

WAY BACK WHEN: LOOKING BACK IN HISTORY
Happenings in the Cookeville area as recorded in the pages of the
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(January 8, 1970) Algood Mayor John Carr says that the Algood Board of Aldermen has decided not to follow a recommendation by the University of Tennessee's Municipal Technical Advisory Service.

The agency said that Algood residents would be better off if Cookeville were to annex Algood. Taxes would be less because the tax base would be larger and governmental services would no longer be duplicated by the two next-door neighbors.

But the Algood board said that it felt residents preferred hanging onto their town's identity and rejected the plan.

(January 15, 1970) Baxter's Larry D. Williams, 34, a lieutenant in the Navy, has been awarded the Bronze Star and the Air Medal for outstanding performance in combat missions in Vietnam. He's been involved in aerial reconnaissance and psychological war-fare operations.

(January 26, 1970) The Model Cities Review Board says that one of the most pressing needs facing the city of Cookeville is a lack of skilled labor. In the past, people have left the county to find jobs, and there are no training facilities here to teach them the kind of skills they need to work in industry, the report concludes.

In Vietnam this week, B-52 bombers dropped thousands of pounds of high explosives on North Vietnamese supply depots in the A Shau Valley on the Cambodian border. The bombing raids were carried out after trucks were spotted in the valley for the first time in a year. The valley was the scene of intense ground fighting earlier in the war.

(January 30, 1970) The TBI says that drug use here and across the state is up 22 percent on the whole. That's the agency's estimate based on increases in arrests for drugs. In most cases, the substance involved was marijuana or narcotics.

(February 10, 1970) TTU has won a \$50,000 grant from NASA to develop a thin film that can be used to measure temperatures in the atmosphere 43.5 miles above earth's surface.

(February 11, 1970) Dr. F. Story Musgrave, the astronaut scheduled to command the first manned space station for NASA later this year, told an audience that there is a statistical certainty that intelligent life exists elsewhere in the universe, and some of it is likely to be more intelligent than we are.

He also predicted that during the 1980's NASA will begin travel to other planets, and in the 1990s there will be commercial flights to the moon.

*At the Varsity Theater, "Alice's Restaurant," with Arlo Guthrie.

(February 15, 1970) Thomas Peek, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde T. Peek of Rt. 1, Cookeville, is taking part in the U. S. Army's "North Warfare Training" operation this week in Alaska. There, he's learning cross country skiing, snowshoe use and trail breaking techniques.

Johnny Cash's "A Boy Named Sue" was nominated for Song of the Year by the Country Music Association this week.

And a group of defendants known popularly as the "Chicago 7" are awaiting sentencing this week after their conviction on charges of conspiracy to incite rioting during the Democratic National Convention in the Windy City two years ago.

(February 20, 1970) James Herman Roberson, 78, this week celebrated his 50th year of service to area Missionary Baptist churches. A life-long resident of the Poplar Grove Community, he has performed 3,000 baptisms, 400 marriages, 1,321 funerals and "a host of revivals during his career. His first church was Poplar Grove Missionary Church here which he started in 1919. He was its pastor for 33 years.

(February 26, 1970) Sen. Albert Gore Sr. is among the bipartisan group of U. S. lawmakers who this week accused the Nixon administration of secretly carrying on a war in Laos in an effort to reach North Vietnamese units hiding from U. S. forces there. Gore says that there is evidence that U. S. special forces units are "swarming all over the countryside in Laos. There's quite a furor about it on Capitol Hill.

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*With spring approaching, the upcoming city council race is beginning to be the topic of conversation about town. Everyone is wondering who's going to run, So, the newspaper this week asked the men most likely to run. Mayor Bobby Davis said he's not decided yet if he'll seek reelection. Bob Poteet said he's undecided too, but he's giving it a lot of thought. Wendell "Cotton" Johnson hasn't made up his mind. Neither has Albert Maxwell, but he says a lot of people are asking him to run. Donald Ferrell says he's been urged by many to toss his hat in the rate too, but he's not certain yet. Noble Cody says he'd like to run if he could campaign for the office of mayor, but that's not the way the city charter works. So, he's uncertain too. Who is running? Robert King says he's definitely in the race and he'd appreciate your vote.

(March 12, 1970) A Baxter man, Alfred Franklin Rodgers, has been wounded in the leg while serving on a U. S. Navy patrol boat on the Truong Giang River in South Vietnam, according to military reports. He's been in Vietnam for the last two months.

*Meanwhile, in Cambodia, that nations parliament has ousted leader Prince Norodom Sihanouk in the wake of violent riots in protest of the presence of North Vietnamese and Viet Cong troops in that country. They are using Cambodia as a staging area to attack U. S. forces in Vietnam. Sihanouk has adopted a neutral stance towards all sides in the Vietnam War.

(March 31, 1970) The city council has signed a contract with the Service Construction Co. of Nashville this week to build a \$1.5 million water treatment plant and water intake structure at Mine Lick Creek on Center Hill Lake. Work is expected to get under way early this summer and officials say the new plant will be ready to send water 15 miles to Cookeville by the fall of 1971.

(April 13, 1970) The newspaper surveyed the condition of school libraries here this week. It found a few problems. The high school here needs 2,590 more books to meet state standards and the Jere Whitson library sits over the school boiler room. It's always too hot there, said principal Lecil Boatman. And the

school shares its librarian with Sycamore. She's only in either school 2 1/2 days a week, so kids in those schools can't check out books except on those days. The school board is presently mulling over ways to improve libraries here.

*Meanwhile, the astronauts aboard Apollo 13 are having a few problems of their own today. Big ones.

Something caused a violent rupture in the fuel lines to their engine, and their ship -- sailing from the Earth towards the moon -- has been left virtually crippled. Early today they fired the smaller engine aboard the lunar module that was supposed to have taken astronauts James Lovell and Fred Haines from a position in lunar orbit on down to the moon.

Instead, they've used it to adjust their course so they won't miss the moon altogether and sail on into the void. Now, they're conserving food and water and are hoping that they'll be snared by the moon's gravity. Then, they hope to circle the moon once and use the pull of its gravity to 'slingshot' them on their way back towards the distant Earth. They're a long way from home. Mankind is watching.

(May 1, 1970) Election results from this week's Democratic Primary: Incumbent Ben Austin won the nomination for road supervisor, incumbent Charlie Vaughn won the nomination for circuit court clerk, and Jimmy Little has won his first term on the Putnam School Board. Billy G. Smith was the top vote-getter with 4,521 voters backing him for election as sheriff. Right behind him was Jim Horn in his bid for return to the county court clerk's office. Horn got 3,963 votes. Issac Huddleston also received the nomination for a third term as trustee. Since all are unopposed, the nomination means each candidate is elected.

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(May 6, 1970) The environment is in the news a lot these days. It's on TV, in the newspapers and in the day-to-day talk of people here too. The Putnam County Beautification Committee this week released its recommendations on what to do about the spread of illegal roadside dumps across the county.

One of the worst in the Shipley community on the Old Gainesboro Grade is so bad that from time-to-time it topples over and spills across the road, blocking traffic, says the committee. What it recommends is a series of trash collection stations placed across the county.

It wouldn't cost much, the committee contends. The stations would consist of a cluster of 50-gallon drums

with a gravel drive. The other cost would be for the county to employ a worker and buy a truck to go from site to site collecting the garbage.

The newspaper this week endorsed the idea in an editorial.

(May 12, 1970) Cookeville Water Dept. Supt. Holla Burgess today turned the valve to send water rushing to the latest water utility district, the Boat Dock district. It has some 50 miles of water lines and serves about 1,150 customers.

(May 22, 1970) In Washington several senators are calling for Congress to withhold any further funding of the Vietnam War as a means to force President Richard Nixon to bring the boys home.

Closer to home, Jared Maddux, a local attorney who has served for ten years on the American Legion's National Legislative Commission, says the Legion and the VFW take a different view. Stopping the flow of funds to Vietnam would be "a stab in the back of our men in combat," says Maddux. It would amount to a declaration of surrender, he said. The veterans' organizations are strictly against the idea, he said.

In Cambodia this week, the US dropped yet another 1,500 tons of bombs on the Fishhook region where US intelligence believes the North Vietnamese have established a series of supply depots. The war there and in Vietnam grinds on.

(June 3, 1970) Is it just a passing fad or a badge of rebellion for today's youth? Long hair on today's young men is explored this week in an article by the newspaper.

The reporter interviewed several students at the senior high here on the issue. As long as hair is kept clean and neat, they all agreed that the length of a boy's hair is up to the individual.

One girl said, "I love it. I think it's cool. I don't care if they wear it down to their shoulders as long as it's neat and washed."

And the newspaper ran a series of photos showing young men here with "long hair." Only one had hair long enough to cover the tops of his ears. Another had exaggerated sideburns. That about it for long curly locks.

Meanwhile, today's women are wearing mini-skirts and long, straight hair, the article notes.

(June 16, 1970) The grandson of Mrs. Lula Lusk of Rt. 3, Monterey, came away from an awards ceremony this week with a chest full of war medals, 10 in all. Capt. William R. Dunn, 26, was awarded two Silver Stars, a Bronze Star, an Air Medal and several other awards for his service as a helicopter pilot in Vietnam combat. He flew with the 5th Cavalry in several hot spots around South Vietnam.

+ Meanwhile, in the South Vietnamese village of Phu Thanh, a force of Viet Cong swept through the streets this week and gunned down 75 villagers, the worse massacre of civilians since the Communists briefly took several villages and towns in the 1969 Tet Offensive.

And in neighboring Cambodia this week, a combined Cambodian and South Vietnamese armored column broke through to the provincial capital of Kampong Speu, but found that the North Vietnamese army they'd hoped to trap there had vanished into the jungle.

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(June 25, 1970) The City of Cookeville is trying out a new innovation, a public sanitary landfill. It's on CC Camp Road, just west of town, where the city has about 35 acres set aside for the venture.

The public is beginning to become more pollution conscious, officials say.

The new concept differs from public dumps. Garbage is not left lying on the surface, but is buried each day. Nothing is burned, so there's no air pollution. It appears to be the coming thing since the state of Tennessee, like many other states before it, is considering requiring counties to operate landfills.

* U.S. planes and artillery bombarded Cambodia's border areas today as the last remaining U.S. advisers began to pull back into posts in Vietnam. Some 34,000 South Vietnamese still remain in Cambodia, but will be pulling back soon too. The campaign to it Viet Cong supply and staging areas in Cambodia is winding down.

The results? The military says it was a success. U.S. forces seized 58 tons of VC munitions and 1,800 weapons. They killed 1,149 Viet Cong. Some 338 U.S. servicemen also died in the invasion of Cambodia and the subsequent fighting there in recent weeks.

(July 3, 1970) County Judge Luke Medley says he hopes someone will come forward soon and open an ambulance service now that all four of Putnam's funeral homes say they're getting out of the ambulance business.

New state and federal wage-and-hour laws on top of other rising costs are driving them out, say directors of the homes. They issued a joint announcement that they'll stop answering ambulance calls on October 1. A lot of Tennessee counties are facing a similar dilemmas.

Meanwhile, Sen. Albert Gore (Sr.) went to the hometown of opponent Bill Brock, Chattanooga, to deny Brock's charges that he is out of touch with his constituents. Gore's anti-Vietnam was stance hasn't gone over very well with some voters here, but Gore says it's no sign that he's lost touch.

Such talk is being spread by the Richard Nixon administration, Gore suggested, calling himself one of Presidents Nixon's top targets because of his opposition to the war.

(July 9, 1970) The men over at the Cookeville VFW Post got fed up this week with the recent rash of anti-war marches and demonstrations across America so they've decided to do something about it. They've launched a bumper sticker campaign. They want to give you a bright red, white and blue sticker for your car that reads, "America, Love it or Leave it." You don't even have to get out of your car. Just drive right up to their parking lot on Spring Street and a veteran will sponge off your bumper and put one on your car for you.

*Elsewhere this week secretary of State Melvin Laird said today that the pace of the US withdrawal from Vietnam is being stepped up. More than 50,000 US troops are to be out of the war-weary Asian nation by October. A total of 150,000 will be out by spring.

(July 15, 1970) Albert Gore (Sr.) is in the middle of a bitter campaign for re-election. His opponent, Republican Bill Brock, is arguing that Gore's anti-Vietnam War stance is a sign that Gore has lost the common touch.

Gore was in Cookeville this week to speak to the Jaycees. His speech centered on a list of his accomplishments for the region in this term of office.

Gore said that he hasn't lost touch. In fact, he suggested that everything he's doing in office recently just

goes to show he sees things from the viewpoint of the typical Upper Cumberland resident.

Israeli jets knocked three more Egyptian fighters out of the sky over the Suez Canal this week. That makes 105 Egyptian jets shot down by Israeli pilots since the 1967 Middle East War.

This week's downings came when Egyptian fighters tried to stave off an Israeli air raid on the northern end of the canal. It was the first dogfight between the combatants in the last 40 days.

(July 23, 1970) Many Cookevillians are anxious to see Gregory Peck in his latest movie. "I Walk the Line." In fact, some Cookevillians-and a lot of Cookeville scenery-are in the movie. It was filmed here and at other Upper Cumberland locations. The movie opens at the Princess in October, film officials announced this week. Young Cookevillian Freddie McCloud has a speaking role in the movie, and Suzie Winningham Travis, is a stunt double for actress Tuesday Weld. A distinguished cast and director John Fankenheimer were housed in a Cookeville motel during filming.

*Elsewhere, the 101st Airborne was forced to withdraw from firebase Ripcord in the Ashau Valley this week on the Vietnamese/Latian border. In the last 23 days, 33 men from the elite unit have been killed and another 165 have been wounded. They were sent to the valley to halt infiltration by North Vietnamese troops who were using Laos as a staging area. American patrols were chewed up in ambushes and repeated enemy assaults. In one day of fighting last week 12 Americans were killed, the highest one-day toll in months in the Vietnam War.

(August 4, 1970) Hurricane Celia rolled out of the surf and into Corpus Christi, Texas, this week. A senator who toured the area afterwards said he hadn't seen such devastation since World War II. Twenty-four were killed and \$200 million in damages was tallied in the final count. That was Corpus Christi. In Cookeville, a storm spawned by the sprawling hurricane did some damage too. A bolt of lightning hit the weather vane on top of Howard Johnson's Restaurant. It branched off and shot through the windshield of a car parked below. High winds from the storm also downed power lines throughout the area and one house burned down after being hit by lightning.

(August 10, 1970) Cookeville City Council has decided to explore the possibility of selling or leasing the hospital to a private firm by hearing a presentation from officials of the Nashville-based Hospital Corporation of America.

(August 12, 1970) It was taps this week for the Baxter Bugler, Charlie Hughes, the "Human Alarm Clock" who once brought the attention of the nation's media to Baxter. Hughes, 82, died of heart failure this week at the home of a first cousin in Cookeville.

In 1922, he ordered a Sears and Roebuck brass bugle and taught himself to play it.

Then, every morning at 6 a.m. for 31 years, he climbed a 20-foot pole in his back yard and sounded reveille for Baxter.

A national radio show in New York City heard about it eventually, and that began a parade of feature writers, newsreel crews and broadcasters who put Hughes in the national spotlight from time to time for several years.

In the 1950s, he lost enough teeth so that he could no longer sound his horn, so the Human Alarm Clock packed it away and retired.

(August 26, 1970) Keith Bilbrey, a radio announcer for WHUB and a recent graduate of Putnam County Sr. High, was in Daytona, FL, in June, celebrating his graduation. While floating on an air mattress, his new senior ring slipped off his finger and sank into the surf. He couldn't find it. This week, he heard from the man who did. Norman Hookaway, a FL mail carrier, was on vacation in Daytona when he spotted something shiny in the sand at low tide. It was a graduation ring. He set out to find the owner, and in his research, discovered that there are nine Putnam Counties in the United States. He contacted the company

which made the ring and described the Cavalier figure engraved on its face. The company was able to pinpoint Putnam County, TX, as the place such a ring was sold. Hookaway then reached James Norwood, principal of Putnam County Sr. High. Given the initials on the ring, Norwood was able to put Hookaway in touch with Bilbrey. This week the young man is pictured on page one, wearing his graduation ring again.

(September 3, 1970) Baxter Mayor Charles Nunally says the town is in the grip of a water shortage, and its about to get worse. The town gets its water from a spring that's drying up. The opening of the high school and the elementary school here this week brought more people to town and increased water usage to the point where there's not enough to go around.

And the junior military academy opens here next week, further straining the system Nunally indicated. He's asking everyone to conserve. Meanwhile, as a temporary measure, the town is sandbagging a section of Maxwell Creek to form a reservoir from which to pump water.

The town has already made arrangements to tie onto the water line being laid from Cookeville's new water treatment plant at Center Hill Lake to the city. But Baxter's \$99,000 line won't be connected and working until next fall, Nunally said.

So, go easy on the water, he urges.

(September 10, 1970) The Putnam School Board earlier this year asked the State Dept. of Education to take a look at school facilities here and report on what changes are needed. The week the board was advised by the state to make massive changes.

The report called for the board to close Tech Campus School, as well as schools at Bloomington Brotherton, and Dry Valley.

Also, it called for a new junior high school and a new elementary in Cookeville. Those changes are necessary in order for the county to shift to a middle school, or junior high concept, the state says.

Under the new plan, elementary schools would handle grades 1-6, junior highs would handle, the next three grades, and high schools would cover the last three years of a student's education. The board is taking a long and serious look at the state's recommendations.

Meanwhile this week, for a fifth day in a row the US Air Force has flown heavy raids against North Vietnamese positions around Fire Base O'Reilly, a South Vietnamese outpost near the Laotian border. Since July, more than 500 North Vietnamese regulars have been killed there.

Now, the outpost is surrounded and under heavy attack. This week the Air Force dropped another 300 tons of bombs on North Vietnamese staging and supply areas to try to give the South Vietnamese relief.

(September 15, 1970) Two members of the John Birch Society were in town this week distributing literature and making claims of a worldwide conspiracy.

David E. Gumaer, a lecturer for the Birch Society's Support Your Local Police Committee, and Harvey Howard, state coordinator for the Birch Society, tells the newspaper that a sinister group called the Illuminati formed in 1776 in Germany.

In 1906, they say, the group created the Committee on Foreign Relations, which had its true purpose of world domination under the Communist banner.

Today, the group is close to its goal, they allege, because its members include UN Secretary General U Thant and U.S. Vice-President Hubert Humphrey. Gen. William C. Westmoreland the U.S. commander in Vietnam, is also a member of the CFR, which explains why the U.S. has followed a "no-win" policy in the war there, they say.

(September 16, 1970) The State Dept. of Education has advised the Putnam School Board to make massive changes, including the closing of Tech Campus, Bloomington, Brotherton and Dry Valley schools, to establish a middle school or junior high educational system.

(September 17, 1970) Meanwhile on the fashion scene...an ad this week for the Headhunters Beauty Safari over a 716 North Dixie ads something for women who don't like short hair – the “Swinging Bob.” It's a helmet-shaped style that hangs just below the ears, but has lots of body. Just ask for Mr. Jai.

(September 23, 1970) The city has turned Broad Street through the Westside shopping district back to two-way traffic after a year's trial of one-way driving. The change came after city officials polled Westside merchants. Four liked one-way traffic. Nine did not.

*Police Chief Bill Bilyeu today warned youths here not to try smoking “asthma cigarettes” to get high. The cigarettes, designed to ease the effects of asthma, are prescribed by doctors and contain belladonna, a muscle relaxant. The word going around among area youths is that they produce a hallucinogenic effect. They do not, say Bilyeu. But they can have dangerous and even deadly side effects.

(September 28, 1970) The new Willow Tree Shopping Center is set to open next March and tenants are already being announced. There'll be an optometrist from Livingston, John Endicott, Powers TV and Appliances is moving there. So is McCormick's Fashion Boutique. The main store will be Roses.

(October 2, 1970) They've added a turn lane on East 10th Street, where traffic has become increasingly heavy. Now there are three lanes from Brown Avenue to Fisk Road.

(October 5, 1970) They're set to dedicate the new Chamber of Commerce building at Jefferson and Stevens Street this week. Executive Director Eldon Leslie says it will be the first time in 20 years that the general membership of the Chamber will be able to meet together at the Chamber office. Pass headquarters have all been too small.

Opening at the Princess Theater this week was “I Walk The Line,” a movie filmed in the Gainesboro and Cookeville area and starring Gregory Peck and Tuesday Weld.

(October 9, 1970) An estimated 100 people from 13 counties in the region are expected to be at Tennessee Tech this week for a special conference called “Drug-Education – The Challenge.” The four-day conference is the first of four being held across the state to tell local officials and educators about the growing danger that drugs pose to young people.

Showing this week at the Princess; “The Magic Garden of Stanley Sweetheart.”

(October 15, 1970) Beginning Dec. 1 here, the Tennessee Highway Patrol says it will begin administering the “Sober Meter Balloon Test” to motorists suspected of being drunk while driving. If you're stopped for drunk driving, you can either blow up the balloon or the trooper can automatically suspend your license, the THP warns.

That merry band of war prisoners, “Hogan's Heroes,” began its sixth year on television this week. Critics initially asked whether a show based on something as grim as a German prisoner of war camp could be funny. TV viewers answered, ‘yes.’ Each week the war prisoners undermine the camp with tunnels, come and go at will and radio England from a converted coffee pot. They've been at it now longer than the duration of WWII.

(October 19, 1970) The Tennessee Highway Patrol announces that it will begin using the balloon test on DUI suspects beginning Dec. 1 here following the passage of a new law allowing the test to be used in Tennessee. If suspects refuse the test, their licenses will be suspended, THP officials say.

Also announced this week is a new plant for Cookeville, Dacco Inc. It will be constructed on a 24.3 acre site next to Fleetguard on the north-south highway.

(October 22, 1970) The new Chamber of Commerce building at the corner of Jefferson Ave. and Stevens St. has been dedicated.

(October 26, 1970)

The image of police officers has suffered in these recent years of campus protests, riots and rising crime. Some today refer to them as "pigs." A criminology course at TTU is setting out to change that a little this fall. The course focuses on the rights and responsibilities of police and students. There are 15 city policemen enrolled in the course along with several students. Instructor Floyd Stewart has asked the officers to wear their uniforms to class. He wants the officers and their classmates to "rub elbows so students will realize that police officers are not just non-human robots in uniform out to keep them in their places." Among the officers enrolled in the course are Wayne Bandy, J.T. Bennett, Robert Holmes, Martin Wheeler, Ray Hartbarger and Gary Byers.

Meanwhile in Washington, President Richard Nixon is lobbying hard for his sweeping "law and order bill" and is seeing protests over a "no-knock" clause it contains. It would give police with warrants the right to enter a premises without warning if they suspect that pausing to knock and identify themselves would allow evidence to be destroyed or would endanger officers. Opponents say it's unconstitutional.

(October 30, 1970) The Park View Parents-Teachers Association came out this week in support of a proposed ½ cent sales tax here that officials say would generate \$2,000 annually for schools here.

The Park View PTA is the latest in a series of organizations here to support the tax for schools.

Meanwhile, in a mock vote on the referendum at Capshaw Elementary this week, the kids voted down the sale tax, voting 131 to 127 against it. However the adults at the school – teachers and support staff – held their own straw vote. The tax passed in that election.

(November 2, 1970) A page one story offers a tip to young men of draft age. Many with high draft numbers in the 1970 national draft are dropping their deferments.

They know that with high numbers and at this late date it is unlikely they will be called into military service for Vietnam unless a major emergency occurs. If they lose their deferment next year when their name will go back into the pool, they could wind up with a lower number and wind up going to war.

Meanwhile, Army officials are increasingly concerned with the dimensions of the drug problem in Vietnam. In the last ten months, 89 Americans have died of drug overdoses in Southeast Asia. Another 746 went to drug treatment centers.

(November 5, 1970) Senator Albert Gore (Sr.) ended his political career this week. He said that after losing his bid for reelection to Congressman Bill Brock of Chattanooga, he'll never run for public office again. He lost by 45,000 votes. Putnam Countians stuck with the man from neighboring Smith County. They cast 6,261 votes for Gore and 3,716 for Brock.

(November 12, 1970) While most residents here were sleeping last night, the county's four funeral homes quietly went out of the ambulance business, and the new county-subsidized service operated by Bethel Newport took over. No accidents were reported last night.

(November 13, 1970) A brightly shining object as big as a city block passed in the night over southern Tennessee and on into Alabama this week, setting off a flood of phone calls to police stations for 100 miles on either side of its erratic path. Some here think they say it too.

Another UFO sightings? No, the Air Force claims this one. It was a massive experimental balloon launched earlier this week from Holoman Air Force Base in New Mexico. The plan was for an explosive device to pop the balloon near Memphis, sending a payload of scientific gear and data floating earthward by parachute for recovery.

(November 18, 1970) The Cookeville Post Office is participating with other post offices across the country in a new program designed to keep pornographic material out of the mailboxes of those who do not want it.

Cookeville Postmaster L.K. Mahler explained this week that anyone who wishes to make sure they don't receive adult material in the mail should place their names on a special postal list. A new law says that companies that mail pornographic material must have up-to-date copies of the postal list and cannot mail goods to people on it.

Contact his office to get on this list, says Mahler.

(November 20, 1970) A banner headline in today's edition tells of the arrest of a drug pusher here. The 23-year-old Tennessee Tech student's trailer had been staked out for days by police who observed "a lot of traffic" coming and going from there.

With a search warrant, police inspected the place and found 11 aluminum foil packets of hashish, a small corncob pipe and some cigarette papers, and a small bag of marijuana. There were some seeds too. Police say they hope they've set back the flow of drugs into Putnam County for a time.

(November 26, 1970) A Thanksgiving Day fire destroyed three Cookeville stores and damaged several others, raking up an estimated \$200,000 in damages.

Destroyed on the Cookeville Square were Marchbank Drugs, East Side Beauty Shop, the Smith Auto Glass Co. and the Double S. Western Shop.

Damaged by smoke and heat from the fire on the Square were the Textile Fabric Store, Osia William's Dress Shop, and B&H Shoes.

The fire, whipped by 20 mph winds, was off to a strong start by the time firemen got to the blaze, and it was a tough fight to keep damage to a minimum.

At one point in the blaze, Fire Chief Frank Moss and County Road Supt. Ben Austin were on the second floor of a building next to the fire when the wall between the two structures gave way. They said they raced each other off the floor and got away just before it fell through.

(November 27, 1970) A spectacular Thanksgiving Day fire drew a large crowd to the Cookeville square last night where Marchbanks Drugs burned, threatening the rest of the square for two hours before city firemen could contain the blaze. The drugstore received more than \$200,000 in damage. It was gutted. Other businesses damaged by smoke and heat were the East Side Beauty Shop, Smith Auto Glass, The Double S Western Store, the Textile Fabric Store, and Osia William's Dress Shop.

(December 2, 1970) Across Tennessee, counties are setting up county-run ambulance services in place of operations run out of funeral homes.

Here, Putnam officials recently issued an exclusive contract to Bethel Newport to set up and run a service under the county's direction.

However, there's a move to set up a second ambulance service.

Joe F. Dyer, who failed to stop the issuance of the contract to Newport through a petition drive, is now attempting to set up a non-profit organization to run an ambulance service – out of a funeral home. He says it will save taxpayers money. He's waiting on a state charter this week.

(December 9, 1970) Putnam County had its fourth major fire of the year this week when the 78-year-old Cookeville Planning Mill was destroyed by fire, doing more than \$150,000 in damage. It was a landmark

industry here. Earlier this year the Shanks Hotel, Uffelman Elementary and three businesses on the Cookeville Square were also gutted by flames.

(December 10, 1970) It was the fourth major fire here since May. The 78-year-old Cookeville Planing Mill was destroyed by wind-whipped flames this week as all five Cookeville fire trucks and firefighters from Sparta, Algood and Monterey battled the conflagration.

Fire gutted the mill itself and raced through the adjoining lumberyard, doing an estimated \$200,000 in damage. Firemen were able to keep flames from spreading across the street to Cecil Montgomery's tire store. But it too suffered heat and smoke damage.

