

BLACKEY

Hoggs return to Blackey

By R. B. Caudill

Earl Hogg and family are back home from Louisville where he has been employed for the past year in school.

Alvis Fields, and daughter Jonie, of Dayton, Ohio, and Mrs. Armilda Fields Walters, formerly from Big Branch, Perry County, but now of Corbin, Ky., are visiting with Gobel Fields, at Red Star. This is the first time Alvis has been here in 30 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Ferd Adams of Dry Fork have been visiting and attending services at the Indian Bottom Baptist church here.

Cleary Sue Sizemore, is home after a week's visit with her folks on Little Leatherwood.

Mrs. Marie Dunn and twin daughters are here from Flint, Michigan, seeing their relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvis, Mrs. Loren Banks and daughter of Cumberland, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Shell and Elder Robert Fields of Kings Creek visited Friday with Silas Banks, who is still very sick.

Baxter Collins died unexpectedly at his home Saturday about noon. He was buried at his old home cemetery on Mill Branch Monday.

Jim Back and Dexter held services on Big Branch, Perry County, Sunday.

Mrs. Zannie Le Master and sister of Florida, visited their mother, Mrs. William Rogers and brothers, Dexter and Ed Vernon, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Ingle and two small children, of Richmond, Va., are here seeing his mother, Sallie Jent, of the Jent Mountain, whom he had not seen in 14 years.

Mrs. W. H. Potter of Kona and Mrs. J. D. Stamper of Whitesburg are in a nursing home at Winchester, for treatment.

Aster Holcomb of Red Star is working at Paintsville.

The road at Bluefield is being worked on.

Mrs. W. J. Caudill, Mr. and

Mrs. R. B. Caudill from here, Mrs. H. Speer and Dr. Keith Speer of Grundy, Va., Arch Caudill of Williamsburg, Ky., and Mrs. S. P. Combs of Cornettsville, visited Sunday with Kirby Cornett at the old Arch Cornett home on Big Leatherwood and also with Mrs. Flora Cornett.

Monday ye scribe set a 10-quart bucket, full of green beans, 10 feet from the highway. A truck ran over it, destroyed bucket and beans, just 30 yards away, on the opposite side of highway, we found a steel crow bar, supposedly lost from a truck.

Hall promoted

1st Cav. Div., Korea — Olaf Hall Jr., son of Mrs. Vivian C. Kelley, Seco, Ky., recently was promoted to specialist third class in Korea, where he is a member of the 1st Cavalry Division.

Specialist Hall, a tank commander and driver in Company E of the division's 40th Armor, arrived in the Far East in April 1957 from an assignment at Ft. Riley, Kan. He entered the Army in June 1956 and completed basic combat training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

The 19-year-old soldier attended Fleming - Neon High School in Fleming.

John Combs dies

John Combs, 69, of Isom, Ky., died at a Louisville hospital on July 6 after a lengthy illness.

Combs was survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary Maggard, and by four children—Mrs. Dixie Duncil, of Isom; Van Combs, Vernal Combs and Mrs. Cuba Sanders, all of Louisville. He also was survived by one brother and six sisters.

Funeral services were held July 9 at the Presbyterian Church, with ministers Ray Collins and Kirby Ison. Burial followed in the Combs family cemetery.

Craft Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

REPORT OF CONDITION of

THE BANK OF NEON, INC.

of Neon in the State of Kentucky at the close of business on June 23, 1958.

ASSETS

1. Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balances, and cash items in process of collection	246,200.29
2. United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	588,437.50
3. Obligations of States and political subdivisions	16,970.75
6. Loans and discounts (including \$414.31 overdrafts)	468,055.21
7. Bank furniture and fixtures \$3,757.54	3,757.54
11. Other assets	1,355.33
12. TOTAL ASSETS	\$1,324,776.62

LIABILITIES

13. Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	695,196.69
14. Time deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	392,338.34
15. Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings)	10,417.09
16. Deposits of States and political subdivisions	51,737.87
18. Other deposits (certified and officers' checks, etc.)	1,317.42
19. TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$1,151,007.41
23. Other liabilities	273.70
24. TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$1,151,281.11

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

25. Capital*	50,000.00
26. Surplus	50,000.00
27. Undivided profits	73,495.51
29. TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	173,495.51
30. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	\$1,324,776.62

*This bank's capital consists of 500 shares common stock with total par value of \$50,000.00.

MEMORANDA

31. Assets pledged or assigned to secure liabilities and for other purposes \$ 315,000.00

I, Loren C. Bentley, Cashier, of the above-named bank, do solemnly affirm that the above statement is true, and that it fully and correctly represents the true state of the several matters herein contained and set forth, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Correct—Attest:

Loren C. Bentley
James M. Caudill)
Guy W. Jackson) Directors.
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(NOTARY SEAL)

State of Kentucky, County of Letcher, ss:

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 14th day of July, 1958, and I hereby certify that I am not an officer or director of this bank.

