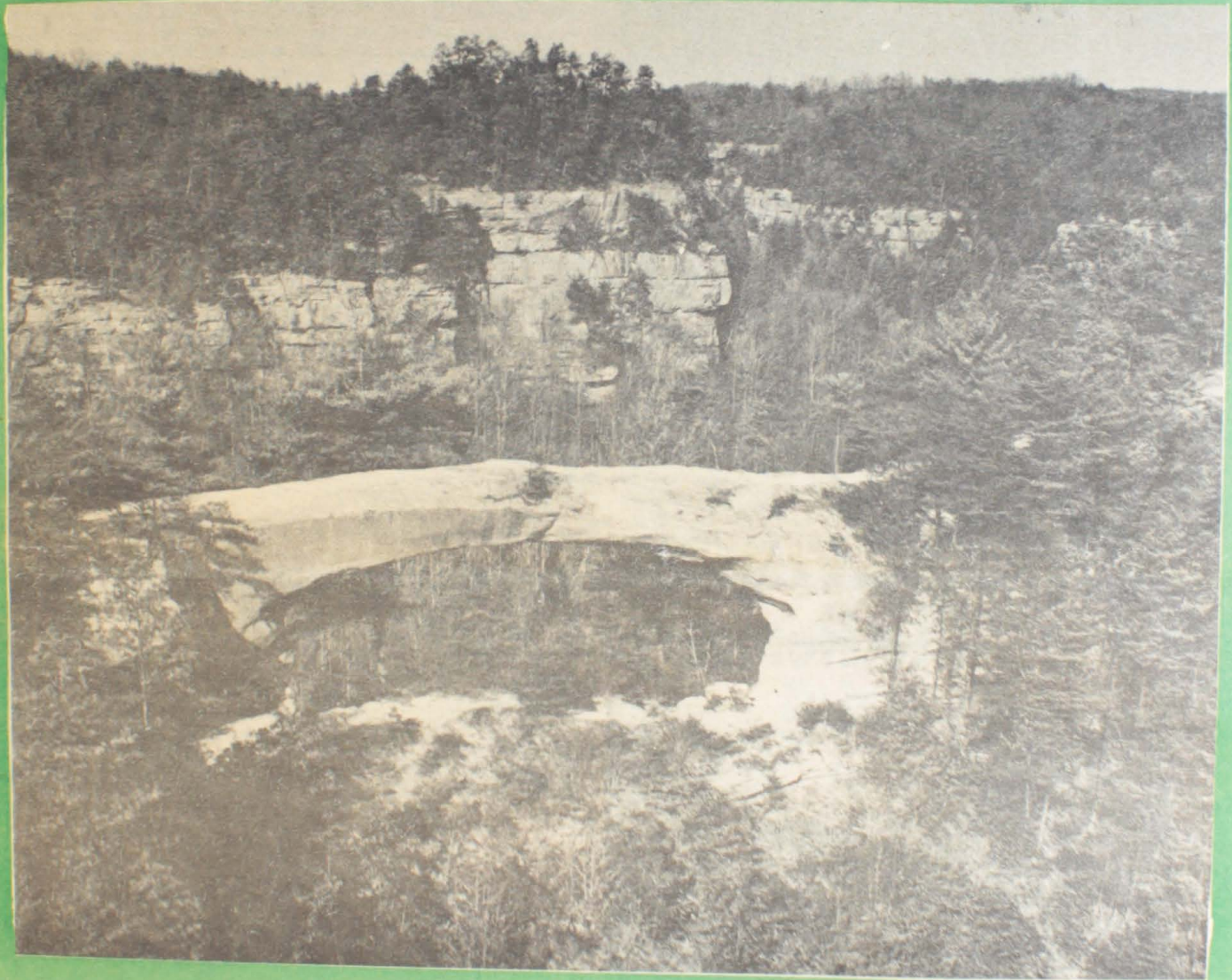


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Famous Nada Tunnel

The now famous Nada Tunnel, located in the Red River Gorge on State Route 77,

has had many visitors, famous and otherwise. Mr. Floyd Brewer, who lives at Slade,

Kentucky, remembers when the tunnel was just a mountain in 1900. According to Mr. Brewer, who helped build the Tunnel, which was then known

as Morlon Branch Tunnel, the men chiseled, hammered and blasted away at the mountain to shorten the route taken by the railroad hauling logs to market. Two bad accidents

happened while building the tunnel. One man, Charles McNabb, was blown up while throwing dynamite and the other, Will Ashley, had both

legs cut off by a train. Mr. Brewer, a WWI veteran, was a brakeman on the train that hauled logs from various places located along what is now known as Red River. Mr. John Smith, who lives on McCausey Ridge in Menifee County, was, as a young boy, the first to crawl through the tunnel. He was taking a short cut home.



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Red River Museum in Clay City open for tours

Powell County is the naturalist's dream - an area of wild rivers, spectacular rock cliffs and arches, great forests and scenic gorges. From Pilot Knob in Powell County, the lookout from which Daniel Boone and John Finley are supposed to have first viewed the Great Meadow, one can see twenty miles on a clear day.

The scenic Red River running entirely through the county from east to west is a tributary of the Kentucky River, flowing together just below Beattyville. Furnishing water power for its entire length, Red River turned many

grist and lumber mills during the past century. Lumbering, coal mining, petroleum and clay deposits attracted railroads and the county had a lively economy over the years until its resources were depleted.