Already this year, Cookeville lost the Shanks Hotel in May, Monterey lost Uffelman Elementary to a midnight blaze in September and the Cookeville Square lost three businesses to fire on Thanksgiving Day.

(December 12, 1970) Cookeville is talking about the drug raid on a rambling Jere Whitson Road house known as "the Pig Palace" this week. Ten TTU students were arrested there and nine ounces of marijuana was found in a brown paper bag.

The story made large headlines all week long. One of the students charged in the raid was in Nashville at the time police swept through the house and said he didn't know he was wanted until he read a recap of the Cookeville story in a Nashville newspaper.

Drugs are a growing concern and the roundup of almost a dozen college students here in a "drug den" flamed fears and conversations here.

The 10 students are all free on bond now, but missed their final exams this week and are expected to be dismissed from the university, those that have not already withdrawn.

(December 14, 1970) Putnam School Supt. Walter Warren Shanks says a state proposal to fully fund kindergarten for all who want it is a good idea.

It's now costing the state and counties \$5 million annually to handle students repeating first grade. Kindergarten would get them ready for that first crucial year of school.

Shanks said that presently only 40 percent of the country's five-year-olds attend kindergarten. There are three types of kindergartens here now. The state fully supports kindergartens at Dry Valley, Park View and Jeer Whitson. Admission to that program is on a first-come first-serve basis.

(December 21, 1970) For some years now, women have worn slacks to do house and yard work. Now, slacks are appearing in the work place in the form of pantsuits — and bosses are not quite sure what to think about it. Several were interviewed by the newspaper. None say they outright ban pantsuits in the office, although a few indicate that there is pressure for women to wear traditional skirts and dresses instead. Most tell the newspaper that they tolerate the newest fashion — although some do so reluctantly.

(December 23, 1970) There'll be a ribbon cutting here tomorrow and then water will be sent gushing through miles of pipeline to the homes of 400 customers of the new Cookeville Boat Dock water utility district.

The district has been created through a \$308,000 FMHA loan. The new lines are tied to the city of Cookeville's system. The people who will be repaying the federal loan will see city water about 12 hours after the connection is made.

*In Chicago, the results of a civilian study just released suggest that Vietnam will suffer decades of environmental woes because of the herbicide called "Agent Orange."

The US military sprayed the chemical across large jungled areas to cut down the foliage hiding Viet Cong soldiers and snipers. US troops are now being exposed to the chemical too.

The White House last week announced that further use of Agent Orange in south Vietnam is being discontinued. But the new study suggests that more will be heard later about the affects of the herbicide.

(December 30, 1970) The "Brown Water Navy" is no more. The U. S. military turned over its last 125 river vessels to the South Vietnamese government this week, ending an important phase of U. S. military involvement in Southeastern Asia. The South Vietnamese will now patrol their own coasts and inland waterways.

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(January. 6, 1971) Beginning this year, when you buy a car tag in Putnam County and across Tennessee, it will have a two-digit prefix identifying the county in which the tag was issued. Putnam County's prefix is 23.

The number is based on the county's population in the 1960 census. Putnam County was 23rd in the headcount. Three years from now, tag numbers will be based on county's population in the 1970 census, which is not formally finished at the present time.

The system is a return to one that was used in the early 1960s here and then dropped for a few years. Tags issued this year will be good for the next three years. New decals will be needed each year.

(January 22, 1971) The Cookeville Kiwanis Club this week passed a resolution and sent it to Tom Duc Thang, president of North Vietnam. It urged that nation to release the names of all US POWs there and to allow Red Cross representatives to inspect the conditions under which they are being held.

North Vietnam has rebuffed the western world's appeals that it allow contact with American prisoners of war.

(January 25, 1971) An early morning fire destroyed a campus landmark near Tennessee Tech, Wympees Restaurant. A prominent feature of the eatery was the large spotlight mounted on a front corner of the building.

The restaurant was built at the triple intersection of North Dixie, East 8th and the L & N Railroad in 1946. It was first run by Pack Fox as the B & B Restaurant No. 2. Later, Jimmy Moiser operated it as The Beacon. It was known as Wympees after that until it closed last fall.

Power and gas had been turned back on in the building just last week after it had been leased again, this time to a couple who planned to open a novelty shop there.

(February 10, 1971) TTU officials have converted the university's ROTC military training unit from a mandatory program for males to a volunteer option, and enrollment into the curriculum drops significantly.

(February 12, 1971) Tennessee Tech's Reserve Officer Training Corps program is about to see big changes. The ROTC is about to become all-volunteer.

As it now stands, every male student at TTU is required to take ROTC for two years. The program started in 1950 and became mandatory in 1956.

Now, with the war in Vietnam winding down and the military and the national draft under pressure from the anti-war movement, there's talk of an all-volunteer army someday soon. TTU has decided to go ahead and make such a move with its military training unit.

Also gone from TTU's ROTC program starting next fall will be the mandatory mass drill every Thursday afternoon on TTU's campus.

(December 30, 1971) Jake Libbey, head football coach at Putnam County Senior High School, has resigned that post. He announced this week that he's going to work for Citizens Bank. He ended his current season with a 8-3 record.

*Meanwhile, Alice Keith Ford, who has written up engagements, weddings and other milestone events ofr thousands here in her 33 years as the society editor, retired this week.

*Showing at the Princess Theater this week: James Francisus and Kim Hunter in "Beneath the Planet of the Apes."

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(1972) The son of Cookeville a couple is sailing around the world in a 45-foot sloop. Readers learned this week that while sailing the Indian Ocean in a fierce gale, his boat was seized, flung up and turned over by a tremendous wave.

Chris Baranowski, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Les Baranowski of Cookeville, sent word that he's OK. He managed to right his boat, the Polonez, and continued on course despite the soaking.

A Polish citizen, the younger Baranowski is a newspaper reporter for the Warsaw Tribune. He began his voyage last summer after completing a race that ended in Plymouth, England.

(January 6, 1972) the Putnam County Court is moving to strip the county's 21 constables of most of their powers after years of complaints that the positions are being abused by "fee grabbers."

Presently, constables here can carry guns, wear a uniform, serve warrants and collect fees for their services to the country.

Senator Vernon Neal says the office is obsolete. It's been replaced by today's better trained and better equipped sheriff's departments, he says.

More than half the state's counties have already done away with constables, and county officials here are considering the move as well.

(January 13, 1972) Thomas Copeland is one of three men in the U. S. and Canada honored this year by the Ralston Purina Co. for sales of their product.

He joined the company 19 years ago. His Middle Tennessee sales district has grown considerably since then. The company, in announcing the sales award, notes that Copeland's district has gone from mostly "small feeding units" to the point where larger, more commercial operations are more the order of the day.

Copeland, an Overton County native, is also cited in the award for his civic and church leadership.

Meanwhile, the Putnam County Bar has new officers for the coming year. They are Houston Boyd, president; Dick Mitchell, vice-president; and Jim Madewell, secretary-treasurer. Eugene Jared is the outgoing president.

*Work crews were busy on 12th Street this week widening the route to a four-lane street separated by a concrete island. The street is being widened from Dixie Avenue to Mississippi Avenue by the city at a cost of \$15,000.

President Richard Nixon this week ordered the number of US troops in Vietnam cut to 70,000 by May 1. When he took office in 1969, there were 540,000 American servicemen in Vietnam.

(January 14, 1972) Dr. Gordon Hunter decided to do things a little differently this year when he gave his opening lecture to his "Biological Concepts" class students. He and associate instructor Herbert Bingham put on costumes and pretended to be Gregor Mendel and his old high school physics teacher.

It was a one-act play they wrote and it was a hit. Hunter said it delivered the course, material to students in a way they'd remember, and it brought biology alive for them.

Bingham played Mendel and Hunter was his former teacher.

Graduate assistant Nick Wright was the narrator. It went over so well that Hunter has decided to use the play to open all his future freshmen biology courses, he told the newspaper in an interview this week.

(January 19, 1972) Attorneys in the Putnam County Bar Association got together this week and elected officers for the coming year.

They are Houston Boyd, president; Dick Mitchell, vice-president; and Jim Madewell, secretary-treasurer.

The outgoing president was Eugene Jared and John Acuff is the outgoing secretary-treasurer.

*Putnam County's Democrats elected new party leaders this week too. They are Harry Jaquess, party chairman; Mrs. Elizabeth Walls, secretary; and Don Dickerson, vice-chairman. Jaquess beat Democrat Noble Cody for the chairman's seat.

(January 22, 1972) The IRS checked out 13 stores here and gave them a clean bill of health this week and said none here were in violation of President Richard Nixon's price control program.

The nation is suffering from galloping inflation and Nixon has required stores to post the prices of specified items the day the price freeze went into effect. Merchants are not allowed to charge more than the posted price.

* Two more US jets were shot out of the sky over Laos this week, the 13th and 14th US airplane downed since December when President Nixon began bombing Laos to strike North Vietnamese staging areas.

The Vietnam War is winding down and, as the US withdraws ground forces, North Vietnamese units are building up. The air war into Laos is an effort to break up what is feared to be the first stages of a counter offensive.

All four crewmen of the two downed jets were returned to their bases by special air rescue teams.

(January 29, 1972) Rush Breeding of 900 Old Kentucky Road got an unusual letter of thanks this week. He told the newspaper the story behind the "thank you."

He told about a cool night in September of 1921 when Ervin H. Lauriault arrived in Cookeville and could not find lodging. They told him that Mrs. Lou Breeding, Rush's mother, sometimes took in travelers.

Rush and Lauriault had a pleasant night of conversation together, and that was the last the Cookeville man heard of the traveler for half a century.

Lauriault wrote this week to say thanks. He explained that after leaving Cookeville, he joined the Army and ended up working in the mountains of Peru with Indian tribes.

That experience led him to become a Presbyterian missionary to Peru, an occupation he's had for the last 30 years.

His letter this week explained that he wanted Rush to know that his family's kindness on a fall night 51 years ago has not been forgotten.

(January 29, 1972) Jerry Maynard was named principal of Sycamore Elementary this week, ending a standoff between the Putnam School Board and Supt. Walter Warren Shanks.

The board rejected the Overton County teacher Shanks recommended for the job in November, and Shanks sounded doubtful last month that he'd find another suitable candidate any time soon.

But he said this week that his search led him to Maynard, a teacher at Capshaw who was not an original candidate for the position. But Shanks said he was "elated" when he learned that Maynard has every bit of certification needed for the post.

Maynard is a Putnam native, and the board says it wanted to hire someone qualified who was also "local." Maynard has taught in Michigan for two years and for three years in the Metro Nashville system. He's been at Capshaw for the last two years.

A 12-page agreement signed this week in Paris brought the nation's longest war to an end. Richard Nixon says that the treaty meets all the conditions for the U. S. to have "peace with honor" and quite the Vietnam War.

In its 10 years, the Vietnam War has handed the United States 350,000 casualties and deeply scarred the nation.

(February 3, 1972) Those radar tripods you see set up beside state troopers' cars when they're trying to catch speeders will soon be a thing of the past. Tennessee Highway Patrol officials say. They started installing new speed computers in THP cars here and across the state.

Compact, they remain out of sight so motorist will never know when they're being monitored for speeding, the THP said. They'll be placed in THP cruisers and in unmarked cars as well.

*Showing at the Varsity Theater this month, "Panic in Needle Park," starring an unknown actor named Al Pacino.

(February 6, 1972) The Tennessee Highway Patrol made a switch this week that will make it harder for you to speed and get away with it.

The THP is packing away the tripod-mounted radar guns that are so easily seen to motorists and has installed compact radar units in each patrol car. It also plans to use unmarked cars equipped with the new devices.

*It was one of the heaviest weeks of fighting so far this year in Vietnam. Battles and fire fights broke out all across the country.

There are no American deaths, but South Vietnamese troops lost 20 soldiers. They say they killed 77 North Vietnamese regulars.

(February 12, 1972) Charles Maxwell, youth coordinator for the Upper Cumberland Development District, said this week that greener pastures continue to lure away the region's youth.

While the job picture has improved somewhat so that older adults are able to find work and the out migration of the 1940s and 1950s has stopped, the region still can't keep young people here.

He says that 18 percent of those listed here between the ages of 15 and 25 in the 1960 are gone now. The glamour of bigger cities claimed them.

The UCDD is seeking grant funds to develop programs to keep the Upper Cumberland's youth at home.

(February 19, 1972) Wind-whipped flames destroyed the Cookeville Foam and Wood Industries plant on Maxwell Street this week. The 30,000-square-foot structure was gutted, doing an estimated \$200,000.

Lon Marcum opened the company a year ago on the site of the old Tennessee Handle Co. It had 30 employees. The company was a major supplier for the Norwalk Furniture Co.

This week at the Putnam Drive-in: Joe Namath stars as "The Last Rebel."

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(February 26, 1972) State health officials this week gave the go-ahead for customers of the new Old Gainesboro grade Utility District to tie onto waiting water lines and start drinking "city water."

Barney Brown, president of the new water district, told the newspaper that connections are now being made so water can flow to the new district's some 120 customers.

The district was established through a \$121,000 loan from the federal Farmers Home Administration.

Showing at the Princess Theater this week: Tom Laughlin as the counterculture hero, "Billy Jack."

(March 5, 1972) Senator Howard Baker was in town this week for one of his occasional public meetings here and said he expects the long-awaited north-south highway from Lexington, KY to Chattanooga to be completed "in a reasonable time."

Planned since the mid-1960's and finally included as an Appalachian Regional Commission "corridor" highway project in the late '60s, the north-south highway here has been stalled due to lack of federal appropriations.

Now, President Richard Nixon is making major changes in funding formulas for federal road projects, and no one is sure how that will affect the north-south highway.

Baker said here this week that he does expect the north-south highway to be completed before the interstate highways systems in Tennessee.

(March 11, 1972) Some 650 National Guardsmen from units across the Upper Cumberland descended on Cookeville Saturday for a training exercise in putting down civil uprising, something on the minds of many public officials after riots and unrest in several major US cities in the last few years.

The Guardsmen rolled into Cookeville, set up observation posts at key intersections, and manned patrols throughout the day under the watch of curious citizens here.

(March 13, 1972) When Interstate 40 was built at Monterey a few years ago, the town got only half an interchange at each end of town. A driver who gets off I-40 at one end of town now has to drive all the way through Monterey to get back on the interstate in the direction he was headed.

Efforts have been underway for some time to convince the powers in Washington to give Monterey the rest of interchanges. Those hopes suffered a setback this week.

The newspaper reports that the State Highway Department has looked at the situation and says it can't find any way to justify the expense of interchanges at Monterey under present federal guidelines.

A state official commented, "I know it would help some of the service stations operating up there but we've got to show how it would help the traveling public."

(March 16, 1972) An unusual approach is being taken to registering voters here this week. There'll be a rock dance/voter registration session at the Cookeville Community Center.

It was the idea of Putnam County Sr. High senior Danny Ealey, who says he's trying to reach the 18-21-year-old age group here who can vote for the first time under recent changes in voting laws.

Ealey estimated that there are 1,000 students at the high school here alone who fall into that category and, across the country, there are probably 3,500 potential new voters.

Ealey said that a different sort of approach is needed to get them to sign up to vote. So he's helped organize a rock dance where vote officials will be on hand to register young voters.

(March 20, 1972) "Considerable damage" was done to Maddux Hardware by fire this week. A motorist on the Courthouse square looked up and saw curtains in the store's upstairs section burning and called the fire department.

Firemen kept the blaze contained to one section of the store, but it and stock was badly damaged. Investigators think the fire started in a fluorescent light fixture.

(March 26, 1972) Eighteen-year-olds in Putnam County have been drinking beer legally for a year now and there have apparently been few adverse effects of the age change, concede two top law enforcement officials here.

Both Sheriff Billy G. Smith and Cookeville Police Chief Bill Bilyeu opposed lowering the drinking age from 21 to 18 when the bill came before the legislature last year.

Now, after 12 months of legal drinking by 18-year-olds, they say there has only been a slight rise in arrest for drinking while driving and public intoxication.

How do they feel now about the new, lower age limit. They're still opposed, they told the newspaper.

(March 30, 1972) Workmen demolishing the old General Telephone building on the corner of East Broad and Madison this week found a time capsule placed in the wall of the structure in 1929.

It contained a 1929 telephone directory that was only 16 pages thick. The one this year has 108 pages.

The capsule also had a copy of the Putnam county Herald dated July 18, 1929, and a history of the family of the late James N. Cox, president and general manager of the telephone company and editor of the Herald.

Among those listed in the Cox family were two known here today, grandchildren Charles H. Cox, Jr. and Mrs. Leon Burns.

Also, there was a letter from Cox which looked at the county's growth since the World War and which looked ahead to the bright future the county and the nation faced. It was written just three months before the New York Stock Market Crash of '29.

*Alabama Governor George C. Wallace got a standing ovation when he walked into the chambers of the Tennessee General assembly this week. Wallace was in Nashville to kick off his Tennessee campaign for the presidency.

He's running for president under the banner of the American Party which he founded four years ago in his first unsuccessful bid for the White House.

(April 3, 1972) The Monterey Civitan Club is planning a celebration to honor Dr. C. A. Collins and Dr. T. M. Crain, owners and operators of the Monterey Hospital for the last 23 years.

The hospital closed in December when Dr. Crain retired. Dr. Collins still maintains a private practice in Monterey.

*Meanwhile, the U. S. has sent to aircraft carriers to the Tonkin Gulf to add their might to a massive air strike being planned to counter a spring offensive by the North Vietnam Army, which has pushed several miles into South Vietnam.

The huge show of air strength is to include 275 carrier-based fighter-bombers and another 250 land-based warplanes. It's the biggest use of air-power in the Vietnam since the Tet Offensive in 1968.

Targets will include NVA tanks, artillery and heavy equipment which the enemy is using with increasing frequency in the war that America has been fighting for nearly a decade.

(April 7, 1972) Former US Secretary of the Interior Stewart Udall said in a talk at TTU this week that the world is poised on the edge of an historical period of transition in which "less is more" and we'll have to realize that "there is no way to throw away our wastes."

The environmentalist said that American cities once gauged progress by growth. The outlook has culminated in a degraded quality of life for most urban Americans because of pollution and urban woes, he said.

The theme for the next 20 to 30 years in America, said Udall, will be determining, "what are the limits of our growth," he said.

Americans must learn to waste less and pollute less, he said.

*Students at Baxter and Algood were told this week that health careers will be the "in" occupation of the 1970s.

Carolyn Whitaker, Middle Tennessee Coordinator of the Tennessee Health Careers Program, told students that there are presently 5,000 jobs in the health sector waiting to be filled. Needed are technicians, pharmacists, therapists, dietitians, nurses and more. And the demand is rising nearly every day, she said.

(April 11, 1972) The county is about to go into the landfill business. The Putnam County Court this week approved spending \$200,000 to buy a site and open a sanitary landfill.

The state recently passed a new law requiring counties to dispose of garbage in approved landfills rather than open dumps.

On top of the \$200,000 being spent by the county, Cookeville will spend \$74,600 on the project. Monterey will toss in \$12,700. Algood will contribute \$10,900, and Baxter will pay \$5,500.

The funds, besides creating a landfill, will be used to buy trucks, equipment and collection canisters. County officials are still undecided on how to distribute the canisters.

(April 21, 1972) TTU is about to gain a campus radio station. WTTU-FM is ready to go on the air.

Campus officials said the new station will serve as an educational facility for students, particularly in journalism.

TTU journalism instructor Donald W. Caldwell this week began taking applications for a variety of positions at the station. He's looking for disc jockeys, script writers, news announcers, a news director and music and drama director.

*Meanwhile elsewhere, John W. Young and Charles M. Duke Jr. explored the mountains of the moon today.

The Apollo 16 astronauts safely landed on the lunar surface, secured their space capsule, and then set out to take a closer look at nearby rock formations. Their seven-hour excursion included an examination of craters for signs of volcanic activity. They didn't find any.

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(May 1, 1972) Hunter Mir, the manager of the Putnam County Airport for the past 12 years, is retiring, and upon doing so, added his opinion to the debate over whether Cookeville and Putnam County should support efforts to create a regional airport in White County. He's for it.

Mir says he thinks the Putnam airport is too hemmed in by houses, factories and businesses.

"If you had engine failure while you were taking off to the south, then you'd fall right on Park Village," he noted.

White County's site, meanwhile, is surrounded by a lot of flat, undeveloped land, he said.

The Putnam County Court has hired David Harris of New Berlin, Wis., as Mir's replacement.

*Meanwhile, the FBI's J. Edgar Hoover was found dead this morning when his maid came to work. Hoover, who was unmarried and lived alone, apparently died of natural causes, ending a chapter in the nation's history of law enforcement.

(May 1, 1972) Hundreds of thousands of empty cigarette packages have been collected in Cookeville and the region by people believing they were helping a desperately ill young girl get a blood transfusion.

Residents here have been told that for every six empty cigarette packages turned into the major cigarette companies, the companies will provide a pint of blood for a little girl here with a blood disorder.

Restaurants have set up collection bins, groups are getting involved in the effort, and city policemen are helping collect packages, too. One woman says she has a basement almost filled with the packages.

The newspaper looked the situation this week. It could not find the girl who was to receive the blood. Cigarette companies are not exchanging blood for empty packages. Apparently there's no substance to the cigarette package program.

The newspaper reported that the regional vice-president of women's group in Crossville heard of the collected program from someone – she forgets who now – and passed the word on. It spread to Livingston, Cookeville, Jamestown and throughout the Upper Cumberland.

(May 7, 1972) The City Council was serenaded by violin music this week. Its meeting opened with a performance by TTU music instructor Francis Elliot performing a brief violin solo by Fiorelli, and 18th century composer.

The occasion? The city council was about to vote on final reading to create the Cookeville Arts Council. The resolution named the board of the group which is to be Cookeville's official representative in promoting and publicizing the arts here. Hal Denton is chairman.

(May 16, 1972) Monterey High School this week announced its honor students for the year.

Soon to be graduating at the top of their class are, in order of grade point average, Dennis Allen, Cathy Vaughn, Abigail Robbins, Shirley Williams, Don Bohannon, Kerry Wollbright, and Yolanda Looper.

In the Florida Democratic Primary this week, Alabama Governor George C. Wallace scored a land-slide victory, followed by second place winner Hubert Humphrey.

A distant third was Sen. Edmund Muskie, who took a drubbing.

Wallace rode to victory on a pledge of opposing school busing and on a vow to tax the wealthy.

(May 14, 1972) Two Cookevillians were admitted to the bar this week.

John Thomas Johnson Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John Johnson of Baxter, and Richard Laken Mitchell III, son of Richard and Eleanor Mitchell of Cookeville, have graduated from the UT School of Law and are now attorneys.

Johnson is affiliated with the Knoxville law firm of Howard Jarvis and Mitchell is associated with the Cookeville law firm of Langford, Mitchell & Langford.

*A 100-vote error has changed the results of last week's Putnam primary, giving the County Clerk's office that everyone thought Juanita Nabors had won to James Horn.

The error was discovered by Algood Inside precinct official Archie Jeters, who said Mrs. Nabors got 89 votes there, but when he read the unofficial tally in local newspapers supplied by the Putnam Election office, she was listed as having 189 from Algood Inside voters.

The Putnam Election Commission rechecked the machines this week, verified that Jeters was correct and declared Horn the winner.

Mrs. Nabors has announced that she plans to run in the August general election as an independent candidate.

(May 21, 1972) The arrest of some 60 young people here on drug charges was the news from Cookeville this week.

Baxter Key Jr., the District Attorney General here, says the drug bust was the result of an undercover operation aimed at putting drug sellers – or "pusher" – out of business.

About half of those arrested were charged with selling illegal drugs, mostly marijuana.

*In page one picture this week, the new Grant Plaza Shopping Center was taking shape amid a tangle of steel girders and concrete abutments.

The new shopping center is being build a block south of the Square on South Jefferson Avenue at a cost of \$900,000. It's due to open in August.

(May 24, 1972) Park View Elementary principal Henry Ferrell is retiring at the end of the school year, ending 43 years as an educator.

This week, he was honored in a resolution passed by the Tennessee General Assembly. The legislation was introduced by two of his former students.

He's pictured on page one this week with state representatives Gentry Crowell of Lebanon and Tommy Burks of Monterey.

(May 27, 1972) Increasingly tighter state regulations for emergency medical care are forcing dozens of funeral homes throughout the Upper Cumberland to quit the ambulance business.

Livingston's two funeral homes are parking their ambulances on July 31 and Gainesboro's two funeral homes say they too will soon stop taking ambulance calls. Funeral home in Fentress, Warren, and Canton Counties say they're following suit.

For two years now, funeral homes in Putnam White, and Cumberland Counties have been out of the ambulance business because of state regulations. Here, Bethel Newport has been operating a service that serves Putnam county's ill and injured.

Funeral home directors who still field ambulances say two factors are about to force them out: more stringent regulations and the new \$2 an hour minimum wage law.

(June 2, 1972) Christine Koczvara, who was the first woman commissioned by the US Marine Corps as a combat artist during the Vietnam War and who was commissioned by the US Navy to paint the liftoff of Apollo 7, has joined the TTU faculty.

(June 3, 1972) Fire destroyed the Eastwood Market on Highway 70 east of town last night. It burned to the ground despite efforts by firemen from Algood and Monterey to extinguish it.

Cookeville's fire department was called first from someone who saw the flames at Lynn's Motel, which is across the highway from the market. But city firemen are prohibited by city policy from responding to fires outside the city limits, the caller was told.

Algood and Monterey firemen were hampered by a shortage of water. Algood trucks relayed water from Cookeville, and Monterey's fire trucks refilled from the swimming pool at Lynn's Motel. But the flames got out of control and the building was lost.

Eastwood Market was built in December 1968 by Willard Bryant, who had operated the market at a different location for some time before moving it to the Highway 70 site.

(June 12, 1972) A teacher at Park View Elementary for the past nine years has been named to replace retiring principal Henry Ferrell.

Jackson County native Hollis M. Loftis was elected to the position by the Putnam County School Board this week.

He began his teaching career in a one-teacher school on the banks of the Roaring River.

During his career, he's also been a coach, a librarian and has been principal of two other schools.

(June 22, 1972) The city is in the grip of a record cold snap. The high temperature yesterday was 73. The low in the last 24 hours was 53. At 7 a.m. today the mercury had only climbed back up to 55.

Cookeville weather observer C. K. Flatt says today's cold beats records going back to 1908.

*For those who like their film action on a big scale, the Princess Theater this week is showing "Destroy All Monsters," the Japanese movie in which "Godzilla devastates Moscow, Rodan Attacks New York, Mandra mangles London and Mothra smashes Peking,"

(July 14, 1972) Murfreesboro attorney Raymond Gibbs walked through town the other day. He's running-or walking-for the US Senate.

He's crossing the state on foot to call attention to his campaign. He's only got about 300 miles to go to reach Memphis and there are about 20 days left until the election. He didn't linger here very long.

But while Gibbs was here, he said he favors US military withdrawal from Vietnam, cutting funding for NASA and the space program, decriminalization of marijuana and cuts in national defense spending.

(June 25, 1972) A nationally-known artist is joining TTU's teaching faculty.

Christine Koczvara, 25, was the first woman ever commissioned by the US Marine Corp as a combat artist during the Vietnam War. Works from her stint in Vietnam are currently part of a Smithsonian Institute traveling exhibits.

Before her Vietnam tour she was commissioned by the US Navy to paint the liftoff of Apollo 7 at Cape Kennedy. She appeared recently on the nationally-televised "To Tell the Truth" trying to fool panelists who were trying to decide which of three mystery guests was the combat artist.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jon Koczvara of Upper Saddle River, New Jersey. Her brother, Chuck, played football for Tennessee Tech.

(July 1, 1972) Algood, Baxter and Monterey are closing their town dumps under a new state law which says that all garbage in Tennessee must be disposed of in state-approved sanitary landfills.

Algood Mayor Lester Beaty says that town's dump on Brotherton Mountain will be closed this week and anyone who uses it afterwards will be prosecuted if caught.

Baxter Mayor Howard Alexander said his town will start taking the household garbage its crews collect to Cookeville's landfill. Monterey plans to do the same.

