

WAY BACK WHEN: LOOKING BACK IN HISTORY
Happenings in the Cookeville area as recorded in the pages of the
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They are "two wizards of the keyboards who play and think as one," according to a recent review in the New York World Telegram. They studied together at Julliard, went their own ways, and then met by chance and formed a piano duo. Their concert is the subject of a major page-one story this week here.

In other entertainment news, the Central High School Cavaliers will meet Crossville in a basketball game set to be played in the school's new gymnasium (now Cookeville Junior High).

The new gym was part of a \$217,000 renovation and expansion of the school. It is larger than the old one and boasts fold-up bleachers.

(January 12, 1950) An advertisement for Citizens Bank reads: "There's a tribe in South Africa that requires a prospective bridegroom to milk a lioness as proof of his bravery. You needn't be brave to open an account with us. Our friendly staff makes even widows and orphans feel at ease."

(January 19, 1950) Cookeville's Postmaster F. P. Moore says he's seen a lot of changes in postal service here since he became postmaster in 1939. That year, postal revenues here totaled \$24,913. This year they were \$40,000. In 1939, there were five rural carriers covering 234 miles. Today, there are five carriers covering 288 miles.

(January 26, 1950) Coming to the Victoria Theatre in Algood this week: Lester Flatt, Earl Scruggs and the Foggy Mountain Boys. With them will be Cedric Rainwater, "the South's Funniest Comedian." Admission is 30 and 60 cents.

(February 2, 1950) They've released the Cookeville City School honor roll for the last six weeks. Among those who made it are Betty Davis, June Derryberry, Billy Frazier, Patsy Fox, Elizabeth DuBois, Jean Bennett, Carole Webb, Douglas Pippin, Henry Frank Carlen and Muriel Cowan.

(February 9, 1950) Students at the Brotherton School have organized a 4-H club with help from assistant extension agents A. Q. McDonald and Louise Cox. Officers for the new club are Mac Henry, president; Mildred Benson, vice-president; Betty Jenkins, secretary-treasurer; Doris Moran, song leader; Robert Judd, game leader; Sue Bilbrey, reporter; and Mrs. Edith Brewer, adult leader.

(February 16, 1950) The Southern Continental Telephone Co., in what it says it hopes will only a temporary measure, announced this week that it was laying off all but one of its construction crews in Tennessee. It can't borrow any more money, the telephone company says, because it is making no profits on its previous capital expenditures.

(February 23, 1950) Over at the Buford Motor Co. on West Spring Street, you can buy a new 1950 Hudson, the car with several special innovations. It's called "the car with the step-down ride" because it has a recessed floor that you "step-down" into to sit. It also boasts a "fluid-cushioned clutch," a "weather control" and heating and air system and "super-cushion tires" with the new "safety-type" wide rims. The

car also features "supermatic drive," which gives you "America's best and safest ride." Telephone 306-W today for more information.

(March 2, 1950) All large industries here in town are participating this month in a mass X-ray program in an effort to eliminate tuberculosis, the disease of the day. State health officials this week will be bringing their portable X-ray machines to Wilson's Sporting Goods, Cookeville Planing Mills, Tennessee Handle Co., Atlas Boot and other plants.

(March 9, 1950) The Marvin A. Billbrey Singer Sewing Machine center in Algood will convert your old, foot-operated treadle machine to an electric sewing machine for only \$25 this week, according to an ad. Don't be fooled by the competition. Singer stores are the ones with the big "S" on the door.

(March 10, 1950) The Putnam County Chamber of Commerce has created a new Industrial Committee to help attract new industry here, create more jobs and fight the trend of people leaving the region for work in the north.

(March 16, 1950) TTU's Golden Eagle football team began spring training this week and on the coaching staff was a new face, freshman coach George Watts. He's completing his graduate work at Peabody. He's played at Appalachia State College in Boone, NC and later for the Washington Redskins. He's welcomed to Cookeville in a page-one story.

(March 17, 1950) Interest is rising here in attracting new industry to create more jobs and to reverse the trend of people leaving the region to find jobs in the north.

And the Putnam Chamber of Commerce this month created a new Industrial Committee which has as its goal landing a new industry here within the next six months.

But, in a page one editorial this week, the newspaper says there's a potentially devastating problem developing here that could set back industrial efforts and hurt existing industries -- labor troubles.

The Atlas Boot plant was on the verge of a 25 percent expansion that would have created 150 to 175 new jobs here when labor problems cropped up at the plant. The expansion has now been tossed altogether and the company says if the troubles aren't resolved, it will shut down here when its lease expires next year.

The newspaper says the lack of organized labor is what makes the South attractive to industrial scouts and it notes that Cookeville's workers have repeatedly rejected efforts to unionize here in years past.

The editorial says that failure to continue that practice could ruin the fledging campaign to convince new plants to locate here.

*Showing this week at the Princess Theater, Leo Gorcey and the Bowery Boys in "Feuding Fools."

(March 30, 1950) The newspaper prints a full-page business page each week and this week, it lists a number of local businesses, including: Hub City Natural Gas Co. on Walnut; the Midway Lunch Room on 206 E. 9th St.; Woodbine Dry Goods Store on the Square; W. H. Stamps Key and Battery Shop at 17 W. Broad; the J. O. Paris Electric Co.; Thrasher's Dry Cleaners on the Sparta Highway and the Alva Hall Grocery at 104 N. Cedar.

An Algood man has just seen three continents. He's Ira M. Robbins, a pipe fitter 3rd class in the US Navy. While on maneuvers in the Mediterranean, his destroyer, the US G.K. MacKenzie, dropped anchor for liberty in Italy, Saudi Arabia and at Tripoli on the North African coast.

*Looking for a luxury ride? McReynolds-Nash Motors here advertises the 1950 Nash, which has "airliner reclining seats" that have no less than five "comfort positions." "You've never seen anything like it in an automobile," boasts the ad.

(April 2, 1950) The Tennessee Central has filed papers with the state to drop the Double Springs depot as an "agency station."

(April 6, 1950) City police say that they've been getting quite a few complaints from motorists who say they've gotten "nasty notes" from someone upset over their parking at the curb in residential neighborhoods. The police remind the note writer as well as the general public that it is legal under city codes to park at the curbside anywhere in the city unless it is specifically prohibited to do so by a posted sign.

(April 10, 1950) Don't plan on using the Nashville Road — Highway 70 North — from Cookeville to Nashville during the daytime over the next 60 days. It's being widened from 18 to 24 feet and is getting a new non-skid surface, state officials say. The route will be open at night for those who have to use the highway, they added in their announcement this week.

(April 17, 1950) Noted child psychologist John Dallavaux will be the speaker for TTU's chapel exercises next Wednesday. Eleanor Roosevelt describes his book, *How to Raise a Brat*, as "savage but unforgettable." He writes that the automobile is the number one problem facing today's teens. Some 80 percent of all crime in the US involving youths under 18 involves cars, he notes. He suggests that kids wait until they're older to buy a car rather than rushing out and laying their cash down on "a jalopy." He writes that the three greatest "sins" of parents are backing up a teen who has done wrong, doing too much for a teen, and giving them too much rather than letting them earn it themselves.

*The Cold War is on. When the local National Guard unit went of its annual two-week training at Ft. McClellan, Ala., this week, the men were told, "We are preparing for war." Everyone appeared to be taking their training with unusual seriousness, said the newspaper.

Meanwhile, a page one story this week notes that if the Guard is activated – and talk is that it may very well be – then Tennessee Tech's football season will be ruined. Seven starting players are in the Guard, including Cookevillians Buddy Darwin, Flavious Smith, Jim Lancaster, Tommy Whitaker and Phillip Webb.

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(April 27, 1950) The Tennessee Central Railroad announces schedule changes. It Train No. 1 will leave Cookeville at 5:45 p.m. each day instead of at 3:30 p.m. And Train No 2 will leave Cookeville at 11:59 a.m. Officials say the new schedule will give passengers "more time for recreation and shopping." Also, both trains will be pulled by the new diesel locomotives.

(May 4, 1950) Walter Monroe Whitaker Jr., Putnam County's spelling champ from Monterey, placed fourth in the Southern Appalachian spelling contest in Knoxville this week. He dropped out in the 29th round when he failed to correctly spell the word "raspberry." The 13 year old seventh grader was among 2d8 competitors in the spelling bee.

(May 7, 1950) Dr. Dallas F. Billington is the speaker at the Cookeville Baptist Temple on the Sparta Highway this week. He's been the subject of articles in *Life*, *Look*, *Newsweek* and *Pathfinder* magazines and in 3,000 metropolitan daily newspapers. He's described as "the Moody, the Charles Spurgeon of his day – bold as Peter, meek as Moses." Alred W. Brown is pastor of the Cookeville Baptist Temple.

(May 10, 1950) Work has been completed on the Putnam County Airport's new \$28,000, 35-foot by 60-foot administration building, which features a waiting room for pilots, restrooms, an office and space for a restaurant.

(May 18, 1950) A caravan of four new 41-passenger buses loaded with high officials in the Trailways Bus Co. stopped off in Cookeville this week to announce improvements in service.

Beginning June 1, you can make the Raleigh, NC to Memphis trip and the Memphis to Jacksonville, NC, trip without changeovers.

Also, busses now passing through Cookeville bound from Raleigh and Jacksonville to Memphis will be stopping to pick up passengers here, "Trailways' line through Cookeville is part of its transcontinental system which takes passengers from the Atlantic to the Pacific Coast (and vice-versa) with only three changeovers. All Trailways buses are now equipped with Tropicare air conditioning.

(May 28, 1950) Five years ago, the 194-acre site was a prisoner of war camp for captured Germans. Now the area near Crossville is being turned into a 4-H camp. Still standing are several barracks that are steam-heated. The former officers club will be turned into a crafts center. And the camp and auditorium, which has its own movie theater, will be used to show 4-H instructional films.

(May 25, 1950) Edward Lacy has been named emergency communications manager here by the American Radio Relay League, a national association of radio amateurs. His job will be to set up a network of local radio volunteers to assist local, state and federal government officials here in the event of a natural or nuclear disaster. There's a growing concern here with such things as the Cold War grows cooler.

(June 1, 1950) J. J. Wright, operator of the Pilots Knob Dairy here, says he doesn't know if someone has a grudge against him, or if they were just trying to steal his fish. Someone dug a 10-foot deep, five-foot long trench through the earth dam on one of his fish ponds one night this week and flooded an acre of corn in a nearby field. Left scattered across the field were brim and catfish from the pond Wright had stocked. They also stole several young tobacco plants, he reports.

(June 8, 1950) Cookeville's Methodist Church last Sunday dedicated the first of several Sunday school rooms in its new education building. Various groups and individuals in the church have undertaken to raise funds for the completion and furnishing of each classroom. The first, which will be used by the Beginning Class that Minnie Crawford Barbour teaches, is dedicated to John Clark Brown, a local man who was killed in England during World War II, and to George and Nancy Ann Glover and Eason and Allie Wilcox.

(June 12, 1950) The Tennessee Central has been denied permission from the Tennessee Railroad Public Utilities Commission to end passenger service from Nashville to Harriman. The state says the TCR did not prove its case that it was spending 130 percent of its passenger revenue to keep the trains running.

(June 22, 1950) City police reminded residents this week that Cookeville has a new ordinance against dogs running loose. This comes after recent reports of crippling or killing livestock in the county.

The newspaper reports that A. T. Foutch just lost \$400 worth of hogs to dog attacks. The new law also required all dogs to have annual vaccinations. Veterinarians Dr. Don Keller on Sparta Road or Dr. Herbert Lawson on 7th Street charge \$1 for most shots. The charge \$1.25 for "large animals" the news story explained.

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Also, there were delegations from just about every town along the route present at the commission hearing and they heatedly protested the railroad's request.

Meanwhile this week, Cookeville's baseball team defeated the heretofore undefeated Sandy Moore team from Nashville. Cookeville's pitcher, Billy Dedmon, allowed the opposition only six hits during the game. The final score: Cookeville 8, Sandy Moore 5.

(July 6, 1950) The Huddleston Motor Co. advertises the newest Willys sports car, the Jeepster, a sort of streamlined, five-passenger jeep convertible. It's propelled by a large "Hurricane" engine and costs \$1,590. To check it out, drop in at Huddleston's showroom on East Spring Street, or give them a call at 487-B.

(July 14, 1950) James Brewington, a grocery man on Cedar Street in Cookeville, had a surprise visitor at his home this week – his brother William, who he had seen for 36 years. His brother left home nine miles southeast of Gainesboro on a trip at the age of 18, and was not heard from again. He's now foreman of a railroad crew in Florida, says the newspaper, offering no explanation for the sudden disappearance 36 years earlier.

(July 20, 1950) WHUB is celebrating its 10th anniversary this week, proving that a strictly rural audience can support a radio station. The newspaper notes that the station had hard going in its early years, but Luke Medley hung on.

In 1944, WHUB became affiliated with CBS Radio, enabling the station to offer network broadcasts and news as well as music. Medley, by the way, is now a candidate for Putnam County Judge.

The station's present staff includes station director Joe Mabry, chief engineer George Daugherty, John Carr, Genira Jo Qualls, Jones Haile, Tom Harris, Claude Haston, Lester Ketchersid, Stacy Mott, Ernest Wells, and Ed Zegarske.

In its first few years, the station mostly played records, but in 1944, it became affiliated with CBS Radio, and linked Cookeville and the surrounding countryside to the rest of the nation and the world. Medley says he figures the rural audience here will keep on supporting the station now that it has marked its first decade.

(July 29, 1950) Three young Cubans enrolled at Tennessee Tech are being ordered to leave the country this week. They were discovered in violation of their entry visas. They were holding part-time jobs. According to A. W. Smith, dean-registrar for Tennessee Tech, U. S. officials are closely checking up on foreign students here, especially Cubans. A number of communist posing as Cuban students are suspected of entering the country to stir up trouble, he explained.

(August 3, 1950) The US Army Corps of Engineers says it is rushing to meet its scheduled December completion of the powerhouse at Center Hill Dam. The first hydro-turbine unit weighs 120,000 pounds and it is now on the site. The second is in transit. It's being moved at night trains traveling 25 miles an hour. Eight different rail lines are involved in the move from the manufacturer to the Center Hill site.

(August 17, 1950) The state headquarters of Dairy Queen is located in Cookeville. It's in the Howard Smith building on the southeast corner of the Square.

Jesse Judd of Algood holds the franchise for all Dairy Queen restaurants in Tennessee. Until recently, he ran the Judd Ice Cream. Co. in Cedar Rapids Iowa.

One Dairy Queen has already opened here on Spring Street. It's owned by Wheeler H. Freeman. Another is set to open soon on North Dixie and 8th Street. Statewide there are now 1,500 Dairy Queen restaurants.

(August 10, 1950) Elected to office by Putnam County's voters this week were John D. Holladay, circuit judge; John Mitchell, criminal court judge; John E. Bryan, general sessions judge; Walter Keith Crawford, county attorney; Douglas Bush, county court clerk; Ernest L. Webster, circuit court clerk; Ross Williams, trustee; N. B. Matheny, sheriff; and Allie Judd Loftis, register of deeds.

Meanwhile this week, city police reminded drivers that they must obey stop signs and traffic signals. There were three auto accidents here this week that could have been avoided had drivers obeyed traffic signs and signals, they said.

(August 24, 1950) Weary from two weeks of intensive training at Ft. McClellan, Ala., Cookeville's three National Guard units rolled into the Cookeville depot this week aboard their special train and were greeted by a crowd of 2,000. One of the units, the Cookeville Assault Gun Company commanded by 1st Lt. Edward Norman, was named the best unit in the camp during the session. This summer's session exposed the men to the use of howitzers, tanks, bazookas and M-1 rifles used by regular Army units.

(September 7, 1950) With the war heating up in Korea, the Army Reserve has been called to report to active duty in two weeks. Among the first to report for duty in Cookeville were Lawrence and Clarence Bartlett, the twin sons of Mrs. E. H. McCaleb, and Hubert Carr, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Carr. Lawrence Bartlett, a Veteran Administration representative here, served as an Army instructor during World War II. Clarence Bartlett, an instructor here in the Veterans on the Farm program since the war, served as gunner in a B-29 bomber. Carr was an Army corporal during the world conflict.

(September 14, 1950) Mahler Brothers is advertising the new Duo-Therm fuel oil heater this week for \$79.95. It's big enough to heat four or five rooms and has "a finger-tip control dial that allows you to adjust the fire for the exact heat you want without work or dirt." It also boasts "big radiant doors that open wide to give you a wave of quick-spot heat." Call 475 today or drop by Mahler Brothers' showroom at the corner of Spring and Walnut.

(September 14, 1950) A firebrand speaker is coming this week, Sam Morris, the man the liquor industry calls its number one enemy.

Collier's Magazine says that if Prohibition makes a comeback, it will be largely due to Morris's efforts.

Sponsored by the Temperance League of America, Morris will speak in the City School auditorium. The San Antonio minister and radio speaker is also president of the Preferred Risk Mutual Insurance Company, the only insurance carrier in the country that caters strictly to abstainers.

(Sept. 20, 1950) State Safety Commissioner Sam Neal announced this week that state police will file reckless driving charges against anyone caught driving more than 70 mph in the day and 60 mph at night. No road in Tennessee is built to be driven safely at more than 60 mph, said the commissioner, and 60 is too fast for many roads across the state.

(Sept. 21, 1950) McReynolds Sullivan Nash Motors here advertises that it has on its lot "the world's most modern cars." The new Nash features: "airliner reclining seats," 'airflyte' construction, a 'weather-eye conditioning air system' and 20 different interior colors to choose from. Meanwhile, the ad says that the "daring new Rambler" gets 30 miles per gallon of gas.

(September 28, 1950) Central High's Cavaliers beat Rockwood 48-6 in football Friday night. Team captain Paul Anderson made the first score in a 30-yard run. Harold Whittaker scored next with a 21-yarder around the left end. Then James Wall scored on a 56-yard carry. The score was further boosted when Ray Walker caught a pass by Sonny Allen and took it across the line. And every one of Bobby Holloway's kicks for extra points made it. The Cavaliers play Tullahoma next week.

(October 5, 1950) Harley C. Hawkins was back in town this week for the first time in 30 years to see his brother, Jay Hawkins. He's traveled extensively through the U. S., Canada and Mexico in recent years and says he's not seen a county more improved than Putnam County. Farming methods, roads and other aspects of rural life here have vastly improved since he left, he reports.

(October 12, 1950) First National Bank's cashier, W. B. Carlen Jr., this week gave the bank's annual scholarship to Mark E. Steele of Silver Point. He's the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Ambrose Steele. The

TTU freshman is an agriculture major and plans to become an agriculture teacher after graduation. He's a 1949 graduate of Baxter Seminary.

(October 19, 1950) The newspaper reported this week that Ray Kinslow, a professor in the School of Engineering at Tennessee Tech, has received a patent on an "electronic vacuum tube Flexometer," a device for measuring the strength of magnetic fields. He invented it while doing atomic research in Oak Ridge. He's also done research of Columbia University in New York City in recent years.

(October 26, 1950) Workers began tearing down the Methodist Church on the corner of Dixie and Spring this week. It's stood there since 1895. It gained a steeple in 1903 and its east wing in 1910. Now it's being replaced by a new church facility.

The educational building of the new structure is already finished and will be used for services until the rest of the building is completed. The church has 1,030 members presently.

(November 10, 1950) Services were held here this week for Clyde Preston Stebbins, 64, who died suddenly in his home on East Spring Street. A Greenville, IL, native, Stebbins had lived here for the past six years. As a young man, he was a combat pilot, flying fragile airplanes made of wood and fabric in World War I in Europe

(November 16, 1950) The newspaper's editorial writer tells opinion page readers this week that an increasingly common occurrence here is accidents, or near accidents at the intersection of Spring Street and East Broad. An out-of-town car, the writer saw this week, failed to see the stop sign on Broad and nearly collided with a car on Spring. The newspaper says it's time for a traffic signal there.

*The 1950 census indicates that the number of houses within Cookeville's corporate limits has climbed 58.1 percent in the decade just past. The county saw a 13.6-percent rise in the numbers of rural dwelling places. Cookeville this year has 1,902 houses and the county has 8,150.

*Meanwhile in Nashville, former Putnam County Herald reporter Sam K. Neal, known for his light-hearted articles here in the 1930s, is now Tennessee's Safety Commissioner, and he's in the news himself this week. He's calling for more state troopers to crack down on unsafe motorists in a push to cut the number of auto fatalities in Tennessee each year.

(November 23, 1950) Seventeen cars were involved in an early morning pile-up here five miles east of Monterey on Highway 70. Fog was thick and one car after another added to the string of rear-end wrecks. The patrol car of state trooper E. C. Hale was towards the tail-end of the winding wreckage. He'd gone to direct traffic at the scene and another car smashed into his parked vehicle. Vehicle damage ranged from \$25 to \$200. None were seriously injured.

(November 30, 1950) Just weeks ago, the end of the Korean War seemed in sight. But that was before 200,000 Chinese soldiers crossed the border and began pushing back UN troops.

China accused the U. S. of trying to start World War III. In Cookeville, the Red Cross says that with the fighting in Korea escalating, the need for blood donations is greater than ever now.

(November 30, 1950) All schools were open again today here following an unseasonably early snowstorm that hit here Thanksgiving weekend. Snow and ice left several vehicles along the roadside. Highway 70, the state's major east-west route, had traffic backed up at the foot of Monterey mountain as motorists struggled to slip and slide to the top with a line of cars waiting behind. The mercury dropped to three degrees here Saturday morning.

(December 7, 1950) The Silver Star chapter of the Disabled American Veterans organization her plans to sponsor a stop by the traveling "Ripley's Believe It Or Not" exhibit this week. Among the curious items and oddities that Cookeville residents will see is a life-size figure, a representation of an artist that is so

life-like that it contains his teeth and fingernails. It's called "man or Image?" It has been a popular attraction at each stop across the country.

(December 9, 1950) Monterey residents were discussing an article in this week's edition detailing the nation's dependence on coal. Many in that mountain town make their living in area coal mines.

Coal, according to the article, which related the text of a recent national radio program called "America Speaks Out," is the backbone of the nation's production strength. Directly or indirectly it powers most of the nation's machinery.

And coal is especially important now that the nation is at war in Korea. Coal fuels locomotives and warships hauling troops and supplies. It powers factories and is used in steel production. By products like coal tar are used in parachutes and gas masks.

It's a natural resource that's safe from enemy air attack, too, the article notes. The nation's mines are scattered across 28 states far inland and- of course - deep underground.

America runs on coal, 650 million tons per week. Some of that is being pulled from the earth up in Monterey and shipped by train down the mountain every day.

(December 12, 1950) As the Korean War continues, a record number of Putnam men volunteered this month for military service, 57.

(December 14, 1950) Looking for a career? The U. S. Department of Defense ran an ad this week in the newspaper seeking young men with two years of college who can speak a foreign language, who have had schooling in law, criminology, journalism, or who can type. They're needed in the Counterintelligence Division, says Uncle Sam.

*There's a lot going on here for the holidays. Over at Tennessee Tech, a large crowd is expected for the performance of "The Messiah" by the Tech Christian Association under the direction of professor Edward Williams. Meanwhile, local residents are putting on a production of "A Christmas Carol" under the direction of Miss Ida Nelle McMurray. And a Christmas caravan has been organized, too, by Chamber of Commerce acting manager Ed Zegarsky. Businesses and organizations are expected to field 25 floats, and more than 100 vehicles are expected to participate. The caravan will travel from Baxter to Cookeville and on through Algood and Monterey.

(December 18, 1950) Looking for a gift for someone his holiday season? Why not shop at the "wonderland of electric servants"? That's a suggestion from Borden Electric Co. on West Broad.

The company says there are a number of "electric servants" available today that are affordable and run on cheap, plentiful electricity, the company says in an ad

Get dad an electric shaver. Get mom an electric skillet or an electric range. Get sis an electric lamp. There's no end to the work today's "electric servants" will do for you, says Borden.

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(December 21, 1950) Law enforcement officials are doing their best this week to make sure Christmas spirits - the illegal kind - are scarce here. Sheriff N. B. Matheney reports that his men made several arrests for illegal possession or sale of whiskey this week, including several in a raid on Club 70 here.

*Meanwhile, in another article, the newspaper quotes Texas district judge Sarah T. Hughes, who wrote in a recent issue of the Tennessee Law Review that women should be allowed to serve on Tennessee juries. It would mean fewer cases would be decided by testimony from "pretty women witnesses." To men who

argue that women are too emotional to decide court cases, Judge Hughes comments that husbands would “not have won the lady of your choice if you had not shown some emotion.”

*Kelly Ament, a city policeman here since June of 1947 and chief of police here for the past several months, has resigned to take a position at the Oak Ridge defense plant he worked on during the war. The Manpower Commission transferred Ament there from Detroit during the war as defense production was boosted. The newspaper reports that he’ll be replaced by Billy J. Danner, who is presently a patrolman.

(December 25, 1950) A record number of Putnam Countians – 57 – volunteered for military service this month. Among them were Leroy Mackie, Gertis Carr, George Poteet, John H. Poteet, Van Nickens, Jr., Paul Vaden, Donald H. Grogan, and Harold E. Wilmoth.

Meanwhile in Korea, 250,000 Americans and other UN troops are looking across the lines at 1 million Chinese and North Korean troops who are expected any day now to renew their drive south towards the South Korean capital of Seoul. It’s a tense holiday season.

(December 28, 1950) Headed for military service just after the Christmas holidays are several Putnam men called in the draft. Among them are Doyle Brown of Boma, Roy B. Burton of Silver Point, Edward Braddom Jr. of Monterey, Arthur Thomas Bean of Cookeville, James Floyd Eldridge of Cookeville and Howard W. Flatt of Rt. 2, Cookeville.

Some of them will be sent to Korea. This week, Lt. Gen. Matthews B. Ridgeway assumed field command of UN troops who have formed a line across the Korean peninsula. There are about 250,000 UN troops holding the line. Facing them are a million Red Chinese and North Koreans bent on pushing south to take the rest of Korea.

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(January 7, 1951) W. F. Dyer died this week at the age of 70 following a lengthy illness. He was a well-known retired mail carrier from Silver Point.

Born in the Bozarth community near Silver Point, Dyer attended Pleasant Hill Academy and after graduation moved to Texas for a short time. Then he returned to Tennessee and taught in DeKalb County’s schools at the turn of the century.

Dyer became a mail carrier in 1905 and delivered the mail in rural Putnam county for the next 30 years before retiring. Afterwards he operated a general store in Silver Point until falling into poor health in recent years.

*WHUB is about to unleash “a rampage of roaring adventure” on its radio listeners. The Cisco Kid, that popular Western serial hero of the air waved and the Silver Screen, is coming to Cookeville’s radio station. The show can be heard Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays at 5:30 p.m. Don’t touch that dial.

(January 10, 1951) Pfc. Williem R. Swafford of Monterey is an instructor at Ft. Jackson, the newspaper announced this week. He’s giving new recruits the benefit of his experiences this past year. A year ago, he joined the GIs on the Naktron River where they made a “heroric defense” of American positions there, says the newspaper. He was one of those captured by the North Korens. They forced him to march barefooted for 120 miles to a POW camp. While he was there, he lost 30 pounds on a diet of barley and rice. He and 80 others were freed when the 25th Infantry’s advance overran the camp.

(January 11, 1951) Twenty-two local men joined the US Air Force and Army this week and many of them will soon be in Korea where U. S. troops and other United Nations forces this week stopped the advance of the Chinese army. But the communist invaders are said to be regrouping for a final major push south. Among those signing up this week for military service were William C. Robinson, James E. Warren, Phillip Webb, Charles E. Saddler, Lee S. Darwin, Billy E. Dedmon, Fletcher W. Maxwell, Hollace Pryor, Lloyd C. Ray, Billy Ray, George Griffle and Lloyd C. Ray.

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(February 1, 1951) More than half of the money Putnam County is due from the state gasoline tax is being spent on welfare aid here, County Judge Luke Medley said in a report this week.

Medley explained that the state first sets aside the funds Putnam County is due as its share of the state gas tax. Then it takes out state welfare payments to Putnam residents. The county gets what’s left.

Medley said that last year Putnam County was due \$116,418 in state gas tax. It got \$56,789 after welfare aid was deducted.

One in every 20 people here receives welfare aid, Medley said. It comes from three programs: Old Age Assistance, Aid to Dependent Children and Aid to the Blind.

Medley said that since the remainder of the gas tax funds go to repair county roads, the 800-mile rural road system here is suffering from under-funding. It's a problem he wants county officials to look at, he said this week.

(February 5, 1951) Eugene Mayberry is the first Putnam Countian back from the fighting in Korea. He's a major in a field artillery battalion in the Eighth Army's Third Division. He's home on leave and his wife and son are with him. They've been at Ft. Benning, GA since he was called to duty. Mrs. Mayberry is a teacher here.

Major Mayberry told friends here this week that while it's been cold here this month, Korea is colder. It was six degrees when he left the airport in Korea. He touched down in Hawaii a few hours later before flying on to the West Coast and from there to Nashville.

In Korea, Mayberry's last operation before going on leave was with a relief column sent to help extract the Marines from a historic engagement with the Chinese and North Koreans near the Chosin Reservoir.

Surrounded by thousands of Chinese when that nation abruptly entered the war, the Marines marched their way out fighting in arctic conditions that froze oil in vehicles and made many weapons inoperable. The Marines, suffering high casualties, mauled numerous enemy units on their way out.

The column in which Mayberry served met the Marines and helped them withdraw from the battle. Mayberry is going back to Korea in a few weeks.

(February 7, 1951) It's almost time for the annual Baxter/Algood basketball game, and students at Algood are to vote next week on who will be the queen for the annual match. Here are the candidates: Barbara Ealey, seventh grade; Jimmie Gail Gibson, eighth grade; Kathy Pointer, ninth grade; Willene Bilbrey, an Algood sophomore; Marilyn Mason, a junior; and Joyce Swearingin, a senior.

*Showing at the Princess this week: Walt Disney's "Bambi." It's in "TechniColor."

(February 11, 1951) Henry Ferrell, principal of the Cookeville City School, said this week that the students are a lot safer now that the school has installed a fire escape on the outside of the building. A recent surprise visit by the state fire marshall shows that. Everyone made it out of the three-story building in a minute and 10 seconds.

*Meanwhile in Korea, a drive north against the Chinese by the United States and other United Nations forces has stalled in the deep Korean mud.

But Gen. Douglas MacArthur says that the Chinese and North Koreans have paid a heavy cost to stop the drive. Enemy losses "are among the bloodiest of modern times," he says.

(February 12, 1951) There won't be the usual immunization clinic at the Putnam Health Department this weekend. In fact it's been postponed until further notice. There's no one to give the shots. The county's public health nurse, Mrs. Lucille Hake, a military reservist, has been called to active duty in another war, this one in Korea.

At the Princess this week, "My Friend Irma Goes West," with Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis

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(March 8, 1951) The executive secretary of the United Dry Forces of Tennessee, the Rev. James C. Furman, spoke here this week on a bill pending before the state legislature. Similar bills have failed for the past two years. They seek to allow voters to decide county-by-county whether beer sales will be legal in their community. Presently, liquor sales are legal in eight Tennessee counties, and beer sales are legal all across the state. The 'dry forces' want counties to have the option of voting it out. Rev. Furman told an audience here this week, "Beer threatens the peace and security and happiness of our people. Teenage buyers, drunk on beer, are committing murder right here in our state. Such things happen frequently. Beer drinkers become drunker drivers and commit murder at the wheel of automobiles. Judges of our courts say that a large percentage of our crimes are plotted and planned in beer joints." Furman urged voters to pressure their legislators to pass the local option bill this go-around.

(March 10, 1951) Cookeville is featured in the weekly "What's Happening" segment on Nashville radio station WLAC. Show host F. C. Sowell told about Cookeville Police Chief Hubert Crawford's "employment bureau."

Crawford recently ran a notice in the newspaper urging people with odd jobs to call the police department. Crawford explained, "Not a day passes that somebody doesn't come by the station looking for work." Crawford wanted to match up job-seekers with jobs.

Sowell commended, "I thought the average American quit looking for work on the day the federal government established the WPA program."

He noted that Crawford has had a good response. So far this week he's gotten 15 to 20 calls from people with odd jobs.

(March 17, 1951) The Monterey Board of Aldermen has voted to put in parking meters in that mountain town. They've contracted with the Duncan Meter Co. of Chicago to lease 100 meters for use on Holly and Commercial Avenue for a 12-month trial period.

Monterey officials say that the town will pay \$67.50 for each meter used during the test year. They expect all the meters to bring in about \$200 a month in revenue.

(March 17, 1951) A group of Baxter Seminary students were in the All-State Festival Choir that sang for the Tennessee Education Association's members in Nashville's Ryman Auditorium this week.

They were Hilda Schmidt, Loreta Shields, Anita Cunningham, Elizabeth Locklear and Martha Verdecia.

(March 23, 1951) The Tennessee Highway Patrol regional office here began communicating with the Upper Cumberland's 11 troopers by means of a short-wave, two-way radio this week that allowed not only the dispatcher to talk to the officers but for the troopers to speak with each other and to any other officer in the state.

(March 25, 1951) The Tennessee Highway Patrol regional office here saw a leap in technology this week when it began communicating with the 11 troopers who serve the Upper Cumberland by way of a short-wave, two-way radio system.

Odell Huddleston of the THP told the newspaper that the new radio system not only puts the dispatcher in immediate touch with each officer in the field, but it also links the office with police departments all across the US.

By “patching” radio linkups through the network, an officer here can talk to an officer anywhere in the nation in a matter of just minutes, he said.

The system will have two operators. Dillard Beaty and Hargis Lee.

(March 26, 1951) A study by a UT sociology student from China, Mrs. Laura Gin Shun Sung, is explored in this week’s edition. It finds that the recent emancipation of women in China has changed the way the Chinese look at love. They are being “captured by the Western theme of Romantic love,” she writes in her master’s thesis. It is in stark contrast to the Old Chinese idea of love, which was “bitter and sad” and sprang from the practice of marriages arranged by parents or professional marriage makers. Love songs were “songs of absence, of departure, of rain and twilight, of self-pity and the approach of death.”

No more. Now young people are choosing marriage partners out of love, she says. Also changed is the “mother-in-law problem” often encountered by young brides who were practically enslaved by their new husband’s mothers. That is fading too, she says.

(April 3, 1951) A state law has gone into effect permitting women to serve on juries, and the first Putnam women chosen for jury duty were Mrs. Thomas Passons, Mrs. Dero Brown and Mrs. Walton Ward.

County Judge Luke Medley and other officials are talking this week about a huge water utility district in Putnam County served by 21 miles of water line.

Medley said the system – the boundaries of which have not been determined – could help the Algood and Baxter to the city of Cookeville’s water system.

The County Court has begun looking into the financing of such a project and Medley is to go before the Cookeville City Commission this week to see how the city feels about adding on hundreds of new water customers.

One major question to be answered is how many new customers the city can serve with its present water treatment facility at City Lake on the Falling Water River.

(April 14, 1951) Ground was broken this week on a 15,000 square-foot addition that will double the size of Cookeville’s Wilson’s Sporting Goods plant.

(April 22, 1951) A series of photos in this week’s edition shows progress made in the Cookeville Fire Department’s equipment over the years.

There’s a shot of the 1950 fire truck used this year. It can pump 750 gallons of water per minute. It replaced the city’s 1941 pumper truck, a pumper capable of shooting 500 gallons of water per minute onto a fire.

Before that, there was the city’s first motorized fire truck, an American LaFrance bought in 1925 under Mayor William Hensley. Prior to 1925, the city’s firemen just rolled their fire hoses from the firehouse to the scene on a large wheeled reel.

(July 25, 1951) The American Red Cross launched a drive this week for volunteers and contributions. A public service and in this week's edition tells readers that the Red Cross must be prepared for all kinds of disasters, "...fires, floods, tornadoes, atomic bombs."

"Any one of these could make thousands homeless at any moment, so we must be ready," the ad concludes. America is at war this week in far-off Korea, the cold war is getting colder and the atom bomb is on the minds of many here these days.

1952

(January 10, 1952) The body of Pfc. William D. Maynard, Putnam's first Korean War casualty, was returned for burial this week.

(March 3, 1952) Monterey, located just 60 miles west of Oak Ridge, has been listed among likely top targets in an atomic attack and has been named by the state as one of a handful of sites in Tennessee for special emergency training.

(July 17, 1952) Pfc. James D. Frizzell, of Rt. 4, has been wounded in a action in Korea. He was injured by a mortar shell that broke his right arm and leg while he manned a machine gun on Heartbreak Ridge.

(July 30, 1952) A Gallatin minister who came through Cookeville recently wrote the regional headquarters of the Esso Oil Co. with a good report that the company shared with the newspaper this week.

The minister said that he regularly travels through with states and hasn't encountered a better service station attendant than Carlton White, who works at Cookeville's N&H Esso Service Center on East Spring. He is our ideal service station attendant, wrote the minister.

The minister explained that he hasn't found any restrooms cleaner, or any service more courteous or efficient than what White provides at the Cookeville station.

White, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Zenoni White, is a veteran OF World War II. He lost an arm in the fighting on Guadalcanal.

(August 14, 1952) In local elections, Nashaw Matheney became sheriff, John Henry Denny, trustee, Dave C. Huddleston, superintendent of schools, and Frank Shirley, tax assessor.

(August 22, 1952) The state has erected a marker on Highway 70 west of Baxter to memorialize the site of what may have been America's last stagecoach holdup when four bandits robbed a passenger coach driven by John Rayburn, a one-legged Civil War veteran, on what was then the Old Walton Road in 1881.

(September 18, 1952) Center Hill Dam is such an engineering marvel that they're coming from all over to see how it works. This week, the National Management Council of New York hosted a tour of the facility for engineers from Belgium, Portugal, Norway, Germany, Italy and Denmark. Those nations are beefing up their hydro-electric facilities too.

(October 9, 1952) There's a "gas war" going on here this week, the newspaper tells its readers. The cutthroat competition has lowered gas about four cents a gallon at stations all across town. It's now selling for about 26.9 cents a gallon. Residents hope it will be a long war.

