, Rachelle Broadus, Sharon Helton, Kate Begley, Dawn Hurt, Bridgett Hinds, Kim Norton, Beverly Palmer, Kelly. Compton, Deborah Moss, Donna Combs, Kelly Long, Angie Bryant, Paige Martin and Terri Prewitt. Kenny Hurt is the head coach and Karen Richardson is the assistant coach.
- . The Garrard County Lady Lions kicked off their 1985-896 season with wins over Estill County and Danville.
- · The Garrard County Boys basketball team opened its season with three games played last week. They won two before losing

The season opened at home on Tuesday, December 3rd with the Burgin Bulldogs. In a close one, the Lions prevailed 59-52.

Next up for the Lions was their third appearance in the Ft. Harrods Classic. Garrard had previously been in the tournament in 1980 and 82. Thursday, December 5th, they renewed their old rivalry with Anderson County.

Garrard led throughout much of the game but it took a 15 foot shot by Paul Baker with only one second remaining to give the Lions a 57-56 victory over Anderson County in the first game of the tournament.

From the familiar to the unfamiliar, that was the situation Friday in the semifinals of the Ft. Harrod Classic at Mercer County as the Lions played the Nelson County Cardinals from Bardstown. It was the first basketball meeting between the two. They met on the gridiron here in 1969.

Cold shooting in the first half hurt the Lions chances of winning the game in the second half. The final score was 62-53.

30 YEARS AGO **DECEMBER 21, 1995**

 Obituaries: Hugh H. Marshall, 81; Otis Shepherd, 75; Lester Holton, 90; Junior Ray White, 50; Jesse J. Hiatt, 74; Edith Marie Barnes Rader, 79.

 James Harvey and Carolyn Henderson in October opened Henderson Trailer Sales Inc. in a 72 sq. ft. X 96 sq. ft. pole building built by Amish men.

Carolyn Henderson is in charge of the business while James Harvev who works at ATR is away until he retires in two years. Carolyn, also knows the business well, since they have been in the trailer sale business for about three years. Her father Bill Clark, is very helpful to Carolyn at the business.

· The news may sadden the alumni of Camp Dick Robinson School that the building will be demolished at the end of this school

Demolition is estimated to cost \$135,000, unless more additional asbestos is found.

Architect Larry Schwerin said work will start the day school is out and will take most of the sum-

The new school is due to open Labor Day, 1996. It will accommodate 400 students and have two more classrooms than the old CDR Elementary. · Joe and Betty Montgomery

recently bought Mom Blakeman's Candy Company.

Mom Blakeman's cream pull candy has been on the market since 1961.

· The Garrard County Habitat for Humanity Playhouse (which will be raffled off this Saturday, December 23rd) will make some child's dream come true this Christmas and will later lead to a much bigger dream coming true when enough money is raised to build a real house for a needy family in Garrard County.

The students at the Garrard County Vocational School has lent their talents in building the playhouse and when it comes time to put hammer to nail in building the

actual house, they will be the first to volunteer. Bill Borden's vocational drafting class drew up the plans for the 4

x 6 playhouse and Paul McPherson's vocational carpentry class built it.

20 YEARS AGO **DECEMBER 15, 2005**

- · Obituaries: Robert L. "Bob" Alexander, 79; Christopher Wayne Gastineau, 35; Opal Ballard Lay, 80; Martha Jean Chapman Lowery, 71; Wilma Jean Mayfield, 76: Cora Doolin Simpson, 94; Leymon Patterson "Dick" Turner, 81.
- · Rita Mackin Fox, of Paint Lick, will be signing her two Arcadia Publishing Images of America series books - Garrard County (published August 2005) and Garrard County in World War II (published December 2005) - Friday in Lancaster and Saturday, in Paint Lick.
- · John and Beverly Land celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on December 13th. They were married at Mt. Hebron Baptist Church in Lancaster on December 13, 1980.
- · Maynard and Virginia Lay will quietly celebrate their 55th Wedding Anniversary at their home in Bryantsville. They were married 23 December in Danville, at the home of his parent, the late Arnold Lay and Cleo Lay Courtney. She is the daughter of the late Hewie and Ollie Carpenter.
- · GCHS graduate and Transylvania University junior Kimberly Clark, has been inducted into the Lampas Circle of Omicron Delta
- · For the second year in a row, a local police officer, has won an award for outstanding achievement at the 2005 Governor's Impaired Driving Enforcement Awards ceremony in Lexington.
- Allen Weston, an officer with the Lancaster Police Department won the award in the district's but missed the "top cop" award this time. He came in second place,
- · For a hot place to go for a cool time this winter, drop into PORT4L, your doorway into gaming adventure.

Located in the former Garrard County Health Department building at 104 South Campbell Street, PORT4L has it all - X-BOX 360s, X-BOXs, X-BOX LIVE and PCs.

10 YEARS AGO **DECEMBER 17, 2015**

- · Obituaries: Pauline Dawson, 83; Kenneth Norman Tuggle, 81; Charles "Charlie" Curtis Underwood, 86.
- · Lancaster First Assembly of God was able to take part in a unique holiday event on Su day morning, as they handed out 150 bicycles to area children from Lincoln and Garrard counties.
- · A couple of weeks ago. Chris Whitworth stepped down from the position of Assistant County Attorney, a position he had since Jeff Moss was in office and that he held throughout the first portion of time Mark Metcalf took the role. Last week, Metcalf appointed attorney Josh Howard to fill the role left empty by Whitworth.
- · The newest edition of the Country Diner, now called York's Kitchen, opened more than a month ago and had been booming with business ever since. Last Thursday they celebrated with a ribbon-cutting ceremony held in conjunction with the Garrard County Chamber of Commerce.
- · All-Region Concert Band -Congrats to Cody Sanford - 6th Chair, Trombone; Bradley Dalton - Top Chair, Horn; Anna Kluesener - 11th Chair, Clarinet in the All Regional Symphonic Band. Dalton Smith - 1st Alternate, Trumpet and Emalee Young - Top Chair, Trumpet in the All Regional Concert Band.
- · Bricking on south side of the addition at the Lancaster Grand Theatre started Monday, December 7th, and is expected to be
- completed in two week. · The old apartment house on Stanford Street was torn down last week by the City and the county in a joint effort to make the community a more attractive

place to live.



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