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Somerset Man Buys Controlling Interest in Bank of Mt. Vernon

Jerry Ikard was elected Chairman of the Board of Directors of The Bank of Mt. Vernon, at a meeting of the directors last week. Mr. Ikard succeeds Tracy Farmer, who resigned following the sale of his interest in the bank to Mr. Ikard.

The owner of South Kentucky Mack Trucks, Inc. of Somerset, Mr. Ikard was a founder and former vice president of Ikard and Bandy Coal Company (a company in which he recently sold his interest). He is a director of the First and Farmers National Bank of Somerset and a member of the audit committee of that board of directors.

According to Mr. Ikard, in an interview Saturday at the bank, the key to the growth of Rockcastle County and

the growth of The Bank of Mt. Vernon is the development of new business and industry. A director of the Pulaski County Industrial Foundation, Ikard said he will assist Rockcastle County in obtaining industry.

On question, Mr. Ikard said that at present he planned no personnel changes at the bank and would himself be at the bank several days a week.

Ikard is a member of the Board of Regents of Eastern Kentucky University. He and his wife, the former Brenda Massey of Somerset, have two daughters, Amy, 8, and Lisa, 6. They are members of the First Baptist Church of Somerset.

Centers to Close

For the past five years Rockcastle County has been fortunate to have Day Care Program for pre-school children. This was a five year pilot program, supported by ARC, State and Local funds. Effective August 31, 1977, ARC, which granted 75% of the funds, can no longer be used for day care support. Therefore, since sufficient replacement funding has not been located, the centers will not re-open.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, we would like to express our sincere thanks to the citizens of Rockcastle County for the support which was given this program.

Trick or Treat Night

Next Monday evening, October 31st has been set aside for Trick or Treat night for youngsters in Mt. Vernon and Brodhead, according to Charlie Nicely, principal of the Brodhead Elementary School. Time for Trick or Treating is from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

DST Ends Sunday

Set your clocks back before retiring Saturday night because, at 2 a.m. Sunday morning, Daylight Savings Time leaves us for another year and you get that hour back you lost earlier.

Polling Place Changed

Voters in the West Mt. Vernon precinct will be voting at Charlie Nicely's store building on the corner of Sand Springs Road and Highway 150, according to Mrs. Irene Gales, County Court Clerk.

Guest Speaker

Rev. J.T. Holman will be guest speaker at Mt. Vernon Church of God on Sunday evening, October 30th at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited.

Regular services at the church are: Sunday School at 10:00 a.m., followed by Sunday morning worship, Sunday evening services at 7:00 and 7:30 p.m.

Revival at First Baptist

Rev. William D. Thomason will be the guest evangelist for Revival services at First Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon, October 29 - November 5, 7:00 each evening. Rev. Thomason, a Georgia native, graduate from Belmont College, Nashville, Tennessee, and attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.

There will be special singing each night during the Revival. Nursery and bus transportation will be provided. For more information call 256-2922.

Square Dance Classes

Beginning Western Square Dance Classes will be held each Thursday night at St. Clair Church in Berea beginning October 27th. The classes will begin at 7:30 p.m. nightly, with Lloyd Hobrock as instructor.

Rep. Ladies Meet; Elect Officers

The Rockcastle County Republican Women's Club met on Tuesday, October 25, 1977 at 7 p.m. in the Red Top Restaurant.

Eighteen members were present. The following officers were elected: Mrs. Ernest Mason, President; Mrs. Hubert Thacker, Vice President; Mrs. Vickie Arnold, Secretary; and Mrs. Pam Cox, Treasurer.

There will be another meeting at 7 p.m. on Friday, October 28, 1977. This meeting will be held in the Rockcastle County Court House. Everyone who is interested is invited to attend.

A pot luck dinner will be served and everyone is welcome.

Halloween Party at Country Club

There will be a Halloween Party at the Cedar Rapids Recreation Center Saturday night, October 29 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. for children from the 7th grade and under.

Prizes will be given for the most original costume and for the best designed and, if you wish your child to attend, contact Mrs. Iris Young or Mrs. Julie Harris.

