

From Long Ago

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BROODHEAD NEWS
Miss Cora Griffin, of Mt. Vernon who has been visiting Miss Maude Watson for the past ten days, returned to her home Wednesday. George Frith has returned to Berea after spending the holidays with her homefolks. Mrs. Lydia Nevius has returned to her home in Lebanon Junction after spending a few days with homefolks. Miss Rosa Pike is at home from Berea. Misses Ida, Lucas, Lou Phillips and Mrs. Thos. Logsdon, of Berea, were among the holiday visitors in our city. A. K. Wesley has returned from Edinburg where he spent Xmas with his parents. E. R. Gentry is in Paris and Winchester this week on business. Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Brooks have returned to Williamsburg after spending a few days here as the guest of Mrs. Brooks' mother, Mrs. M. E. Wilcott. Mr. B. R. Wilcott was up from Lebanon Junction and spent a few days with his sister, Mrs. Walter Miller. J. E. Watson was with his mother who is very low near Quail this week. Mrs. John Sigmon is very low with pneumonia. W. H. Benton and E. S. Mould, of Lebanon Junction, spent the first part of the week with Dr. and Mrs. Percy Benton. Miss Elizabeth Tharp has returned from two weeks visit to relatives and friends in Marion County. E. J. and John Hamon, of Ellison, Ky., were guests of their sister, Mrs. Laura Cabel first of the week. Clarence Perkins, of Middleboro and John Perkins, of Junction City, were visitors of Virgil Martin during Xmas week. Frank Brooks, of Talledega, Ala., is with his brother, W. T. Brooks for a few days. Dr. O. Stone spent Xmas with his parents at Tazewell, Tenn. G. C. Wilcott, Mr. J. Owens, M. B. Bowling and John E. Evans were in Louisville this week spending Xmas. R. G. Wilcott, Cashier of the Bank of Nepton, spent the holidays with his mother, Mrs. W. E. Wilcott. The Misses Evans, of London, are

here visiting their uncle, W. T. Evans. W. H. Hawkins has returned from a weeks stay at Lebanon Junction.

Brakeman T. A. Madson, of Lebanon Junction got his foot cut off just north of the depot here Xmas night. He was taken to the hospital at Lebanon and died at 3 A. M. Friday morning. He was accompanied to Lebanon by Dr. W. F. Carter. Miss Margaret Carter has returned to her home in Owen County after spending ten days with her brother, Dr. W. F. Carter. E. F. Gentry has resigned his position with Albright & Adams and will enter school at Richmond on January 21. Ben Pike has returned from a two weeks stay at Berry, Ky. The watch meeting at the Baptist Church on Tuesday was largely attended and well enjoyed. Rev. Pike and Sawyers certainly did some fine preaching. Miss Ethel Hilton, of Lexington and Miss Susie Hilton, of Lancaster, are with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hilton for a few days. Mrs. Thomas Francisco visited her sister, Mrs. Ernest Thompson at Mt. Vernon. M. C. Albright attended a house party at Freachersville from last Wednesday until Monday. The Xmas tree at the Christian Church Xmas night brought out a large crowd. There was a large number of presents and some very costly ones under the tree. Tilsam Gilpin and sons, of Stanford spent Xmas here with their many friends and relatives. Mrs. Fullen Francisco has returned from a week's visit with her daughter, Mrs. W. E. Sprangle at Paris. N. Giles Carter left Wednesday night for Friendship, Tenn., where he takes cashiership of the State Bank at that place. Giles has been with us for six months and has made a lot of friends. We all hate to see him go, but here's hoping him all the success in the world. Mrs. Grant Sigmon and daughter, Miss Belle, have returned to Corbin after being with Mr. and Mrs. John Sigmon. G. L. Waterbury was up from Pine Knot Christmas day. The Baptist Church cleared about \$45 out of their pie supper Christmas night. Your scribe in company of Jno. F. and T. W. Evans, M. B. Bowling, G. L. Waterbury, Dr. W. F. Carter and Misses Cora Griffin and Maude Watson had the pleasure of spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Francisco. The dinner, well too, your wife is certainly a good cook, and you had the proper

