

# Looking Back

## 25 Years Ago - January 11, 2000

Several residents in the eastern part of Pendleton County near the Grant County line thought a tornado had swept through their area around 3:30 p.m. Jan. 3. The National Weather Bureau has since determined that it was not a tornado but a down blast or straight-line wind with gusts up to 90 mph. No one was injured. The estimated area damaged was about three miles long and between 25 feet and less than 100 yards wide.

Since the conception of "white goods" recycling, Pendleton Countians have recycle a whopping total of 91,840 pounds off appliances. The site is the highway maintenance garage off State Route 330. The drop-off area for items is in the rear of the lot. Freon removal is not necessary as the recycling company provides this service.

The Pendleton County Band will hold its percussion concert 6 p.m. Jan. 16. The concert will be held in the high school gymnasium. There is a \$2 admission charge.

## 50 Years Ago - January 10, 1975

Donna Lynn Cooper, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Cooper, Route 5, Falmouth, the winner of the Miss Pendleton County Youth Fair pageant in July, will represent the county in the 1975 Miss Kentucky Fair Contest Jan. 18 at the Galt House in Louisville. Donna is a senior at Pendleton County High School, where she is a member of FHA and the Beta Club.

Three pieces of real estate of the late George Gedge were sold at public auction Saturday by Carl Lancaster, auctioneer, for a total \$79,500.

The Heritage House, the popular eating place in Falmouth, sold for \$28,500 to Billy Ray Cookendorfer for Walter Mains, Chas. Doutaz and Shelby McDowell. They are the present operators of the restaurant.

The Shell Oil Station next to the Heritage House was sold to Robert Bay of Licking Valley Co. at his high bid of \$34,000.

A Shell Oil station in Brooksville was sold to Howard Kerns at his high bid of \$17,000.

Merida Rice, 62, of DeMossville, has been elected master of Demoss Lodge 220, Free and Accepted Masons, at their annual election held Dec. 27 on St. John's Day. Rice, a well-known citizen of DeMossville, has served in all offices of the lodge, except master. The retiring master is Elmo Schlueter.

## 75 Years Ago - January 13, 1950

Roy McClanahan, superintendent of the county farm, has sold 3,125 pounds of tobacco from 1.9 acres of ground, which brought an average of \$54.06 per hundred. This is more than 1,000 pounds per acre and it was a find crop. This is the first crop grown on the county farm.

Showing at the Falmouth theater is the 1948 comedy/romance "Every Girl Should be Married," starring Gary Grant, Betsy Drake and Franchot Tone.

At the New Pastime, moviegoers will see the 1942 film "Pride of the Yankees," starring Gary Cooper, Teresa Wright and Walter Brennan.

Up next at Falmouth is "Thieves' Highway," a 1949 film with Richard Conte, Jack Oakie and Lee J. Cobb.

Up next at the New Pastime is the 1939 movie "The Wizard of Oz," in Technicolor, with Judy Garland, Frank Morgan and Ray Bolger.

City of Falmouth Ordinance 266, signed by Mayor D. Barnett Casey, states, in part, "that the north side of Maple Avenue beginning at the east boundary of Carl Crecelius, continuing thereon to the corner of South Chapel Street and then with the east side of Chapel Street, continuing thereon to the property of L.H. Lutes be, and the same is hereby ordered to be, curbed and guttered with concrete."

The annual statement of the City of Falmouth shows general fund receipts of \$20,906.95 in 1949, including \$11,243.21 from city taxes, \$4,189.61 from license taxes, and \$1,225.50 from police fines.

After paying the bills, including \$5,241.78 in police department salaries, \$2,819.80 in garbage department salaries, \$1,457.30 in street repairs and resurfacing, and \$1,262.64 in general labor as the top expenses, the city ended the year with a carryover balance of \$2,435.14 going into 1950.

## 100 Years Ago - January 9, 1925

The Pendleton County Board of Education, in former years the beneficiary of a neat sum from the dog tax law, will receive nothing during the school year 1925-26, according to G.H. Wells, county school superintendent.

The ravages of worthless dogs on the sheep flocks of Pendleton County is responsible for this loss to the schools.

The state law provides a regular dog tax, the same to be paid by people who own dogs. The proceeds of this tax are expected to satisfy losses of sheep within the county from sheep-killing dogs.

The balance left from the fund goes to the county board of education for the support of rural schools.

Three years ago, the county board received \$687 from this fund; two years ago \$1,067. This school year, they will receive nothing, the deficit being due to the unusual destruction of sheep by dogs.

Mr. and Mrs. C.H. Moore of near Falmouth last week received a box of oranges from their son, Raymond Moore, who is spending the winter in Miami. These were the finest oranges that have been received here this winter.

Raymond has a good position at Miami and will remain there until spring.