Cookeville has opened a state-approved sanitary landfill on CC Camp Road. Meanwhile, Putnam County officials are still looking high and low for a suitable landfill site to serve the county.

It may soon be easier and quicker to drive to Knoxville. State highway engineers said this week that they believe that Interstate 40 will finally be finished over Rockwood.

Now, Interstate 40 is finished across most of the nation and all of Tennessee – except for a section in the middle of Memphis and Rockwood Mountain.

Traffic going on I-40 from here to Knoxville has had to get off the interstate at Crab Orchard and detour along a windy mountainous road until reaching the interstate again at Harriman.

Engineers say they've about got the landslide problem licked and the section should be open later this year.

(July 9, 1972) Tourism is big business now in the Upper Cumberland. Tourists and travelers spent \$25 million in the region last year, according to Upper Cumberland Tourist Association director Bert Shirley.

Seven million tourists came to the 14-county region last year, said Shirley. They spent \$5 million in Putnam County alone, he said.

And Shirley says that some of those who came here to see the region's lakes and mountains will probably come back to live when they retire.

*It's all over for the "Happy Warrior," former vice-president Hubert Horatio Humphrey. He withdrew from the presidential race this week after Sen. George McGovern trounce him again, this time in the crucial California primary.

(July 26, 1972) Members of the Putnam County Court refused to spend \$1.3 million to build a new school here this week and lost \$300,000 in federal funds in doing so.

School officials here said this week that Cookeville's elementary schools are severely overcrowded. The picture is about to get worse. Tech Campus School is shutting down, and those students will have to be absorbed by the already overburdened schools.

So, school officials want to build a new school in northeast Cookeville. The county magistrate said no this week.

So, Hank Garant, director of Cookeville Model Cities, a federal program that's funneled millions to Cookeville in recent years, says he has no choice but to withhold \$300,000 that was meant for country schools.

Schools were taking part in a multi-year improvements program to receive an injection of federal funds. But local effort was part of the deal. Now, the school system has lost a new school and funds it thought it already had.

The \$300,000 was earmarked to renovate a portion of Cookeville Jr. High and to fix leaks in the Cookeville High roof.

(July 28, 1972) Cookeville has a new hamburger place, Hardee's Restaurant. It opened on South Jefferson this week with Chris Wyatt as manager and Edward Roberts as assistant manager. The staff includes Jane Wynne, Debbie Eller, Shirley Wright and Helen Bryant.

And the city has a new Kroger grocery store opening in Grant Plaza on South Jefferson. It's the fourth Kroger store for Cookeville since 1940, and all four have been managed by James Grogan.

In the new store, Joyce Crosslin is head checker, Johnny Judd runs the produce section, Willie Shirley is the head grocery clerk and Glen Whittaker heads the meat-cutting department.

*At the Princess this week: "Concert for Bangladesh," a rock concert billed as the "concert of the decade." Among the dozen of top performers are George Harrison and Bob Dylan.

(Aug. 2, 1972) John McClellan this week became the first black resident ever elected to the Putnam County Court, and David Horner, 19, became the youngest.

(Aug. 4, 1972) Representatives of the Pizza Hut restaurant chain asked Cookeville City Council this week to waive a requirement in the city's beer code. Beer permit applicants are currently required to be in business for a full year before action is take on their application.

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The spokesman noted that the chain itself has been in business for several years and has 30 other Pizza Huts in Tennessee and 900 across the nation. The council took the request for further study.

(Aug. 4, 1972) Portions of Arthur Bremmer's diary were released this week that told how the man who recently gunned down presidential aspirant George C. Wallace in Laurel, Maryland almost got to President Richard Nixon this May in Ottawa, Canada.

Bremmer's diary tells of the assassin stalking the president, following him to Canada where Nixon made a public appearance. Bremmer was moving through the crowd as Nixon's motorcade got underway, he was delayed for an instant by someone in front of him, and when he'd pushed his way to the curb, Nixon's car had just passed. All he saw was a dark head blur by, he told his diary. He was too late.

*There were two firsts for the Putnam County Court this week. Voters made businessman John McClellan the first black to serve on that county legislative body, and they seated the youngest man ever on the court, David Horner, 19. McClellan is the owner of Hooker Funeral Home in Algood and John's Place in Cookeville. Horner is a sophomore at Tennessee Tech and lives in Monterey. Meanwhile, the election this week placed the country's second Republican in the office of Putnam School Superintendent, Walter Warren Shanks. The first was Beecher Gentry.

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(Aug. 11, 1972) A group of university students and social workers from Nashville has studied the situation and declared this week that the Upper Cumberland is missing out on a available federal dollars.

Some 70 percent of the people here who are eligible for Food Stamps aren't in the program. That means that those federal dollars aren't being spent in stores here, and that means sales taxes from those dollars aren't going into local budgets.

Putnam County alone lost out on \$1.2 million in Food Stamps funds last year, the group estimates. It blames the problem on inefficiencies in the state's system of administering the federal Food Stamp program.

(Aug. 12, 1972) The Cookeville Jaycees got the word this week that their application for a \$1 million federal loan has been approved. The group plans to build 14 apartment buildings on a 13.8 acre site on South Willow.

The complex, which is being built under the federal interest subsidy program, will house elderly and low and middle-income residents whose rent will be based on their incomes.

(Aug. 20, 1972) A Cookeville housewife, Mrs. Doyle Hopson of 156 Ensor drive, opened a can of Star Kist tuna last week to make tuna salad. A glint of light on top of the meat caught her eye. It looked like tiny glass shards.

She called the store where she'd bought the tuna, and was offered a refund. But the manager said a complaint to the company itself probably would do little good. They'd not acted on complaints before, he said.

She called the newspaper, which in turn called the regional office of the federal Food and Drug Administration in Nashville. The FDA has launched a probe in Middle Tennessee.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Jon Adamson brought another can of tuna into the newspaper office this week after reading about the first can. Her can had glass silvers in it too.

Tuna sales dropped here this week and those buying tuna are spending a lot of time carefully poking through it.

(Aug. 25, 1972) Four husband and wife pairs are crossing the stage this week to get their diplomas together at Tennessee Tech.

They are Roger and Carolyn Ruth Hodge Glasgow of Cookeville; Michael James and Sandra McLain of Kingston; Clarence and Mary Edna Sitzler of Harriman; and Doug and Jane McBroom of Cookeville.

A new state historic marker is going to be unveiled at Reba Bacon's studio north of Cookeville during the 11th annual Benlee Art Show.

Mrs. Bacon and the art show's namesakes posed for a page one photo beside the sign this week. With her were grandsons Ben Baggett, 12, and Lee Baggett, 12, the sons of Mrs. Janet Bacon Baggett of Nashville.

(September 2, 1972) That glass of water you drank in Cookeville today didn't come from the City Lake. It was piped 15 miles through a 30-inch line all the way from Center Hill Lake. The city's new \$3.8 water treatment plant is up and running.

City Manager Bethel Newport says the plant is the most modern water treatment facility in Tennessee Mayor Bobby Davis says it means the city should never again fear drought and a water shortage like that here in 1968 when City lake dried up.

There's little chance of a water shortage. The new plant is capable of sending 3.2 million gallons of water to Cookeville from the lake. It has three huge water intakes that suck water up the steep hillside to the plant at a rate of 10,800 gallons per minute. Relax, and have a glass of water.

(September 9, 1972) Burgess Falls, normally a scenic cascade, dried up this week after vandals opened a drain pipe on the south end of the dam. The lake level above the dam fell four feet. In a matter of days, the falls were dry. The pipe has been closed and the lake is slowly refilling.

*Eleven members of the Israeli Olympic team were murdered this week by Arab terrorists who held the athletes captive in Munich and ordered authorities to arrange for an aircraft to allow them to escape. In a shoot-out at the airport, the Israelis and five of the terrorists died.

(September 13, 1972) Members of the Putnam County School Board in their monthly meeting this week voted to name board member Lloyd Gentry as their new chairman. The board named Eulene Locke vice-chairman.

Meanwhile, the board made Larry McCaleb track coach at Cookeville High. He follows Bob Hargis in the position.

Finally, the board appointed Jess Hawkins as head football coach for Monterey High School.

*William Boyd died in Hollywood this week of cancer at the age of 77. He was better known as Hopalong Cassidy.

After his career was nearly ruined by gambling and scandal, Boyd embraced the role of Hopalong Cassidy when Paramount Pictures extended it.

He insisted that the true-blue western hero never smokes, drinks or has romantic interests. Hopalong Cassidy always got his man and, if it came down to a shootout, he always let the bad guy clear leather first.

He came to devote much of the proceeds from his film career to children's homes and hospitals. He explained in an interview shortly before his death, "If it weren't for the kids, I'd be a bum today."

(September 19, 1972) Efforts by a local teen to open a drug counseling center/coffee house to fight drugs among teens here are gaining steam.

Danny Ealey, 18, held an organizational meeting here this week and gained pledges of support from a number of influential community leaders.

Ealey said the drug problem at Cookeville High School is worse than many here think, and he said it's spreading into the junior high here as well.

(September 21, 1972) Going to the big UT-Vandy game in December? You may get to drive on I-40 all the way to Knoxville this time instead of having detour off at Westel for the drive through Rockwood.

Interstate 40 was completed between Cookeville and Knoxville by 1967. Then landslides at Rockwood rubbed the interstate off the mountain.

The section of I-40 above Rockwood cost \$3.4 million. The first time. By the time the new version gets done in December, it will have cost another \$14 million.

Originally, I-40 had all four lanes running side-by-side on the same mountain cut. Now, state and federal roadbuilders have given way to the mountain and separated the east and west bound lanes.

The higher westbound section is expected to be open by December in time for the big game. Two-way traffic will be sent across the mountains on that section, cutting 20 minutes off the trip to Knoxville.

(September 25, 1972) The city's new \$3.8 million water treatment plant, which pumps water 15 miles from Center Hill Lake, opened.

(October 5, 1972) Every year since 1953, Jim Morgan of New York, New York, has been coming to Dale Hollow for a vacation at Holly Creek Fishing Camp. Every year, the children here look forward to it. He brings them Christmas in October.

Morgan is better known to New Yorkers as Jo Jo the Clown.

He's the chief clown for Macy's department store.

The first year he came here he handed out pencils and small toys that he always carries with him to children at the fishing camp. The next year he did the same and it began to snowball.

Now, he puts on a full clown show every October at the old Ashlock Elementary School. And he hands out toys. Not just pencils and odds and ends now, but cases of toys donated by Macy's and other New York businesses.

He can be seen again next month, too. He'll be in Macy's Thanksgiving Parade with his team of four Chihuahuas.

(October 9, 1972) Putnam County's Democratic Party wrote a letter to Sen. Edward M. Kennedy this week urging him to launch a congressional investigation into last summer's break-in at the national Democratic Party headquarters in Washington's Watergate complex.

Harry Jaquess, chairman of the local party, said the break in and bugging of the party headquarters has been linked to the Committee to Re-elect the President. The affair is a threat to the nation's two-party system, said Jaquess.

(October 16, 1972) A Tennessee Tech student is being held in jail today on charges of destroying city property after a college prank got out of hand.

It started as a panty raid on the women's dormitories. Some of the young men apparently became uncomfortable with the bright security lights shining down on them and decided to put them out.

The student in jail today is charged with throwing a length of chain attached to a metal pipe into the city's electric substation on 7th Street near TTU. The amount of damage has not yet been determined, but the student achieved his goal. He knocked the power out at TTU. And the hospital. And much of central Cookeville.

Officials say they plan to see that there are no more panty raids at the university for a while.

(October 17, 1972) Luther Harris of Cookeville is the new president of the Middle Tennessee Association of Retired Teachers, a 3,000-member strong organization.

He's been in education in Tennessee for 50 years, 28 of which he spent as head of the state rehabilitation program in 20 counties between Nashville to Knoxville.

Harris also served a stint as superintendent of schools in Overton County. He retired three years ago.

*America is in the grip of UFO-mania this week after a flurry of sightings in Pascagula, Mississippi, during which two fishermen say they were raised into an alien spacecraft and later released.

Middle Tennessee had its own wave of sightings. Police department phones rang off the walls in Mt. Juliet, Lawrenceburg and Columbia one night this week. In Lebanon, a sheriff's dispatcher told a reporter, "They're driving me crazy calling about those things."

It was the same pandemonium in Putnam County after several people reported seeing red and white lights flashing and twirling around in the night sky.

Then, members of the Tennessee Tech Sports Parachute Club got in touch with the newspaper and said that their jumpers may have been the unidentified flying objects here. They did a night jump the same night of the UFO 'invasion.'

The skydivers explained that to avoid slamming into each other in the dark, jumpers attached red, white and green strobe lights to their jump gear. The whirling lights could be seen from the ground too, they pointed out.

But sightings of odd lights in the skies continued to pour in on subsequent nights here too. Authorities are stumped. And weary.

(October 20, 1972) State officials say a new educational television station may soon be built on a site somewhere near Monterey. But they've yet to find a site for the \$500,000 stations, and they say they're still working on that.

The state says it needs a piece of land up high so the station can shoot TV signals down into the region's surrounding valleys. That means somewhere in the vicinity of Monterey, they've decided.

They're also talking about building a studio at Tennessee Tech and linking the new station to TTU's existing closed-circuit TV system. It might make local programming possible they say.

If all goes smoothly, the station could be on the air as early as next year.

(October 27, 1972) An Atlanta consulting firm hired by the city to forecast Cookeville's future reported this week on its findings. Cookeville will have a population of 52,000 by the year 1990, it said.

There's more. By that year Cookeville will be the commercial and industrial center of a 24-county area in Tennessee and Kentucky.

With the completion of the north-south Highway 111, Cookeville's work force will double as it draws from a manpower pool extending as far north as Glasgow, KY, the consultants say.

And by the year 1990, Cookeville's urban sprawl will extend outwards for five miles in every direction from the Putnam Courthouse, say the experts.

(November 8, 1972) Putnam County did it again. It helped elect a Republican president.

Putnam Countians helped elect Richard Nixon in 1968 when he won the White House, and this week, voters in White, Clay, Overton and Smith Counties. So did voters all across the country.

Except for Jackson County, which favored George McGovern, McGovern lost by an historic landslide.

(November 13, 1972) Putnam Ambulance Service owner Bethel Newport announced this week that he's putting ambulance technicians Bill Parrott and Bernie Ford in Montgomery with an ambulance at night in response to the calls he's been getting from Monterey residents for more service.

Since the state put funeral homes out of the ambulance service business two years ago, Newport said Montgomery residents have been asking for an ambulance to be stationed there.

The Putnam County Court this week voted to increase Newport's annual \$30,000 subsidy by \$22,000 to cover the increased cost.

*At the Varsity Cinema this week: "Fritz the Cat," the R-rated animated film by Ralph Bashki that many here say should be rated X.

(November 24, 1972) The City of Cookeville is negotiating with the six water utility districts in the county to take them over. The move comes as the State Health Department is getting ready to implement new regulations which officials say will make it more costly to operate water systems.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Jones are both stationed in Saigon. He's with the U. S. Embassy and she's a nurse. They both were awarded commendations by their superiors this week for their outstanding performances. (December 1, 1972) Rumor has it that a nationally-syndicated newspaper "prophetess" has predicted that there'll be a mass murder this weekend on a college campus somewhere in Middle Tennessee. A man masquerading as a woman will enter women's dormitory and stab to death at least four young women. Or so rumor has it.

Tonight, Cookeville motel rooms were full of TTU's women students. One room had nine young women sleeping elbow to elbow.

A similar "prediction" was rumored last year on the campus of MTSU. Nothing came of it and, then as now, no one seemed to be able to pin down who the columnist was supposed to be or how the rumor got started.

(December 10, 1972) Putnam School Superintendent Walter Warren Shanks has agreed with a state proposal to fund kindergarten classes for all schools wishing to adopt the program.

(December 11, 1972) The Tennessee Higher Education Commission in Nashville this week unveiled a long-range plan for Tennessee Tech which calls for it to continue in the dual role it's played here from the beginning.

THEC said that when Tennessee Tech first became a college in 1915, it acted as both a technical school and a community college.

The panel recommends that TTU continue to focus on engineering, which makes up 60 percent of its enrollment, but also continue to offer degrees in most other fields.

TTU is the only university serving a wide area here, notes THEC, and is the best chance many in the area have for getting a college degree.

THEC also recommended that TTU beef up its liberal arts program. At the Princess Theater this week: "Billy Jack," with Tom Laughlin. The film's half-Indian, karate-chopping hero, says the ad, is "just a person who protects children and other living things."

Also this week at the movies, Marty Robbins stars in "Country Music."

(December 22, 1972) The Putnam County Library Board this week honored Miss Clara Sterns, who is retiring at the end of the month after serving 26 years as librarian of the Clara Cox Epperson Library here.

Services were held this week for Walter R. Carlen, who died at Cookeville General Hospital after an extended illness.

He was president of the Coca-Cola Bottling Co. here and had been vice-president of Citizens Bank since it organized in 1914. He was buried in the Cookeville City Cemetery.

The U.S. lost three more heavy B-52 bombers over Hanoi today. The crew of another heavy bomber managed to nurse their craft along to exit enemy territory before parachuting out over Thailand.

The U.S. began intensive bombing of the Hanoi-Haiphong industrial complex last week after peace talks stalled in Paris. Six other B-52s have been shot out of the sky since the first of the week.

(December 24, 1972) The Cookeville Post Office, the district Social Security office and other federal offices here were closed today and flags were at half mast when they buried Harry S. Truman, who led the nation out of a world war and into the early days of the Cold War.

As usual, Truman didn't want the pomp and circumstance. His last wish was for a small, simple ceremony, which he got.

In other news here this week, Southern Airlines asked federal officials for permission this week to eliminate its daily stop in Crossville. It's losing money, the airlines says.

Presently, Southern touches down in Crossville once a day to take passengers and freight to Nashville. There, it picks up passengers and freight and wings back to Crossville. Crossville officials had high hopes that the operation would grow into an aviation hub for the region. It didn't.

(December 25, 1972) The first phase of TTU's Tech Village apartment complex for married students has opened, and 48 couples have started moving in.

(December 26, 1972) The Rev. Thomas Burgess, pastor of First Baptist Church in Algood, was making plans this week to go to Managua, Nicaragua, where a major earthquake has leveled 75 percent of the city's structures and left as many as 50,000 dead.

Burgess knows the language and culture well. He was a Baptist missionary to Nicaragua from 1967 to 1969. He's going back to help again.

It didn't quite make it for Christmas, but it kept a lot of young faces glued to the windowpanes today anyway. Snow fell today and piled up at least a half-inch deep.

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(January 12, 1973) Cookeville weather observer C.K. Flatt, and Monterey's observer, Jess Duncan, say they can't recall a time when it's been so cold for so long here. The mercury has been below freezing for seven days now.

The cold spell came on the heels of snow and lots of it. Eight inches is still on the ground, unable to melt. And there are still slick spots on area roads and bridges.

Putnam School Supt. Walter Warren Shanks decided to keep schools closed again today. That makes six days now the kids have missed. And they'll have to make it up at the end of the school year, said Shanks, unless school officials decide to cancel the schools' Easter vacation.

(January 16, 1973) The Rev. Thomas Burgess, pastor of Algood First Baptist Church, is back from a two-week mission to Nicaragua. He's come back bearing letters of thanks for relief organizations and the people of Nicaragua. Themselves. He spearheaded a drive in Cookeville and Algood which raised \$1,900 in relief funds following a catastrophic earthquake in that South American country.

(February 4, 1973) Local officials attended a sampling session this week offered by a new restaurant here, Pizza Hut. Mayor Bobby Davis, City Manager Bethel Newport, their wives and a group of other officials

were invited to try pizza, sandwiches and other treats before the restaurant's official opening here on Feb. 1. The Pizza Hut here is only one of a thousand in the U. S., Mexico, Canada, Australia and Germany.

(February 9, 1973) A Cookeville private club with a reputation has been ordered closed and padlocked by Criminal Court Judge Hillard Roberts.

The Key Club was shut down after law enforcement officials raided it and charged the owner, a Bledsoe County man, with illegal possession of liquor for resale.

Police say the Key Club has been the scene of several disturbances, including a recent fatal shooting.

The first POW off the plane at a Navy hospital in the Philippines was Navy Capt. Jeremiah A. Denton, Jr., one of 143 POWs released by North Vietnam under the terms of the peace treaty which has ended the nation's longest war.

"We are honored at the opportunity to have served our country in difficult circumstances," said Denton.

Most of the men were in good physical condition and most rebelled against the bland food the Navy doctors planned to serve them to reacquaint their bodies to substantial fare. They said they wanted steak dinners.

(February 10, 1973) The Upper Cumberland's third major lake, Cordell Hull, began filling up this week as the gates closed on the \$75.5 million dam on the Cumberland River.

(February 19, 1973) TTU's Dean James Seay Brown of the College of Engineering tells the newspaper that engineering as a profession is on the rise again after a slump that started about 1970. In the '60s, an engineering graduate could have as many job offers as he wanted. Then, NASA and the aviation industry began layoffs and cut backs. Meanwhile, for a time, engineers came to be seen by some as being a sort of "social villain," he said, destroyers of the landscape. Now, enrollment in the College of Engineering at TTU and elsewhere across the nation is rising again.

(February 22, 1973) A multi-million-dollar "interstate service complex" is being built at the intersection of Highway 111 and Interstate 40 by Cookeville businessmen Fred Brown and George Poteet, and Robert W. Hill Nashville.

The complex, which has already signed on a Days Inn motel, is also expected to be the site of auto service facilities, restaurants, offices and stores, all designed to serve travelers in a garden-style setting.

(February 24, 1973) Driving a school bus is no longer a man's job, at least not entirely now that the women's movement has caught on here and opened a new areas of employment for women. The newspaper this week ran a series of photos of women bus drivers here this year. Nine of the county's 48 drivers are women this year.

They are: Faye Burdett, Mable Joyce Duke, Pansy Fletcher, Nettie Ford, Reba Oleda Goff, Carolyn Morrison, Doris Nash, Wanda Rodriguez and Margaret Scott.

(February 28, 1973) The latest forecast for Cookeville says that in 1990, the city limits will extend five miles in all directions from the Courthouse Square and that the city will have 52,200 residents. Meanwhile, the county is predicted to have 62,800 residents by 1990.

*Elsewhere this week, Sen. George McGovern flew to Wounded Knee, South Dakota, where members of the militant American Indian Movement are holding 11 hostages and shots have already been exchanged between the Indians and federal agents surrounding them.

McGovern hopes to talk leaders of AIM into surrendering. AIM is hold hostages until federal authorities agree to investigate conditions on Indian reservations and alleged corruption and mismanagement within the federal Bureau of Indian Affairs.

(March 1973) Grocery prices here and across the country took their biggest leap this week since the bad inflation the nation saw during the Korean War, authorities report. The 2.2 percent jump was a severe blow to President Richard Nixon's fight against inflation.

*J&S Construction Co. was awarded the contract this week to build three new streets and lay sewer lines in part of the city's massive federal Urban Renewal project in West Cookeville. The overall project, funded by \$4 million in federal grants, is entirely changing neighborhoods on the city's western edge.

(March 6, 1973) Monterey officials say their city jail is in "terrible shape" and alderman Bethel Ford is proposing that it be moved to the old city hospital building where all the other offices in Monterey City Hall recently moved. The Monterey jail is only used for short-time lockups. Longer terms are served in Cookeville in the Putnam County Jail.

(March 10, 1973) Fleetguard officials announced a \$5 million, 250,000 square-foot expansion that will brings the plant's total work force here to 800.

(March 15, 1973) A storm system which moved across Middle Tennessee late in the night hit hard here and in Sparta, where a tornado killed a night watchman at the Path Manufacturing Co. and did extensive damage to the Sparta Tobacco Warehouse.

On its way there, the storm spawned lightning which knocked out the power at Cookeville's new water treatment plant at Cedar Hill Lake. Those residents here who were awakened by the storm found they had little water pressure until early morning.

But too little water was not the problem for most residents here. Nearly 3.5 inches of rain fell between sunset and sunrise.

*Tech Campus School principal James Bilbrey said the school's basement, library and cafeteria were flooded. The school is closed today.

*In another water-related story, the newspaper reported this week that the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers cut the ribbon on the new Cordell Hull Dam near Carthage this week.

Residents and area officials fought hard to make sure the dam included a lock, making the upper reaches of the Cumberland navigable.

Officials say that the dam gives the Upper Cumberland a "waterway to the world." Goods from the Upper Cumberland can now float down the Cumberland all the way to the Gulf of Mexico by way of the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers.

(March 23, 1973) For a cost of \$417,000, the Tennessee Dept. of Transportation has agreed to extend N. Willow Ave. north for 1.1 miles from where it dead-ended at 12th St.

(March 28, 1973) The Tennessee Department of Transportation has agreed to extend North Willow Avenue north for 1.1 miles from where it presently dead ends at 12th Street. The project will cost \$417,000.

*Meanwhile in Hollywood this week, Marlon Brando won an Academy Award for Best Actor of the Year for his portrayal of Mafia leader don Corelone in "The Godfather."

But when his name was called, he didn't show up. Instead, a young American Indian girl came to the microphone and read a statement from Brando explaining that he was turning down the award because he believes the film industry chronically mistreats the American Indian.

(April 10, 1973) A biting springtime storm dumped two inches of snow on Monterey today and thoroughly dusted Cookeville's greening lawns and buttercups.

*The nation is in an energy crisis, readers are told, but gasoline distributors here say they are presently feeling only a slight pinch in fuel supplies.

Most say they were able to buy their usual allotment of gasoline from their suppliers, but warned that gasoline prices could climb this summer when vacations and summer travel put a greater demand on the supply.

(April 11, 1973) Social critic Vance Packard, the author of seven best-selling books, told an audience at Tennessee Tech this week that Americans are becoming increasingly rootless, and it's tearing apart the country, he said.

On the move now more than ever, Americans are losing their sense of community and the ties that once bound friendships and families together are breaking.

Packard said that 50 percent of all marriages today are now expected to end in divorce.

*Showing near TTU at the Varsity Theater this week are George C. Scott and Stacy Keach in Joseph Wambaugh's "The New Centurions."

(April 13, 1973) The Putnam County Court voted in January to spend \$1.4 million to build a new elementary school on the site of Capshaw Elementary to replace that school. Now the magistrates are having second thoughts after hearing from their constituents.

They're reconsidering an earlier plan that calls for \$900,000 to be spent on a site in northeast Cookeville and \$1.3 million to be spent on a new elementary school building for that site.

*U.S. warplanes bombarded Communist gunners along the Mekong River to allow a convoy of U. S. supply ships to reach Phnom Penh this week. It is the first contact the Cambodian capital has had with the outside world since communist forces cut off the city 20 days ago.

(April 16, 1973) The Putnam County Court plans to ask the state legislature for the authority to create a countywide system of fire protection. W. H. Smith Jr., chairman of the country's fire protection study committee, said this week that it is unclear what authority the county has in the matter. The five-man panel has studied the issue since November and is recommending that the county spend \$75,000 to establish a fire department consisting of fire trucks in Algood, Baxter and Monterey. The committee says it will cost about \$25,000 each year to operate the system.

*The Pentagon warned this week that because of fierce fighting in Laos between the Royal Laotian Army and Communist aggressors, it may begin a new round of bombing in North Vietnam.

(April 18, 1973) State Senator Vernon Neal says he supports a bill in the state senate that's put Tennessee in the national spotlight.

The bill would require Tennessee textbooks that deal with the origin of man to give equal space to Biblical accounts of creation. Neal says passage is almost certain.

The House sponsor of the bill, Rep. Tommy Burnett, says he's surprised at the amount of attentions the national news media is giving the bill, repeatedly reminding the nation that Tennessee was the site of the famous Scopes trial.

*The state's deadline for the county to open a landfill is fast approaching and county officials have yet to act on a new site.

The state says that after July 1, the county will no longer be able to use the landfill now operated by the City of Cookeville on the CC Camp Road.

*The Watergate cover-up scandal may be about ready to break open. White House Counsel John Dean III announced today that he's not going to allow himself to become the sole scapegoat for the cover-up of the break-in of national Democratic Party headquarters in Washington's Watergate complex.

