

# Early Days

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# Storm brings 'death, injury and untold damage'

On Friday, Jan. 19, 1924, one of the most severe storms that the people of Campbellsville could recall plagued Taylor County.

According to the *Central Kentucky News Journal*, the storm started at 4 p.m., "leaving in its wake, death and injury and untold damage to property in both the county and the city."

Countless homes experienced damage to their roofs. Barns were damaged and outbuildings were blown away. Trees and telephone poles were "mown down like weeds," according to the paper, including some 25 or more telephone poles that blew down along the road between Campbellsville and Lebanon.

Large trees fell — some snapping in two, while others were totally uprooted — many landing on homes and other buildings. Streets were strewn with broken limbs and debris. The storm was accompanied by a downpour of rain which compounded the wind's damage. The storm never was classified as a tornado, but the devastation was widespread.

The storm caused lights to go out for several hours, but power quickly was restored by Kentucky Utilities, according to reports. Telephone service was likewise interrupted.

One death occurred during the storm when the home of Mr. and Mrs. C.M Williams began to collapse and the bricks fell on the crib of 7-month-old Nellie Catherine. Their 3-year-old daughter was also in the room but escaped injury. Their small house located on the Harry Edwards farm (known as the Hiestand Place) was demolished. In the Shiloh area, Arthur

Antle was working in the barn of his father, Martin Antle, when the storm struck. He attempted to get back to the house when a flying tree limb struck him, causing near fatal injuries.



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According to the paper, the area hardest hit by the storm was the Friendship Pike area, citing countless "unpleasant and gruesome sights" seen following the storm — including a vast loss of timber, shade trees and orchards.

Six days after the storm, the Jan. 24th newspaper published a long, yet incomplete, list of storm damages reported to them:

- Charles Cowherd had a barn destroyed and two sheep killed.
- Walter and Russell Shipp lost a barn, two horses and a cow.
- Barney Kearns' house was "wrecked" with all windows blown out, and his barn destroyed.
- The Fairview School house was unroofed and "twisted" off its foundation.
- P.C. Rose's house was unroofed and his barn and crib were badly damaged.
- Clyde, Ira and Floyd Read lost their barn, had significant damage to their house and both their garage and meat house were blown away, causing them to lose a large quantity of meat.
- Lee Read on Friendship Pike had his residence and store destroyed.
- Mrs. Edgar Perry lost a large quantity of timber.
- George Van Cleave had damage to his house and three outbuildings. He likewise reported that the creek that ran through his property had completely changed its course due to rooted trees blocking the original channel.

- John Gilpin's house had a severely damaged roof.
- Charlie Parrott had one barn destroyed and one damaged.
- Thomas Stone's barn was destroyed.
- In the Smith's Chapel neighborhood, Fountain Cox had a 40- by 70-foot barn blown off its foundation.
- Harrison Smith, living on the property of J.H. Burress, sustained damage to his log house when his roof was blown off along with the top logs of the second floor.
- J.T. Lovelace on Friendship Pike had both house and barn damaged.
- Mrs. Less Coontz of the same neighborhood had a barn unroofed.
- James Phillips sustained the loss of a large tobacco barn and timber, estimated at \$2,000.
- W.W. Kerr had a barn and outbuildings damaged.
- Clarence Anderson of Shiloh had his barn and crib destroyed, one horse killed and one crippled.
- Dick Parish, living on the Eugene Blakely farm, sustained loss to his house, garage and outbuildings.
- Fred Faulkner had two barns damaged.
- A.D. Strader, who lived two miles from town on the Lebanon Pike had a barn unroofed.
- The Taylor County Fair Association property sustained heavy damages. Fences were leveled, stables and sheds were damaged and the grandstand had been moved off its foundation. Damage was estimated between \$1,000 and \$1,200.
- Eugene Rice lost two barns and a double corn crib, with an estimated loss of \$600 to \$700.
- Mac C. Goode's outbuilding loss was estimated at \$100.
- F.B. Netherland's loss to his house and outbuildings was estimated at \$200 to \$300.

- Joe B. Gaddie had several barns and outhouses damaged and destroyed.
- Omer Stone's house and two barns were wrecked.
- Bennie and Noah Smith had one barn wrecked and another damaged.
- Allen R. Keltner of Shiloh lost two large barns, one of which contained fine farm machinery, now in ruins. His house was badly damaged and his total loss was said to run \$3,000.
- Mr. M.M. Antle, whose son was seriously injured by the storm, also lost a barn with a quantity of tobacco and numerous farming machines.
- Mrs. R.D. Burress' property and house occupied by Mr. L.W. O'Banion was demolished at a loss of \$3,000, along with his many stately forest trees. Mr. O'Banion also sustained a heavy loss of household goods, damaged by the rain.
- W. Hazelwood lost a barn, mule and horse.
- J.H. Woodridge had a barn partly unroofed.
- Mr. Charles Karnes lost a barn and car and had a horse and valued sow injured. Karnes was in the barn at the time of the storm and was slightly insured.
- J.D. Edwards had his crib unroofed and a barn blown off its foundation, plus a lot of timber damage.
- George and Leonard Phillips of Bengal lost a tobacco barn and tools.
- James Cowherd had his house unroofed and two barns badly damaged.
- The residence of the late Henry Bland of Fairview was unroofed and his barn damaged.

