

February 1, 1940

Quite shocking and, in truth, pathetic, are the reports from the Southland, which has just experienced the worst cold weather in its history. The toll of the cold is just being realized and this news reached our ears today. About 30 miles south of Miami, crops of early vegetables were wiped out: 20,000 acres of beans, 15,000 acres of tomatoes, and 10,000 acres of Irish potatoes were "gone with the cold." Dr. Kenneth Thomas, formerly of Horse Cave but now a resident of Miami, lost 3,000 papaya trees. He reported that icicles were hanging on the trees – a sight unknown to the residents in the Far South.

Members of civic clubs met at the Spotswood Hotel Monday evening to form an organization along the lines of a Community Chest and make it a permanent thing, the crying needs of such an organization being evident. After a number of talks by citizens and the encouragement of other civic clubs, it was generally conceded that such an organization could and should exist. Committees were named for the different needs which will be submitted to the Chamber of Commerce. No one can doubt the need of an organization of this kind, and every citizen of Glasgow should give it his or her hearty support.

Mr. Roscoe Lambirth, Knob Lick, has a pair of ear muffs that he has owned 35 years, which he says have "seen better days." But adds that "they are not for sale."

We believe he had realized their value in sub-zero weather. This makes 5 or 6 pairs of these old time ear protectors still in existence around here.

From Edmonton: Mr. and Mrs. Stoney Blakeman of Knob Lick are the parents of a daughter born January 20.....Mr. Dewey Harris and family of East Fork have moved here to the Hamilton property on Glasgow Avenue.

From Metcalfe County: About 65 of the 90 eighth grade pupils who took the exam for high school made very satisfactory grades. Most of these will be enrolled in high schools in this county next term. Superintendent Butler reports that high school enrollment is increasing steadily from year to year, showing an awakening interest in education.

February 8, 1940

The Country Club, slightly over three miles north of Glasgow on the Jackson Highway, burned this morning shortly after midnight, causing a loss of \$10,000, possibly 75% of which was insured. The alarm was sounded at 12:05 and firemen made a run, but the fire was so far advanced they could render no assistance. The beautiful building was erected about two years ago and was greatly admired by all passing that way. No insurance was carried on the Club House furniture, which was a total loss.

Former Policeman Dies After Several Months of Illness. Mr. D. J. Cooksey, better known to his friends as "Dock" Cooksey, 69, passed away at his home on Cherry Street Sunday night. He had been in declining health since a paralytic stroke last fall while doing carpenter work on Mr. Earl Hatchett's garage on South Race Street. As a carpenter he had few equals, and his honest painstaking efforts attracted those who demanded such work. He served Glasgow as nightwatchman and did private police work for several years, and no complaint or criticism was ever registered against him. He was an all round clever and reliable man and a gentleman under all circumstances. Mr. Cooksey was reared in the Cooktown section but had lived in Glasgow more than 30 years.

From Summer Shade: Miss Nell Whitlow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Whitlow, and Mr. Tristram Perkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Perkins, of Huffman, were married in Edmonton last Saturday. We sure wish these young folks a long and happy life, and we hate to lose them out of the school. They are both fine young people.

One of our farmer friends caused this notice to be printed in the newspaper. Notice: Any one fooling around my henhouse at night can be found there the next morning!

Misses Reba Mayhew of Adolphus, Eunice Morris of Woodburn, Thelma Rose Brown of Brandenburg, and Ruby Steen of Tracy spent last week end with Miss Ruby Jones at Nobob. All of the young ladies are students at WKTC, Bowling Green.

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Mrs. Billy Sam Terry, Hiseville, is recovering from a painful injury received last week while she was pumping water. The pump handle slipped out of her hand, striking her in the face and fracturing both of her jaws. While the injured jaws are slowly improving, the victim of the unusual accident is still nursing a very sore and painful injury.

Flu epidemics are being reported from many cities and, while there are a few cases of a mild type reported in various sections, it is not out of place for individuals to take the harmless precautions to prevent the disease: keep the feet dry, keep the body warm, use fruit juices once a day, and avoid large crowds. These simple instructions may prevent serious illness.

Pupils of Miss Jane Williams entertained with a Valentine Recital Wednesday afternoon. Those taking part on the program were Jackie Ellis, Mary Ann Richardson, Helen Crockett Smith, Jean Smith Jewell, Martha Bell Jones, Mary Elizabeth York, Amanda Lee Poteet, Barbara Taylor, Mary Lloyd Howard, Izetta Young, Pat Hunger, O.D. Doyle, Tanny Hensgen and Kenneth Calvert.

Messrs. Horace G. Travis, J. H. Webb of Glasgow, and B. E. Jones, Bowling Green, have purchased the Tucker Auto Company formerly owned by Charles Tucker. Mr. Travis will soon be installed as manager, but it is not known who will fill his place at the Ideal Chevrolet Company. The name of the new place will be The Travis Auto Company. Cave City is fortunate in securing Mr. Travis as a citizen. A progressive, wide awake young business man, he is a desirable citizen and one of the best young business men in this or any other section. He is of the material that goes to make splendid citizenship.

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Miss Mary Opal Wood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Buford Wood of this city, and Mr. Gordon Keith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Keith of Louisville. Miss Wood is a nurse in Norton Infirmary, Louisville. The wedding will take place sometime during the summer.

February 22, 1940

Hiseville Home and Church Burned. According to residents, Hiseville suffered its worst fire in the past 29 years. The fire started in the second floor of the Gadberry home, occupied by a tenant, and was breaking through the roof when discovered. Volunteer workers responded to the alarm and saved the furniture from the home but, knowing they could not save the home, they turned their attention to the church building, where they saved the piano, pews, stove and song books. The loss of the Gadberry home is around \$2000 with insurance, while no insurance was carried on the church, which was built around 50 years ago. Not only was the loss of the Christian church a money value that is hard at this time, but the sentiments that go with the church cause a keen loss to be felt by every member and every citizen of that place.

General complaints are being heard regarding the roads of this section. The general opinion is that some needed repairing should be done as soon as possible, but that is hardly practical under present conditions. This recalls the fact that this section suffered a severe loss from frozen roads a few winters ago, when many of our black-top roads froze and were badly broken up. We trust we are not in for a similar experience.

One more spelling contest remains to decide the champion speller for Barren County, winner of which will enter the Courier-Journal contest to be held in Louisville during the meeting of the K.E.A. in April. Miss Mary Bridges, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bridges and 8th grade student of Mrs. Effie Depp, emerged champion of Glasgow school. Miss Frances Steen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Steen of Tracy and student of Miss Grace Simmons, is the rural school champion. Roy D. Reynolds, Jr. of Cave City, 8th grade student of Mrs. D. P. Curry, is champion of Cave City School. These three young people will spell for championship of Barren County at the Plaza Theatre on Friday morning March 5 at 10:30. The winner will receive \$5.00 cash and all expenses paid to Louisville.

Misses Beulah Grooms, Mildred Howard, and Mary Ida McFarland were in Nashville last Tuesday where they saw "Gone with the Wind."

Celebrates Birthday for First Time, Typical, perhaps, of Kentuckians who picked the wrong birthday is Danny Beam, Glasgow. Four years old, Danny has never had the opportunity of celebrating his birthday anniversary until this year (1940). He was born February 29, 1936 and is celebrating his first birthday today, 1,461 days after he was born – not the customary 365.
