

Board sets school site

Editor's note: The dates listed in Looking Back reflect the date of the article's publication. The dates do not necessarily reflect the date of a specific incident occurring. Items taken from the files of The Sun and The Leader for this Looking Back page are as they appeared in the previous edition. This includes spelling of names and locations as they were spelled when published. We may use a unique item that we find interesting. It may seem odd and incorrect now, but we print it as it was published.

DECEMBER 25, 1941

Hundreds visit scene of fatal railroad wreck

Hundreds of motorists from Washington, Marion and Nelson Counties visited the scene of the fatal railroad wreck near St. Francis, Marion County, Sunday, causing traffic tie-ups that taxed the ingenuity of highway patrolmen and volunteer assistants who were unable, at times, to keep the long string of motor cars moving. A momentary slack-up in the traffic line caused a block for a long distance in either direction from the scene of the crash, which occurred at 9:39 Saturday night a short distance from St. Francis, two miles North of Loretto.

The scene of the fatal accident was on a single track curve, the engines colliding head-on, killing one engineer, injuring another, probably fatally, and injuring twelve others.

A special train was dispatched from Louisville and those not injured were taken to Louisville.

Cause of the accident has not been determined.

An investigation is being made.

DECEMBER 20, 1951

Heart disease continues the leading killer

As usual heart disease caused He greatest number of deaths in Kentucky during the first nine months of this year, according to a report just released by the Kentucky State Department of Health. During that period 6,241 persons died of the disease.

Cancer was the second largest "killer" causing 2,279 deaths and intracranial lesions claimed 2,054 lives. Motor vehicle accidents took the lives of 422 persons as compared with 545 in the first nine months of last year. However, deaths from other accidents rose from 771 in the first nine months of 1950 to 839 in the first nine months of 1951.

Records show that deaths from most diseases were "down" or remained about the same. An exception was an increase in the number of deaths from spinal meningitis which claimed 41 lives as compared with 26 in a similar period last year. No deaths were attributed to malaria and a single typhoid death was recorded. Diphtheria was the cause of death for four persons and whooping cough was responsible for the death of 32 persons, the same number as for a similar period last year.

There were 1,673 infant deaths during the report-

ing period as compared with 1,691 last year. Stillbirths numbered 866 and there Were 201 suicides and 146 homicides. Total deaths for the period numbered 18,591 as compared with and live births 18,913 in 1950, numbered 50,016 as compared with 49,560 in the same period of 1950.

Deaths: Teresa Neale, Dec. 16;

Births: William McCawley Ballard, Dec. 15; Beverly Jean Holderman, Dec. 10; Stuart Douglas Burkhead, Dec. 11; Connie Ray Robinson

DECEMBER 21, 1961

More than nine million pounds burley sold here

Another record has been set in Springfield. More than 9,000,000 pounds

of burley had been sold at the time of closing the market Wednesday for the annual holiday recess, equaling some sales in previous years for an entire season.

On Monday's sale 387.498 pounds of burley sold on the Springfield market for \$258,1093.37, an average of \$66.60, only 5 cents below the statewide average. All markets reported lowered receipts and slightly lower prices on non-descript offerings. On Tuesday only 119,004 pounds sold, bringing growers \$76,927.86, an average of \$64.64.

A very light sale was reported Wednesday morning, after which buyers and their aids departed for their respective homes to spend the holidays.

Through Friday of last week, December 15, Kentucky burley growers had been paid a total of \$102,300,838.00, the first three weeks of sales this year surpassing that of 1960 by \$34,862,224.00.

The Springfield Loose Leaf Market, during the same period this year, paid growers a total of \$5,879,838.77 for 8,718,662 pounds, an average of \$67.44.

Sales during the past week on the Springfield Market totaled 2,305,294 pounds, for which growers received \$1,537,349.86, and average of \$66.69.

On the basis of Friday's report by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, only about 69,000,000 pounds of burley remained unsold of a total crop estimated at 355,300,000 pounds.

