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Reflections

Berea Citizen archives

December 31, 1924 New officers

Dr. William G. Best of Berea was elected president of the Blue Grass Dental Society at its December meeting held in Lexington at the Phoenix Hotel. He succeeded Dr. M.B. Guthrie of Lexington. Dr. J.S. Dailey of Lexington was chosen as vice president/ Dr. J.F. Owen of Lexington, secretary; and Dr. Burch Wylie of Nicholasville was reelected as treasurer. The board of censors chosen included Dr. J.F. Nevitt of Lexington; Dr. W.J. Winburn of Winchester and Dr. H.J. Comley of Irvine. The business meeting was preceded by a dinner attended by a large representation of Blue Grass dentists. Dr. H.C. Hodge of Lexington was elected representative to the state board of trustees. Two new members were elected at the

meeting as well. They were Dr. O.B. Coomer and Dr. R.I. Todd of Richmond. Dr. Raymond Grant, Louisville dentist was principal speaker and presented a discussion of "Dental Economics" using charts to illustrate possible gains in an office with the proper system of work.

December 29, 1949 Historic homes

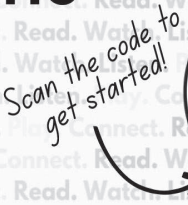
About nine miles north of Berea were two old colonial homes called Castlewood and Woodstock that were built in the early part of the 19th century. For many years these homes were the center of culture and society characteristic to living in this area of the Bluegrass. In 1942, the U.S. Government purchased the land on which these two homes stood for the Blue Grass Ordinance Depot. In November of 1942, the gov-

ernment began seeking bids for the removal of the homes. Materials from these raised homes were purchased by Leslie Williams, W.S. Swinford and John Hess.

December 1974 Buying trends mixed

Mixed, that seemed to be the view of how business for the Christmas for the 1974 shopping season. Don Rose of Foley's Florist said business was up compared to the previous hear. Oma Baker of Baker and Baker Appliances said that the Christmas shopping season was "slow." Horton Jewelry reported business was "good" but not up to 1973 levels. H.R. Wilkinson of Bera Five and Dime said that they should. "About break even." Mike Ross of First Place, a new sporting goods store, said they had experienced good

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November 27, 1924 Progress club

Progress Club met Thursday, November 29th at the home of Mrs. George Moore in preparation for the Christmas Bazaar on December 4th. They welcomed former club member Mrs. E.E. Wyatt and new member Mrs. L.M. Ambrose. The club welcomed as guests Mrs. Louise Lester, who was a charter member but had been away from Berea for several years, Mrs. Dunn, Mrs. Edgar Moore, Misses Kathleen and Rosalie Seals. All enjoyed violin solos performed by Miss Kathleen Seals who was accompanied by Miss Rosalie on pion. Alos the treading was given by Miss Rosalie and were greatly enjoyed.

Delicious refreshments were served, and a very enjoyable social time was had by all.

September 15, 1949 Fire convention

Chief A. P. Smith of the Berea College and City of Berea Fire Department recently returned from the State Fireman’s Convention held in Covington. Smith stated that approximately 700 firemen from all parts of Kentucky attended the three day meetings. Lectures on various phases of firefighting were feature at the conference. Visiting speakers came from Washington, Louisville, Frankfort and many other places.

October 17, 1974 J.A. officers

William Maish, plant manager of Gibson Greetings was elected as the first president of Junior Achievement in Berea. Other officers would be George Bowers of Berea College, vice president, Steve Snowden of People’s Bank and Trust, Company, treasurer, and Tom Robertson of Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, secretary. Also serving on the board were Steve Durgin of the Hyster Company; Jack Parsons of Gibson; Lee Turner of Goodyear; Alvie Eye of Goodyear; Mayor C.C. Hensley; Earl McQuary and Terry D. Fields of Berea College and George Stubbler of Parker Seal Com-

pany. Junior Achievement helped teenagers form miniature companies with the guidance of adult advisors. These companti8es would operate one night a week for two hours a night. The young people finance their little businesses through the sale of stock. They select officers and form a board of directors. They manufacture and merchandise a product or service and at the end of the school year they liquidate their corporation. Mr. Maish indicated that the Berea program needed funds to provide for the establishment of a “business center” for workshops and of-ficers for young people.



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Ranking the Presidents

The smooth transition of power is powerful in our democracy. This week, we watched as Donald J. Trump was sworn in as the 47th President of the United States, eight years after he took the oath of office as the 45th President.



Keith Taylor

During my lifetime, there have been 10 men who have served as the highest-ranking elected official in our country and I have voted in every presidential election since 1992. I have won some and lost some votes, but I respected each of those men for their service to our country. As a tribute to inauguration week, I have ranked my favorite presidents in order.

Ronald Reagan

He had the personality and the charisma for the office I experienced “Morning in America” during my early teen and teenage years. I have read nearly every book on Reagan and he is my favorite, hands down.