Raymond Cookendorfer wants to thank Mrs. Frank Houchen for a delicious cake which she gave him during the Yuletide season. It was highly appreciated.

## LIFE IN THE COLE BIN

By Burton W. Cole

### Fits, fitted sheets and no one to blame



The epiphany smacked me upside the head at the laundromat.

An epiphany is something like a fit, but with enlightenment attached.

I had just flipped open the washing machine lid to discover "snow" splattered throughout my freshly laundered dress shirts and slacks.

That's when I realized a Great Truth: When you live alone and someone leaves a tissue in their pocket, and the tissue shreds like confetti in the washing machine, the guilty party is fingered immediately, if not sooner.

I groaned at the revelation, partly because of the mess, but mostly because there were no other suspects but me for the crime.

When my wife was still alive and found scraps of Kleenex mingled among the socks, there was the possibility the tissue came from one of her pockets. She never believed that for a second. But I clung to the possibility like... well, like shreds of wet tissue plastered all over freshly laundered blue jeans.

There are roughly 237 billion reasons why I miss my wife, and this is one of them: the lack of other people to blame when something

goes wrong.

I mostly miss her laughter, her love, her care and her compassion, but I also miss not having to take the blame for all of my mistakes.

On the plus side, whatever way I fold the towels now IS the correct way. And wadding fitted sheets into a ball and jamming them onto the closet shelf IS the accepted method of putting away laundry.

These things were not permissible when I lived with adult supervision.

Terry demonstrated folding fitted sheets multiple times, and walked me through it on a few occasions. I almost received a passing grade from my beautiful teacher. But while I shall never forget her, I can't remember much from her sheet-folding instructions.

Some lessons did take, sometimes to my dismay.

Whenever we were going on a trip, no matter how late we were setting out, Terry always had to do dishes first.

"Leave them," I barked. "They'll still be here when we get back."

"Not likely," she said. "In a day or two, fuzzy gunk will begin growing on them. In another couple days, the fuzz will grow arms and legs. The dishes will crawl out of the sink and run all over the house."

"Before a week's gone by, the mold will evolve into a brain. The dishes will change the locks and order tons of stuff we don't need on Amazon."

"Do you want that? Do you want to be locked out of your own house and bankrupt by remnants of beef stroganoff and cheesy spinach?"

I did not know dirty dishes were capable of intelligent life, but this explains a lot about the weird things that happened in the dorm room at college.

Last week, I went on a five-day trip out of state. The last thing I did before I left was wash the dishes. Terry's explanation sounded more like a plot from a bad 1950s monster movie, but why take chances.

On the other hand, I left my socks and underwear on the bedroom floor so that I would know right where they were when I needed them.

Putting them either in laundry baskets for dresser drawers just gets confusing. You know how guys can't see the ketchup in the refrigerator? I at least know that it's got to be in the fridge, whereas with my socks, I may not remember which basket or set of drawers they last crawled into.

Leaving laundry on the floor eliminates that annoyance.

This simple life hack was not possible when Terry was alive. Like leaving the house before dishes were washed, clothing was not to be scattered on the floor no matter how much easier it made finding my things.

But beyond having another suspect handy, I'd be glad to take another crack at learning how to fold fitted sheets to have my sweetie back. It's awfully lonely doing dishes by myself.

For more tips on living alone, check in with Burt at [burton.w.cole@gmail.com](mailto:burton.w.cole@gmail.com) or on the Burton W. Cole page on Facebook.

## What day is it? - National Cut Your Energy

By Nila Harris



With rising costs of pretty much everything we purchase or use, individuals are looking for ways to cut costs. National Cut Your Energy Costs Day on Jan. 10 is a time to put some energy saving tips to action.

National Cut Your Energy Costs Day started in 2005 when the Canadian Energy Efficiency Alliance established the day to promote awareness and energy conservation. The concept caught on internationally, with many countries implementing their own initiatives focusing on energy cost reduction.

Some of my strongest childhood memories include the shrill voices of my parents asking, "Were you raised in a barn?" (when I left the front door open), "Turn the lights out!" (when I left the bedroom/bathroom/kitchen/living room light on for a minute when retrieving something from another room) and "Turn the water off!" (while I was brushing my teeth).

Little did I know that my parents were trying to teach me about conservation.

Jan. 10 is a great way to kick off 2025 by starting

your personal conservation plan to cut energy costs. Besides turning the lights off when not in use and not letting water run, here are some other easily implemented things to try.

- Set your thermostat to a lower temperature in the winter.

I remember once telling my husband, "You shouldn't be wearing shorts in the winter," after explaining that we needed to set the thermostat to 68 degrees.

Installing a programmable thermostat will automatically set the temperature lower (in the winter; higher in the summer) while people are sleeping or away.