Dean said he's ready to name the names of other White House aides who attempted to put a clamp on the cover-up and attempts to link it with the reelection campaign of President Richard Nixon.

(April 27, 1973) Putnam Sr. High Principal James Norwood announced honor students for this year's graduating class.

The top two students are Gail Leonard, class valedictorian, and Mary Kay Alexander, the salutatorian.

Behind them in order of academic ranking are Beth Craven, Denise Judd, Kathy Beach, Cindy Barnes, Linda Purdy, Virginia Foster, Kathy Crisp and Brenda Howard.

Meanwhile: A Putnam County Circuit Court jury this week awarded \$197,734 to the Putnam School Board in its suit against the architects and builders of Putnam County Sr. High.

The building's roof developed severe leaks almost immediately after the school was opened. The judgment will cover only a fraction of the cost of repairing the roof and damages from the leaks, officials say.

Showing at the Princess Theater this week: Robert Redford in the mountain man saga, "Jeremiah Johnson."

(May 2, 1973) A two-year old feud between skydivers and pilots at the Putnam County Airport is still festering. It got worse this week when two skydivers broke bones making landings, including one student jumper who landed within 150 feet of the runway. He was reprimanded by his instructor.

Pilots say that because there's no control tower at the airport to tell pilots landing and taking off at the facility when the sky over the airport is clear of jumpers, jumping is a safety hazard there.

But the newspaper this week contacted the regional head of the Federal Aviation Administration in Nashville. He's been here observing the situation. He says skydiving poses no threat at the Putnam Airport.

The Tennessee Tech Sports Parachute Club, created in 1962, has used the Putnam Airport as a drop zone since 1970. The feud began then and continues.

(May 10, 1973) The Baxter Seminary Alumni Association this week honored Dr. Harry Upperman and his wife on their 50th wedding anniversary. He came to Baxter in 1923. He'd been sent there from the general board of the Methodist Church in Pennsylvania to close down a small struggling mission school there called Baxter Seminary. Instead, he convinced the board that the school could survive, and he and his bride of three months stayed on to run the school, drawing students from as far away as Cuba and South America. It flourished. Honoring the two this week were 275 graduates of Baxter Seminary and its successor, Upperman High School.

The school had opened in 1908, and graduated its first class in 1914. Two women in that class, Mrs. Eddie Ward and Mrs. Elmo Maddux, were at this event.

Also honored by the event was Mrs. Ethelyn Hill, who came to Baxter from Michigan in 1924, and served as the school's dean until it closed in 1959.

That was the year the Putnam Education Department purchased much of the school and its grounds. Deberry Academy bought the school's dormitories and part of the grounds too.

During this week's ceremonies, Baxter Seminary Alumni Association President Arthur Thompson Jr. also presented the group's first \$500 scholarship. It went to Upperman High senior Marlin Haggard, who plans to major in history at Tennessee Tech.

(May 17, 1973) Algood is having an election next month. Harold Chaffin is the sole candidate seeking to succeed Lester Beaty as mayor of Algood. Seeking the four seats on the board of aldermen are Jesse Tillan Heard, an incumbent; Walter Goney, an incumbent; mal Stover, operator of a cabinet manufacturing plant here; James M. Pointer, an industrial worker; David Norris, an industrial worker; Earl Jaquess, an employee of the National Guard; Hubert T. Buck, a retiree; and Jimmy Qually, an industrial worker.

(May 18, 1973) The chairman of the Cookeville Committee for Legal Control and Taxation (of alcohol), Bill Bennett Jr., says a study by his panel of the Cookeville area's population and shopping trends indicates that the city could support six package stores.

That is, of course, if voters approve legal liquor sales in the referendum coming up here June 2.

A coalition of liquor opponents contest the committee's findings, saying revenue and other projects in the study are skewed.

*Putnam School Supt. Walter Warren Shanks is trying to get bids on gasoline for the system's bus fleet earlier than usual this year -- and he's doubtful he'll get any.

The nation is experiencing a gasoline shortage, and many of the area's fuel dealers are unwilling to commit to specific amounts of fuel for future shipments -- they're having problems getting enough fuel to supply this week's demand.

*A late spring cold snap dropped temperatures here to 36 degrees last night. And there's a frost warning in effect for area farmers and gardeners for tonight.

(May 19, 1973) The new 'international' traffic signs are being introduced here. They've been used in Europe already for several years now. They have simple symbols as well as written warnings, such as "No U Turn," "Do Not Enter" and "Divided Highway." Some here say they may take a while to get used to.

(May 23, 1973) Spring has brought wildflowers and young green leaves to scenic Burgess Falls, but it's also brought out the usual swarm of litterers and vandals as well.

The newspaper, which recently campaigned for the area to be turned over to the state for preservation, reports that over the weekend, piles of beer cans and other trash piled up at the falls and someone with a hatchet cut chunks out of trees.

Cookeville owns the 450-acre site and the 100-foot falls, but recently turned it over to the State Dept. of Conservation, which will assume control of the area once a contract is signed with the city.

*GTE employees are training this week to use a new automatic long-distance dialing system. When it's in use this fall, it will no longer be necessary for callers here to ask the operator for help in making long-distance calls.

GTE notes that the new system won't make calling long-distance any cheaper, but it will be easier and quicker.

(May 24, 1973) Federal agriculture officials said this week that the Southeastern Feeder Pig Show now in its second year here at the People's Stockyard has become the best show of its kind in the country. A total of \$2,250 in prize money is being awarded at the show here this week.

(May 25, 1973) Cookeville's Cindy Rose was named Tennessee's Outstanding Teenager for 1973 in competition with hundreds of other high school students. She's the daughter of Jerry and Betty Rose, and was nominated by Cookeville High principal James Norwood.

(May 28, 1973) Three members of the Committee for Legal Control and Taxation – a group of citizens promoting the legalization of liquor sales here in June 2 referendum – were summoned to appear before the Putnam county grand jury this week. They'd told the newspaper in an article last week that untaxed, illegal liquor could easily be bought in Cookeville from bootleggers and at private clubs. They said they knew because they'd bought several bottles themselves as an example. Now the grand jury wants names. Meanwhile this week, voters rejected the legalization of liquor sales by a vote of 2,195 to 1,393.

(May 30, 1973) Putnam School Supt. Walter Warren Shanks says it looks like overcrowding at Putnam elementary school will be an even worse problem next fall.

For example, at Baxter Elementary, the system's most badly overcrowded school, they're going to have to take up cafeteria space for classrooms next year.

Capshaw Elementary principal Arthur Thompson says his school is designed for 540 students and they're already past that. He's advising parents of new students to look elsewhere this fall.

Jerry Maynard, principal of Sycamore Elementary, says it looks like his school will have 325 students in the fall. The school is designed for 280.

*Hank Garant, 34, director of the Cookeville Community Development Office, is leaving that post for a job with the Tennessee Municipal League. Mike Patterson, 27, his assistant, is being promoted to replace him.

Garant came here in 1969 to run the city's federal Model Cities program and Patterson came to city hall in 1972 when the Community Development Office was created.

(June 4, 1973) City Manager Bethel Newport this week proposed to Cookeville City Council a \$10 million budget for the City of Cookeville for the 1973-74 tax year. It would be funded in part with a property tax rate. That would mean that the average property owner with a \$10,000 home would pay \$57.75 in property taxes for the year.

*Meanwhile, the city showed off its new water treatment plant on Center Hill Lake this week in an open house. Water Supt. James Crawford was on hand to lead residents on tours of the facility.

(June 6, 1973) A new law is requiring sheriff's departments in other Tennessee counties to do what Putnam County did four years ago: Put an end to potential "fee grabbing" by deputies.

The new law required counties to pay deputies straight salaries, rather than having their pay based on fees collected for making arrests and serving court papers.

In 1969, then-Putnam Sheriff Billy G. Smith persuaded the Putnam Quarterly Court to budget funds for deputies' salaries, arguing that it would improve his department.

Foes of the fee system argued that allowing deputies to collect fees was too great a temptation for some lawmen to devote their time to pursuing 'easy' arrests for minor crimes while ignoring harder-to-solve more serious crimes.

(June 7, 1973) The state this week recommended that Putnam County "seriously consider" building a new high school in Baxter "as soon as possible."

The reason for the urgency, say state education officials, is that Baxter Elementary, which will produce the next crop of high school students in Baxter is already overcrowded and stands to get even more students if the Putnam School Board follows through on plans to close the elementary school in nearby Boma.

Meanwhile, the existing high school in Baxter is "old and dilapidated," they say.

*The first regularly scheduled local television production in the history of Cookeville is ready to go on the air early next year.

Sunday morning broadcasts of services at First Baptist Church here will run live on cable Channel 7 beginning in early 1973, says First Baptist pastor George Capps, Jr.

(June 11, 1973) Dr. James Wattenbarger, professor and chairman of TTU's Music Department, is one of 10 conductors in a music workshop this week in Sao Paulo, Brazil. Others are from the U. S. Belgium and Morocco.

Elsewhere this week, George Bush, national chairman of the Republican Party, called this week for a full public airing in the Watergate scandal that has rocked the Nixon White House in recent weeks. Bush says that steps should be taken to avoid the appearance of a cover-up by top Republicans. He suggest Nixon hold a press conference on the scandal and face the press.

(June 12, 1973) A study by the Tennessee Aviation Commission has recommended that the Putnam Airport be slowly phased out once a new facility opens at Hamptons Crossroads in White County because the old airport has no room for future growth.

(June 13, 1973) Construction has been delayed on the new state-owned educational television station here. A dispute with the land owners over the value of the land is holding things up, say state officials.

Work was expected to begin on the \$500,000 facility on Signal Point near Brotherton in the next few weeks and to be completed by December.

But state negotiations with the Putnam Lumber Co., which owns the land, have stalled.

When it is built, it will be a transmitting station only, taking programming from state educational stations in Knoxville and Chattanooga and sending them out over an 11-county area.

*At the Princess this week: "Battle for the Planet of the Apes," with Roddy McDowell.

(June 20, 1973) The Putnam County School Board this week voted to build a new elementary school near the intersection of Buck Mountain Road and Old Kentucky Road in northeast Cookeville rather than build a new, larger elementary on the present site of Capshaw Elementary. Some argue in favor of the Capshaw site because they say that to build a school in northeast Cookeville would be to move outside the city's "central attendance area" to a "fringe" area.

(June 21, 1973) Last year when they first tried it, civic leaders were well-pleases with the turnout and response given to the Smithville Old Time Fiddler's Jamboree. Now tying down last minute details for their second festival, they say the world is about to hear about Smithville's unique celebration of old-time Tennessee music.

Charles Kuralt, the roving reporter for CBS News, is coming to Smithville for the festival and is planning a broadcast. And Huell Howser of Nashville's WSM-TV says he's also planning a broadcast of the jamboree.

The festival, organizers say, is turning into something big.

The Planning Committee of the Putnam County Quarterly Court is looking at two plans on how to give rural residents garbage collections service.

The officials are studying the placement of a series of canisters across the county where residents would drive one or two miles to dispose of their garbage.

But this week, the officials also began looking into the idea of door-to-door trash collections like cities have.

The court recently approved \$200,000 as the county's share of opening a new landfill. Whatever collection system they choose will also come out of that appropriation.

*A new study of Tennessee aviation recommends that the Putnam airport be slowly phased out once the new airport opens at Hamptons Crossroads in White County.

The State Bureau of Aeronautics recommends closing the Putnam airport as a part of a 20-year plan: State officials say they'll leave it up to local officials here, but they point out that the Putnam airport has no room for future growth.

(June 23, 1973) The U.S. Supreme Court issued a landmark ruling on pornography this week, but it's not seen as having much effect on the kind of movies shown here. The court ruled that the "local community standard" is to be used in each community in determining whether material is obscene. Leon DeLozier, owner of the three theaters here – the Varsity, the Princess and the Putnam Drive-in – says he's never shown any hard-core porn films and so the new court ruling won't be tested here.

(June 29, 1973) The Tennessee Higher Education Commission this week recommended a \$15.9 million budget for Tennessee Tech, its biggest ever.

The new budget, if approved by the legislature, will allow TTU to begin planning an 11,500-seat convocation center and health and physical education complex and build a new greenhouse at Shipley Farm.

Meanwhile, County Judge Luke Medley this week cautioned members of the Putnam County Court to curtail spending for the coming year. The county's debt this year jumped from \$8.9 million to \$11 million, and the judge says that's too much.

He said next year the county will be in better shape once new revenue begins coming in from the current reappraisal of property here.

Bishop Holliman, director of the regional Social Security office here, this week succeeded Cookeville theater owner Leon DeLozier as chairman of the Putnam chapter of the American Red Cross, Holliman is the local unit's 56th chairman.

(July 3, 1973) Organizers of the 2nd Annual Old Time Fiddlers' Jamboree in Smithville say they expect Nashville's WSMV-TV's Huell Howser and CBS News reporter Charles Kuralt to broadcast from the event.

(July 5, 1973) Algood voters went to the polls this week and named a new mayor and seated new aldermen. Harold Chaffin was named mayor and Mal Stover, James Pointer, David Norris and Earl Jaquess were named aldermen.

(July 6, 1973) Now Cookeville has one too. The golden arches went up and the doors opened this week at the new McDonald's restaurant here, one of 1,940 across the globe.

The new owner-operator, Rick Wilson of St. Petersburg, FL, says he chose Cookeville to open the newest franchise because it has the potential for dynamic growth. He noted that in the past decade the city's population has doubled.

John Poteet, brother of newly-elected Cookeville Mayor Bob Poteet, this week became Cookeville's new city attorney. He succeeds Wesley Flatt, Jr., who held the post the last 17 years.

(July 10, 1973) Cookeville gets its first McDonald's fast food restaurant.

The Putnam School Board has decided to build a new school, Northeast Elementary, after county officials already approved \$1.5 million for a new school to be built on the Capshaw Elementary site.

(July 11, 1973) The Putnam School Board tangled with the Putnam County Court this week over a new school the board wants to build, Northeast Elementary.

The magistrate approved \$1.5 million last January for the board to build a new school on the site of Capshaw Elementary. But school board members say that after looking at the property behind the existing school a little closer, they decided the system would be better off keeping Capshaw and building a new school elsewhere.

But they need another \$194,000 to build that new school. Some magistrates got angry and accused board members of "lying" to them. That got some board members angry too. They demanded a public apology. And, so far, nothing has been decided about the new school yet.

An outbreak of highly contagious hepatitis that hit here last summer is apparently dying down now, say public health officials.

Only 32 cases have been reported in Putnam County since January, most of them in the Monterey area. In all during the outbreak, 51 cases have been reported.

(July 13, 1973) Officials at the Sparta-White County Airport have invited Putnam County to join them in their new regional airport, which is due to begin construction in a few days. Putnam County Judge Luke Medley appointed a special seven-man panel to negotiate with officials of the regional airport after receiving the offer in the mail this week. John Jarvis, chairman of the regional airport board, says that the idea of a joint venture makes good sense for Putnam County since the new facility will be built nearer to Cookeville than Sparta.

(July 18, 1973) State and federal law enforcement officials say during a federal drug trial in Nashville that Cookeville has become a drop-off point for marijuana shipments bound for Nashville and Knoxville. The illegal plant is shipped from Mexico to Texas, then to Cookeville, and then to its destination. In the Nashville trial, 37 have been indicted for participation in a marijuana conspiracy case.

*John McClellan, a prominent Cookeville businessman and the first black to ever sit on the Putnam County Court, died this week at the age of 60 after a long fight with cancer. The Putnam native and World War II veteran was the owner of John's Place here.

(July 20, 1973) Cookeville officials say that in the next couple of years, the city will have a park system better than most towns our size. That's when \$1.3 million in work will be in place.

That figure includes improvements being made to ballparks at Park View and Jere Whitson, a park being built by the Lion's Club off South Jefferson on the hill above Shoney's Restaurant, and Cane Creek Park, where ground is to be broken soon.

*State and federal law enforcement officials say Cookeville is being used as a drop-off point by at least two gangs smuggling Mexican marijuana into the US.

That came out when a federal grand jury in Nashville indicted 37 this week in a marijuana conspiracy. One of the men was from Gainesboro.

Officials say that Cookeville, located on a major interstate, is surrounded by rural areas that are ideal for dropping off large shipments of marijuana. The shipments are broken up here and sent on to Nashville and Knoxville, they say.

Gang violence associated with the pot smuggling is on the rise, they added. In one recent case, a Livingston man, working for one of the gangs, was ambushed, shot and his shipment was stolen, they say.

(July 22, 1973) Algood's new mayor, Harold Chaffin, is making some changes.

He's convinced the all-new Board of Aldermen that it would be a better thing for the mayor to have sole power to hire and fire the town's workers and to oversee all daily operations of the city.

Under the previous administration, the board, and not Mayor Lester Beaty, hired and fired workers, and ran the city's day-to-day affairs.

Chaffin said he thinks it makes more sense for the town's 15 workers to answer to a single boss rather than having four bosses. The board, he says, should stick to setting policies. The board voted unanimously to go along with the idea.

At the Princess this week Jeff Bridges and Valerie Perrine in "The Last American Hero."

(July 26, 1973) Monterey's new medical clinic opened for business this week. Dr. Jerome Sag is in charge. The 26-year-old came to Monterey as part of the National Health Service's efforts to place medical facilities and personnel in rural areas where they are scarce. Dr. Sag and his wife, Marna, are Pennsylvania natives. The clinic offers general medical care. Surgery isn't offered. Seriously ill or injured patients are transferred from the clinic to hospitals in Cookeville or Crossville.

(Aug. 1973) First National Bank took the lead here this week and the Bank of Cookeville and Citizens Bank quickly followed, raising the prime lending rate here to 9 percent, an all time high.

That was the picture across the country this week as well, as the nation's banks raised rates to an historic level. Interest rates have been hiked 13 times so far this year, starting at 6 percent in January.

*The national commode shortage is apparently easing.

Don Walker, president of the Putnam Homebuilders Association, said that earlier this summer, the demand from the nation's homebuilders for toilets outpaced the supply.

"For a while it was holding up several houses here. You just couldn't get a commode."

Cookeville has been in the midst of a housing boom for the last two years, and now that commodes are becoming available again, still more houses are being completed.

(August 8, 1973) All three Cookeville banks – the Bank of Cookeville, Citizen's Bank and First National – joined other lending institutions across the country this week in raising their lending rate to 9 percent. It's the third time the prime rate has been raised this year, starting at 6 percent. Bankers here say they don't expect the trend to level off until "sometime next year."

(August 10, 1973) Congressman Richard Fulton spoke to some 175 area Democrats here this week and failed to commit himself to running in the upcoming governor's race. Many assume he'll run. All he said about it here was, "I've always wanted to be governor of Tennessee," and he promised that if he should become governor, he'll treat all 95 counties fairly.

Introducing Fulton were State Senator Vernon Neal and Putnam County Democratic Party Chairman Harry Jaquess.

*Meanwhile, a judge in Polk County has issued a temporary injunction halting plans for rock concert that was expected to attract 300,000 young people. District Attorney General Richard Fisher sought the injunction, saying the rock concert would become a public nuisance.

(August 12, 1973) A four-lane highway from Cookeville to Sparta is on the drawing boards in Nashville as state officials look at funding more work on the north-south Appalachian Highway.

(August 15, 1973) Congressman Joe L. Evins pushed the switch this week that started the first of three generators on the new Cordell Hull Dam. The \$74.9 million project will provide flood control and a dam capable of generating an extra 100,000 kilowatts for the region.

*At the Putnam County Fair this week, the 17-year-old daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Flavious Smith, Renee Jean Smith, was crowned Fairest of the Fair. Joy Buck, 14, was selected as Fair Princess and Jennifer Johnson, 5 was named Tiny Tot.

*President Richard Nixon went on national television last night and said it is time to let the courts decide who is guilty in the lingering Watergate scandal and for the nation to get on with the challenges it faces.

Nixon said he takes full responsibility for the actions of his aides in the Watergate cover up, defended his refusal to turn over Oval Office tapes to Watergate prosecutors or the Senate panel probing the affair, and again denied any personal wrongdoing in the Watergate break-in or the government follow up that ensued.

The chairman of the Republican National Committee, George Bush, applauded the speech, calling it "credible and very reasonable." (

(August 23, 1973) Kindergarten is not mandatory, but so many parents want their kids to get an early start on their education here that Putnam schools are having to turn some children away. Kindergarten classes are full, says Putnam School Supt. Walter Warren Shanks.

Shanks said that the county's schools have space for only 425 kindergarten students if the classes stay within the state's guidelines of one teacher for every 25 students.

Those 425 slots are full, and some 20 children were turned away this week, and school officials know of at least 20 more parents who wanted their kids to start this year.

The county is presently able to fit 75 percent of children of kindergarten age into classes here, says Shanks.

*Is it OK to kiss on the first date? That's the question fielded this week by H-C columnist Dr. Herbert J. Miles.

Miles responds that today's teens say kissing is healthy and natural and that "everybody's doing it," but that kissing on the first date could lead to regrets later for both the boy and the girl.

Dr. Miles says that the girl who lets a boy kiss her on the first date will lose his respect, and that she may be reading deeper emotions and commitment into the boy's kiss than he intended. He urges self-restraint.

(August 24, 1973) Country music singer Loretta Lynn was the headline performer at the Putnam County Fair this week, drawing an estimated crowd of 10,000.

(August 29, 1973) Services were held this week for the Rev. James Herman Roberson, a preacher here for half a century. He died in Vanderbilt Hospital this week at the age of 81. Better known as "Brother Jim," he was born in 1891 in the Macedonia Community and preached his first sermon in Popular Springs Baptist Church in 1919. In 1924, he was elected justice of the peace to serve on the county court. In 1936 he

became Putnam County Trustee. During his time as a preacher here, he performed services at 1,341 funerals.

*In a historic court order this week, Chief U. S. District Court Judge John Sirica ordered President Richard Nixon to hand over tapes he secretly made of conversations between himself and key White House advisors implicated in the Watergate scandal. President Nixon has vowed to resist.

(August 30, 1973) Putnam Parks and Recreation workers were laying sod this week on the hill beside the Cookeville Community Center's new public tennis courts, which will be open next week.

The county, with the help of a federal grant, built the tennis courts for \$39,000.

*The Overton County Commission created an uproar this week when it voted to give operation of the county's ambulance service back to a funeral home there.

The Lady Ann Hospital has been running the ambulance service since a new state law required counties to oversee ambulance operations. Previously, funeral homes manned ambulances in most counties and often competed -- sometimes at accident scenes -- for business.

The hospital told Overton officials last week that they'd charge the county \$46,000 to operate its ambulance service for the coming year. The funeral home said it could do the job for \$42,000. It got the contract, and a petition drive was immediately launched opposing the new pact.

The manager of the Putnam County Airport, Ken Cook, charged this week that his repeated failure to persuade the county court to release funds to repair the airport is a sign to him that there's a "deliberate attempt" going on to close down the airport.

Cook said hangers leak, the terminal building badly needs a new coat of paint, and its heating and cooling system is shot.

County Judge Luke Medley says Cook's charges that there's a conspiracy among county officials to close the airport are "a bunch of baloney."

(September 1973) Another link in the long-awaited North South highway is about to see progress, say State Department of Transportation officials.

Right-of-way appraisal is now under way on a section from where the road now stops at Highway 70 on the north to the Cookeville city limits on the Algood Road.

Actual construction is expected to begin next year sometime.

The latest section has already been delayed two years by public protests.

Residents of Darwin Park on East 10th Street had complained that the route as planned would bring a major highway too close to their homes.

(September 14, 1973) A move is under way by Putnam County officials to buy the old National Guard Armory on Highway 70 for \$56,000. The county wants the building for an arts and cultural facility, but the State Dept. of Conservation also wants the building as a warehouse to serve area state parks. The final decision rests in the hands of the State Building Commission. The National Guard plans to move its operations into a new facility in the Cookeville industrial park next year.

(September 17, 1973) Architect Ed Johnson told the Putnam School Board this week that it will cost another \$114,000 to repair leaks in the roof of Putnam County Senior High School.

Water has stood on the roof of the structure for most of the time since the school was opened in 1966 and gradual damage has been extensive. The county has already spent \$200,000 on roof repairs and now, more leaks have been detected.

*Cookeville has two new doctors, Dr. Phillip Bertram and Dr. Stanley Erwin.

Dr. Bertram is a Cookeville native and the son of Professor and Mrs. Marshall Bertram. Dr. Erwin is a Sparta native. The two specialize in internal medicine.

*At the Princess this week: The latest James Bond extravaganza, "Live and Let Die." It stars Roger Moore.

(September 25, 1973) There was a time when the Monterey railroad depot saw six passenger trains and twice as many scheduled freights pass this way. Monterey, says the newspaper, is one of Tennessee's few railroad towns. The town sprang up with the coming of work on the railroad. This week, the Monterey depot was torn down by a contractor who bought the building from the L&N Railroad for \$1. It was closed down five years ago. It's demolition comes just two months after L&N sold the Algood depot to another contractor who tore the structure down.

The city has nearly \$1 million in state and federal funds in hand since 1971 to build a lake and park west of Cookeville on Cane Creek, but the massive recreational project remains snarled in court cases.

City officials this week said they hope that they'll have worked their way through the courts soon to begin work on a 56-acre lake and 14-acre park.

Thirteen landowners challenged the city's attempts to condemn their property for the new park and lake and of those, only one has been settled in court. The rest are pending.

*Sheriff Billy G. Smith has successfully shut down one of the two private clubs selling liquor in Cookeville. The owner of Granny's Club on Burgess Falls Road has thrown in the towel and has dropped a court challenge to Smith's recent padlocking of his club.

Meanwhile, the owner of the Cookevillian Club on Highway 42 says he still plans to fight the sheriff in court, seeking to keep the closure from becoming public.

Smith targeted the two private clubs last May after a group that was seeking to get the liquor question on the ballot bought liquor at the two clubs, arguing that liquor could already be freely bought here and arguing that the city and county ought to be benefiting from taxes on it.

*Showing at the Princess this week: Clint Eastwood in "High Plains Drifter" and Vincent Price in "Dr. Phibes Rises Again."

(September 26, 1973) An era ended in Monterey this week when L&N Railroad dismantled the railroad town's passenger depot and sold it for salvage.

L&N, which bought the depot from the Tennessee Central in 1968, shut down the depot's operations two years ago. Now the town that the railroad built is without a depot.

The loss comes just two months after L&N tore down the depot in Algood.

*The Clara Cox Epperson Library has a new head librarian, Bob Oliver, who previously served as a high school librarian in North Carolina.

Oliver will supervise the library's move into its new \$400,000 building across Broad Street from Cookeville City Hall.

The new library, according to Cookeville Community Development Director Mike Patterson, will be ready for use in January.

(October 5, 1973) President Richard Nixon has canceled a trip to Carthage to dedicate the new Cordell Hull Dam because of Syria's and Egypt's invasion of Israel.

*A policy enacted last year by the State Board of Regents is apparently spelling the end of an era at Tennessee Tech Everett Derryberry turned 65-years-old this year, and, according to the new policy, he must retire before the beginning of next year's fall quarter.

*Derryberry has become an institution here, serving as president of TTU longer than any of his other three predecessors.

Since 1940, when he took over, TTU has grown from 700 to 7,000 students, from 31 to 300 faculty members, and from a physical plant valued at \$500,000 to a value of \$40 million today.

*At the Princess this week: Burt Reynolds in "The Man Who Loved Cat Dancing," a western.

(October 6, 1973) The county's newest school, Northeast School in Cookeville, may be ready for use in 1974 school year for use in 1974 school year, the Putnam School Board was told this week. That is a year earlier than expected.

*Meanwhile at another school, Tennessee Tech officials say that the official fall enrollment figures are in and TTU has broken another record. There are 7,063 students at TTU this fall, more than ever before. Hoyle Lawson, dean of Admissions and Records, says that last fall TTU had 6,768 students enrolled for the quarter.

(October 9, 1973) City Manager Bethel Newport says he's been hearing a complaint from motorist a lot lately that the city's traffic signals are "rigged" in order to make a driver stop at each intersection. Not so, he said. Actually, the lights are "designed scientifically" so as to speed up the flow of traffic through town. The state Department of Transportation's traffic engineers helped the city set the traffic lights so that roads that get the most use during peak periods of the day get the green light longer in each cycle. "Nothing is done by chance," said Newport.