- A large black sugar tree blown down across the residence of Dr. W.B. Adkinson, causing damage to the front part of the house and porch.
  - The residence of Mr. R.B. Wilson was partly unroofed and a newly built poultry house was overturned.
  - The residence of Paul Johnson on Lebanon Avenue was partially unroofed.
  - The residence of John McKenty on Lebanon Avenue was partially unroofed and several trees were uprooted.
  - Mr. E.W. (Petey) Willock sustained considerable damage to his billboards near town.
  - L.E. Darnell lost two chimneys from his residence and sustained damage to his orchard and shade trees.
  - The Willock Building on Main Street lost many of their glass windows.
  - A large section of the roof of Lerman Brothers was blown off.
  - C.M. Durham on Central Avenue had glass windows of his residence blown out and his outbuildings were damaged.
  - The Taylor County High School building had damage to its glass windows.
- In closing, the *News Journal* stated that damage from the storm was so widespread that it was impossible to gather all the details of all the destruction Taylor County had endured.
- At a time when very few people had insurance, the paper estimated the total damage already reported would exceed \$100,000 — or more than \$2 million in today's economy.
- 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 2015

A Taylor County man died over the weekend after a garage fire. Paul Anderson, 71, of Campbellsville, died at the University of Louisville Hospital having sustained severe burns over much of his body.

Lauren Shea Moss of Campbellsville and Tanner Adwin Durrett of Greensburg, announce the birth of a daughter, Evelyn Shea, at 5:31 p.m. March 7 at Taylor Regional Hospital. She weighed 8 pounds, 5 ounces and was 19 inches long.

Taylor County Farm Bureau donated approximately \$5,000 worth of farm rescue equipment to Campbellsville Fire and Rescue. This equipment will be utilized in grain bin rescues in Taylor and surrounding counties.

### TWENTY YEARS AGO April 2005

Sgt. Adam Hughes was laid to rest in the Holy Name of Mary Cemetery in C. He was killed March 19 when the Humvee he was driving struck a roadside bomb in Iraq.

Clay and Christine Rogers celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, April 3.

Virginia Tucker McMahan celebrated her 90th birthday on Saturday, April 9.

Janet Dixon has been named the Taylor Regional Hospital ambassador for February 2005.

### THIRTY YEARS AGO April 1995

Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah Cox of Campbellsville celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with

a reception Sunday, April 9.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brockman celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Monday, April 3.

Paula Humphress of Campbellsville won the title of Miss Derby City during the 1995 scholarship pageant Saturday, March 25, in Louisville.

Carlton and Rhonda Watson, Campbellsville, announce the birth of a son, Aaron Joseph, at 10:17 a.m. Sunday March 20, at Taylor County Hospital.

Jeff Gumm's Taylor County Cardinals appear to be the 20th District baseball favorite due to a strong senior-rich pitching staff.

### FORTY YEARS AGO April 1985

Sibyl Sandidge returned home Monday after three months in Naples, Florida, where she spent the winter with her brother, Keith Franklin and his wife.

Floy Alexander returned home Sunday after a three month visit in Riverside, California with her daughter, Barbara Fite and husband, Jack.

### FIFTY YEARS AGO April 1975

Western Kentucky Gas Company of Owensboro, which serves Taylor and surrounding counties, was applied to the public service commission of Kentucky for an increase in rates to be effective on May 1, 1975.

A new baby boom appears to be in the offing in Taylor County. That is what is forecast for the rest of the '70s

Wickliffe Shreve, 70, retired farmer of the Mannsville community, died March 25.

One year ago, April 3, 1974, Taylor County had the dubious distinction of being one of the areas in the United States to be hit by what has been named the "super outbreak" for tornadoes in this county.

### SIXTY YEARS AGO April 1965

The Taylor County Heart Fund had collected to date a total of \$1,108.80 in the 1965 Kentucky Heart Fund Drive. Taylor County is one of 30 counties in the state to exceed its 1964 drive.

Three roadblocks by police in the city resulted in the citation of 18 car operators in the city who have not paid the \$10 sticker tax which was due March 15.

Louise Durham spent the weekend with her sister Margaret Cave in Louisville and attended an antique show in Buechel.

### EIGHTY YEARS AGO April 1945

G.J. "Doc" Rice authorized the *News-Journal* to announce the candidacy for Commonwealth Attorney of the 11th Judicial District comprised of Green, Taylor, Marion and Washington counties.