Showing at the Strand this week, "Jungle Goddess," which the ad assures has a "special cast of stars."

(October 15, 1952) It's that time of year again, the annual inspection of the Cumberland Commandry No. 26 of the Knights Templar here. All area Sir Knights are urged to attend because there'll be several important visitors for the annual rite. They include the Right Eminent Grant Commander, Paul Reams Jarrett of Nashville, and the Most Worshipful Grand Master Amzie, H. Kirkpatrick of Lebanon.

(October 30, 1952) It's been a dry fall across the South. This week alone, 15,000 acres of wood and grasslands in West Virginia went up in flames and 50,000 acres in Mississippi were lost to wildfire. Closer to home, a smoky haze fills the air to Cookeville's east where forest fires in Cumberland, Morgan, Roan and Anderson Counties have taken thousands of acres and threaten several thousand more.

More than 300 National Guardsmen have turned out to try to contain the flames, and officials are urgently seeking more volunteer fire-fighters. Meanwhile, authorities say that if you go into the woods, don't smoke and don't make a fire.

(November 6, 1952) Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Goff of Monterey celebrated their 49th wedding anniversary this week and told the newspaper that Monterey was still like it was when they tied the knot in 1903.

Train travel was in its heyday and steam trains brought hundreds from Nashville and Knoxville each summer to cool their heels at Monterey's resort hotels. The hotels were centers of social activity throughout the summer, and Monterey's biggest hotel was the Cumberland, which was situated on a bluff overlooking a scenic valley north of Monterey. It could accommodate up to 500.

It is now the site of W. L. Ray's home. There was also the Westcrest Hotel, which was owned by the groom's father, T. E. Goff. It was located on the site of the present day Goff Drug Store. The Dow Hotel sat where the present-day coal chute is situated by the train tracks. The Wilder Hotel still exists. The Ledbetter Hotel does not. It's now the site of Walker's Service Station.

And there was the grand old Ramsay Hotel, which is now the site of the Bill Irwin home and part of Monterey High School.

(November 21, 1952) Cookeville will be the scene of next year's National Singing Convention. That was decided in this year's convention at Gainesville, Ga. The event is attended by thousands of the country's best gospel singers each year.

Gaskell Warren and Bill Ledbetter were instrumental in attracting the convention here. Warren was elected president of the 1953 convention this week and Ledbetter was named to the post of secretary-treasurer. Another Cookevillian, the Rev. Vep Ellis, was elected as chaplain. Planning for next year's convention is already well under way, they report.

(November 27, 1952) Tennessee Tech's homecoming is this weekend and the undefeated Eagles go up against the Middle Tennessee State College Teachers.

Before the big game, there'll be the annual homecoming parade around the Square to Westside, and from there up Cedar to campus. A big turnout is expected.

*Showing this week at the Princess: "The Winning Team," with Doris Day, Frank Lovejoy and Ronald Regan.

(December 4, 1952) The Jaycees are sponsoring a show with a cast of 75 members this week called "Shooting Stars." It's a story about what goes on behind the scenes at a television studio.

M. N. Hargrove plays, "Mr. TV," Milton Berle, and several local teens are playing "backstage TV queens." They include Geraldine King, Glenda Ray, Patsy Smith and Levena Eubanks, Nova Hudson is portraying Kate Smith.

1953

(1953) Lost a keyring or some other item? Police Chief Hubert Crawford reminded readers this week that the city police station is a good place to come looking. It's where people bring found items.

For instance, this week the station has several sets of keyrings, a pair of eyeglasses and a bird dog. It's a white pointer.

*In other news, Cookeville has in recent weeks been one of 15 sites across Tennessee for a series of public lectures on atomic warfare. It purportedly tells what you can expect if the communists launch a nuclear strike against the United States.

The last lecture in the series is this week. It's topic: "The Role of Physicians, Dentists, Osteopaths, Druggists, Nurses, Veterinarians, and Hospital Administrators in Atomic Warfare and Radiological Defense."

*An editorial this week applauds President Dwight Eisenhower's veto of a bill that would have given federal aid to depressed areas like the northeast, where textile mills are leaving for new sites in the South.

The editorial says that such federal aid would have led to a chronic and eventually terminal case of "handoutitis" for Northern communities. It would have led to the death of community morale.

The writer reasons that such communities need to help themselves. They need to take steps to make their community more attractive to industry rather than to rely on federal handouts.

*Baxter Seminary, a Methodist sponsored school here, has paid a high honor to a Baptist this week. It made Cookeville attorney A. B. McKay an honorary member of its board of trustees.

It didn't surprise anyone. McKay is known as "Uncle Mack" to hundreds of youngsters here. At their birth he gave their parents a commemorative Silver Dollar to hold in safekeeping for them until they were older.

He's known by scores of poor families here. He bought them warm winter clothes and shoes.

He's known by merchants on the Square as that fellow who's always buying things for other people. They say he does more for more people – and has done so consistently for 25 years – than anyone else here they know.

And he's known by six graduate nurses, five practical nurses, two doctors, two students working on their medical degrees, two dentists, three lawyers, 40 pre-school teachers and 25 school teachers as the man who paid their way, or who is paying their way through school.

"They are my children," McKay said.

He's the county's most charitable individual and Baxter Seminary officials said they were honored to honor him.

(January 4, 1953) In a page one photo, city water department employees Willie Howard Thomas and John Thomas Dowell pose in front of equipment designed to inject fluoride into the city's water supply. Cookeville is the eighth Tennessee town to try fluoridization. It cost \$1,129 for the equipment.

City officials made the switch after hearing from the Putnam County Medical association and a group of area dentists last spring. Some fringe groups in America have argued that fluoridization is a communist plot. Medical authorities say it just saves teeth.

(January 8, 1953) Tennessee has a new junior senator today. Former congressman Albert Gore Sr. was sworn in as the state's new senator. He beat K. D. McKellar, who held the office for 41 years. Gore celebrated his swearing in at a luncheon in Washington at which he served a 75-pound ham raised on his farm near Carthage. From Cookeville, for the luncheon, were Mr. and Mrs. Claude Darwin and Miss Elizabeth Carlen, Gore's former secretary.

(January 8, 1953, Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN) Mrs. Allie Loftis Announces for 2nd Term as Register: Mrs. Allie Judd Loftis announces her candidacy for reelection to a second term as Register of Putnam County in the 1953 Democratic Primary Election when called.

Mrs. Loftis states that the public is invited to investigate her records at any time as to the efficiency in operating of the office and whether or not she deserved the customary second term.”

She is an active member of the Methodist Church, the Business and Professional Women’s Club and the Order of the Eastern Star.

(January 7, 1953) Former Cookeville attorney and former state comptroller Jared Maddux was named without opposition this week to the second highest position in the state, Speaker of the Senate.

Meanwhile, Tennessee has a new junior US senator, Albert Gore (Sr.), who was sworn in this week after defeating K. D. McKellar this fall. McKellar is stepping down after 41 years in government.

In Washington D. C. to witness Gore’s inauguration were Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Darwin and Elizabeth Carlen, Gore’s former secretary.

(January 14, 1953) “It’s the man-sized car that women love to drive,” say the ad for the new Chrysler Windsor. You can get one at Milligan Williams Motor Co. on Holly Street in Monterey, says an ad in this week’s edition.

And no wonder women love to drive the Windsor. “It’s a sanctuary of steel.” It has that “famous Spitfire engine to pull you out of tight spots in a hurry.” And with the new power steering system, women won’t have to fight the wheel.

The Windsor is “beautifully styled” as well. “It’s a delight to look at parked at your front door.” And its new shock absorber system “swallows up the worst road bumps.” They “wouldn’t wake a baby” riding in a Windsor.

While you’re on the lot looking over the Windsor take a gander at Chrysler’s New Yorker Deluxe. “It’s more car than you ever believed could exist,” says the ad.

“It has a beauty that is splendidly its own, splendidly right.” And the car has that “Ori-flow ride that gives you not just better control, but a new kind of control, a new sense of safety.”

Call a salesman today at Monterey 2371.

(January 15, 1953) The University of Tennessee’s famous “Pride of the South” band is going to Washington this week for the presidential inauguration of Dwight D. Eisenhower. Also going are County Judge Luke Medley, Hugh Bussell and Len K. Mahler.

(January 15, 1953: Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN) Worst Polio Epidemic in History Hit Tennessee and Nation in 1952: In a joint report to the Tennessee 1953 March of Dimes Advisory Committee and County March of Dimes Directors Roy Freeman of Memphis and Ed Chapin of Chattanooga, State Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively, stated that nationally “Polio in 1952 is a study in extremes. There were unparalleled achievements in the nation’s history. Tennessee was no exception.

“After five successive years of heavy incidence the majority of Tennessee’s County Polio Chapters are virtually without funds. Over one-third are dependent on the Polio Foundation’s Epidemic Aid Fund. Even Memphis and Knoxville had to call on the National Polio organization for additional funds this year to pay patient care costs for those stricken in 1952.

"In 1951 polio took its toll in Middle and West Tennessee; while in 1952 better than one-half of almost 650 cases were reported from East Tennessee. Knox and Hamilton Counties were especially hard hit. The tragic element in Tennessee's 1952 Polio story is the large number of cases so seriously stricken that upwards of fifty still must depend upon artificial respiratory aids such as "iron lungs", chest respirators, rocking beds, etc. These cases present continuing tremendous financial responsibilities because of the increased nursing care required.

(January 23, 1953) Students at Park View and Capshaw Elementary Schools got a treat this week, traffic safety lessons taught to them by a troupe of eight trained dogs. The "safety circus" came here under the direction of a former Charlotte, NC, traffic policeman who has taken his dogs to school in 20 states.

(January 29, 1953) At first this week it seemed that whether the groundhog saw his shadow or not, spring was here already. Bluebirds and robins were seen in numbers in the area and trees were budding out. Then the cold wave struck. Then, it snowed. Winter is back in full force in Cookeville today.

(January 29, 1953: Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN) Ticket to Fair of 1886 Found by Mrs. Huddleston: Although the fairs of 67 years ago were much smaller than those of today they were one of the high points in the year for early residents of Putnam County.

Evidence of this is a ticket to the fair of 1886 brought to the Herald Office by Mrs. Donald Huddleston which had been kept as a souvenir by her grandmother, Mrs. F. D. Byers.

The ticket still in a good state of preservation was signed by H. P. Davis, General agent, H. J. Brown, president and J. S. Denton, secretary. Dates for the fair were Oct. 4, 5 and 6.

According to the late O. D. Massa who wrote a history of fairs in Putnam County for the 1951 fair catalog this fair was held just North of TPI on land purchased for \$10 per acre. This area is now part of Tech campus.

Mrs. Huddleston and members of her family still take a great interest in the local fair.

(January 29, 1953 - **Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN**): Milk Producers Pass Resolution Calling For Quality Product: At a meeting Tuesday night milk producers of the Cookeville area authorized the following resolution calling for the production of a higher quality milk product by dairymen in this area.

"Whereas, the cattle diseases that affect people most are T. B. and Bangs disease; and the cattle of this section are free from T. B. and are practically free from Bangs disease.

"Whereas, the barns and equipment in this area are newer and better than is to be found elsewhere, and are being improved as much and as fast as the income of the dairy farmer will permit.

"Whereas, the Dairy Farms in this area are, almost without exception, operated and the cattle handled and milked by the owners, who are interested in the production of a quality milk that will safeguard the health of his family and of his neighbor who lives in the city and consumes that milk.

"Therefore, be it resolved that we, the Producers of Grade A Milk in the Cookeville Area, use our natural resources and the best of our abilities to produce milk that is superior in quality and purity to that produced anywhere else in the world.

"Be it further resolved that the Distributor of the milk that we produce safeguard the quality that reaches him and market a milk high in quality and purity and containing at least 4 per cent butterfat." Cookeville Milk Producers Association: Hartford Boyd, Sec.

(February 5, 1953) The Darwin High School PTA this week is sponsoring the Rufus Lee Minstrel Show, which features comedians, a swing band and dancing girls. Admission is 50 cents for adults and 35 cents for children.

(February 12, 1953) All across the nation, Americans are reporting and are keenly interested in flying saucers, mysterious objects in the sky which the U. S. Air Force says it is studying but can't explain. This week, residents in Monterey reported an object that glowed like a fluorescent light and that was shaped like a washtub soaring over Monterey. It disappeared in a northeasterly direction from that mountain town.

(February 19, 1953) State Horticulturist A. W. Pratt warns that farmers will hear "screeching hordes" of 17-year locusts again this year. "Several years ago," he says, "the insects heavily damaged crops here one summer. Now, they're returning."

*Chuck Newman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daily Newman of Cookeville, has been elected alternate captain of Vanderbilt University's 1953 football team, it was announced this week. He entered Vandy in 1950 and is taking pre-law courses.

(February 19, 1953: Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN) Fire Destroys Two Empty Houses and Mill: Only a shell remains of this five room house on West Steven Street which was destroyed by fire last Friday night. The house owned by Tommy Hunter was unoccupied and cause of the fire was unknown. A blaze also destroyed another empty house owned by Bonnell Nabors on North Dixie about 4 a.m. Sunday. The fire was thought to have been caused by defective wiring. Another blaze destroyed a sawmill operated by Harry Emory located near the Caney Fork Church about five miles east of Cookeville on highway 70-N.

(February 26, 1953) Showing at the Strand Theater here this week: "The Ghost of Crossbow Canyon," with Wild Bill Elliot and Andy Devine. Also, the third chapter of "Radar Men From Mars." Later this week, filmgoers here can watch "Drums in the Deep South," with James Craig and Guy Madison.

(March 6, 1953) The Carr and Dalton Motor Co., at Walnut and Spring advertised this week that they have the new 1953 Studebaker. It's low-slung, long and wide. It has the "sleek lined smartness of a costly foreign car" at American prices. It's less than five feet tall and has "huge expanses of safety glass all around."

(March 12, 1953) In a large ad paid for "The Railroads of Tennessee," a bill under consideration by the state legislature is opposed. The bill, in response to deaths caused by the long-standing practice of persons walking along the train tracks, would require the railroads to build walkways beside all their tracks.

This will hurt railroads financially, the ad argues, and when the railroads are hurt, the public is hurt, the ad reasons. Railroads bring in new industry, and that's good for everyone in the community, says the ad.

(March 19, 1953) Putnam agriculture officials say it's the first irrigation system in Putnam County. B. M. Lee installed it on his 70-acre farm in Martins Creek. Dividing the farm is a creek. Lee says that even though a good source of water lay just feet from his corn, it "burned up" in last year's drought for lack of water. He installed his new irrigation system with the technical help of UT agricultural officials.

(April 2, 1953) Princess Theater operator E.C. Reeves says it's an historic for Cookeville. It's the first time that a motion picture has been held for a full week at a theater here. The film? "The Greatest Show on Earth." The circus drama won five academy awards this week, including best film. It stars Charlton Heston, Cornel Wilde, James Stewart, Betty Hutton, Dorothy Lamour, and the Ringling Barnum Bailey Circus. The film stretches over two hours and 40 minutes.

*It was one of the city's more unusual fires. Traffic was backed up on Highway 70 for more than two hours Wednesday night as a large truck, filled with 90 sofas, several chairs and other furniture bound for Evansville, Ind., burned at the intersection of Dixie and Spring. Hundreds of spectators came to watch. The smoke filled downtown Cookeville.

The driver of the vehicle said he pulled over in front of the Methodist Church to check his headlights and found his truck on fire. It quickly spread out of control. The investigation continues.

(April 9, 1953) The Chattanooga Handle Co. of Cookeville has announced plans for expansion and relocation to a new facility just south of the Nashville Highway in west Cookeville.

The company said this week that it has purchased about 18 acres from H. J. Shanks near Saunders Greenhouse on Highway 70. On that site the company plans to put a sawmill and build a railroad siding.

The new operation will employ at least 20 men, company officials said.

*Got troubles? Madame Marie, a palm reader who lives a half-mile outside the city limits on the Nashville Road, says she can help you by telling you the future. "You've tried the rest. Now try the best," she says in her ad.

*In Korea this week, Army Cpl. Solon M. Rice, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Rice of Route 2, Baxter, has arrived for duty with the 25th Infantry, which has been in the fighting longer than any other division in Korea. Rice himself has seen a little service. He served in World War II in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater, in the European Theater, and in the Middle East Theater.

(April 16, 1953) Butler Bush, a 31-year-old insurance salesman, took the oath of office this week and became Baxter's mayor. He replaces Felix Scarlett, who resigned about 10 days ago.

Bush was sworn in by county magistrate J. T. Dunavin after being elected to the post by the Baxter Board of Aldermen.

Scarlett, who served two years as mayor, was held over in office after the recent election. The two candidates for mayor, Pennock Maxwell and Albert Maxwell, got exactly the same number of votes.

In the case of a tie vote, the board of aldermen is supposed to break the tie and choose a mayor. But the board was evenly divided between the two candidates as well. So, the board turned to a third person, Butler Bush, and Scarlett stepped aside.

Bush is the son of the late W. M. Bush and Ova Bush.

(April 16, 1953: Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN) 1789 Home In Smith County to Be Open For Tour Sunday: The old home of Major Tilman Dixon, hero of King's Mountain will be opened for the Tour of the Association For The Preservation of Tennessee Antiquities, at Dixon Springs, on Highway 25, on Sunday, April 19th from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission will be 50 cents.

William Martin Young, owner of the house which was built in 1789, will represent Major Dixon in pioneer costume, and the Duke or Orelans, Ister King Louis Philippe of France, will be represented.

Although the larger part of Major Dixon's grant lies in Trousdale County, the house is in Smith, and here was held the first meeting of the Smith County Court. Here also were the first store and first tavern in Smith County and here sojourned practically all early travelers between the settlements in East Tennessee and Nashborough.

Many of Major Dixon's neighbors were Revolutionary Soldiers and their descendents will serve as hostesses, costumed to represent their ancestresses. The two "upstairs" rooms practically in original state will be furnished largely with local antiques. Letters from Andrew Jackson and others early newspapers, Indian relics, early glass and china, old guns and other relics will be exhibited.

*Two young Cookeville attorneys have formed a partnership and are opening a law office in the First National Bank building here. Richard Mitchell is going into practice with his brother-in-law, James A. Drake.

Mitchell is married to the former Eleanor Jane Drake of Cookeville. He is a 1951 graduate of UT Law School. Drake, who also studied at UT, went on to work for the FBI in Washington for three years and graduated from the National University Law School in Washington.

(April 23, 1953) Miss Betty Ruth Carr, 20, a Cookeville sales clerk, has been named queen of the Cookeville Rodeo. She was selected by the judges from a group of 70 young women.

Her court: Nancy Pyle of Jamestown, Betty Sue Huddleston of Sparta, Anita Cunningham of Baxter and Celia Fite of Lebanon.

The Jaycees are now selling tickets in a 200-mile radius of Cookeville for their rodeo, a real Wild West affair with dozens of top professional rodeo riders competing for rankings on the national rodeo circuit.

*Meanwhile, the cast of the Central High senior play this year, "We Shook the Family Tree," posed for the camera in a page one photo in this week's edition.

Pictured were Pearline Petty, Robert Carver, Faye Bohannon, Laua Lowe, Fred Glahe, Peggy Fitzpatrick, Lucy Lowe, Rosemary Meadows, Rankin Little, Allison Ensor, Walter Derryberry and Martha Wall.

(April 30, 1953) Imagine having all the hot water you need simply by turning on the tap to your faucet. Too good to be true? Not according to an ad this week by the Cookeville Electric Department, which is trying to spread the word about "the wonders of electricity."

Ask your nearest electric appliance dealer about that modern appliance, the hot water heater. It's quick cheap and a lot easier than firing up a pail full of water on the stove to take a bath. While you're at it, why not ask your appliance dealer about the new electric ranges too, the ad suggests.

Showing this week at the Princess: "Apache War Smoke," with Gilbert Roland and bobby (Little Beaver) Blake. Also, there's a cartoon and the first chapter of the serial; "Son of Geronimo."

(April 30, 1953) A page-one picture in this week's edition shows Mrs. Elmer Langford's 5th grad Capshaw Elementary class preparing to present a short play called "The Minuet." The children are suitable dressed in white wigs, white stockings and other 17th century garb.

Pictured are Ronnie Gentry, Wanda Mills, Jimmy Dyer, Carolyn Puckett, Joe Lenon, Harriet Sue Hooper, Bryan Dyer, Lois Boyd, Sam Vaughn, Carol Baker, Charles Huddleston, Linda Jackson and Peggy O'Neal.

Also, Jim Cox, Bobby Maddux, Carolyn Ray, Robert Williams, Kathy Fitzpatrick, Frances Eubanks and Stevie Huddleston.

The play was performed at the meeting of the Middle Tennessee District Music Club Saturday at Tennessee Tech.

(May 6, 1953) Five women competed in a pageant this week to determine who will represent Putnam County in the Livingston Strawberry Queen beauty contest.

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(May 7, 1953) The Cookeville Jaycees have hit upon something that's caught the public's imagination, a rodeo festival. Set for next week, it's being advertised as the only real rodeo ever held east of the

Mississippi. It's sanctioned by the Rodeo Cowboy Association and the 100 top professional cowboys in it will not only be competing for a \$3,000 purse, they'll be seeking positions in the national rodeo championship later this year.

More than 10,000 are expected here for the event, and Cookeville has been getting in the spirit all month. Employees at First National Bank and Citizen's Bank have been decked out in cowboy duds for two weeks.

But it's hard to tell the employees from other Cookevillians since nearly everyone in town seems to be wearing 10-gallon hats and cowboy boots in preparation for the rodeo. First National has even posted a pony behind its building for children to ride this week.

Meanwhile, the Levi-Strauss company has sent its popular traveling puppet rodeo here for public appearances. Leading up to the big rodeo will be a parade featuring five military bands and dozens of floats. Better get your tickets from a Jaycee early.

(May 12, 1953) State legislators have appropriated money to furnish students in grades 1 through 12 in Putnam and other Tennessee counties with free textbooks when the next school year begins. Each county will get \$6.50 per child under the new bill.

(May 14, 1953) The town is full of cowboys this week. The Jaycees Rodeo has everybody decked out in Western wear, but a lot of people in town this week wear boots and cowboy hats every day of the year. They're big-time rodeo riders.

Eighty-five of the country's foremost rodeo riders are in town this week competing for a \$3,000 purse and improved ranking on the national rodeo circuit.

The rodeo will be kicked off by a huge rodeo through town. Leading the parade will be Gov. Frank Clement and Cookeville Mayor Dero Brown. They'll be mounted on Palomino horses.

*It's an election year and the issue dominating the sheriff's race here is which candidate will be tougher on beer and liquor violations. Billy Danner, in campaign ads, pledges to "stamp out liquor traffic" in Putnam County. He'll also "work 100 percent to rid Putnam County of the beer menace."

*Meanwhile, a group of voters say in an ad that they've "drafted" Circuit Court Clerk Ernest Webster as their candidate for sheriff. He's "the people's candidate," they say, and he will work to "remove the damnable curse resulting from the sale, use and influence of alcoholic beverages" here.

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(May 21, 1953) The US Postal Service's deficit may top \$700,000 this year and Cookeville Postmaster T. P. Moore says the reason is that the cost of stamps is too low.

Since 1932, the cost of a first-class stamp has remained at three cents, he notes. But the cost of shipping the mail by train and motor carriers has risen steadily. Things will have to change or the Postal Service will become even more financially unsound, he indicated.

Patrons of the Putnam Drive-in this week were taken on “a spectacular adventure in the white jungles of the north” in the film, “the Wild North,” starring Stewart Granger, Wendell Corey and Cyd Charisse.

(May 21, 1953) The Cookeville Business and Professional Women’s Club has two candidates for state posts at the annual Tennessee convention in Chattanooga.

Virginia Wyatt is a candidate for state secretary and Mrs. James Buck is a candidate for state president. Mrs. Buck, a teacher of chemistry and biology at Central High, has been 2nd and 1st state vice-president for the organization already. Miss Wyatt is currently president of the local chapter. She’s an assistant professor of business education at Tennessee Tech.

(May 28, 1953) Cookeville has the only one of its kind in the state, a golf driving range that can accommodate 12 to 15 duffers at a time. And they can play until midnight if they want because the range has night lighting.

Manager Bill Terry announced this week the opening of the new facility at Belle Acres and said that the improvements don’t stop here. The club house has been remodeled too.

(May 28, 1953) The Southern Continental Telephone Company, in a full-page ad in this week’s edition, again reminded its customers of the ‘golden rules’ in using a party line. Most of its customers are on party lines.

The golden rules remind subscribers not to pick up the telephone unless it’s their particular ring. Don’t listen in to other’s conversations and don’t monopolize the line. And, if someone has an emergency and breaks in on your line, let them have it.

*A University of Tennessee graduate student said this week that her study of Tennessee attendance teachers – truant officers – finds that they aren’t the hard-hearted ogres they’re reputed to be. Her survey of Tennessee attendance teachers in 1948 and 1952 finds that they do a lot more than just pull boys away from their favorite swimming hole. They help with financial aid and do counseling work to iron out parent-student and parent-teacher conflicts.

(June 4, 1953) Now a second member of Cookeville’s Maddux family carries the title “Lieutenant Governor.” Virginia Lane Maddux, the 16-year-old daughter of Tennessee’s Lt. Governor Jared Maddux, won the position in Murfreesboro at Girls State this week. The Central High junior also holds the post of House speaker during the annual camp, which is the counterpart of Boys State.

*At the Princess Theater this week: Marlon Brando in James Michener’s epic of the US Army’s occupation of Japan, “Sayonara.” It also features James Gardner, Ricardo Montalban, Red Buttons, and Japanese star Miko Taka.

(June 8, 1953) It’s been an unseasonably warm week here. Dandelions are blooming and jasmine bushes are budding out. People say that the weather has something to do with the epidemic of influenza that’s sweeping the country. Dave Huddleston, superintendent of schools here, announced today that there’ll be no school next week to help students here recover. Last week, more than 700 students across the county missed classes. The only school that will be in session next week is the Seventh Street Training School by Tennessee Tech, officials say.

(June 4, 1953) Susan Tinnon Barnes is retiring after teaching here for 33 years.

She came to Cookeville in 1915 shortly after her marriage to Herschel Sevier Barnes, a lawyer who graduated in 1908 from Soule College in Murfreesboro. She became a teacher when her husband died in 1920.

She taught for several years at the Cookeville City School and later went to the Seventh Street Training School where she became principal. She ended her teaching career at Park View Elementary this year.

Mrs. Barnes is a charter member of the Cookeville Music Club and a member of the Cookeville Methodist Church. She plans to remain in Cookeville where her daughter, Mrs. Ruby Goolsby, and her son, H. S. Barnes, Jr. live.

*The ceremonies will be broadcast on radio stations statewide. In the work that America is building a navy bent on retribution against the Japanese.

(June 9, 1953) President Dwight D. Eisenhower, calling the Tennessee Valley Authority "creeping socialism," recently outraged the region by cutting \$60 million in funds for the agency.

Speaking in Cookeville this week was State Senator John R. Long of Springfield, the chairman of a regional organization seeking to whip up a massive letter-writing campaign to chastise 'Ike' and persuade him to save TVA.

Long said here this week that crippling TVA's budget could pose power shortages in the region next year and could harm the South's efforts to attract industry.

To stimulate interest in letters, the Long committee has raised \$1,500 in cash prizes.

(June 11, 1953) Billy e. Winfree of Monterey, a Navy seaman serving aboard the USS Colahan, docked this week in Tokyo Bay after six months of foreign duty, including a couple of raids off the coast of Korea.

Winfree's destroyer and a British warship, the HMS Comus, hit the North Korean coast in January, shelling a communist marshalling yard in Tanchon. They destroyed buildings, freight cars and cut key supply lines in four places. Shore batteries lobbed three rounds into the water.

Later this spring, the Colahan and the battleship USS New Jersey sailed in and struck the coast again in a similar raid.

At the Princess this week: "Fury of the Congo," with Johnny Weismuller and Sherry Moreland. According to the ad, it's the one where "Tarzan cracks a narcotics ring."

(June 11, 1953) Robert Jones of Central High School and James Arthur Brown of Monterey are at Castle Heights Military Academy this week representing Putnam County at Boys State. Meanwhile, three local girls are "dabbling in politics" this week too at Girls State at Belmont College in Nashville. They are Faye Parris of Central High, Carolyn Harris of Algood, and Elinor Mitchell of Baxter.

(June 18, 1953) The Cookeville Electric Department, in a weekly column, tells readers they don't have to toss and turn on these withering summer nights. A new appliance, the room air conditioner, will see to that.

They're easy to install and operate. Just mount one in your window and it draws in outside air, cleans it, cools it, and sends it flowing throughout the room. Escape the discomfort of those hot summer nights, the column urges readers.

Showing this week at the Putnam Drive-In: Johnny Weismuller as Jungle Jim in "Fury of the Congo." An ad shouts, "Beasts and Bandits! Fierce jungle warfare. Johnny and his amazon queen against marauders!" Sherry Moreland is the jungle queen.

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(June 25, 1953) A free airplane ride will be won by 28 teenagers here this month when the Tennessee Air Boosters come to town.

Ed Dorman, commander of the local Civil Air Patrol, said this week that in conjunction with the Boosters' visit, the local patrol is sponsoring an essay contest.

Teens are asked to write a 300-word essay on the theme: "Air Power is Peace Power."

The 28 best essayists win airplane rides from the Boosters, who are going across the state trying to stimulate interest in aviation.

The Junior Chamber of Commerce (Jaycees) here is sponsoring a performance by two Grand Ole Opry stars this week, Lester Flatt and Earl Scruggs. They'll be here with their band, the Foggy Mountain Quartet, performing tomorrow night at the Putnam Courthouse. Tickets are 60 cents for adults and 30 cents for children.

* Or, at the Princess this week, you can see Burt Lancaster in "The Crimson Pirate," that film that's got something for everyone. The ad screams, "Piracy, acrobatics, adventure, a beautiful girl."

(June 25, 1953)

(July 1, 1953) Sgt. Billy R. Neal of Monterey is home on leave from the Korean War. He's a medical aidman with 2nd Infantry Division. The division is noted for taking Heart-break Ridge and clearing communist forces off of Old Baldy.

Meanwhile, Pfc. Roy L. Breeding of Cookeville has also made it back to the United States after seeing service in Korea. His unit recently rotated back and he's now serving at Fort Mason, CA.

(July 2, 1953) Why not go to "glamorous, romantic Florida" for this summer's vacation? A large ad in this week's edition says you can go there and stay for a week for as little as \$4 a day.

That's if you stay at the new Rivera Hotel in Daytona. A family can stay for as little as \$29.50. It boasts a free freshwater swimming pool, tennis courts, billiards and six acres of palm trees and flowers.

And it's located just a short drive from the beach.

(July 9, 1953) Hurbert Bennett Jr. has become the fourth Boy Scout in Putnam County this year to receive his Eagle badge. He's leaving this week for the National Scout Jamboree at the Irvine Ranch near Santa Anna, CA. He and his Scoutmaster, Grady Holt, are among 105 Middle Tennessee Scouts headed west. The newspaper says their trip will take them along Highway 70 right through the heart of Indian Territory. Later they'll see the Petrified Forest. Then their caravan will pass through the great Painted Desert and skirt the Grand Canyon before hitting the coast.

(July 16, 1953) The easy availability of cheap electricity is changing the way we live. For instance, deep freezes are in many homes here now and are packed full. So full, in fact, that it's often hard to get past the slabs of frozen meat and hoarfrosted mystery containers to find the spaghetti sauce you saved back.

The Cookeville Electric Department, in a public service ad in this week's edition, offered several tips on how to better organize your freezer space. It suggests dividing your freezer into compartments and making a diagram of what's where.

It also advised to use small square containers rather than round ones because they take less space.

*Meanwhile, over the Strand Theater on Broad, John Wayne stars this week in "Pals of the Saddle."

(July 23, 1953) Cookeville Recreation Committee chairman Bill Legge (Sr.) said this week that the new swimming pool everyone's been waiting for won't be ready to open until August. But it will be first-rate.

The new 5,000-square-foot Parkview Pool can handle up to 400 swimmers at a time, said Legge. It will have lifeguards and attendants for the bathhouse. There'll be a wading pool for the toddlers, too.

There's more. Nearby there'll be a picnic shelter with tables and a large barbecue "furnace" (a big brick grill). The shelter facilities include, gravel walkways, and sandboxes for the children. There's even an electrical outlet for you coffeemaker.

(July 23, 1953) All members of the Ground Observers Corps here have been alerted to stay in an indefinite state of standby readiness this week. A surprise air attack is coming. That's the word from W. Keith Crawford, the Civil Defense director here.

The Ground Observers Corps is a volunteer civilian unit that serves as the eyes and ears for the military in the event that an enemy aircraft intrudes into U.S. airspace. And this week, Crawford says a flight of 'enemy' planes is set to attempt to sneak across Tennessee to test the Corps.

And unlike other recent drills, the time for this one won't be announced beforehand. So, keep your eyes on the sky, he advises.

(July 23, 1953) Music lovers are in for a treat. Lloyd La Vaux, known in some circles as "the Poet of the Accordion," is coming to Cookeville. He first performed at the age of six with his father, who was also his music teacher. His music career was put on hold by WWII, during which he served in military intelligence in Europe. He was captured by the Germans, escaped, and won the Silver Star for the exploits. Now he's back on stage concentrating on solo accordion performances. Critics say he can make an accordion sound like an entire orchestra.

*At the Victory Theater in Algood, Cecil B. DeMille's "the Greatest Show on Earth."

(July 31, 1953) Forty-nine cases of untaxed whiskey were seized here early Saturday morning after a Knoxville man led authorities on a high-speed chase across four counties. It started just west of Lebanon on Highway 70, when two state troopers were passed by a brand new Ford speeding in the other direction. The two had just seized 26 cases of whiskey from another man and were taking them in to the station. They gave chase, but the car outran them.

They radioed ahead and roadblocks were set up. Other troopers gave chase when the man crashed through one roadblock and headed towards Cookeville, where city patrolman James Copeland and deputy R.A. Dedman intercepted the whiskey runner two miles south of town on the Sparta Highway and forced him over.

(August 6, 1953) Monterey got a new pastor this week, the Rev. Guard Green. He's going to be the pastor at Monterey's First Baptist Church.

Rev. Green, a Kentucky native first pastured in Donelson in 1931. In 1942, he became a US Army chaplain and traveled.

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Rev. Green has been serving in South Pittsburgh, Tennessee, since the war.

(30 July 1953: Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN): 49 Cases of Illegal Whisky Seized Here: Forty nine cases of whisky were seize by local and state officers here early Saturday morning after a wild automobile chase through four counties.

Robert Jordon who gave his home address as Knoxville was arrested by Highway Patrol, Lt. A. C. Jared, City policeman James Copeland, and Deputy Sheriff R. A. Dedman about 4:30 a.m. Copeland halted the car on Lowe Street after Dedman and Jared had intercepted it about two miles south of Cookeville on the Sparta Highway.

The chase started west of Lebanon on Highway 70 after Lt. Elmer Craig and Lt. John Hancock, both of the Highway Patrol had arrested Charles Wilson Adler of Nashville and confiscated 26 cases of liquor near Carthage about 2:00 a.m. The officers had started back toward Nashville after booking Adler when Jordon met them, in a 1953 car traveling at high speed. The officers turned around and chased the car but Jordon ran off and left them near Lebanon.

Officers were radioed at Smithville and Cookeville and roadblocks were set up on roads leading into Sparta, Smithville, Carthage and Cookeville.

At a hearing in General Sessions Court Monday Jordon pled guilty to a charge of reckless driving and driving without a license and was bound over to Criminal Court on a charge of illegal transporting of whisky.

Both men said the whisky they were transporting came from Nashville.

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(August 13, 1953) They're already calling it "The Great Old-Time Revival of 1953."

Last week, the Rev. Fowler Montgomery, a member of the Putnam County Court and pastor at Gentry's Chapel and Taylor Seminary churches here, led a revival in DeKalb County's Mt. Pisgah Freewill Baptist Church. Some are saying it was "reminiscent of the days of John Wesley."

The church recorded 52 conversions and rededications during the week. There were as many people standing outside the packed church straining to hear as there were inside, according to witnesses.

The week climaxed with 33 baptisms, the biggest mass baptism in the area in years, according to the newspaper.

(August 20, 1953) "Snow in August!" That's the headline above a full-page ad for the Cookeville Pure Milk Co. in this week's edition.

The ad shows the company's Fred Luck operating a "flake" ice machine. In subsequent photos, dairy salesmen Norman Wilmoth, Perry Sitz, J. T. Wright and James Taylor are pictured with snow shovels scooping heaps of shaved ice onto crates of milk in the back of their trucks before they make their milk runs.

The ad proclaims that "flake ice" is "the latest and most up-to-date modern method of milk deliver. Ice in that form clings to milk bottles a lot closer than ice cubes and keeps the milk cooler, fresher and safer, says the ad.

(August 20, 1953) A Cookeville native has been honored in ceremonies in Korea. Second Lt. James H. Bruce has won the Bronze Star and two Oak Leaf Clusters for heroic achievement while serving as a forward observer for artillery during the Korean War. His father, Claude W. Bruce, lives at 400 Buffalo Valley Road. The younger Bruce was a student at North Georgia College in Macon, Ga., prior to his enlistment.

*The Cookeville Purity Milk Co. tells readers in a full-page ad that its milk is fresher and safer than that of its competitors thanks to an innovation installed on all of its trucks. It has a crushed ice machine that regularly dumps chipped ice on the crates of bottled milk while the drivers are on their routes. Chipped ice, says the ad, "clings closer to each bottle," keeping it cooler and fresher longer. Science marches on.

(August 21, 1953) Someone tossed a lit cigarette into a wastebasket in the Odd Fellows building on East Broad this week and set the place on fire. When firemen put it out \$500 in smoke damage had been done to the two-story, 25-year-old structure. Downstairs it houses a small restaurant, a barber shop and a pool hall. Upstairs is the meeting hall for the Woodmen of the World.

The building is owned by Nashville's Goodman Polytinsky, better-known as G-Polly.