(October 10, 1973) The fate of the old L&N railroad depot still hangs in the balance, and Cookeville Mayor Bob Poteet is concerned.

Through the efforts of councilman Donald Ferrell last August, the city began trying to buy the depot after learning that L&N was seeking bids from contractors on demolishing the structure.

Ferrell firmly believes that the deteriorating building, built here in 1909, needs to be preserved for posterity.

But so far, L&N has reached no decision and the mayor is concerned that public interest, which is now running high in the project, may fade if the negotiations continue to fruitlessly drag on.

*Area residents have missed their chance to see President Richard Nixon in person.

Nixon was scheduled to come to Smithville to officially dedicate the new Cordell Hull Dam this week.

But escalating violence in the Middle East has tied him up in Washington. He's sending another as-yet unannounced "high White House official" to handle the event here for him. (

(October 18, 1973) A group of Tennessee Tech students may be able to offer an explanation for at least some of the UFOs reported over Cookeville skies in recent nights. Members of the TTU Sports Parachute Club say they've been doing night jumps. Residents may have seen the lights of the jump plane's beacon as

it circled down with the jumpers, or they may have spotted the beacons carried by the skydivers themselves as they tumbled and swung towards the earth. Last week three THP troopers say they monitored the progress of an unknown object over Cookeville for three hours. It was silent, had multi-colored lights and was round, they said.

(October 23, 1973) A Putnam pilot, Richard Cook, who runs a flying service at the Putnam County Airport, says he saw four cigar-shaped UFOs flying over the airfield one night this week. They flitted away when he made it into the air and attempted to follow, he said. He said they were silent and had revolving colored lights on their tops. Cookeville Police say they were silent and had revolving colored lights on their tops. Cookeville Police say they received several calls this weekend from residents reporting UFOs, including one from a woman who said a large lighted craft was hovering right over her house. She called back later and reported that it left after she went out into her yard and screamed at it.

(October 26, 1973) Cookeville, already a leader in the nation's feeder pig sales, began another innovation this week: The sale of bobbed-tail pigs.

Producers have found that pigs kept jammed in cramped quarters for the long hours of the sales tend to chew off the tail of the pig in front of it, damaging the merchandise, so to speak, county farm agent Roy Luna explained.

The pigs don't feel it because of a lack of nerves in their tails. But the farmer feels it in his pocketbook. They get \$3 more per pig if it is bobtailed and unbloodied.

So, farmers have begun bobbing pigs' tails in advance to prevent bloodletting that lowers the value of their livestock.

Of the 3,000 feeder pigs sold here this week, 2,100 had no tails. Cookeville is one of the first markets in the nation to try it.

*Mattie Sue Cooper, in a feature article this week, said that she's only missed two TTU basketball games since 1945, and missed those only because she was hospitalized following a surgery.

The TTU assistant librarian came to TTU in 1933 from Overton High, where she and her sisters were talented players themselves.

But by that year, TTU had dropped women's basketball and she never got to play for Tech. She remained an avid fan through her student years and afterwards, since 1945, when she came to work at TTU.

(November 7, 1973) Dr. L. M. Freeman the oldest doctor in the Upper Cumberland, has died at the age of 94. Born in 1879 in Macon County, he received his medical degree from the University of Tennessee School of Medicine in 1905 and opened his office in Granville in 1906. He worked in that office until two weeks ago, practicing medicine here for 67 years.

*Cookeville weather observer C.K. Flatt celebrated his 62nd anniversary this week with his wife, Vallie.

They recalled their wedding day, Nov. 5, 1911. It rained hard all day and through the night.

They both became teachers and taught in Jackson and Putnam schools for a while, then moved to Detroit and taught schools there before moving home again.

Back in Putnam County, he sold crop insurance for the government and became a weather observer for the US Weather Bureau, taking daily temperature and precipitation readings for Cookeville, a task he's performed for several years now.

*Putting in an appearance this week at Ed Rogers car dealership in Sparta was former McNairy County Sheriff Buford Pusser, a legend.

He's been shot eight times, stabbed seven, rammed with a car and survived a grinding auto crash. On Aug. 12, 1967, he saw his wife die in an ambush shooting meant to kill him.

He was the subject of a book by former H-C writer W.R. Mooris. The book inspired a series of wildly popular movies.

Pusser will be on hand at the Sparta car lot most of the day autographing "Pusser" sticks.

(November 14, 1973) The nation is in an energy crisis that's putting a damper on the Christmas season. Public Christmas lights in Washington, D.C., and cities across the nation like Nashville, are fewer and dimmer this year.

Cookeville's lights are already up and they'll be turned on as usual, says City Manager Bethel Newport. A lot of work went into getting them in place before the call to conserve went out, he said.

Newport says the lights don't use much power, but if the crisis continues, residents will see no Christmas lights at all next year.

*Meanwhile, the Cookeville Electric Department and the UCEMC are urging homeowners to conserve electricity this winter by turning thermostats down as low as they can stand, by dressing warmly and by letting sun shine in rooms to warm the air naturally. Use fireplaces if you've got them and keep humidity levels high in the house, power officials urge.

(November 15, 1973) Pot busts have become almost routine here, the newspaper reports. Since January, 58 have been arrested here for marijuana possession, and 50 percent of what they possessed was grown locally, said Police Chief Bill Bilyeu.

Meanwhile, the chief said that public concern about drugs has turned to apathy. He noted that until recently, a person convicted of possessing marijuana would spend three to five years in prison.

Now, with plea bargaining and a more relaxed attitude, first-time offenders more frequently see suspended sentences and fines.

*Everywhere across the country, people are talking about cutting back on the use of energy because an Arab oil embargo has put the U. S. on the brink of an energy crisis. In several big cities like Washington this year, few if any Christmas lights are going up, and none will be used on or in government buildings. Meanwhile, Cookeville's Christmas street lights will go up as usual in time for the Christmas parade in early December. City Manager Bethel Newport told the paper this week that the city doesn't put up many lights and they don't use much power anyway.

(November 20, 1973) Jack Ray, president of the Bank of Monterey, announced this week that the bank is seeking state approval to open a new bank, the Bank of Putnam County. It would be headquarter at 227 South Willow and would use the Bank of Monterey's charter, which was issued by the state in 1901.

Cookeville gas station owners are surveyed and they say they don't think that a ban on Sunday sales would do much to conserve fuel here. People will just 'top off' their tanks on Saturday and continue to drive as always on Sunday, they say. Most say they won't close on Sundays unless Congress and the President order it.

(November 23, 1973) A Cookeville resident this week became a U.S. citizen.

Aida Martinez de Warren, wife of TTU biology chairman Dr. John Warren, was accompanied by her husband and three children to Nashville where she joined 39 people from 18 other countries in naturalization ceremonies.

Friends of Dr. Richard Johnson of the biology department and his wife gave her a gift when she returned, a framed copy of the U.S. Declaration of Independence, which now hangs on the wall in the Warrens' living room. It replaced the national flag of her native country, Honduras.

*Showing this week at the Princess: Vincent Price in "Twice Told Tales."

(November 25, 1973) A seven-member search committee was named this week to begin seeking a successor for Tennessee Tech President Everett Derryberry. He's now in his 34th year at the help of the university and he's retiring soon, he says. When he came to head the college in 1940, there were about 800 students. This year's enrollment topped 7,000. Dr. Falavious Smith, a member of the search panel, told the newspaper this week that eight to 10 people have already submitted their resumes for the position. Associated Student Body president Bill Brown and Dr. Martin Peters are also on the committee.

(November 27, 1973) The skies opened up and the wind howled here yesterday when unusually warm weather greeted a quick-moving cold front. In a 24-hour period it rained 4.8 inches. Weather observer C. K. Flatt says it reached 71 yesterday, higher than he can ever recall the mercury rising so late in November.

"It was like spring," he said. Cookeville has seen twice the rain it normally gets in November, a total of 8.6 inches so far.

(November 28, 1973) The widening of South Jefferson Avenue will soon, said Cookeville City Manager Bethel Newport this week. The City Council just has a few details left to iron out. Presently the road is four-laned from the Square to I-40, but "you'd have to be some kind of driver to pass another car" on parts of the narrow route. The state is expected to help fund part of the project since it is a state highway.

Services were held this week for Baxter businessman and civic leader W.T. Sewell, who was the town's mayor from 1960-63, and who owned a wholesale grocery, W.T. Sewell and Co. He was also on the board of Citizen's Bank of Cookeville and was a licensed funeral home director and embalmer as well.

*Showing at the Princess this week: "Godspell," a musical.

(December 5, 1973) The extension of Willow Avenue for 1.2 miles north of 12th Street is about to open. The new route ties in with State 135 at Clinton's Store. It was opened for traffic this week and workers are putting on the final touches.

(December 7, 1973) Arab oil ministers say they will not end their crippling oil embargo against the United States until the US compels Israel to leave all the territories it occupies in the Middle East.

Across Cookeville and the nation this week, drivers went for a second Sunday without being able to buy gasoline. All the stations are closed at the request of President Richard Nixon. The nation is trying to save its fuel supplies.

Saving gas while raising funds for missionary work this week was a group of Baptist Student Union students at Tennessee Tech who left on a cold 300-mile bicycle ride to Memphis. They hope to raise \$1,200 from pledges.

Making the ride are Van Miller, Fred Berry, Linda Dedmon, Ray Adams, Edd Diden and Ruth White.

*Showing at the Princess this week: "Blacula," with William Marshall and Pam Grier.

(December 11, 1973) A group calling itself the People's Organization for the Reform of the American Government has been leaving posters staked out at major intersection in town with messages like: "Are Corporations Destroying the American Government?" and "Is Mr. Nixon Above the Laws of America?"

(December 12, 1973) Former Sixth District Congressman Ray Blanton told 200 Democrats at a chili supper and rally here that the Democrats have a chance to win Tennessee's governor's race next year.

But he says the party can't do it on Watergate alone. The Watergate break in and Richard Nixon's cover up of it have disgraced the Republican Party, Blanton said.

But he said, "In order to win, we must put up honest men in the race."

(December 19, 1973) Gainesboro's new mayor, William Draper, and the town's new three-man board of aldermen got bad news from state auditors this week who've just finished with a look at the books under the previous administration.

Auditors say Gainesboro's town finances are "out of control."

There are no formal records of monthly gas, sewer and water bills and hardly any of any other sort.

The town is \$39,000 behind on bond payments for its gas, sewer and water systems and, by the beginning of the new fiscal year next August, must pay off a total of \$506,000 in bond debts.

City employees have been filling up city trucks and cars at area gas stations, paying not only the full retail price but gasoline taxes, from which the town is supposed to be exempt.

And the previous mayor made a habit of writing personal checks and cashing them from the town's coffers. Some of those checks bounced, the auditors said.

The new mayor and the board met the grim news with a promise to implement a formal bookkeeping system for Gainesboro and to regain control of the town's scattered finances.

(December 20, 1973) People are talking about Christmas lights these days, saying there seems to be a lot fewer of them this season. That's what they tell the newspaper. Part of the reason is the energy crisis.

Government officials are asking Americans to cut down on the use of electricity and other forms of energy. The city of Cookeville this year is not hanging any street decorations that light up. Residents say another reason is that people just don't seem to get in the holiday spirit as much these days at Christmas time.

(December 26, 1973) The energy crisis is causing Putnam Countians to burn a lot more fire wood this winter. Wood sellers are reporting a booming business.

Mostly just a decoration in recent years, fireplaces are seeing a lot more use this winter due to great leaps in energy prices after Arab nations abruptly curtailed oil sales to the US.

Over the decades, fireplaces have given way to cleaner gas, electric and oil-burning heaters, and then central heating. Now, Putnam homeowners, who have fireplaces, are turning down thermostats and stoking up the fireplace.

*Meanwhile in Washington, federal energy chief William Simon says the government has begun printing gasoline rationing coupons -- just in case.

He says the government hopes they won't be needed, especially if Americans follow government urgings to cut down on gasoline consumption. Gas stations are still closing all day on Sundays.

(December 27, 1973) The county has no library this week. The Clara Cox Epperson Library was shut down while workers began moving books into the new Putnam County Library on Broad. Books should be returned to the original library for the rest of the week.

*Federal Energy Department chief William Simon today ordered the establishment of a standby gasoline rationing plan for American motorists. But he also announced that he does not expect to have to ration

gasoline. The impact of the Arab oil embargo on the western world has been less severe than first feared, he said.

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(January 2, 1974) Funeral services were held this week for P.V. "Putty" Overall, 76, one of the city's best known athletic figures for the last four decades. He died New Year's Day in a Nashville hospital.

He came to TTU in 1923 and built the college's athletic program practically from nothing. He coached football, basketball and baseball until 1941, when he relinquished the basketball team.

In 1946 he retired from coaching altogether. But he was called back six years later, and in 1952 and 1953 the Golden Eagles were co-champions in the OVC under his leadership. His passing is mourned by many here.

(January 6, 1974) The nation's independent truckers are on strike to protest the nation's high fuel prices and fuel-conserving speed limit reductions, and they've set up a check point just off I-40 in Cookeville to encourage other truckers to join them in the strike. The nationwide strike by independent truckers has left gasoline supplies here short and store shelves are beginning to look bare in some areas. Meanwhile, there have been incidents of violence across the state in connection with the strike. The truckers say they won't roll until fuel prices go down.

(January 10, 1974) Some 150 residents who live just outside Algood's city limits went before the Algood Board of Aldermen this week to protest a 122 percent water rate hike for "outside" residents.

They charged that the board raised their rate in retaliation for the resident's recent heated opposition to plans by Algood to annex them. Mayor Harold Chaffin denied the allegation.

(January 10, 1974) Sen. Howard Baker, in town to speak to the Cookeville Rotary Club this week, said that as bad as the Watergate scandal in Washington has been, it's a sign that Democracy in America is strong still.

The controversy "hasn't shaken the foundations of the republic," he said.

The fact the Watergate break-in and subsequent follow-up by the Nixon administration were immediately investigated in full public view are good signs, said Baker. No other nation in the world "would have dared air its dirty laundry in public," he said.

The nation will recover, but Richard Nixon's presidency remains uncertain, he said. However, Baker said he does not expect Nixon to be impeached or resign.

*Cookevillians will be among the few Tennesseans who will be able to watch "the rematch of the century," the heavyweight prizefight between Muhammed Ali and Joe Frazier, live on TV.

Cookeville's FNI Communications, and Columbia's cable TV company, are the only two in the state with the rights to broadcast the hugely-hyped fight live.

In Cookeville, about 60 percent of the homes are presently on cable TV.

(January 14, 1974) Everybody's talking about the highly-hyped upcoming prize fight between heavyweights, Joe Frazier and Muhammed Ali. It's being billed as the grudge match of the century, and you can see it here on Channel 10 if you're on cable. FNI Communications is offering a special deal this week on new hookups, but the company notes in an ad that it's the last week you can get the "pre-fight" offer.

(January 8, 1974) Erich Segal, the man who made millions cry in reading rooms and movie houses across America, will speak at Tennessee Tech next week.

Segal is the author of Love Story, the 1970 tear-jerker that went on to become a hit movie starring Ali McGraw and Ryan O'Neal. He's been a Yale professor since 1964.

*Richard Nixon's personal secretary, Rose Mary Woods, said it was an accident. Technical experts told Congress otherwise this week. They say it appears that 18 1/2 minutes of the infamous Watergate tapes were intentionally erased.

The 18-minute gap covered conversations in the Oval Office between the president and his top aide, H.R. Halderman, concerning the Watergate break-in and cover-up. (Jan. 16, 1974)

Lawmakers had hoped to use the tapes to link President Nixon to the cover-up that followed the Watergate burglary.

(January 22, 1974) During the Arab Oil Embargo and the gasoline shortage here, Spur Service Station owner J. L. Bean poses for the newspaper's photographer at his station at 211 West Broad. Behind him, the station's 11,000-gallon storage tank has floated to the surface, pushing up a thick plug of dirt and grass on top of it. The tank is empty. The lack of business, he says. Built in the 1930s, the station is the oldest sill operating in the city.

(January 24, 1974) There's a new law firm in town, Bennett & Maddux.

Cookeville native Rankin Bennett was educated at Central High, Tennessee Tech, Vandy and the US Naval Justice School, which he attended while in the Naval Reserves.

He worked for an Atlanta law firm before becoming an associate of Crawford and Barnes in Cookeville.

John Maddux, also of Cookeville, went to Central High, TTU and UT-Knoxville. He was a law clerk for Maddux, Moore & Jones here before becoming a full associate of that firm.

*Candidates' announcements have begun to appear for the county Democratic primary this spring.

Clarence Tays Jr. of Monterey, a road builder here, announced this week that he's a candidate for the office of Putnam Road Supervisor.

And Elwin Qualls of Algood, an employee at Wholesale Builders here, is running for the office of Putnam Register, he announced this week.

(January 30, 1974) The nation's independent truckers are on strike and they've set up a check point in Cookeville, just off I-40, to encourage other truckers to stop their rigs or head home in support of the strike.

No violence has been reported here, but across the state, windshields have been shot out of 15 trucks, including ones in Nashville and Manchester.

The truckers are striking in protest of high fuel prices and a recent reduction of speed limits on the nation's highways by President Richard Nixon. They can't legally go above 55 mph now.

(February 6, 1974) A nationwide strike by independent truckers has left gasoline supplies here short and store shelves are beginning to look bare in some area.

Meanwhile, there have been incidents of violence across the state in connection with the strike. The truckers say they won't roll until fuel prices go down.

*A nationwide independent truckers' strike is taking a toll here. Long lines are forming at most service stations -- except the ones with "No Gas" signs hanging from the pumps -- and grocery stores are reporting shortages of bread and milk, among other goods.

So far, there have been no reports of violence in Putnam County but several truckers still on the road across the state have been shot at.

But two Livingston truckers had an unusual run-in with the law this week. They'd collected milk at several area farms and set out with a full tanker of milk for Chattanooga when they were stopped at a truckers' "checkpoint" just south of Livingston.

There, the other drivers convinced them to join them in the strike. They poured hundreds of gallons of milk out on the roadside. Overton Sheriff Terry Mitchell came on the scene and charged the two milk drivers with littering.

(February 10, 1974) Putnam County's new \$450,000 library building on Broad St. is formally dedicated.

(February 12, 1974) Yesterday, the newspaper reported that the first case of head lice in Putnam Schools since 1967 was reported in Park View Elementary. Today, a mother who read that story and who began inspecting her long-haired son for head lice says she gave up after a while. Her son had too much hair, she said. She took him to the barber, she said.

(February 13, 1974) The dedication of Putnam County's new \$450,000 library on Broad Street was an occasion for the newspaper to look back at past libraries here.

The first began in the home of a member of the Book Lovers Club in 1923. The home is where the 1st National Bank stands this year.

Later, the collection was moved to what became known as the Clara Cox Epperson Library, located between Spring and Broad in what used to be the Dr. W.A. Howard hospital.

Dr. Howard built that two-story brick building in 1921. Patients stayed in second story rooms for \$3 a day. He later sold it to the city, which operated it until it built the present hospital in 1951.

That was the year the library took over half the building. The board of education used the half facing Spring Street.

The name came from the mother of the wife of Dr. Howard, Clara Cox Epperson, a poetess of some renown here in the 20s and 30s.

That name will fade into history now. The new library, located on the site of the old Capshaw home, will be called the Putnam County Library.

(February 20, 1974) Legislation is pending in Washington to convert the nation to the metric system of measurements. It is more precise and is used by most of the rest of the world, proponents say.

Students in Putnam's high schools are getting a jump. They've already been learning about liters, meters, kilos and even the Celsius thermometer, says school officials.

*Weathermen said it was going to be springlike this week. They missed it. Putnam County got three inches of wet snow yesterday and temperatures went from the 50s to 12 degrees.

They now say its going to be spring-like again this weekend.

*President Richard Nixon, in a wide-ranging news conference, his first in some time, this week said that he thinks Watergate is behind him and the nation.

Nixon said he does not expect to be impeached by Congress and said he will never resign the highest office in the land.

*Showing at the Princess this week: It's Barbara Streisand and Robert Redford in "The Way We Were."

(February 27, 1974) Starting next week, it will cost you more to mail a first class letter. Airmail is going up too, says Cookeville Postmaster L.K. Mahler.

New first class stamps will cost 10 cents. Airmail is 13 cents.

*People figured it must have been a bank robbery this week when city police cars came to a screeching halt in the parking lot of the Bank of Cookeville shortly after midnight.

Police did find a plate glass window at the bank broken out. What they did not find inside, however, was a bank robber. They found a large black bear.

Where it came from remains a mystery today. State Fish & Game agent Wayne Blair was called to tranquilize the bear. He had to guess on how much serum to load into his dart gun. He'd never been called to subdue a bear.

The bear was transported to a game reserve near Crossville until wildlife officials decide what to do with it.

(March 7, 1974) Students at the Tech Campus School this week, having heard about rising concern about the environment, decided to start recycling newspapers.

TTU's engineering fraternity, Theta Tau, is helping the grade school students. The kids will bring newspapers from home and the fraternity will collect them, bundle them and store them under the football stadium.

TTU will then periodically transport the bundles to Nashville to a recycling center where they will be turned into IBM computer cards and other paper products.

*A federal grand jury this week indicted former White House aides John Erlichman and Charles Colson for civil rights violations.

The jury found them guilty of directing a special "investigative" unit known as the White House 'plumbers' to break into the office of a Washington psychiatrist counseling activist Daniel Ellsberg. They were seeking damaging evidence against Ellsberg.

(March 13, 1974) The Putnam School Board meets this week to decide whether to expand an early education program to schools across the county.

It's now limited to just Cookeville, where federal Model Cities dollars operate it, offering low-income working parents a place to leave their pre-school children each day.

School officials have proposed to expand the program countywide for a cost of \$81,000. If the board approves it, it's unclear how well the idea will be received by the Putnam County Court, which controls the purse strings.

*Showing at the Varsity Cinema this week: It's Clint Eastwood as Dirty Harry in "Magnum Force."

(March 20, 1974) The state legislature has sent the governor a bill outlawing co-ed dorms in Tennessee. It will affect dorms at UT-Knoxville, Vandy, and the UT medical unit in Memphis. Tennessee Tech is untouched by the legislation.

*Fourth District Congressman Joe L. Evins and Senator Howard Baker said today that LBJ&C's Headstart preschool program has been refunded. It stands to receive \$722,000 this year.

The program, started here in 1966, is expected to serve 500 kids in six Upper Cumberland counties. In Putnam, there are Headstart centers in Cookeville and Monterey.

*At the Princess this week: A film by a little-known filmmaker, George Lucas, "American Graffiti.

(March 26, 1974) A bear that got nationwide attention earlier this month when he broke through a plate-glass window in to the community room of the Bank of Cookeville on South Jefferson early one morning is on public display now in the parking lot of People's Stockyard. He's been in the custody of state Game and Wildlife officers at a facility near Knoxville since his capture outside the bank by officers using a tranquilizer gun to subdue the bear.

Where he came from is a mystery, but wildlife officers say he seems to be accustomed to staying in a cage, leading then to think he escaped from captivity.

(April 3, 1974) It is a night many Putnam Countians will remember the rest of their lives. At least 10 Putnam County residents were dead and 50 were injured in the county's worst natural disaster, a tornado that ripped through southeastern Putnam County during the night, one of several dozen that tore across the state and the nation, killing a total of 26 people in the Upper Cumberland region alone and 260 nationwide.

(April 4, 1974) At least 10 Putnam residents are dead in the country's worst natural disaster, a tornado that ripped across southeastern Putnam County, one of dozens that slashed across the nation during the night.

It was spawned in White County shortly after 8 p.m. and skipped east along the Falling Water River valley for eight miles, touching down first at Mt. Herman, where it downed power lines, damaged buildings and killed one.

A group of homes and trailers on the Caney Fork in Dry Valley was struck next, killing four more. Then it smashed through Poplar Grove, where volunteers worked through the night cutting a path for ambulances through downed trees and power lines. Four more were found dead there.

Putnam's five ambulances were on the road throughout the night and the county's funeral homes and ambulance services in surrounding counties were pressed into service to transport the more than 50 residents here injured by the deadly storm.

In the Upper Cumberland, a total of 26 died. Across America, 260 were killed in the night of the tornadoes. (April 10, 1974) The Broad Street Church of Christ has been heavily involved in the relief effort following last week's deadly tornado here.

The 600-member church was working within 12 hours of the tornado, handing out food, clothes and furniture to storm victims here.

Elder Henry Shelby says that the church has also sent aid to storm victims in Overton and Cumberland counties.

*The newspaper reported this week that dirty political tricks aren't just being played by Nixon supporters in Washington anymore. This week, they turned up here too.

Hundreds of leaflets have been placed in newspaper tubes across the county this week attacking Billy G. Smith, who's served the maximum three terms as Putnam Sheriff and who is now running as Putnam Trustee.

The newspaper has been flooded with calls from the public complaining about the attack on Smith.

(April 20, 1974) Cookeville Summer Theatre's **Margery Hargrove** announced this week that for its big summer production, CST is producing Roger and Hammerstein's *The King and I*.

She's holding auditions for the popular musical starting next week.

*Cookeville American Legion Post 46 is honoring Putnam County's veterans of the Vietnam War with a big breakfast this week.

It's asking all here who served in the Southeast Asian conflict to attend and be recognized.

In conjunction with the breakfast, Cookeville Mayor Bob Poteet has declared this "Vietnam Veterans Week" in the city.

*Chet Huntley, who teamed with David Brinkley for 14 years as co-anchor of the NBC Nightly News, died today of abdominal cancer.

(April 24, 1974) Five poets are coming to Putnam County Senior High this week for the school's spring writers' festival.

They include Tennessee Poet Laureate Peck Gunn; Ester Estabrooks, who's now serving as poet-in-residence in Putnam schools; Rick McCann, a newspaper columnist and college professor; James Shea, a poet and Vanderbilt English professor; and Malcolm Glass, an Austin Peay English professor.

*Hundley Crockett, who recently tossed his hat in the ring in the governor's race, toured Cookeville this week and said he sees it as one of the state's two rising urban areas, the other being Jackson.

Crockett said he believes that in time, Cookeville will join the ranks of the state's other urban areas: Nashville, Memphis, Knoxville, Chattanooga and the Tri-Cities area.

*Dogwood winter hit Putnam County this week, plunging nighttime temperatures for two days in a row down to 37 degrees.

(May 3, 1974) Voters in the Putnam Democratic primary this week nominated Billy G. Smith for trustee; Jerry Abston for sheriff; Jerry Burgess for circuit court clerk; Juanita Nabors for county clerk; Clarence Tays Jr. for road supervisor; Elwin Qualls for register of deeds; and Ben Austin for county manager.

*Putnam's fiddling champion, Frazier Moss, has brought home another first place trophy. This week he won the title at the third annual Old Time Fiddlers Convention in Florence, Ala.

*It's three days after the county election primary, and Putnam Voter Registrar Emogene Andrews said she still hasn't received election results from Glade Creek, the little Putnam community that you can't get to from here.

Located in Putnam's extreme southeastern corner, the tiny settlement can only be reached by going through Cumberland County at Mayland.

Mrs. Andrews said it is not unusual for precinct officials to be late getting the results in. With only 26 voters in the precinct, the election results are not expected to be changed by the Glade Creek vote.

She said that if the voting box from Glade Creek isn't in her office by closing time today, she'll go and get it herself tonight.

(May 15, 1974) City officials said this week that they are now fully complying with the state's new open meeting law, commonly known as the "Sunshine Law."

They're publishing in the newspaper announcements of all city meetings, they say.

They're even publishing notices of the council's traditional Tuesday morning meeting, in which the council gets together to discuss issues before actually voting on them in the public meetings. Councilmen say those Tuesday meetings have never been closed to the public, but the public just hasn't been aware of them.

*Services were held this week for Dr. William A. Howard, who died at home here this week at the age of 87.

A 1908 graduate of the UT Medical School, Dr. Howard, a Clay County native, served as an Army doctor in Europe in World War I.