Gospel Singing

There will be a Gospel Singing at the Church of the Nazarene, on Fairground Hill in Mt. Vernon, featuring the Gospel Jubiliars, Saturday, October 29th at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, October 30th at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

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County Awarded Grant of \$271,900 For Purchase of Brodhead Fairgrounds

According to an announcement from the offices of Senators Wendell H. Ford and Walter D. Huddleston Tuesday, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has awarded a grant of \$271,900 to the Rockcastle County area.

The release went on to say, "The funds, in the form of a Community

Development Block Grant, will be used for development of a county complex, including a recreational area, low-income housing, a senior citizens center and a housing site development."

The area covered by the grant is the 25.30 acre tract in Brodhead now owned by the Brodhead Fair Company. An

option on the property was taken in June of this year by the Court for \$110,000, according to Judge Hubert Thacker, who said that the grant would be used to purchase the site and to renovate the skating rink and other existing structures.

In addition, Judge Thacker said that the site would be developed to accommodate a low-income housing project on the acreage but there was not sufficient money in the grant to construct the housing.

City Council Meets

The Mt. Vernon City Council failed once again last Thursday night, at a called meeting, to hire a policeman to replace John Grider, who resigned to accept a position as Berea city policeman two weeks ago.

The council had four applications to consider but no action was taken towards hiring a new officer. The council is presently debating the possibility of hiring a part-time officer instead of a another full-time policeman.

Under Mr. Bryant's program, the chaplain would be designated by the council and would perform the service on a strictly volunteer basis. The chaplain would not handle regular police business. A decision is expected by the council at their regular November meeting.

Jim Cass, representative of the Cumberland Valley Development District, discussed improvement of the city's sewage treatment facility. A study will be done in the future to find the most cost effective method for improvement and expansion of the facility. Further discussion is planned for a later meeting.

When asked about whether the Brodhead Fair would be operated on the site as in the past, Judge Thacker answered in the affirmative saying that the fair would be operated by the Court for an indefinite number of years.

Renovation of the skating rink will provide the facilities for a Senior Citizens Center and other outside recreational facilities will also be provided.

Mike Bryant, a local minister and a team leader with the Department of Human Resources, approached the council suggesting that a chaplaincy program be instituted. Bryant described a non denominational counselor to be on call to the police force to help in handling situations such as death messages,

suicide attempts and, sometimes, domestic problems.

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"MINISTERING MUPPETS" TO BE AT WILDIE CHRISTIAN

The Ministering Muppets will be coming to the Wildie Christian Church on Oct. 30 to present a special program at 7:00 p.m. Through the use of puppets, this group holds the young members of the audience spellbound while relating to them biblical truths. At the same time, the older teens and adults are fascinated by this novel way to hear the Gospel presented.

Rockets Spoil Whitley's Homecoming; Win 14-13

The Rockcastle County Rockets spoiled another Homecoming, the second one in as many weeks, last Friday night when they beat the Whitley County Colonels 14-13 in a hard fought contest all the way.

Rockets 40. Whitley then picked up 9 yards on three plays and tried for the first down on fourth down but the Rockets defense held and the Rockets regained possession of the football.

Whitley County took the opening kick-off and drove to the Rockcastle County 10-yard line where they were to settle for a field goal try from the 10. However, the try was no good and the Rockets took over on their own 12 yard line. After getting one first down, the Rockets were forced to punt from their own 24 yard line and Whitley County began their series from their own 44. They were forced to punt on this series and, a very good punt backed the Rockets up to their own 10 yard line.

Whitley County once again mounted an offensive drive going to the Rockets' 46 before an incomplete pass on fourth down gave the ball back to the Rockets.

On the Rockets' last series before the half ended, they drove to the

On the first play from scrimmage, a fumble in the backfield was recovered by the Colonels and they had the ball 1:10 on the Rockets 10. An offside penalty against the Rockets gave Whitley a free five yards and two plays later, a quarterback sneak put the Colonels ahead. The extra point attempt was good and the Colonels led 7-0.

