

LOOKING BACK

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**90 YEARS AGO
June 4, 1936**

PRESIDENT WILL VISIT KENTUCKY

President Roosevelt will begin a Western trip June 8, on which he will make three set speeches and probably a half-dozen others in at least four states through which he will pass on his week-long journey.

Although the President has said his addresses will deal with historical subjects, political observers believe he will depart from his announced topics at some points long enough to pay tribute to New Dealers having reelection campaigns.

It has been definitely decided to visit Kentucky-probably the Lincoln log cabin at Hodgenville on the return journey.

Representative Creal, Hodgenville, stated that after a conference with Marvin H. McIntyre, secretary to the President, that Pres. Roosevelt will visit the Lincoln Shrine at Hodgenville after his speech at Vincennes, Ind., on Sunday, June 14.

**80 YEARS AGO
June 6, 1946**

JURY FAILS TO REACH VERDICT IN ARNOLD CASE

After deliberating three hours, the trial jury serving in the case of the Commonwealth vs. Bryan Arnold, reported to the presiding Judge, W. H. Spragens, in the Washington Circuit Court here Friday afternoon, it was hopelessly deadlocked and that no verdict could be reached. Not content with the result, Judge Spragens requested the jury to return to the jury room and resume deliberations. Some time later the same deadlock was reported and the jurors were dismissed.

This is the second time the case has been tried, having resulted in a hung jury at the first trial in the October term of Circuit Court last year.

Arnold is charged with voluntary manslaughter in connection with the death of H. B. Pope on December 13, 1944, from the effects of injuries allegedly suffered during an altercation with Arnold and Arnold's son at their home in this county.

Because of the prominence of both families involved in the case, much public interest has been aroused and the court room was filled to capacity during the trial, which consumed most all of the time Thursday and Friday in the hearing of evidence and arguments.

The case has been reset for trial on the fourth day of the October term of the Washington Circuit Court, which will be Thursday, October 31.

**70 YEARS AGO
June 7, 1956**

BARBARA CHEATHAM DROWNS IN FARM POND ON THURSDAY

Barbara Ann Cheatham, 10-year-old daughter of D. P. and Brewer Cheatham of the New Hope section of this county, drowned in a farm pond last Thursday afternoon, May 31, 1956. The tragedy occurred about 3:00 o'clock.

Barbara Ann was playing in the yard of her home with a sister and two small brothers when last seen by her mother some five minutes before the tragedy.

Playing in drizzling rain the four children decided to go swimming in the farm pond about 200 yards from the home. The smaller children remained near the bank but Barbara Ann stated she was going to show them how to swim and ventured too far and into water about 6 feet deep. The smaller children notified their mother who in turn called the father who was working on a nearby farm and he recovered the body some 15 minutes later.

Artificial respiration was tried to no avail.

The body was prepared at Sutherland Funeral Home here and returned to the family home on Friday to await burial.

Surviving besides her parents are six brothers, Hugh of Louisville and Harold, Charles, Bobby, David and Joseph at home. Four sisters, Nancy, Wanda, Jeanette and Edith, also at



PROUD GRADUATES

The twenty-three members of the Springfield Kindergarten class proudly displayed their diplomas at the last day of school under Mrs. Jewell Strange last Thursday. The happy graduates are, front, from left, Lynn Reynolds, Barney Strange, Mark Sweazy, Kevin Nally, Stephen Carey, Tommie Curtsinger and Kevin Barber. Second row, Janice Barr, Angela Hamilton, Gwendolyn Cambron, Ann Isaacs, Debbie Reed, Ellen Cambron, Lisa Hardin and Cathy Spaulding. Back row, Greg Simms, Len Benedict, Rob Hamilton, Monte Darland, Mark Ward, Tommie Beiderman, Spencer Parrott and Roger Wilkerson. (June 2, 1966)

home. Her paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Palmer Cheatham of Springfield, also survive.

**60 YEARS AGO
June 2, 1966**

\$15 CAR STICKER IS VOTED BY COUNCIL

The Springfield City Council, acting on recommendations of the Citizens Advisory Committee, Tuesday night voted a \$15 vehicle tax for the City of Springfield effective July 1st.

The council vote was 4-0 with one member not voting.

Several weeks ago the Council organized the Citizens Committee to furnish advice on city finances. The committee recommended the city, in order to meet expenses, first reimpose the auto sticker at \$15 per year per vehicle. This new tax will be collected as was the \$5 sticker which was discarded only a few months ago. The city cannot meet its obligations on present income. The \$5 sticker brought in about \$5,600 annually.