things for her to cook. We certainly appreciate your kindness. Mrs. Mary Hicks, the loving wife of Mr. Larkin Hicks, one of our best citizens passed from this life to the heavenly shore last Sunday at the home of her son, Robert Hicks, in Louisville, Mr. and Mrs. Hicks had been to Kansas City, Kan., and were returning home and decided to spend a few days with their son, Robert in Louisville when Mrs. Hicks became very ill on Wednesday and died at 3 A. M. on Sunday following. Her remains were brought here on train No. 21 Sunday night and were peacefully laid to rest Tuesday morning in the Baptist Church cemetery amid the many sorrowing relatives and friends who had gathered to pay their last respects to this good Christian Woman. She leaves one daughter, Miss Betty, and one son, Robert, of Louisville, besides her husband. She was 51 years of age and a devout member of the Christian Church. All the bereaved ones certainly have our heartfelt sympathy.

WILDLIE NEWS
Miss Lou Phillips has returned home after spending Xmas with her aunt at Broadhead. Miss Stella Adams who has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. Brown of Stanford has returned home. Mrs. Myrtle Tharp who has been visiting relatives at this place has returned to her home. Miss Addie Fish has returned to her home after a pleasant visit with her grandfather, Mr. A. T. Fish at this place. Several boys and girls left last Tuesday for Berea where they will enter school. Miss Emma Hayes who has been visiting in Corbin returned to her home first of the week. Willie Brannaman was with homefolks latter part of last week. Herbert Fish who has been ill with typhoid fever we are glad to say is able to be out again. Miss Margaret Cooper of Berea was the pleasant guest of her friends Misses Stella and Ella Adams during the holidays. Albert Hart and sister, Miss Minnie of Hatt, Ky., were visiting relatives at this place last week. Mr. and Mrs. Abin Reynolds of Livingston were visiting their mother, Mrs. Mary Coffey during Christmas. Mr. Richard Brannaman and Miss Minnie Fish were married at 2:30 P. M. Christmas day at the bride's home, and after the ceremony the happy couple went to the home of the bridegroom's parents where a delightful supper was served. They are a worthy young couple and deserve a happy and prosperous life. (Mr. Brannaman was the brother of my

wife's 'Norma Crawford Evans' grandmother, Mrs. Fannie Brannaman Crawford. According to my genealogy information they later had two children Ester and Ruby Brannaman.)

UNCLE HENRY FISH TELLS OF HIS VISIT WEST

Bliss, Oklahoma, December 18, 1907. For the benefit of my legion of relatives and friends in old Rockcastle who might want to know something as to my whereabouts, I write this brief description of my travels since I left. In all I have traveled 1675 miles stopping first in Arkansas, next to Central Missouri, then on to North Missouri, then to Kansas City, Lansing Kansas, thence to this place, where I have been nearly four weeks. I have met many old friends and a few relatives along the line, and am now stopping at one of my kinsman. I am now on what is known as the 191 Ranch, owned by the Miller brothers, and to say it is a big thing does not do it justice. It is a little world in itself. Mrs. Miller and her three sons own and control nearly 10000 acres of as nice land that ever lay outdoors, all fenced with the calvating lands fenced off in fields to itself, which is about 12000 acres. They have 1800 acres in wheat, 1000 acres in alfalfa and are preparing to put out 3000 acres of cotton next spring. The Ranch home is equipped with every convenience; all kinds of mills, modern machinery, electric plants, in fact almost everything that heart could want or money could buy. The lands are selling from \$40.00 to \$50.00 per acre. As the Indians die off, the Miller boys have succeeded in getting hold of pretty much all the land within the ranch that can be bought at all. Their ranch extends 22 miles North and South and 4 to 6 miles East to West. They have 1600 head of cattle, 500 head of horses and mules, 100 hogs and 20 buffaloes. They sold \$5000.00 worth of cotton a few days ago and have \$4000.00 yet to sell. Mrs. Miller was born in Rockcastle County and is related to the Fish, Carson and Poynter families. She is a genuine type of old Kentucky domestic woman. She spends most of her time fussing with her poultry, pigeons, etc. She has just completed a pigeon house and january contracted at a cost of \$700.00. It is a hundred and fifty feet long, and one side is built of glass. She has 500 chickens, and geese by the hundreds. The geese are so large that it takes one hand to hold it down while she picks it. She has about 1000 Homer pigeons which are the most beautiful things on the ranch. To de-