Following another Rockets' punt, Whitley County took the opening kick-off and drove to the Rockcastle County 10-yard line where they were to settle for a field goal try from the 10. However, the try was no good and the Rockets took over on their own 12 yard line. After getting one first down, the Rockets were forced to punt from their own 24 yard line and Whitley County began their series from their own 44. They were forced to punt on this series and, a very good punt backed the Rockets up to their own 10 yard line.

The Rockets began their series from their own 28 and with some hard nosed running and excellent blocking, moved the ball to the Whitley County one yard line from where quarterback Earl Hammons took it over for the score. Billy Hackworth scored the two extra points and the Rockets were ahead 8-7.

Whitley County returned Kyle Miller's kick-off to their own 40 yard line and, on the next play, a Whitley County runner was threatening to go all the way before Hackworth stopped him on the

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MR. JERRY IKARD

Farmers-Businessmen's Banquet Will be Friday, November 11

The Annual Farmer-Businessmen's Banquet will be held Friday, November 11, 1977 at 7:00 p.m. at the Rockcastle County High School.

Businessmen are the hosts this year and this is your invitation to attend as our guests.

M.C. for the occasion will be Mr. Robert Robinson, President of the Mt. Vernon Lions Club. The invocation will be given by Rev. Marvin Hemstley and the welcome address to the farmers will

be given by Mayor Roland Mullins. Harold Ballinger will respond to the welcome. H. Lee Durham will introduce the speaker, Mr. Paul Appel, UK, Department of Agriculture.

A door prize, a country ham, will be given away.

Mark your calendar right now - November 11, 1977 at 7:00 p.m. Let's all get together for an evening of fun, food and fellowship.

Mt. Vernon Students Selected for Berea's Country Dancers

Two Mt. Vernon students, Lynn Bivins and Bobby McClure, have been selected for membership in the Berea College Country Dancers, a group of students who perform and help preserve the traditional folk dances of Appalachia and other countries.

They have danced on the White House lawn for the late President Kennedy, at the New York World's Fair in 1964 and have appeared on television's "Today" show, as well as having toured England, Scotland and Denmark, sharing their skills and learning new dances.

Ms. Bivins, a freshman at the college, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Lee Bivins of Route 1, Mt. Vernon.

McClure, also a freshman, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William McClure of Route 1, Mt. Vernon.

Both are graduates of Rockcastle County High School.

Well-known in country dance circles, the Berea College Country Dancers make regular performances, tours of New York, Chicago, Washing-

ton, D.C. and other large cities outside the Appalachian region.



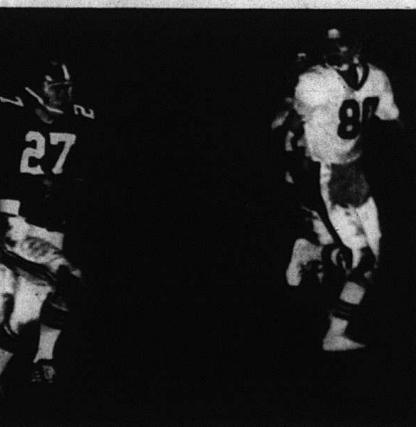
Lynn Bivins



Bobby McClure



"THE MINISTERING MUPPETS" will be at the Wildie Christian Church on Sunday, October 30th at 7:00 p.m. to present a special program. Members of the "Muppets" are, from left, front row: Deann Marton from Lynn, Indiana; Jill Pritchard from Fredericktown, Ohio; Danny Booher from Kingsport, Tennessee; Lori Collins from Kingsport, Tennessee. Back row: Dennis Oertel from Greenwood, Indiana; Debbie Pressley from Roper, N.C., and Clark McCready from Kalspell, Montana. There is no admission charge to the presentation.



Billy Hackworth, No. 27, is shown on his way to a touchdown for the Rockets in Friday night's game at Whitley County which we won 14-13. Hackworth covered 54 yards on this play for the score and gained 148 yards for the Rockets in the game. Thus far, he has gained 973 yards in 106 carries on the season. This Friday night, the Rockets travel to Mercer

County and wind up their season November 4 with a home game against Knox Central - which is also their last district game.