

Childhood dreams diverge from actual ever afters

From Childhood Love to Happy Ever Afters
The April 20, 1933, the News Journal published a short letter from Bernard Harris on the front page of the paper. The letter was not an editorial, but rather a declaration. The bold headline read

WHEN I GET BIG, and I suspect its contents brought smiles to all who read it. Hopefully you will have the same reaction today.

The writer, said: "When I get big I am going to be a doctor. I am going to marry my sweetheart, Ina Elizabeth Sanders, and we are going to live in a beautiful house and make a flower garden. We want to have a little boy and a little girl. I will buy the picture show so Ina can sell tickets and I will take them up at the door."

At the time of this writing, Bernard was 4 years old, and Ina was 3.

And no, the couple did not eventually marry. But it certainly piqued the curiosity of this writer. Who were these two young friends with such lofty ambitions? How did they know each other? And where did life take them?

The Sanders name, along with mention of the "picture show" was a big clue. At the time of young Bernard's letter, Paul Sanders and his wife, Cornelia, were owners and operators of the Alhambra Theater. Ina Elizabeth was the youngest of their three daughters. Perhaps seeing Ina's parents working side by side at the "picture show" seemed like a tradition worth continuing in the eyes of our 4-year-old Romeo.

Bernard's mother was Woodruff Chandler Reiley. While Bernard's father was not from Taylor County, nor does it appear he ever lived here, his mother was the granddaughter of Dr. Woodruff Chandler, known locally as "Tobe" Chandler. Dr. Chandler graduated from the

Louisville Medical College, maintained a medical practice in Taylor County and owned a drug store on the corner of Main and Court Street for 58 years.

Dr. Chandler was married first to Flora Cloyd in 1877. Although the marriage did not last, the couple had a daughter, Lucy, born in 1878. Dr. Chandler married a second time to Sallie Webster in 1888, and when Lucy's mother died in 1890, Lucy moved back in with her father and his new bride, and became very close to her new stepmother.

After a brief marriage to Charles Sanders of Campbellsville, she wed Charles Reiley in 1907, at which time Lucy gave birth to a daughter named Woodruff, after her father.

Reading the 1920's News Journal social columns, we learn that Lucy and her daughter, Woodruff, were frequent visitors in Campbellsville. So much so that according to the 1930 census, the Chandler household consisted of four generations: Dr. Chandler age 77 and Sallie age 62; their daughter Lucy age 48; their granddaughter Woodruff, age 21 and recently divorced, and her newborn, Bernard.

Dr. Chandler died in 1931 and in 1932, Woodruff married Emmet Harris, a salesman from North Carolina. Bernard's name then was changed to Harris. Emmet's job required a lot of travel, causing Woodruff and Bernard to spend a lot of time in Campbellsville with the Chandler family ... all of which leads to Bernard's infatuation with Ina Elizabeth Sanders.

How did they know each other at such a tender age? How did 4-year-old Bernard come up with the idea of buying the Sanders' "picture show." As it turns out, it was as simple as family. Little Ina Elizabeth's grandmother was Maggie Chandler Sanders, sister to Bernard's great-grandfather, Dr. W.T. Chandler.



Young Ina Elizabeth Sanders, right, is pictured with her two older sisters, Margaret Mae Sanders Kessler, rear, and Emily Jeanne Sanders (Foster).