(August 27, 1953) Monterey High School has a new principal, Milton Nixon. He's replacing Frank Medley, who has resigned to become Monterey's postmaster.

Nixon is a 1937 graduate of Carson Newman College. He was principal of Monterey Elementary from 1937 to 1940.

More recently he's been teaching at Monterey High and has been the school's basketball and football coach.

At the Princess this week: "Blue Canadian Rockies," with Gene Autry, 'Champ' (Gene's horse), Pat Buttram and the Cass County Boys.

(August 27, 1953) Pinky Barnes is coming to Cookeville. He's a "showman extraordinary" and has a group of purebred Algerian Spotted Stallions. The show will be held at the West End Showgrounds on Highway 70, west of town. It will feature a five-ring hippodrome, "a veritable sea of waving manes and tails."

(September 3, 1953) Who's that in the newspaper photo loading a .50-caliber machine gun? It's Pfc. Bob Maxwell and Pfc. Jack Dalton, and they're in National Guard training this week with the Headquarters Co. of the 3rd Battalion of the 173rd Armored Cavalry Regiment. They're in Ft. McClellan, AL, for two weeks of drills and instruction.

Meanwhile, others from here are serving in Korea this week where the fighting continues. Mentioned in the newspaper's military news column this week are Pfc. James C. Short of Monterey, Pvt. John H. Mitchell of Cookeville, Master Sgt. Lee Sadler Darwin and Pvt. William Pippin.

(September 3, 1953) Putnam Sheriff N. B. Matheny and others on a state-appointed highway safety board have given Gov. Frank Clement a set of emergency traffic safety recommendations that could do a lot to cut down the numbers of vehicular fatalities on state highways.

The 40-man panel recommended a ban on all hot rods and endorsed the use of unmarked cars to catch speeders. They also urged that the THP be equipped with radar to catch speeders and that law officers sue "scientific" drunk driving tests on suspected drunks.

The panel also proposed that speed limits be lowered on state highway to 65 mph for daytime driving and 55 mph for nights.

Clement said he's looking over the recommendations and announced that there'll be a statewide driving safety 'blitz' across Tennessee for Labor Day weekend.

More than 300 Tennessee National Guardsmen are joining all other law officers I patrolling state highways to cut speeding and drunk driving.

(September 10, 1953) There was a record attendance – 12,000 – at the Putnam County Fair Saturday night for the Putnam horse show when young Martin Migliore won the fine harness pony class. Mike Migliore earlier in the evening won the boy riders class.

Meanwhile in the school exhibits competition, Rock Springs school won in the one-teacher school category. Bangham was the runner-up, Dry Valley won in the two-teacher school category.

And the Holladay community boys beat all other teams in the county in the fair's volleyball tournaments.

*It's Americanism Week here. Mayor Dero Brown signed it into proclamation at the request of the General Federation of Women's Club and the Book Lovers Club here.

The GFWC here and across the country is current whipping up patriotism in an effort to raise funds to restore Philadelphia's Independence Hall.

*"The Wonders of Electricity" is the public program at Baxter Seminary this week. Students will see technological marvels like power transmission without wires.

*Showing at the Stand this week: Whip Wilson in "Wyoming Roundup." Also, the fourth chapter of "Jungle Drums of Africa."

(September 10, 1953) Coming to the Baxter Seminary this week is a Southern Schools Assembly Program presentation called "The Electric Parade." It consists of a number of "Popularized" demonstrations showing what science – and electricity – can do for your home and way of living. Included are segments on "freakish frequencies," electricity at high pressures, and power transmission without wires. Admission? There's no charge.

(September 17, 1953) Cookeville new \$66,000 swimming pool has been completed, but not quite in time for residents to use it this year. The L-shaped, 100-by-35 foot pool was built by the J. E. Allen Co. It's in the Park View area, and it has a bath house and a wading pool. Make plans to come early next summer, city official advise.

(September 17, 1953) New officers of the Putnam County Senior 4-H Club this year are Hugh Denny, recreation leader; Fred Barlow, president; Claude Huddleston, game leader; Ann Ruth Jackson, vice president; Linda Warren, song leader; Faye Parris, secretary; and June Moore, reporter. Mrs. Steven Hale is the new adult leader.

At the Putnam Drive-in this weekend: "Million Dollar Mermaid," with Victor Mature and Esther Williams. Also, Ronald Reagan and Diana Lynn in "Bedtime for Bonzo."

(September 17, 1953: Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN) Lovell Smith Moves Store Location: Lovell Smith Furniture Store announce that they have moved their store from their old location on Broad Street to 30 South Cedar Street.

Their new location formerly used by the store as a warehouse has been redecorated and make into an attractive modern show room. The entire building contains 7,000 square feet and part of it will be used for storage still leaving more room than in their old store. Mr. Smith said.

Mr. Smith also said that they would handle the same furniture as in the past.

The firm also operates furniture stores in Sparta, Livingston and Celina owned by Mr. Smith and a son Maxwell Smith, the store observing its 14th anniversary this week.

(September 24, 1953) Police Chief Hubert Crawford is handling out special ID cards to every students as he or she enrolls at Tennessee Tech this year. The cards, says Crawford, will be useful in the event that the student is injured or involved in other "unfortunate situations" that many college students sometimes find themselves in.

The card identifies the bearer as a TTU student and states: "Any courtesy extended the holder of this card will be greatly appreciated and will be repaid by us if possible. In case of accident, notify us. If appearance bond should ever become necessary, please call us. Cookeville is 100% for Tennessee Tech."

(September 24, 1953) Tennessee Tech's freshmen enrollment leapt this week when 631 newcomers showed up to register. The all-time high for freshmen just after the war when 815 signed up, many of them veterans using the GI bill to pay for school. Total enrollment stands at 1,675 students this week.

They begin their first day of classes tomorrow, but it will be an abbreviated schedule. President Everett Derryberry will welcome the students in a late-morning assembly, and then all freshmen will take their English exams in the afternoon.

At the Princess: "Cat People," with Simone Simon.

(October 1, 1953) A headline in this week's edition reads: "All liars are not fox hunters, all fox hunters are liars." It's over a story about the annual bench show and three-day hunt of the Tennessee Fox Hunters Association being held here this week.

Hunters are coming from as far away as Massachusetts and Detroit. The newspaper notes that there'll be an extra 300 dogs in town this week. Presumably there'll be a lot more dog owners too. And most of them will be spinning tales about their hounds' prowess, the newspaper cautions.

(October 1, 1953) Isadore Pepper is back at Tennessee Tech after a three-year detour through North Korea.

The WWII vet from New Jersey enrolled at Tennessee Tech after the war, majoring in math. In 1950, he was called back to active duty when the Korean conflict erupted. He was just 21 hours sort of getting his degree.

During an engagement with a North Korean unit, Peppe was captured. He was a prisoner of the communist Koreans for 37 months.

Now, he's been exchanged, he arrived in the U. S. on Sept. 15, and this week he's back at the books again to get his degree from Tennessee Tech.

*Gene Rogers is the new funeral director at Whitson Funeral Home. He replaced Ed Hooper, who has purchased an interest in the Ligon-Bobo & Hooper Funeral Home in Lebanon.

Rogers grew up in the funeral business. Morticians have been in his family for 133 years in Marshall County. He worked for six years at Whitson and has been selling cars for the past four years. He's the husband of the former Mary Hill of Cookeville.

(1 October 1953: Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN) New Bakery to Open Tomorrow: Cookeville's new bakery is scheduled to open for business Friday of this week, according to Mrs. Billie Robinson of Cookeville who will manage the new business. Mrs. Robinson said that announcement of the formal opening would be made in next week's Herald. The new business is located on South Jefferson Ave.

The equipment is being installed this week and will be ready for operation Friday. Mr. and Mrs. S. G. McIntooch are moving here as the bakers. They have been in the bakery business in Lubbock, TX.

(October 8, 1953) The stars of the movie "Chained for Life" will make a personal appearance at the Putnam Drive-in this week prior to the showing of their film.

Daisy and Violet Hilton are famous Siamese twins, joined at the hip since birth. The San Antonio natives were raised by "show people" and spent much of their lives performing in Europe.

They've been dancers since the age of two and sing well too. They've been entertainers on radio, in night clubs and in vaudeville for 30 years.

Herman R. Julian and Claude E. Maynard of Rt. 1, Baxter, sailed into harbor at San Diego this week aboard the USS John Thomason after eight months sailing the waters off Korea.

They saw action. Their destroyer got into a duel with shore batteries while escorting a UN minesweeper in Wonsan Harbor. Several shell fragments hit their ship. The destroyer in turn wiped out two of the shore batteries and an ammo dump nearby.

(October 15, 1953) A young Putnam man has won a national honor.

Clarence M. Richards, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. V. Richards of the Algood Road here, has been picked to attend the Fifth Junior Management Intern program in Washington.

Competition was stiff. Richards, who works for the Soil Conservation Service, was one of the 156 federal employees nominated. Of that group, only 56 passed the preliminary examination.

Officials then trimmed the list of 56 down to 22 who were finally selected for the elite training program.

Richards, a 1948 graduate of Tennessee Tech, is a WWII veteran and the husband of the former Miss Marylou Johnson of Trenton, Tennessee. They have a daughter, Melinda.

Richards will be away in Washington D. C. until next April.

(October 19, 1953) Looking for a real bargain? Why not install a telephone, suggest the Southern Continental Telephone Company in a public service advertisement in this week's edition. Phones are one of the best bargains around, it says.

A telephone on your wall will let grandmother call to wish the kids a happy birthday, you can call your druggist and ask him to rush your order, and you can run errands by phone rain or shine.

And – here's the really exciting part – every day more and more people here are getting telephones, so there are more and more people and places you can call.

Showing this week at the Princess: Tony Curtis and Janet Leigh in "Houdini," also, Gordon McCrae in "Desert Song."

(October 22, 1953) A Bloomington Springs girl has won a national honor.

Claude Ann Huddleston, the 15-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Huddleston, has been selected as Tennessee's winner in the National 4-H leadership contest.

Miss Huddleston won the contest on the basis of records she submitted of her 4-H activities and projects. She's been in 4-H for two years.

Voters go to the polls Saturday to elect Cookeville's mayor. Candidates include incumbent Dero Brown, attorney Estel Capshaw, and businessman Powell Bilyeu.

At the Putnam Drive-in this weekend: "The Road to Bali," with Bob Hope, Bing Crosby and Dorothy Lamour.

(October 29, 1953) Carson T. Moss, son of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Moss and husband of the former Roberta Alcorn of Silver Point, is serving on the USS Gurke, one of two ships hit earlier in the war by North Korean shore batteries while on escort duty.

And Billy Vaughn of Rt. 1 Cookeville recently joined the 25th Infantry Division in Korea. That unit is currently undergoing intensive retraining to retain its fighting edge, according to a press release from the military. The unit was in some of the heaviest fighting on the peninsula not long ago.

(October 29, 1953) Services were held this week for a veteran Putnam railroader, Jasper H. "Jap" Holladay, who died in St. Thomas Hospital in Nashville at the age of 76 following a heart attack.

He was the son of the late J. C. (Calvin) Holladay, and spent his life with the railroad. He was a well-known passenger train conductor for the Tennessee Central. He just recently retired.

His wife is the former Anna Belle Gollithan. Her father, J. R. Gollithan, had the distinction of being the first passenger train conductor on the Nashville and Knoxville Railroad, which preceded the Tennessee Central here.

(November 5, 1953) The county has lost another one-teacher school. Bohannon School, the fourth to close this year when enrollment dropped below the 20-student level required by the state. It's happening all over the state too.

The newspaper reported that most of the students from Bohannon will now go to Capshaw. The school's teacher, Lorell Cooper Kirby, is out of work until an opening comes up at another school here.

Bohannon School went the way of other schools here, that closed in the last few weeks. They were Shipley, Free Union, and Bussell.

It's happening across Tennessee and in much of the south. Small rural communities are being abandoned as people head north to find work in larger industrial areas. It's a trend that has many here alarmed.

(November 8, 1953) They've widened it into a broad avenue, they've resurfaced it, and now this week they dedicated it too. A group of local officials was on hand when the ribbon was cut on Washington Avenue this week.

On hand when the photo was snapped were County Judge Luke Medley, Mayor Dero Brown and Lt. Governor Jared Maddux.

(November 13, 1953) An article in the newspaper this week gives thumbnail sketches of top manufacturers here, including the Atlas Boot Co., which turns out 3,000 pairs of boots daily; the Coca Cola Bottling Co., which has machinery capable of producing 164 bottles of soft drink per minute; Wilsons Sporting Goods, where 220 people are employed making uniforms seen on most professional baseball and football teams; and the Cookeville Shirt Co., which turns out 650 dozen shirts each production day.

(November 26, 1953) James Luton of Bloomington Springs and Alex Nichols of Cookeville, members of Tennessee Polytech's affirmative debate team, beat 11 other teams in the Carolina Forensics Tournament at the University of South Carolina this week and brought home a trophy.

And royalty was crowned at Park View Elementary this week by Lt. Gov. Jared Maddux of Cookeville.

Dubbed king of Park View was Charles Lee Nash, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Nash. The school's new queen is Patricia Alderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Alderson.

Mrs. Tillman Phillips played the procession, "Pomp and Circumstance."

(December 3, 1953) Police Chief Hubert Crawford was called to the scene when a deaf, mute man asking for handouts created a disturbance on Westside when he failed to get what he asked for.

Crawford said the man was carrying cards which read: "I am deaf and dumb and will appreciate your help." In his pocket was more than \$500 in bills. The chief's investigation around town revealed that the man had been staying in the city's best hotel and that he'd been dining there too. He even drove up in a nice car, merchants reported.

The man, speaking to the chief in writing, confessed that he was working for his "boss" in Knoxville, a man who'd given him the cards and the car and told him ask for handouts all over the state. The boss got 70 percent of whatever the man was given.

Chief Crawford gave the man an escort to the city limits.

The city electric department this week put up modern Christmas decorations, 50-foot garlands of polished aluminum foil. There were strings of colored lights too.

(December 6, 1953) Cookeville is one of 15 sites across Tennessee for a lecture series by the Tennessee State Medical Association. The series is entitled "Standard Emergency Treatment of Atomic Bomb Injuries." This week's installment: "The Biological and Psychological Effects of Atomic Warfare."

(December 13, 1953) In a page one picture in this week's edition, John Stites (Sr.) and Duncan Fulton are looking over one of the new boat trailers being turned out by their Algood manufacturing plant, Ful-Sti.

The two manufacturers report that the State Game and Fish Commission has already ordered 44 of the trailers, and business prospects look good.

Meanwhile, excavation work has begun on a site west of town for the new Chattanooga Handle Co. plant. Hurbert Bussell's construction company is building the new 40-by-140-foot building.

The company already has a small facility in town and moving to the new building will boost employment from eight to 35 workers.

(December 17, 1953) The Harding photography studio here says that this week it is offering free demonstrations of the new Polaroid camera. "You've heard about it. You've read about it. Now here's your chance to try this exciting camera!" says the ad. It promises sharp, "brilliant black and white" photos that develop right in the camera itself.

(December 21, 1953) Putnam men and other US troops fighting in Korea have a better chance of survival if they are wounded than troops did in WWII thanks to quicker emergency medical military transportation and medical advances. An article quoting Department of Defense officials says that in today's Korean war, 97 percent of wounded soldiers who can be reached by medical aid in a reasonable amount of time live. That compares with 95.5 percent of the wounded who survived in WWII and 95.1 percent in WWI, they say. Meanwhile, the officials say that of the 94,863 US troops hurt in combat in Korea since March, 85 percent are back on duty now.

(Dec. 25, 1953) "Has Christmas become too commercial?" asks the writer of an editorial for the newspaper. Many are saying that these days. But consider this, the writer suggests. Millions are employed now to prepare gifts and goods for Christmas. The season is for giving is giving a livelihood to many Americans, it is noted.

(December 31, 1953) The Vagabond Kings are coming to Cookeville. They're coming to play ball. Razzle-dazzle basketball.

The group is similar to the Harlem Globetrotters in on-the-court showmanship, but all the members of the 'Kings' are white.

One member of the team is known here. He's Doug Atkins, a former University of Tennessee All-American. Several other former college stars are on the team as well.

Going up against the Vagabond Kings will be a team of former TTU players yet to be announced.

*Meanwhile, there's a wave of babies being born these days and Cookeville has a new "baby furniture" store to help them-and their parents – get off to a good start.

Joe Gibson announced this week that he is the new dealer of safety Server baby furniture for this area. His store is stocked with bathinettes, formula utensils, car seats, and other items new parents will need. He's located on North Washington.

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(January 10, 1954) The new cars are out for 1954 and this week's newspaper is full of large advertisements and large claims about today's big car engines.

The Mercury is billed as an easy driving car that can safely speed out of the way of danger, thanks to a powerful 161 horse-power V-8 engine with an automatic 4-barrel carburetor.

The Buick has an even bigger 200 horse-power V-8 engine and boasts power brakes, power steering and even has electric "window lifts." It's air-conditioned too.

The new Chrysler comes with a 235 horse-power V-8 engine, the "PowerFlyte."

*Meanwhile, the nation's 'newest medium-priced' car is the Packard Clipper, which goes for \$2,624.

(January 14, 1954) No Lynchings In 1953 Report Shows: According to an annual report from Tuskegee Institute Ala., the year 1953 passed without a single lynching. However, in at least three instances, lynchings were prevented, according to a report. On Jan 17 near Mobile, Ala., Henry Lee Brown, a 17 year old Negro escaped enroute to Kilby Prison. Convinced he was about to be lynched he jumped from the car in which he rode and ran into the swamps while shots were fired at him. He later gave himself up, was tried and acquitted of slaying a white woman.

In March near Wilcox, Ariz., Arthur Thomas, 29 year old Negro migrant cotton worker accused of murdering a white woman storekeeper was saved from lynching by an officer.

On May 24, at New York a 42 year old Puerto Rican was rescued from a mob by two umpires of a basketball game and mounted police. Before several hundred spectators watching the game in Central Park, Edward Caregena stabbed his estranged common law wife to death. Players and spectators tried to kill him.

(January 21, 1954) Kenneth Morgan, Supt. of the State Training and Agriculture School for Boys, told the American Association of University Women at TTU this week that the problem of juvenile delinquency cannot be blamed on poverty and ignorance.

Parents are largely to blame, he said. They are giving their offspring too little religious training and too much idle time.

Morgan added that the stress and uncertainty of growing up during a world war probably added to the restlessness cropping up in today's youths.

*At Tennessee Tech next week, 250 high school students from across Middle Tennessee will compete in the annual Hillybilly Music Contest.

A close battle is expected between students from Murfreesboro, Crossville and Spencer, schools that placed among the top last year.

After the competition, they'll all get together for a "hillybilly" banquet in the TTU cafeteria sponsored by James Carlen of the Coca Cola Bottling Co.

*At the Princess this week: Johnny Weissmuller stars in "Valley of the Headhunters." Also, there's a two-reel comedy and the 9th chapter of the serial, "The Adventures of Captain Kidd."

(January 23, 1954) TTU has enrolled its first full-time black student, Mrs. Leona Lusk Officer, a teacher at Sparta's black city school, Wallace Smith Elementary.

(January 28, 1954) Strides were made towards better rural telephone service this week when the Falling Water Telephone Company was created by the merger of rural phone organizations in Putnam and White Counties.

A loan from the Rural Electrification Association made the new phone service possible.

*The Music Club has decided to move its beloved Steinway grand piano from the old City School to the auditorium of Park View School so public concerts here can continue.

The club bought the Steinway in 1924 by holding a series of benefit operas like "Cherry Blossom" and short plays. Its first public use was on the evening of Friday, Jan. 23, 1925, when Frank Mannheimer gave a piano concerto in the City School auditorium.

Through the years, it has been used regularly for classical and popular music but today the Steinway is silent. The deteriorating City School has been closed for the last year and a half.

Now the club wants to move it to a school that is open. Music Club members include Mrs. W.A. Howard, Mrs. O.D. Massa, Mrs. J.O. Cummin, Mrs. A.G. Maxwell, Mrs. W.Y. Bennett, Mrs. H.S. Barnes and Alice Keith Ford.

(February 4, 1954) It was a week of highs and lows for the Dry Valley Community.

They've been active there recently turning part of the Dry Valley School, the heart of the community's social life, into a community center and the people went en masse to see the school's boys and girls basketball teams play Bangham at the Algood school this week.

It was the first teams the school has fielded in some time and for the girls, it was their first time to play on a hardwood court. The boys won 37-20. The girls lost 33-12.

The community gathered again 24 hours after the game to discuss what to do about their school. It burned during the night.

It not only destroyed the school, but the community center the people had prepared inside. They lost an electric stove, a freezer, a piano and other furnishings.

The fire is believed to have originated in an old stove in the recreation area. The community had begun digging space under the school to install a new furnace in the spring.

The school's 72 students will be sent to Cookeville City School until other arrangements can be made.

(February 4, 1954) Putnam County is trying something already widely used in England, Sweden and Denmark to control the spread of rabies. Inoculation clinics for pets are coming.

The shots are already available at the Putnam Health Department in town, but not all pet owners make the trip each year to get their pets treated.

Now, health officials are sponsoring a series of rabies clinics across the county to take the shots a little closer to the dogs and cats.

County officials are also planning to take steps to rid the county of stray dogs, which are a big factor in the spread of rabies across the South.

Lt. Col. Hubert V. Johnson, the son of W.L. Johnson of Baxter, has been named executive officer for Camp Tortuguero in Puerto Rico.

He's been in the service since 1941 and was taken prisoner in the Battle of the Bulge. He was liberated in May of 1945.

This week at the Princess: It's Kirby Grant and Chinook the Wonder Dog in "Yukon Vengeance." Also, there's the 13th chapter of "The Adventures of Captain Kidd."

(February 11, 1954) An all-girl cast at Central High is preparing this week to present "Girls Will Be Girls," directed by Betty Webb and Warren Lustre.

The cast includes Patsy Boles, Janice Cochran, Sue Ragland, Polly Bilyeu, Peggy Foutch, Peggy Butts, Dimple Webb, Carol Livesay, Anita Peek and Peggy Stringer.

*W.J. Holladay, a 42-year-old veteran and former manager of the Southern Continental Telephone Co., died this week in Fayette, Alabama.

He went there five years ago to manage the Alabama Telephone Company. He was the president of the town's chamber of commerce at the time of his death.

(February 20, 1954) Cookeville is celebrating its 100th year and special postal cancellations are getting attention from collectors from all over the country, Cookeville Postmaster L.K. Mahler says. The cancellation, which will be used on every piece of mail that comes through the Cookeville's Post Office through Dec. 31, reads, "1854 — Centennial — 1954, Cookeville, Tennessee, 100 Years of Progress."

(February 25, 1954) The junior class this year at Central High, in planning their annual class play, looked for something unlike anything else done here before and wanted a work that was "good theater" as well. They said this week that they're doing Tennessee Williams' "Glass Menagerie."

Leading players in the production are Betty Bradshaw, Walter Fitzpartick Jr., Patsy Philpot and Charles Sullivan. Sheila Officer is directing.

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Orders are pouring in, says Mahler.

(February 27, 1954) The Park View Parents-Teachers Association this week heard Minnie Crawford Barbour tell the history of the city's PTA. She was one of those who started it.

It began 20 years ago when Mrs. B.G. Adcock and Mrs. H.T. Whitson asked for help from Knoxville PTA officials in setting up one here.

Mrs. Walter Carlen was the first president of the new group here. Others in the organization were Mrs. Rutledge Smith, Mrs. C.E. Wilson, Mrs. Hobart Haggard and Mrs. Fred White.

*A crowd of more than 100 farmers and agriculture students gathered here this week for a free tree planting demonstration sponsored by Citizens Bank.

The bank has purchased a device that mounts on the rear of a tractor, punches holes in the ground, and has a perch for a rider to sit and drop in seedlings. The bank is making the device available to area farmers.

Many will be needing it. Last fall, area landowners ordered a record 103,000 white pine seedlings from the Soil Conservation District. Tree plantings are being pushed by farm agents.

(March 11, 1954) City Tax Assessor Joe Dyer last week urged the Cookeville City Commission to cut electric rates, giving the commission a lengthy analysis of electric department finances.

Electric Supt. F.E. Collier and his assistant, Don Mitchell, this week told the commission that Dyer's figures are "misleading."

They produced a state audit that they say shows that the department, if it cut rates as Dyer suggests, would have insufficient funds to expand the system and serve new customers. Cookeville could not afford to grow.

They said that the city has cut electric rates twice in the last decade, a sign that officials will lower rates when they can safely do so. But now is not the time to do it again, they said. The city commission agreed.

*A series of rabies vaccination clinics, held across the county over the last 10 days, has resulted in shots for 538 dogs, health officials report this week.

Now police and deputies will be concentrating on stray dogs. They're cautioning dog owners to keep their dogs chained so they won't be mistaken for strays and shot.

(March 13, 1954) Cookeville, with a property tax rate of 90 cents, has been listed by the state as the city with Tennessee's lowest tax rate.

(March 19, 1954) A Juilliard graduate hailed in Europe as a gifted world-class pianist, Joan Holley will perform in Derryberry Hall at TPI this week for the college's last concert of the season.

*In other musical entertainment this week, a chorus of more than 600 area elementary students will sing in the Tech Memorial Gymnasium in "America Sings."

The presentation includes a series of historical skits ranging from the Pilgrim's landing to cowboys roping stray dogies to a circus big top with "elephants" and a "man on a trapeze."

There'll also be a high school chorus, two school bands and a string band.

Pictured on page one advertising the event are Edgar Carson Butler, dressed as a pirate and Clara Faye Neal, testing the point of his cutlass.

(March 25, 1954) City Commissioner Jess Owen reported today that the state now lists Cookeville as the city with the lowest property tax rate in the state, 90 cents.

That's based on figures from the UT Property Tax Assessment Division, said Owen.

*New VFW officers were elected this week. They include Leo Campbell, senior vice commander; Edd Hash, commander; Junior Nabors, vice commander; Robert Paul Judd, adjutant; L.K. Mahler, chaplain; I.B. Brooks, trustee; Dr. D.W. Mattson, post surgeon; Alf Foutch, trustee; James Drake, quartermaster; Willard Reed, trustee; and Dick Mitchell, judge's advocate.

*The Cookeville Jaycees annual rodeo fundraiser got a big boost this week when WSM Radio in Nashville decided to plug it on its Grand Ol' Opry broadcast. This week, a potential 10 million radio listeners will hear about Cookeville's fandango.

(April 8, 1954) Central High's class play this spring is "A Little Honey." Pictured on page one this week were members of the backstage crew.

They include stage manager Bill Klein, and student workers Billy Bennett, Charles Kirby, Buddy Chaffin, Barbara Allen, Carmie Jo Ragland and Barbara Pointer.

*The County Music Festival, a historical pageant and songfest using the musical and theatrical talents of 1,350 students from 30 Putnam schools, came off without a hitch this week. It drew an audience of 6,000 to TTU's Memorial Gymnasium.

*A photo on page one this week featured a circus scene with Jimmy Loftis, Terry May and Linda Harris. Harlan Stringer and Dale Flowers are an elephant and Tommy Burks is the ringmaster. They're Park View Elementary students.

(April 22, 1954) The State Railroad and Public Utilities Commission this week authorized a 15 percent rate hike by the Southern Continental Telephone Co., which serves Cookeville and most of Putnam County.

The commission said the rate hike was justified because the telephone company operates on such a "low profit margin" and has undertaken numerous improvements and extensions of service in recent years.

The commission also permitted Southern Continental to raise the cost of pay phone calls from 5 to 10 cents.

*A grease fire in its concession building put the Dipsy Doodle Drive-in on the Sparta Road out of business for a while this week.

Firemen say fire broke out in the grease fryer and damaged part of the building.

(May 6, 1954) Jim Herd of Algood this week met his wife, the former Mary Randolph, and their daughter, Deborah, at the docks in Manila when their transportation to the Philippines, the troopship the Charles D. Barrett, sailed into port.

They were coming to live at Clark Air Force Base in the Philippines while Herd completes his tour of duty there with the military.

It's Herd's third foreign tour of duty. He served in 1943 in the Navy's Pacific campaign and later was in Germany as part of the occupation forces.

+ The president of the Nashville Booster's Club was 'arrested' in Cookeville this week as the club made a stop here on its 300-mile good will tour across the state promoting Nashville's attractions.

The club leader was arrested on charges of 'boisterous conduct,' 'trespassing on Cookeville's streets,' and 'extolling in a loud and excited voice the virtues of Nashville.'

The hearing on the case was set for May 19, which just happens to also be the opening day for the Cookeville Jaycee's Rodeo fundraiser fandango.

The judge who set the hearing date suggested he might be lenient with the Nashville booster if he would return to Nashville and promote the Cookeville event there.

(May 13, 1954) Tennessee's Jaycees and Jaycettes of the Year are both Cookevillians.

Floyd Cooper won the award for his work in promoting the Jaycees Rodeo here. Mrs. Joe Pointer of Algood won for her work promoting the Tennessee Jaycees outside the state.

*Meanwhile, Wesley Flatt Jr. was named this week as one of three national directors of Tennessee Jaycees, and O.C. Masters Jr. was elected state treasurer of the civic group.

*Speeders beware, warns the Tennessee Highway Patrol. Radar devices will soon be used by troopers across the state.

The THP gave a demonstration here this week to show how effective the radar devices are. They are modeled after those used by the U.S. Army Air Corps and U.S. Navy in World War II.

The devices, mounted on a tripod, shoot an electronic beam that gauges the speed of cars that cross it, troopers explained.

They'll be used not only in THP cruisers, but in unmarked cars as well, the THP warned.

*Services were held this week for Dr. Cliff Conger Marchbanks, 63, who died of a heart attack at his home this week on East Broad.

For the past 24 years, he's run Marchbanks Drugs, a popular Cookeville place of business. He was a World War II veteran and an active member of the American Legion and the Cookeville Lions Club.

(May 23, 1954) The Cookeville Jaycees second annual Roundup Rodeo was a rousing success this week -- more than 20,000 people came to the event, many from other states.

The festival kicked off with a massive parade led by Gov. Frank Clement, County Judge Luke Medley and Lt. Gov. Jared Maddux of Cookeville mounted on horseback.

Grand marshals of the parade were **Crusoe Buck of Algood, a 109-year-old former slave, and Dr. J.T. Moore of Algood, who's been in practice for the last 50 years.**

There were the usual rodeo events and exhibition trick shooting by "Pistol Holladay" and trick roping too.

Bill Williams, of Nashville's WSM Radio says he was impressed with the friendliness he encountered at every turn in Cookeville land told his radio audience this week that the event was entertaining, well-planned and well-executed.

(June 5, 1954) Sen. Estes Kefauver picked a Cookeville appearance this week to make the announcement: He's running for re-election.

At a public address to a large crowd in the park outside the Armory on Highway 70, the senator announced that he's just received enough qualifying petitions from voters to file his papers for re-election.

He pledged to continue working for farmers here and for solutions to tensions abroad.

*At the Princess this week: Robert Stack and Joan Taylor in the horse opera, "War Paint."

(June 17, 1954) It's being called the worst fire in years here. The Royal Tire Co. was razed last night, doing more than \$100,000 in damages.

A passing trucker spotted the blaze at 2 a.m. and quickly reported it to the town's two night patrolmen, Billy Danner and Harvey Higgenbotham. But by the time firemen arrived, the flames were through the roof and the building was lost.

Owner Robert Bilbrey said the building was storing 2,000 gallons of antifreeze at the time of the fire. Containers were still exploding at press time amid the smoldering ruins.

*Groundbreaking ceremonies were held at the site of the new Dry Valley School this week.

In a page one picture are members of the Dry Valley Community Club, which successfully lobbied with the county court for the project.

Club members pictured include officers Douglas Power, Mrs. Vance Bartlett and Mrs. Hugh Nash.

*At the Princess this week: It's Robert Ryan in 'a tale of fish and fury in Alaskan Waters.' It's "Alaska Seas."

(June 22, 1954) Cookeville's new Park View Pool opened this week and in the first two hours of business had 121 swimmers in the water.

City officials are proud of the new recreation facility. It is said to be among the most modern and safest in the state.

*Buford Ellington, campaign manager for Gov. Frank Clement, this week named five Cookevillians who will head the Clement campaign in Putnam County.

They are Fowler Clark, a former principal of Putnam High who now runs a hardware store; Herbie Shanks, owner and operator of the Shanks Hotel; H.T. Whitson, who has owned and operated the Appalachian Hardwood Lumber Co. here since 1908; Charlie Pierce, a World War II veteran and former sheriff; and Vestal Billingsley, a veteran active in the American Legion and the Masonic Lodge here.

*Will Ray of Ray's Farm Supply says poultry could make a comeback in this region with a new kind of laying cage available at his store that makes egg production simpler and more sure.

Twenty years ago, Putnam County was one of the state's leading egg exporters. Now it imports more of its eggs, he said.

But he says at least 15 farmers here have bought his laying cages and plan to use them in large-scale poultry operations.

(July 1, 1954) State Commissioner of Welfare Don McSween told an audience at TTU this week that America is facing some of its most serious threats ever today, as it prepares to celebrate another Independence Day.

"Let us not fool ourselves about our national security and the permanence of our liberties," he said, noting that the world this year has numerous "power-mad tyrants who have their eyes on this country."

But despite the threats, there's hope, too, said McSween. Nations like Israel, India, Burma, Syria and the Philippines have come out of oppressive rule into democracy, he said.

*At the Princess Theater this week, where "the new panoramic screen is now installed:" "The Last Posse," with Broderick Crawford, Monte Blue and John Derek, "The Stand at Apache River," with Steven McNally and Julia Adams.

(July 8, 1954) Two prominent Cookeville doctors, Dr. W.A. Howard and Dr. J.T. Moore, were involved in a head-on collision this week and treated in a Nashville hospital.

The 77-year-old Moore remains in serious condition in Nashville today.

The two were returning from the annual meeting of the Tennessee Medical Association in Red Boiling Springs.

*Hubert Crawford announced this week that he is a candidate in the race here for the state senate.

He notes in his announcement that he was born at White's Bend in Jackson County, the son of veteran Cumberland River steamboat captain Alex Crawford.

Crawford has been police chief here for several years, among other distinctions.

*Showing at the Princess this week: Walt Disney's "Rob Roy, the Highland Rogue," a tale of daring-do, filmed in the Scottish Highlands.

(July 15, 1954) The last time Mrs. J.F. Phifer of Cookeville and Mrs. John Weedbee of Santa Anna, Calif., saw each other before this week was 49 years ago when they were roommates at Pleasant Hill Academy.

They got together for a reunion this week during a visit by Mrs. Weedbee to Sparta.

After graduating in 1905, from the high school level, church-sponsored boarding school located between Sparta and Crossville, Mrs. Weedbee -- then Miss Stella Cotten -- parted ways with her old childhood friend. They had grown up together near Walling in White County.

She taught school in Oliver Springs, Arkansas and finally, California.

Mrs. Phifer -- the former Miss Julia Thompson -- tried to keep track of her through the years by mail, but they lost touch until this week when she learned her former classmate was visiting.

They relived old times in a luncheon reception hosted by friends and family this week.

*A heat wave has settled in over Cookeville. Temperatures have been in the high 90s all week and yesterday, the mercury climbed to 103 degrees.

Crops in fields here are turning brown and withering.

(July 22, 1954) An editorial in this week's edition notes a trend that has the TEA calling for state officials to take a hard look at the need for more and bigger schools across the state.

The TEA reports that over the last seven years, there have been more than 576,000 new babies born in Tennessee, a huge leap in the birth rate.

That wave of babies is hitting school systems across the state, creating overcrowding and teacher shortages. The legislature needs to wake up and find more funding, warns the TEA.

(July 29, 1954) Judge Raulston Schoolfield is a candidate for governor. He spoke here this week and shared his feelings about a recent US Supreme Court ruling in favor of desegregation.

The judge says he does favor equal facilities for both blacks and whites, but they should be separate, he stressed.

He has "nothing but contempt" for members of the Supreme Court, who in their landmark ruling, violated "the natural laws of our way of life." Mingling the races is "racial suicide," said the judge.

Raulston concluded, "No one but a fool or a coward would have been a party to a decision like this."

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(August 7, 1954) There's a new student on his way to Tennessee Tech this week who went to a place a little out of this way to get here and who found some useful friends once he was there.

Kiyohito "Mike" Tustsi, 24, was a cook for a unit of American soldiers not long ago when a North Korean sweep overtook their positions and they were all captured.

Of some 500 soldiers and staffers like Mike who were captured, only 150 survived a death march to a prisoner of war compound in North Korea.

There, Mike met Capt. Isadore Peppe of Putnam County, a TTU graduate who promised the young Japanese man that if they survived the war, he and his buddies would help him attend college at TTU.

They made it. Now Mike's on his way by train to Cookeville this week.

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In the last 12 months, 23,124,000 kilowatt hours of power was sold by the city, up from the 21,674,000 kilowatt hours sold the previous year.

Mitchell said that the city's rates remain some of the lowest in the state and that he is persuading customers to try more of today's modern, labor saving appliances.

The Princess Theater announced this week that it's new giant panoramic screen is now installed. Showing on the big screen there this week are "East of Sumatra," with Jeff Chandler, and "She Couldn't Say No," with Robert Mitchum and Jean Simmons.

Putnam native May Hawks is a big star in Detroit.

She got her start signing folk music in WHUB ten years ago and soon went on to WSM's Grand Ol' Opry, where she became Miss Marta White.

Now she has her own music show on a Detroit radio station, WJR, and has an active fan club of more than 200 members.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Gibson of Rt. 2 Cookeville just got back this week from a cruise to the Bahamas entertaining the Shriners and their wives on a cruise ship.

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(August 26, 1954) The Cookeville Jaycees are planning a fund drive to meet what many say is one of the city's greatest needs -- street signs on all streets here.

They'll be going door-to-door this week asking for donations to erect signs throughout town. They're also selling special license plates and light bulbs to pay for the project.

*The Scout House here this week was the scene of possibly the largest Court of Honor awards ceremony

ever as more than 400 merit badges, 10 Eagle badges and 13 Silver Scout badges were handed out.