Some of the earliest ironworks in Kentucky centered around Clay City, where the Red River Foundry produced nails, plowshares, and cannon balls. Some of the cannon balls were shipped down river for use in the Battle of New Orleans, in the War of 1812.

The county's pioneer history stems back to Clark County,

one of the three counties from which it was taken in 1852. It was named for Lazarus W. Powell, Kentucky's Governor at that time.

Stanton, the county seat, was named for Richard H. Stanton, who was serving in the U.S. Congress when the town was incorporated. He is known to lawyers as the author of Stanton's "Revised Statutes", a valued contribution to Kentucky's laws.

The Mountain Parkway which runs from Winchester to Prestonsburg crossed Powell County in its entire length, east to west. It has had a profound effect on the area, funneling tourist traffic into the scenic Red River territory. Natural Bridge State Resort Park, long a recreational spot, is in the Daniel Boone National Forest, and lies partly in

Powell and partly in Wolfe County. Natural Bridge in the park is on the county line, with a span of 85 feet at the base and is 30 feet wide at the top. It is one of the 70-odd natural arches in the vicinity.

Nada Tunnel in the Red River Gorge area is a highway tunnel converted from early railroading use in connection with logging and milling operations.

Natural Bridge and the park once belonged to the L. & N. Railroad, and Sunday excursions were run from Cincinnati and Louisville. Ole Hemlock Lodge, the picturesque log hotel on the mountainside, has

now been replaced with a thoroughly modern resort lodge that retains the name of its early predecessor. Even a skylift has been added to the park for carrying visitors to Natural Bridge on the heights back of the lodge.

At Clay City, the Clay City Bank is of historic interest. Built in 1889 it now houses the Red River Historical Museum.

The museum, established in 1967, is operated by the Red River Historical Society. It is the only building in Powell County listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Many items of interest are to be found in the museum. An

Elvis Presley concert ticket, stuffed penguins, a Pike County moonshine still, a bicycle that Powell native, Joe Bowen rode on a 12,000 mile trip, pig iron from the Fitchburg Iron Furnace across the county line in Estill County, an old crank telephone, a copy of "The New York Times" printed the day after Lincoln's assassination, wicker baby carriages, old records, and many, many more items.

The Museum is open every Sunday for tours or by calling Larry Meadows for a special appointment. There is no admission fee.

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Ruins of homesteads of pioneers dot Wolfe County

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premises. The original two-story house was destroyed by fire more than 30 years ago. No family ever exerted greater influence or wield more weight in the development.

Almost circling the valley is the Sandy Ridge road, which for many years was kept passable by the law that required every able-bodied man in the community to work the road two days every summer. Now maintained by

the state, this route, which is a short cut from Campton to Beattyville, has been much traveled since the Civil War, when a band of Home Guards camped in the area. Until recently, musket balls and mementoes of guerilla warfare could be found.

Shortly after the Civil War, Captain Sampson B. Smith, who had fought in the Confederacy and saw action with John H. Morgan's "Wild Riders" settled at the head of this valley and began the conquest of the forest in an effort to earn a livelihood. His heritage was 400 acres of rich fertile land covered with virgin timber. Smith, a man of military bearing, tall, handsome, and of a hardy race, early found his way into the political affairs of Wolfe County. In the late 80's he was elected Tax Commissioner.

A shrewd politician, his advice and counsel was sought by people far and near. He was appointed a Kentucky Colonel by the Governor of Kentucky in the days when some

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Wolfe County native makes banjos

Courtney Collier, Whitesburg, native of Wolfe County, could not find a manufacturer's banjo that suited him exactly, so around 1935 he started making his own. He has long since lost count of how many he has made. All of his ten children, several grandchildren and some of his brothers and sisters are proud owners of a "Courtney" banjo.

Collier is a brother of Mrs. Taylor Booth. (Booth Photo)



Cemeteries, like this one, are a stern reminder of the rough times homesteaders had settling Kentucky.

Stephen Kincaid who cultivate the fertile bottom. They have built a tobacco barn which is the only building on the



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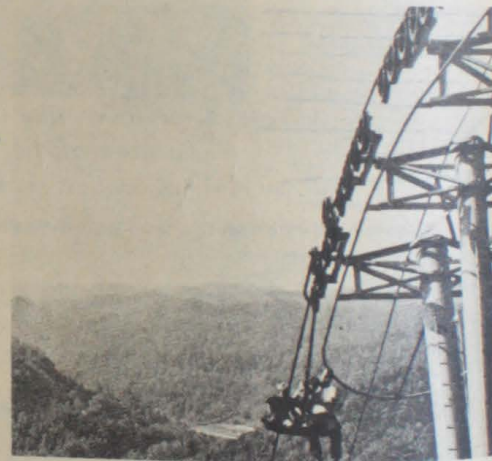
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Ash cove was camping site for indians on hunting trips

The peace and splendor of late spring is evident in the hills and valleys of Lower Devil's Creek. In the dense woodlands, many varieties of native trees are growing in full leaf. Typical of these is the tulip poplar that grows straight and extremely tall in order to reach the sunshine



Waterfalls



necessary for its yellow blooms. In the wider valleys where the sun can penetrate unhampered, a great variety of wild flowers "blush unseen" except on rare occasions when a person feels the urge to "get away from it all" and keep going until he sees no sign of civilization. The silence is broken only by the croaking of bullfrogs, the distant coo of a turtle dove or the hoot of an owl, roosting in such a dark cove he doesn't know whether it's night or day.