In 1922, Dr. Howard opened Cookeville's first hospital. It was called "Howard House." It is the building on Spring that now houses the county board of education.

Dr. Howard retired from active practice about five years ago.

(May 23, 1974) Dr. Arliss L. Roaden, vice provost for Ohio State University, will take over as the new president of Tennessee Tech on July 1, it was announced today.

The State Board of Regents picked Roaden this week from a field that had narrowed to two candidates after Roy Nicks, chancellor of UT at Nashville, withdraw from the running earlier this week.

The other candidate for the role was Dr. John Barker, president of Marshal University in Huntington, W.Va.

(May 29, 1974) Ted Darwin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dero Darwin, graduated from a prestigious New York school of interior design this week with the top award from the National Society of Interior Design, besting students in 85 other colleges and universities in his field.

He received the award in ceremonies this week in New York at the Gallery of Modern Art. The Parsons School of Design graduate has taken a position with Dan Cooper Decorators of New York.

*There's been no draft call for military service since December of 1972 here, but young men are still required to register for the draft when they turn 18.

This week, the government consolidated 15 county draft offices into one big one located in the federal courthouse on Broad. Laura Moore is the executive secretary of the new office.

*Showing at the Varsity this week, Al Pacino in the police drama, "Serpico."

(June 3, 1974) LaMaze classes have begun at Cookeville General Hospital, bringing husbands into delivery rooms as partners with their wives in the birthing process.

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Jackie Orr, a nurse in Cookeville General Hospital's obstetrics unit, has been the instructor since her first class in September. She says the class are growing in popularity. Previously, Nashville was the nearest location for LaMaze classes.

Her husband, Bill, is a former Vietnam chopper pilot and skydiver, but he says participating in the birth of his two sons with the LaMaze method was far more thrilling than combat or leaping out of airplanes.

*A page one photo this week showed extensive work being done to the column entrance of Cookeville Jr. High. It's part of a \$1.3 million addition that will raise the school's student capacity to 1,500.

(June 13, 1974) The FCC has approved the permit to build a new \$600,000 educational television station in Cookeville, Channel 22.

It is the last link in a statewide network of educational television stations that will be used to beam instructional material in Tennessee classrooms.

The state has condemned a 30-acre site, seven miles east of Cookeville and two miles north of I-40, formerly owned by the Putnam County Lumber Co. for a new tower and transmitter building.

The station will not produce local programming, but will be a relay station, sending programming from other stations in the network to TVs in a 50 mile radius of the tower.

*In recent months, oil has been discovered north of Cookeville. There are several producing wells in Fentress County now.

This week at Pall Mall, there was a two-day gathering of dowzers, commonly known as "water witches," who specialize in 'dowsing' for oil. They're called 'geopsychics.'

They're coming from all over the country to talk about dowsing for oil and to give demonstrations.

Among them will be three Fentress County residents credited with leading drillers to two of the largest producing wells near Jamestown, Willie and Earl Pyle and Earl's wife, Sarah.

The three are so trusted by the Red Feather Oil Co. that it has made them vice-presidents in the company and has kept them on a retainer for the last year and a half.

Earl said his abilities to find pockets of oil "are a gift from God." He and his family have been doing it since the late 1950s. He says he has an 80 percent success rate.

(June 28, 1974) More than 100 residents of the Brotherton Community on Buck Mountain gathered in the courthouse this week with state Rep. Tommy Burks and state Sen. Vernon Neal to talk about what can be done to bring public water up to the dry plateau community.

County Judge Luke Medley said of Brotherton, "It's the last big rural area with a fair population density that doesn't have a water supply."

"It's known as a dry place," said Burks.

The lawmakers agreed to begin looking at a grant to bring water from Algood up to Brotherton.

*In Buenos Aires this week, a Latin strongman who captured the world's imagination, Juan Peron, died this week at the age of 70.

Elected after a military coup in 1946, he himself was toppled in a coup in 1955 and barely escaped alive.

He lived in exile for 18 years until his return to thunderous cheers and re-election last year.

(July 5, 1974) Gov. Winfield Dunn will be in town next week for the official opening of the new \$1 million Porelon plant here.

Plant manager Dan Drab says top officials from the parent company, S.C. Johnson & Son Inc., will be here. Porelon is the parent company's only facility outside the state of Wisconsin.

It is expected to employ 80 by the end of the year, making ink rollers for use in automatic marking machines, high speed printing equipment and business machines.

(July 11, 1974) Overall Field at TTU got a new "carpet" this week, a new layer of Polyurf to replace the one laid four years ago.

The old turf was of a longer weave and the longer strands of fiber drooped, exposing more of their length to the damaging rays of the sun, say TTU officials.

The new turf has a shorter weave and is expected to last longer because it should sustain less sun damage.

*A familiar sight on the Square returned Sunday afternoon. Jessie Randolph drove his wagon to town again and hitched his horse to a parking meter for a breather.

Randolph says he hasn't done it for a while, but he used to ride his wagon to town from the Holiday community on Buffalo Valley Road every morning.

That was back in 1946, when Mayor D.S. Mahler hired him to sweep the streets around the Square, near the Depot and along part of Cedar Street.

He rose at 3:30 a.m. each day for the ride and at the Square, he said he hitched his horses to a tree on the Courthouse lawn. That was before there were parking meters, he noted.

(July 19, 1974) Emergency medical transportation by helicopter is now available to Putnam County thanks to a new U.S. Army program called Military Assistance to Safety and Traffic.

Officials from Fort Campbell in Kentucky were at TTU this week to explain to area officials how the new service will work.

A copter from Fort Campbell can reach Cookeville in an hour and 10 minutes and be in Nashville with a patient in 30 minutes more, substantially speeding up intensive medical treatment for accident victims.

*Will Grundy Quarles, chairman of the six-month-old Gainesboro Port Authority, says he envisions the day when the Cumberland River will connect Gainesboro and the Upper Cumberland to the world ports.

The port authority is working on dock facilities and an adjacent industrial park to serve the region, reviving river traffic on the Cumberland that once made Gainesboro the biggest and most prosperous town in the region before the railroad came to Cookeville in the 1890s.

Quarles said that a port in Gainesboro could ship crude oil, metal ores like zinc, timber and other bulk commodities out of the region more cheaply than by rail or truck.

(July 25, 1974) Holla Burgess is retiring after 27 years as Cookeville's water and sewer department superintendent.

When he began work, the department had 1,100 customers. They now have 5,700 customers. The town's population has grown from 5,300 to 18,000 during this time.

He was hired by Mayor D. S. Mahler in a year when the city was still getting its water from spring supplemented with water taken from the Falling Water River.

He remembers the drought in 1968 after the city moved its water plant to Falling Water River. The town nearly went totally dry.

And he recalls when the city built its new water plant at Center Hill Lake.

Shortly after it opened, an electrical storm knocked out the power, a series of valves failed and the new plant was flooded.

Now that he's retiring, Burgess says he plans to spend more time with his family and in his wood working shop.

(August 2, 1974) Jake Butcher, flanked by Grand Ole Opry stars and a crowd of 1,500, yesterday wrapped up his campaign for governor with a mass rally in Cookeville.

Buses arrived one after another loaded with supporters from across Middle and East Tennessee.

Butcher said he chose to end his campaign here because it was in Cookeville five months ago that he met with leaders of the Putnam Democratic Party who convinced him he could win the party's nomination for governor.

However, in today's election, Butcher lost that bid to Ray Blanton, who will now go on to face Republican nominee Lamar Alexander on Nov. 5.

Butcher did carry Putnam County, getting 1,065 votes to Blanton's 1,545 for the nomination.

(August 12, 1974) Mayor Harold Chaffin warned today that unless the Algood are gets more rain and gets it soon, there may be water rationing in that town.

The river from which the town gets its water is about dry. And talks with the City of Cookeville over connecting to its water system have stalled. Each side says it's waiting on the other to make a move now.

Cookeville moved its water treatment plant to Center Hill lake after experiencing a drought of its own in 1968.

Showing at the Varsity this week: "Summer of '42," with Jennifer O'Neal and Gary Grimes.

(August 22, 1974) Cookeville, Algood and Monterey are among cities all across the nation jockeying for positions on a federal Environmental Protection Agency funding list for sewer projects.

Cookeville has submitted plans for a \$7 million sewer project, Algood, an \$886,000 project, and Monterey, a \$749,000 sewer project.

They're all hoping to get a share of a \$9 billion appropriation Congress made this year to the EPA or sewer improvements across the US.

The state will rank each project submitted to Tennessee and the list to Washington.

*Noted area craftsman John Maxwell marked the completion of his 1,000 dulcimer this week. He gave the finely-crafted instrument to Orville Bennett, his senior employee.

Maxwell is known nationally through magazine and news reports on his Appalachian crafts.

*Buford Pusser, 36, the legendary ex-sheriff of McNairy County, died in a one-car accident this week at the scene of an earlier wreck years ago which nearly took his life.

Pusser, known for being a fast driver, was driving a sports car which left the road and tumbled down a 100-foot embankment. He was thrown from the vehicle and killed instantly.

Two hours before the wreck in a conversation with a friend, Pusser said, "You know, I like this car, but if a man had a wreck in it, he couldn't survive. It would be all over."

Pusser, a large man who abhorred violence, became enmeshed in it from 1964 through 1970 as sheriff of McNairy County, which when he took office was known as a center for bootlegging, gambling and prostitution.

His exploits in ridding the county of those elements made him a hero and were the subject of a series of "Walking Tall" movies.

His wife was killed in a 1967 ambush intended for him.

(August 25, 1974) Myrtle Judd was interviewed this week about the heyday of Double Springs. It was the railhead for the Tennessee Central Railroad serving Gainesboro, Celina, Whitleyville and points north.

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(September 4, 1974) Tennessee Tech's new president, Dr. Arliss Roaden, moved in this week and got down to work, meeting with faculty, administrators and students to learn his way around.

He said, "The hospitality of Cookeville has been overwhelming."

The Corbin, Ky., native was formerly vice provost at Ohio State University.

+ Gerald Ford was met by protesters today at the gates of the White House, one who carried a sign reading, "The honeymoon is over."

It was the first opposition he encountered over his pardon of ex-President Richard Nixon for Watergate crimes. More quickly followed.

During an appearance before Congress, while he was vice president, Ford was asked about the possibility of a pardon for Nixon and he replied, "I do not think the public would stand for such a pardon."

*Also in the news this week, national Republican Party Chairman George Bush was named by Ford this week to be the next U.S. ambassador to China.

(September 11, 1974) Tennessee's senior senator, Howard Baker, spoke at an educational conference last night at TTU and was asked his views on President Gerald Ford's recent pardoning of Richard Nixon for his part in the Watergate conspiracy.

Baker said he told Ford before the controversial pardon to "Cool it. We don't have to do this right now."

But Ford ignored that advice and now, Baker says, "The honeymoon with Congress is over."

Worse, Baker says the pardon has "reopened a caustic and divisive debate in this country that I thought was behind us."

*Meanwhile, family members say the former president, Richard M. Nixon, "is in deep depression" since resigning the presidency in August over the Watergate controversy.

*Showing this week at the Varsity Theater: Barbara Streisand in "For Pete's Sake."

(September 27, 1974) City officials this week urged residents to cut back use of electricity by 20 percent. TVA has declared an emergency.

Due to a nationwide coal shortage, sparked by a coal strike, the sprawling utility's stockpiles of coal have dropped dangerously low.

TVA normally has a stockpile large enough to serve the system for 90 days. A slowdown in the flow of coal to the nation has but stocks to the 47-day level.

Officials are asking residents to cut back on the use of heat on cool autumn nights. Meanwhile, at least half the city's streetlights will be shut off during the crisis.

(October 9, 1974) Sycamore Elementary isn't "a little country school" anymore, says principal Jerry Maynard.

A recent seven-classroom addition, plus growth in the area that surrounds it, boosted the school's enrollment by 50 percent this year to a total of some 400 students, he said.

The school is located just beyond the city's western city limits on Crescent Drive.

*Cookeville Children's Theatre is rehearsing this week for its production of "Gollum," an adaptation of J.R.R. Tolkien's "The Hobbit."

The colorful play stars Mary Eddleman as 'Gollum' and John Shaw as Bilbo Baggins.

*At the Princess this week: The "spaghetti western" "My Name is Nobody," with Henry Fonda and Terrence Hill.

(October 10, 1974) Senior class officers at Putnam Senior High this year are Debby Lesko, treasurer; Sheree Spurlock, secretary; David Lambertson, vice president; John Campbell, president; and sergeants-at-arm, Pam Brown, Mary Waters and Debe Harris.

David Roberson is the president of the junior class and David Mott is president of the sophomore class.

*The 'Great Stone Face,' whose "really big shew" entertained millions of television viewers for more than two decades, is dead. Ed Sullivan died this week of cancer at the age of 72.

His television variety show introduced now-famous acts like the Beatles, Dick Van Dyke, Elvis and Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis.

(October 17, 1974) Carl Campbell, deputy director for the Upper Cumberland Development District, may appear to be a mild mannered executive, but in an interview this week he talks about being a pilot and about his experiences in World War II, when he was a highly decorated bomber pilot.

Campbell said he advanced in rank rapidly because every flight had airmen who did not return. "I was always taking someone else's place."

+ On a lighter note, he told of carrier pigeons used by Germans and Italians to exchange secret information. GIs learned to coax the birds to stop at their position to rest and feed. He said that is how some of his missions got their targets.

+ Nancy Ogle, sports editor of the TTU students newspaper, the Oracle, gave it her best shot this week living up to the promise she made in print to climb the flagpole if Golden Eagles beat Western Kentucky at homecoming. They did last weekend 16-10.

She made it five feet up the slick pole and slid back down to the boos of a large crowd of students. She said that would be the last time she made such a rash vow -- "Unless it might enable us to beat MTSU" in November.

(October 23, 1974) Baxter's Jerry Petty is back home for a visit from Hollywood, where he's landed roles in several movies in recent years.

A 1960 Baxter Seminary graduate, he went to Hollywood and ended up parking cars for a time before getting small parts in films or standing in for actors like Peter Fonda, Fabian and even Boris Karloff.

He also spent a two-year stint as The Big Bad Wolf in the Disney on Parade tour of 75 American cities.

Petty says he's recently dated TV actress Jeannine Riley of "Petticoat Junction" and he's crossed paths with another Baxter native, Roger Herron, who did similar work in films in the late 1960s and most recently had a role in a film with Racquel Welch.

*Neither are in the film showing this week at the Varsity Cinema: "Death Wish." The star of that film is Charles Bronson.

(November 1, 1974) It was a relatively quiet Halloween night, area lawmen reported today.

Beginning at 2:45 in the afternoon and continuing until 1:30 in the morning, city firemen were kept hopping, responding to fires set in piles of leaves all across town. In all, they snuffed out 11 fires.

And deputies caught five men trying to set fire to the Poplar Grove Bridge and arrested them. Someone also set a small fire in the Algood School. And, there were several reports of youths in cars throwing eggs.

*Ex-President Richard Nixon's doctors fought to save his life this week after he went into shock during routine surgery for phlebitis.

The 61-year-old Nixon is being closely watched today in a hospital critical care unit.

(November 6, 1974) Putnam County is back in the Democratic fold after this week's elections.

Ray Blanton received twice the votes here that GOP contender Lamar Alexander got in their race for governor. Alexander carried only two Putnam precincts, Twin Oaks and Silver Point.

Democrats were big winners across the rest of the nation as well this week, and political observers say it's because Americans are tired of rising inflation and disgusted with the Watergate scandal.

(November 13, 1974) TVA said this week that if Cookeville doesn't voluntarily reduce its use of electricity by 25 percent in the next month, TVA will take steps to cut power use here itself.

The nation's coal miners are on strike and TVA's coal stockpiles, which power its generation plants, are dwindling by the day. TVA is doing all it can to stretch its present supply.

Some cities and rural utility districts in TVA's region are making plans for rotating power blackouts -- power would be off at every home and business for three of each 24 hours of the day.

The UCEMC is drawing up such a plan for its district, but Cookeville Electric Department Supt. W.R. Holland says the city is doing all it can to meet TVA's rationing requirements but keep power on to homes, industries and businesses.

Street lights will be dimmed and all outdoor recreational and decorative lighting will be shut off, he said. Some industries here are cutting back on shifts and homeowners are being asked to cut back.

*President Gerald Ford today reassured the nation that America is settling into a recession, not a depression, and says there is little danger of another Great Depression occurring due to modern safeguards in the nation's economic structure.

The recession, he says, is forecast to bottom out by mid-1975.

(November 26, 1974) Two Louisiana men have been jailed for shooting and killing a deer that had become an attraction in the Poplar Grove community.

The two-year-old deer showed up more than a year ago at the farm of Kenneth Ray. It apparently mistook a mare for its mother, and could be seen regularly grazing beside the horse, sleeping with it, and staying mostly by its side day in and day out.

It had grown tame and the Ray children were able to feed it by hand. It was so tame, in fact, that police say when the two men shot it from the road, one of them had to get out of the vehicle and scare the deer away from the rest of the livestock so his partner could get a clear shot.

Police found the dead deer still in the back of the men's truck while it was parked at a Cookeville motel, where they were staying overnight.

(November 27, 1974) The nation is in a severe economic slump and unemployment is double this fall compared to last fall's figures.

Last November, there were 800 on the county's jobless roll. This November, there are 1,800 unemployed here. Industrial layoffs are the largest factor in the leap.

This week in Nashville, the layoffs of 1,200 workers at two big factories boosted the number on the state's jobless rolls to 81,000, or 6 percent of the workforce.

*TVA, which this week aired a plan to ration power across the Valley because a nationwide coal strike is threatening its fuel supply at major power generating facilities, completed its two-year environmental impact study of the Hartsville nuclear plant.

If all goes well, TVA plans to have the first of four reactors at the proposed \$1.6 billion power plan on line by 1980, and the last on line by 1982.

*More than 1,200 gathered at Tennessee Tech this weekend to hear best selling author Erich Von Daniken, author of the controversial "Chariots of the Gods."

His book suggests that aliens from another planet landed on earth and are responsible for technological leaps taken by early civilizations.

(December 4, 1974) The Putnam P&R board this week named one of its own members to run the county's recreation program after the resignation of its present director.

Tire store owner and operator Jess Medlin was named to the \$7,200 a year director's position on a vote of 3-1 by the board.

One of Medlin's first duties will be to decide how to keep the department within its \$32,000 utilities budget for the year. The board has already spent \$14,000 for the first four months of the fiscal year and the worst winter months for P&R community centers still lie ahead.

(December 19, 1974) There was bad news for Christmas this week for 300 production workers at Gould Inc. They're being laid off indefinitely.

Orders for the company, which makes heating elements for commercial and industrial units, have fallen off, company officials said in making the announcement.

TBI agents Larry O'Rear, Tom Moore and Don Clark said this week that they've recovered the money stolen by two men armed with automatic weapons from the Granville bank two weeks ago.

They found it in a duffel bag along with the guns used in the robbery lying 15 feet off the Martins Creek Road, which the men used in their flight from Granville.

The getaway car was found at the Trinity Cumberland Presbyterian Church six miles further down the road. The men's whereabouts remains unknown.

Governor-elect Ray Blanton has named Cookeville's William Jones, vice president for business and fiscal affairs at TTU, as his new Commissioner of Finance and Administration.

Jones, who began his career as a budget analyst with the state in 1958, came to TTU in 1965 as business manager for the university. He became vice president five months ago.

(December 24, 1974) The newspaper takes a look at the story behind a historical marker on Highway 70, west of Baxter with the caption, "Last Stagecoach Holdup."

It occurred around midnight on Oct. 15, 1882, a year when the violence of the Civil War was still very much in the memories here and when the Wild West was still very much wild.

Joe and Teek Braswell had been hung on Billygoat Hill in Cookeville for murder just four years before. Jesse James had been killed in Missouri a few months earlier. Sam Bass, the 'Robin Hood of Texas' was just dead four months.

In Tombstone, Wyatt Earp was still sheriff in 1882, a year after his famed shoot out at the OK Corral. Wild Bill Hickock was dead six years after being gunned down in a saloon in the Dakota Territories.

George Custer and many in his 7th Cavalry died just six years earlier and Baxter's Tom Stovers missed the massacre only because he'd gotten drunk the night before and was assigned to guard his unit's wagon train.

With that as the backdrop, the last stagecoach robbery here occurred near midnight on the Old Walton Trace near Gentry. 'Bugs' Hunt and two "Edwards boys" stood in the road and ordered veteran stage driver Uncle John Rayburn to stop his vehicle.

They robbed the three males inside, but left Miss Z. Martin of Cookeville untouched. The trip failed to find mailbags and left the rest of the valuables untouched as they fled.

Putnam Sheriff Henry Brown and his men caught up with Hunt a few days later, arrested him and he went to prison. The Edward brothers escaped.

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(January 3, 1975) Twenty-five hearty souls took the plunge into the lake at Hidden Hollow this New Year's Eve to gain entry in the exclusive Polar Bear Club, a tradition started by Hidden Hollow owner Arda Lee three years ago.

The newest batch of "cubs" brings the Polar Bear Club's membership up to 57 members now, mostly members of the TTU engineering fraternity, Theta Tau.

Again this year, the new club members were treated to a late-night meal of black-eyed peas, hog jowls and cornbread once they got out of the lake, dried off and stopped shaking.

(January 7, 1975) Putnam teachers are evenly split on the question of whether the Tennessee Education Association to which they belong should join the National Education Association this July.

The national lobbying organization is an aggressive teachers union and labor activities are an unsettling idea for many long-time teachers here.

Meanwhile, the next license plate you receive here will have 21 as a prefix for Putnam County rather than the present 23.

That's because the newest census shows Putnam's official population rose from 29,236 in 1960 to 35,487 in 1970, moving Putnam up to the 21st spot among Tennessee's 95 counties in terms of population.

South Vietnam is falling. South Vietnamese President Nguyen Van Thieu acknowledged today that the Phuoc Long province on the Cambodian border some 75 miles north of Saigon fell to North Vietnam's surging forces this week.

US forces until two years ago guarded the province.

Meanwhile, the US Navy today denied that the aircraft carrier Enterprise is cruising to South Vietnam to standby.

(January 30, 1975) It's been nearly 50 years, but Luford Howell, 80, and Lemon Smith, 81, told the newspaper this week that they still vividly remember the day the dam washed away at Burgess Falls.

After a night of heavy rains, as a crowd of 200 stood on the banks watching the waters of the Falling Water River climb, the earthen dam above Burgess Falls came apart.

Smith and Howell had helped build it years earlier. The reservoir it created above the falls powered an electric plant the city used to supply power to Cookeville.

The two men recalled the wall of water that cascaded through the gap, sweeping away mature trees in an upright position in the churning waters.

A metal bridge, not far downstream, crumpled like straw. Days later, half the metal structure was found and was used to build a bridge on Cane Creek. The other half was never found.

Vernie Oliver was in his barn upriver when the dam broke. He'd rowed in a boat to get there. The flood had threatened corn stored in his barn and he was standing in a boat stacking it up on a higher loft.

Oliver says he knows exactly when the dam gave way. That's when his boat began to drop as water in the barn abruptly drained away.

The following year, 1929, the city built a steel and concrete dam and the water it held back powered the electric generation plant until 1944, when the city contracted with TVA for power.

(February 5, 1975) A retired Pippin community farmer, who saw a page one picture of Putnam's infamous 'Booger Swamp' in last week's edition, this week told the newspaper he's a firm believer in 'haints.'

He says the owners of a house he lived in as a boy had to burn the structure to the ground to get rid of a nest of 'haints.'

Bee Flatt, now 70, told of living in an old log frame structure in Savage Dog Hollow in Jackson County as a boy. Local legend had it that a couple, who once lived there, had strangled their baby to make it stop crying.

Flatt says that shortly after his family moved in, they started hearing the sound of a baby crying somewhere under the house. Even after tearing up the floorboards, they couldn't find its source.

Over the three years his family lived there, he says there were other "visitors" in the house as well -- a 'haint' who walked the floors of the home's upstairs, tapping a cane as it went; a 'haint' who pressed down on the chest of anyone who tried to sleep in a particular bedroom; a team of ghostly mules that brayed and shook their harness outside the home at night; and a 'haint' that kept tossing a length of chain down the home's stairs.

The family finally had enough and moved, and the next family to occupy the house burned it to the ground to stop the visitations, Flatt says.

The Flatts' next home was beside Booger Swamp.

He says he never heard or saw a thing unusual there.

(February 14, 1975) Officials are getting ready for dedication ceremonies this week for the new \$500,000 Putnam County Library.

U.S. Representative Joe L. Evins will be the keynote speaker as the library moves into its first quarters specifically designed as a library.

In 1923, the library got its start with 12 books donated by members of the Book Lovers Club here. They were stored on a shelf between the corner and the chimney in the cottage of Miss Laura Copeland on Madison Avenue.

In 1938, the library -- 3,000 books by then -- moved into the old Putnam Herald building on the Square, and in 1939, the city took it over and dubbed the facility the Clara Cox Epperson Library in honor of the city's resident poetess.

In 1943, the collection of 5,887 books moved into a building on North Dixie, supplied by Stacy Wilhite and in 1951, it moved into the old Howard Hospital building on Spring Street, and eventually shared quarters with the Putnam Board of Education.

(February 25, 1975) In a feature article on Putnam County and the region's plight during the Civil War, the newspaper this week notes that there are still traces of the "underground" effort here to keep the Confederate army supplied with gunpowder.

The region was isolated and ravaged in the war, with civilian authority abolished and guerrilla partisans like Champ Ferguson and Tinker Dave Beatty regularly raiding throughout the area.

Meanwhile, several area men worked in saltpeter mines in at least two area caves, extracting the material used to make gunpowder to keep the under supplied Confederate Army going.

The article included photos in Johnson's Cave and Calfkiller Cave in the Calfkiller Valley, showing the remnants of rickety wooden ladders, catwalks, vats and barrels used in the gunpowder process.

*Newspaper columnist Jack Anderson told an audience at TTU this week that a lingering legacy of the Watergate scandal is the spying on citizens by the CIA, FBI and other government agencies using "Soviet tactics."

But he said the bigger story is the economy. There are reports of elderly residents surviving on dog food and even resorting to stealing food because inflation has shrunk their pensions.

(March 12, 1975) Environmentalism and conservation are the new buzzwords across the country now and students at the Tech Campus School are doing more than just talking about them.

In a joint project by TTU's Theta Tau professional engineering fraternity, the university and the training school, students are collecting old newspapers and saving all their waste paper. They're selling it to a Nashville recycling firm. The proceeds go to TTU.

Seen in a photo weighing a bundle of old newspapers are Mike Mazeris, David Bustamante and Cindy Nash.

(March 19, 1975) It would have been the worse flooding here since the disastrous flooding of 1927 this week when more than 10 inches of water fell here over two days, three inches of it in a six-hour downpour.

But this time the Cumberland River and its tributaries were controlled by U.S. Army Corps of Engineers dams and flood damage was negligible.

+ The South Vietnam government, attempting to stand on its own against North Vietnamese forces since the pull out of U.S. troops some two years ago, today abandoned its Quang Tri province.

More than 100,000 panicking civilians are in flight before advancing North Vietnamese troops.

Quang Tri includes Vietnam's ancient imperial capital, Hue.

(April 8, 1975) Students and faculty have named the top three Outstanding Faculty at TTU for the year. They are:

Dr. Phillip J. Campana, a professor of German now in his 6th years at TTU; Dr. Gilbert G. Fernandez, an assistant professor of history now in his 7th year at TTU; and Mrs. Sara G. Lynn, an assistant professor of educational psychology who has taught at TTU for a decade.

*Olen Martin, a science and health teacher at Baxter Elementary for the last 21 years, has been named by the Putnam School Board to succeed Ben Crawford as principal of the school.

Crawford is retiring this year.

And Berry C. Williams, the man who launched the now nationally known Smithville Fiddlers' Jamboree in 1972, has died in Vanderbilt Hospital in Nashville.

Williams was the field representative for Congressman Joe L. Evins and managed his first campaign in 1946.

(May 23, 1975) Construction began this week at the corner of 12th St. and Willow Ave. on TTU's new \$5.4 million health and athletics complex, which will be named the Hooper-Eblen Center.