Among those getting their Eagle badges were Joe Jaquess, Walter Keith Crawford, Charles Sullivan, Don Bailey, Frank Carter, Joe Walker III and Charles Carr.

Silver Awards, the equivalent of Eagle badges for older Explorer Scouts, went to Bob Greenwood and Harry Jaquess.

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(September 9, 1954) A page one editorial says comic books are a bad influence on today's young people. It cites them as a factor in rising juvenile delinquency that has everyone talking these days.

And there are other factors it discusses. "Children brought up in Sunday school are seldom brought to court." Church is losing its hold on young people.

The editorial praises the sheriff's recent closing down of "gambling joints" at the county fair, but says beer is still being regularly sold to minors here.

*Showing this week at the Princess Theater: Ronald Reagan, Steve Forrest and Dewey March in "Prisoner of War." The ad says it's "Shocking! Red atrocities exposed!"

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On crisp, clear days, he can be heard as far as Double Springs to the east and Boma to the south.

Hughes, who has been the subject of numerous national radio and magazine articles, including a 1937 appearance in New York on the national radio network show, "We the People," says he replaced his old pole because it was getting too rickety.

Hughes never learned to drive. He still rides his pony from home to work at the Baxter Post Office, where he is a part-time mail sorter.

He observed his 30th year of bugling on Aug. 15.

(October 5, 1954) Putnam Trustee John Henry Denny said this week that an assessment of property values has been completed in Putnam County. The total assessed value of taxable property here now stands at \$9.5 million.

With the present property tax rate of \$2.90, county officials can expect to see \$278,350 generated in property tax revenue, Denny says.

(October 7, 1954) The Colleside Church of Christ on Ninth Street is expanding.

A new \$10,000 annex will add six new Sunday school classrooms and is nearing completion say church officials.

*Club 70, located two miles west of the city limits on the Nashville Highway, burned to the ground early Sunday morning.

Highway patrolman Ralph Spurlock discovered the blaze and city patrolman Billy Danner was on the scene of the blaze minutes later. But city firemen, who rushed to the burning building, found no water available to fight the fire and could do little but stand by and watch it burn.

The club was owned by Estes Williams and operated by Fred Hunter.

*Showing at the Princess this week: "Out of Baghdad's mystic past thunders the adventure of all the ages." It's "The Golden Blade," with Rock Hudson and Piper Laurie.

(October 11, 1954) Central High announced its new student council this week. Members included: Phillip Judd, Harlon Jackson, Hugh Smith, John Ramsey, Tommy Montgomery, Hugh Smith, Beecher Hunter, Carlen Pippin, Barbara McClain, Pat Haste, Fay Carter, Fred Brown, Walter Fitzpatrick Jr., Patsy Vaughn, Kaye Johnson and Larry Draper.

*A hearing of the State Public Utilities Commission has been scheduled for Nov. 17 in Cookeville to hear public comments on the Tennessee Central Railroad's recent petition to end passenger train service.

The railroad says it is costing more than it makes to run passenger trains along its line, which stretches from Harriman to Nashville.

*At the Princess Theater this week, it's "Johnny Weissmuller against the cannibals" in "Jungle Man Eaters." It co-stars "Tamba the Talented Chimp."

(October 21, 1954) Central High, recently selected to represent Putnam County in the Memphis Cotton Carnival parade later this year, is raising funds to send its band to the event.

CHS students are washing cars, baby sitting and doing a variety of tasks to raise the money for the trip.

+ New officers for the Putnam Fox Hunters Association are Douglas Bush, secretary; H.M. 'Tubby' Summer, vice-president, and Howard Smith, president.

*Showing at the Princess Theater this week: "Hell's Half Acre," a film set in Honolulu, "the city of sin where death comes swift and silent." It stars Wendell Corey, Evelyn Keys and Elsa Lanchester.

(October 28, 1954) Sheriff Ernest Webster and his deputies, along with lawmen from White County, seized a 75-gallon still in the Glade Creek community this week.

Webster said he and his men hiked practically all day to get to the isolated moonshine whiskey still. There, they arrested the operator and destroyed the mash and kettle.

*Also this week, Cookeville Police Chief Hubert Crawford says his men found a way to boost city revenue using bootleggers' goods. Crawford and his men took the contents of two loads of bootleg whiskey to Nashville and sold it. They brought back \$3,200.

*Sports mascot has long been the golden eagle, but this week, the college finally mounted a gold-leafed statue of an eagle on the tower of the library.

The story of the eagle was retold in this week's edition.

It was originally on a pedestal in the yard of a scenic tourist hotel at Monteagle, which burned a few years ago.

A group of Tech students saw it and decided it would look better at Tech than in front of the ruins of the old hotel.

They twisted it off the metal pipe it was mounted on, hid it in the back of a truck under a plastic raincoat, and took off.

Stopping on the way back at an all-night diner, a highway patrolman pulled into the slot next to them and

the students feared discovery, but he never looked in the truck.

It was turned over to college officials who, a short time later, learned from the owner of the hotel that it belonged to him. They too liked the bird and offered to buy it.

He refused, saying he hoped to rebuild the hotel.

A short time later, the governor was at Tech for Armed Forces Day, and in his address, said offhandedly that he thought Tech should have the eagle. He got a standing ovation.

Soon after that, the owner relented, saying his plans to rebuild had fallen through.

(November 4, 1954) Cookeville weather observer C.K. Flatt doesn't declare it a record, but says it was 'nearly' one -- Putnam County was dusted with snow today, catching most here totally unprepared.

The mercury plunged to 19 degrees and three-quarters of an inch of snow accumulated.

*Kelly M. Chambers, a 47-year veteran of the telephone business, was honored this week in a banquet at his retirement.

He began his telephone career as a night operator in Charleston, Tennessee in 1907, and in 1911, moved to Cleveland, Tennessee as a night operator for that town.

In 1916, he came to work in the Gainesboro Telephone Company's Cookeville office. In 1936, he went to run that company's office in Glasgow, Ky., and returned to Cookeville in 1940 to head the maintenance division of the Southern Continental Telephone Company.

*The man known as the world's fastest watercolor artist, A.L. Moragne, stopped over in Cookeville for a few days this week while on a tour, painting advertising art on grocery store windows in seven states for the Darimix Dry Milk Company.

Moragne is also known for his cartoons that appear in the national Shriners magazine and for his humor articles published in several national magazines.

(November 10, 1954) Postmaster L.K. Mahler announces that the Cookeville area is slated to soon receive the US Post Department's new "highway service," or mail delivered by vans. The timing is good. The Tennessee Central Railroad is continuing to press for the end of passenger service here.

(November 11, 1954) Cookeville Postmaster L.K. Mahler says there is a major change coming in the way the town gets its mail.

The Tennessee Central Railroad is moving to discontinue its daily passenger train service. Cookeville's mail currently comes and goes on those very same trains.

U.S. postal officials announced this week that Cookeville and the area will be getting the new "highway service," mail delivered by vans.

The first van full of mail under the new system will be escorted into town by city police on Nov. 20.

*Tennessee Tech has been approved by the State Dept. of Education to begin teaching vocational home economics.

To gain the new curriculum, the college purchased a house to use as a nursery school home management training center and has expanded its home economics staff.

Marie White, head of the Tennessee Tech School of Home Economics and a former specialist with the U.S.

Office of Education's Division of Home Economics, will supervise the new program.

Cookeville -- and the rest of the nation -- is preparing to celebrate the first Veterans Day on Nov. 11. Mayor Dero Brown recently proclaimed that day here.

(November 13, 1954) The Cookeville City Commission is looking at a low-lying vacant lot across the street from Park View Elementary for use as the city's first landfill.

City officials assured residents in this week's edition that the new landfill concept is a far cry from town dumps. Burying garbage under dirt on a daily basis eliminates flies, rats and odor often associated with town dumps, they say.

In fact, they report that one town used acreage on its public square for a landfill without any adverse effects.

The site they are looking at is between Park View Pool and the new baseball field near Park View School. It should be good for five or six year's use, they say.

*The high school football season is over now and Cavalier tackle Edd Matheny and Cavalier fullback Jerry Parris have been named this year's recipients of the Jack Carver Most Valuable Player Award at CHS.

Coach Eddie Watson is pictured on page one this week making the presentations to his two players.

*Showing at the Princess Theater this week: Marilyn Monroe, Betty Grable and Lauren Bacall star in "How To Mary A Millionaire." Tickets are 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for children.

(November 25, 1954) A large crowd of local residents and officials stood in the cold rain this week to greet a delegation of U.S. postal workers touring the state with a mail bus, part of the new HYPO (Highway Post Office) mail system that is replacing mail trains across the nation.

Cookeville Postmaster L.K. Mahler says the new system could speed up the delivery of some mail here by as much as 24 hours.

*Cookeville police stopped an old familiar pickup truck this week, seized 12 cases of illegal whiskey and arrested the two men inside.

It was the second time in two months that the truck has been stopped and bootleg whiskey seized. On Sept. 22, the truck overturned on Highway 70 between Monterey and Cookeville, going around the curve at the Mill Creek Church.

Some of the load leaked out, and when the truck was righted and reached Cookeville's city limits, police were there waiting for it.

The drivers told police that the truck has been used for the past 18 years, making regular runs between Knoxville and Nashville, hauling bootleg liquor.

(November 28, 1954) F.E. Collier, the city's electric department superintendent is still on the job after 50 years. In an interview, he says he began working in the city electric department in 1903 or 1094. He recalls the day a flood washed away the city's generating plant below Burgess Falls, leaving the city without electricity for ten days in 1928. He also remembers when the city's water supply was the Old Town Spring, where two large beer vats were used as reservoirs to catch the water.

(December 2, 1954) Getting phone service into the rural areas has become a hot topic lately, but negotiations between the Southern Continental Telephone Co. and the small rural Falling Water Rural Telephone Cooperative hit a snag this week.

The idea was that Southern would take over and expand the small rural phone company into surrounding communities.

But Falling Water board members are concerned that Southern's rates are too high and Southern doesn't want to lower them.

Meanwhile the Twin Lakes Rural Telephone Cooperative, headquartered in Gainesboro, has entered the picture, expressing interest in buying the Falling Water cooperative and keep rates low as well.

On the average, Twin Lakes residential users pay \$3.50 per month for telephone service, say Twin Lakes officials.

*Highway patrolman Bill Malone stopped a 1954 Pontiac, 12 miles west of Cookeville on Highway 70 this week, and found the car loaded with 33 cases of illegal whiskey.

He'd stopped the car because its plates were registered to another vehicle. The driver, a Knoxville man, had already been stopped once before here for hauling bootleg whiskey along Highway 70, a major route for illegal whiskey crossing Tennessee.

(December 9, 1954) The Cookeville City Commission this week said city firemen are to no longer go outside the city limits to fight fires due to a recent Supreme Court ruling that city officials have no authority outside the corporate limits of their towns.

City officials say that apparently means that if firemen are involved in an accident, the members of the city commission themselves can be held personally liable for the damages.

One call city firemen did respond to this week was a call to put out a smoldering Santa Claus.

Tennessee Tech professors James Seay Brown and Wallace Prescott were returning home from church when they glanced at the Santa figure displayed in the window of Ideal Cleaners on North Cedar and saw Santa smoking.

Santa had fallen over on a window spotlight.

The two professors called firemen who, in turn, called Mr. and Mrs. Frazier Jaquess, the owners of Ideal Cleaners. They came with the keys and the firemen rushed the smoking Santa outside, where it immediately burst into flames. The cleaners was not damaged.

*Showing this week at the Princess Theater: "Magnificent Obsession," with Rock Hudson and Jane Wyman. It's based o the best selling book by Lloyd C. Douglas, who also wrote the bestseller, The Robe.

(December 23, 1954) Three local businesses will start the new year in new locations after transactions were completed here this week.

The Trailways Bus Station is moving, possibly to the site of the Cookeville Depot. The Tennessee Central Railroad is in the process of discontinuing passenger service and the depot will soon be closed.

The Royal Tire Service store is moving into the old bus station, and Woodbine's Dry Good Store, an old Cookeville business, is moving into a commercial building owned by the Carlen Family.

The state is 6,000 miles closer this month towards the completion of a network of 'all-weather' roads within reach of every farm in Tennessee, state officials say.

Since 1949 when the state began an intense effort to repair its aging 'farm-to-market' road system, Tennessee has spent \$33.3 million dollars in road repairs.

In all, the system stretches for 60,000 miles from East to West Tennessee. Another 6,00 miles were rebuilt this year.

(December 30, 1954) Cookeville's Masonic Lodge this week honored it's oldest member, Finis Radford Pendergrass of 368 West Stevens Street.

The man, affectionately known as 'Colonel' here, was born on Aug. 30, 1964, while the Civil War was still being waged. He became a Master Mason in the Cookeville lodge in 1909.

*Pictured on page one this week was the city's garbage collection crew preparing to mount up and begin their rounds collecting the huge after-Christmas garbage load.

They include crew boss "Cooney" Palk, Hack Johnson, Auburn Brown, William Holden, Jess Proffitt and Tom Phy.

*Two of the city's volunteer firefighters were slightly injured this week on their way to a grass fire on South Walnut.

Gene Johnson and Luther Mathis weren't badly hurt in the two-car wreck and the two vehicles were only slightly damaged.

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(January 2, 1955) An air crash has cost the life of a serviceman from Monterey and nearly cost the life of another Putnam man.

Lt. Jerry Hall of Monterey was among nine killed when a USAFC-119 "flying boxcar" crashed into a mountainside near New Hope, Alabama en route from Ft. Stewart to Brookley Air Force Base in Mobile.

Air turbulence is being blamed for the tragedy.

Lt. Hall nearly missed the ill-fated flight.

On leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Hall of Monterey, he agreed to return to his base in California with an uncle who was making the drive to the West Coast.

But a half-hour before the flight left he decided driving would not get him back to his base in time to report to duty so he took the cargo flight instead.

His father is an engineer with the Tennessee Central Railroad.

Meanwhile, Baxter Key Jr., a naval midshipman and son of Putnam's District Attorney General, had booked passage on the same C-119 to the Sugar Bowl in New Orleans. His father, learning of inclement weather on the way, talked him into taking the train instead.

(January 4, 1955) Funeral services were held this week for Frank Collier, 74. For 50 years he was the city's utility superintendent. He died in his home on East Broad of a heart attack. He became head of the city's water and electric departments in 1904 when the city first had electricity and running water.

In 1948, the city separated the two departments, and he ran the electric department after that. He suffered a stroke four years ago, but recovered and went back to work full-time.

(January 5, 1955) Mr. and Mrs. Billy M. Starnes of Baxter were among 62 commissioned as missionaries by the Methodist Board in Cincinnati, Ohio, this week. The former Baxter Seminary student and his wife are now bound for the Bengian Congo.

Meanwhile, the last of 500 babies born here this year in Cookeville General Hospital was Marjorie Hyun Sook Cho, the new daughter of Nak Won Cho and his wife, Hyo Sun Hahn Cho.

The new parents are from Seoul, Korea, and are students in Tennessee Tech.

(January 8, 1955) Dry Valley School was officially opened in ceremonies this week by Putnam School Supt. Dave Huddleston, County Judge Luke Medley, pastors of the two churches in Dry Valley and the contractor.

The brick building cost the county \$36,000 and is considered to be the most modern rural school-house in Tennessee.

It includes three classrooms, a kitchen, a clinic, two storage rooms and a furnace room.

The Dry Valley Community Club's fundraising efforts will put a modern freezer, cooking equipment, trays and a milk dispenser in the new school's cafeteria.

Phy Gibson, Cookeville's night patrolman for the last 27 years, has retired.

When he first moved to town from the farm in 1927 he had no idea he would soon have a career in law enforcement. He arrived with a team of mules and a wagon, intending to be a hauler. His team was the one that hauled the dirt away under a building on the Square to create space for the Old Herald offices.

But when the town's night watchman, Uncle 'Bood' Choate retired, Mayor Jere Whitson turned to Gibson with a job offer.

Gibson in an interview this week measured Cookeville's growth by its number of street-lights. When he first began his lonely profession there were only four streetlights, one at each corner of the square. Dark alleys and backstreets gave burglars and rowdies plenty of places to hide, he said.

Now, all of Broad is lit and so are some other sections of town, making Cookeville "a pretty good little city," said Choate.

He's 76 this year.

(January 12, 1955) The Tennessee Central Railroad has received permission from regulators to discontinue passenger rail service along its line from Harriman to Nashville.

(January 27, 1955) Tennessee Highway Patrol Lt. A. C. "Red" Jared and Corporal Bill Malone chased three men in a car from Jackson County to Wildwood near Bloomington Springs. The trio was from Sparta and the men were hauling 20 gallons of moonshine to White County from Jackson County. The moonshine runners are in Putnam County Jail today.

*There's a new state law that goes into effect here July 1, pertaining to teenage drivers. It required the parent or guardian of any driver under 18 to co-sign the teen's driver's license, thereby taking responsibility for anything the teen does while behind the wheel. It's an effort to curb wild behavior by today's teens, say officials.

(January 31, 1955) Telephone service is slowly making its way to the rural edges of Putnam County. Nine homes in Martin's Creek, west of Baxter, got phone service this week from the new Twin Lakes Telephone Cooperative.

Pictured on page one this week was Fred Sadler of Martin's Creek, using his new dial phone. Sadler says the telephone has put his isolated community in touch with the rest of America.

Twin Lakes manager Frank Richmond, a former Cookevillian, says the co-op now has 549 households on its network, including 407 on the Gainesboro exchange, 61 at Granville, 41 at Highland and 40 at North Springs.

He says that in the coming year, the co-op plans to expand further into rural Jackson and Overton Counties and to the area north of Cookeville on the Overton line.

*Troopers Clyde Gibson and Charles Day arrested a Nashville man this week after a 20-mile chase from Dry Valley to Mayland along Highway 70.

When they pulled him over, he had 40 cases of untaxed whiskey loaded in his car. The bootlegger was arrested just last December in Crab Orchard.

(February 17, 1955) Services were held this week for William Cleveland Davis, 70, a retired merchant.

He retired in 1948 as a partner in Davis, Mott & Son, a wholesale poultry and egg distributor.

Davis was a charter member of the Cookeville Rotary Club and was active in other civic groups and projects as well.

*State Representative Joe Dyer is pressing for passage of a bill in Nashville that would allow voters here to select the school board, which is now appointed by the Putnam County Court.

A group of teachers last week fought the bill, but the newspaper this week quoted a Peabody professor and authority on school administration who said elected school boards would be best for the public good.

"Parents everywhere want public schools to be without religious and political domination," he said.

Leaving the decision to county courts allows school systems to be too controlled by local politics, he said.

*Showing at the Princess Theater this week: "Secret of the Incas," with Charlton Heston, Robert Young and Yma Sumac.

(February 25, 1955) This week's top sporting event? The Lil Abner and Daisy Mae doubleheader on Park View Elementary's basketball court.

The Parent-Teacher Association school fundraiser pits teachers at the school against the school's mothers -- the Daisy Maes, and the school's dads -- the Lil Abners.

They take their names from Al Capp's popular comics page characters, and in photos promoting the game in this week's edition, they're dressed appropriately, the men in overalls (some with no shirts) and the women in spotted blouses.

Pictured are 'Daisy Mae' cheerleaders Mrs. Vera Rice, Mrs. Walter Borden and Mrs. Hooper Crawford, and team members Mrs. Arnold Brown, Mrs. Leo Bilbrey, Mrs. Harvey Phillips, Mrs. Vietta Ashburn and Mrs. Earl Nabors.

Also, Mrs. Roley Bullington, Mrs. James Nabors, Mrs. Ophelia Johnson, Mrs. O.C. Stockton, Mrs. J.R. Horne, Mrs. George Draper, Mrs. Reed Ramsey, Mrs. James Crawford and Mrs. Carl Bockman.

Members of the Park View Lil Abners include Reed Ramsey, James Nabors, O.C. Stockton, D. West, Billie Luke, Roley Bullington, Lecil Boatman, Leonard Maddux, Dow Maxwell, Lawrence Massa, Harvey Phillips and Harley McCaleb. Earl Nash is the manager.

(March 3, 1955) Cookeville Police Chief Hubert Crawford said this week that he is being forced to take the step of posting a \$25 reward for information in an effort to try to stem a recent wave of vandalism of city property.

Street lights are being shot out by the handful and street signs are being stolen or knocked down too, he says.

However, Chief Crawford was able to report that one recent case of vandalism has been solved. A young woman reported to police that she was the one who knocked over one of the street signs. Her brakes failed and she rolled through it, she says. She says she'll pay to replace it.

(March 6, 1955) Gov. Frank Clement has signed into law a bill that sets new speed limits for Tennessee highways. Cars are limited to only 65 miles per hour now in daytime driving, and 55 miles per hour at night. And the Tennessee Highway Patrol promises that it will set up no speed traps once the new law becomes effective. Speed limits were set in an effort to reduce highway fatalities, state officials explain.

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(March 17, 1955) Baxter Seminary announced its honor students this week. Class valedictorian was Paul Scarlett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Scarlett of Rt. 1, Baxter. Marie Dilldine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Winton Dilldine of Rt. 2, Baxter, has been named the class salutatorian. Norma Ann Hill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hill of Baxter, has been named the third honor student.

*Showing at the Princess Theater this week: "Take Care of My Little Girl", "Cyclone Fury", "Too Young to Kiss" & "The Sea Hornet."

(March 20, 1955) Telephone service is gradually reaching more Putnam homes and businesses, and the newspaper this week used the mailing out of new telephone books to show this.

The new Southern Continental Telephone Co. books have 4,300 listings up from 400 from the previous year.

The newspaper noted that the book lists 42 service stations, 34 groceries, 20 general merchandise stores and 18 restaurants.

(March 24, 1955) A 23-year-old Nashville man was arrested here this week by Tennessee Highway Patrol officer Clyde Gibson. Gibson chased the man along Highway 70 from nine miles east of Cookeville into Mayland in Cumberland County. Inside the man's 1955 Ford were 37 cases of illegal whiskey.

(March 31, 1955) Spring? No, not yet. The U.S. Weather Bureau says the cold wave that hit Putnam County and the mid-state area this week was the most severe in recorded weather history for the date. A freakish hail storm led the weather parade, followed by a drop in the temperature to 18 degrees. The next night it dipped lower, down to eight. Then wind whipped up, dropping the wind chill factor lower still. Then hail and rain fell again. An estimated 90 percent of the state's peach and pear crop has been lost.

(April 7, 1955) The Darwin School in Cookeville is having its annual talent show this week. Students from black schools here as well as in Jackson, Clay and White counties will sing, dance, put on skits and perform "stunts" for the show. Proceeds from the show go towards paying the traveling expenses of the out-of-county students.

(April 12, 1955) The Tennessee Central's tracks were blocked here this week for 16 1/2 hours when a "triple-header" train — one with three locomotives — pulling 76 cars derailed just outside of Baxter.

Eleven cars left the tracks and destroyed some 200 feet of rail. It was the first major derailment here in the six years since the TC switched from steam locomotives to diesels.

(April 18, 1955) Pictured on page one of this week's edition are the men who held the position of superintendent of Putnam County schools in the years since 1903. Gathered for the occasion were Ernest H. Boyd, who held office from 1903-1911; Jim Hatfield, 1911-1921; Beecher Gentry, 1921-1927; Leonard Dunavin, 1927-1933; Wesley P. Flatt, 1933-1935; Tillman Phillips, 1935-1936; Frank R. Adams, 1936-1943; Oliver T. Bohannon, 1943-1952, and Dave C. Huddleston, the present superintendent of schools here.

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(April 28, 1955) Polio is on everyone's minds these days. This week, the Putnam County Health Department's public health nurse, Mrs. Cleo Nunally, said that in the country's first widespread administration of the Salk polio vaccine, about half of the country's 1,420 first and second-graders have had their shots already. The program is expected to wrap up at the end of this week.

The newspaper notes, "Even before the startling results of the Salk polio vaccine field trials had been announced, a total of 1,060 "permit slips" – papers signed by parents expressing willingness for their children to receive the shots – had been returned to the health department and since that time, others have been received as well."

(May 1, 1955) Services were held in Little Rock, Ark., this week for Griffin Smith, 70, a Silver Point native and Chief Justice of the Arkansas State Supreme Court. Born to pioneers Mr. and Mrs. Napoleon Smith, he was educated in Putnam schools and had connections with the old newspaper, the *Cookeville Press*. He later owned the *Putnam County Herald* for a time. He earned his law degree from Cumberland University and went to practice law in Arkansas, where in 1936 he was elected Chief Justice of that state's highest court. He died of a heart attack this week.

(May 12, 1955) Relatives of Jere Whitson were on hand at the school named after him this week for the dedication of a new park in the memory of the pioneer merchant and early civic leader. Pictured at the dedication are Robert W. Lowe, Mrs. Jere Whitson Lowe, Dr. Jere Lowe, Mrs. W. B. Carlen and Walter Whitson.

(May 26, 1955) Another landmark is razed here. The old home of Dr. Henry Martin, built in 1895 on Broad Street near the post office, was used after WWII to house the Putnam County Veteran's Association. Now its being torn down to build a more modern commercial building. The house was later sold to Joe Dyer and D. K. Mahler bought the lot it sat on. They sold their parts to Claude Hensley, who is now tearing down the house, it was announced this week.

(June 9, 1955) A group of concerned civic leaders this week organized to work with the Putnam Health Dept., the Putnam County Court and the County Tuberculosis Association to find "uncooperative" TB carriers and quarantine them.

The group was launched with Charles Wilmoth as chairman and Mrs. Eugene Johns as secretary. They plan to work with local officials to find suitable quarters to quarantine people with tuberculosis, they say.

In the first meeting, participants related several cases in which persons in TB sanatoriums checked themselves out and returned home where they might easily spread what has become one of the most feared diseases of the day.

But the organization notes that state law allows local authorities to confine persons diagnosed with tuberculosis to quarantine facilities indefinitely. But there presently are no such facilities designed here.

Tennessee is listed by public health officials as one of the states with the highest number of TB cases and Putnam is highly on the list of cases in the state, they said.

The Putnam Health Dept. currently lists 150 "active" cases of TB here and another 350 "arrested" cases. There are an average of 38 new cases reported across the state per year.

(June 9, 1955) Summer enrollment at Tennessee Tech has hit an all time high. There'll be 1,000 students on campus this summer in one of two sessions as compared to the 700 attending classes here last summer, according to TTU President Everett Derryberry.

Planning your summer vacation? An ad suggest you try the Normandie Hotel in Miami. It's on the beach and all its rooms come with air conditioning, a card room and television set. The rate for a couple overnight is \$18, or \$35 for a week.

(June 12, 1955) A group of 34 foreign exchange students touring the South this moth is making a two-day stopover in Cookeville. They'll be treated royally in a whirlwind of picnics, parties and other activities arranged by Loretta Smith, office manager of the Cookeville Chamber of Commerce.

They'll be housed at TTU and will be fed many of their meals by various civic groups here. Area churches will host the students for Sunday services.

They hail from Austria, Finland, Belgium, Greece, Italy, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, New Zealand, Denmark, France, England and the Netherlands.

(June 20, 1955) The Cookeville VFW Post has new officers for the coming year. They are Earl Gentry, junior vice commander; L. K. Mahler, commander; H. L. Qualls, junior vice commander; H. C. Huffines, chaplain; Willard Reed, quartermaster; S. T. Brown, service officer; Monroe Hall, chaplain; Dick Mitchell, judge advocate; Fr. Jack Clark, post surgeon; and Robert Judd, adjutant.

(July 4, 1955) Putnam Sheriff's deputies S. C. Burgess and Austin Thompson caught a man in the Glade Creek community as he was carrying jugs to a 50-gallon still. The man's companion escaped the deputies on foot. The deputies arrested the man and smashed the still. A German Sheppard with the two moonshiners was also taken in. The sheriff's office said no charges had been filed against the dog by press time.

(July 7, 1955) Dr. J. A. Barksdale, the former state commissioner of education, was named this week by state higher education officials as the new dean at Tennessee Polytechnic.

He's replacing TPI Dean Austin Wheeler Smith, the dean at the college since 1922. He's retiring Sept. 5 at the age of 70.

Smith is the last member of the original TPI faculty still working at the college.

*There's a hot new device that could replace those secretaries who's sole job is to answer the telephone, says Floyd Cooper, district manager of the Southern Continental Telephone Co.

The new machine automatically answers your phone and plays a recorded message saying no one is free to speak at the moment and asking if the caller wants to leave a message, which the machine then records for later playback.

Cooper says his office is being flooded with calls from people wanting to test out the new automatic answering systems.

*Cookeville this week hosted a delegation of 34 high school students from 18 other nations.

The group stayed overnight in TPI's dormitories and were led by town officials on a tour of Cookeville's notable sites: the Tech football stadium, the new City Hospital, the local milk plant where the students were treated to ice cream sandwiches fresh off the line. Capshaw Elementary and the Putnam fairgrounds.

(July 12, 1955) The Southern Continental Telephone Co. here this week demonstrated a new device, the 'electronic secretary,' which greets callers with a record message, and asks them to leave their name, telephone number and a message after the sound of a beep. Phone company officials say they expect the device to altogether replace office secretaries one day.

(July 14, 1955) The Cookeville Water Filter Plant scored 99 out of a possible 100 points on this week's inspection by the State Health Department, the highest score it's ever made. Since the plant was opened in the fall of 1948, it's never scored below a 97. Cookeville Water Department Superintendent Holla Burgess says the consistent high scores from the plant are largely due to the skill of the operators, Willie Howard Thomas and Tom Dowell. There are few cities in the state with such high scores, say state health officials.

(July 18, 1955) Mr. and Mrs. Lennis Dunlap of Cookeville and Mrs. F. V. Foster are pictured in this week's edition standing on the dock in New York harbor ready to board the ocean liner that will take them to France for the summer. The two women will be touring Europe while Dunlap, a graduate student at the University of Paris, studies. He'll be spending a week in England at Oxford as well. The newspaper wished them a "bon voyage."

(July 26, 1955) The Capshaw and Algood Boy Scouts units left today for a week of camp at Fall Creek Falls. Among the Scouts photographed before heading out are Tommy Slagle, A. L. Duke, David Goosby, Frank Tallent, Gerald Bilbrey, Don Norris, Tommy Adkins, Maxie Bilyeu, Jack Masters and Alfred Kuykendall.

(August 1, 1955) The Tennessee Central Railroad is petitioning the State Public Service Commission for permission to drop passenger service along its line here and Cumberland County has filed suit to stop it. County officials say Cumberland contributed \$50,000 towards the laying of the tracks in 1898 under a contract in which the railroad agreed to provide "equitable passenger and freight rates" to Cumberland County "forever." Everyone here is closely watching the suit.

(August 8, 1955) According to Cookeville Electric Department, the city used five times more electricity this year than it did 10 years ago. In the last 12 months, a total of 25.9 million kilowatt hours of electricity was consumed. That's up 12 percent above last year's use and up 20 percent over electrical consumption two years ago. More and more homes are now being heated and cooled with electricity and the number of household appliances available to today's consumer is growing every day, say officials.

(August 18, 1955) There's a lot of excitement around town over the movie coming to the Princess Theater this week, "Davy Crockett, King of the Wild Frontier." An article in this week's edition says that Walt Disney stuck "rigidly to historical dates and events" in telling the tale. It shows Davy grinning down a bear, fighting a Creek Indian chief, Redsticks, walking in to Congress in deerskin attire and making a last stand at the Alamo.

The film stars newcomer Fess Parker, a native of Ft. Worth, Texas. Its theme song, "Ballad of Davy Crockett," is climbing to the top of the Hit Parade, and a national Davy Crockett craze is beginning to take shape.

(August 20, 1955) Anne Cox of Cookeville is among thousands stranded by flooding in the northeast after Hurricane Connie slammed into the coast with a fury and dumped intensive rains far inland.

Miss Cox has spent the summer with a summer stock company performing in the Mountain home, PA Pocono Playhouse, and was due to stay until the theater closed for the season on Sept. 1.

The hurricane changed those plans. Her parents finally reached her after telephone lines were down for 15 hours and learned that while she is safe herself because of the town's elevation, surrounding valleys are under water from the floods.

The theatre has decided to close now that the tourist season has been swept away.

Hurricane Connie did billions in damage along the coast and the death toll from the storm has topped 200 so far.

*Tents and the metal framework of carnival arrivals are rising at the Putnam fairgrounds this week for the annual fair, and one of the more unusual features this year will be performances by 64-year old Ella Carver, a world famous high diver.

The mother of two grown children, she sets herself afire each performance and dives from a 90 foot tower into a six-foot tank of water. She's been seen on numerous television shows and has been heard on popular radio shows. In June she stumped the celebrity experts in an appearance on the TV game show, "What's My Line."

Her father, Dr. W. F. Carter, was the veterinarian from Buffalo Bill and his traveling troupe of Indians, cowboys, and Wild West livestock.

It was Dr. Carver who originated the diving horse act and his daughter performed it for 17 years, coaxing a horse off a 40-foot tower with her in the saddle for the plunge into a 12-foot tank of water.

(August 22, 1955) The Strand Theater has shown its last motion picture after 40 years of operation across from the Post Office on Broad Street.

*Nine-year-old Martha Ann North, daughter of TTU coach John North, came up with the idea: a dog show on the Tech Campus Drill field complete with dogs dressed in ribbons, clown hats and bows. Spot, a dog owned by Ann Cameron, won the show's most blue ribbons. Other dogs earning honors were owned by John Frye, Peggy Taylor and David Mahler.

(August 29, 1955) Jaycees President Noble Cody reported this week that the Ford Motor Company is "very much interested" in sand deposits near Monterey to supply its new auto glass plant in Nashville.

Cody and club members have been out this week gathering sand samples from several sites in the Monterey area for testing at Ford laboratories.

Cookeville this week was visited by a four-car caravan of "goodwill ambassadors" from Argentina.

The flock of Argentinians represent the South American sports Association, which flew the delegation to Washington recently to bestow an honor on Dr. Jonas Salk, developer of the polio vaccine which has saved the lives of millions.

Once in the US, the businessmen decided to buy four cars and embark on a tour of the US and 21 other countries on their way back to Argentina along the famous Pan American Highway.

In all, their journey will take them 64,000 miles by car, and Cookeville was one of the hundreds of stops they will make, telling residents about Argentina.

(September 1, 1955) The telephone company that serves Cookeville and the surrounding area - Southern Continental Telephone Co. - has changed hands due to a merger. Its parent company, Theodore Gary & Co., has merged with the General Telephone Corporation, giving that firm assets of \$700 million and a new total of 2.5 million subscribers in 30 states. However, General Telephone is still dwarfed by Bell Telephone, which has assets of \$11 billion and has 44 million subscribers.

(September 2, 1955) Baxter's State Theater has been bought by Billy Dalton and Ben Austin, who said they plan to turn it into a roller rink.

(September 5, 1955) Putnam Countians paid a total of \$311,121 in state sales tax during fiscal year 1955, which just ended, the newspaper reports this week.

That figure amounts to \$10.07 for every man, woman in Putnam County.

The alarming news is that this is less than was collected last year, .05 percent less, says the newspaper. The out migration of Putnam residents looking for jobs in northern factories continues.

At the Princess Theater this week, where, according to an advertisement, "Friendliness is a habit and courtesy a watchword." You can see Randolph Scott and Forrest Tucker in "Rage at Dawn," a horse opera. Or, catch Gordon Scott and Vera Miles in the latest Lord-of-the-Apes saga, "Tarzan's Hidden Jungle."

(September 8, 1955) Cookeville got its first pay phone booth this week. A photo on page one of this week's edition shows Southern Continental Telephone Co. workers installing it on the corner of Jefferson Avenue and Spring Street.

*The Brotherton community has lost its post office. When the railroad stopped delivering mail there last November, a special truck carried it up the mountain from Algood at an annual cost of \$840. The Brotherton post office this year only made \$900. Postal officials said the arrangement was not cost effective. Brotherton Postmistress Mrs. Melvin Huffines, who has held that post for the last 21 years, said mail will be delivered to Brotherton residents through the creation of a new rural route, Route 6.

(September 12, 1955) The Cookeville Cavaliers clobbered Gallatin High School 21-6 this weekend, with quarterback Jim Ragland accounting for 20 of the 21 points with touchdown passes to Ray McDonald and Harold Jackson.

Guard Bob Carter and tackle Paul Matheney were also credited by the newspaper's sports writer for their effort, having been in on most of the key tackles of the game.

Wade Bussell has retired after 32 years as custodian of the Cookeville Post Office.

He began his career in 1923 after serving in Europe for a year and a half in WWI before a leg wound send him home. He farmed for a brief time, and then joined the staff of the Post Office here.

Bussell has served under five postmasters: H. T. Whitson, Norman Massa, Pennock Moore, Mrs. Pennock Moore (who served while her husband was away in the military in WWII) and now, L. K. Mahler.

The newspaper notes that Bussell was widely known for his courtesy and helpfulness to area postal patrons.

School Supt. Dave Huddleston said this week that school enrollment figures are now in and the county's rural population continues to decline, city schools saw slight increase, and Jere Whitson saw the biggest increase, up to 317 students, Huddleston reported.

Showing at the Princess Theater this week: Tony Curtis and Gloria DeHaven in "So This Is Paris," a tale of sailors on leave. It boasts "Nine hit tunes," and is filmed in Technicolor.

(September 17, 1955) Algood is still without a town policeman this week.

Last week, the city council there fired City Recorder W. G. Bracey and policeman Sam McCulley. The named Herman Garrison the new recorder, but adjourned without filling the police post.

Since then, the Algood council hasn't been able to gain a quorum to hire an officer to patrol the town.

Fred Bullock is expected to get the job, says the newspaper, but he can't begin until he's officially hired. The 25-year-old is a former Navy Seabee from WWII and has served as a deputy sheriff.

(September 17, 1955) Tennessee Tech has 835 freshmen signed up so far and a total of 1,000 new students are expected by the time registration wraps up, says Dean of students Dr. Charles N. Sharpe.

The good news is that even through the college's enrollment is up by about 100 students, the supply of available housing has held up well so far, unlike many years in the past when college officials desperately appealed to residents to rent rooms to their students.