But peace and quiet has not always reigned here. Perhaps at not other place in Wolfe County has more battles been won and lost. This was the "Happy Hunting Ground" of Indians that roamed over Wolfe and adjoining counties, and Ash Cave, strategically located on Branshon Branch, was the place of their abode. The branch rises in a deep ravine and tumbles a rock-studded course to meet Lower Devil's Creek two miles distant.

One-half mile of pinched valley slopes upward toward the cave. The first settlers told stories of how Indiana pursued deer and other game into this valley and banded themselves on either side of the steep hillsides to prevent the escape

of the game. The valley narrows to a point where a steep cliff stopped the chase, and here the pursuing hunters released their arrows. The cave is situated about 20 yards to the right of the scene of slaughter.

Obviously, the spoils of the hunt was brought to one

section of the cave to be dressed and stored. Pieces of broken arrows and hard-baked fragments of clay are prevalent. When Taylor Booth was Scoutmaster, he and his troop camped there overnight. A perfect antler was dug up, but it disintegrated within a few hours after it was exposed to

air. A visit to Ash Cave is well worth the time and energy expended to get there. One has to but probe into the powder-dry ashes to recover relics from behind the hazy curtain of time. It is unknown how many seasons - or how

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Big Andy Ridge Cemetery

Names of persons buried in this cemetery on Big Andy Ridge are lost in the annals of history. One wonders how much time was spent hewing the hard stones which show very little deterioration in spite of the vicissitudes of time and weather. (Booth Photo)

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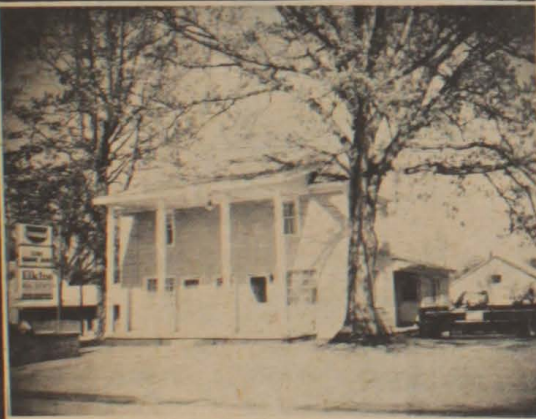
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There is a difference in the cane grown now. It is badly mixed and far from the original. The original plant was very large at the ground, tapered to a very small stalk sometimes not over 3/8 of an inch. The seed pod was large silver grey and every seed opened down like an

umbrella. In the growth, especially when starting to



annually the past few years since the Cave Run Dam took over most of the Beaver bottom lands down to the Licking River. Menifee County sponsored the first Sorghum Festival in the area. The Sorghum

Festival is now held in Morgan County. If you plan on seeing Sorghum in the making, please check with the Tourist Committee members as to when and where it is being made.

Ash Cove camping site for indians

Continued from page 7 many centuries - Indians camped here. It is known, however, that it was their last stronghold in this section. Due to its inaccessability, it has bet few visitors.

When the region was more thickly settled, most of the people not only believed in ghosts, they also "saw and heard" them. Since human skeletons had been found in the vicinity, it was deemed a "haunted" place, and one to be avoided.

When Gary Booth was a young boy scout, two students of archeology from New York came to Campton in search of Indian sites. Gary showed them the perfect arrowheads he had found and led them to the cave. They were so pleased with the trip they gave Gary a valuable compass.

Cave Branch:

The scenic Cave Branch area



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(Booth Photo)

the South. Menifee County has been called the "Sorghum County of Kentucky." Menifee is certainly known for its fine sorghum throughout the state and also in other states such as Ohio, Indiana, Virginia and Tennessee.

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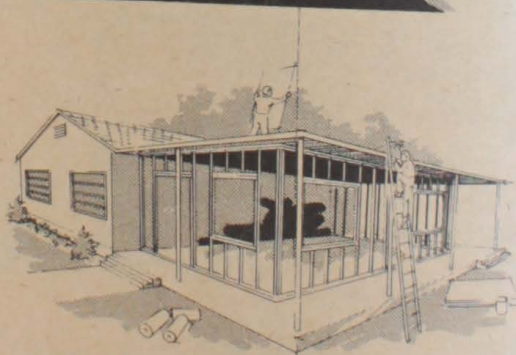


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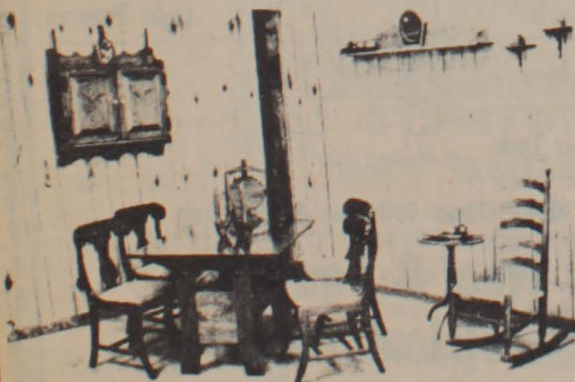
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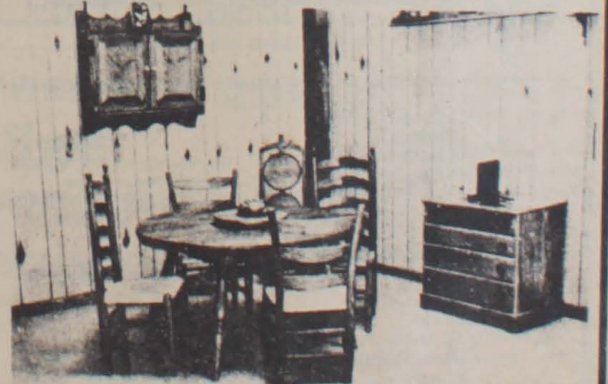
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Pioneer Weapons Hunting area draws the spirited hunter