George H.W. Bush

Mr. Bush had the task of following Reagan and I thought he did an admirable job, especially during the Gulf War. Problems at home became too much for Bush to overcome

Bill Clinton

Despite his moral shortcomings, I thought Clinton did a good job as Commander in Chief and was willing to work both sides of the aisle to get things done for the good of our country at the time.

George W. Bush

Not even a year into office, 9/11 changed the trajectory of his presidency and suddenly defending America against its enemies was his top priority in his eight years in office.

Donald Trump

Trump had everything going for him until the pandemic sidelined his hopes for a second term. Most of his policies were on target during his four years in office

Barack Obama

I admire Obama for bringing a new era of peace after the Bush tenure. For the most part, I thought he was effective while in office.

Richard Nixon

I was too young to fully understand his presidency, but I know plenty enough about Watergate to make a judgement call

Gerald Ford



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December 11, 1924
Heavy rainfall

Last Sunday was the heaviest rainfall in Berea sine 1913. The storms continued all day Sunday, into Sunday night and part of Monday morning. The local government thermometer in the charge of Mr. Montgomery measured 6 2/3 inches of precipitation. Silver Creek was a mad rushing stream, and the overflowing waters did considerable damage to residences and stores in Paint Lick. Auto traffic between Berea and Richmond was held up for many hours on Sunday due to high water conditions. An overflow of the creek at Kingston stopped traffic traveling through the village. The rain, however, was a blessing to the water supply for Berea. The reservoir at Cowbell Hollow was nearing the danger point. After the abundance of rainfall, the reservoir was full and overflowing, insuring a sufficient water supply for many months.

October 20, 1949
Fairchild Hall

The fire department was called out about 10:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 19th when a ventilation fan in the basement of Fairchild Hall burned out and produced smoke. The van ventilated the power room of the residence hall and was located

on the east side of the building. While the fan motor was damaged, no structural damage was reported.

October 24, 1974
Maupin home damaged

Fire destroyed one room and caused heavy smoke damage to the rest of the wood frame home of Jack Maupin on Route 5, shortly after 7:00 a.m. Monday morning. The fire, which started at the base of the fireplace, was quickly extinguished by the Berea Fire Department with approximately 300 gallons of water carried on the department's tanker according to the fire department report.

September 30, 1999
Gandy dancers

The gandy dancers came to Berea last week. Sixty-five of them were in Berea to lay railroad ties for CSX Corporation from Jacksonville, Florida. The name "gandy dancer," was a slang term for men who lay the ties of a railroad track. Although the origin of the term was uncertain, it seemed to have been used as far back as the 19th century. One source said the name stemmed from the tight pants the railroad workers wore so that their clothing would not get caught when working in close quarters under bridges and in tunnels. A second source suggested that the name originated from the Gandy Tool Company in the late 1800's. Another source referred to the rhythmic up and down motion of pumping a had car may be the origin. The crew working in Berea came mostly from Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia, Florida and South Carolina. According to Malcom Duke, the timekeeper for the mobile CSX crew said that the railroad ties were replaced every seven years. The

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December 11, 1925 "Beecher Highway"

The concrete path in which the Pearson and Howard Hall boys were so proud of was in danger of being washed away on Sunday morning, December 8th by heavy rain that fell in the area Saturday night. Jo Hays, a resident of the guest house appeared in a pair of overalls and relieved the situation. There were two pipes intended to carry water away, but the wind and rains had carried leaves into those pipes partially clogging them. As a result, the water dammed up and was running over the top and underneath the sidewalk eroding away the cinder base. Joe saw the peril that the walkway was in and hurried to his room, donned his overalls and waded into the cold waist deep water and cleared

the pipes allowing the water to flow properly saving the walkway. This won him the appreciation and admiration of the Pearsons and Howard Hall boys.

October 13, 1949 Eastern Star elections

The Order of the Eastern Star had open installation of its officers for 1948-49 at the Masonic Building on October 7th. A good sized audience was on hand for the installment exercise for the new officers as well as to honor retiring officers. Mrs. H. Clyde Jones served as worthy matron last year and H. Clyde Jones was worthy patron. The new officers elected were Mrs. Clara Britton as matron and A.F. Scruggs, Jr. as patron. Other officers elected were: Edna

R. Begley, Associate Matron; Ronald Begley, Associate Patron; Edith Burton, secretary; Irene M. Blanton, treasurer; Rosa ?, associate conductress; Mayme Payne Fluty, conductress; Mary Hougén, chaplain; Virginia P. Parsons, Marshall; Eula Gravitt, Adah; Ann B. Mullins, Ruth; Helen Rogers, Esther; Louise Parsons, Martha; Edith Beatty, Elekta; Ruby G. McKeehan, Warder and John Haase, sentinel.

November 14, 1974 Gentry recognized

Dr. Claude Gentry was named "Conservation Educator" for 1974 by the League