The committee next suggested a 50% increase in garbage collection revenue, the raise to be on a graduated scale to water consumption. Council members discussed such an increase but no action was taken. The possibility of an occupational tax to be levied on both employee and employer was also discussed.

Other committee recommendations included the hiring of a city administrator, the adoption of a budgetary system similar to that of the county, that the Fiscal Court or some other agency be made responsible for the paying of firemen when on county fire runs and that parking meter and auto sticker regulations be rigidly enforced.

**50 YEARS AGO
June 3, 1976**

TOMMY HOURIGAN WINS STATE ESSAY CONTEST ON AMERICANISM

Tommy Hourigan, 12-year-old grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hourigan of Short Line Road, Springfield, won a State Essay Contest last Wednesday as he competed with seventh and eighth grade students from around the state in Frankfort.

Tommy was announced a local winner by Washington County Jaycee President Hamilton Simms in February, and his essay was forwarded to the state office in Louisville to compete in the state contest. He was one of eight finalists to present his essay at a luncheon at the Governor's Mansion in Frankfort last Wednesday.

A seventh grade student at Springfield Middle School, Tommy is taught by Mrs. Patricia Lawson.

Middle School principal is Larry Walker. Tommy won a \$200 savings bond and a 36-inch trophy for his first place finish in the state. The contest was sponsored locally by the Washington County Jaycees.

**40 YEARS AGO
June 4, 1986**

BOARD CHOOSES HALF-DAY SESSIONS FOR KINDERGARTEN

Kindergarten classes in Washington County will once again operate on a half-day schedule this fall.

When parents pre-registered their children in March, a decision had not been made regarding whether the kindergarten would continue its half-day, every day routine as it always had, or switch to a full-day alternating day schedule.

That decision was made at the last school board meeting, soon after school officials learned that busing half-day kindergarten students during the school year just ended, had paid for itself.

Kindergarten in Washington County has always operated with morning and afternoon sessions, every day. But until this year, transportation for those half-day students was only provided one way.

The passing of the new mandatory kindergarten regulation by the General Assembly in 1984 changed that. A child required to attend kindergarten must be provided round-trip transportation.

The 1985-86 kindergarten would have been the first full-day, alternating day class.

But last summer the Special Session's late decision to earmark \$6 million for transporting of half-day students in Kentucky made them instead pilots in the first-year kindergarten busing program.

This program put six special buses on the road to transport the 5-year-olds one way on their trip.

For instance, morning kindergarten students would ride in on their regular route bus and were taken home by special bus.

Afternoon students were picked up by a special bus, but returned home on the regular bus for their area.

The special buses travelled only the roads served by the regular buses.

The program cost the county \$29,425.49, with about \$18,000 of that for bus drivers' salaries.

The first of May, the local school board was notified it would receive \$31,859.21 to pay for it.

"Good or bad, a lot of our decisions are based on money," Jack Waff, Superintendent of Schools said. "As long as it's paying for itself, we'll do it." He called the program an "administrative monster" transporting 125 5-year-olds on bus routes that service about 1,800 students.

But the decision to remain with the half-day schedule was not a hard one for Waff and other local school personnel.

They feel strongly that the every day kindergarten is the far superior method, educationally.

Educational research tells us that any every day program is better than an alternating day program," he said. "There's continuity in learning and better reinforcement."

**30 YEARS AGO
June 5, 1996**

TORNADO LEAVES LOCALS FEELING LUCKY

If you're going to get caught in a tornado, Joe Bishop said, you couldn't ask for a better companion than Liz McFarland.

"She has a great sense of humor," Bishop said. McFarland and Bishop did get caught in a tornado. They were dining at the Cracker Barrel restaurant off I-65 when a twister struck northern Bullitt County last Tuesday night.

They had been to an auction in Louisville and stopped for dinner on the way home.

"We went in there, it was a beautiful day, and ordered a meal," Bishop said.

They were about finished when Bishop looked out the window.

"It looked like big birds flying around," he recalled. "Liz said, 'Joe, that's a tornado.'"

The manager asked everybody to come to the back of the building, away from the large windows in front.

McFarland and Bishop, unable to find shelter by the large fireplace, crawled under a table.

They heard a popping noise, and Bishop looked out from under the table.

He saw the roof of the building rise 8 to 10 inches, then drop back.

The Cracker Barrel suffered only minor damage, Bishop and McFarland said.

"Everything around the Cracker Barrel was hit worse," McFarland said.