Looking back into history and the ways of the pioneers is enjoyable to many people. But "looking back" can be carried a step further at the Pioneer Weapons Hunting Area, near

Cave Run, as hunters recreate history with weapons like those used by early settlers. The Pioneer Weapons Hunting Area is under the jurisdiction of the Kentucky

Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources and the U.S. Forest Service. A state hunting license and deer tag permit are the only permits needed to hunt in the Pioneer Weapons Area, where wild turkey, deer, grouse, and

squirrels now thrive. Here a 7,300-acre tract in the Daniel Boone National Forest has been set aside for hunters using only the old-time weapons. Weapons permitted in the area include the flintlock rifle

which was an important companion to the pioneer, and percussion cap rifles. The percussion cap was used by the western scout, the soldier during the War Between the States and by the Indian fighter.

regulations is made on the first day of July each year for the next beginning season.

CAMPING

Camping in the Daniel Boone National Forest and the Pioneer Weapons Hunting Area is permitted in designated areas only. The main camping area is Clear Creek Furnace Recreation area with ten camping units. Four other sites are also available during the hunting season but do not have the conveniences of the main area.

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The communities of Salt Lick, Farmers and Midland, near the Pioneer Weapons area, provide lodging, food, services, and hunting supplies. Farther away but still within reasonable traveling distance are Frenchburg, Morehead, Owingsville, and Mt. Sterling.

ROADS

U.S. Route 60 is a major highway serving the hunting area. State Routes 211, 826, and 801 lead from Route 60 to Route 129 which forms the southern boundary and entry into the Pioneer Weapons

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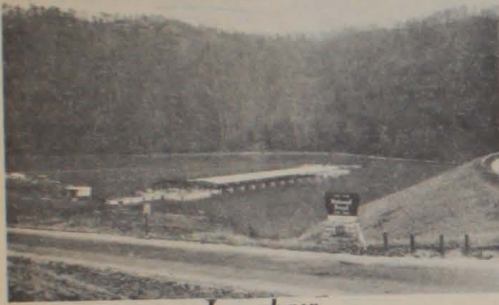
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area. State Route 826 serves as another direct access to the 7,300 acre tract. It provides access to Licking River bottoms, to hunter camping areas and links with Trails 112 and 106.

Forest Service Road 129

follows Leatherwood Creek bottoms. It connects with FS Road 918 and Ky. 826 and Trail #111, providing access to hunter camping and Clear Creek Furnace Campground.

Forest Service Road 918 (Tater Knob Road) leads from FS Road 129 and interior ending below the Tater Knob fire tower.



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Trail users and campers will appreciate the new 30-car parking area being constructed to help alleviate the entrance traffic jam so

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All long time users who have suffered the inconvenience of dusty gravel roads and palls of dust, will be sure to appreciate the new shining ribbon of blacktop road and paved camping spurs. Several new trails will add to your enjoyment and camping experience.

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semblance of a Southern Colonel was necessary to merit the title.

Like father, Smith's children were manly, tall in stature, energetic, successful in their work, and instrumental in shaping the destiny of Wolfe County.

Early in the 20th century, three of his sons emigrated to California. Two were selected to high positions of trust, and became influential in governmental affairs.

W.C. (Big Bill) Smith, the oldest son was always affable and helpful. He served the people of Wolfe County as an elective or appointive official for 30 years.

He was also granted a Kentucky Colonelcy by Governor Ruby Lafoon. He held the office of Wolfe County Court Clerk and County Judge for several years. Some of the daughters were religious leaders, and exerted a profound influence in the churches where they were members.

Taylor Booth, Captain Smith's grandson by marriage, who was reared in the same valley and in the same house, was Wolfe County Clerk for 12 years and superintendent of Wolfe County schools for five years. He served as clerk at the same time that W.C. Smith served as Judge.

Mr. Smith's son, Jack Smith, served as postmaster at Campton for more than 25 years.



"I love thy rocks and rills,
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Taylor Booth sings as he sways
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The Gorge's most popular attractions are near the station at Highway 715 and Forest Service Road 24.

From Chimney Top Rock, visitors view the Gorge from an observation point set a stark 600 feet above the river. Sky Bridge is part of the Loop Drive, which will take the motorist through the Gorge. At the bridge visitors can walk across and then under the natural arch to study close up the effects of weathering on exposed formations. Both Sky Bridge and nearby Rock Bridge offer picnicking. Swift Camp Creek Trail, which begins at Rock Bridge, is a favorite of treasure seekers looking for John Swift's legendary lost silver mine.

Hikers pass through several geological features and flora areas in the four-hour walk to Sky Bridge. The entire Gorge has trails from a half to eight

miles. Visitors can motor past Sky Bridge on Highway 715 to Hen's Nest Rock, Tower Rock, and Chimney Top Rock on the way to Nada Tunnel. This hand-cut, one-lane tunnel was part of a logging railroad which for many years was the only way of entering the upper part of the Gorge.