Cpl. Calvin Carter, 30 years of age, was killed in action Mare 15 in Germany. His wife Ruth Carter, was notified here last Thursday by the War Department.

Mrs. Lynwood Durham underwent an appendectomy at St. Joseph Hospital in Louisville last Thursday.

Barbara Jean, Charles and Bobby Fawcett entertained with an Easter egg hunt Sunday.

### NINETY YEARS AGO April 1935

Five hundred attended a banquet speaking at Campbellsville College for Tom Rhea and sponsored by local men mainly to urge the completion of the Hodgenville to Campbellsville Highway. Rhea urged the people of Campbellsville and Taylor County to be patient until April 1. Work was going forward in LaRue County on the Hodgenville-Campbellsville road while only three miles of grade and drain is all that has been done in Taylor County.

George C.B. Baxter opened a candy store in the front section of the C.H. Ellis building on Depot Street.

The Campbellsville Checker Team defeated the Greensburg club in the last game of the season here by a score of 92-52. Members of the local team are Ira Ford, H.E. Watson, Boyce Marcum, Grover Keltner, A.S. Cole and C. Newton.

### HUNDRED YEARS AGO April 1925

Mr. and Mrs. Garnett Henderson died at their home within three days of each other from pneumonia. They were both buried in the Shiloh Cemetery.

An orchestra under the direction of Mrs. H.R. Turner was organized at the high school. There were 600 students which will furnish plenty of talent for the orchestra.

Nettie Cave and Harry Fawcett were united in marriage at the Baptist parsonage Sunday afternoon with the Rev. H.S. Summer officiating.

Mrs. R.B. Page was surprised at her home last Sunday in honor of her birthday. When she arrived home from church, 32 of her friends and neighbors had prepared a table with a lot of good things to eat.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Davis of Lebanon Junction are guest of relatives here for a few days.

Mrs. J.O. Durham and children are guests of her mother in Greensburg.

### HUNDRED TEN YEARS AGO April 1915

At high noon April 5 at the Baptist Church,

Marion Atkinson and Charles Leslie Fleece were united in marriage.

Miss Mary McFarland, the daughter of J.E. McFarland and Charles Graham of Willowtown eloped to Jeffersonville, Indiana, and were married.

Mr. and Mrs. Uriel Chevribt became parents of a 9-pound boy, William Walter.

Joe Tucker of Newton, Mississippi, arrived Tuesday for a brief visit to his son, Ira Tucker and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Parrott and daughter of Newton, Ohio, are the guests of the former's sister, Mrs. John Willock and family.



## LEGAL NOTICE

### SECTION 00010 - ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed Bids for "Miller Park Drive and Lebanon Avenue Waterline Replacements" for the City of Campbellsville will be received until 2:00 p.m. (local time) on April 15, 2025, and then publicly opened and read aloud.

The scope of work includes the installation of approximately 500 LF of 24-inch DI waterline, 4,975 LF of 18-inch DI waterline, 810 LF of 10-inch DI waterline, 45 LF of 8-inch DI waterline, 55 LF of 6-inch DI waterline, 253 LF of 2-inch PVC waterline, 180 LF of 36-inch steel casing pipe, 32 LF of 16-inch steel casing pipe, 1 fire hydrant assembly, and related appurtenances.

The Instructions to Bidders, Bid Form, Agreement Forms, Performance and Payment Bonds, Plans, Specifications and other Contract Documents may be viewed online at [lynnimaging.com](http://lynnimaging.com) or examined at the following locations:

City of Campbellsville  
109 West Main Street  
Campbellsville, KY  
(270) 465-7011

Eclipse Engineers, PLLC  
113 West Mt. Vernon Street  
42718 Somerset, KY 42501  
(606) 451-0959

Copies of plans and specifications may be obtained from Lynn Imaging, 328 Old Vine Street, Lexington, Kentucky 40507 (859-255-1021) upon payment of a non-refundable price of \$250.00 for each set (including shipping and handling). No bid will be accepted unless the BIDDER is a registered plan holder. To become a registered plan holder, BIDDER must purchase at least one set of documents from Lynn Imaging and provide accurate name and contact information. Partial sets of documents will not be provided. Half-sized sets may be purchased for the full price. Digital download sets may be purchased for half of the full price. Questions shall be addressed to Alan R. Robinson, P.E. of Eclipse Engineers, PLLC, 113 West Mt. Vernon Street, Somerset, Kentucky 42501 (606-451-0959) as stated in the Specifications or by email to [arobinson@eclipseengineers.net](mailto:arobinson@eclipseengineers.net).

The OWNER reserves the right to waive any informality or to reject any or all bids.

Each BIDDER must deposit with his Bid, security in the amount, form and subject to the conditions provided in the Instructions to Bidders.

No BIDDER may withdraw his Bid within ninety (90) consecutive calendar days after the actual date of the opening thereof.