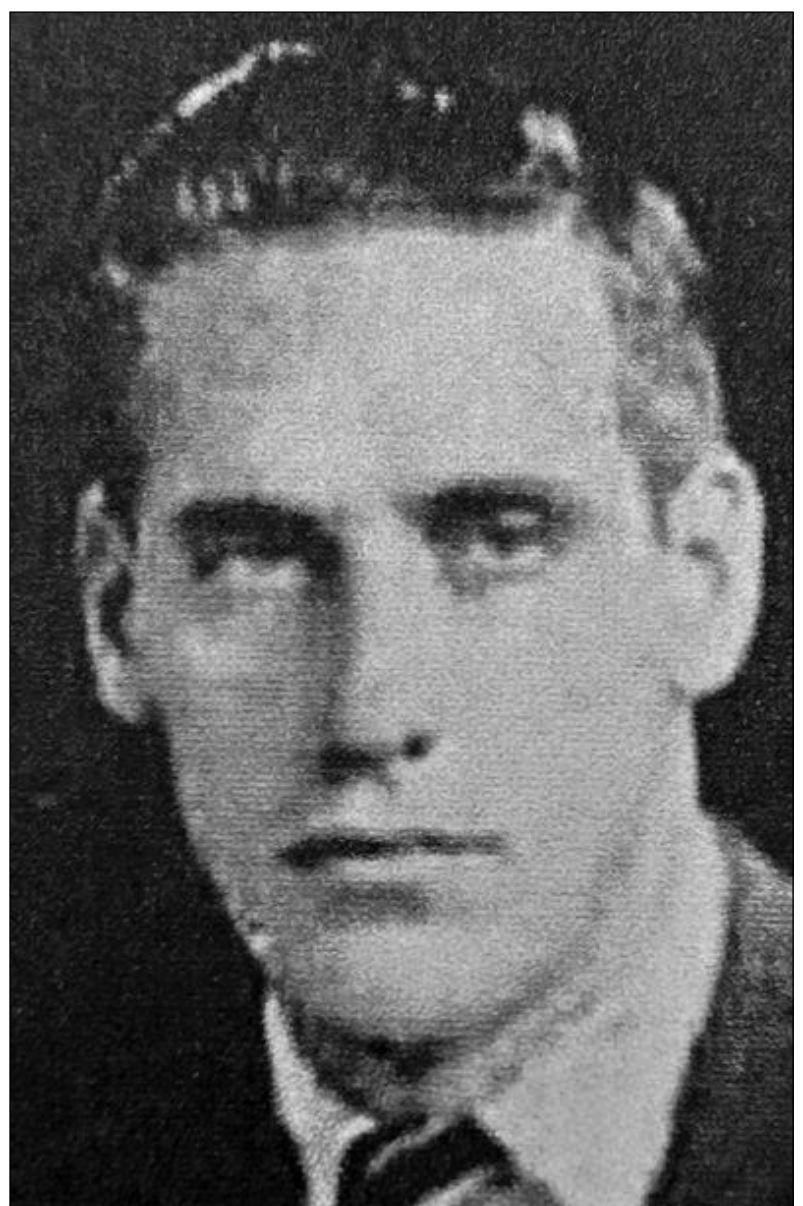
Knowing Bernard's lofty intentions, what were Ina's plans for the future? Believe it or not, in 1933, Ina also wrote a letter to the newspaper, and like Bernard, she is very specific.

"When I get big, I am going to play the piano and teach little children. I am also going to sell tickets for my Daddy at the Alhambra Theatre and drive a Chevrolet car. I will be glad when I can start to school this September at Campbellsville College grades. When I get older, I want to play basketball."

No mention of Bernard, even if she did share the same ambitions of helping her father at the theater.

Interestingly enough, Ina Elizabeth eventually caught the eye of Robert Lee Close, who worked as a projectionist at the Alhambra. The couple married in February of 1947 following Robert's service in World War II.

Back home, Robert continued working for his father-in-law. The couple had two daughters and a son. Around 1960, the family moved to Texas and stayed their for the rest of their lives. Ina Elizabeth died in 2007 and Robert lived to be 97, passing away last



University of North Carolina

Bernard Chandler Harris, all grown-up

year. The couple are buried together at Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery.

Bernard and his mother likewise moved away from Campbellsville and Kentucky and made a home in Kinston, North Carolina where his mother's new husband and Bernard's new father lived. It was in Kinston where Bernard met Pat Brinkley and married her in 1957 and were married for 63 years. They had one son and one daughter.

Bernard graduated from University of North Carolina Dental

School and served 24 years in U.S. Air Force, where he achieved the rank of colonel. He likewise served during the Vietnam conflict. After retirement from the Air Force, he practiced oral surgery another 15 years before he died in 2020.

Virginia Graves is coordinator of the Taylor Regional Archive Center, a non-profit organization which preserves local history and genealogy. For information, call 270-789-4343 or send an email to info@TaylorRegionalArchiveCenter.com.

EARLY DAYS

TEN YEARS AGO April 2016

Lisa Sallee of Campbellsville won the Southern Kentucky Katz fundraiser of a Kentucky plate. Tim Cox of James Art Glass made the plate. Proceeds helped support the Katz softball team.

Approximately 73 people came out for the Color to Conquer 5K race Sunday afternoon. Proceeds from the race go to the St. Baldrick's Foundation, a charity that raises money for pediatric cancer research. They raised \$2,500 with this event and raised roughly \$27,000 with all of this year's St. Baldrick's events.

Richard and Angela Bray of Campbellsville announce the birth of their son, Sebastian Wyatt Bray, on Sunday, April 17, 2016, at Taylor Regional Hospital. Sebastian was born at 7:41 a.m. and weighed 6 pounds, 12 ounces and was 20.25 inches long.

TWENTY YEARS AGO April 2006

Sarah M. Reynolds has earned three awards during Hanover College's 69th annual Honors Day convocation.

Mary Marcum celebrated her 90th birthday April 1 at Creekside Restaurant.