Backpackers may camp free within the Gorge, but must select a site at least 300 feet from the road. They are expected to carry out all of their refuse, rather than burying it. Animals such as raccoons and possums often dig up buried camp garbage.

The Stanton ranger district has more to offer the visitor. The curious and historically minded can take a small side trip south of Stanton to nearby cottage and Fitchburg Furnaces. The Forest Service is working on the grounds and making improvements to the Fitchburg Furnace, which is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Picnic tables are available near both old iron furnaces where craftsmen smelted pig iron from the native ore more than 150 years ago.

The Red River Gorge and nearby attractions are available all year to the public. The

district ranger in Stanton or at the forest supervisor's office in Winchester has additional information to help the public enjoy its natural heritage.

For the visitor who takes time to look and listen, the Red River Gorge and surrounding area offers unmatched natural and human history. Erosion and weathering, which began more than 70 million years ago and continues today, left a special geological manuscript with its story etched in stone.

Visitors often experience the wonderment that made the Red River Gorge special to the Indians for 8,000 years. The plunging cliffs, natural arches and spectacular overlooks yearly bring an increasing number of visitors.

It is an area where backpackers and hikers can travel through seemingly untouched hollows or along ridges that fall several hundred feet on both sides. Caught by night or a summer storm, they can take shelter in rock houses used by Indian cultures since 6,000 B.C.

The Red River Gorge Geological Area, with more than 25,000 acres, offers more than recreation for just hikers and backpackers. It is near the Mountain Parkway east of Stanton.



Only natural arch to span a stream

KY 715 winds along the top of Pine Ridge back towards the Mountain Parkway and KY 15. Just before reaching the Parkway, however, a gravel Forest Service Road leads off to the left to a picnic area above Swift Camp Creek. From the picnic ground a hiking trail descends by easy stages to Rock Bridge, the only natural arch spanning a stream. It is a fascinating two-mile hike and should not be bypassed if you don't mind the climb back. At the risk of sounding trite, the Falls of Rockbridge Fork cascade into a sylvan pool as clear as crystal with big ferns, moss and lichen growing in profusion. Rockbridge, itself, which is just below the Falls and just above the Hell's Kitchen stretch of Swift Camp Creek, has several prehistoric petroglyphs or turkey tracks carved on it.

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Swango Springs resort hotel

This two-story hotel-type building, located near Swango Springs and once teeming with life, shows more deterioration than the well-built structure that encloses the springs.

(Booth Photo)

California Cave a unique formation



California Cave

Two caves located in the southwest section of Wolfe County in Lower Mullins Point Community five miles from Campton, are unusual inasmuch as one cave is located directly above the other. A stream of water flows over the

cliff directly in front of the top cave, then flows over the second edge of the cliff into the lower cave, and finally over the cliff into Upper Devil's Creek below. According to old-timers, the caves were used by men who sought to evade military service in

war times. Others say that, long ago, the unique formation was the scene of moonshine operations. A long ladder is necessary to gain access into each cave, which is described as containing many varieties of flora. The complex is named California Cave.

Swango Springs - a resort before 1900

Located near Hazel Green, Swango Springs assumed resort proportions before the turn of the century, and now, a well-beaten path to the spring lends credence to the belief that the water still contains healing properties. There are those who always take containers to be filled when they are traveling in the area.

After the healing quality of the water became known, a man by the name of Rittenhouse built a resort hotel and developed the area surrounding the spring into a

park. Many wealthy people came from great distances to spend spring and summer to drink the water.

Mr. Rittenhouse purchased the springs from Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Swango.

After the coming of the railroad to nearby Helechawa, the water was packaged and shipped to many states. A 1917 issue of the Lexington Leader carried an advertisement about the water, listing the price per gallon, and stating, "Special attention given to rigs," implying that travelers could obtain the

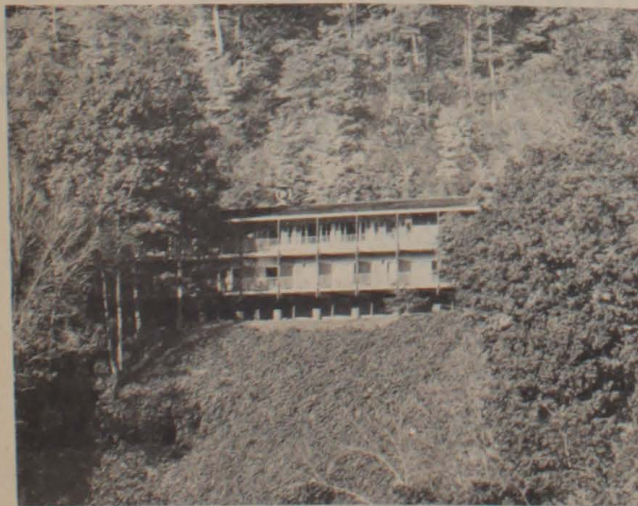
product without alighting from their horse-drawn vehicles. The paper was found when an old two-story log house was torn down at Campton.

After the Rittenhouse hotel was destroyed by fire around 1910, the springs and surrounding area were purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Crockett Coldiron who retained ownership until their deaths. Some years later the property was purchased by Coldiron's son-in-law and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn McCoun of Winchester, who still own it.