"The Arby's next door was hit worse, and a Budget 8 motel being built, about half of it was gone." The two Springfield residents think the tornado actually jumped over the Cracker Barrel before continuing its path of destruction through Bullitt County.

**20 YEARS AGO
June 7, 2006**

COCANOUGH SWORN IN AS COMMONWEALTH ATTORNEY-NE

As Tim Cocanougher took the seat of Commonwealth Attorney for the 11th Judicial District Thursday, it was already warm. After all, his predecessor, Barry Bertam, had been sitting in it for the past 31 years.

Cocanougher, a native of Washington County, was sworn in by Circuit Judge Douglas "Doty" George at the Washington County Courthouse.

He will complete the term of Bertam, whose retirement became effective the day before on May 31. Cocanougher was running unopposed for the seat, and will officially begin his elected six-year term on Jan. 1, 2007. The 11th Judicial District serves Washington, Marion, Taylor and Green counties.

Cocanougher is not new to the office, having served as one of four assistant commonwealth attorneys for the past eight years while still operating a private civil practice. He has been in private practice for nearly 20 years, and as commonwealth attorney, will not be permit-

ted to continue that practice, which is just fine with him.

"The commonwealth's attorney is a full-time prosecutor's position. I'm not allowed to do civil work any longer, and I'm excited that this will be the first time in my career that I can concentrate on nothing but prosecution," he said.

The biggest challenge for Cocanougher, in his opinion, will not be in the work itself, but in filling Bertram's shoes.

**10 YEARS AGO
June 1, 2016**

AN IN-DEPTH LOOK AT THE NICKEL TAX

The future of Washington County Schools will be decided during a public hearing at Washington County High School tomorrow. That's because a public hearing regarding the adoption of a recallable nickel tax will be held there on June 2 at 5:30 p.m.

According to Washington County Schools Superintendent Robin Cochran, the decision to look at the tax has been around for a while.

"The discussions have been ongoing for a couple of years now," Cochran said.

But, the discussion really warmed up when the new high school officially opened. After moving into the new building, Cochran said they began receiving questions about when will the comprehensive high school be built and when will athletic and band facilities be constructed.

"It wasn't just parents," Cochran said. "It was parents and community members saying, When will it be all inconclusive? While we had shared the facilities plan, it didn't become real to people until the new high school was built and the kids moved in."

Once everyone got settled in the new building, everyone began to realize students had to keep going back to their old school for football and band.

And that created a whole new logistical problem.

Cochran said the question then became how to get students from the new high school to the old one for school-related activities. Questions such as busing students who normally walked to school to the old location or having to acquire new buses came to the forefront.

While all of this was going on, they were also juggling moving the elementary school to the old high school.

The capital construction priorities of the Washington County Schools District Facilities Plan is as follows: new high school, renovation of old high school, renovation of Washington County Elementary School (which will be used for district-wide service), renovations at North Washington School, and a district white-board initiative which would provide fixed active boards and projectors in all classrooms with wireless capability for hand-held student assessments and remote operation.

SENIOR MENU

Wednesday, June 3: Smoked sausage, oven fried potatoes, broccoli, Mandarin oranges, whole grain roll

Thursday, June 4: Vegetable soup, tuna salad, whole grain bread, lettuce/tomato, mixed fruit

Friday, June 5: Roast turkey, green beans, sweet potatoes, Ambrosia, whole grain roll

Monday, June 8: Grilled chicken breast, lima beans, carrot and raisin salad, whole grain roll, pears

Tuesday, June 9: Ham, macaroni and cheese, cabbage, cornbread, applesauce

Wednesday, June 10: Beef pot roast, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, strawberries, whole grain roll

All seniors are welcome. Please call one day ahead 859-336-0909 for meals. All meals served with a calcium product. Dine-in meals served 11:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.; Drive-thru no longer available. Meals can no longer be picked up for friends or neighbors.

TEXAS TIDBITS

Dear Faithful Readers, what a beautiful month of May with all the graduates from college and high school. Surely you were able to attend more than one. The rains also refreshed the beauty of our county.

Pleased to learn our friend in Atlanta is able to be home from the hospital. Dev-ers Hays owns property in the Texas Community.

Lunch for local graduates was served at Bethlehem Baptist Church on May 31.

QUOTE of the WEEK: "Curiosity is not a phase. It is life-long disposition that fuels problem solving, creativity and engagement. When we honor and cultivate students questions, not just answers, we invite deeper learning, and a more joyful classroom." Teachers Kathryn and Jessica