My commission expires Nov. 20, 1961.

Lola W. Webb, Notary Public

BLAIR BRANCH

By Minnie Adams

Blairs have son

Mr. and Mrs. Shade Blair of Cecil, Ohio have a new arrival, a boy, born July 1, and named Watson Dell.

We extend our deepest sym-

pathy to Mr. and Mrs. Victor Caudill of Louisville in the death of their infant baby.

We were sorry to hear of the death of John Combs.

S. T. Blair of Ohio was involved in a car wreck last week near Finley, Ohio, breaking his back and other injuries.

Sheree Diann Stewart was

very sick last week. Bufford Blair and Pearl Mitchell were married Saturday, July 12.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Blair of Oregon, are here visiting Mr. and Mrs. Fred Blair and others.

The eighth grade boys and girls accompanied by their teachers, Mr. and Mrs. C. C.

Ison, went on a trip last week through North Carolina and other places.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Casper and son of Cecil, Ohio are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Watson Blair, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Blair and others.

Verlin Adams of Indiana is visiting here.

Dr. B. F. Wright, Member Letcher County Board of Education, replies to statement of Supt. of Schools, W. B. Hall and published in The Mountain Eagle, July 10, 1958. Supt. Hall stated in substance at the school board meeting July 5, 1958, that if it had not been for Dr. Wright the school building in the lower end of the county would already be finished.

I wish to state that if Supt. Hall can produce proof to substantiate or verify the above statement, I will resign as a member of the Letcher County Board of Education, and I feel sure that nothing I could do would please him more.

I have been a member of the Letcher County Board of Education for the past 7 or 8 years, and I am directly responsible for Supt. W. B. Hall being hired as superintendent for the first four years. Our association was mainly satisfactory for the first one or two years of his administration as superintendent. Our first disagreement resulted from his hiring people that I did not consider capable of performing the duties expected of them, and what I considered his extravagance in the spending of tax money in the building of the one-room colored school at Fleming and the four-room block building at Whitesburg. He spent at least double what I considered the amount necessary to construct these two buildings.

The nearest I could determine, the Fleming one-room colored school cost approximately \$25,000.00; the four-room block building at Whitesburg cost approximately \$75,000.00. The construction of these two buildings was under the supervision of Supt. Hall and his foreman. In my opinion the Fleming building should have been constructed for \$8,000 or \$9,000 and the Whitesburg building should have been constructed for not more than \$50,000 to \$60,000. I have had considerable experience in building and I feel that I should know the approximate cost of construction.

We have been building a school in the lower end of the county for the past four years, especially those years that we had a member of the Board of Education to elect.

Four years ago just before the election of Basil Hall and Daniel Johnson, we voted to build a graded school building at the mouth of Campbell Branch at Hallie. For about 8 or 10 weeks prior to that election, we had 30 to 40 men working like beavers on the pouring of a concrete foundation for this building. The foundation was partly laid, but there has not been a day's work done on that school since election day four years ago. The weeds have grown up and hid the foundation, and the idea of a school at that site has been abandoned. Fully \$5,000.00 was spent for labor on this job in addition to the cost of the lot, all of which was a total loss to the taxpayers. An extra foreman at \$300.00 per month was hired for this job.

Last year we had a school board member to be elected in the lower end of the county and just prior to the November election, we had engineers looking and rushing plans for a building at Marian, or Letcher, and the board voted to pay \$5,000.00 for a site on which to build the school, adjacent to Stuart Robinson School. An architect was employed and things were being rushed to a conclusion. But lo, after election this site was rejected for some unknown reason, and the engineers were moved up to the mouth of Caudill's Branch. After weeks of surveying and dilly-dallying, this site was rejected, and the engineers were moved some two or three miles further up Rockhouse creek.

Here, after much engineering, it was voted to pay \$10,000.00 for 10 acres of land on which to build a school, and I reckon we are still surveying.

I voted against paying \$1,000.00 per acre for a school site, and I also felt the school should be nearer Blackey, and the center of population. There are very few acres of land in Letcher

County unimproved that is worth \$1,000.00 per acre. I suppose this is the vote that he says kept the building from being finished.

I wonder what I could gain by keeping a school from being built in the lower end of Letcher County? I invite the people to ask Curt Asher of Letcher about my efforts to get a school there. He is fully familiar with just what happened.

Now comes election day, next November 4. We are busily engaged in building not one but two school buildings—a 14 room high school at Fleming, and a 24 or 28 room grade school and high school at Rockhouse. We have been working (stalling) on the Rockhouse grade and high school building for the past two years, and we don't even have the plans.