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Swift's Silver Mine site still a mystery

The old adage, "Time doesn't wither - not custom stale" applies to the perpetual search for Jonathan Swift's silver mines. As older men give up the search, younger men follow in their footsteps.

Ralph W. Griffith, president of Mountain Mining and Exploring Company, Clarksburg, West Virginia, and members of his group have

explored extensively in search of the \$50,000 in coins listed in Swift's journal as having been buried. They return to the area at intervals.

A few years ago, Ed McGowan, Vice President of Swift Mines, Inc. abandoned exploration on account of dirt access roads. The company had 6,000 acres of Daniel Boone National Forest leased for mineral rights. McGowan said markings have been found believed to have been made by Swift's party. The company searched at various times for ten years by means of maps and journals thought to have been made by Swift after he lost his sight.

Martin Bailey, a man of strong will and character, was returning from a visit with his sister, walking along the foot path in the Booger Scare vicinity when he decided to take a swim in the creek nearby. He took his clothes off and had no more than hit the warm water until he heard violin music.

He was not afraid, but he had no desire to splash to the tune of "Arkansas Traveler" from the rock shelter that housed "Man's Bones" by a fiddler that he couldn't see.

Bailey quickly donned his

clothes and took off for the top of the distant mountain, but he heard the music until he started down the other side.

In more recent years, a cultured and refined Wolfe County school teacher, who is now a successful business man in Florida, took an interest in the above described locality, with the thought of investigating ancient markings and collecting Indian artifacts. He had no penchant for superstition or over-imagination.

He related his interest to a gentlemen friend who wanted to share the expeditions. Leaving Campton late in the afternoon, night had fallen before they reached their destination.

As a matter of fact, they did not arrive at their destination. Just before they reached the scene, they were blinded by a light so bright they had to close their eyes.

They lost no time getting away, and never did return.

It was a relief to all area residents when scientists came and took the skeleton to University of Kentucky, Lexington, but passers-by still experience a spine-chilling sensation when they walk by the dry ledge, sheltered by a huge cliff, where it had lain for



- nobody knows how long.

Many counties in Eastern Kentucky claim the locations described in the journals, but perhaps no where else has the search been so persistent or intense as in Wolfe County. Contributing factors are Swift's Camp Creek, which drains a vast boundary, and the court house at Campton, built on the site of Swift's first camp, the village being originally known as "Camp Town".

O.F. Rogers, Campton, tells a story about his grandfather, a man by the name of Townsend, who took Swift by ox-drawn cart to Lexington. Shortly after their arrival, Swift, who had been feeble and ill for several months, died and was buried in Lexington. Rogers has expressed a desire to organize a party and search for his grave.

Considered a man of keen intellect and sound judgment, Rogers believes the

mine was a fact, rather than legend. But he thinks it has not been found on account of the greed of men who would readily commit murder in an effort to claim ownership if found. It is Mr. Rogers' opinion that if the bonanza is ever found, it will benefit the whole region, but he thinks it will not be found as long as the people are of the attitude to quarrel and dispute. His conclusion is reasonable, considering the skeletons, with bullet-riddled skulls that have been found in dry, dark caves.

Even the first settlers could learn nothing of the history of the skeleton, and could make no estimate of how long it had been there. Certainly it was considered a place to be avoided, and it was reasonable to assume that markings on cliffs and rocks in the vicinity may have instigated a search for the mine.

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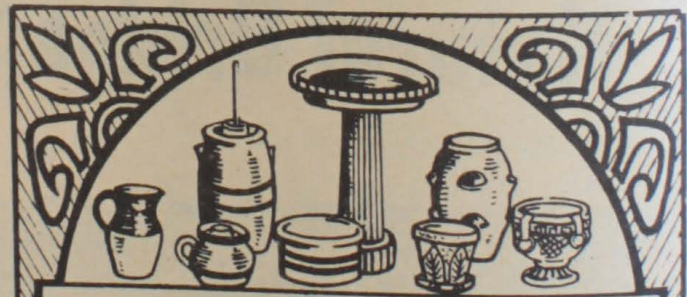
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Tight Hollow a naturalist's dream

By NEVILLE SHACKELFORD

Deep in the Daniel Boone National Forest a few miles from here is a long, narrow canyon which at some time or another was appropriately designated "Tight Hollow."

This little domain, squeezed between two alpine stretches of cliffs, is of limited access, contains approximately 300 tilted, rock-strown acres, and is probably the only true wilderness area in this section of the state. Because of the difficulty of ingress and egress, the greater part of it has escaped the ax of the timberman and the plow of the farmer. It remains little changed since Indian times; a dark, wild, silent territory, secluded and rarely visited except by hunters, treasure seekers, naturalists and a few forestry and wildlife officials.

Virgin specimens of hemlock and poplar stand at the head of the hollow, sheltering a tangled understory of rhododendron, fern, squaw vine, wintergreen and numerous other examples of flora common only to a wilderness

fastness. Leaf mold of centuries decorated with clumps of dark green pipsissewa peeping from a loose cover of oxidizing autumn leaves, forms a soft springy rustling carpet underfoot.

Beside A Waterfall

At one place in a tiny bottom at the feet of a waterfall, the space once occupied by a ponderous hemlock, felled perhaps by extreme old age or by some natural catastrophe, a clump of young poplar stands straight as an arrow with their tops, by forester Bernie Schruender's estimation, more than 130 feet in the air.