Deaths: Goddard Walker, Dec. 17; Gertrude Shader Carrico, Dec. 16; Mary Teresa Osborne, Dec. 18; Bateman rakes, Dec. 17

Births: Mary Catherine Buckley, Dec. 16

DECEMBER 23, 1971

ASC county committee is named

Farmers recently named to serve as the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation ASC county committee are: Leslie Pinkston, Chairman; James R. Rudd, Vice-chairman, and W. J. Smith, Regular Member. Thomas Smith will serve as first alternate and Alvin Black, second alternate.

Mr. Rudd was elected to serve a three-year term.

The ASC County committee are in charge of lo-

cal administration of such national farm programs as the Agricultural Conservation Program, the Cropland Adjustment Program, the Feed Grain Program, the Wheat Program, Acreage allotments and Marketing Quotas, the National Wool Program, Commodity Price Support Loans and Storage Facility Loans.

ASCS Office at 120 W Main Street is headquarters for the county committee and serves as the farmers local contact for business connected with participation in the programs administered by the committees. These programs encourage conservation and increase farm returns by means of price support and market supply-management, as well as by payments.

Deaths: Nancy Hazel Brown, Dec. 12

Births: Richard Adam Crouch, Dec. 15; Bryan Scott Arnold, Dec. 15; Lee Ann Hardin, Dec. 4

DECEMBER 23, 1981

Santa Claus visits children at Head Start

Santa Claus visited the St. Rose Head Start classes last week. He arrived by helicopter, courtesy of Paul Hamilton. Santa visited each classroom and distributed gifts to each child. Parents and Head Start

officials held several fund raisers throughout the year so that each child in the program might have a gift. Below, Santa visits with students. At far left, Renae Tucker, daughter of Betty Tucker, held tight to a doll given to her by Santa, Left, Kelly Suzanne Smith cried despite the fact Santa held an uncanny resemblance to her father, Howard Smith. She obviously didn't notice the resemblance, Howard Smith works for the St. Rose Church.

Deaths: Lillie Guthrie Walden, Dec. 8; Elizabeth C. Haydon, Dec. 20

DECEMBER 24, 1991

Board sets school site

During a special meeting last Wednesday the Washington County Board of Education unanimously adopted a facility plan that called for the building of a new high school within a mile radius of the intersection of KY 555 and Spalding Lane, rather than the state's recommended location of Ky 555 and KY 528.

The school board also passed a resolution supporting a northern route for the proposed US 150 bypass around Springfield, stating that placement of the bypass north, rather than south, of the city would "assist in high school the transportation of students," to the new School.

Superintendent Jack Waff read to the board the priorities for capital construction expenditures contained in the state's recommended facility plan for the school district.

-Priority 1A called for the building of four classrooms for preschool and three/four-year-old handicapped programs.

-The B portion of priority 1 called for the con-

struction of a high school in the vicinity of KY 555 and KY 528 (Lincoln Park Road) with a capacity of 600 students.

-Priority 2A called for the building of an elementary school with a capacity of 350 students in the vicinity of Glens Creek Road and KY 433. The facility would be built to accommodate all students in the kindergarten through grade five from Mackville and Willisburg.

-Priority 2B would be the conversion of the present high school building to house all the county's middle school students. The building would have 1,700 feet added to the library and other "major renovation" work to bring it to a 450-student capacity.

-Priority 3 would be major renovation of Washington County Elementary, including six new classrooms, two administrative offices, site-based office and conference room and family resource area to bring it to a 550-student capacity.

-Priority 4A would be building or purchasing a two-bay school bus maintenance facility and 4B would be the building or purchase of a central storage facility.

In answer to a later question by school board member Julee Jones, Waff explained that the items listed on the plan had to be built in the order in which they appeared--priority one before priority two. But he added that the A and B items within the priorities were discretionary and their order could be reversed at will.

"What We see as the first priority is a new high school," Waff said. "That's what we'll build whenever we have enough money to do it," He said.

Deaths: Thomas Bertrand Ellery, Dec. 16; Simeon O'Daniel Montgomery Sr., Dec. 14; Joseph Kendrick Osbourn, Dec. 18; George Settle, Dec. 18

Births: Marsha Kay Sagracy, Dec. 12

DECEMBER 26, 2001

Adult education program awarded for achieving goal

The Washington County Adult Education program was one of 85 programs to receive a reward for achieving it's goals for 2000-2001

The program received \$2,657.