Letcher County can be bonded to the limit in the amount of \$545,000.00 for the purpose of building a school. The architect's plans will cost \$25,000 to \$30,000, the fiscal agent \$2,000 to \$4,000, and the school site \$10,000. This will leave slightly more than \$500,000 to construct the two buildings if we can find someone to buy the bonds. I estimate the two buildings—a 14-room high school at Fleming and a 24-28 room grade and high school at Rockhouse—will cost with furnishings more than \$700,000.

If this estimate is correct we shall be short some \$200,000 necessary to construct the two buildings. I predict that the people of Rockhouse or Fleming will wait some two or three years at least before having a new school building, and I wish to pledge my earnest effort in every way to the end that both buildings shall be constructed as early as possible.

For the past 18 months Supt. Hall has had a majority of the school board members that have voted with him on every recommendation, and I am wondering with my lone vote how I could have held up construction of the buildings or anything else he wanted done.

It is rather strange that it costs nearly twice as much in Letcher County to transport a child to school for one year as it does in Harlan, an adjacent county with almost identical conditions. Letcher County rates among the highest in the state in cost of transportation, and Harlan among the lowest. Can Supt. Hall explain this? He hires all the help.

We are paying \$18,000.00 rent this year for the Stuart Robinson school plant. I had no knowledge of the details of the contract, and at the July 5th meeting of the school board a motion was made and seconded to approve the written contract before I had time or opportunity to read it. I refused to vote until I had time to read the contract.

The people in the lower end of Letcher County have been my good friends and I have been theirs. There is not a mile of blacktop road or a modern bridge in the lower end of Letcher County that I didn't help get, and I have seen many of my friends from down there professionally for the past 35 years and none have been denied service because they didn't have the money.

In conclusion, I pledge my most earnest effort to the end that the needed school buildings shall be speedily constructed in Letcher County.

DR. B. F. WRIGHT

(Paid Advertisement)

Vivian Rose Fields, of Banks, Ky., Letcher County, made the second semester honor roll at Morehead State College with a 3.82 standing.

49 students at Morehead

Morehead, Ky. — Forty-eight students are enrolled in summer school at Morehead State College from Letcher county. President Adron Doran announced today.

A record 1,341 students have set an all-time Morehead summer enrollment record, breaking the enrollment high of 1,100 in 1957.

The 1,341 total enrollment does not include the seventh annual Writers' Workshop which begins on the campus on July 21.

Students are enrolled from Letcher and 48 other Kentucky counties while out-of-state students come from Alabama, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Michigan, Montana, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

Enrolled from Letcher County are Pauline Blair Adams, Steve Adams, Begie Breeding, Dallas Craft, Jack Fairchild, Louise Hampton, Willamae Ison, Clinton Kincer, Polly Kincer, Marion Proffitt, Frances Cecil Stallard, Truman Adams, Benton Back, Nola Back, Virgie Back, Willie Back, James M. Baldwin, Ottielina Baldwin, Creeda Bates, Josephine Bowen, and Bobby Breeding.

Also enrolled are Margaret Breeding, Robert Childers, Harlan Collins, Betty Bach Cornett, Dorsey Crase, Tilden Crase, Louisa Dixon, Glenn Fields, Vivian Fields, Robert Cecil Gish, Ransom Holbrook, Thomas Howard, Bobby Ison, Harold Ison, Geneva Meade, Herbert Meade, Wilma Pridemore, William Richardson, Billy Shepherd, Ralph Smith, Billy Thomas, Frank Welch, Geraldine Welch, Robert Welch, Joel D. Whitaker, Peggy Ann Whitaker and Jessie Wright.

Mrs. Cordelia Bentley observes birthday

Mrs. Cordelia Bentley observed her 66th birthday with a birthday dinner given by her children at her home at Democrat on Wednesday, July 9.

Those present included her children, Mr. and Mrs. Estil Bentley and family of Neon; Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Bentley and family of Valdosta, Ga.; Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Bentley and family of Jackhorn; Mr. and Mrs. Willie Craft and son and Mr. and Mrs. Elzie Bentley of Democrat.

Others present included her brother, John D. Martin of Democrat, and her two brothers-in-law, Zack Bentley of Neon and Newton Bentley of Democrat. Friends included Mr. and Mrs. Sherd Martin and son and Virgie Martin of Millstone; Bill Martin and John M. Hall of Halo; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Bowen and sons, also Florence Bentley and Polly Ann Sergent of Democrat.

Local UK student is on dean's list

Ronald Polly of McRoberts is among approximately 100 University of Kentucky students who have been placed on the dean's list in UK's College of Arts and Sciences.

Dr. M. M. White, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, has announced that all students achieving an average of 3.6 or higher during the past semester were included on the list.

Polly is a son of Millard Polly, and is a pre-law student.

ON HONOR ROLL

Miss Elizabeth Combs, a senior student at the Good Samaritan Hospital School of Nursing, Lexington, Ky., the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Shade Combs, has been placed on the honor roll for last semester.

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