Tight Hollow is, withal, a fascinating place at any time of the year. When visited, it had a much different aspect than when visited several years ago with Conservation Officer

Garrett Childers. At that time the season was at spring and the little bottom where the young poplars grew was massed with iris, royal fern and other plants known only to a well-informed botanist. The



small stream threading the canyon was noisy as a flock of pullets and with song and hum, warblers and wild honeybees animated the treetops. On the second trip, it was a somber twilight land. The creek was leaf-choked and dumb, the warblers and honeybees gone, and the only sound heard was the irritated fretting of a pileated woodpecker protesting our intrusion.

To Stay As Is

Tight Hollow is a fascinating, wonderful area. And happily for all interested in the

preservation of our great natural heritage, the information is that it will be kept as is. The virgin trees will not be logged off and the area will be disturbed as little as possible. The U.S. Department of Forestry controlling the land will, as far as possible, protect it from unnatural influences that could adversely affect its primitive conditions.

This intent is most commendable, far-seeing and significant because Tight Hollow, in its present state, is a sort of a laboratory. It has been proven that through research on natural environments, primi-

tive soils, and such life forms found there, scientists have discovered facts of limitless value to medicine, forestry, agriculture, and other pursuits necessary for the well being of mankind.

Such a place as Tight Hollow is needed for research and study more than for all the timber already there or the timber the land could ever produce. It is needed more for research than for the forms of recreation it could be made to afford.

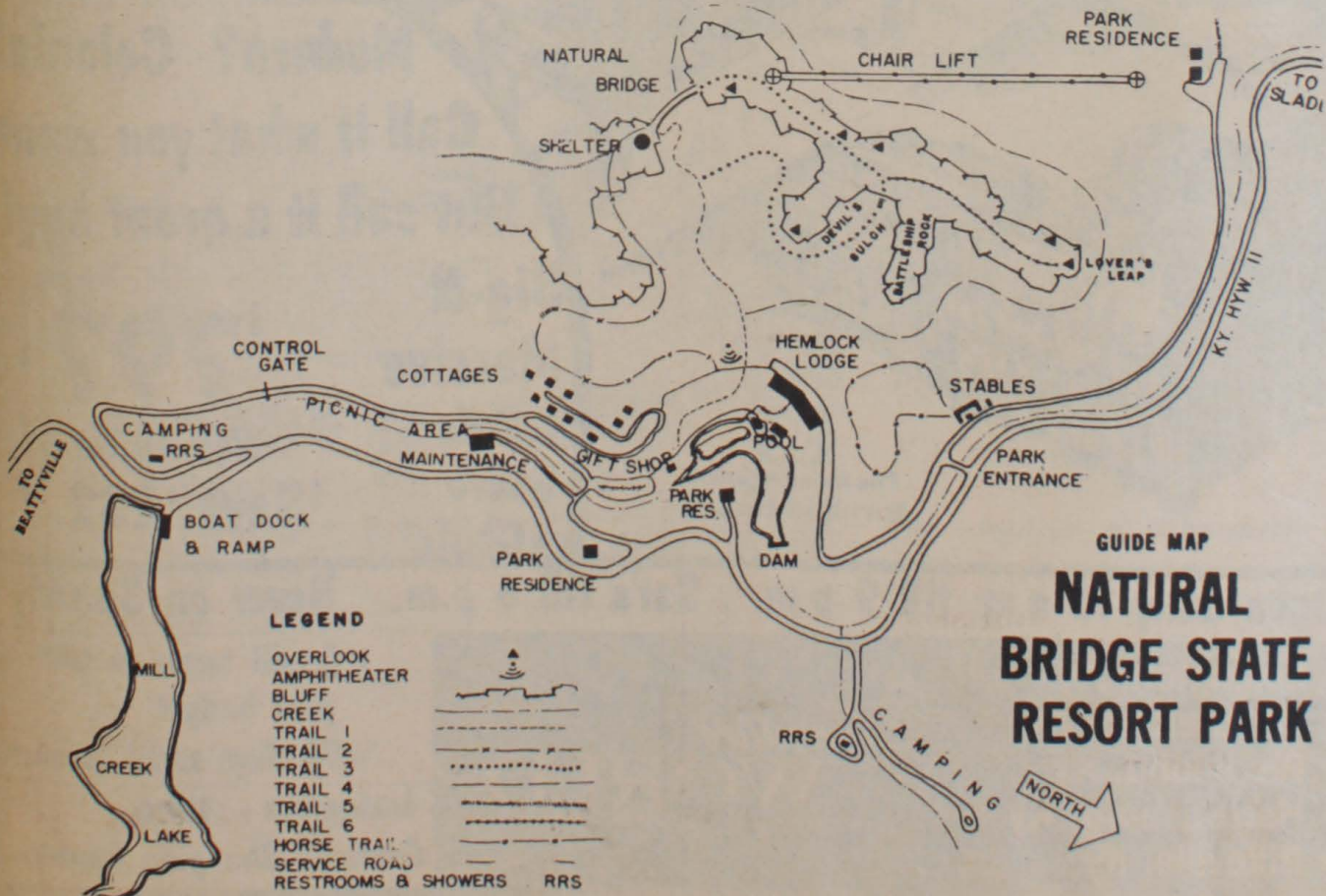
Such places are fast disappearing and, according to the National Federation, those remaining may very well offer the last and only opportunity in this county for basic and perhaps, essential research in the future.