- Adjust the thermostat on your refrigerator to 37 degrees and your freezer to 0 degrees.

- Only run the dishwasher or washing machine

when you have full loads and wash your clothes in cold or warm water.

- Change the temperature on your hot water heater. According to the Department of Energy, you can see an energy savings up to 22% by changing your hot water heater setting from its default 140 degrees to 120.

- Using smaller appliances for cooking can save energy consumption. A toaster oven uses less energy than a full-size oven.

- Seal or patch holes which let outside air or heat in.

- Remember the 5 and 5 rule for water conservation: 5-minute shower or 5 inches of water in the bathtub. And you don't have to flush the toilet every single time it's used. Each flush uses 5-7 gallons of water.

- Phantom energy is energy that is being consumed even when things are turned off. Appliances such as TVs chargers, and microwaves fall into this category and account for 5% to 10% of home energy use and up to \$100 a year. Unplug these devices or use a power strip that is easily turned off when not in use.

- Other energy saving tips cost money at the onset

before you reap benefits later. Having an energy audit completed by a professional could help you know where to start.

The average cost of an audit is anywhere from \$100 to \$2,000, averaging around \$425. The auditor will check for potential areas of improvement and give you a report detailing findings and ways to improve energy efficiency.

- Buy energy saving appliances and furnace.

Older appliances/furnaces require more energy to use. It is important to complete regular maintenance on appliances and heating/air conditioning systems so that they are operating efficiently.

- Check your insulation. Old or inefficient insulation can increase the cost to heat or cool your home.

- Replacing your showerhead with one that has a WaterSense label can reduce home water usage up to 2,700 gallons a year.

- Replace incandescent lights with the more efficient LED lights for cost savings.

Celebrate National Cut Your Energy Costs Day on Jan. 10, save some money while you're doing it, and help the environment too!

## Falmouth Rotary celebrates 100 years of service

*This year marks the 100th anniversary of the Falmouth Rotary. Each week, we will profile a past president of the service organization as presented in 'A History of the Falmouth Rotary Club, 1924-2022,' by Dr. Owen Collins and Janice Collins.*

### Harvey Ammerman 1977

Harvey Ammerman was a young 53 when he passed on. He died in Ridgeland, S.C., en route home from a visit with his son, Dean, who lived in Deltona, Florida. He was felled by an apparent heart attack.

He was survived by wife, Patty Sharp Ammerman; a daughter Angie Mullins; his mother, Mildred Beckett; a son, already mentioned; and five grandchildren as well as a host of relatives and extended family.

He owned and operated True Value Hardware on Shelby Street for 17 years.

He also owned and operated Ammerman Realty and Auction Company.

Formerly, he was a life

insurance agent for Metropolitan Life Insurance and later was an agent with Woodmen of the World.

He had been Falmouth city clerk and Pendleton County treasurer.

At one time he was manager of Pendleton Federal Savings and Loan Association and was associated at various times in various capacities with three other banks in Falmouth and Butler.

Harvey was a Deacon in the Falmouth Baptist Church, a member of Orion Lodge and Woodmen of the World Lodge.

Active with wife in square dancing, he was a member of the Thoroughbred Square Dancing Club of Lexington and served as president of the Pendleton County Chamber of Commerce.

Former Outlook editor Debbie Dennie said, "He was a good friend and helped any way he could to make our community a better place to live."

Ben Browning, execu-

tive vice president of Pendleton Federal Savings and Loan Association, said, "Harvey was very well known in the community and well respected."

Geneva Habermehl, senior vice president and cashier for the First National Bank, said, "He was very outgoing and likeable."

Dennie concluded, "I'm sure if he could have said one last word to the residents of Pendleton County, it would have been for them to get involved in their community and help shape it into a better place to live and shop."

Dan Woodhead said that when Harvey was president of Falmouth Rotary, he led the club in supporting the extension of water lines across the South Fork of the Licking to Pendleton County High School and residents of that area as well as Hayes Station Road.

Woodhead said that Harvey always had some community project that he promoted while president.

Perhaps the greatest at-

tribute of Harvey, however, was tangential to his business and civic activity: Harvey's love for children.

Dennie wrote in her eulogy: "He loved children and they loved Harvey. Children and adults came from all over to visit the pet department and see his pot-bellied pigs, along with Coco, the bird."

"At this Christmastime, you could bet that he was dressed as Santa Claus somewhere. If not in his store, he would be on the street handing out candy to children."

"This past Christmas, he and his wife dressed as Santa and Mrs. Claus and rode in the annual Christmas parade and later listened to children's Christmas lists."

Almost all children who came to Harvey's store knew him. He impacted their lives. One small child who visited Woodhead Funeral Home at Harvey's lay-out said sadly to his mother, "Santa Claus is gone."

Harvey Ammerman had the heart of a child.