

MUSEUM

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the barbecue that Ezra Evans had prepared.

July 6, 1955 — The Calhoun GOC held a meeting at the courthouse on Friday evening in preparation for a practice alert on Saturday. Melvin Bennett, chief observer of the group, briefed everyone. The post was also open for public inspection during the all-day alert on Saturday.

July 14, 1955 — Melvin Bennett, Chief Observer, reported that Saturday's Skywatch alert was well-attended, with 14 sightings and reports made to the Louisville Filter Center. He was aided by Sam Davis, Assistant Chief Observer who was on duty with him throughout the 12-hour period from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Observer-members volunteering their time for a portion of the day were Louis Bennett, Jerry Bennett, Mrs. Eula Turner, Donna and Sue Tucker, Mrs. Pauline Curry, Mrs. McBride, James Barrett, Bobby Hayden, Judy Hopkins, William Haynes, Mrs. Sue Puryear, Mrs. C. M. Bennett, Hugh Allen Ward, and Gale Wetzel, a Chief

Observer in his own right. The post was honored by a visit from Mrs. William Muster II.

Per the Air Force, most of the Ground Observer Posts in the nation went on 24-hour duty status as of July 12. Melvin Bennett said that a great deal more interest would have to be shown by the public before it would be possible for Kentucky to join most of the rest of the country, round-the-clock.

Sept. 15, 1955 — "Edward Donahoo has been appointed supervisor of the Calhoun GOC and the Necil Dame Post, to replace Capt. W.S. Kerr, who has resigned because of his health. The appointment dates from Sept. 1."

Apr. 26, 1956 — A meeting of the Calhoun GOC will be held at 7 p.m. April 27 to reorganize the Corps, which has been inactive for several months. The meeting will be held in the county court room at the courthouse.

May 3, 1956 — A called meeting of the Calhoun GOC was held at the courthouse Friday evening. Lending support to revival of the GOC were several long-time members including Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Bennett, Mrs. William Puryear and faithful

Glenda Wetzel. As Eddie Donahoo wished to resign as supervisor, nominations for the job were asked for; with the result that John Henry Ward was elected in absentia. Mr. Ward, after being notified, agreed to add the duties of GOC to his schedule. Another meeting was set for May 11 at 7:30 p.m., for the purpose of instruction and reorganization.

Nov. 15, 1957, Washington — "The Air Force informed state civil defense directors Thursday it is putting the entire Ground Observer Corps on a ready reserve basis Jan. 1. Technological advances in radar warning systems were cited as one reason for the change in status. The GOC was regarded as a vital link in the nation's air defenses until completion of radar warning systems."

Jan. 1, 1958, Washington, D.C. — "The nation closes down the active phase of Operation Skywatch—the ground lookout for unidentified airplanes—today. This change puts the entire Ground Observer Corps on a reserve basis. All but the filter center areas on the perimeter of the United

States were dropped from Skywatch to ready reserve status late in 1956."

There ended up being a lot more information on the Calhoun GOC than I originally thought there'd be. I will post more, including photos, on our "McLean County KY History Museum & Regional Family Research Center" Facebook page.

Our next quarterly program is a week and a half away. Clyde Wills will speak on "A Vanishing Breed: Portrait of a Country Editor" at 6 p.m. Monday, March 10 at the museum. This program is free and open to the public. The museum and the Treasure House Thrift Shop are open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, unless the roads are dangerous. The museum is at 540 Main Street, Calhoun, and the Treasure House is at 530 Main. Our museum number is 270-499-5033. My email address is secretary@mcleancountykymuseum.org. I wish everyone a great week ahead!

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River flooding at Calhoun Riverfront Park on Monday in Calhoun on the Green River.

FLOODING

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Kentucky Judge-Executive page on Facebook for flooding updates and more other resources and information available to the community.

"We're lucky that we're in a time where social media exists, so it's been easier to keep residents informed about what's happening during the State of Emergency,"

Dame said.

The McLean County Senior Services department has also suspended congregate meals and meal delivery services for seniors while the county is under a State of Emergency. The organization said that services will resume when it is safe to do so and encouraged any senior needing assistance during this time to contact McLean County Senior Services at 270-273-5412.

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