The money will be used for staff development and training, according to Coordinator Mary Mitchell.

In order to receive any money, the center had to meet it's enrollment goal before other goals, such as completions and the number of GED graduates, would be considered.

The center more than tripled it's enrollment goal of 147 enrolling 490 students between July 1, 2000 and June 30, 2001. Mitchell said the

Increase is based on two factors.

"A lot of it had to do with pre-employment tests," Mitchell said "We also worked with the



December 26, 2001
Bailey Woford laid her head over on Santa after recieving her gift at the Willisburg Head Start last week.

Central Kentucky Youth Academy.

In addition to enrollment, the center met 80 percent of it's goals, Mitchell said.

Adult education enrollment increased 23 percent statewide, according to the Kentucky Department for Adult Education and Literacy.

Governor Paul Patton is calling the enrollment increase the first milestone in the state's efforts to increase literacy skills and education levels among the adult population.

"Attracting more adults into lifelong learning is an investment in individuals and an investment in Kentucky," Patton said. "The return on this investment is educated Kentuckians who are more self sufficient, more involved in their communities, more engaged as citizens and better role models for their children."

There was also 12 percent increase in the number of people earning their GED in the state. Department for Adult Education commissioner, Cheryl King, said the increase was likely due to the "Go GED" campaign urging people to finish their GED tests by the end of the year because of test changes in January.

"The first phase of the campaign ran in the spring and we saw a noticeable increase in the number of people taking and passing those the GED during those months," King said.

Deaths: G.T. McRay, Dec. 19; William Leon Edelen, Dec. 17; Berty Anne Feltner, Dec. 16

DECEMBER 21, 2011

Factory to bring 150 jobs to region

Local and state officials joined with Wilbert Plastic Services employees Dec. 14 to celebrate a joint venture with the Ford Motor Company.

Wilbert Plastic Services has received Q1 certification, which means it met the quality standards required to become a parts supplier for Ford. Wilbert is slated to begin manufacturing interior plastic parts for the new Ford Escape, one of which was on display during last week's presentation. The Escape is manufactured in Louisville.

"I get excited when I see this wonderful new vehicle over here that we're going to get to participate on in the coming months, said Greg Botner, president and CEO of Wilbert Plastic Services. He added that the future of the Lebanon plant was in question three years ago, but today things are looking bright. Botner ex-

plained that the plant's Q1 certification was the culmination of two years of commitment by Wilbert employees. That effort is also why the company decided to invest \$10 million in the local plant.

"Our confidence lies in the people here in Lebanon, Botner said.

In addition to local officials, Jerry Abramson was present as his first official action as the newly sworn-in lieutenant governor of Kentucky.

"The applause goes to you all 'cause you've got an outstanding company here who has been working with an outstanding automobile company," Abramson said.

He added that Wilbert's employees are the ones who made the difference. They met the standards that made the agreement with Ford possible, and that also means 150 new jobs will be coming to the factory and to Marion County.

"That's 150 families who are going to have a chance to join with you to provide for themselves and for their kids, Abramson said.

During a tour of the factory prior to the presentation, Helen Costello of Wilbert Plastic said the plant expected to increase production from six truckloads per day to up to 35 truckloads per day. James Brown, a quality service engineer with Ford, said the Lebanon plant would be providing enough parts to manufacture 6,000 to 7,000 Escapes each week.

"You send good parts up there, People will buy that vehicle," Brown said, later adding, "We want to make a long-term relationship with you. "The City of Lebanon received \$1 million community development block grant from the state that was part of an incentive package offered to encourage Wilbert's expansion. Marion County Economic Development Director Tom Lund credited Gov. Steve Beshear's administration for changes in the law that made it possible for the state to offer incentives to existing industries.

"This is a very, very proud day for Marion County," Lund said.

Commissioner Tony Wilder of the Kentucky Department for Local Government said Lebanon received the grant because of the cooperation that's been exhibited between local officials and businesses in the community.

"You all get it down here," Wilder said. "You understand that important private-public partnership makes these kinds of projects successful"

Deaths: Justin Lee Carrico, Dec. 17; Onis Ray Long, Dec. 15; Phillip Wayne Cox, Dec. 9