(June 3, 1975) The state is preparing to open its new \$5 million Edgar Evins State Park on Center Hill Lake.

Three long-time instructors are retiring this week at TTU.

Dr. William B. Stradley, professor of administration and supervision, first came to TTU in 1958.

Miss Esther Montgomery, assistant professor of home economics, has taught at the university for the last 24 years.

And Malcom "Mutt" Quillen, currently dean of men at TTU, came to the university as assistant football coach, head baseball coach and a professor of health and physical education in 1954.

(June 10, 1975) Roger Preston, a salesman for Universal Plastics in Cookeville, was on his way to a car race in Mansfield, Ohio one night this week when he got into a car race of his own on I-71.

Preston was passed by a car without lights which sideswiped a car in front of him.

A woman in the car that was struck was seriously injured, and three other passengers were also hurt.

Unable to reach a lawman on his CB radio, Preston gave chase and was soon joined by a second motorist. The two followed the hit-and-run driver off the interstate and managed to box him in a nearby parking lot.

There, a drunken man got out of the car and at a range of five feet fired a shot from a .25 caliber "Saturday night special" at Preston. The bullet was stopped and shattered by his belt buckle.

He wrestled the man to the ground and got the gun. Police arrived and the man was charged with DWI and assault with a deadly weapon.

"I just wanted to get that nut off the road. I didn't think much about it." Preston told the newspaper here this week.

(July 2, 1975) Cookeville's population now stands at least 17,500, or so city officials hope to convince the state.

Cookeville City Council this week voted to seek a special census here to document that anticipated headcount. It will cost the city \$8,000 to \$10,000, but could mean \$50,000 or more in new revenue for the city, officials say.

That's because some of the funds the city receives now from the state is based on the city's official population, which was set at 15,500 in the last official US Census in 1970. More residents means more state dollars for Cookeville.

*The price of gasoline is still shooting up, and most service station owners asked by the newspaper this week estimated that the price could climb to 75 cents a gallon before "topping off."

It's now risen to an average of 60 cents per gallon around town and in the last year alone has about doubled.

(August 12, 1975) After four days of intensive searching by hundreds of volunteers in the Algood area, the body of missing four-year-old Patrick Adams was found lying in the weeds a few feet off Highway 42 six miles south of Byrdstown, and the boy's stepfather, long-distance truck driver James Adams, was charged with first-degree murder.

(August 20, 1975) About 100 Tennessee and Kentucky officials met and shook hands on a patch of road under construction at the state line just north of Dale Hollow Lake this week, where Tennessee's north-south Corridor J route, when completed, will join 93 miles of Kentucky highway.

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His mother, Lorelle Adams, and his stepfather, long-distance truck driver James Adams, came to the county jail to get the news this week.

A day later, the stepfather was in a jail cell there charged with first degree murder in the beating death of the boy. The boy's natural father reported to authorities that he'd long feared the boy was being abused.

Investigators say the site where the child's body was discovered was along the route of his most recent road trip.

(August 29, 1975) Cookeville Summer Theatre became Theatre Gatlinburg this week when the cast of "George M" was invited to perform there over the Labor Day weekend.

The cast is busy this week preparing to move the play's elaborate set to Gatlinburg for the presentation.

It was the idea of Gatlinburg Bicentennial Committee member Hillard Brown, the manager of Christus Gardens and the husband of former Cookeville Jo Ann Hutchinson Brown. He saw "George M" performed here and enjoyed it so much he thought its patriotic theme would be fitting for Gatlinburg's Labor Day festivities.

Walter Fitzpatrick, Jr., was named the new administrator of Cookeville General Hospital this week after the board reviewed 11 applications.

The son of City Clerk Walter Fitzpatrick Sr., Fitzpatrick is presently an account executive for a computer company in Huntsville, AL and was one of the founders of a company that made innovative hospital equipment in Dallas.

He assumes his new position here next week.

(September 3, 1975) Algood and Cookeville worked out the final details this week in negotiations to link Algood's water system to Cookeville's.

Algood presently gets its water from a town spring. In the hot summer months, the supply sometimes drops to dangerously low levels, prompting Algood officials to look to its neighbor recently for more water.

Cookeville Water Supervisor Mike Patterson said this week that water will begin to flow from Cookeville to Algood sometime next spring once lines are laid.

(September 10, 1975) Prospects appear good for Cookeville to gain control of the old abandoned railroad depot on Broad St. and preserve it as a museum, City Councilman Donald Ferrell said.

(September 12, 1975) The news surfaced in this week's edition that the FBI for the last few months has been investigating the loss of some \$17,000 at Citizen's Bank.

Bank officials were closed-mouthed, but Citizen's President Charles Miller assured bank customers that the loss is covered by the FDIC and that the bank remains in sound fiscal condition.

An unnamed former employee is reportedly the focus of the probe for the missing money, says the newspaper.

*The heat of late summer broke over Putnam County this week as a blast of autumn air swept in suddenly from the north, plunging temperatures from 89 one day to a high low of 44 that night. Monterey reported scattered light frost.

Cookeville weather observer C. K. Flatt says he thinks it's probably a record low for so early in the fall.

*In concert at TTU this week will be Bristol native Dave Logins, best known for his recent hit, "Please Come To Boston."

(September 17, 1975) City councilman Donald Ferrell is close to realizing a long-time dream – the city is gaining control of the old abandoned Cookeville railroad depot and preserving it.

He is currently engaged in talks with the L&N Railroad seeking the title to the building and the prospects look good, he says.

The building sits empty now in a section of town that is deteriorating, and a group of men now hang out at the rear of the depot some nights to drink beer and smoke, the newspaper notes.

Ferrell hopes the buildings can be renovated turned into a museum and maybe even serve as the focal point of a downtown park.

*Residents of Cookeville and Algood who are on private lines will soon be able to make phone calls without help for the operator. GTE officials announced this week that they are installing automatic dialing equipment here.

Meanwhile Cookeville General Hospital is seeking four physicians to man the hospital's emergency room full-time, DGH administrator Mike Hurd said. The emergency room is only open on a part-time basis and the time it takes to get emergency help has been a frequent topic of complaints at the hospital, said Hurd.

(September 27, 1975) Eleven-year-old Patricia Julian is pictured on page one this week showing readers how easy it is to convert ounces to grams and pounds to kilograms under the International Metric System.

The Tech Campus School student and most other students here this year are studying the system because America is expected to convert to it in the near future.

Meanwhile, starting Saturday, you can find out what files the federal government has on you under the 1974 Privacy Act.

The act covers 79 federal agencies, and also stipulates that you can request a list of who has viewed your files.

Showing at the Princess for one night only: "Elvis on Tour," rated G.

(October 2, 1975) Henry Ford, who the city of Cookeville ruled this week is in violation of city codes for running a coin-operated laundry in a residential zone on the corner of Jere Whitson Road and North Washington, has sued the city.

He's asking Chancellor Scott Camp to change the zoning of his lot so he can reopen his laundry.

Ford has operated the business in that location since July 16 when city officials say a new clerk in city hall unfamiliar with zoning regulations erroneously issued him a building permit.

In Nashville this week, Gov. Ray Blanton sent Tennessee National Guardsmen home after their two week tour of duty at the state penitentiary manning guard towers.

The Guard was called out after a Sept. 16 inmate riot that left one dead and 39 injured. Prisoners went on the rampage over complaints about harassment from guards and other conditions in the state prison.

Showing this week at the Princess: Roy Scheider, Richard Dreyfuss and Robert Shaw in Steven Spielberg's "Jaws."

(October 10, 1975) The newspaper this week looked at Dillard Phipps, 72, who is one of the oldest volunteer fire-fighters in Middle Tennessee.

He began as a volunteer fireman for Monterey in 1925 when the town depended on a bucket brigade to put out fires.

In 1934 the town bought a T-Model Ford, "Old Number One," which Phipps maintains and still uses fighting fires. It has only 3,240 miles on it today and still rolls on its original tires.

Monterey now has two other more modern fire engines as well, Phipps added.

Cookeville officials are dedicating the first of two firefighting substations this week, a new facility at North Washington and East 17th Street.

The second is nearing completion on Gould Drive in the city's industrial park south of I-40.

Together the two cost the city \$192,789.

(October 12, 1975) Cookeville officials have dedicated the first of three new fire fighting substations, one on N. Washington Ave. and another on E. 17th St., as another nears completion on Gould Dr. in the city's industrial park south of I-40.

(October 16, 1975) The Federal Highway administration dealt Monterey a blow this week in its four-year fight to get two full interchanges off Interstate 40 to serve the town.

Federal officials in Washington said they would not complete the interchanges because "two full interchanges would encourage local traffic use of the interstate facility between the two interchanges."

Presently, if you exit I-40 on one end of Monterey, you must drive through town before you can get back on, and Monterey officials have campaigned since the superhighway opened to rectify the situation.

(October 23, 1975) The Grant Plaza branch of Citizens Bank was robbed at gunpoint at noon Friday by a man caught by Tennessee state trooper Dan Roper 15 minutes later four miles east of Cookeville on I-40.

Tellers said the man, Edward Overaker of Fairfield Glade in Crossville, is the same man who robbed them two months ago of \$11,000.

Fairfield Glade residents say Overaker is a popular, outgoing member of their community who lead the drive to organize a volunteer fire department there.

Less than 24 hours after the bank was robbed, a man turned away by a clerk at the Holiday Inn here because there were no vacancies came back and demanded all the money in the cash register at gunpoint.

Officials have not disclosed the amount taken in that holdup.

Meanwhile, bombs exploded this week in nine business and government buildings in New York, Washington and Chicago.

A Puerto Rican separatist group took credit for the blasts, in which none were injured.

(October 30, 1975) A. Mitchell, the dean of Tennessee trial judges, is forming a partnership here with a young colleague, the newspaper announced this week.

Algood native John Hudson, the son of Mrs. Ben T. Hudson and the late Mr. Hudson, has recently been a research assistant for Judge Mitchell and previously served as a law clerk for another area attorney.

Last year, Hudson received his degree from UT Law school in Knoxville.

Judge Mitchell has been in practice since 1923.

Showing at the Varsity Theater this week: Woody Allen's spoof of Russian novels, "Love and Death," with Dian Keaton.

(November 11, 1975) Baxter had its big bicentennial celebration this week, a festive occasion that included an out-door drama at Upperman High in which students dressed as Indians and settlers made peace in front of a log cabin erected on the campus for the celebration.

The week also included a square dance and the planting of the state tree, the tulip poplar, on the Upperman campus by Baxter Mayor Arnold Brown, who's also principal of Upperman High.

*Showing at the Putnam Drive-in this weekend: an adult film, "Linda Lovelace for President."

(November 19, 1975) The latest headcount by the US Census Bureau puts Cookeville's official population now at 16,898. That's up 18 percent from the last headcount here in 1970.

The new figure means \$25 more per person in federal revenue sharing funds issued to the city.

Showing at the Varsity Theater near TTU this week. "Monty Python and the Holy Grail," featuring the popular British comedy team in an outing "that makes Ben Hur look like an epic," says the ad.

(November 20, 1975) Golden Eagle place kicker Murray Cunningham, a Greenville, SC junior, has broken an OVC record for successful field goals – and he did it barefooted.

Cunningham was a walk-on two years ago and through his persistence got to show what he could do, kicking the ball soccer style and barefooted.

He's become something of a sensation since he and last week earned a place in the record books in a game that ratcheted his career field goals to 27, four over the previous OVC record.

At the annual Putnam Soil Conservation District banquet this week, Robert and Richard LeFever of the Twin Oak community were named Master Farmers of the Year and Ernest Franklin of Buffalo Valley Road was declared the Pasture Farmer of the Year in award ceremonies.

(December 3, 1975) William Higgins Jr. has won reelection as Monterey Mayor with a vote of 317 to 230 this week over opponent Ray Way.

Others elected to the board of aldermen include Bobby Randolph, Terry Vaden, Andy Honeycutt, John Lusk, Ernest Hodge, Paul Padgett, Marace Matheney, Jr., and Bill Corn.

Cookeville's first family of Vietnamese refugees settle into their new home here this week after being 'adopted' by the congregation at St. Thomas Aquinas Church here.

The flight of the Sam Do family actually began more than two decades earlier when communist took control of the region that became designated North Vietnam. They fled then to South Vietnam.

Last spring when communist forces took South Vietnam, the Dos fled again, this time to a refugee camp in Arkansas. St. Thomas Church sponsored the Do family and this week, the 11 new Cookeville residents moved into the Perry Morgan Homes on East 7th Street.

(December 12, 1975) Algood is getting a new baseball complex and a community center.

The Putnam Parks and Recreation Department has spent \$21,000 on building the new park, which is due for completion later this month.

And the Town of Algood is itself set to spend \$23,000 on a new community center for its residents. The center will be adjacent to the new ball field.

Meanwhile, Cookeville officials got the word this week that the new Appalachian Regional Commission budget was approved by Congress with \$1.3 million for a new "multi-use" facility on Broad street across from City Hall.

Nothing is yet firm on what will be housed in the new facility, but the Cookeville Arts Council has requested a small auditorium and stage for Summer Theater and Children's Theater.

And city officials are looking for a new home for the city police department, which is now occupying crowded quarters in the basement of city hall.

And a new \$2.5 million Appalachian crafts center will be built soon somewhere on Center Hill Lake, state officials announced this week. But a site or groundbreaking date have not yet been determined.

(December 23, 1975) Cookeville City Council earlier this month wanted to give residential electric customers a break for the holidays and coming winter months by reducing electric rates. This week they tangled with TVA.

In a council session this week a TVA spokesman told the council TVA would not allow the rate reductions. The city's power contract with the federal utility says both parties must agree to rate changes before they can take effect.

The spokesman said that the council's rate plan cut residential fees a full step below industrial and business rates. That, he said, opened the door to lawsuits and if the city is sued. TVA might also be, said the representative.

Councilman responded angrily calling TVA "a dictator."

City Manager Bethel Newport said that the rate cut amounted to about 41 less per customer per month. TVA, he said, "is swatting at gnats."

Talks continue.

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(January 15, 1976) One bill presented by County Manager Ben Austin to the Putnam County Quarterly Court this week for action went unpaid.

Henry Ford of Cookeville, who owns property near the Putnam Airport in Northeast Cookeville, sent the county magistrates a bill for \$1,500 for use of the "air space" above his land by airplanes landing and taking off at the airport.

The unusual bill drew chuckles from the county officials. None, however, moved to pay it.

(January 22, 1976) Putnam County has a black-bird problem so severe that it's among eight counties in Tennessee in which state and federal officials may declare "emergencies" in order to launch spraying operations to kill the pests.

The blackbirds are eating local grain supplies and their droppings are spreading a lung disease called histoplasmosis. The Putnam County Health Dept. has reported 15 cases of the infection already this winter.

The three biggest roosts in the county are west of Cookeville on Highway 70 from the Fairview Restaurant to the Baxter Crossroads; in the Holladay community south-west of Cookeville centered around the Judd Cemetery; and in the Sherwood subdivision in Northwest Cookeville.

Spraying the birds in wintertime with a soapy chemical solution that robs the birds' feathers of their natural oily protection from the cold is the current method of controlling such roosts, health officials say.

But environmentalists are protesting such operations and health officials have yet to decide whether to undertake spraying in Putnam County.

(January 26, 1976) A controversial institution for three decades here, the draft board, is about to become a thing of the past.

The office is shutting down on Feb. 28, it was announced today, and all draft records here are being shipped to the Federal Records Center near Atlanta.

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*Showing this week at the Princess Theater: Robert Redford and Barbara Streisand in "The Way We Were."

(February 6, 1976) An enrollment cap for Tennessee Tech?

That may be in the cards in the near future if state lawmakers reject a one-cent sales tax hike proposed by State Senator Vernon Neal, he says. Gov. Ray Blanton is also proposing a one-cent sale tax hike in his new budget, but senator Neal says the prevailing mood on the Hill in Nashville is for only a half-cent sales tax hike.

And that won't supply the necessary funds to keep the state's university system operating, said Neal. Operating costs are rising and so are enrollments.

The governing board of the University of Tennessee last week voted to limit the number of new freshmen allowed to enroll next fall and schools in the State Board of Regent system – Tennessee Tech included – will have to consider enrollment caps if the funding fails to come through, say Neal.

Showing this week at the Princess Theater: Burt Reynolds in "W. W. & the Dixie Dance Kings."

(February 16, 1976) Just a couple of weeks ago, city police arrested four young followers of the Rev. Sun Myung Moon for attempting to sell candy about the city without a permit. This week more reports of trouble with the religious group that many are calling a cult cropped up.

The four disciples of the New York-based "Moonies" gave police here differing stories on what the funds were going for and where their Tennessee headquarters is located. One gave police a phone number for a Nashville office that police learned was disconnected.

Another said money raised through the candy sales here would go to fund the operation of a "Moonie" counseling center in Chattanooga, but a check by police with authorities of that city found that the given address did not exist.

At the Princess Theater this week: John Wayne and Katherine Hepburn in "Rooster Cogburn."

(February 19, 1976) The results of the latest special census has been released by the US Census Bureau. Since 1970, Cookeville has gained 1,570 residents, bringing the official head count here up to 17,070**.

That is good news to city officials who rely on population figures for some categories of state and federal revenue. But they estimated last fall that the census would bring the new population count to 17,500.

*David Fields, son of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Fields of Baxter and a sophomore at Upperman High, has won the Middle Tennessee Division of the American Legion's Oratorical Contest in Nashville, defeating opponents from three other Tennessee districts.

Fields now goes on to compete for the state title at UT-Nashville on March 15.

On the college level, TTU's speech team took home second place in the State Forensics Championship at Vanderbilt University.

On the team coached by Robert Woodland were Cookevillians Chin Swong, Jimmy Mott and Debbie Kirby, Team member Dwight Henry of Athens, won third in the state in the after-dinner speaking competition.

(February 26, 1976) In an impromptu press conference in front of the historic Smith County Courthouse in Carthage, Albert Gore Jr. has announced his candidacy for the office of 4th District US Representative after former Rep. Joe L. Evins decided not to seek another term.

Meanwhile the Putnam County Draft Board Office has closed.

(February 27, 1976) TTU's adventuresome Tuba Ensemble, already known as pioneers in tuba innovations, is going to perform this month at Carnegie Hall.

Under the director of instructor R. Winston Morris, the Ensemble is included in a ten-part concert series spotlighting innovations in the tuba family.

There was excitement in Carthage this week when Al Gore Jr., son of legendary US Senator Albert Gore, called an impromptu press conference on the steps of the historic Smith County Courthouse immediately after veteran 4th District US Rep. Joe L. Evins announced he was not seeking another term.

Although there was little advance notice, television news crews came flocking from Nashville. The event, young Gore announced that he was running for congress to fill Evin's shoes.

(March 5, 1976) An analysis of the US Census here last fall was released this week showing that Cookeville's greatest numbers fall in the 20-24-year-old age bracket.

Of the 17,070 residents counted here last fall, 1,198 were 18-year-olds, the biggest group.

The next largest group was the 19-year-olds, 13,904.

Some 300 local Democrats gathered at the Putnam Courthouse this week to elect officers for the Putnam County Democratic Party for the coming year.

Elected were Jim Woodford, chairman, Mrs. Gladys Owen, vice-chairman and Mrs. Maggie Terry, secretary.

Transcendental Meditation, or TM, is being taught this spring for the first time at TTU by an instructor from Knoxville.

TM enthusiasts say meditation sessions taught in the \$125 per person classes cleans the mind, reduce stress and renew energy.

(March 12, 1976) Larry Self and U. L. Whitson have opened the Cedar Street Mission here, a place where the down-and-out, the depressed and the lonely can get a cup of coffee, a donut and Christian fellowship and counseling.

Self is the former pastor of the Cookeville Baptist Temple.

He and Whitson this week opened the mission on the corner of West Broad and Cedar after months of laying the groundwork.

Upperman High this week released the names of its honor students for the class of 1976: Cindy Watts, valedictorian; Carol Tucker, salutatorian; and Debra Petty, third honor student.

Showing this week at the Princess: Burt Reynolds and Catherine Deneuve in "Hustle," with Eddie Albert and Eileen Brennan.

(March 13, 1976) Former Cookeville Baptist Temple minister Larry Self and U.L. Whitson have opened the Cedar Street Mission.

(March 18, 1976) The Tennessee General Assembly this week passed a resolution honoring Cookeville's John Mitchell, who at the age of 80 is back in private law practice after an illustrious law career.

Mitchell, a veteran of both world wars and who holds the Distinguished Service Cross for heroism in Europe in the First World War, was criminal court judge here for 32 years.

After that stint, he went on to serve on the state's Criminal Appeals Court bench for a six more years.

(March 23, 1976) The Putnam School Board has voted to close the 27-year-old Tech Campus School, where generations of teachers have trained. At the time, 330 students attended classes taught at the school by TTU student teachers.

(March 28, 1976) Before a packed house this week, the Putnam County School Board voted to release Tennessee Tech from its contract with the county school system to operate the Tech Campus School, where generations of teachers here have trained.

The move means that the 27-year-old school where 330 students presently attend classes taught by student teachers from TTU's education department will be closed.

TTU asked out of its contract in a meeting with the board earlier this month, saying that the building was in poor condition and that the university's budget was becoming strapped with other needs.

University officials also noted that "experimental" schools like the Tech Campus School were no longer being built or used by most colleges of education across the U.S.

(April 4, 1976) Former Tennessee Polytech president Q. M. Smith died this week at his home in Murfreesboro at the age of 84.

A native of Buffalo Valley, Smith was educated at Ruskin College, Middle Tennessee Normal and George Peabody University.

He was TPI's second president, having served from 1920 until 1938. Before him was Thomas Alva Early, who served from when TPI was created in 1916 until 1920.

(April 4, 1976) Three doctors were honored by the Five County Medical Auxiliary this week for 40 years of service each in the medical profession.

Honored with plaques were Dr. C. B. Roberts of Sparta, Dr. Fred J. Terry and Dr. Thurman Shipley, both of Cookeville.

Inscriptions on the plaques say they are being recognized for "dedication and contributions to his profession and his county medical society."

(April 10, 1976) A Bicentennial Pilgrimage of 30 covered wagons carrying families and teams from across the southeast passed through Cookeville this week on its route to a celebration at Valley Forge.

(April 15, 1976) L & N Railroad may be about to pull out of the region altogether, the Interstate Commerce Commission hinted this week.

Officials of the ICC were in town asking businesses that ship by rail how they would be affected if there were no railroad service.

L & N last year already stopped its "piggyback," service, carrying loaded tractor trailers by rail, and at that time cited failing revenues along the line it bought from the Tennessee Central Railroad in the late 60s.

The ICC survey here this week is apparently a prelude to another round of hearings on whether L & N should be permitted to abandon service here.

Meanwhile this week, Algood officials are anxious to hear word from the federal Farmers Home Administration on its application for a \$2000,000 loan to link it to Cookeville's water system.

Algood gets its water presently from a well and two springs, but in recent years water supplies have been short in the summer and fall, limiting growth in Cookeville's neighbor city.

But Putnam FMHA supervisor Logan Groth said this week that no more federal funds are available and that it will be at least July 1 before the loan application can be reviewed.

(April 21, 1976) The wagon train rolled into Cookeville this week.

It was Bicentennial Pilgrimage, 30 covered wagons with families and teams from Florida and other Southeastern states traveling the old-fashioned way to Valley Forge to celebrate the nation's 200th birthday on the 4th of July.

The mile-long caravan of wagons pulled over and stayed the nights at the Putnam Fairgrounds where more than 9,000 residents came and said hello and looked over their camp, in which the travelers meticulously recreated the sights and sounds of the original wagon trains.

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(April 29, 1976) TVA has been given the OK by the federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission to start work on its massive new four-reactor Hartsville nuclear power plant.

The clearance allows no work to begin yet on the reactors themselves until final approval is granted at a later stage of the NRC's permitting process, and TVA says it will not yet bring in 2,100 construction workers planned for the site northwest of Cookeville.

Ultimately, in the final stages of construction TVA expects to employ 5,300 construction workers.

It is presently aiming to bring the first nuclear reactor on line in December, 1983 and Unit four in June of 1983.

A TTU student radio announcer has been fired for making a joke on the air about an assassination attempt on President Gerald Ford, who recently has been the target of real-life assassination efforts.

No FCC rules are believed to have been violated by WTTU advisors say the "joke" was "highly irresponsible."

(May 12, 1976) Jerry Cantrell, president of the new Putnam Boys Club, and several community leaders appealed to the Putnam County Court this week for \$10,000 to help create a youth center here for boys and girls.

Cantrell said that since 1971, juvenile crime has risen 400 percent in Cookeville and he said part of the problem is that young people here have little to do in their free time.

The club has a goal of raising \$26,000 to open a facility here by June 1, said Cantrell, and so far has collect \$8,000 in donations, \$5,000 from the City of Cookeville and has another \$2,000 in pledges yet to be collected, he said.

The county magistrates were cool to the idea of funding the project, but agreed to study the request.

(May 20, 1976) After spending more than \$50,000 buying dumpsters for a new countywide garbage collection system in the works now for some time, the county got bad news today.

That's the word county officials got today from the state, which says that funds from the County General budget, which is fueled by property tax dollars, cannot be spent on any program that does not benefit every taxpayer in the county, including those living in the cities here.

County planners are now looking at whether putting a cluster of dumpsters within three to five miles of every resident of the county will pass muster under the law.

*Lige Carr, who'll be 100 years old on June 16, hasn't missed voting in an election for the last 79 years. He is unable to leave his home in Bilbrey Park so to help him keep his voting streak going, Voter Registrar Emogene Andrews brought him a absentee ballot this week.

Carr says the first man he ever voted for was General Alcorn for sheriff in 1897.

(May 26, 1976) Cookeville Summer Theatre has announced its cast for this summer's production, Rodgers and Hammerstein's musical, "Carousel."

Doug Case has the lead as carnival barker Billy Bigelow, and Virginia Lovelette is the female lead, a farm girl-turned factory worker.

Other major roles in the cast went to Jeanne Bell, Ellen Blair, George King, Gene Johns, Jr., and Becka Parker Cox.

(June 4, 1976) Eugene Dietz, director of education TV for the state department of education, says Cookeville's new television station, WCTE, is progressing.

An 800-foot transmitting tower is rising at the highest point in the county in the Brotherton community, a mountaintop with will also be home to WCTE's broadcast building. The facility will cost some \$1.2 million.

It will be the 5th in a series of educational television stations the state is building across Tennessee to create an educational television network.

No local programming will originate from the Cookeville facility. Most of its broadcasts will come from Nashville or Knoxville.

*Showing at the Princess this week: "Ode to Billy Joe" starring Robbie Benson.

(June 16, 1976) Cookeville voters have named a new city council.

Seated in this week's election were incumbents Bob Poteet (with 1,720 votes), Kenneth Dyer (with 1,234 votes), and Donald Ferrell (with 909 votes); and newcomers Harold Jackson (with 1,555 votes) and Lowell Smith (with 1,549 votes.)

The council is expected to follow tradition and elect Poteet, the high vote-getter, as the city's mayor.

(June 24, 1976) Cordell Rogers of the Wildwood community saw his Guernsey cow, 'Sleepy,' give birth to a calf five weeks ago. This week while checking on his livestock, he saw her give birth to its twin.

"I've never heard of anything like this happening before," he told the newspaper.

He added, "I wouldn't lie to you or pull your leg. The old cow and calf aren't worth lying about."

*Laken Mitchell, 26, has been named the new assistant district attorney for the area.

The son of Richard and Eleanor Mitchell, Mitchell has worked for Cookeville law firm of Langford, Mitchell and Langford for the last two and half years.

He graduated from TTU with honors and studied law at UT.

(July 8, 1976) A delegate from Cookeville to the National Democratic Convention in New York City this week was not a US citizen this time last year.

S. K. Ballal, a TTU biology professor, formally became a US citizen last November and this week joins other Tennessee delegates in deciding who will be the Democratic nominee for president in this November's election.

Ballal came to the US in 1961 as a graduate student at the University of Tennessee and has been active in civic functions since coming to TTU.

