

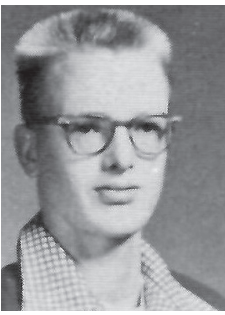
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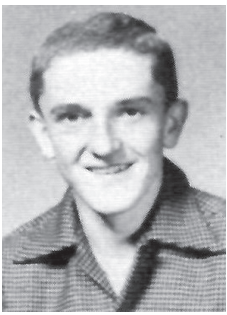
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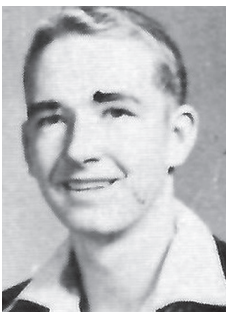
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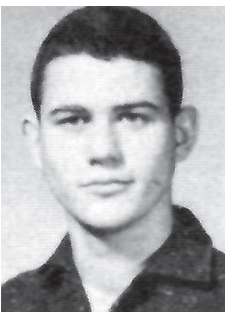
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ROBERT MEADE



BASSIL SEXTON



JIMMIE JONES



DARRELL CAUDILL

By BENNETT WELCH

1956
Coach Trosper's evaluation of Senior players
Rex Polly — Rex was team captain of this year's Yellow-jacket squad. Rex was always good to move into the pivot position or any other when needed. The leading scorer and one of the highest on the squad in rebounds, Rex's shoes in the forward position will be hard to fill during the coming year. Stiches during the latter part of the season prohibited Rex from being at full strength during tournament play.
Jimmy Blair — Jimmy has a more rapid desire to play basketball than any other man on the squad probably has. Jimmy handled any pivotman which he came up against and used his 6'5" to the advantage of his team as far as the tipoffs, rebounds, and defensive play was concerned. We'll miss you Jim, and if you have not sprained and re-sprained those ankles, Carr Creek just might not be state champs now.
Billy K. "Red" Banks — If I coach for another 50 years, I will never come up with a more fighting player on my ball club. He has more fight and can find more things to do with his 5'11" build than any other small man in this region. Although "Red" had off nights as far as points were concerned, he never missed a night that he wasn't consistent as a rebounder, dribbler, and all-round ball player.
Robert Meade — Robert stepped from a very successful season on the football field into a successful season as a basketball player. His drive from his guard position could never be stopped although sometimes

he was penalized for charging. He gathered in the points on certain nights and was always in there to win whether he was having an off night or an on night.
Bassil Sexton — Although Bassil scared us a few times during the season from injuries, he was always available for a set shot at the right time. Anytime that Bassil could get a shot away from behind the foul-circle or drive into the circle, I could depend on two more points. Bassil proved his fighting heart during the Breathitt County game, as he came back to start against Cumberland the next night despite a slight concussion.
Jim Jones — Big Jones came up to take over the position of starting pivotman when we needed him during tournament play in the absence of Jimmy Blair. Although Jones had the strength of a lion and the strong body, height was his sole disadvantage.
Darrell Caudill — Although Darrell was not on the starting five, if one of the first-string boys ran into trouble, Darrell was always there to help out. A team is only as strong as its reserve strength and Darrell was always a big help. We need more boys like him.
Echoes from the hardwood: Basketball is a wonderful sport. I have really enjoyed my two years on the A team. There is a lot of hard work and sweat. A boy who is physically fit should play basketball; if he can't play very well Coach Trosper will teach him how. Don't worry about being in condition, "Coach Trosper will get you in condition". This year we had a new coach. He was a very good coach, and a fine man. He did a wonderful job coaching us boys

this year. You will never find a better person to coach a team. I just wish I had one more year to play. I would advise any boy to play basketball, because it is wonderful. — Rex Polly
I like basketball because it is a lot of fun and hard work. I like to play basketball and I also meet other players and coaches. I think every boy should play basketball. — Bassil "Clipper" Sexton
Basketball builds me both physically and mentally. Of course, it requires hard work but I really enjoy it. It also requires staying in training such as eating no sweets, drinking no sodas and getting in bed at a certain time, but it's worth missing all of this. I honestly never knew before how much I did enjoy the game until the end of this year, my last year at W.H.S. I only wish I had four more years to play. It was swell to be a member of the W.H.S. team under our wonderful coach, Ernest Trosper. — Billy K. Banks
It is one of my favorite sports. It teaches you to cooperate with others. It requires staying in shape. I enjoy every second I play. Basketball makes me feel as if I were getting a thousand dollars every point I make. I didn't get to play too much this year, but I have two more years to play for dear old W.H.S. — Darrel (Lefty) Stidham
Basketball is the first and best sport I have ever played. Once you get the basketball spirit in you, you love it just as you have loved your mother. I think it is the top sport for developing a person to think quickly and act accurately. It also helps develop you socially. I just can't explain it fully but even though I have sat most of the time on the bench I still like basketball. If I had another four years, I would try harder for good old W.H.S. — Darrel Caudill
Boys, it has been a pleasure to work with each of you during this 1955-56 season. I have just started my coaching career and as you have learned this year, I have learned along with you. I only hope that I have meant as much to each of you as you have meant to me. I want each of you to know that you will be missed by me as well as W.H.S. May each of you reach the highest attainable goal in your athletic future. — Coach Ernie Trosper