THIRTY YEARS AGO April 1996

Vivian Strader was honored on her 85th birthday with a party hosted at her home by Dr. and Mrs. Paul Lawson of Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Clarence Wilson, owner of Caulk Hardware, Main Street, was given the Small Business Person of the Year award at the Chamber of Commerce luncheon.

McCall Turpin celebrated her fourth birthday with a party at Kiddieland Day Care. Her birthday was April 5.

FORTY YEARS AGO April 1986

Mrs. Rice of Central City was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Leo Rios, and family the weekend of April 20.

Hallie Underwood celebrated her 90th birthday with a party at Tree House Adult Day Care on April 20.

FIFTY YEARS AGO April 1976

The Taylor County League of Women Voters endorsed the merger of the Campbellsville Independent and Taylor County school districts.

SIXTY YEARS AGO April 1966

Peggy Jeanne Blakeman of Campbellsville was entered in the Miss Kentucky Beauty Pageant to be held April 29.

Miss Sandra Joyce Willis, 22, formerly of Campbellsville, daughter of Mr. Demon Willis and Mrs. Hattie Parnell Willis, was killed in a head-on collision on Interstate 4 about five miles from DeLand, Florida.

SEVENTY YEARS AGO April 1956

Mr. and Mrs. Orris Warf entertained Sunday, April 22, with a dinner in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Gaddie on their first wedding anniversary.

The marriage of Barbara Jean Durham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.O. Durham and Floyd R. King, son of Mrs. Cynthia Adams of Lexington and Floyd Whitten King of Columbia, Ohio, took place April 20 in the home of the bride's parents on Redman Avenue.

EIGHTY YEARS AGO April 1946

Mrs. George Monson was named head of the Parent Teacher Association at its last meeting of the year at Campbellsville High School.

Mrs. Pauline Ellis announced the sale of the Snappy Shack, Depot Street, to Bob Tucker. The business will be operated by his son, war veteran Winfrey Tucker and daughter, Miss Anna Laura Tucker.

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Conference also saluted Lydia Jones as Softball Player of the Week.

A Bowling Green junior, she hit .667 across five games to lead Campbellsville.

She scored eight runs and recorded five RBIs during the week.

Jones posted a perfect 4-for-4 performance in a run-rule victory over Johnson (Tenn.).

She added seven hits and four RBIs in a weekend series sweep over Bethel (Tenn.). Jones earns her first Mid-

South Conference Player of the Week honor of the season.

In men's volleyball, two Tigers were recognized for their play last week.

CU competes in the River States Conference for men's volleyball and it presented Player of the Week honors to Alonzo Vega and Andrew Ovalle/

A junior from Puerto Rico, Vega was named RSC Setter of the Week.

Vega directed the Tigers' high-powered offense, dealing out 90 total assists to guide Campbellsville to back-to-back conference victories. The junior orchestrated a perfectly balanced attack that saw three

different Tigers reach double-digit kills in both contests, featuring a monumental 60-assist match during a five-set battle at Cumberland.

The conference also named Ovalle, a libero from Miami, Florida, as Defender of the Week.

Ovalle is credited with anchoring the Campbellsville backcourt defense with exceptional consistency, recording 25 total digs to average 3.13 digs per set against two of the top teams in the conference. His floor coverage was highlighted by a match-high 13 digs to help facilitate a straight-set sweep over Georgetown and clinch the No. 1 overall seed.



LEGAL NOTICE

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids will be received by the Taylor County Board of Education for the Athletic Complex in Campbellsville, Kentucky, until 2:00 p.m. ET on 7 May 2026, at the office of the Board of Education, 1209 East Broadway Street, Campbellsville, KY. Bids will be opened and read aloud.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held on 23 April 2026 at 2:00 p.m. ET at the Taylor County Bank Cardinal Athletic Center, Victory Lane, Campbellsville KY 42718. **Attendance is recommended.**

Copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained at Lynn Imaging (lynnimaging.com), 328 Old Vine Street, Lexington, KY 40507, 800-888-0693. There will be no cost to bidders for digital copies. Costs for printed copies and shipping will be bidders' responsibility, and are nonrefundable.

Successful low bidder will be required to provide 100% Performance and Payment Bond for contract signing for all labor and materials (including DPOs - Materials purchased directly from suppliers) as part of this contract. Bid Security equal to 5% of Base Bid will be required, in the form of a Bid Bond, Cashier's Check, or Certified Check.

Questions or requests for clarification shall be directed to the Architect. Documents may be viewed at the following locations:

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The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding. No bid may be withdrawn without the consent of the Owner or forfeit of Bid Security for a period of thirty (30) days subsequent to the date for receipt of bids.

Robert Braden, Superintendent
Taylor County Board of Education