(September 17, 1955) A skeleton unearthed in the Mt. Herman community by Emmett Mitchell is now believed to be that of an early pioneer here who was killed by Indians.

Mitchell found the remains while plowing for alfalfa. His plow hit a large rock, and when he dug it up to remove it, he found the bones in a three-foot-deep grave.

Dr. Jack Clark examined the bones and says he thinks they belonged to a young man. The Indian arrowhead lodged deeply in the rib cage is an indication of what killed the young pioneer, he said.

The farm has been in the Mitchell family for the last 150 years so he believes the grave was dug before his family moved to Mt. Herman from North Carolina and settled in what was the midst of the cane brakes near a spring.

(September 22, 1955) Cookeville's first coin operated telephone booth has been installed at the corner of Jefferson and Spring Street.

*Central High announced its football cheer-leaders for the coming season this week. Pictured on page one of this week's edition are Barbara Pointer, Sue Rodgers, Helen Mott, Eunetta Finely and Margaret Jackson.

(September 25, 1955) The newspaper this week takes a look at three highly unusual grave markers in the 8th District. They're made of cookery ware, which once flourished in the county's lower end but is now a lost art.

In the Pleasant View Cemetery, the graves of W. C. and Nancie Hedgecough and Rebecca Elrod are marked with gracefully, curved, highly decorative markers made of the same kiln-fired material once used widely here for farm urns, crocks, pitchers and jugs.

The stones were fired by George Hedgcough, one of the Western end's most highly skilled and last crockery makers, says Eli Lafever, 75, himself once a crockery maker before a stroke left him partially paralyzed.

Lafever says the lower end's style of crockery making originated in France and came here with pioneer families, like Lafever's.

He says around the turn of the century, crockery was made from clay dug from banks in the 8th District, fired in kilns there, and loaded on wagons for sale as far away as Nashville and Knoxville.

The craft died out in the mid-1930's, he says.

Showing this week at the Princess Theater: Jeff Chandler and Jack Palance in "Signs of the Pagan," the colorful story of Atilla the Hun.

(September 26, 1955) A UT professor says in a just-released transportation study that the helicopter will soon replace the airplane for short trips. The "whirly-bird" will add a new dimension to travel in the later half of this century, he predicts. Large helicopters capable of carrying up to 50 passengers will soon be the

way to travel when you're making trips of less than 300 miles between cities. They'll be faster than rails and highway, and are more maneuverable than airplanes, taking less space to land, the professor explains.

(October 3, 1955) Efforts to promote Girl Scouting in the region took a giant step forward here this week when a ceremony was held in Tennessee Tech's gymnasium to officially charter the Highland Rim Girl Scout Council.

The council will oversee and coordinate Girl Scouting in a 14-county region, including Putnam.

Local funeral home director Gene Rogers was recently named the chairman of this year's fund raising drive in Putnam County for Girl Scouting.

Meanwhile, Faye Gentry of Cookeville was picked in a pageant here this week to represent Cookeville in the Warren County Sorghum Festival.

She's presently a freshman at Tennessee Tech and already has one crown under her belt as she sets her sights on the Sorghum Queen title. Last year she was named Livingston's Strawberry Queen in that town's harvest festival.

Showing this week at the Princess: Stewart Granger and Elizabeth Taylor in "Beau Brummell."

(October 5, 1955) State highway officials have sent out crews to begin staking out the right of way for Tennessee's portion of a new superhighway, which is expected to pass just south of Cookeville and generally follow the route of two-lane Highway 70.

(October 6, 1955) Main street in Sparta – Highway 70 South – has been widened and that entire section of town has undergone an extensive facelift. The move is aimed at attracting new industry to Sparta, officials of that town told the newspaper this week. The new six-lane, concrete highway through the heart of Sparta will last 50 years they say.

(October 9, 1955) Charlie Coleman of Silver Point is one of the last of Middle Tennessee's old time blacksmiths, the newspaper writes this week in a profile of the 78-year-old craftsman.

People needing blacksmith services come from 30 and 40 miles away to Coleman's shop. He's given up shoeing horses because of his health, but he still makes harnesses and wagon accessories the old way, with hammer and tongs over a bed of hot coals.

Born at the head of Indian Creek in Buffalo Valley, his father lost an arm fighting for the Confederacy in the battle of Lookout Mountain at Chattanooga.

Ironically, his mother was also one-armed, he says. She lost an arm in a sorghum mill accident as a young woman.

Coleman learned his trade as a young man and has practiced it all his life.

Mayor Dero Brown this week announced plans for a new park beside the new industrial site on the Sparta Highway.

The park is already a roadside picnic area with a couple of tables, but the city plans to place several dozen concrete picnic tables there with a winding stone walkway and a small waterfall.

It's to be called Eagle Heights and will be handy for workers at the new millery, says the mayor.

(October 10, 1955) Here's one for Ripley's Believe It or Not: Glenn E. Myrick, a retired salesman living near Baxter, this week lassoed a catfish. He was fishing in Center Hill Lake when his line apparently developed a loop into which swam a 15-inch catfish. The line became caught on the horn-like projections

of the head of the fish, and the harder it tried to free itself, the tighter the loop was pulled. Myrick landed the catfish before several witnesses, the newspaper added.

(October 13, 1955) A 21-year-old Granville man, Joe Moore, has received the nation's highest farm youth award in Kansas City. He's the "Star Farmer of America" this year. The FFA member is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Moore of Granville and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Moore of Monterey Road, Cookeville. Time magazine will feature Joe on its Oct. 19 cover. He also received a \$1,000 cash award.

(October 20, 1955) Services were held today for the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Farmer, Cpl. Joseph Fred Farmer.

The 19-year-old died in the fighting in the Korean Conflict. No details were given in this week's edition.

Meanwhile, State Highway Dept. officials in Knoxville say they are sending out surveying crews to begin staking out the right-of-way for the state's new super expressway.

They are currently focusing on a section of the new four-lane route between Kingston and Knox County, but the new road is expected to pass just south of Cookeville as it cuts across the state's hilltops and valleys.

It will generally parallel the route of crooked Highway 70, state officials say.

(October 24, 1955) In the city election this week, Jesse Owen was reelected to a three-year term on the three-man Cookeville City Commission.

The soft drink bottler defeated real estate salesman Joe F. Dyer with a vote of 649 to 393.

(October 24, 1955) Tennessee is now classified as an industrial rather than an agricultural state, the newspaper reports.

Since the end of WWII, more than 1,350 new factories have been constructed in Tennessee and now, more than 20 percent of its gross income comes from manufacturing and less than 10 percent comes from agriculture.

(October 24, 1955) Johnnie Reba Smellage leaves next week for two years as a librarian with the US Army in either France or Germany.

She graduated from Baxter Seminary and Tennessee Tech before teaching at both and then teaching in Illinois for two years.

Now, she's signed up as a librarian for the military and is headed overseas.

(October 24, 1955) Member's of Central High's Homemakers of America are pictured on page one this week planning a UN Day celebration.

They are Gail Phillips, Linda Johnson, Sue Lynn, Pat Haste, Fay Mayberry, Shirley Riddle, Maxine Vaughn, Betty Ford and Jo Ann Gentry.

(October 31, 1955) A "new-style" Halloween is in store for some Cookeville youngsters this week. Instead of lugging around hefty bags of candy door to door, they'll be collecting donations for the world's needy children.

Capshaw Elementary, Tech Training School and Park View students are participating in drive for UNICEF, the UN's agency for children's relief.

Serving on the local UNICEF planning committee are Eugene Johns, Henry Grimes, Earnest Mabey, Earl Nash, Henry Ferrell, and Oliver Bohannon.

Showing at the Princess Theater this week: a “midnight Halloween show” with Richard Green, Boris Karloff and Lon Chaney. It’s the Universal-International film, “The Black Castle.” The ad for the film warns, “Danger lurks in every darkened corner.”

(November 10, 1955) Services will be held this week for Clyde Preston Stebbins, an Illinois native who’s lived here for the past several years.

The newspaper comments that he was “one of the few combat pilots during World War One.”

Stebbins died in his sleep at his home on East Spring Street.

*Southern Continental Telephone Co. district manager Floyd Cooper says there’s good news and bad news on that new rural telephone line between Cookeville and Monterey.

The good news is that the line, which is to bring telephone service to Dry Valley and several communities between Cookeville and Monterey, is now 95 percent complete.

The bad news is that materials have once again run short across the nation and no one knows when the rest of the wire needed to complete the job will arrive, said Cooper.

*At the Putnam Drive-In this weekend: John Wayne stars as an Indian-fighter in “She Wore A Yellow Ribbon.”

(November 12, 1955) Baxter is getting on the industrial band wagon as voters there this week approved the issuance of \$50,000 in industrial revenue bonds the town plans to hold in reserve while it looks for an industrial prospect.

One group of Baxter investors already has one. The Baxter Industrial Development Corp. is in talks with the R. S. Rogan Co. of New York, which wants to build a shirt factory in Baxter that will employ 140.

The group plans to raise \$35,000 through the sale of public stock to construct a building to house the new factory.

The Cavaliers, led by quarterback Jim Ragland, came from behind last weekend to ruin Nashville’s Tennessee prep School’s homecoming game.

The final score was 24-13, with the Cavs making 21 points in the 4th quarter.

Showing at the Princess this week: John Wayne in “The Sands of Iwo Jima.”

(November 14, 1955) An Algood man working on a horse ranch in Sand Springs, GA, had an unusual run-in with a snake this week. Jack Bullock, 30, son of Mrs. Dovie Bullock, was training horses when he paused for a rest break, took off his gloves and laid them on a nearby rock to air out. He said when he put them back on, the “felt a little funny,” but he continued his work. Forty-five minutes later, he decided to check on the problem and took off his glove. Shaking it, he saw a seven-inch snake fall to the ground. He couldn’t tell what kind it was. It was just about dead. He said he plans to watch where he puts his gloves a little closer next time.

(November 19, 1955) Putnam Sheriff Ernest Webster and a group of deputies seized a still being operated under a bluff of the Clarkrange Road near Monterey this week.

A Cookeville man was arrested at the scene. Deputies destroyed the 45-gallon copper kettle and poured 400 gallons of sour mash on the ground.

(November 19, 1955) A page one picture this week shows the new officers of the Putnam County 4-H A. Q. McDonald are the adult supervisors.

The new county 4-H leaders are Glenda Ray, president; Helen Jean Mott, vice president; Claude Ann Huddleston; secretary and James Moore, reporter.

The Federal Civil Defense Administration this week reported that a new innovation was used in the recent Operation Albert national civilian defense drills, an "electrical brain."

The "electrical brain," or computer, was used to quickly count the number of dead in the exercise area and determine what medical aid was still available after a simulated atomic attack.

"The sooner we know how hard we've been hit, the faster we can begin to recover," said a federal official.

(November 21, 1955) Cookeville is getting one of those "self-service" stores they're talking about. It's a Ben Franklin store, and it's opening soon at 23 West Broad. It'll be one of 2,400 Ben Franklin "variety" stores across the nation, and its low prices come from bulk buying. An article describing the store says it takes advantage of the way people like to shop - strolling and looking at what's available before making a purchase. All the goods will be placed out on shelves and prices will be clearly marked. Shoppers can look the goods over themselves rather than telling the sales clerk what they want and having the clerk bring it out to them. Clerks will be standing by, but only to assist when asked to. It's the newest thing in shopping, the article indicates.

(November 28, 1955) Cookeville's first scoutmaster? He was Ralph Wirt, according to a weekly "Do You Remember?" ad placed by First National Bank. The ad shows Wirt and a number of young boys in a camp near Sparta during the 1930s. They were on their way hiking from Cookeville to Chattanooga, a two-week walk.

(December 5, 1955) It was the biggest seizure of bootleg whiskey in the state, \$7,000 worth of liquor weighing down three cars stopped by the Tennessee Highway Patrol near Celina this week after troopers received a tipoff.

Bootleggers are using more circuitous routes following a series of highly publicized seizures along Highway 70, including a number of hauls in or near Putnam County.

Three Knoxville men were charged by the THP in the Celina incident. Troopers say they were headed back to Knoxville from Nashville with a load of liquor in special transport cars when stopped.

When the THP moved the load to its Cookeville headquarters, it took six patrol cars to move the load. The bootleggers' cars were rigged with special suspension systems, troopers said.

The day after the three were jailed and released on bond, two of the same men were stopped near Spencer headed towards Knoxville with yet another load.

In a speech here this week, the University of Tennessee's Dean of Engineering, N. W. Dougherty, said this week that the US is "a rich and prosperous nation about to undertake suicide by allowing something to slip from her schools which is the key to prosperity."

He cited a decline in the number of students now taking math and science courses, and said such knowledge is vital to America's ever-increasing dependence on new technology.

Dougherty urged the nation's school officials to emphasize science and math as it will become more and more crucial to students' success in getting jobs, he said.

(December 10, 1955) The newspaper says National Civil Defense officials are working on a new system to warn citizens of impending atomic attacks.

Called the 'Big Voice in the Sky,' it would use airplanes with loud speakers to give people across the country timely and precise instructions about where bombs have been dropped and the direction fallout is traveling.

(December 11, 1955) If you drove to the Cookeville Post Office on Broad (the city's only post office) this week you noticed a few changes when you went to feed the parking meter.

First of all, you probably found it easier to find a place to park. The time limit has been changed from two hours to 15 minutes. Police Chief Hubert Crawford said some people have been monopolizing the two-hour time limit and others have been complaining.

Enforcing the new time limits are new parking meters. They're red like all the other 15-minute meters in town, said Crawford. And they only "eat" a penny at a time.

(December 15, 1955) Cookeville Police Chief Hubert Crawford says motorists are monopolizing the heavily-used parking spaces in front of the Cookeville Post Office, so the city is installing new parking meters there to control the situation.

You can't miss them, the chief says. The parking meters will be bright red. And the time limit on each is 12 minutes. The cost to turn the switch is a penny.

There were promotions this week at First National Bank.

The board of directors has elected Tommy Lynn as assistant cashier of the bank and has named him its farm agent as well. Board chairman W. L. Whitson also announced that William B. Carlen, Jr., has been named the executive vice-president and cashier of the bank.

*The girls of the Home Economics Department over at Baxter Seminary are planning a special tea and fashion show in the home of Dr. Harry Upperman this week. It's for the mothers of girls in the program. Featured will be a skit with Dorothy Denny and Sylvia Fields showing off some of the latest fashions. It's directed by Mrs. Helen Copeland.

(December 19, 1955) Here's a look at films showing at the Princess this week for the holiday season: "The Life and Time of Sigmund Romberg." Described as "a must for music lover." Then there's Jane Russell, Richard Egan and Gilbert Roland in "Underwater," an adventure film boasting dazzling special effects and "breathtaking photography, an adventure in movie-making, a story of love, larceny and sunken treasure."

(December 22, 1955) The newspaper this week took a look at the history of licensed funeral directors or embalmers, in Cookeville.

Whitson's Funeral Home, operated out of the old Whitson home on Dixie Avenue, was the first commercial funeral home in Cookeville, and Jack Carver opened its doors on July 1, 1926, the town's first licensed funeral director.

This was a year when most families were still preparing their loved ones for burial at home and bought what few funeral supplies they needed from a storage shed on the side of Whitson's Hardware store on the square.

Before Carver, Bill Sewell of Baxter and Mrs. Jesse Barnes of Cookeville were also licensed embalmers here, but Sewell retired shortly before Carver opened Whitson's new business and Mrs. Barnes had retired some time before that.

(December 22, 1955) Fire this week destroyed the Silver Point Church of Christ, doing an estimated \$20,000 in damage. The congregation had insurance to cover about half of that.

The Cookeville Fire Department received several calls about the blaze but explained to each caller that city policy prohibited the volunteer firemen from responding to blazes outside city limits.

(December 24, 1955) It's believed to be the first sewing machine ever used in the Upper Cumberland, a tiny machine of unknown make owned by Miss Nell Gilliland and Mrs. Otto Grimsey of Cookeville. It's their gift to Tennessee Tech's home economics department and it's on display there this week.

The machine was owned by their grandmother, who used it at her home in Overton County's Oak Hill community. It uses a chain stitch, has no bobbin, and uses only one thread. The wheel is turned by hand. The little machine is decorated with ornately painted red roses and golden leaves.

(29 December 1955: Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN) MOONSHINE SEIZED IN WEST COOKEVILLE: A. B. Carr, colored resident of West Cookeville, was arrested by Sheriff Ernest Webster on a charge of illegal possession of two gallons and a quart of white moonshine whiskey. The whiskey was captured in a raid on Carr's home Saturday. Hearing has been set for Friday.

(December 30, 1955) Mr. and Mrs. Billy M. Starnes of Baxter were among 62 commissioned as missionaries by the Methodist Board in Cincinnati, Ohio, this week. The former Baxter Seminary student and his wife are now bound for the Belgian Congo.

Meanwhile, the last of 500 babies born here this year in Cookeville General Hospital was Marjorie Hyun Sook Cho, the new daughter of Nak Won Cho and his wife, Hy Sun Hahan Cho.

The new parents are from Seoul, Korea, and are students at Tennessee Tech.

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(5 January 1956: Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN): Double Springs Home Destroyed by Fire: A 5-room frame house located on Cookeville, Route 2 and owned by W. L. Burchett, Church of Christ minister, burned Tuesday morning, Dec. 27.

The blaze occurred about 7:30 a.m. and the house was a complete lost. Burchett told the Herald. He estimated his loss at \$6,000, of which \$2,000 was covered by insurance. Only personal clothing and bed clothing was saved.

Burchett's family includes five children ranging in age from one to 13 years of age. Burchett said he operates a sawmill, in addition to his work as a minister.

The home was located near the Double Springs Cemetery.

*(Picture in Putnam County Herald: Sheriff Makes Haul of Moonshine Whiskey: Sheriff Ernest Webster and deputies inspect 15 ½ gallons of moonshine whiskey which they confiscated at the home of Ather Brown about two miles south of Cookeville on the old Sparta Highway yesterday afternoon. It was in half gallon fruit jars with exception of one gallon jug which the sheriff holds in his hand. From the left are Deputy Walter Shipley, Webster and Deputy Dow Williams.

(January 8, 1956) J. M. Roundtree, district director of the Internal Revenue, announced this week that taxpayers will soon be receiving their federal income tax "blanks" and instructions on how to fill them out. He cautioned taxpayers not to lose the instructions. Supplies are limited, he said.

(January 16, 1956) Services were held in the Odd Fellows Cemetery in Baxter this week for Nancy Grace, 33, a feature writer for the Louisville Courier Journal who collapsed in the news room recently while finalizing a story. She died a short time later undergoing cancer surgery.

The TPI graduate was described by colleagues at the newspaper as being an expert, talented news-woman.

Her father is Lawrence Grace of Baxter.

(January 12, 1956) Education in Mexico is a bit different from here, says Mexican teacher Gracia Leda Villegas, who's here for a month on an exchange program.

She told the newspaper that boys and girls in Mexico attend separate classes and that school facilities are considerably more limited there. There are no cafeterias, gyms or auditoriums, and classrooms are in such demand that students at most schools attend classes in three different "shifts."

The Harlem Magicians took to the basketball court here this week, displaying their razzle dazzle against the New York Olympians, who serve as foils for the antics of the flashy Magicians on their national tour.

The best-known player for the Magicians is "the clown prince of the court," Goose Tatum. Coaching the Olympians is former Kentucky All-American Bill Spivey.

Another attraction in Cookeville this week is a little older than the Magicians. The Yonan Codex, the oldest known New Testament manuscript, was on display in the courthouse this week and drew quite a crowd.

It was believed to have been written about 1,600 years ago. The 5th Century manuscript is written in Aramaic, the language spoken in the day of Jesus.

(January 16, 1956) Frances Eubanks of Girl scout Troop 141 is pictured on page one of this week's edition being congratulated by Cookeville Mayor Dero Brown as she receives her Curved Bar Award, the highest honor in Girl Scouting, the equivalent of the rank of Eagle in Boy Scouts.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Eubanks, she is believed to be the first girl in Cookeville to earn the award.

(January 19, 1956) It's time to think about your federal income taxes, says IRS Cookeville office chief Carlos Herren. He was featured in an article this week trying to keep people straight on tax laws.

Herren explained that you must file a return if you are under 65 years of age and had an annual gross income of \$600 or more. You also have to file if you are 65 or older and have a gross income of more than \$1,200.

You also have to file if you're self-employed and made more than \$400 in the last calendar year, said the tax collector.

*Showing this week at the Princess Theater: "The Prodigal," the lurid ad for which reads, "He left his father's house for the fleshpots of sin-ridden Damascus."

(January 23, 1956) It's the "Buick of Buicks," the all-new Roadmaster, and it's advertised in this week's edition by the Martin Buick Co. down on the New Sparta Highway.

"You've probably noticed that more and more people seem to be stepping up into the upper circle of fine cars," says the ad. "And there can be no doubt that good times have a lot to do with it."

Now that prosperity has hit America, the Roadmaster may be in your price range too. It's the one with the "variable pick dynaflo" transmission for smoother shifting, and it's got "the obedient might of the biggest power V-8 engine in Buick history."

And for those hot summer days, the Roadmaster will cool you off. It's got a Frigidaire air conditioner.

(January 26, 1956) Frances Beaty Slenderizing Shop advertise the latest means of slenderizing, the "Gyrodizing" treatment. "Actually, an individual may be underweight and still have a figure that is out of proportion. Too much in some spots. Too little in others," says the ad. The process will put your body back in line and help "streamline" you, it says.

*It was the biggest in recent years, three inches of wet snow that glazed roads, shut down schools and send a number of motorists across the country sliding into ditches.

The newspaper printed a page one picture this week of Cookeville realtor Cooper Loftis scraping snow off the windshield of his car in front of his home on Washington Avenue.

Jimmy Carlen, an assistant coach and teacher at Central High, has left the school for a tour of duty with the US Air Force, it was announced this week by school officials.

The Georgia Tech graduate, who was active in local sports this summer and fall, is honoring his ROTC obligation, going into the service as a second lieutenant.

Showing this week at the Princess Theater here: Paulette Goddard and Jean Pierre in "Charge of the Lancers."

(January 30, 1956) Central High principal Lester King this week announced the honor students for the school's graduating senior class.

They are Sue Haste, daughter of Prof. and Mrs. Maurice Haste; Bill Holland, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Holland; Betty Sue McBroom, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William F. McBroom; and Ronella Goolsby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Goolsby.

*Meanwhile, a former Central student who is now a senior at Tennessee Tech has been accepted by the US Air Force Academy for its 1956 team.

Harvie Lee Stringer, a civil engineering major at TTU, got the news this week.

*Showing at the Princess Theater this week: It's Jack Webb in the "roaring, blazing twenties jazz story," "Pete Kelly Blues."

(January 31, 1956) Fire alarms will be sounding all across town Tuesday night for five minutes, beginning at 7 p.m., but there won't be any fire. It's the signal for 1955 Mothers March on Polio to begin.

When the alarms stop, dozens of mothers here will set off going door-to-door collecting donations for the fight against infantile paralysis, one of today's most dreaded diseases.

Mothers are so concerned about their children contracting polio that many playgrounds and swimming pools now are vacant in the summer months when they're customarily overrun with kids.

*Showing at the Princess this week: "Sea Chase," with John Wayne and Lana Turner.

(February 6, 1956) Noble Cody, the basketball coach at Monterey High School for the past four years, waited until the end of his team's game with Baxter to tell the news. He's resigning to go work for the Atlantic Life Insurance Co. His team won the game 41-39, by the way.

By the time he and the players got back to Monterey, the school's students had already put together a surprise party for him.

MHS principal Milton Nixon announced today that Mrs. Robert Cate, the all-state guard on Monterey High's 1935 championship team, will be the new girl's coach.

Gertis Carr, who is presently the school's football coach, will coach the boy's basketball team through the rest of the season.

*Showing at the Princess this week, Jack Webb as jazz trumpeter Pete Kelly in the film that recreates the Roaring '20s and the Jazz era, "Pete Kelly's Blues." Janet Leigh and Edmond O'Brien also star.

(February 6, 1956) An explosion that broke glass in windows up to eight miles away ruined a Lowe Manufacturing warehouse this week and fire swept through in its wake, doing some \$15,000 in damages, according to Morrison Lowe, Jr., of the company.

The blaze destroyed 5,000 unfinished children's wagons and 1,000 finished wagons stored in the large woodframe building.

The building was next to Lea's Butane Gas Co. and a tank that was being filled at the time of the fire also erupted in flames, but firemen were able to contain that fire and keep the tank from exploding with spray from their fire hoses.

The American Legion Post 46 hit an all-time membership high this week, it was announced in a District Legion meeting held at Capshaw School.

Post 46 now has 614 members on its rolls, district officials announced in praising the Cookeville unit for recent membership drives.

Howard C. Vaughn, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Vaughn, pulled into port at Long Beach, California aboard the USS Manchester, a US Navy light cruiser, ending a six month tour of the Far East.

The cruiser was attached to the Carrier striking Force 77, which conducted shore bombardment and landing exercise in the region where three years earlier, the Korean War ended but where hostilities still simmer.

Showing this week at the Princess Theater: "The Shepherd of the Hills," with John Wayne, Betty Field, and Harry Carey.

(February 11, 1956) TPI's Dean Austin Wheeler is seen in a page one photo this week using a pen with a history as he compiles a history of the college.

The pen was used by Tennessee Gov. Thomas C. Rye in 1915 to sign the bill that established TPI as a state college.

Dean Wheeler got the pen from the Rye family for the college's archives.

Wheeler has been a TPI since 1916 and is compiling a history of the college as he wraps up his final year there.

Tom S. Sewell, co-manager of W. T. Sewell & Co. in Baxter, died in his home this week of a heart attack. He was 39.

A Baxter native, he attended Baxter Seminary and the University of Tennessee before going to work for the well-known grocery wholesaler.

He will be buried this week in the Odd Fellows Cemetery in Baxter.

Showing this week at the Princess Theater: Claudette Colbert and Barry Sullivan in "Texas Lady," and Randolph Scott is "long, and lethal, and he's riding for revenge" in "Tall in Saddle."

(February 13, 1956) A crowd of more than 500 people jammed into the courthouse this week to a public meeting on a controversial new bill introduced by Cookeville State Rep. Joe Dyer calling on voters to elect their county school boards, which are presently appointed.

Participants at the mass meeting voted 286-204 to send a resolution to legislators in Nashville urging that the bill be defeated.

The federal government this week issued a \$23,000 grant to the Putnam Airport for the first phase of a \$163,000 improvements project.

Over the next three years, the county plans to create a one-mile-long paved runway and install a rotating beacon and lights for the field. Hangers will be built later, officials say.

Buford Stroup has resigned his position as part owner of McAdoos department store here to open a department store in his hometown, South Pittsburg, Tenn.

Stroup was associated with the Cookeville-based Jenkins and Darwin chain for 22 years. He operated the Jenkins and Darwin store in South Pittsburg for 14 years. He also operated a McMurray's store there for five years.

Some eight years ago, he returned to Cookeville and became part-owner and manager of the local Jenkins and Darwin store before going to work for McAdoos here.

(February 14, 1956) Fire broke out at a Lowe Manufacturing Co. warehouse this week and spread to a nearby butane storage tank. The blast was felt eight miles away by Earl Chaffin at his home on the Gainesboro Grade.

It was more than just felt in town. Homes and businesses on Broad and Spring reported broken windows.

The blaze was fought for two hours by city firemen, who kept it from getting to bigger butane tanks at the adjacent Lea's Butane Gas Co.

Morrison Lowe, Jr., said the warehouse was full of thousands of children's wooden wagons. He put the total loss at between \$12,000 and \$15,000.

(February 19, 1956) Putnam County Judge Luke Medley this week announced that right of way is being purchased for a new federal secondary road designed to take some of the local traffic between Cookeville and Baxter off congested Highway 70, the major east-west route through this section of the state.

Medley said the new road will follow the course of the Old Buffalo Valley Road, minus some of the present hills, and curves.

Monterey High students this week moved into their new \$500,000 high school building, says MHS principal Milton Nixon.

The new school has 350 students presently in grades 7 through 12. Monterey students now in grades 1 through 6 will now go to school in the old high school building.

Showing this week at the Princess: "A woman upholds the tradition of freedom of the press" in "Taxes Lady," with Claudette Colbert and Barry Sullivan.

(February 19, 1956) A crowd of more than 500 jammed into the Putnam Courthouse this week for a public meeting to discuss a controversial proposal by State Rep. Joe Dyer to let voters elect their school board. The Putnam County Court currently appoints the board.

Leading a huge delegation of teachers against the idea of an elected board was Monterey High principal Milton Nixon.

Participants in the mass meeting voted 286-204 in favor of sending the state legislature a resolution urging it to reject school legislation submitted by Representative Dyer.

*The board of directors of Citizens Bank this week announced the hiring of a new assistant cashier at the bank, Charles R. Miller, Jr.

He's a Florida native and a 1945 graduate of Robertson County High.

(February 20, 1956) If you see Hunter Hill sitting on the right side of his vehicle driving down the street, don't get alarmed. The controls of his mail car are built that way, on the right side.

Hill has the distinction of being the first mailman in Cookeville assigned to one of those new "mounted mail carrier trucks."

Cookeville Postmaster Len K. Mahler says postal officials estimate the new vehicles will allow postmen to squeeze in another 30 minutes worth of work each work day because they'll be able to make their rounds faster.

* Monterey students moved into their new \$500,000 high school this week, reports principal Milton Nixon.

In the new building are the town's 7th and 8th graders as well as high school students. Monterey's elementary students are now in the old high school.

(February 23, 1956) Mayor Dero Brown announced this week that the manufacturing facility the city is building on Locust Road in northeast Cookeville will be finished and occupied by May 15.

While Brown said he couldn't yet name the manufacturer who'll occupy the new facility, he could say that it will create between 300 and 500 new jobs for Cookevillians.

The second annual Tennessee Tech Science Fair will test the skills of area students this weekend in the Tennessee Tech gym. Last year, the two top winners were from Central High, Fred Breeding and June Peters.

The ad for the movie showing this week at the Princess describes the film as the story of "love, laughs and the riotous pursuit of a gay, well-heeled bachelor." It's Frank Sinatra and Debbie Reynolds in "The Tender Trap."

(February 27, 1956) Cookeville's newest manufacturing plant, Putnam Manufacturing, is giving tours this week, says company president Joe Rader.

Rader said that women who work in the plant will supervise the tours. Residents will be shown through the 22,000-square-foot facility, which manufactures cotton work pants.

Rader said that there are 46 separate steps to making each pair of pants. The facility turns out 6,000 pairs of finished work pants each work day.

The pants are shipped from here to the Red Kap Garment Co. in Nashville, where they are distributed through the nation.

*Showing this week at the Princess: "Battle Taxi," which focuses on the exploits of the Korean War's helicopter pilots. It stars Sterling Hayden. The ad says it's a "roaring salute to the pinwheel pilots."

(February 28, 1956) Monterey High School principal Milton Nixon says the impressive new steel and brick school is now open and is serving 350 students from nine rural communities in the county's eastern end.

Students are coming to the new school from Walnut Grove, Columbia Hill, Thorn Hill, Rocky Point, Sand Springs, Mineral Springs, Calfkiller and Shady Grove.

The new 50,000-square-foot, \$500,000 school opened for classes last week.

The number of students taking Army ROTC at TTU is expected to triple to 850 students next fall when new requirements kick in for all freshmen and sophomore males at the college, said Col. Holmes Eubanks of TTU this week.

This quarter at the college only 332 are in ROTC, said the colonel.

Showing this week at the Princess: "Abbott and Costello Meet the Mummy."

(March 1956) The contract was let this week on a new federal secondary road to ease congestion on Hwy. 70 between Cookeville and Baxter, according to County Judge Like Medley. The new route, says Medley, "will closely follow the path of what's known as the old Buffalo Valley Road." Except that the new route will straighten a lot of the curves and level several of the hills along the way.

*There was an Easter fashion show at the Cookeville Country Club this week. Among the young models were Billy Legge, son of Mr. and Mrs. L.W. Legge; Roger Harrison, son of Mr. and Mrs. C.D. Harrison; Virginia Maddux, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jared Maddux; Sara Stites, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Stites; and Jeannie Flatt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.P. Flatt. (March, 1956)

(March 5, 1956) Fire this week destroyed the Brown Dogwood Mill on the corner of 16th Street and Dixie Avenue.

Clifton Brown, the mill's owner, believes lightning set the blaze. The heavy rain that followed put it out. The fire did \$4,000 to \$8,000 in damage, but spared a number of dogwood logs that were on the site but weren't yet cut.

Atlas Boot, one of Cookeville's biggest employers, will be closed for the next two weeks. The plant is moving into a 7,200-square-foot addition.

Herman Bean, plant manager, says the new space will give workers more elbow room and is expected to increase the plant's output.

(March 5, 1956) A crowd of 500 to 600 turned out this weekend at the open house at Putnam Manufacturing.

Cookeville Mayor Dero Brown showed up in a pair of multi-colored pants made for him by the plant's staff for the ribbon-cutting ceremony that kicked off the open house.

In a page-one picture with the mayor are plant receptionist Loretta Smith, production manager Frank Evans, plant president B. Rader and other dignitaries.

Are moving sidewalks in Cookeville's future? The newspaper this week writes that several major US cities are installing "endless conveyor belt" sidewalks in experiments at highly trafficked facilities.

The first one was recently installed in the underground station of the Hudson and Manhattan Railroad to replace a long incline known as "coronary alley."

Houston is also using one to move up to 15,000 people per hour from parking lots to the Sam Houston Center.

(March 8, 1956) With advice from a French engineer, Rene Vaucelle, Cookeville's Delman Co. was getting ready this week to begin making Crickett cigarette

(March 11, 1956) The Twin Lakes Telephone Co. has purchased two area telephone exchanges from Southern Continental for \$15,000 as part of its move to create a larger telephone system in western Putnam and eastern Smith Counties.

Southern sold its Baxter and Chestnut Mound exchanges, which it has operated since 1930.

The purchase boosts Twin Lakes to a total of 800 customers now, all of which are expected to have the benefits of dial service later this year under Twin Lakes' expansion.

Showing this week at the Princess Theater: "One of the most talked about films of the year," says the ad for "Trial," with Glenn Ford and Dorothy McGuire.

(March 15, 1956) The Southern Continental Telephone Company, which has owned the Baxter and Chestnut Mound exchanges since 1930, sold them this week to the Twin Lakes Telephone Cooperative for \$15,000.

Twin Lakes already has 5,000 subscribers in Clay, Fentress, Jackson, Pickett and Overton counties and says it plans to install a modern dial telephone system in Putnam's western end.

Presently, customers have to go through the operator to reach those they're calling.

*Showing at the Putnam Drive-in this week, "Seven Brides for Seven Brother," a musical starring Howard Keel and Jane Powell.

*Also, later in the week it's Charlton Heston and Lizabeth Scott in "Bad For Each Other," the ad for which says it's an expose on "ghost surgery."

(March 18, 1956) Over at Tennessee Polytech, Dean A.W. Smith is ending 40 years of service to the college.

Smith arrived in Cookeville by train on Sept. 1, 1916, one of a handful of new faculty for the new college here. He headed the History Department until 1922 when he became Dean Registrar, a post he's held until now.

Smith has served under four presidents at TPI: Thomas Early, Q.M. Smith, J.M. Smith, and Everett Derryberry.

Smith saw the school grow from 25 to 2,300 students. When he retires in June, he'll be the last of the original 13 faculty members and administrators who came here in 1916 to organize the school.

(March 19, 1956) Clues are still being sought into two suspicious fires here Saturday night that occurred just minutes and a few miles apart.

The Macedonia Baptist Church was completely destroyed by flames Saturday night. Authorities are investigating reports from residents who say they saw a car parked near the church just before the fire.

Meanwhile, shortly after the church went up in smoke, a tobacco barn belonging to Marlow Bohannon two miles south of the church. Witnesses said they also saw a car parked near there shortly before the blaze.

*Showing this week at the Princess: "Tennessee's Partner," starring John Payne, Rhonda Fleming and Ronald Reagan.

(March 19, 1956) It started as a joke but then it got out of hand, so WHUB let Jimmy Mosier get on the air for 15 minutes this week to try to straighten out the situation.

Mosier's Beacon Restaurant was closed during Tennessee Tech's spring break this week. It's something he usually does, but when a customer found the doors locked, he asked the building's owner, Walter Phillips, what the story was.

Phillips, joking, said offhandedly that the place was closed because "Mosier's been arrested for bootlegging." Things went downhill from there.

Soon, the story was that Mosier was not only a bootlegger, but that he'd been taken in for selling narcotics too. He reopened his restaurant this week, but few came. Then he found out about the rumors flying around town and went on radio to explain that, no, he was not up on bootlegging charges. Or on narcotics charges either.

(March 19, 1956, **Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN**): New Historical Work Available At Local Library: The Blount Journal recently published by the Tennessee Historical commission has been given to the Clara Cox Epperson library and is now ready for circulation, according to Clara Cox librarian.

The Blount Journal 1790-1796 is a record of the executive actions of William Blount during his tenure as governor of the "Territory of the United States South of the River Ohio," often referred to as the Southwest Territory, and is one of our earliest official records of the Tennessee area.

The volume begins with the formal organization of territorial government in 1790, after the area had been ceded to the federal government by North Carolina. It ends in 1796, shortly before Tennessee was admitted as a state. Within its 117 pages, written by territorial secretary, Daniel Smith, and reproduced in facsimile form, are the records of Blount's organization of the earliest Tennessee counties, his appointments to territorial, county, and militia offices, his creation of courts and judicial districts, his executive pardons to convicted criminals, and his direction of the process by which the territory became the State of Tennessee.

This is the first time that the Journal has been printed in its entirety. On two previous occasions portions of it were published in the American Historical Magazine in 1897, and in the Territorial Papers of the United States in 1936. In an effort to make these printings as well as the present volume more useful, a triple

index has been prepared which gives the page numbers in each publication on which each name or place is mentioned.

Beautifully printed with a brown ink on buff paper, in order to approximate the present appearance of the manuscript copy of the Journal and to enhance the facsimile effect, the volume is handsomely bound in green cloth with gold lettering. In accordance with the policy of the Tennessee Historical Commission, copies of the Journal will be deposited without charge in every college, high school, and public library in the state.