Last year he was second in the nation in the Jaycee's "Speak Up" contest.

(July 16, 1976) Cookeville Summer Theatre opens its 9th season this week with Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Carousel."

Doug Case and Virginia Lovellete are the leads, carnival barker Bill Bigelow and his romantic interest, Julie Jordan. Other lead cast members include George King, Becka Cox, Florie Bustamante and Doug McKay, Margery Hargrove, the driving force behind Cookeville theatre since the 1960s, directs.

(August 6, 1976) In this week's elections here, Albert Gore, Jr. won the Democratic nomination for US Senator to succeed Joe L. Evins, and Tommy Burks was returned to a fourth term as State Representative.

Also, Jimmy Little was elected to a second term on the Putnam School Board and Jim Brown won a first term on the board.

*In a page one photo this week, John Nash looks at an old gasoline price sign he found behind the Exxon station he runs on East Spring Street. The sign shows regular gasoline selling for 37 cents and unleaded gas running at 39 cents a gallon.

That compares with 60 cents a gallon for regular and 64 cents a gallon for unleaded at the station this week.

(September 2, 1976) Officials have announced that a multi-million dollar candy factory will be built here by Russell Stover.

(October 16, 1976) Guiding an antique plow pulled by mules, Congressman Joe L. Evins and Gov. Ray Blanton broke ground this week for the new \$5 million Appalachian Crafts Center at Center Hill Lake.

(November 2, 1976) Leslie H. (Bud) King, owner of Cookeville's Goodyear Tire Center and half brother of President Gerald Ford, has died in a traffic accident on I-40.

(November 28, 1976) School Supt. Walter Warren Shanks is just back from a 19-day tour of Europe with a group of other school administrators and says he's seen interesting ideas in teaching in other countries, but believes Putnam and American schools are still superior.

Russia's preschool system is considerably more extensive than the one recently begun here and vocational training courses there are more intensive. Russian school children begin learning to read at age three, he said.

He also observed that school systems in Belgium and England are experiencing growth and funding crunches much like those he's dealing with in Putnam County schools.

Showing at the Varsity Cinema this week: "One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest" with Jack Nicholson.

(Dec. 26, 1976) Secretary of State Henry Kissinger was made an honorary Harlem Globetrotter, and his uniform was made at Cookeville's Wilson Sporting Goods.

1977

(March 17, 1977) Popular Cookeville Police Chief Bill Bilyeu has announced his retirement, and Paul Jackson, a 17-year police veteran, will replace him.

(May 10, 1977) District Attorney General Baxter Key Jr. has resigned after a federal grand jury in Nashville indicted him on two counts of bank fraud involving a loan he obtained two years before.

(May 23, 1977) Local attorney Leon Burns has been named to replace Criminal Court Judge Hilliard M. Roberts, who is retiring for health reasons.

(June 2, 1977) Plans have been announced for the new Highland Cinema, which will be Cookeville's first multi-screen movie theater.

(July 10, 1977) The Putnam County Senior High field house was dedicated to Eddie H. (Jelly) Watson.

1978

(January 1, 1978) A new state law has gone into effect here and across the nation requiring all children four and under to be strapped into child safety seats when riding in automobiles.

(January 10, 1978) US News and World Reports has cited Tennessee as one of 10 states with the worst bridges, and the article lists 50 bridges in Putnam, Overton and Jackson Counties that are too weak or narrow according to current safety standards.

(February 10, 1978) Monterey Mayor Ray Way and Board of Aldermen have issued a proclamation declaring the second Thursday in October as Standing Stone Day.

(March 18, 1978) Residents in about a half-dozen homes in the Brotherton community were evacuated after a railroad hopper carrying ammonium nitrate derailed in the area this week.

(March 25, 1978) The L & N railroad has announced that it may abandon rail service along a 33.5-mile section of tracks from Algood to Crossville, ending nearly 100 years of railroad history for Monterey, a town that grew up as a result of the railroad.

(April 24, 1978) Students at Bloomington Springs school gather in front of the building for what will likely be an historic photo, considering that the school is one of only two one-room schools remaining in the state.

(May 1, 1978) County governments have been restructured as a result of the Tennessee Constitutional Convention, and the Putnam County Quarterly Court and County Judge positions become the Putnam County Commission and County Executive offices.

(June 2, 1978) State health officials have threatened to take Putnam County to Chancery Court because of severe violations at the county landfill south of Cookeville, including operators not burying garbage deeply enough, grass not being seeded to prevent erosion and water seeping into the buried garbage.

(July 20, 1978) Cumberland Art Society officials are excited this week. The new \$500,000 Senior Citizens/Art Center on Walnut is to be opened in a ceremony this weekend. Since the old city hall was razed a year ago, the CAS has been without a permanent meeting place and gallery.

(August 5, 1978) The Princess Theater, a landmark of Cookeville's Westside shopping district since 1935, showed its final film, "Jesse James," starring Tyrone Power and Henry Fonda.

(August 10 1978) The State Board of Regents decided this week to seek \$607,000 in the new state budget to make changes in Tennessee Tech's coal-burning heating plant. The federal Environmental Protection Agency says that TTU's smokestack is sending pollution into Cookeville's otherwise clean air. TTU could face fines of up to \$25,000 per day unless the situation is changed soon, says the EPA.

(August 17, 1978) Water began flowing from Cookeville to Algood this week with the completion of a \$460,000 project to link those two towns' water systems.

Algood is also selling the water it buys from Cookeville to residents on Brotherton Mountain, who are now getting their first "city water" from a tank built there in the project.

(August 20, 1978) Bloomington Springs school closed after enrollment dropped below the state limit, leaving Franklin County's Keith Springs the only one-room school remaining in the state.

(August 29, 1978) A sign went up this week in the window of O.C. Master's appliance store on the Square: "Special — Marriages 1/2-price." 'Marrying Sam' is going out of business, he says. Masters, a county magistrate for the past nine years, has performed more than 1,000 marriages.

His store is conveniently located just across the street from the County Clerk's office in the Courthouse. Members of the county court have the authority by law to perform marriage ceremonies, but Masters did not seek reelection, and his term expires Aug. 31. He put the sign up in the window as a joke.

(September 13, 1978) Cookeville City Council got some bad news on its plans to expand the city's sewage plant this week.

Councilmen learned that instead of the \$850,000 they expected to spend, plant renovations would instead cost about \$5 million because of new federal Environmental Protection Agency regulations.

Councilmen decided to look further before they commit to expanding the sewage plant.

(November 1, 1978) The latest census results are in: Putnam County now has 41,400 residents, up by 5,900 since 1970.

(November 7, 1978) Services were held this week for attorney Walter Keith Crawford, 79. He was a widely-known civic leader active in Boy Scouting. He had served in WWI.

(November 23, 1978) The city is asking the state to conduct a blackbird count in a stand of trees near Mt. Vernon Subdivision here where thousands of birds are roosting. If the count reveals a public health hazard in the making, the state may be asked to conduct a spraying operation to kill the birds.

It has done so in a handful of other communities. Droppings from the birds can spread histoplasmosis, a lung disease, health officials warn.

(November 29, 1978) Christmas shoppers will have 200 more parking spaces to use this season, thanks to a \$279,000 project to put two parking lots in the city's business district, one just south of West Side and one just north of the Square.

Downtown merchants have been complaining to the city that they are losing business because customers have nowhere to park.

Now, Community Development Director Mike Patterson said this week that they will have additional parking spaces. The city is considering putting parking meters in the lot to make sure that cars do not stay too long there, he adds.

(December 7, 1978) Some 89 percent of Putnam County's teachers this week voted for the Putnam County Education Association as their representative in upcoming negotiations with the Putnam School Board under a new state law.

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(December 19, 1978) Two of the 34 felons issued pardons or commuted sentences by Gov. Ray Blanton in the last six months are from Putnam County. One is a convicted first degree murderer and another served time for forgery. People are taking a close look at who has been let out of prison early after the FBI subpoenaed Blanton yesterday to appear before a federal grand jury. Last week, the FBI arrested three of his top aides on charges that they took bribes to arrange pardons for prison inmates.

(December 27, 1978) County officials are talking about what to do for resident in western Putnam County whose water wells have gone dry or are becoming polluted and unsafe. The consensus is that a water utility district should be formed at an estimated cost of \$300,000 to \$500,000.

*Added to the rioting and violence in Iran this week have been death threats against Americans. Anti-Shah protesters are saying they will begin killing Americans still in Iran in February. Meanwhile, protesters have begun showering the Shah's troops in some cities with leaflets supporting a religious leader, the Ayatollah Khomeini.

1979

(January 4, 1979) Cookeville City Council, after weeks of study, voted this week on first reading to annex 154 acres of property just to the west of Willow Avenue near the new Duriron plant. If it is approved on second reading later this month, the city will gain 230 new residents and 73 new houses.

(January 9, 1979) The county's first session of "snow school" was called a success today. Some 142 students showed up at Park View Elementary for special classes after regular school was cancelled due to

snow. The school system offered the new program after several parents complained that kids were falling behind in their studies after so much snow and school cancellations.

(January 17, 1979) Governor-elect Lamar Alexander, speaking at TTU, says he believes that the powers of the governor to commute the sentences of prison inmates should be severely curtailed. He's referring to the highly controversial commutation of the sentence of convicted murderer Roger Humphreys by Gov. Ray Blanton this week. Alexander says the incident "is a dark moment in state history."

(January 26, 1979) A motorcade of farmers on tractors, some who have come from as far away as California, passes Cookeville on I-40 bound for the nation's capital. There, the framers say they plan an en masse protest of federal price supports for farmers. They are far too low, they say.

(January 29, 1979) The Putnam County Commission this week talked about a new motel occupancy tax that caused a stir among local motel owners and operators. The tax, if approved later by two-thirds of the county commission, could be as high as 5 percent of the customer's lodging bill. Proponents say it could raise revenue needed for county projects.

(Feb. 5, 1979) Cookeville's Laura Prichard, a 17-year-old student at Putnam County Senior High, was named the state's Junior Miss this week. Her rendition of "Over the Rainbow" brought the audience to its feet in Chattanooga. She's the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fowler Prichard of Cookeville. She now goes to the U. S. Junior Miss pageant in Mobile, Ala., to compete. She's the second Cookeville girl to win the state title. In 1967, Gail Warren Schwartz won. Meanwhile, Rene Smith was first runner-up in 1974. In 1977, Andrea Tolleson was second runner up.

(February 10, 1979) Don Wakefield, director of the Upper Cumberland Development District, was charged this week with making harassing phone calls to Herald-Citizen editor Charles Denning after the paper ran an investigative series about the office. Later in the week, Wakefield was also charged with DUI after several drivers reported to police that their vehicles were forced off the road by a car fitting the description of Wakefield's. Police found him sitting in his car in a parking lot near where the incidents happened.

(February 12, 1979) TTU President Arliss Roaden is pictured with two TTU students from El Salvador accepting a hand-carved wooden plaque bearing the national seal of their Latin American country. It's International Week at the university.

And in Iran, thousands of armed youths are roaming the streets in Teheran swearing loyalty to the nation's new ruler, the Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini. All resistance from the armed forces of Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi has ended. And this week, those same youths stormed the U. S. Embassy in Teheran and are holding hostage 101 Americans there.

(February 19, 1979) Cookeville police are continuing their intensive investigation this week into the robbery and slaying of 17-year-old Tina Craighead, a young wife and mother who worked as a service station attendant on Willow Avenue. Someone robbed and kidnapped her. Her body was found near an I-40 ramp in Smith County.

(February 27, 1979) Cookeville is not only a regional shopping place now, but it's becoming a regional medical center as well with the construction or planned construction of four new clinics here. There include the Upper Cumberland Orthopedic Clinic being built by Dr. Sam Barnes; the Upper Cumberland Otolaryngology Clinic being built by Dr. Thomas Lawrence and Dr. Charles Jordan; the office of Dr. Vaughn Barnard; and the clinic of Dr. Charles Womack and Dr. Stephen Goryl. All four are within two blocks of Cookeville General Hospital.

(April 10, 1979) L & N Railroad is apparently about to attempt the abandonment of its tracks between Algood and Crossville. A notice posted on the door of the Crossville depot says that the 33.5-mile section of track has been placed in a rail category "subject to abandonment." The federal Interstate Commerce Commission has yet to act on L & N's proposal.

(March 8, 1979) State aviation officials said this week that the Putnam County Airport could lose its aviation license unless it begins enforcing its ordinance against structures being erected in the flight path of its runway.

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(March 13, 1979) Baxter has elected a new Mayor and Board of Aldermen. John Martin is now mayor. Aldermen include Kenneth Crawford, Freeman Vinson, Max Hall and Billy Shanks. And the town Marshall is Lawrence Maxwell. Ruth Keisler is the city recorder.

On television here this week, residents here will be watching shows like "Soap," "Barnaby Jones," "Battlestar Galactica," "Three's Company," and "Paper Chase."

(March 20, 1979) A Putnam County chapter of the YMCA became a reality this week when a steering committee, which has worked for more than a year on the project, topped its goal of 250 membership pledges and launched into organizing the program here. Committee chairman Jim Andrews says the Putnam County Family YMCA will probably open its doors here in June.

*Monterey High School announced its honor students for the year this week. Class valedictorian is Sharon Presley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Presley. She plans to attend TTU this fall to pursue a career in business management. Class salutatorian is Mark Walker, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Walker of Monterey. He plans to attend TTU in the fall and major in pre-veterinary science.

(April 12, 1979) Plans for an ambulance service for Monterey cleared another hurdle this week when state inspectors approved an ambulance to be used in town. Meanwhile, the mayor and board of aldermen are looking into ways to fund the new service, separate from the country's emergency services agency.

In a highly emotional meeting two months ago, more than 300 Monterey residents told members of the county court that they wanted their own ambulance stationed in Monterey. They said it takes too long for an ambulance to drive here from Cookeville in life-threatening situations.

*At the Academy Awards this week, two films about Vietnam took top awards, "The Deer Hunter" took the award for the best director and "Coming Home" won the prize for best actor and best actress. Many say that America is beginning to come to grips with the Vietnam War.

(April 18, 1979) Citizen's Bank this week unveiled plans for a major new head-quarters to be located on the present site of its main offices in Westside. Bank officials say that keeping the headquarters downtown

shows the bank's commitment to growth and renovation of the city's oldest shopping district. Plans call for a new \$3.5 million, 58,135-square-foot building expected to be open and ready for business in December of 1980. Citizen's Bank will work out of a vacant building on Westside during the construction.

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(May 8, 1979) Most of Cookeville's 40-man police department went on strike this week, leaving this city of 18,000 under the protection of the Sheriff's department and the Auxiliary Police. The strikers were led by Cookeville Police Association president Ken Hall, who was fired recently for leaving the city limits in pursuit of a suspected stolen car without seeking permission of his supervisor.

Hall earlier this week rejected an offer by City Manager Bethel Newport to be reinstated. Hall said Newport's conditions were too stringent. Helping Hall direct the strike is David Baker, president of the Memphis Police Association. Hall and his supporters say that his firing was a politically motivated attempt to break their union, which the city has refused to recognize for purposes of negotiation.

(May 16, 1979) TVA announced today that it is halting construction on two of the four nuclear power reactors planned for its Hartsville plant, once expected to become among the world's largest nuclear power plants. Some 3,000 construction workers could be laid off. Congressman Albert Gore Jr. says he'll do what he can to lighten the economic impact on the area.

*City Manager Bethel Newport today fired 37 city policemen after a court ruled that their week-old strike against the city was unlawful. He said the city will begin rebuilding its police force with new applicants this week.

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(May 20, 1979) Cookeville's 40-member police force went on strike this week after the firing of officer Ken Hall, President of the Cookeville Police Association, and sheriff's auxiliary officers and state troopers helped to provide protection during the 16-day strike.

(May 24, 1979) Dero Brown, ex-state legislator, former mayor of Cookeville and ex-director of the Cookeville Housing Authority until 1975, died this week at the age of 84 in Cookeville General Hospital following an illness. He graduated from the Pleasant Hill Academy in Cumberland County in 1916 and opened a hardware store in Boma the following year. In 1921, he moved his store to Cookeville and ran the business here until 1962. He was mayor from 1950-1959, the longest consecutive service of any mayor to date here. From 1961 until 1962, he was a state legislator. He went on to head the housing authority here for the next 14 years, until he retired, ending years of public service.

(June 4, 1979) The American Girl Figure Salon closed here and at other locations across the state had some bad news this week for the 75 Cookeville women holding contracts to the health spa. The State Department of Agriculture, which oversees such things, was able to persuade health spas in other cities where American Girl closed down to honor the contracts.

But the state could find no health spas here willing to pick up the contracts. So, the 75 women here are out \$100 to \$300 each.

The spa's operators never actually opened a facility here. They sold contracts out of a trailer on South Willow. One morning before the facility was due to open, the trailer was gone. Authorities are considering fraud charges.

(June 12, 1979) The nation is in the grips of a strike by independent truck drivers, and diesel pumps at all service stations here that sell the fuel are blocked today by tractor-trailers. Owners and operators have taken no legal action to have them removed. They say they are in sympathy with the strikers, who are seeking to halt the flow of goods to the nation's stores to force down the price of diesel fuel.

Elsewhere across the country, there have been reports of violence by striking truckers against drivers still on the road. So far, there have been no reports of violence here.

(June 18, 1979) Cookeville voters this week selected a new city council. Walter Fitzpatrick Sr. became mayor after getting the most votes. Retired Tennessee Tech health and physical education professor Raymond "Bull" Brown is the new vice-mayor. And incumbents Kenneth Dyer, Bob Poteet and Lowell Smith won another term on the council in the election.

(June 26, 1979) Voters in Algood elected new aldermen and a new mayor for the town, Jim Brown is the new mayor, Aldermen seated in the election include David Norris, Larry Neafus and Don Holt.

TTU expects to win approval from the State Board of Regents this week to create a new school of nursing at the university, it was announced today.

(July 3, 1979) Putnam County residents, as well as residents around the globe, began watching the sky this week. NASA announced that its 118-foot long, 77.5 ton Skylab space vehicle will fall to earth sometime in the next few days, depending on when it snags the earth's atmosphere enough to re-enter and plunge to the ground. It's not expected to be over Cookeville when that happens, but residents here are still keeping an eye out just in case.

(July 13, 1979) Cookeville Summer Theatre is getting ready this week for its 12th annual production – "Camelot" – and it's being performed on a brand new stage – that of the Cookeville Drama Center. In fact, the newly-opened facility is the centerpiece for a Festival of the Arts next month involving all the arts.

(July 16, 1979) For some time now Baxter officials have acknowledged the need for more revenue to boost the town's budget. This week, the mayor and board of aldermen made a move to generate revenue that wasn't popular with some in town. They passed an ordinance allowing grocery stores in Baxter to sell beer on Sunday.

(July 26, 1979) People are paying a lot closer attention to the envelopes they're dropping in the mailbox this week after a new U. S. Postal Service policy went into effect limiting the size of envelopes to no smaller than 3 ½ x 5 inches and no larger than 6 1/8 x 11 ½ inches.

Those who mail envelopes that are too large or too small are charged an additional 7-cent surcharge by the Postal Service.

Many here are finding that the envelopes they have don't make the grade, including those sent by government agencies. One man here attempted to pay a bill he owed to Cookeville General Hospital using the envelope provided by that facility and ended up paying the surcharge. The envelope was 1/32nd of an inch too small. It arrived at CGH stamped "Undersized Mail."

(July 30, 1979) Standing in a vacant lot that was until recently the Princess Theater here, officials of Citizens Bank this week held groundbreaking ceremonies on their new two-story, \$3.5 million bank. The Broad Street property is the site of the original Citizens Bank building.

(August 6, 1979) The Cookeville Festival of the Arts was this weekend. It brought out an estimated 2,500 to celebrate the official opening of the Cookeville Drama Center. Congressman Albert Gore Jr. was among

the officials at the festival. A special presentation of Cookeville Summer Theatre's "Camelot" was timed to coincide with the festival. The leading man was Walter Derryberry. Kaul Williams was the leading lady. Charing the festival was Alice Derryberry. Officials say it was a success.

(August 17, 1979) The Dog Days of summer were interrupted by a spell of sweater and jacket weather this week here. Monterey weather observed Jesse Duncan explained that the Bermuda High failed Putnam County this week. It is a seasonal warm air mass that normally deflects Canadian cold fronts this time of year.

This week, it faltered and let a cold front in early. The mercury fell to 46 degrees one night there, 22 degrees below the lowest temperature last summer.

(August 23, 1979) Cookeville City Council this week heard a presentation by officials of the Nashville based Hospital Corporation of America, the first of a series of presentations the council has decided to hear after shelving a request by Cookeville General Hospital officials for a \$10 million expansion.

The council has decided to explore other options, including the sale or lease of the hospital to a private firm. Incurring a \$10 million debt could cause the city to lose its present high financial rating. That could make future bond projects more difficult and costly for the city, councilmen say.

(August 31, 1979) He was slain by FBI agents outside his mother's home on July 6. Now Fentress County Sheriff Tommy Williams says he's found the hideout where Billy Anderson stayed while on the run for five years. Something of a local folk hero, Anderson was placed on the FBI's "most wanted" list after he escaped from the Morgan County Jail, where he was being held for shooting a deputy in 1974.

He had a lengthy record that included bank robbery and assault with a deadly weapon. While some thought Anderson may have been hiding among friends in Indiana, Sheriff Williams say he doesn't think so. He found a cave on the Fentress-Pickett County line with two rooms made into a crude home. It was less than three miles from his mother's house near Pall Mall.

Judging from the pile of tin cans inside. Anderson had been staying there some time, said the sheriff. Friends and family had been supplying him. And a calendar inside the cave had each day marked off - up until July 6, when he was shot to death by FBI agents waiting outside his mother's home.

(September 7, 1979) Cookeville City Council gave the green light this week for an engineering study of a traffic route to help relieve inner-city congestion here. The route, which will cost an estimated \$800,000, would extend Jackson Street - a recently-completed, four-lane, traffic corridor - east across South Jefferson to hook north to the Square along Lowe Avenue, which is presently a two-lane route. City officials say the new route will serve as a relief valve for the Square, where traffic regularly becomes congested.

(September 10, 1979) Cookeville's FNI Communications Co. announced this week that it will soon be offering cable viewers Home Box Office programming. That will include 12 to 15 new, uncut first-run movies each month and several other feature presentations.

*Meanwhile, on regular television, the new fall season got under way this week. Returning shows included "Dallas," "Charlie's Angels," "Sanford and Son" and "The Incredible Hulk." One of the season's new shows is "Mork and Mindy," starring stand-up comedian Robin Williams.

(September 20, 1979) The Putnam School Board this week approved the creation of an "alternative school" here, a special program for disruptive students. It will open soon with four students taking instructions in offices in the basement of the Putnam Courthouse.

*Meanwhile this week, eight East Germans - four adults and four children - made it safely to the West. They sailed over the Communist country's heavily guarded border in a hot air balloon made of nylon and bedsheets.

(September 24, 1979) A Tennessee Tech geography instructor, Dr. Etim Ituen, and his wife, Veronica, are missing. They were due back here in July from a year's leave of absence in their native Nigeria but never showed up, according to TTU officials. They are feared to be victims of political and religious unrest there. Dr. Ituen began teaching at TTU in 1971 and he received the Outstanding Faculty Award in 1975.

(October 2, 1979) TTU has done it again, says Hoyle Lawson. Fall quarter enrollment this year stands at 7,849 students, a new record. That's up 376 students from the previous fall's figures, he said this week.

*Coming in concert to TTU in three weeks is rock star Peter Frampton, the nation's latest heartthrob. In an interview, Frampton explains that most of his music "is about having a good time and dancing." It's "boggie music," he says.

*Meanwhile in Cambodia, malaria and hunger have taken over where the Vietnamese army left off this week to further weaken Pol Pot's feared Khmer Rouge guerillas. Monsoon rains have halted the Vietnamese drive, but most of the fight is gone from the guerillas, who until last December ruled the country, turning much of the nation into "killing fields." Then the Vietnamese intervened and toppled the Khmer Rouge. This week, the remaining guerillas have been driven to camps on the border of Thailand.

(October 9, 1979) The Putnam Commission this week voted to take control of the Putnam Fairgrounds away from the Putnam County Fair Association in a controversy over how the fairgrounds were being run. It was learned this week that the same thing happened in 1924. In that year, the Putnam County Court's Fair Committee investigated complaints about the way the fairgrounds were being operated by the Old Agricultural and Mechanical Association, a private commercial fair that began in 1896. On the recommendation of the Fair Committee, the county court removed the fairgrounds from the control of the OAMA and placed it in the hands of a new organization just chartered by the state, the Putnam County Fair Association.

(October 21, 1979) TTU officials this week broke ground on a \$4.1 million fine arts building for the university. It's on a site on Dixie Avenue just north of existing classroom buildings. On hand for the ceremonies were TTU president Arliss Roaden, Cookeville Mayor Walter Fitzpatrick Sr. and Putnam County Executive John Gentry.

(October 24, 1979) FBI agents in Portland, Ore., have arrested a short-order cook from Cookeville, Joe Buck. He's charged with the Feb. 15 murder here of a young mother, Tina Rose Craighead, who was abducted from the Tech Self-service Station where she worked on Willow Avenue and who was later found dead in Smith County. Four hundred dollars was taken from the service station cash drawer.

*Cookeville Community Development Director Mike Patterson announced this week that he's resigning next month to go into private business. He's been with the city for the past nine years and in that time he credited with helping secure more than \$20 million in grant aid for the city, including the \$500,000 Jackson Street corridor.

(November 11, 1979) Congressman Albert Gore Jr., speaking here at one of his open community meetings, says the U. S. should sever all ties with Iran. Militant "students" just seized 65 Americans at the U. S. Embassy in Teheran with the coming to power this week of the Ayatollah Khomeini. And, Gore says, some Iranians attending colleges in the U. S. like Tennessee Tech should be deported for their vocal anti-American views.

But not all Iranian students should be deported, Gore says. Some are here to avoid persecution at the hands of Khomeini's followers in Iran. One man in the audience was not willing to be so lenient. He told the congressman that all Iranians still in the U. S. should be rounded up and held in concentration camps until Iran releases all Americans held there. Many in the audience agreed.

(November 12, 1979) Under orders from President Jimmy Carter, the Justice Department this week began scrutinizing the cases of hundreds of Iranian students throughout the nation to determine if visa violations have occurred. Iranians found in violation will be deported. Tennessee Tech officials say they don't

expect the crackdown to have much effect on the 143 Iranians enrolled this quarter at the university. Their papers are in order. The move by the president comes as other Iranian "students" in Tehran hold 98 hostages in the U. S. Embassy.

(November 19, 1979) The old Wilhite School on Bunker Hill Road burned to the ground last night. It was one of the many small rural schools once scattered from one end of Putnam County to the other. In 1945, state records listed 75 schools in Putnam County. The Wilhite School, a three-room building, held classes for the last time in 1962. Fire officials are investigating the cause of last night's blaze.

(November 29, 1979) Cookeville's attorney Bill Baird Griffith was sworn in as the county's new General Sessions Judge here this week by his former law partner, Leon Burns, who is now the county's criminal court judge. Griffith replaces the late Judge John E. Bryan, who died recently.

(December 10, 1979) UCHRA Director Phyllis Austin announced that the agency has applied for a \$100,000 grant that will enable it to purchase a fleet of mini-vans for creating a public transportation system to benefit rural residents.

(December 10, 1979) An estimated 8,000 people turned out today for the grand opening of the Joe L. Evins Appalachian Center for Crafts on Center Hill Lake. The crowd was so large and parking was so limited that many left their cars on the side of the main road above the lake and walked nearly two miles to the center. The event included craft demonstrations such as that of John Maxwell of Cookeville, a renowned dulcimer maker. There was also folk dancing and musical entertainment.

(December 20, 1979) Phyllis Austin, director of the Upper Cumberland Human Resources Agency, this week announced that the agency hopes to receive a \$100,000 grant that will enable it to field a fleet of minivans to put rural residents in the region in touch with their local cities. The system, if established, will send the mini-buses along regular routes through rural areas to shopping centers, medical clinics and other places regularly visited by senior citizens and rural residents, she said.

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