scribe this ranch in detail would take up too much time and space. I have stood my trip just fine and am feeling tip top. I will leave here about next Saturday for Oklahoma City to meet William Jennings Bryan according to promise. Will let you hear from me later. Yours very truly, J. Henry Fish.

PERSONAL NEWS

Fred Hayes has gone to Missouri. Charley Riddle is telegraphing at Wildie. James Brooks was over from Johnetta Monday. Elmer Housh is taking a few days sojourn in Indiana. Shelly Fuqua was over from Big Hill during the week. G. W. Baker is at home from Tennessee, this week. Miss Ethel Baker is with relatives here this week. Chester Landrum has returned to school at Winchester. L. T. Welch spent Xmas with homefolks at Scottsville. Tom O'Mara is here from Blount, Ala., for a few days. C. D. Sutton was in from Stanford from Thursday to Monday. Master Jake Williams came over from Somerset to spend his holiday vacation. Representative-elect W. A. B. Davis will leave Sunday for Frankfort. Mrs. J. R. Cass and relatives, Annie, visited relatives here the last of the week. Mr. Joseph Coffey was up from Stanford Wednesday looking after some business matters. A. T. Fish of Wildie and son, John Egbert, of Texas, were here one day during the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Hughes came up from Stanford for the Baker/Harkins wedding. Ed Gentry was here yesterday returning from a visit to Paris, Winchester and Lexington. The three Miller boys were out from Louisville last week visiting their cousin Will H. Krueger. Miss Margaret Fish of the S. J. I. College, Abington, Va., spent last week with her mother here. W. H. Penn, railroad agent at Habsheim, Tenn., with his wife was here last

week having some dental work done. Walter G. Simst, the popular Cashier of the Bank of Shirtsburne, spent a portion of last week here. Oscar D. Brock stopped for a day and night with relatives here while enroute to Louisville to enter the medical college. Attorneys G. Albert Rummel and C. J. Weber, of Cincinnati, were the guests of Miss Rissie Williams during the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Tilsam Gilpin of St. Louis spent Xmas with relatives in Laurel and Rockcastle Counties. They were the guests of D. E. Davis and family at this place. Re Brownman, better known as "Daniel Boone" has bought a wagon load of furs in Clay and Jackson County. Looks as though he is going to manufacture coonskin caps by the wholesale.

BORN AND DEAD NEWS

ORLANDO NEWS
-- Mrs. Wm. Wilmer Chestnut a fine baby girl. -- Mrs. Rhoda Evans visited her sister Mrs. Martha Pennington at Bertha, last week. -- Mr. E. J. Anderson has moved his family to Livingston. We regret very much to give up such excellent citizens as Mr. and Mrs. Anderson. -- Miss Helen Singleton was the guest of L. B. Smith Monday. -- Frank Singleton left Tuesday for Berea where he will enter college. -- E. J. Williams has moved into the house vacated by E. J. Anderson. -- Mr. Granville Cox, of Wildie and Miss Allie Laswell of this place, were married Dec. 24th at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sallie Ball. Rev. Wm Williams officiated. -- R. E. Bell has moved to Berea where he will put his children in school. -- Dr. Lee Chestnut returned to Louisville Monday Dec. 30th. -- At 4 o'clock A. M. Dec. 25th 1907 the death angel visited the home of Mr. Mafion Bryant and claimed for its victim his beloved wife, Lydia Bryant who before her marriage was Lydia Abney.



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