“Man can go broke by having too many cattle, but seldom is man hurt by having too much grass.” R. E. Dickson.

(March 20, 1956) Authorities say there are no new leads into two fires here that are believed to be the work of arsonists.

The Macedonia Baptist Church burned to the ground one night this week, and minutes later, a tobacco barn just down the road from the church went up in flames as well.

Residents of that community say they saw a car parked in the vicinity of the church just before the blaze was spotted.

The church was built 65 years ago and presently has a congregation of 38.

Lost in the blaze were the building, pews, a piano and other contents worth of \$2,000.

The tobacco barn belonged to Marlow Bohannon, who'd converted a former dwelling into a storage building for burley. He placed the loss at about \$400.

*Showing this week at the Princess Theater: “Bad for Each Other,” with Charlton Heston and Lizbeth Scott. The ad says, “The startling truth of the unknown knifer behind the surgeon’s mask.”

(March 28, 1956) A minister from England, the Rev. Gordon Maland, and Cookeville First Methodist pastor, Dr. Bruce Strother will temporarily exchange pulpits on April 15 after they and their families pass in Atlanta en route to each other’s churches.

Mr. Strother was born and raised in Kirkham, England, seven miles from the Preston Methodist Church where Rev. Maland preaches.

Rev. Maland is a native Canadian who began his ministry in Saskatchewan before moving to England several years ago.

*Showing at the Putnam Drive-In this week: It’s “The greatest motion picture of all time,” “Quo Vadis,” a film of ancient Rome with Robert Taylor, Deborah Kerr and Peter Ustinov.

(April 2, 1956) Fire this week did an estimated \$30,000 to the Osia Williams women’s clothing store on the Square. Fire started in an air conditioning unit while workers were taking a supper break.

They’d been staying late to prepare for a sale and while they were eating, fire erupted and swept through the store. Mrs. Williams says the store will reopen as soon as the damage is cleaned up and the store restocks.

*Tennessee Tech President Everett Derryberry this week unveiled plans for a new \$1.1 million women's dormitory complex on Dixie to replace the Dixie Courts temporary housing complex, which hasn't been used lately.

Dixie Courts was tossed up just after the war as the college was flooded with new students coming home from the war and going to school on the GI Bill.

*A country music festival will be held in the Tech Gym next week. It will feature a series of musical skits by grade schoolers with narration by W. C. Moore of Central High to tie it all together. The Festival centers around the life and times of former US Secretary of State Cordell Hull, an Upper Cumberland hero.

*Pictured on page one getting ready for their part in the pageant are Baxter Elementary students Shirley Herron, Joyce Clark, Franklin Rodgers and Treva Anderson on flutes and Robert Lee Richardson on the xylophone.

Showing this week at the Putnam Drive-IN: Dale Robertson, Sally Forest, Lili St. Cyr and Vincent Price in "The Son of Sinbad."

(April 8, 1956) For the second year, a Central High student has won first place in the Cumberland Plateau Regional Science Fair, which is its second year too.

Bill Holland spent 1,500 hours building an electronic organ from scratch to take home the first place honor.

*The new Southern Continental Telephone directories are out and they are full of information about Cookeville besides just phone numbers.

The newspaper, in an article this week, went through the phone book and determined that Brown is the most popular last name in Putnam County, followed closely by Smith, Gentry and Johnson.

Other names frequently found in the county director are Phillips, Huddleston, Williams, Moore, Judd, Loftis, Gaw, Davis, Clark and Terry.

In all, the new directory has 3,000 listings, up 300 from last year's, says general manger F. M. Cooper.

The most frequently listed business is the service station, with 40 entries. Next were grocery stores, with 32 listings.

*Showing this week at the Princess: "Gentlemen Marry Brunettes," with Jane Russell and Jeanne Carr.

(April 8, 1956) Cookeville City Commissioner H. J. Shanks this week proposed a supervisory board for Cookeville General Hospital. He notes that all six area hospitals that have governing boards are all showing a profit, unlike ours.

With a 400-bed addition about to break ground, Shanks says it's time for Cookeville's hospital to begin putting figures in black.

*The new Cookeville telephone directory is out and it's got 3,000 listings in it, starting with Chester Adams and ending with Ed Zegarske.

The Southern Continental book has grown by 300 names this year. Brown is the most popular name, with 26 listings. Smith, is next with 20 listings, followed by Gentry, with 19 and Johnson, with 17 listings.

Geographically, Baxter accounts for 123 of the listings, Chestnut Mound has 83, and Monterey has 379. The rest are in the Cookeville exchange.

(April 12, 1956) Since Fred Bullock decided to re-enlist in the Navy, Algood has been without a town police officer. This week, the Algood Board of Aldermen filled the position.

Elwin Qualls is Algood's new lawman. Mrs. Elwin Qualls was also named by the board to serve as Algood City recorder.

Bullock, by the way, is now stationed in Rhode Island.

*Central High's senior class play this spring is "Who Wouldn't Be Crazy," a comedy about a young man who dodges into an asylum to get away from a traffic cop and whose father decides to let him stay there and sweat it out for a while.

The play is directed by Miss Pauline Hudgins and W.C. Moore.

The cast includes Ronny Fitzpatrick, Carol Hudson, Jimmy Ford, Nancy Black, Judy Pennebaker, Harry Jaquess and Hugh Ford.

(April 16, 1956) The late Cordell Hull, a former US Secretary of State called the "father" of the United Nations by many, is being honored here in a music festival this week featuring original music compositions by a number of Putnam teachers.

"One World Through Music" is the theme of the upcoming Putnam County Music Festival.

Students in exotic costumes from more than 45 foreign lands will sing and dance to "Cordell," a ballad composed by Central High band director Warren Lustre. He's also composed a special arrangement of "Green Coffee" for area high school choruses.

W.C. Moore of Central High's staff has written a narration for the show.

Showing this week at the Princess: John Wayne and Veda Ralston in "The Fighting Kentuckian."

(April 23, 1956) It was the American Legion's annual Boys and Girls County here this week, in which high school students hear from various county officials on how the county works, and then try their hand at running the county for a day.

The climax was a mock trial. Among those on the 'jury' were high school students Maxine Raines, Lewis Burr, Arvin Vaughn, Peggy Lee, Charlie Ray and Duel White.

The defense 'attorneys' were Hugh McHenry and Janie Lollar. 'Prosecutors' were Delaine Tallent and Clarence Tays. Hugh Denny filled in as 'General Sessions Judge' and Claude Ann Huddleston was 'court clerk.'

*It was announce this week that a major new industry will be here and operating by June 15. The Delman plant will employ 200 when it opens and will expand to a workforce of 500. It makes parts for auto windshield wipers.

Paul R. Welch is plant manager, Cluck Bachrach is general manager, and Bill Parks is comptroller of the new facility.

*At the Princess this week, John Wayne and Vera Ralston in "The Fighting Kentuckian." At the Putnam Drive-in it's Johnny Weissmuller in "Cannibal Attack."

(April 24, 1956) Ninety young women from across Middle and East Tennessee will be gathering here this week competing for the title of Cookeville Rodeo Queen. It's a pageant sponsored by the Cookeville Jaycettes.

Whoever wins will ride at the head of the parade, kicking off the Jaycees second Rodeo Roundup, a massive four-day rodeo extravaganza fundraiser that was highly successful last year, drawing thousands to Cookeville from across the state.

To promote the event, all of Cookeville's Jaycees and Jaycettes are going en masse to the Grand Ol' Opry this weekend decked out in full western attire. They've been promised to get to speak about the upcoming event on the Opry stage.

Their promotional remarks, broadcast by WSM Radio, will be heard by at least 10 million people across the country who are regular listeners to the Grand Ol' Opry.

*Showing at the Princess this week, it's the Hoosier Hotshots in "Sing Me A Song of Texas."

Also showing is Richard Conte and Ruth Storey in "Slaves of Babylon."

(April 26, 1956) Dedication ceremonies are this week for the new education building at First Baptist. An all-day program is planned.

The highlight of the day will be the handing over of the keys to the new \$235,000 facility to Wendell "Cotton" Johnson, chairman of the board of trustees.

The first floor of the new facility went up in 1949. Construction was launched on the second and third floors in 1954.

Dr. John Sykes, has been the minister at First Baptist for the past six years.

*Meanwhile over at Central High School, the school newspaper, the Charger, has won another top award for excellence in the annual UT journalism department's competition.

(April 29, 1956) Noble Cody, president of the Monterey Jaycees for the past year, has been named vice-president of the Jaycees Region 4.

During his year's reign, the Monterey Jaycees sponsored a Junior League baseball team and a Cub Scout pack, numbered all houses and businesses in town, sponsored an elementary school football program, and made improvements to the city park and playgrounds.

The job picture for Putnam County is picking up at a time when officials all across Tennessee are voicing concerns about the out migration of residents here to employment in the North.

The new Baxter shirt factory this week began taking applications for 60 workers who will start on the plant production line sometime next month.

Meanwhile, Cookeville's big new plant, Delman, is taking applications beginning this week at the Cookeville Chamber of Commerce building. Initially, 200 will be hired and eventually, the plant, which makes automobile windshield wiper assemblies, will employ 500 or more.

*Monterey High's senior class play this year is a three-act "hillbilly comedy" entitled "The Hoax of Hogans Holler." The cast includes MHS seniors Betty Ford, Arvin Vaughn, Ralph Blaylock, Mary Whittaker and Bernie Forster.

Cookeville Mayor Dero Brown this week signed a \$244,860 contract for an expansion of Cookeville General Hospital. The new wing, hospital officials note, will be completely air conditioned.

Showing this week at the Princess Theater: "The Lost Command," the story on Jim Bowie and Davy Crockett at the Alamo, starring Sterling Hayden. Also, "The Lone Ranger." It's his first full length feature film. It stars Clayton Moore as the man in the mask and Jay Silverheels as his faithful Indian companion, Tonto.

(April 30, 1956) Cookeville High's senior class is rehearsing this week for the annual senior class play. This year it's "Who Wouldn't Be Crazy?"

The cast includes Ronny Fitzpatrick, Carol Hudson, Harry Haquess, Hugh Ford, Judy Pennebaker and Nancy Black.

*And up in Monterey, high school seniors are preparing for their class play, "The Hoax of Hogan's Holler."

The cast of the comedy includes Arvin Vaughn, Betty Ford, June South, Linda Presley, Jimmy Reese, Mary Beaty, Paul Holloway, Mary Whitaker, Jimmy Rankin, Bernie Forester, Dormy Rankin, Bernie Forester, Doris Bohannon, Carl Stringer, and Ralph Blaylock.

'Hillbilly' music for the play is being provided by the musical trio of Dewite Sampley, Ray King and Bob King.

(May 3, 1956) The new Delman plant began taking applications at the Chamber of Commerce this week. When the word got out, more than 1,000 people were lined up when the Chamber opened. The plant will employ 200 initially. It makes windshield wipers.

*Showing this week at the Princess: "The Night Holds Terror," with Vince Edwards, John Cassavettes and Hildy Parks as "young punks with guns who mean business." Later in the week, a double feature, "Teen Age Crime Wave" and "Three Bad Sisters."

(May 7, 1956) A new candidate for the city's oldest newspaper cropped up this week.

Dr. Kenneth Haile gave the state archives a laminated copy of a May 22, 1858, edition of the Cookeville Times given to him by his aunt, Ella Morgan of Gainesboro, some years ago.

The newspaper was examined by Guy Stewart, director of publications at Tennessee Tech, who is working on a Ph.D. dissertation on early newspapers of Middle Tennessee.

Stewart says that as far as he knows, the previously oldest known newspaper in Cookeville was the Middle Tennessee, which was published here briefly in 1876.

The only known copy of that newspaper is in the library of the Chicago Historical Society, says Stewart.

*Showing this week at the Princess: "Teen Age Crime Wave" and "Three Bad Sisters."

(May 12, 1956) The new Delman plant, which will hire about 200 to make windshield wipers, began taking applications this week and more than 1,000 people lined the street to apply.

(May 14, 1956) Operation CuPuFu is in full swing in Cookeville this week.

It's Clean-up, Paint-up, Fix-up Week in Cookeville, and city trucks will be running special routes and schedules to pick up debris and trash from residents' spring cleaning.

*Some 250 workers at the Cookeville Shirt Co. will be without work for a few weeks as the textile plant this week announced a work stoppage. The plant will reopen when work orders rise sufficiently, said plant manager William Mayes.

Plant officials are blaming Japanese imports for taking a bite out of their business.

In the last two years since tariff rates were lowered, imports of cheaper Japanese goods has risen from 1,800 dozen shirts and blouses to 500,000 dozen.

*Showing this week at the Princess Theater: Alfred Hitchcock's dark comedy, "The Trouble With Harry," starring Ed Gwynne, John Forsythe and Shirley McLaine.

(May 15, 1956) The Cookeville Shirt Company joined others in the US textile industry this week in their fight against "cheap Japanese imports." The plants completely shut down for a few days.

The work stoppage idled 250 workers in Cookeville and 250,000 workers across the United States.

Textile plant official says the work stoppage is due to a decrease in demand for US-made goods. They say cheap Japanese imports are taking an ever-growing bite out of their sales.

They cite recent figures. In 1953, 1,800 dozen women's blouses were imported from the Far East. In February of 1956 alone, 500,000 dozen women's blouses came from there.

The work stoppage came shortly after the US lowered its tariff rates on Japanese goods. Textile officials say the stoppage will probably last a couple of weeks.

(May 21, 1956) The newspaper this week in banner headlines announced that beginning in 1958, the city will have dial telephone service.

W. K. Shell, state manager of the Southern Continental Telephone Co., which serves Putnam County, says the phone company has bought a lot between Dixie and Madison on Freeze Street and plans to move all its services to a new building it plans to erect there.

Presently to place a call you have to talk to an operator and ask her to connect you to the person you're calling.

*The Central High FFA has won district honors for its performance this year in several categories of FFA work.

(May 21, 1956) The Baxter Shirt Company will officially open here June 1, Homer Messenger, president of the corporation, announced this week.

The factory will employ 50 to 60 workers. Their first work will be making women's corduroy sports shirts.

*Southern Continental Telephone Co., now headquartered in the Ray Wilmoth building, has taken an option on a lot on Freeze Street owned by Dr. James Dyer and plans to buy the site for a new facility.

The new building will house Southern's offices, maintenance department and will house new equipment which will give Cookeville its first dial telephone system.

(May 26, 1956) The Chamber of Commerce has put out an appeal for anyone with houses to sell or rent to call chamber officials. With all the new factory workers coming here, they are running out of places to live.

The Baxter Shirt Co. is opening in June, with 60 on the payroll right now and total of 90 expected on it soon.

And over at the huge new Delan plant, equipment is rolling every day as the plant gears up to make automotive windshield wipers.

*Showing this week at the Putnam Drive-in: Walt Disney's "Davy Crockett, King of the Wild Frontier." It stars Fess Parker and Buddy Ebsen.

An ad in this week's edition tells readers that scenes from the movie might look familiar. It was shot in Middle Tennessee, in the foothills of the Upper Cumberland and at the Hermitage in Nashville.

(May 28, 1956) The Southern Continental Telephone Company has completed a \$60,000 rural telephone project that manager F.M. Cooper says will give telephone service to 85 homes.

A survey of the area showed that 95 rural residents wanted service, but ten homes were in places too isolated to make service cost-effective, says Cooper.

The new lines will put 33 telephones in the Dry Valley area, 18 on the Sparta Highway south of Cookeville, 10 at Bangham and 18 in the Quinland Lake area.

*Showing at the Princess this week: "Marty," an Academy Award winner with Ernest Borgnine. Another award winner, "The Egyptian," with Edward Purdom and Victor Mature, shows later in the week.

(May 30, 1956) There's been a lot of talk in the last year or so about young hoodlums and soaring juvenile delinquency, but Mrs. Lawrence Grace says kids are no meaner today than they were when she first began teaching 30 years ago.

They aren't any brighter either, she added, despite all the talk about how kids are being exposed to more information earlier today by television and an abundance of books. Kids are pretty much still kids, she said.

Mrs. Grace, known by three generations of school children at Baxter, is retiring this year and says she's looking forward to being responsible only for keeping her home clean and cooking for her husband.

*Billy Gene Gaw this week will wrap up 15 years of education without ever having missed a day of school.

He says his first teacher, Miss Josephine Carrington (now Shealy), got him so enthused about school in his first year at Midway that he never wanted to miss a day of school.

Gaw, son of Mr. and Mrs. Owen Gaw of Breeding Avenue in Cookeville, is a social sciences major at Tennessee Tech and graduates this spring. The day after graduation he and Jane Sells of Cookeville have a date at the altar to marry.

Gaw says he'd like to be a teacher in the area after those two big occasions.

(June 2, 1956) Tennessee Tech is as vital to America's defenses as its arsenal of atomic weapons, Congressman M. G. Burnside told some 700 graduates at the annual Tech Alumni Banquet this week.

"We can't underestimate the Russian threat and run the risk of a kayo," he said. Technical colleges like Tennessee Tech train those who will help America keep up its guard through new technology, he said.

Burnside said that while there is much debate today on how many bombs and warplanes Russia has, he said the real issue is whether America is staying ahead in the technology race.

*Showing this week at the Princess: the musical Navy comedy, "Hit the Deck," with Jane Powell, Walter Pidgeon, Tony Martin, Vic Damore, Ann Miller and Debbie Reynolds.

(June 4, 1956) The first windshield wipers made at Cookeville's new Delman plant are about to roll off the assembly line this week.

Training is continuing. Each day, plant officials are adding about 20 new workers to the line and are hiring 20 more for training.

A team of trainers from the main plant in Des Moines has been here for the past several weeks assembling the line and getting workers ready to run it.

(June 7, 1956) Last year was a slow year for revenueurs here, according to the Internal Revenue Service.

The IRS says that in the last 12 years, only 43 stills were busted up in Putnam and 10 other surrounding counties. Only 22,275 gallons of moonshine mash was poured out on the ground.

*Pictured in this week's edition are Bill and Bob Roberson and their dad. Fred, who's shown pinning on Eagle badges on the two Boy Scouts.

The two Capshaw seventh graders spent the last 2 ½ years working toward the coveted badge.

*Showing this week at the Princess Theater, a doubleheader: Johnny Weissmuller in "Devil Goddess," a film advertised as "Pagan rites and weird rituals in a new jungle adventure;" and the story of a 'new outlaw queen,' "Bell Starr's Daughter," starring Rod Cameron and Ruth Roman.

(June 11, 1956) Southern Continental is beefing up its long-distance telephone service for the Cookeville area, it reported this week.

The company is adding four new toll switchboards, doubling the number of operators here handling long-distance calls.

In all, 14 operators work here.

In a page one photo this week, chief operator Elise Presley is seen training Sallie Hunter and Bettie Sue Rodgers on the new equipment.

Miss Hunter has been a Southern Continental operator since 1920.

*Showing this week at the Princess Theater: "Ransom," with Glenn Ford, Donna Reed and Leslie Nielsen.

(June 14, 1956) A high point of the United Tent Revival at the Bangham School will be a performance by Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Wall, gospel performers of national renown.

The Cookeville couple performed at many of the mass evangelistic meetings that swept the country in the 1920s. They were known as the Wall Duo.

This week here, Wall will conduct a 100-member choir and Mrs. Wall will play the piano and organ as she has at his side for the past 38 years.

Wall can sing more than 1,000 gospel songs from memory.

*Showing this week at the Princess Theater: "Uranium Boom," with Dennis Morgan. The ad says it's about "battling for a deadly treasure that can control the world."

(June 21, 1956) The 126th General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church is meeting here this week and the town is packed.

The assembly has not only drawn participants from all across the nation, but from other countries too, the newspaper reports this week.

All hotel and motel rooms are long gone and many private homes are also hosting visitors. Restaurants are also pressed to capacity at three times a day here.

Cars are lining the streets all around the Cumberland Presbyterian Church here and the Methodist Church as well where meetings are also being held.

*The Cookeville Rotary Club elected new officers this week. They are:

Guy Stewart, director; Miser Richmond, vice president; Tommy Lynn, director; Frazier Harris, president; Raymond Case, secretary-treasurer; and Dr. Bruce Strother, director. J. M. Henderson is the outgoing president.

(June 28, 1956) The newspaper published a letter this week from D. W. Benseid, an Ames, Iowa businessman, who writes about being stopped by a police car in Monterey and what happened next.

Benseid writes that he was returning home along Highway 70 from a convention and was enjoying the cooler weather of late afternoon cool and the Plateau when he heard a police siren behind him. He didn't think he'd been speeding, but pulled over.

Instead of a being given a ticket, he was greeted by George Brown of the Monterey Jaycees who told him that he'd been selected as Tourist or A day by the Club.

Benseid was escorted to his free lodgings for the evening, the "tourist home" of W. B. Uffelman.

That evening he was the guest of honor at a banquet given by the Jaycees in Monterey's Cup and Saucer Restaurant.

There, Mayor Julian Walker and the Jaycees presented Benseid with numerous gifts donated by Monterey merchants.

Before he resumed his trip the next morning, the Jaycees also washed his car and filled the tank with gas.

Benseid writes, "This was one of the most pleasant stops I ever made."

*Showing this week at the Princess Theater: Robert Taylor as "Billy The Kid."

Pictured on page one this week were Billy Rippetoe, chapter sentinel; Maxie Farmer, president; David Allen, treasurer; Carlen Pippin, vice president; Roger Williams, secretary; Dale Chaffin, reporter; and chapter advisor David R. Terry.

*Showing this week at the Princess Theater: It's "terror and mystery in the Berlin underground" with Gregory Peck and Rita Gam in "Night People."

(June 10, 1956) The Tech Preschool summer program got under way this week, preparing young boys and girls for their first year in public school in the fall.

In a page one picture this week, preschoolers learning about how school works included Fulton Johns, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Johns of Dixie Heights; Billy Legge, son of Mrs. and Mrs. Bill Legge of North Walnut; Mike Quillen, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Quillen of Cookeville; Charles Ramsey, son of Mrs. Joyce Ramsey of Livingston; and Robert Linnell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Sinnell.

*Internal Revenue officers reported this week that they only seized 43 stills in the 11-county district that includes Putnam and surrounding counties. That's down considerably from recent past years, they say.

In raids in the region's hills and hollows, they seized 22,275 gallons of mash and poured it out on the ground.

(June 16, 1956) Some 500 people are expected in town this week for a national convention of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and its world missionary branch.

There's a new place to eat in town, Oscar's Drive-In. It's located on the new Sparta Highway down by the pants factory, which supplies it with a lot of its lunch business.

Showing at the Princess this week, William Holden and Kim Novak in the film based on the Pulitzer Prize winning novel, "Picnic."

(June 18, 1956) D. W. Benseid of Ames, Iowa, this week wrote Noble Cody, vice president of the Tennessee Jaycees, to tell him of an incident that happened to him on his recent vacation.

"While driving through the high, pleasantly cool country of central Tennessee, we were stopped by the wail of a police car in the little city of Monterey."

Benseid, wondering if he'd been speeding or had otherwise violated a traffic law, pulled over and waited for the officer and a ticket. Instead, he was greeted by George Brown of the Monterey Jaycees. Benseid, it seemed, had been chosen as the town's Tourist for a Day.

He and his family were given a package of gifts from Monterey merchants, a free tank of gas and a car wash.

As Tourist for a Day, the family also got a free night's stay in a local motel, dinner at the Cup and Saucer, and a tour of the town that included a trip to the scenic overlook, Bee Rock, and a tour of a coal mine.

The Benseid family was impressed, and Benseid wrote Cody to say thanks and to give a little recognition to what Jaycees in Monterey were doing for tourism and their community.

(June 21, 1956) Cookeville is jam-packed with visitors here for the annual Cumberland Presbyterian General Assembly and Missions Conference.

All restaurants are overflowing, hotel rooms and boarding quarters are long gone, and several private homes are hosting delegates.

*Meanwhile, the streets for blocks around the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and First Methodist here -- the sites of meetings and sessions for the conference -- are lined with cars. Police Chief Hubert Crawford asks all motorists not involved with the conference to park elsewhere and to avoid the congested area if possible.

*New officers for the Cookeville Rotary Club are: Guy Stewart, director; Miser Richmond, vice-president; Tommy Lynn, director; Frazier Harris, president; Raymond Case, secretary-treasurer; J.M. Henderson, retiring president and director; and Dr. Bruce Strother, director.

*Showing this week at the Princess, "One of the most talked about films of the year" -- "Picnic," with William Holden and Rosalind Russell.

(June 27, 1956) Eugene Johns of Putnam County Auto Parts is the new president of the Cookeville Junior Chamber of Commerce. He's on page one this week with Wesley Flatt, Jr., the out-going president.

Dean A. W. Smith, the last one who was there at the very beginning, retired from Tennessee Tech this week after 40 years of service to the University.

He came here from Bean Creek near Winchester in 1916 to be dean of the new college's history department.

He describes Tennessee Tech as "The college which was born in a cyclone, nourished by a tornado and harassed in its early stages by a hurricane, but rose above those obstacles to become one of the outstanding technical schools in the South."

At the Princess Theater this week: "Battle Stations," which the ad says is "the flattop story that tops them all." It stars John Lund, Richard Boone and William Bendix and was filmed aboard the wooden-decked USS Princeton, a WWII-vintage aircraft carrier.

(July 5, 1956) More than 100 people have signed a petition protesting plans to extend the Putnam Airport runway.

County officials are planning to add on to the southern end of the strip. That would bring it closer to their homes, say the residents of Jere Whitson and Bradley subdivisions.

They point out that already this year, an aircraft from the Putnam airport, crashed near them and barely missed one of their homes. Once in enough, they say.

At the Princess this week, it's Steve Allen, Donna Reed and Gene Krupa in "The Benny Goodman Story."

(July 12, 1956) White County Judge Edd Knowles and Putnam Judge Luke Medley this week met to talk about building a jointly owned airport in the edge of White County.

(July 15, 1956) The cost of living continues to rise.

The newspaper this week reported that the latest price hike leaves the Coca Cola plant here as the only local bottling company this week still selling its product for a nickel a bottle.

Royal Crown, Double Cola, Pepsi Cola, Dr. Pepper and Seven-Up plants in Cookeville and Livingston all have raised their prices to six cents a bottle this week.

*Susan Harris, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Harris, is the first member of the Cookeville Methodist Church or the Cookeville Methodist District to be assigned as a foreign missionary.

She's been a synchronized swimmer with the Elliot Murphy Aquashow based in St. Petersburg, FL for a year and her talents have landed her her own act during the troupe's upcoming tour of the islands.

The act will conclude with a high dive through a hoop of fire.

(July 15, 1956) Virginia Plummer, an assistant professor of business administration at Tennessee Tech, won a new 1956 two-door Chevrolet sedan this week in a subscription contest sponsored by the newspaper.

She never expected to win the contest, she told the newspaper, because her duties at the college took up most of her time. But she was spurred on when she learned midway through the contest that she was nevertheless doing as well as the other 20 contestants.

In the end, she turned in 428 new subscriptions.

Civil Defense officials here will take part in the latest Civil Defense exercise slated later this month across the United States, Operation Alert.

The operation will seek to train workers in how to deal with the drift of deadly, windborne radiation following a series of simulated atomic strikes.

Civil defense workers will learn how to use wind reports to track the deadly radiation clouds, how to evacuate civilians downwind of atomic blasts, and even how to erect temporary shelters for livestock to get them under cellars into atomic fallout shelters.

(July 18, 1956) Law enforcement officials from across the Upper Cumberland met at the Cookeville police station this week to begin organizing a Fraternal Order of Police chapter for the area.

A Nashville police inspector, Oly Boner, and other officers of the state's FOP organization, were on hand to help.

*Susan Harris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Harris, has received a three-year missionary assignment in Asia.

She is the first from the Cookeville Methodist Church to be assigned to work abroad by the Board of Mission of the Methodist Church. She's presently in intensive study at Scarritt College in Nashville preparing for her overseas work.

(July 20, 1956) Putnam County Court Clerk Douglas Bush is seen on page one this week displaying the new vehicle license plates for Tennessee.

He's also holding an old plate, which was black with white letters and cut in the shape of Tennessee. The tag number reached from rim to rim.

The new ones conform to new national standards. They're 6 inches high and a foot long and have smaller numbers and letters.

Showing this week at the Princess Theater: "Anything Goes," with Bing Crosby, hooper Donald O'Connor and Misty Gaynor. The ad says it's the "go-go-go musical of the year."

(August 2, 1956) Sam Denton Poteet has won his race for Putnam Sheriff, but he was given a run for his money by a political newcomer, a Buffalo Valley farmer named Walter Warren Shanks.

In this week's general elections, Poteet got 4,044 votes to Shanks' 2,522.

Shanks, who ran as an Independent candidate, made his strongest showing in rural areas while Poteet captured all the county's towns.

*For the third time in recent months, the Putnam County Quarterly Court has rejected a request for local funds to expand the Putnam Airport.

The Jaycees, Lions Club, other civic groups and several businessmen favored the expansion, arguing that Cookeville needs a good airport for future growth.

Residents living near the airport say they are for growth, but say the airport should be somewhere else.

Planes are flying too low over their homes already, they complained.

*At the Putnam Drive-in: Cary Grant and Grace Kelly in "To Catch a Thief."

(August 6, 1956) J. J. Fields of Brotherton is pictured on page one of this week's edition marking his 93rd birthday. He's shown looking down the barrel of the shotgun he recently took when he went rabbit hunting by himself one day.

He's known in the community for being unusually spry for his age.

*For the third month in a row, the Putnam County Court has rejected a proposal that the county match the city in funding a major expansion of the county airport north of town.

Again, the magistrates said they could not support the airport's plans to extend its runway south closer to neighborhoods who strenuously object to planes flying any lower over their homes.

State aviation officials have told the airport that expanding the airport in any other direction is "impractical."

Showing this week at the Princess Theater: Cornell Wilde and Jane Russell in "Hot Blood."

(August 9, 1956) Monterey's Board of Alderman got some bad news this week: The town will have to spend \$25,000 to upgrade its volunteer fire department or the town will lose its insurance rating.

The Tennessee Inspection Bureau says that the town's population has gone up and its fire department's equipment has gone down since its last inspection. That was in 1936.

To meet the new standards, volunteer fire chief Tom Goff said \$25,000 will be needed to buy new fire hoses, a new pumper and gas masks to protect firemen.

*Hubert Crawford, president of the newly-created Fraternal Order of Police unit here, says officers have elected to call the new chapter the Cordell Hull lodge in honor of the region's famous statesman and former Secretary of State.

Other officers in the new organization are THP Lt. Odell Huddleston of Cookeville, treasurer, and THP trooper William Malone, vice president.

*Showing this week at the Putnam Drive-in: George Montgomery in Zane Grey's "Robber's Roost."

(August 16, 1956) Not only has traffic become a problem here, but parking has too. The merchants on Westside have built a parking lot behind the stores on the north side of Broad and have installed a booth where drivers pay the attendant 10 cents to park for an hour. But the merchants advertised this week that if you buy \$3 in goods at Westside, you can park for free for half an hour. If you buy \$4 in merchandise, you park free for an hour.

*A group of students were photographed by the newspaper one night this week burning a cross on the main quad at Tennessee Tech, but they said it wasn't what it looked like.

They were letting off steam at the end of summer quarter, they said, not protesting or making a racially-oriented statement.

*Central High football coach Eddie Watson told the newspaper's sportswriters this week that the team he'll field this fall is lighter than usual – so he's focusing on speed to put points on the board.

Shown sprinting in full gear in the August heat on Page 1 this week are 178-pound senior center Lowell Smith and 170-pound junior Harlon Jackson.

*The some 700 Baptist students attending Tennessee Tech in the fall will soon have a new \$28,000 student union thanks to a project just launched by First Baptist Church and West View Baptist Church.

The two congregations have taken on the construction of a new center to be located on 7th Street across from the men's dormitories.

The director of that new center will be Miss Pitts Hughes of Greer, S.C. She succeeds Mrs. Bill Stockton, the former Miss Agnes Mahoney, as director of Baptist Student Activities at TTU.

*At the Putnam Drive-in this week: Charleton Heston and Jane Wyman in "Lucy Gallant," a potboiler about Texas oil, money and men.

Showing this week at the Princess Theater: "The Bottom of the Bottle," which the ad says is a look at "The West of today...ranch society and border towns." It stars Van Johnson, Joseph Cotton and Ruth Roman.

(August 18 1956) Cookeville's Chapter 152 of the Order of the Eastern Star this week has a special program to recognize members who have been in the organization for 25 years or more, including Mrs. W.C. Moore, who helped form the chapter in 1914, and who is still active in the group.

Other long-time members include Miss Ethel Bolen, Mrs. Cora Carter, Miss Clara Starnes, Mrs. Vera Goodpasture, Mrs. Edith Wallace, Mrs. Pearl Holt, Miss Reva Moore, Mrs. Nina Gibbons, Mrs. Johnny Grimes, Mrs. Rose Black, Mrs. Julia Phifer and Mrs. Daly Bush.

+ It's a big week at the movies. Showing this week at the Putnam Drive-in are "I Was a Teenage Werewolf," "Invasion of the Saucer Men" and "Carnival Rock." At the Princess you can see "Jet Attack" and "Suicide Battalion," the film in which embattled GIs tell their superiors, "To hell with orders, we're attacking."

(August 22, 1956) Toy Lafever grows the best pastures in Middle Tennessee. That's what State Agriculture Commissioner Buford Ellington said this week when he gave Lafever the top award in the Green Pastures program for the mid-state region in award ceremonies in Columbia.

Lafever, a respected Putnam farmer, feeds the 25 dairy cattle on his 110-acre farm with hay raised on 34 acres at the farm.

*The Putnam Fair ended this week, having drawn a record 40,000 people to the fairgrounds on Maple Avenue. Another big crowd, about 400, was back there the day after the fair closed. This time they came to see ruins.

The fairground's South Grandstand and exhibition hall burned to the ground the last night of the fair, doing \$50,000 in damage.

The Cumberland Amusements carnival company was able to get its equipment away from the flames, but most of the prize produce, crafts, jellies and jams and other items exhibited at the fair were lost.

*Showing at the Putnam Drive-in this week: Broderick Crawford and Ralph Meeker in "Big House USA." The ad for this jailhouse saga reads, "We're busting out of this tomb ... and we don't care how many of you we have to kill."

(August 23, 1956) A spectacular blaze on the last night of the Putnam County Fair did \$50,000 in damages, destroying the south grandstand and exhibit hall. (The fairgrounds at the time was located between Freeze and 4th Streets.)

(August 30, 1956) Sam Denton Poteet broke the record here this week when he was sworn in for a third term as a sheriff here. Others had served two terms, but never three. He's the 26th man to hold the office of sheriff in Putnam County's history.

(August 30, 1956) When Sam Denton Poteet is sworn in here next week, he'll be the 26th sheriff Putnam County has had since it was created in 1842.

The newspaper looked back this week at sheriffs of the past and happily reports that none were ever removed from office for crimes or misconduct and none were ever killed on the job.

It's Poteet's third term as sheriff. He was elected in 1936 and again in 1938.

There are other "repeaters." Alex Burton served in 1932 and 1934. Marion Warren served in 1940 and in 1942 and H.E. Higgenbotham served in 1946 and in 1950, Nashaw Matheny was elected sheriff in 1952 and 1954.

Since the county was formed, these were the men who served as sheriff: Pleasant Bohannon, Robinson Dyer, J.D. McCully, W.J. Perkins, Campbell Bohannon, John Carr, H.J. Brown, Charles Bradford, G.M. Moore, C.F. McCaleb, G.W. Alcorn, R.L. Jared, A.L. Weeks, R.L. Rash, L.F. Miller, Morgan Stout, J.M. Lee, N.W. Nash, Warren, Hubert Crawford, Burton, Poteet, Higgenbotham, Charlie Pierce, Matheny and Ernest Webster.

*TTU is about to begin another fall term and this time, the college anticipates a large number of Korean War veterans heading to school under the GI Bill.

Across Tennessee, officials say there will be 12,000-15,000 Korean veterans enrolling in colleges and universities this fall.

(September 5, 1956) A photo on page one this week shows why Bob Maxwell, an assistant football coach at Baxter Seminary, is missing this week's key game against Monterey.

He's shown in his National Guard uniform checking over his gear before shipping out to Clinton, Tenn., where race riots broke out this week over attempts to integrate the high school there. It made the national news.

Pictured with Maxwell are Charles Langford and Charles Cunningham, who are also making last-minute checks before leaving.

(September 10, 1956) The Cookeville City Commission has found another use for the Old City School, which has been mostly vacant for some time since classes there ceased.

The Southern Manufacturing Co., owned by Albert Maxwell, has leased the entire ground floor and the gymnasium from the city to build furniture.

Already using a few rooms in the old three story brick structure are the local Alcoholics Anonymous chapter; Big Brothers, which uses a room to store clothes for the needs here; and Cookeville Purity Milk, which uses part of the school for storage.

Now, most of the school is a factory in which Southern Manufacturing will produce 400 couches per week and up to 300 suites of furniture a month. The plant employs 75.

*At the Princess this week: James Stewart and Doris Day in "The Man Who Knew Too Much." Also, John Derek and Paul Douglas in "The Leather Saint."

(September 13, 1956) Putnam Sheriff Sam Denton Poteet is about to live up to a campaign promise. He announced this week that deputies will soon be manning roadblocks set up at random along county roads.

He said that while state troops watch state highways and city police patrol city streets, until now there has been little routine monitoring of the county's rural roads by the Sheriff's Department.

And drunk or reckless driving is rampant, he said.

Poteet assures the public that his men will be courteous and that salesmen, tourists and out-of-county shoppers will be treated with the "utmost courtesy."

He added that there will now be deputies on call 24 hours a day and they can be reached in any part of the county because they all have radios in their cars now.

*The newspaper has discovered that four Putnam women on the list of teachers here for 1918 are still teaching.