Jenkins High: Reflections of the Past

By BENNETT WELCH

1978
What our '78 Seniors like best about high school: "The girls and Mr. Bentley's class." "All the parties." "Skipping school." "Sitting in the hall at lunch." "Getting out of class." "Mrs. Hall's class." "Being Seniors." "Speeches in English Class." "Food in lunchroom." "Senior prom." "Finally getting a Senior trip." "Graduation." "Mrs. Hall's study hall." "Sports and flirting." "Mr. Bentley's trig class." "Concerts Mr. C. gave us." "Working on the floats."

"Lunchtime." "Boyfriends." "Typing Class."
"Key Club game with faculty." "Weekends." "Gov't Class." "Debates in Psychology." "Football." "State Track Meets." "School Dances." "Going to the office." "Getting class rings and senior keys."
Homecoming '78 Theme: Movies
Homecoming was a very colorful occasion. Our classes devoted much time and effort to build floats which carried out the themes.
The Junior Class did "Gus", the Senior Class used the theme "Wizard of Oz". The

Freshman Class also used the "Wizard of Oz", while the Sophomore Class did "A Star is Born".
The Quarterback Club did a modern movie — "Rocky". The Freshman Class won first place, the Seniors received second place and the Juniors got third. Lisa Johnson from the Senior Class was named Homecoming Queen during the halftime festivities. First runner-up was Julia Perry (Sr.) and second runner-up was Sherry Barnett (Fresh.) To make the day perfect the J.H.S. Cavaliers defeated the Virgie Eagles.

Some of the members of the Senior Class were:



GAIL ANDERSON



TEDDY BOYD



LINDA CARTER



NATHAN FARLEY



ANDREA HANCOCK



CLYDE MAGGARD



MAVIS MULLINS



KEVIN ODEN



DEBBIE SEXTON



TOMMY WEBB



SARAH WOLFE



DAVID WRIGHT



HOMECOMING THEME: MOVIES

A slimmed-down VA

By FREDDY GROVES

The staffing cuts at the Department of Veterans Affairs continue. As of today, another 585 non-mission-critical or duplicate contracts are terminated, out of 90,000 existing contracts totaling \$67 billion. This will put \$900 million back in the kitty to be spent on veterans, their caregivers, families and survivors.
That's a lot of money. It makes me wonder how those contracts came to be in the first place. The canceled contracts covered such services as taking minutes at meetings, leadership coaching, mentoring staff, creating meeting agendas and creating PowerPoint slides (laughingly called "executive support.")
Are those not things that

staff should be doing?
These contract cancellations are on top of the additional 1,400 probationary positions that were eliminated (employees who had worked for the VA for less than a year), saving \$83 million to be spent on veterans for benefits, services and health care.
Meanwhile, plans continue to fill 300,000 mission-critical positions at the VA that were exempted from the hiring freeze. These include: 94,000 nurses, 8,300 psychologists, 12,000 pharmacists and 3,000 physical therapists -- all hands-on for care of veterans.
I do, however, worry about the VA Office of Inspector General in all of these cuts. I hope cool heads prevail and they take a moment to realize just how much money the

VAOIG saves by identifying, investigating and auditing VA waste. At this time I can't find any mention of staff cuts at the VAOIG, thankfully. Recent updates on their activities show scammers being caught for fraud (\$1 million), fraud (\$300,000) and more fraud (\$392,000). In the last 12 months, the OIG has derailed schemes totaling \$3 billion being stolen from the VA.
If anything, I would wish that the VAOIG be listed as a "mission critical" department and have their staff doubled. My second wish would be that the penalties (prison time, fines and restitution) also be doubled. Too often the criminals seem to only get a slap on the wrist for their scams against the VA.
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The Letcher County Farm Bureau Federation remove a mudslide at the Letcher County Farm Bureau Insurance Office in Whitesburg, Kentucky.

For more details, a walk-through of the site will occur on March 31st at 9 a.m. Any questions will be answered then.

Sealed bids must be returned to the Letcher County Farm Bureau Insurance Office by 4 p.m. on Friday, April 4th, 2025. Bids will be opened that evening at 4:30 p.m.

Letcher County Farm Bureau Federation reserves the right to accept or reject any an all bids or part of a bid.

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Notice is hereby given that Chris Caudill has filed an application with the Energy & Environment Cabinet to place a 24 x 50 mobile home. The property is located at 98 CSX Dr., 1/2 mile off Highway 15 at Whitco. Any comments or objections concerning this application shall be directed in writing to DOWfloodplain@ky.gov, or Kentucky Division of Water, Floodplain Management Section, 300 Sower Blvd., 3rd Floor, Frankfort, KY 40601.

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