They are Bessie Gentry, who was at Board Valley School 36 years ago and who is now principal at Twin Oak; Zola Wiggins, who was at Bangham in 1918, and is now principal of Pippin School; Etta Leftwich, who taught at the Thomas School and is now principal of Uffelman Elementary; and Lena Plunkett who, in 1918, was assigned to the New Salem School and who now teaches at Baxter Seminary.

(September 13, 1956) Mrs. Vallie Carr McCormick brought an old newspaper to the newspaper's office this week. She and the staff poured over it, and it was discovered that four who were teaching here in 1918 are still teaching, and one other who taught then is now on the school board.

Miss **Bessie Gentry**, who taught at the Board Valley school nearly 30 years ago, is now principal of the Twin Oak School. Miss **Zola Wiggins** (formerly **Zola Phillips** of the Bangham School) is principal at the Pippin School.

Mrs. **Etta Leftwich** (formerly Miss **Etta Crownover** of the Thomas School) is principal of Uffelman School in Monterey, and Mrs. **Lena Plunkett** (formerly Miss **Lena Whittaker** of the New Salem School in the 10th District) now teaches at Baxter Seminary.

Meanwhile, **J.N. McCloud**, who taught in 1918, now serves on the Putnam County Board of Education.

(September 14, 1956) Schools opened here this week. When heads were counted, school officials and that Cookeville's city schools gained enrollment, and rural schools lost again for another year.

This year, rural schools were down by 119 students. City schools gained 127 students. The total county enrollment stands at 6,063.

(September 20, 1956) Cookeville could be on the route of a new charter air line which plans to make two flights daily across the state from Bristol to Memphis.

While details have not been worked out between the Kingsport corporation and the Tennessee Bureau of Aeronautics, Cookeville is one of the several cities the new service is considering for stops.

*Mayor Dero Brown and city commissioner H.J. Shanks are running unopposed in next month's elections after no other candidates filed by this week's registration deadline.

It will be Brown's second term in office. Shanks is currently filling out the unexpired term of D.S. Mahler, who resigned from the city commission in February.

*Showing at the Princess this week: "The Last Frontier," which, according to the ads, is "a primitive adventure in the great westward push" starring Victor Mature, Guy Madison and Robert Preston.

(September 24, 1956) Dr. Franz Polgar, a "mental wizard," is to be featured here at TTU's public program this week. The program is "The Miracle of the Mind." Dr. Polgar has recently been the subject of several magazine articles. He's a hypnotist.

(September 27, 1956) World famous "master of telepathy and hypnotism" Dr. Franz Polgar is making his third appearance at Tennessee Tech tonight and this time, they're giving him plenty of room.

The TPI public programs committee decided to move those mentalists shows into the Memorial Gymnasium so that thousands can attend. Past shows here have been standing room only.

*Jackie Gentry, Kermit Letner and Charles Breeding of Cookeville took part this week in the U.S. Navy's most massive fleet review since World War II.

The naval maneuvers off the coast of Long Beach, Calif., included 72 ships and 160 aircraft, including the Navy's famed Blue Angels.

*At the Princess this week: Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis "grinning and funning and making the Old West wild with laughter" in "Pardners." It also stars Vic Morrow and Agnes Moorehead.

(October 4, 1956) The Putnam School Board is looking at ways to relieve school overcrowding here. The officials are considering a \$300,000 project to add a new wing on Central High which would meet present needs and leave room to grow in the future as well.

*Meanwhile, the Putnam County Court this week reversed itself on the question of expanding the Putnam airport, and did so over the objections of residents just south of the runway and its approach path.

Twice this year, the commission has rejected funding to extend the Putnam airport runway after residents said they already felt unsafe enough with planes flying low over their homes and that a longer runway would put the planes closer still to their homes.

But this week, representatives of three major factories, the Jaycees and the Lions Club lobbied hard and convinced the commission that the extension was needed so the airport will be able to handle air freight and maybe passenger service.

*At the Princess this week: "The Maverick Queen," a horse opera with Barbara Stanwyck and Barry Sullivan.

(October 15, 1956) Tennessee Tech's homecoming parade this weekend had its biggest crowd since the college moved the annual event forward from the long-traditional Thanksgiving weekend. Some 10,000 people turned out for the parade.

The float that won first place was built by TTU's Industrial Arts Club. It featured a locomotive, the "Tucker Special." Its theme was "Rolling over Western Kentucky."

Second place went to the Engineering Club, which built a mock rip saw that sprayed the crowd with sawdust. Its theme: "Ripping Western."

Third place went to the TTU Physical Education Department, which built a rolling cattle "slaughtering pen." Its theme: "Slaughtering Western."

*The new Baptist Student Union at Tennessee Tech will begin construction next spring, officials of Cookeville's First Baptist Church and West View Baptist Church announced this week.

They awarded a contract for the \$28,000 project. The center on Seventh and Cedar will serve the college's some 700 Baptist students.

(October 22, 1956) In the midst of one of the hottest mayoral campaigns in years, one of the candidates, D.D. Mahler, has dropped out of the race.

Mahler, a former three-term mayor running against incumbent Dero Brown, who is seeking his third term, is in failing health.

After being urged by several in the city to run against Brown, he said he decided to do so only after getting the green light from his physician.

But this week Mahler says he suffering another "sick spell" and his wife convinced him to withdraw from the race.

Mahler was known for his strong fiscal abilities during his time as mayor here.

Brown, a hardware and furniture dealer, has spent more than half his time while in office away from his business working on civic affairs. He is a charter member of the Chamber of Commerce.

*At the Princess Theater this week: "A superspectacular," says the ad. It's "Trapeze," with Burt Lancaster, Tony Curtis and Gina Lollobrigida.

(October 25, 1956) Pictured on page one this week on their way to 'vote' in the presidential election were Tech Training School students Howard Swack and Patsy Burgess.

In the election, the 200 student voters were closely split between the Republican Eisenhower-Nixon ticket, which lost, and the Adlai Stevenson-Estes Kefauver ticket, which won by a slim margin.

*At the Princess this week: John Agar and Leo G. Carroll in "Tarantula," the story of a 100-foot-tall spider that tramples a mid-sized city near you.

(November 3, 1956) The Cookeville Police Dept. and the Putnam Sheriffs Dept. have pooled funds to buy a \$250 lie detector. It costs the departments \$25 each time officers have to travel to use the nearest machines in Lebanon or Nashville.

(November 5, 1956) Cookeville's First Baptist Church has lost its pastor. Dr. John Sykes has accepted a position with the First Baptist Church in Statesville, N.C.

In his last five years here, the church has undergone a successful building program and began work on the new student union building adjacent to Tennessee Tech.

*At the Putnam Drive-in this week, it's a "tale of tomahawk fury" starring Robert Wagner, Debra Paget and Jeffery Hunter. It's "White Feather."

(November 12, 1956) More than 100 businessmen, football fans and former ball players gathered here this week for the Eddie Watson Day banquet. His Cavalier team was undefeated this year.

TTU football coach P.V. "Putty" Overall told the crowd that Watson does more than win ballgames -- he makes the game an education for his players.

At the banquet were John Moore, who was captain for Watson's first team here in 1928, B.D. Darwin, team captain in 1946, and Lowell Smith, captain of this year's undefeated team.

In a page one picture with Watson, peeking over the top of the tablecloth, are his two young grandsons, Watson and Mack Brown.

TTU historian A.W. Smith is asking readers for old copies of the college newspaper that preceded the Tech Oracle, the Dynamo, which was published at the college between 1916 and 1920.

He's compiling a new history of Tennessee Tech, and all the old copies of the Dynamo are missing. He thinks it will give valuable insights into the college in its early days.

(November 13, 1956) The Tennessee Public Service Commission has scheduled a hearing for later this month to hear a petition by the Tennessee Central Railroad. The TC is seeking permission to abandon its depot at Silver Point.

Among the 287 students who are candidates for law degrees from the University of Tennessee in commencement services on Dec. 20, is Vernon Neal of Algood, the newspaper reported this week.

Showing at the Princess Theater this week: "White Feather," with Robert Wagner, Debra Paget and Jeff Hunter. It's "tomahawk fury" in the Wild West, says the ad.

And later this week, Western fans can see "daring outlaw exploits" in "City of Badmen," starring Dale Roberson in his pre-television days.

(November 15, 1956) "It's better to die for freedom and liberty than to live as a slave." said Dr. Richard Struner to a crowd of 2,500 gathering in Tennessee Tech's auditorium this week.

A Chicago physician who travels the nation lecturing on the evils of communism and totalitarianism, Struner spent time in a Russian concentration camp during World War I, was in Czechoslovakia when it fell to Germany, and was there with Joseph Stalin's forces took the country at the end of World War II.

He told his TTU audience that he saw 18,000 of his countrymen die one winter in a Nazi concentration camp, but he said Hitler was "only an apprentice" when it came to cruelty and mass killing. Stalin, he said, was the master.

Struner, who later fled his homeland for America, said that the hallmarks of communism are an inability to tell the truth, an utter disregard for families and disbelief in God.

He said that while Americans complain about taxes, there are worse things. "We must learn to give and sacrifice. Life is not all a matter of receiving."

*Fred Roberson bought a landmark building on the Cookeville Square at public auction this week for \$25,200.

Located on the northwest corner of Washington and Broad, the store Roberson now owns was built in 1890 by Pate and Jim Pointer, who sold it to Sam Pincus, who used it for a dry goods store. Professor Yeargan ran a private school in the upstairs.

Walter and John Whitson bought the store from Pincus and in turn sold it to the Jere B. Barnes family in 1912. It's been in the hands of the Barnes family until this week.

The building has been used for a series of dry goods stores, the latest being Woodbines.

(November 26, 1956) An outstanding member of Putnam County's 4-H Club has won national recognition this week. Fred Brown was one of eight 4-H members in the nation recognized in this week's national 4-H convention in Chicago.

Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Brown of Bloomington Springs, was judged the most outstanding 4-H member in the United States this year in his use of innovative soil conservation techniques on his family's farm.

Brown says he became interested in soil conservation during a visit with his father to a county soil conservation field day last year.

What he saw inspired him to create contours on 45 acres of his father's 160-acre farm to stop water from washing away valuable topsoil.

He later built a series of checkdams and sodded waterways to improve drainage and runoff on the farm, and created a wildlife garden on the edge of fields to benefit wildlife.

His skillful use of advanced soil-saving and conservation techniques made him the first member of the Putnam County 4-H Club to win national recognition.

The award give Brown \$3,000 towards college next year.

*Cookeville's First Methodist Church observed its 100th anniversary this week. Bishop Roy Short of Nashville presided over the church's services Sunday to mark the occasion.

When Cookeville was established in 1854, there were already Methodists here, served by Methodist circuit riders and meeting here and there in homes.

When the town was chartered, they began assembling in a small frame building just off the Square. In 1956, they formed a congregation and built a church the following year, a 20-foot by 40-foot building on Washington Avenue.

At the time, the church in Cookeville was a mission church served by the church at White Plains. That situation soon reversed.

In 1895, the Methodists built a brick building on the site of today's First Methodist Church to accommodate the influx of residents who came after the railroad was completed here. That building was remodeled and doubled in size in 1910.

In 1920, First Methodist added an elaborate pipe organ and in 1949, the church underwent another expansion. It added its first minister of music in 1954, Barnes E. Sale, Jr.

(November 29, 1956) The Christmas shopping season is getting into full swing in Cookeville and Mayor Dero Brown is urging all businesses this week to hang lights and get their displays up by Dec. 17.

That's the day that Santa Claus is coming to town, thanks to arrangements being made by the Jaycees. Santa is scheduled to walk up and down Westside for a couple of hours seeing all the children who show up for the occasion.

*Meanwhile, most stores here are already making plans for longer hours during the holiday season. They're staying open Wednesday afternoons.

Already, merchants say they've seen license plates from several of the outlying counties as shoppers trickle in with their Christmas lists.

*Showing this week at the Princess Theater: "Spy Chasers," with the Bowery Boys.

(December 6, 1956) A local group called Citizens for a Youth Center plans to give the three-man Cookeville City Commission a petition this week calling for the creation of a city-operated recreational facility for young people here. Nationally, concern is rising about juvenile delinquents and what is perceived to be signs of a growing disrespect towards parents and authority by many of today's young people. Locally, the group says young people need wholesome recreational activities to steer them away from trouble.

The group is chaired by Fred Foss. Mrs. Frank Britnell is vice-chairman. Mrs. George Webb is also in the group.

(December 10, 1956) Cookeville has asked the federal Housing and Home Finance Administration to survey the Park View area and the area around the Cookeville fairgrounds for possible inclusion in one of the new urban renewal projects being talked about in Washington.

*Today is the first issue of the newspaper without a society section produced by Alice Keith Ford. Mrs. Ford is in the hospital this week.

She was struck by a truck while walking from the newspaper office to her home off the Square. Recovering from a broken pelvis, she was unable to do this week's society pages for the first time in 15 years.

*The American Red Cross is trying to raise \$5 million to send clothes and food to Hungary's refugees. Putnam County's quota in the drive is \$421.

So far since Russian troops recently invaded their neighbor, 85,000 refugees have already fled over the border into Austria.

(December 10, 1956) C.J. Clarks of Monterey has a grandson who is famous in the Middle East this week.

Lt. James D. Bramlett, a communications officer with the U.S. Air Force in Dhahran, Saudia Arabia, beefed up the signal for his base radio system when U.S. forces at the base became cut off from the outside world during the recent war in Egypt, which was invaded by Israel following a series of terrorist attacks.

Bramlett broadcast a constant stream of news from the outside world. It was so up-to-date that troops on the base heard the text of Adlai Stevenson's concession speech to Dwight D. Eisenhower minutes after it was given.

Putnam Countians have pitched in and collected \$425 to feed and clothe Hungarians who are pouring over the border into Austria to escape the brutality of Soviet troops putting down a recent revolt. To date, 85,000 Hungarians have fled their homeland and more are crossing by the minute.

(December 13, 1956) A new service station, four trucks and two cars were destroyed by fire last night, doing some \$30,000 in damage.

The B&N Service Station three miles south of town on the new Sparta Highway, went up in flames while Bethley Boatman, one of the owners, was changing a fuel line. Gasoline spilled on an extension light he was using. It and vapors under the truck ignited and burned Boatman severely on the arms.

Both the Cookeville and the Sparta Fire Departments were called to the fire, but never responded. The station lay outside their city limits.

*Monterey Police Chief N.K. Matthews stopped a bootlegger on Highway 70 this week. The driver was on his way back from Knoxville with 131 cases of illegal holiday cheer. He goes to court this week.

(December 14, 1956) Police Chief N. K. Matthews this week arrested a man hauling 131 cases of bonded whiskey from Knoxville. Matthews told the newspaper that something just didn't look right about the truck used by the whiskey runners.

*Vernon Neal is among 287 students slated to receive their bachelor of law degree this week from the University of Tennessee, according to UT officials.

(December 20, 1956) What are the community's greatest needs today? The newspaper surveyed readers and this week printed their response. Readers said that the greatest need here is for more classroom facilities.

Existing schools are "bursting at the seams" and enrollment has begun to suddenly skyrocket in recent years. The Putnam County Court in January is to hear a proposal from school officials on how to relieve school overcrowding here.

Meanwhile, other top problems cited by readers included the lack of a youth center here, unsightly lots and buildings, the lack of parking spaces in the city's business district, and low pay now earned by teachers.

*Cookeville's teens were busy this week washing windows and cleaning up their new youth center on Locust Avenue. It was created by civic leaders and businessmen in the Citizens for a Youth Center organization here.

When it opened its first night, more than 300 youths from the area turned out for soft drinks, dancing and games.

The center's new director is Cookeville native Susan Harris, who came back here from Lake City to attend Central High and later, Tennessee Tech.

She plans to stay on as director until early next year when she's going to Korea as a teacher and missionary for the United Methodist Church.

*A record was broken at the Cookeville Post Office this week. Postmaster L.K. Mahler says that in the last two weeks of Christmas mailing, postal workers here have handled 234,183 pieces of mail. In just one day last Monday, they processed 30,000 items of mail.

*Showing at the Putnam Drive-in this week: Randolph Scott in "Tall Man Riding."

(December 22, 1956) Services were held this week for Judge E. H. Boyd, 77, former chancellor and district attorney general. He died at his home this week after a brief illness.

Born here in 1879, Boyd graduated from Cumberland University's Law College in 1911. As a young man, he was school superintendent here and became district attorney general in 1925, when John Mitchell vacated that post to become Circuit Judge.

He served with distinction in that position until 1932, when Boyd succeeded W.R. Officer as chancery court judge, a post he held for numerous years.

Despite failing health in recent years, he practiced law until two weeks before his death.

An elder in the First Presbyterian Church, Boyd was also a charter member of the State Historical Commission and was a colonel on the staff of Gov. Frank Clement.

*A group from Cookeville is headed for New Orleans this week to watch UT play in the Sugar Bowl. Riding a special Bowl train from Nashville are Mr. and Mrs. Jack Borden, J.J. Foutch, Joe Gibson, L.A. Allen and Dr. W.A. Howard.

They have a lot of company. Already, 20,000 tickets have been sold to Tennesseans for the game. They're descending on New Orleans by train, plane and car today.

*At the Princess this week, dinosaurs are on the loose in "The Animal World."

(December 26, 1956) James Tinch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tinch of Rt. 6, Cookeville, was in the Antarctic this week busting through the ice packs aboard the USN Glacier.

The sailor is taking part in the Navy's Deep Freeze II expedition to the Antarctic, where scientists are conducting earthscience studies. On its first jaunt through the ice packs this fall, the Glacier, the U.S.

Navy's newest and brawniest icebreaker, was recorded hammering its way through ridges of Antarctic ice 30 feet thick.

Another Putnam County sailor, Claudie Richardson, was in the news this week. He's just been promoted to the rank of photographer's mate 3rd class at the U.S. Naval Station in Pensacola, Fla.

(December 27, 1956) Can a child catch a serious disease from one of the free textbooks the state is now giving out to children? What if the previous owner had an ailment? That's the question many are asking, and the newspaper quotes public health officials who say there is only a minute chance of a child catching an illness of any sort from a textbook.

Miss Clara Starnes, librarian at the Clara Cox Epperson Library here, said it is a question officials have heard every year for the past few years since textbooks have been given to school children by the state.

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(April 1, 1957) Workers began excavating the county's new fairgrounds site and roads this week. It's located just south of town. The county commission is expected to discuss final plans for the project in its April session.

(April 23, 1957) A UT study shows that Putnam County is continuing to lose residents to jobs up north. An average of 300 residents have left the county each year since 1950.

(May 7, 1957) A flash of unknown origin destroyed a Cookeville-area landmark this week. All that's left standing under the huge oak trees in the Smyrna community of the J. W. H. Terry house are two brick chimneys.

The house was where Bill, Walter, Benton, Howard, John and David Terry, and the late Mrs. Oscar Ferguson were raised.

At the time of the fire, the Smith Massey family was living in the home. They lost all their belongings. The Terry family still owned the place, and the belongings of the elder Terrys were still stored there as well.

The home sat on the site of an old log cabin that had been in the Terry family for years.

(May 12, 1957) The Cookeville Rotary Club board of directors met with its president by telephone and conducted business this week in what is believed to be the first telephone conference call for any organization in the state.

(May 30, 1957) M.N. Hargove was the auctioneer when the county sells the old Putnam Fairgrounds north of town for \$28,755 this week. The property was subdivided into 25 lots for the sale. Meanwhile, new buildings are going up at the new fairgrounds south of town on the Sparta Road. They're expected to be ready for use this summer.

(July 18, 1957) Looking for a car with real power? An ad in this week's newspaper promises you'll find it in the new Studebaker-Packard Golden Hawk. It has a four-barrel carburetor and a V-8 engine that pulls the Golden Hawk up hills effortlessly, even if the entire family is aboard.

(October 28, 1957 - **Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN**): Smith's 'Story Of Tennessee Tech' Published: "the Story of Tennessee Tch," the book written by Dean Emeritus Austin W. Smith, was placed on sale here last week.

The book is a compilation of Tech's history, and it includes "the story of buildings, equipment, campus, faculty, student body, and all activities," the title page states.

Pictures in the publication include views of the campus, a colored picture of the entrance to the college, the library, and photographs of the first faculty. Listings of all faculty members since the school was established in 1916 and of all graduates of Tech are a part of the book.

The author calls himself “one of Tech’s ancient landmarks.” He has written four other books, all of them genealogies. In preparing this “genealogy” of Tech, Dean Smith used information which he compiled during his years as a teacher, dean, and den-registrar at Tech.

In describing the progress of Tech Dean Smith takes as the theme of his book “in the ruggedness of Tech’s past lies the promise of the future.” The dominant idea in the book, he says, is that “Tech transcends all the material objects, however imposing, on the campus. Tech is a spirit. Tech is an ideal, an emotion, a tradition, a personality – a way of life.

“The Story of Tennessee Tech” contains humorous incidents of the early college life, such as the fact that Tech’s first football team did not have enough uniforms and games had to be delayed each time a substitute was put in which the sub changed jerseys with the regular player.

Copies of the book may be bought for \$5.

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(January 5, 1958) Cookevillians will hear this week from a man who can tell them first-hand what it was like in China when the communist took over there.

Dr. James Belote, a Southern Baptist missionary, was first sent to China in 1940 as a missionary and remained there until the Japanese Army invaded during WWII. He pastored a church in Hawaii during the war.

In 1947, Dr. Belote returned to china and was able to remain there until the ‘Bamboo Curtain’ fell in 1949 when the communists consolidated their control of the vast nation under Mao Zedong. He’s been in Hong Kong ever since trying to maintain ties with his former flocks.

And Miss Mary Edith Adkins, who was crowned Miss Putnam County last fall at the annual county fair here, will be in Nashville this week vying for the title of Miss Tennessee County Fair. The 17-year-old is from Algood.

(January 8, 1958) The City of Cookeville is looking into a request that it take over and operate a 12-year-old bus line owned by Clarence Carrington and J. L. Medley.

The line presently runs from Cookeville to Silver Point and from Cookeville to Celina.

A hitch has come up in the city’s study of the question. City attorney Wesley Flatt, Jr., told the City Commission this week that it will take a private act by the state legislature before the city can take over the line. The present city charter doesn’t give the commission the authority to run a transit service, he explained.

The city is still looking into the idea this week.

(January 9, 1958) Two Putnam men were among those in a relief effort to Ceylon, where torrential rains and a flurry of cyclones have been blamed for numerous deaths and where as many as 300,000 have been left homeless. Howard D. Mayberry, an airman apprentice, and Merlin Tayes, of the US Navy, were aboard the USS Princeton, an aircraft carrier that dropped anchor at Trincomalee, Ceylon, along with other ships in the Navy relief task force.

The Princeton unloaded 400,000 pounds of food and 3,000 pounds of emergency medical supplies to help the people of Ceylon (Editors' note: Ceylon is now Sri Lanka).

(January 10, 1958) Local coal miners have appealed to TVA to give them work. Because TVA failed to renew its contract to buy coal from the Fentress Coal & Coke Co. more than 475 coal miners and more than 200 Tennessee Central Railroad workers have been without a job since Dec. 31, 1957.

(January 14, 1958) Police Chief Hubert Crawford this week reported a rash of crime here in recent days. Several cars have been taken and a spate of home burglaries are being investigated.

He says it's the work of a gang of teenagers. One has been caught and has confessed. But the youth has refused to identify the others involved. So, the chief says the city's 10 p.m. curfew will be enforced with particular vigor in the coming nights.

Chief Crawford adds that people who want to report crime can now use the police department's new number. It's 200. There is now someone on duty around the clock to answer the phone, he says.

(January 16, 1958) Tennessee Tech's student body this week elected its "superlatives" for the year. They are: Mary Ann Pike of Springfield, May Queen; Nell Tucker of Millington, Prince of Personality; Pat Bearden of Clarksville, Tech Sweetheart; Earent Burke of Old Hickory, Bachelor of Ugliness; and Barbara Wood of Donelson, Miss Tech.

(January 18, 1958) Putnam Sheriff Bill Bilyeu is recovering from surgery on a broken pelvis and vertebrae after he was struck by a car on Highway 70 as he arrested a mail carrier for drunken driving.

(January 19, 1958) "Four" is big with music groups these days. There are the Four Tops, the Four Freshmen, the Four Aces, the Four Seasons, the Four Lads...and now, there are Tennessee Tech's Four Teens.

The guys started singing together four years ago when they were freshmen and decided to enter a freshman talent contest. They won. The Four Teens went on to local rock 'n' roll fame, performing at sock hops and other youth functions regularly ever since.

The four are Pierce Lefevre of Chattanooga, Jimmy Garrett of McMinnville, Henry Hughes of Nashville and Wayne Manning. They're featured in an article in this week's edition.

Showing at the Princess this week: "April Love," with Pat Boone and Shirley Jones.

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(February 3, 1958) The county has applied to receive federal surplus foods to help feed 4,000 miners in the Monterey area left jobless since the closing of the Blue Diamond and Clinchfield Mines.

The Age of Television is here, and television sets are becoming commonplace in homes in Cookeville and across the nation. You can pick one up over at Bethel Newport's Western Auto store for as low as \$169.

That's according to an ad for the new line of Admiral TV's now on sale. They have easy-to-reach controls on top of the screen and feature two speakers for that "talking picture effect," says the ad.

They come in an attractive wood-veneer and metal cabinet. There's a generous trade-in allowance too.

In other entertainment this week, the Princess Theater is showing "The Brains from Planet Arous," with John Agar, Robert Fuller and Joyce Meadows. The ad says it's "science fiction's most astounding story."

Not astounded yet? There's more. Also at the Princess this week is "Teenage Monster," with Anne Gwynne and Stuart Wade. The ad warns: "Man, beat or demon? He is wild, wanton and weird."

(February 4, 1958) Members of the Cookeville City Commission are talking about requesting a new census of Cookeville, one predicted to bring the city's official population up to the 10,000 mark.

A page one editorial in this week's edition urges the city to do that and more. It suggests that Cookeville follow the example of McMinnville, Tullahoma, Crossville, Shelbyville and several other Tennessee cities and annex areas lying on its fringe.

There are some 4,000 resident living in the "fringe" areas the newspaper is referring to. Since state aid to cities and towns is in many cases based on population, adding more residents will mean more state aid. And that will allow the city to do a better job serving residents with better streets, utilities and services, the editorial suggest.

(February 6, 1958) Evans Garage at 36 South Cedar advertises that it has an advantage over the competition in fine-tuning your engine. It has "an electronic device" to do the work better. It's called an "Enginscope." It looks like a portable television set, says the ad, and it "can detect and diagnose auto engine trouble in a matter of seconds." Call 952 for more information.

(February 11, 1958) Boy Scout Troop 196 of the Tennessee Tech Training School held a Court of Honor this week to recognize achievements of its members.

Merit badges were formally awarded to Jim Brown, Bill Cameron and Phil Bertram.

There were promotions. Bruce Plummer was named a First Class Scout and Bertrm became a Life Scout, one step away from an Eagle.

The meeting climaxed with a slide show by Walter Keith Crawford of his trips to the national and world Boy Scout Jamborees.

(February 12, 1958) Fire has dealt Algood a major loss. The Stockton and Benson Hardware Store was destroyed by fire this week. What hampered fireman battling the blaze was the fact that they ran out of water for an hour. The town's water tank dried up. It was emptied by residents running water to keep pipes from freezing in the recent cold. The loss was set at \$70,000.

(February 13, 1958) The Coca-Cola Bottling Co. of Cookeville announces that for a quarter and a coupon found in every carton of Coca-Cola, you can get an autographed album by Tony Bennett that normally sells for \$1.29. It's a collection of his greatest hits: "Come Next Spring," "Rags to Riches," "Cold Cold Heart," "Because of You," "In the Middle of an Island," and "Can You Find It In Your Heart?"

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Firemen say the seven-degree temperatures also hampered their efforts to save the store.

(February 20, 1958) The state is changing license plates again beginning with those which drivers here will purchase in March. It will have black letters on a white background and will feature larger numbers this year. Police have been complaining that the numbers on the present tags are too small to easily identify. Again, Putnam County's prefix will be "34."

*The Tennessee Tech Aquatic Club is putting on an 11-act water show this week in the TTU pool entitled, "Come to the Madi Gras." It includes synchronized swimming and comedy diving.

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(February 24, 1958) More male students at Tennessee Tech will be able to live on campus soon now that the university wrapped up a \$375,000 funding package this week on a new men's dormitory wing.

TTU officials told the newspaper that they've secured a \$150,000 loan, which will be combined with \$225,000 of the university's own funds to build the new housing units. Bids will be let soon, says TTU President Everett Derryberry.

(March 3, 1958) County Judge Luke Medley said this week that there's help on the way for all the miners and their families in the Monterey area that are facing hard times as a result of large-scale coal mine shutdowns.

Medley has requested federal aid and the government says it will send surplus food here soon. A rail car full of rice, meal, cheese and powdered milk should be here within a week, says Medley.

(March 6, 1958) The new Rotary Club officers for 1958 are Tommy Lynn, president; James Carlen, J. A. Barksdale, directors; and James Seay Brown, vice president. M. R. Richmond is the outgoing president.

*John Poteet, chairman of a special committee here, says that efforts to combine fundraising efforts in Putnam County into one joint campaign have died for lack of interest. Only 23 persons showed up a recent meeting to discuss the idea. When 50 request another meeting, the committee may reconvene, Poteet said.

(March 11, 1958) Tennessee Methodist Bishop Roy Short of Nashville has sworn in Dr. Paul A. Barker as the fifth president of Baxter Seminary after the retirement of Dr. Harry Upperman, the school's longtime leader.

(March 12, 1958) Central High has begun releasing an honor roll again after some time without doing so. Making the all-A's list for the most recent period were students David Holman, Rebecca Paris, Maxine Vaughn and Fred Brown.

Listed in the second honors list – those who made mostly A's – were Buddy Gaw, David Sliger, Jimmy Snelgrove, Jack McCormick and Holda Brewer.

(March 17, 1958) Dr. Paul A. Barker became the fifth president of Baxter Seminary in a grand inauguration ceremony at the school this week. He succeeds Dr. Harry Upperman, who is retiring after leading the school for many years.

The keynote speaker was Dr. John Gross, the executive secretary of the Methodist Church Board of Education, which oversees the school.

Gross praised Tennessee law saying, "In Tennessee, we can teach the Bible, which is the backbone of our Democratic way of life."

Over at Clarence Stewart Auto Sales you can buy a 1953 Chevy wagon for \$790; a 1955 Mercury for \$1,290; a 1956 Chevy wagon for \$1,375; a two-door 1957 Mercury for \$1,945; and a 1956 Olds 88 for \$1,760.

(March 20, 1958) Jaysons on West Broad will have its grand reopening this week. Store owner Arnold Leftovitz has remodeled and expanded Jaysons again. Since opening eight years ago, he added two new departments and enlarged the store once before prior to the latest changes.

(March 24, 1958) The addition of a new water line is expanding the city's water system, city officials said this week. They approved the purchase of \$21,000 in water pipe.

New line will be laid to serve the new Perry Morgan Holmes development at Franklin and 7th.

Another new line will stretch from Maple north across 12th, the railroad tracks and on to the new Delman plant at 15th Street.

Work on the new lines is to begin immediately, city officials say.

(March 27, 1958) Those here who have television sets will likely see some of these shows on Nashville's WSIX Channel 8 this week: "Cheyenne" with Clint Walker, "The Real McCoys" with Walter Brenna, "Wyatt Earp" with Hugh O'Brien and "The Frank Sinatra Show."

(March 29, 1958) The Tennessee Central Railroad this week asked the federal Interstate Commerce Commission for permission to end service on its Crawford branch line, a 20.6-mile section of track that runs north from Monterey into the heart of the region's coal country. Railroads and coal have fallen on hard times.

*The first pair of boots is due to roll off the assembly line at the new Georgia Shoe Company in Baxter this week, according to plant manager Clyde Dabbs.

Workers have completed the installation of a 60-ton rubber mill in the plant. It's reputed to be the largest piece of manufacturing equipment in the region.

When the plant is up to full speed, it is expected to crank out 1,200 pairs of shoes and boots each day.

(April 3, 1958) In a speech here, Dr. George Whitlach, executive director of the Tennessee Industrial Development Commission, told residents that the South is undergoing one of its most profound upheavals since secession.

Industry is outpacing agriculture as the bedrock of the region's economy. He said the South accounted for nine percent of the nation's industrial output at the beginning of the century. Now it accounts for 25 percent. Industrial jobs and pay mean a higher standard of living here and that is having far-reaching effects throughout Southern society, said Whitlach.

(April 7, 1958) A 16th birthday ball for Marcia Whitaker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Whitaker Jr. of Cookeville, earned Cookeville national publicity in recent nights. Entertaining the more than 2,000 guests expected in TTU's Memorial Gymnasium for the ball will be Jan Garber and his nationally-known orchestra. Garber has been mentioning the special Cookeville engagement each night for the last week on his CBS radio show. Mayor Dero Brown is to give Garber a plaque welcoming him to the city when he arrives.

(April 8, 1958) The Cookeville Business and Professional Women's Club has honored Mrs. Frazier Jaquess with the "Woman of Achievement" award for 1958-59.

Mrs. Jaquess has been a member of the professional organization since 1941 and has served two terms as its president.

A Tennessee Tech graduate, she taught school for a number of years and currently works with her husband in Ideal Cleaners and Men's Shop here in Cookeville.

They have two sons, Harry, a student at TTU, and Joe, a Central High student. Both are Eagle Scouts.

(April 12, 1958) Pat Doughty, an 8th grader at Park View, will represent Putnam County in the upcoming Southern Appalachian Spelling Competition in Knoxville later this month.

The 14-year-old daughter of Mrs. Otis Phillips of 440 West Stevens Street, Cookeville recently outspelled her four opponents from across the county. She's been the champion county speller for the past two years and her spelling coach, teacher Earl Nichols, says she's even better this year.

Her principal, Henry Ferrell, played a part in that. He loaned her a copy of his old Hunts speller. He used it when he was a boy in school. He says it's a good bit harder than today's grade school spelling books.

*A large package arrived here this week from Norway. The crate, pictured on page one of this week's edition, had instructions written in German. It came from Norway. It's a special kind of granite that's being used to build the doorway of the new First National Bank here on Jefferson Avenue.

(April 14, 1958) Cookeville Mayor Dero Brown says he heartily supports a bill in Washington that would make \$2 billion available for public works projects. Cookeville would like a shot at funding to raise the level of the dam at the city lake. Water is low in the city from time to time, and officials have in mind elevating the dam level so that a week's supply can be held in reserve.

Cookeville uses 180 million gallons a week now. In just four rainy days this last week, more than 100 million gallons spilled over the top of the dam. There's plenty going to waste and the city might one day need it, he said.

(April 19, 1958) The population on Tennessee's farms is declining, and those remaining on the farm are increasingly older. That's the news from University of Tennessee agriculture economist Dr. Joe A. Mark. He said that between 1950 and 1955, the state lost 122,000 farmers. In the decade of 1940-1950, the loss totaled 254,000 farmers. They are going to the cities to find jobs, and 75 percent of those who are leaving are in the 17-28-year group. People over 57, on the other hand, seldom leave the farm, he commented.

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(April 24, 1958) If you have a set, you've seen it advertised on TV for \$4.98 but a special ad in this week's edition tells you how to get one for only \$3.98.

Or, there's the Mouli Chop-O-Matic vegetable processor. On TV it's advertised for \$2.98 but the newspaper ad lists it for a dollar less. But wait, there's more. What about the Wax-O-Matic sponge mop. It comes with a built-in applicator (a sort of pot stuck on top of a conventional sponge mop) and it too is only \$1.98. Buy now while they last.

(April 24, 1958) Area Boy Scouts and their leaders are checking their gear and preparing for the upcoming Scout Circus in Nashville. In page-one photo this week are members of Explorer Post 108: Bob Roberson, Bob Maddux, Charles Craighead, Walter Keith Crawford Jr. and Bill Roberson.

The Scout Circus will be attended by other Putnam Scout units and their Scoutmasters. They include Algood Troop 170, led by Raymond Rodgers; Capshaw Post 156 led by Will Glenn Crawford and John Stites; Methodist Troop 108 led by Bill Arnold; park View Troop 186, led by Eddie Olson; Monterey Troop 134; led by J. C. Allen; and Baxter 134; led by Harold Bartlett.

Also going are Tennessee Tech Training School's Club Scout pack, led by Bill Frey, and Capshaw Elementary's pack, led by J. B. Robbins.

(April 28, 1958) A whopping quarter-page ad in this week's edition tells about the movie everyone in Cookeville has seen or is about to. "Peyton Place" is here.

It stars Lana Turner as "Constance MacKenzie," Diane Varis as daughter "Allison MacKenzie," Lee Philips as "Michael Rossi" and Lloyd Nolan as "Doc Swain." Tickets are 75 cents for adults and 25 cents for children. No one will be admitted on free passes for this one.

*For those with other movie tastes, Peter Cushing stars in "Curse of Frankenstein" at the Putnam Crive-IN. Its' in color.

(April 28, 1958) Fifteen Cookevillians left Nashville early this morning on the Billy Graham Crusade train on a 14-day trip to San Francisco.

They are Mrs. Dimple H. Bohannon, Mrs. Herman Carlen, Mrs. J. T. Johnson, Mrs. H. P. Keathley, Mrs. J. B. Hix, Mrs. Dillard Massa, Mrs. P. R. Roberson, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Williams, Mrs. Thurman M. Bullock, Mrs. Marlo Bohannon, Mrs. Bob Duncan and her son, Bob Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Wendell S. Johnson and C. S. Jenkins.

(May 1, 1958) Decked out in their "See Rock City" sailor caps, eight graders from Park View Elementary are pictured in this week's edition after their recent class trip to the popular Chattanooga attraction.

Among those in the group are Jimmie Loftis, Jerry Robinson, James Lynn, Faye McBride, Rebecca Maynard, Hulon Fox, Linda Dixon, Jerry Robinson, Joe Hix and Beth Judd.

At the Princess this week: "The Deep Six," about which the theater ad says, "Here it is. The men, the mission, the picture that rocks the theater with glory." Faced with living up to that description are actors Alan Ladd, Kennan Wynn and James Whitmore.

(May 1, 1958) The city of Cookeville this week bought the American Houses Inc. manufacturing plant on North Washington Avenue for \$75,000. It's going to be turned into a warehouse for the city's various departments. Each presently has its own warehouse in various spots in the city.

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(May 5, 1958) Tennessee Tech will have a special guest speaker for this year's ROTC Armed Forces Day – Gen. William C. Westmoreland. He's the commander of the 101st Airborne Division at Ft. Campbell.

Military officials preparing for Armed Forces Day said, "We urge Americans and our free world friends to see the new concepts and weapons which have so radically altered techniques of military operations."

(May 15, 1958) This week over at Baxter Seminary – the high school for the county's western section – the senior class is practicing for its class play, "Seventeen's Terrific."

The cast, pictured in this week's edition, include Aaron Dyer, Sally McArthur, Robert Gerard, Nancy Maddux, David DeLozier, Polly Ferrell, Robert Williams, Mary Jane Gill, Clay Keith and Carolyn Wallace.

Meanwhile, high school seniors are getting decked out for graduation this week. Some of them are shopping at McMurry – Roberson, which ran an ad in this week's edition listing items like sports shirts for \$2.98, dress shirts for \$2.95 and sports coats for \$14.95.

(May 20, 1958) Lawrence Bartlett, a Cookeville native, has been named supervisor of the state's school lunch program.

Bartlett, a Tennessee Polytech graduate who's done graduate work at Peabody College, has been supervisor of the state farm training for veterans program since 1953. Before WWII Bartlett was a supervisor in the state Farm Security Administration.

He began his working life as a vocational agriculture teacher at Baxter Seminary, where he taught from 1942 until 1944. He served a year of active duty in WWII and later in the Korean War.

He and his wife, the former Virginia Lea Chapin of Cookeville, now live in Nashville.

(May 21, 1958) The US Postal Service's deficit may top \$700,000 this year and Cookeville Postmaster T. P. Moore says the reason is that the cost of stamps is too low.

Since 1932, the cost of shipping the mail by train and motor carriers has risen steadily. Things will have to change or the Postal Service will become even more financially unsound, he indicated.

*Patrons of the Putnam Drive-in this week were taken on "a spectacular adventure in the white jungles of the north" in the film, "The Wild North," starring Stewart Granger, Wendell Corey and Cyd Charisse.

(May 21, 1958) It may be spring here, but it's winter where one Cookevillian is going.

Fowler Clark has reported for duty as a construction equipment operator with the 933rd Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron on the southeast of Iceland.

The radar station here serves as a link in the early warning system America depends on in case of a surprise attack by the Russians.

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(May 26, 1958) TTU is launching its first graduate program, President Everett Derryberry announced this week.

The program includes 21 courses in education, biology, chemistry, English, history and mathematics.

Dean J. A. Barksdale is director of the program. Its faculty include Dr. Paul Hollister, Dr. J. T. Skinner, Dr. L. V. Bruner, and Dr. C. L. Eyer.

(May 27, 1958) Jimmy Mosier is seeking the Democratic nomination for county judge here. The post is now held by Luke Medley, who's qualified in the race but hasn't officially announced he's running yet.

Other Democrats running are Dero Brown, A. W. Smith, Joe F. Dyer, Milton Nixon and Donald Ferrell. Mosier, 33, is a World War II vet who taught high school at Livingston and then coached at Livingston Academy for 1 1/2 years. In recent years, he's operated a popular restaurant in Cookeville.

(May 28, 1958) The dairy business has become one of Putnam County's leading industries in the past 10 years, according to farm agent A. C. Clark. Ten years ago, there were four Grade A dairies here, those operated by J. J. Wright, Professor Joe Conry, the Boyd Brothers and TTU. This year there are 40 Grade A dairies in Putnam County. In fact, there are dairy cattle on 700 of the country's 2,500 farms now.

(May 29, 1958) Students enrolled in TTU's school of Engineering, five are women: Shirley Burt, Ladye Lou Gregory, Mary Jean Morris, Alice Boyd, and Betty Jean Hager, who say, "There are some who feel women have no place in engineering... people must have time to adjust to the new."

Work by women in WWII in jobs traditionally held by men helped open the door for women to enter previously male-dominated fields. TTU's first female engineering graduate, Barbara Elizabeth Strife, received her diploma in 1951.

(June 2, 1958) The Algood Jaycees and Jaycettes have new officers this week, and the organizations' new leaders are getting off to a quick start with the raffling off of a new 1958 Ford to raise funds to promote and benefit Algood.

New officers for the Algood Jaycees this year are Joe Maxwell, president; Howard Cooper, internal vice president; Charles C. Vaughn, external vice president; Jack McGee, treasurer; Guy Wilmoth, secretary; and Bill Adams, director.

New officers for the Algood Jaycettes this year are Mrs. Gaskel Jones, president; Mrs. Guy Wilmoth, secretary; Mrs. Billy M. Adams, vice president; and Mrs. Billy Benson, state director.

(June 9, 1958) Now a second member of Cookeville's Maddux family carries the title, 'lieutenant governor.' Virginia Lane Maddux, the 16-year-old daughter of Tennessee's Lt. Gov. Jared Maddux, won the position in Murfreesboro Girls State this week.

The Central High junior also holds the post of House speaker during the annual camp, which is the counterpart of Boy's State

*At the Princess Theater this week: Marlon Brando in James Michener's epic of the U. S. Army's occupation of Japan, "Sayonara." It also features James Garner, Ricardo Montalban, Red Buttons and Japanese star Miko Taka.

(June 12, 1958) County Judge Luke Medley said this week that the easements are all signed and the heavy equipment is being moved into place in Buffalo Valley this week to begin Putnam's stretch of the new superhighway, Interstate Route 503. It will eventually go from Bristol to Memphis and beyond. Putnam's section of the new highway will cost the federal government \$2.7 million. The first link will go 3.2 miles between Buffalo Valley and Silver Point. By the time it's ready to pave, they'll have moved 2.5 million cubic yards of dirt and rock. It will be ready to drive in about two years.

(June 12, 1958: Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN) POSTAL CHANGES IN EFFECT AUG. 1: In compliance with the provisions of the Postal Rate Act approved May 27, 1958, Postmaster L. K. Mahler states that certain rate changes will go into effect August 1.

They include First class letters, 4 cents per ounce; postal cards and post cards (which includes greeting and Christmas cards when they contain no writing and are unsealed), 3 cents each; domestic air mail letter, 7 cents per ounce and air post and air postal cards, 5 cents each.

The new rate on transient second class mail, which covers newspapers and magazines, will be 2 cents for the first two ounces and one cent for each additional ounce.

Third class mail, which includes circulars, books and catalogs, and merchandise through 15 ounces will be 1 1/2 cents per ounce with a 3 cents minimum per piece.

The only change in fourth class mail is that books will be increased from 8 cents to 9 cents for the first pound and from 4 cents to 5 cents.

The public will be information later of rate increases that will not be effective until Jan. 1, 1959.

(June 13, 1958) Frank Cofty, 43, the administrator of Cookeville General Hospital since March 1957, was found dead of a heart attack in his home this week. Mrs. Frank Coakley, office manager for the hospital, has been named acting administrator by Cookeville's Board of Commissioners.

(June 17, 1958) Dairy farming is a \$500,000 industry in Putnam County this year. There are 40 Grade A dairy farms here now, up from only four a decade ago. The growth was influenced by the public school lunch program.

(June 18, 1958) Noble Cody has been named chairman of the Cookeville Jaycees Youth Fitness Testing Program. It aims to counter the recent finding by the President's commission on youth that young people today are not physically fit. The Jaycees hope to encourage and recognize participation in organized sports and will promote good eating habits among young people.

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Meanwhile, teenagers have other things on their minds, like the new movie showing this week at the Princess: "I Was A Teenage Frankenstein."

(June 19, 1958) Jimmy Earle, 24, former McMinnville Central High and Middle Tennessee State basketball player, will now coach the sport at Algood

He was appointed this week to that coaching position by Algood principal Nobel Cody. Earle replaces Ralph Pritchard, who is retiring from coaching, but who still teach.

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(June 24, 1958) An area youth will be seen this week dancing on Dick Clark's "American Bandstand," a popular Philadelphia show.

Larry E. Brown of Rt. 1, Crawford, a recent graduate of Livingston Academy, has already appeared three times on "5 O'Clock Hop," a Nashville dance show on WSM. One time he took Sandra Crawford of Cookeville along as his dance partner.

He can be seen this Saturday afternoon from 2:30 – 3; and from 3:30 until 4 dancing with the gang and hearing teens till Dick Clark which songs they'd rate the highest because, well, they're just good to dance to.

(June 30, 1958) Motorists in Tennessee and five other southern states will have the chance in the next few weeks to try out a new kind of motor fuel that's supposed to burn cleaner and be better for your engine. It'll be here as soon as the American Oil Co. stocks its Amoco stations with the stuff. It's unleaded gasoline.

(June 30, 1958) A motorcade of supporters for Albert Gore Sr. will leave the Cookeville Square Thursday night at 6:30 and will drive to Monterey where Gore will announce his bid for re-election to the U. S. Senate at 7:30 p.m. Gore, in a speech this week, said the "principal pillars of my opposition" are the Knoxville Journal newspaper, Col. Roane Waring of Memphis and the Republican Party.

He's running against Prentice Cooper, a former three-term governor who, according to the newspaper, "suddenly switched from the governor's race two weeks ago to run against Gore." Local observers predict an interesting election.

(July 1, 1958) H. J. Childress, a long-time county farm agent in Putnam County, announced this week that he's a candidate for the office of State Senator in the upcoming Democratic primary.

A veteran of WWII, Childress said that if elected he'll work to improve education, roads, and safety for all Tennesseans.

At the Princess Theater, Paul Newman stars as "the strange teenage desperado known as Billy the Kid" in "The Left-Handed Gun."

(July 2, 1958) Mechanized farming equipment helped double the level of farm production here since 1940, only 18 years. Previously, it took more than 100 years, from 1820 until 1940, for farm production to double.

(July 2, 1958: The Citizen, Cookeville, TN) Dr. Ferrell Opens Dentist Office Here: Dr. Zollie Ferrell opened an office in the Terry building yesterday to begin the practice of dentistry.

Dr. Ferrell, who recently was graduated from the University of Tennessee school of dentistry in Memphis. Mrs. Ferrell and children are now residing on the Nashville highway.

(July 3, 1958) Mr. and Mrs. Roy White signed the deed this week selling property to the Putnam County airport to build a new runway.

The old runway runs southwest to northeast. The new 3,800-foot runway will run southeast to northwest.

The new runway will be able to handle DC-3s. The county hopes that Cookeville will find itself on the route of an airline by undertaking the project.

W. K. Shell, the vice-president and division manager of the General Telephone Co. of the Southeast, announced here this week that a \$62,000 contract has been awarded for construction of a new central office building for the Cookeville exchange. It will be built next to the present one on East Broad and Madison. It will house equipment for the new automatic dialing system expected to be in operation here in early 1959.

(July 5, 1958) The new national president of the Jaycees was in town this week. Bob Cox and his wife, Catherine, were on their way to the national Jaycees headquarters in Tulsa when they decided to drop in. Catherine was already a familiar face around town. She's the daughter of Algood Carlen of Cookeville.

*At the Princess this week: "The Invisible Boy." It stars Richard Eyer and "Robbie the Robot." It's the story of 'science monsters who are against mankind.

(July 7, 1958) Kathy Pointer, 16, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pointer, is this year's Queen of the Fourth in Algood. Mrs. Betty Jones, president of the Algood Jaycettes, crowned her in Algood park to kick off that town's Fourth of July celebration.

Meanwhile, in Cookeville this July 4th, many attended the water ballet put on in Park View Pool.

And in Monterey, Cookeville's Jared Maddux, Tennessee's Lieutenant Governor, gave a patriotic talk during the town's festival.

(July 17, 1958) It's an election year and this week's edition was full of campaign advertising.

On the state level, Edmund Orgill, a candidate for governor, says he's "The man who can bring factories to Tennessee."

Luke Medley, seeking reelection to the county judge's seat here, is campaigning on the slogan, "Make sure the progress continues."

Prentice Cooper, meanwhile, has this slogan in his campaign ads: "Is your pay envelope being Gored?" He charges that Senator Albert Gore (Sr.) has done little to stop the flow of foreign fabrics and cheap foreign goods into the U. S. They're taking jobs from Tennessee, says Cooper.

And over in Cookeville General Hospital, Sam Denton Poteet is campaigning for the office of sheriff. His ad this week apologizes to voters for not getting around and seeing each of them. He says he's been slowed down by a broken leg.

*Cookeville General Hospital has a new administrator this week. He's Nathan Morgan, 43, a licensed hospital administrator from Huntsville, Ala. He'll make \$600 per month operating the hospital. He was selected from a group of 30 applicants. He's succeeding Jesse Cofty, who died last month of a heart attack.

(July 21, 1958) Television is still a new marvel to many here, but TV commercials are a bore. Those are the findings in a report detailed in this week's edition.

The Burke Market Research Inc. study found that only 23 percent of today's audience stays seated and watches TV commercials during breaks between shows.

When commercials come on, 28 percent leave the room altogether. Twenty-five percent read, make phone calls or do something else. Sixteen percent leave the house. Eight percent in the survey owned televisions but weren't watching them at the time of the survey.

(July 24, 1958) It's time for the annual TSSAA Coaches School at Tennessee Tech. High school coaches from across Tennessee are here learning new training techniques and field maneuvers. And a comment made by TTU coach Hooper Eblen to the visiting coaches at the opening of the clinic is being widely repeated today. Eblen, in describing facilities available to the coaches in their off time, said that the university had made arrangements with Park View Pool for them to swim for free. He said, "Wear your identification tags and that's all you'll need to swim at Park View." Some of the coaches said they'd carry swimming trunks too, just in case.

(July 28, 1958) The newspaper this week endorsed Albert Gore in his bid for re-election to the Senate. It says that while critics charge that Gore is more "from" Tennessee than "for" Tennessee, Gore has accomplished much for the state and region. He helped secure funds for the new federal highway system in Tennessee, he passed considerable legislation to aid farmers, and he helped secure a Veterans Administration hospital for Nashville. Gore is engaged in a bitter fight with ex-Gov. Prentice Cooper.

*Showing this week at the Princess Theater: "Dragstrip Riot", with Gary Clarke and Fay Wray. Also showing "Cool and Crazy," the story of "seven savage punks on a weekend binge of violence."

(August 5, 1958) A Baxter man was pictured on page one in this week's edition posing with friends in New York City's Yankee Stadium.

Gardner Stout, a member of the Baxter congregation of the Jehovah's Witnesses, was in New York for an international convention.

Posing with him were friends from McMinnville and Murfreesboro, and Pratojo Hardjopranto of Iran.

(July 31, 1958) An article in this week's edition quotes the president of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers on the state of farming technology today. New machinery and new techniques are coming faster and faster. The productivity of a single farmer has more than doubled since 1940. The last time productivity was doubled was in the period between 1820 and 1940. The society president says more mechanization is on its way.

"The farmer who steps down from a tractor equipped with fingertip control of hydraulic mechanisms is loathe to feed his cattle with a bushel bucket." So, machines will take over the process on the farm of tomorrow. In fact, he predicts that machines will do most of the work on the farm in the not-so-distant future.

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(August 19, 1958) There's another war on, this one against an unseen enemy called polio. The weapon in

this war is the Salk vaccine and everyone in the nation from age six months to 40 is being called upon to 'enlist.'

The drive is on the get American immunized with the new Salk vaccine. It takes a series of three shots to protect you from the dreaded disease.

The enemy struck in outbreaks of polio recently in Virginia, West Virginia, Florida, New Jersey, Montana, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico. There were new cases in Tennessee too.

Officials here this week released that information to persuade Putnam residents to get the shots, and to get all three of the shots.

*War, westerns and teenagers were the themes at the movies this week here. At the Princess you could watch "Jet Attack" or "Suicide Battalion," or see today's troubled teens in "Carnival Rock" and "Teenage Thunder," or you could see bad guys get their due in "Badlands of Montana" or "The Law and Jake Wade."

(August 25, 1958) They've announced cheerleaders for the coming school year at Central High. The squad includes senior Helen Mott, senior Marsha Lee, junior Judy Whitson, sophomore Winkie Harris, junior Mary Ramsey, and junior Gaylia Booker.

A 10-year-old Putnam County girl showed the top Angus in the District cattle show at the Putnam Fairgrounds this week.

Bennie Phillips, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Conley Phillips of Rt. 1, Cookeville, took the top prize with her six-month-old heifer.

Showing at the Princess this week: "Rockabilly Baby," starring Virginia Field and Douglas Kennedy.

(August 25, 1958) Something new is in store this year for fairgoers here -- a new fairgrounds. The county's new facility, two miles south of the city on the Sparta Highway, is being used for the first time, and fairgoers will probably agree that it has improved things. The new north grandstand seats 8,200. And there's plenty of space for parking, which should ease up traffic congestion normally seen during the fair.

*Dr. William Albert Howard of Cookeville is one of 42 physicians being honored by the University of Tennessee for contributions to the field of medicine in Tennessee. Dr. Howard graduated from UT's medical school in 1908 and has practiced medicine here for half a century.

(August 28, 1958) Staff Sgt. Lillard H. Roberts, 38, of Silver Point, is pictured in this week's edition being congratulated by Brig. Gen. James W. Coultz upon being named Soldier of the Year for the U. S. 15th Reserves Advisory Group at Ft. Brooks, Puerto Rico. A graduate of Baxter Seminary, Roberts joined the military in 1943.

(September 2, 1958) A Cookevillian was paraded down the streets of Atlantic City this week representing Tennessee in the Miss American pageant.

At press time, Patricia Arden Eaves of Cookeville was among the finalists and had narrowly lost the swimsuit competition to Miss California by 1.8 points.

A local delegation was in Atlantic City with Miss Eaves to cheer her on. It included Mr. and Mrs. Hackie Newman, Mr. and Mrs. Bob McMillan, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Flatt, Mrs. and Mrs. J. J. Foutch, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Thompson and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Crawford.

(September 4, 1958) It's time for more blockbuster summer movies at the local theaters. Among the film classics this week in store for those who enjoy moves are "The Astounding She Monster" and "Viking Women vs. the Sea Serpent" with Abby Dalton. Besides science and oceanography, there's a Westerns,

“Saddle the Wind,” with Robert Taylor, and there’s another motion picture about today’s troubled teens, “Reform School Girl.” It’s a story of “caged boy-hungry wildcats gone mad,” screams the ad.

Or, for the music lover, there’s “Rock Around the Clock” with Tommy Steele. Step right up.

(September 11, 1958) The big Baxter-Hartsville football game is this weekend and the meet is Baxter Seminary’s homecoming. Baxter’s team co-captains are Charles Pardue and Steve Sanders.

The Football Queen is Judy Maxwell. Her attendants are cheerleaders Geraldine Stewart, Bobbie June Carr, Judy Hardin, Dian Pullum and Jaynie Hill.

Barbara Billings is Homecoming Queen. Her court features sophomore Rita Lowe, freshman Collen Bruce, senior Ernestine Austin and junior Dowlene Maxwell.

Meanwhile over at Tennessee Tech, Malcom Quillen, assistant professor of health and physical education at TTU since 1954, is the college’s new Dean of Men.

(September 11, 1958) The nation is in a recession, officials say, but Putnam County has seen business soar in the last eight years, the newspaper reports this week. Sales tax collections have gained 99.3 percent from 1950 to 1958, rising from a total of \$268,673 collected in 1950 to \$535,450 collected in 1958. Statewide this year, sales tax collections dipped slightly, but in Putnam County, collections were up a little over last year’s figure.

Showing at the Princess this week: Tab Hunter stars as “the young rebel who didn’t fit, and didn’t try...a kid who couldn’t wait for his war.” The film is called, “Lafayette Escadrille,” Hollywood’s account of American fliers who fought for France before the US entered WWI. It also stars “that scorching new beauty from France, Etchika Choureau.”

(September 11, 1958) The newspaper prints a page one photo of Baxter’s ‘royalty’ in the upcoming Baxter-Hartsville homecoming game.

Barbara Billings, a junior, is homecoming queen.

Her attendants are Rita Lowe, a sophomore; Coleen Bruce, a freshman; Ernestine Austin, a senior; and Dowlene Maxwell, a junior. The football queen is Judy Maxwell. Her attendants are cheerleaders Geraldine Stewart, Bobbie Jane Carr, Judy Harding, Dian Pullum and Jaynie Hill.

(September 15, 1958) The Central High Cavaliers romped over another opponent this week. They trounced Livingston Academy 55-0.

Carrying the ball across the line for touchdowns were Jim Ragland, Joe Jacquess, Buddy Parris, Harlon Jackson and Jimm Burris.

Meanwhile this week, the B&B Skating Rink, located in the old Baxter Theater, invites everyone to bring their skates on down and try out their new wooden floor. The business also sells and repairs skates.

(September 17, 1958) Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Tweed of St. Petersburg, FL, were passing through Cookeville the other day enroute home from a trip to Pennsylvania when they were pulled over here – by the Jaycees.

It was Tourist Day in Cookeville. Instead of the speeding ticket they may have expected, they were given a free night’s lodging at the Shank’s Hotel, free dinner and breakfast, and a free tank of gas from Gertis Carr and Charles Gentry at the C & C Service Station. They said it was the nicest night they’d spent on their trip.

(September 18, 1958) Putnam County schools are spending more per child than the state average, according to a state report released this week. On the average, schools in Tennessee spend a dime an hour on each student to provide an education.

Putnam schools spend 12-cents per hour per student. Some schools in smaller, poorer counties like Trousdale or Van Buren County spend as little as 8 1/2 cents per hour, the report notes.

(September 18, 1958) The newspaper's editorial writer said this week that America is obviously in the grip of moral decay.

American prisoners of war have been brainwashed and demoralized by the North Koreans. Teenage crime and hot-rodding is epidemic and the nation's sexual standards are low, according to the findings of the Kinsey study.

Everyone must do his or her part to reverse the rot, but it is up to the American businessman to lead the way, says the newspaper.

"The businessman is the leading citizen in an industrial society and must put high moral values above profit or economic security."

(September 25, 1958) Winners in the talent show for freshmen at TTU this week were Jackie Williams of Chattanooga and Gail Weddington of Tullahoma. He strummed his guitar and sang, "Red Red Robin." She twirled flaming batons.

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Today, there are playgrounds full of healthy children all over the country and many polio wards in hospitals are being converted to other uses.

But, there are 45 million people in the US this year without polio shots who are in the age group that is susceptible to polio – those below 40 years of age. An outbreak could happen again.

(October 2, 1958) Marine Pfc. Sam H. Hooper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Looper of Monterey, was recently aboard the USS Essex when it spearheaded a group of carriers that was rushed through the Suez Canal to support a UN peace force in Formosa. The troops were sent to calm civil unrest there.

(October 23, 1958) There's a city election coming up this weekend and the newspaper, in a page one article, inserts a word of caution. In recent past elections, city employees have been given the day off and many have been seen using city vehicles to take voters to the polls — including some people who don't even live in the city. It's illegal and unethical, says the newspaper. "It could prove embarrassing to the city employees using city vehicles to carry people to the polls if their picture appeared in the newspaper. Who knows. The Herald photographer might be looking over your shoulder."

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(October 2, 1958) Juvenile delinquency is considered such a problem these days that Putnam County Judge Jimmy Mosier says he's going to ask the Putnam County Court to fund a full-time probation officer.

Right now the county doesn't even have a part-time probation officer. The post has remained vacant since Bill Bilyeu left to become police chief in McMinnville earlier this year.

Mosier says that there are so many teens getting into trouble with the law here now that a part-time position isn't enough anymore. A part-time officer doesn't have time to check up on all his charges, says Mosier.

(October 6, 1958) Cookeville's Masons celebrated the 100th birthday of their organization here this week with a dinner banquet and oration.

J. P. Buck, a past master in the local lodge, began the evening with a history of Lodge No. 266 of the F&AM. Senior past master Dr. W. A. Howard gave the principal address.

There were also lively talks by Arch E. McClanahan, Past Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee; Russell Ballou Tandy, Past Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Tennessee; and Coy Zachery, Generalissimo of the Grand Commandery of Tennessee.

Among the more than 100 at the banquet were several past masters of the lodge, including H. J. Davis, E. C. Warner, J. J. Foutch, Dero Brown, Joe F. Hudgens, L. E. Terry, George N. Ford, H. H. Livesay and L. G. Massa.

Tennessee Tech's ROTC military ball is this weekend and cadets say they've got the best entertainment available. Harry James and his 15-piece orchestra. James says he's sorry, but his wife, actress Betty Grable, probably won't be able to make it.

(October 9, 1958) Creed Black, executives editor of the Nashville Tennessean, just got back from a six-week tour of the Middle East and says that the removal of American troops from the region would go a long way towards settling Arab problems there.

He also said that all the anti-communist talk coming from the US is driving the Arabs into the hands of the Russians and should be toned down. He's pictured on page one of this week's edition. With him are TTU president Everett Derryberry and two students from Iraq.

(October 13, 1958) There'll be a total of 22 high school bands in the Tennessee Tech Homecoming Parade this weekend. They're coming from all over, including Chattanooga, Lebanon and Sunbright. There'll also be several floats and military units. And providing the musical entertainment at the Homecoming Dance this year will be the popular group, the Four freshmen.

Showing this week at the Princess Theater: "No Time for Sergeants," starring Andy Griffin and Nick Adams.

(October 16, 1958) Editor Earl E. Neiberger, in his weekly page-one column, writes that today's teens are not only learning to drive, they're learning a new language as well. Slang in use by today's teens when talking about their cars include terms like "fireplace" for the auto's front grill, "goodies" for accessories like metal flying swan ornaments, and "skins" for tires.

There's also "spaghetti" for cars with an excessive amount of chrome, "moons" for hubcaps, and "Uncle Daniel," an older car that's souped up but still seems a little tame. A "slush car" is one with automatic transmission. A "nerfbar" is a car's bumper and "strides" are old clothes you wear when you work on your car, he writes.

(October 20, 1958) Anne E. Eyler, the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Clement Eyler, will entertain music lovers here in a piano recital at Tennessee Tech this Saturday night. She studied piano in New York City this summer.

Annicc Parsons, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Parson, took top state honors in the 4-H "beautification of home grounds" competition this week.

And the students in Mrs. Herman Pinkerton's class at Central High are preparing to present a three-act comedy at the school in a couple of weeks.

The cast of "Star Dust" includes Joe Powers, Betty Malone, Carole Wright, Barbara Miller, Phyllis Adams, Donna Jared, Lynn Mullins, Bobby Whittaker, Earl Bowman, Sandra Crawford, George Forman, Sue Delaney, Wanda Hurt, Patricia Stout, and Susanne Bacon.

(October 27, 1958) Bethel Newport, operator of the Western Auto Supply Store here, has won a seat on the Cookeville City Commission. He's the new commissioner of accounts, finance and revenue.

Newport got 726 votes to incumbent Jess Owen's 631 in this week's city election.

*Showing at the Putnam Drive-in this weekend, "This Island Earth," another flying saucers-accosts-the-earth movie. It ad proclaims, "Now on the screen after 2 1/2 years in the filming."

It shares the screen with "Curucu, Beast of the Amazon," which the ad assures has "Never been brought before to the screen."

Finally, ending the evening of thrills and chills is "The Mole People." The ad remains silent on that one.

(October 30, 1958) County Judge Jimmy Mosier this week appointed Donald Ferrell to head a special committee that will look into the country's need for a mental health clinic here. The committee comes after the recent creation of the Upper Cumberland Mental Health Association, which was formed to study the feasibility of a mental health clinic to serve the entire 14-county region. It would provide therapy, treatment and counseling for in-patients and out-patients as well.

*At the Putnam Drive-In this week, "Crime in the Streets," the film which tells "the shocking truth about today's switch-blade youth." It stars Sal Mineo, John Cassavettes and Mark Rydell.

(November 5, 1958) Tennessee Tech's Golden Eagles came from behind to defeat Eastern Kentucky University this week, 20-19. That puts TTU in a tie with ETSU for the OVC championship.

It was the third game in a row in which excited fans saw TTU come from behind in the closing minutes of the game to win by a single point.

(November 5, 1958) Monterey officials this week had hoped to improve the town's sewage and waste treatment plants with a \$550,000 bond issue. But Monterey voters decided otherwise. On a vote of 129 for and 234 against, they rejected the bond sale.

*Meanwhile, the county this week sold \$50,000 in bonds for the county school system. The funds will go towards a variety of construction projects and for the purchase of school equipment.

*Showing this week at the Princess Theater: "The fiery drama that shook the world" It's Eugene O'Neill's "Desire Under the Elms," with Sophia Loren, Anthony Perkins and Burl Ives. Also showing, John Wayne in "Jet Pilot."

(November 6, 1958) Putnam voters helped Buford Ellington as Tennessee's new governor this week. Voters here also heavily favored Albert Gore (Sr.) in his effort to get reelected to his seat in the Senate. In all, 2,359 voters went to the polls in Putnam County.

Ellington, a former state commissioner of agriculture, defeated former governor Jim Nance McCord. Gore beat Hobart Atkinson and Chester Mason.

*Showing at the Putnam Drive-in this weekend, "White Squaw," starring Mary Wynn and David Brian. Also, "Don't Go Near the Water," with Glenn Ford, Earl Holliman and Anne Francis

(November 13, 1958) County Judge Jimmy Mosier appointed a committee this week to devise a plan to replace the county's 50-year-old jail. It's overcrowded, it has no storage space and it has faulty wiring and an antiquated heating system. The county has \$100,000 set aside in reserved funds right now to spend on the project, says Mosier.

Meanwhile, in what is believed to be a first for the Putnam jail, Sheriff Ernest Webster is using prisoners for labor for county projects. Right now jail inmates are repairing sidewalks around the courthouse and Webster says he has a list of other projects for the prisoners when that project is done.

(November 17, 1958) Putnam County has the state's top 4-H Poultry Judging Team. Recently winning that title were team members Geraldine Nash, Linda Dietz, James Paris, and Dallas Fox. The team's coach is Robert Waddell.

At the Princess this week: "The Fly," with Al Heison and Vincent Price, also, "Space Master X-7."

(November 20, 1958) A bevy of Central High beauties will perform in the "Boast of the Town" variety review in the TTU gym next week. The chorus line, pictured on page one of this week's edition, includes Central High students Virginia Lane Maddux, Peggy O'Neal, Kathy Doran, Joanna Erwin, Marsha Whitaker, Penny Billbrey, Jane DuBois and Jackie Wall. Mrs. Mary Alice McCawley is their production manager.

(November 24, 1958) More than 100 local people make up the cast of this week's "Boast of the Town" variety show scheduled in the Tennessee Tech Memorial Gymnasium.

It's been organized by the Central High Band Boosters to raise money for the band. Dillard Billings is the emcee.

An expected highlight of the variety show will be a display of native dancing by two TTU students, Loli and Dora Lantiqua of Cuba.

At the annual Soil Conservation Service banquet this week, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Wright took home the Master Farmer title for the work they've done on their Bunker Hill Road farm. Mrs. Ruby Hill of the Monterey Road won the Tree Farmer title.

(November 27, 1958) There'll be a special election here Saturday in which residents in 371 households north of the present Cookeville city limits will decide whether they want to be annexed by the city.

The newspaper, in a cost analysis, tells them that on the average they will pay \$54 per year in new city property taxes, but will see about \$72 in savings from lower insurance rates, and lower electric, water, and garbage collections bills.

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There are some 1,300 residents living in the affected area.

(December 3, 1958) TTU this week remodeled its College of Business Administration building for \$80,000. The university has renamed it Kittrell Hall after the college's first business graduate, T. W. Kittrell.

Built as a men's dorm in 1916, it was known for most of its years as "East Hall."

(December 4, 1958) Residents said it was like being back in the war again when TVA blacked out the city to make changes in its substation so it could handle more power this week. Power was off for 15 minutes during the switchover.

The town's merchants this week announced special new store hours for the holiday season. They'll be open all day Wednesday and will keep their doors open until 9 p.m. on Sunday to accommodate shoppers.

(December 4, 1958) Tennessee Central Railroad officials were showing off new railroad equipment this week. They passed through with a device that can mechanically renew a railroad bed, raise and level the tracks, and do it in place of a crew of 35 men.

The company plans to spend the next three years renovating the 300 miles of TC track from Hopkinsville, KY to Harriman.

(December 5, 1958) The first child born to residents of the city's new Perry Morgan Homes subsidized housing complex arrived this week at Cookeville General Hospital. Lori Jean Oswald was born on Dec. 2 to Mr. and Mrs. Handley C. Oswald. He's a Tennessee Tech student and is employed at the Princess Theater. Lori brings the population of Perry Morgan Homes to more than 200.

(December 12, 1958) J. S. Woodford resigned this week as president of the Bank of Monterey due to ill health. He's suffered two heart attacks in the last decade and has never fully recovered.

He's ending his career as the bank ends another successful year. It issued a 10 percent dividend to stockholders this month.

Woodford was born in 1884 in Bedford County, VA, and attended college in Louisville, KY. He taught school in Kentucky for two years before coming to Tennessee in 1905 as an agent-telegrapher for the Tennessee Central Railroad serving Wilder and Crawford.

He came to Monterey in 1907 as the TC's agent there. In the spring of 1924, Woodford became cashier for the Bank of Monterey, and in 1947 he became the bank's president. Throughout his years in Monterey, Woodford has been active in church and civic affairs.

(December 15, 1958) The Portland Cement Association says in an ad that voters ought to insist that their elected officials use concrete in new roads, particularly in the new Federal Interstate and National Defense Highway System that is now under construction in Tennessee. Concrete roads last longer and cost about 60 percent less to maintain, the association claims.

(December 19, 1958: Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN): Sheriff Seizes Moonshine Whiskey:

J. W. Maynard about 35, was arrested at his home in West Cookeville Friday afternoon on a charge of illegal possession of more than a gallon of moonshine whiskey.

Sheriff Ernest Webster said that he and three deputies confiscated 11 ½ pints of the whiskey. The deputies were Austin Thompson, Zeb Warren and Dave Helms.

The whiskey was reported hidden in a false bottom in a dresser drawer.

At a preliminary hearing in General Session Court Saturday morning the case was bound over to Criminal Court.

A week earlier, Webster reported that officers seized three quarts of moonshine at the home of Jim Russell near Buffalo. This case was also bound over to the Criminal Court Grand Jury.

(December 22, 1958) TTU basketball star Jimmy Hagan broke the Eagles' record for the most points scored in a game by a single player when he sunk a ball and hit the 48-point mark playing East Tennessee State. Kenny Sidwell held the previous record from the Eagle's 1955-56 season.

The crowd gave Hagan a long standing ovation after he made the free throw shot that broke the record.

TTU is the only school in its conference that will go to the Holiday Invitational Tournament in Evansville, Indiana with a perfect 7-0 record.

(December 25, 1958) The Detroit Times tells this week of an ex-Putnam man, Wade Farris, 70, who surprised a gunman chiseling through the wall of the bank where Farris worked as a caretaker. Farris fought with the man and got shot in the leg. The gunman locked Farris in a storeroom and fled. Farris used a crowbar to free himself and walked to a nearby bar where he telephoned police. He is formerly of Rt., 4, Cookeville.

(December 30, 1958) The first baby of the new year arrived in Cookeville at 12:09 p.m. on Jan. 1. She was Belinda Elois Mashburn, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Mashburn, live on Rt. 5, Cookeville.

Little Belinda weighed in at six pounds and eight ounces when she was delivered by Dr. Kenneth Haile.

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(January 19, 1956) Retail sales in Putnam County for 1954 totaled \$16 million, according to the latest report. That's up 29.4 percent since the last report in 1948. There were 298 stores and businesses in the newest report, down from 331 that were here in 1948.

*Cookeville Police Chief Hubert Crawford issued an appeal this week for living quarters for Tennessee Tech students. There just aren't enough apartments and rooms available for them all, he said. Anyone with two and three-room apartments, or quarters of any kind, is urged to contact him or authorities over at the college.

(March 5, 1959) The Putnam School Board has voted to purchase the buildings and grounds of Baxter Seminary for use as a school site in Baxter.

(March 30, 1959) On the editorial page, Washington columnist William S. White writes: "Federal expenditures have become so vast and so diffuse in purpose as to raise a serious question whether any president or Congress will be able within a few years to actually control any budget ..."

+ The Cookeville Jaycees announced a new public service. They'll engrave an identification mark on your hubcaps and record it at the police station. It may not keep them from getting stolen, but maybe it'll make recovering them a little easier, they say.

(April 27, 1959) The runway at the Putnam County Airport has been lengthened to 3,800 feet and widened to 75 feet, making it safe for all aircraft currently flying in Tennessee, airport officials say.

(May 16, 1959) After serving the county's western end for 50 years and fondly remembered by scores of residents, Baxter Seminary winds down its final year as a semi-private high school.

(May 24, 1959) The Cookeville Post Office has the latest innovation in postal service — an automatic stamp machine that takes dimes and quarters and makes change for the four-cent stamp.

(May 27, 1959) Railroad freight service is threatened by trucking, which has become Putnam County's leading industry, employing more than 1,000 residents and drawing an annual payroll of \$3.4 million.

(June 2, 1959) Dial telephone service has been implemented here, eliminating the need for operator assistance to complete a call.

(July 10, 1959) A pair of Western-style boots made at Acme Boot in Cookeville went on display this week in the Old West section of the American National Exhibition in Moscow.

(August 7, 1959) Clarence Stewart Auto Sales here has been selected to operate the first foreign car import franchise here and plans to sell the French Renaults on its lot this fall.

(August 10, 1959) Citizens Bank has installed a new electronic banking system that allows customers making deposits to insert a deposit slip and a special plastic card into a machine in the lobby to make time-saving money transactions.

(September 18, 1959) For the first time in Cookeville's history, a woman, Maggie Mott Terry, is running for the office of Cookeville Mayor.

(October 24, 1959) The Putnam County Commission has recommended replacing the privately-owned school bus fleet here with county-owned and operated buses because some students are having to wait at least two hours after school for a bus to take them home and teachers must be present to supervise.

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