Being part of the public domain, Tight Hollow is not a restricted area. The general public, as far as we know, is free to visit it and enjoy it at will. All who visit it should refrain from defacing or detracting from its beauty.



Since first settlers blazed a trail through the rugged area of Devil's Creek, this pine has eked out a bare existence on the cliff side.

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A natural phenomena

High above the mouth of Swift Camp Creek is a steep Eastern Kentucky cliffline is Sky Bridge, a ribbon of smooth rock that seems to defy gravity. Perhaps the most spectacular of the 18 major natural rock arches is the newly-designated, 25,600-acre Red River Gorge Geological Area, Sky Bridge was carved by forces of nature - erosion

and weathering process.

Sky Bridge is in Wolfe County, Kentucky, in the Stanton District of Daniel Boone National Forest. It is approximately an hour-and-a-half drive east of Lexington, off Highway Ky 715 and Sky Bridge Road, north of the Mountain Parkway from the Pine Ridge exit.

The phenomena of natural rock arches in Red River Gorge evolved out of a geologic process that is more than 340 million years old.

Changes in the earth's crust were initiated during the Mississippian period of geologic history, when formations of conglomerate sandstone, limestone and siltstone, overlaid by strata of shale, began to crumble and weather under the rigors of a climatic upheaval which brought about alternating periods of hot and cold weather to once year-round tropical region. The rock arches were born out of this freezing and thawing which loosened the weaker strata of rock, sometimes causing cave-like tunnels to be formed through narrow, tree-covered ridges. Often, these ridges collapsed, and the dirt and vegetation slid into the river valley, leaving only bare

rock spans.

Sky Bridge is more than 40 feet high and more than 60 feet in length. Commanding a good view of the surrounding Red River valley, it may be reached by a four-hour hike from the parking lot on Forest Service Road 24 (Rock Bridge Road), on Swift Camp Creek Trail, part of the more than 40 miles of connected hiking trails in Red River Gorge Geological Area.

Backpackers on multi-day treks, or day hikers on an afternoon stroll, travel through narrow hollows and rugged forested land that is abloom with color in the springtime. Wildflowers - large-flowered trilliums, rue anemone, pink lady's slipper and ferns of all varieties - as well as rhododendron, mountain laurel, dogwoods and redbuds, thrive in the moist, rich environment of the forest floor. The warmer weather of spring is also an excellent time for the pursuit of the other wilderness pastimes enjoyed by many in this remote region - rock climbing, whitewater canoeing and bird-watching among the most popular.

The less adventuresome may enjoy picnicking at Sky Bridge, or photographing the natural



Nature's handiwork

bridge from a special observation point. A footpath leads to the hillside base of the rock arch, where visitors can get a better idea of the immensity of the rock formation by looking up at it from below.

A 30-mile loop drive, on Ky 77 and Ky 715, takes motorists through Red River Gorge and near to some of the other

points of interest there - Hen's Nest Rock, Tower Rock, Angel Windows, Indian Staircase, Chimney Top Rock and Nada

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Kentucky's oldest living couple to celebrate 80th wedding anniversary

Menifee County can boast of its peoples' longevity and for Kentucky's oldest living married couple. Lynn Boyd and Lydia Rupe Wells will be celebrating their 80th anniversary, as they were married July 25, 1889.

Lynn said he picked his bride out when he was helping his Uncle Dan at a corn husking. He remembers seeing her walking along a country road on her way to a quilting bee and telling his uncle, "That is the girl I'm going to marry, if she'll have me." He was 17 and she was 14. The courtship lasted for one year. The couple has weathered the years with grace and considerable dignity. It was Lydia, who said on their 75th wedding anniversary, "He's still a doll to me."

Lynn and Lydia were married in the bride's home by Rev. Raney Wells and set up housekeeping in a two-room log house. The house was furnished with one home made bed, a table and two chairs. They cooked in the fireplace. Lydia says she started out with a skillet, a coffee pot, a tea pot, and a kettle with a lid. She says, "Not many people would start out housekeeping with what we had, but we were as happy as we could be." Later, Lynn and his father built a house in Possum Holler. There the couple was blessed with 13 children, six girls and seven boys. They moved about 35 years ago to their home on US 460, when their home in Possum Holler burned, and now live next door to their youngest son, Clayo, in a trailer, since this past November 25 their home burned. The couple lost everything. But their spirits are not dampened.

The couple have raised gardens and Lydia has canned each year. Lydia has already got her garden started for this year. Lynn will help as usual when his health will permit. The couple is looking forward to this years anniversary.

Lynn's recipe for a long and happy marriage is "The woman should obey her husband and the husband should love his wife and care for her as he does himself."

Lydia's recipe is "Treat your husband the way you want to be treated." In all their years of marriage, Lydia has always served her husband a hot meal. Lynn boasts he has the best cook in Menifee County.

Over 500 attended the diamond wedding anniversary of Lynn and Lydia Wells. An old-fashioned dinner on the ground was enjoyed, as food was spread on tables end to end, stretching about 50 feet, while other tables of different lengths were laden with desserts. Many groups of

gospel singers sang and sermons were delivered.

O.K. Curry, acting on behalf of Governor Wendell H. Ford, commissioned both Lynn and Lydia Kentucky Colonels. Letters were received from former President Richard M. Nixon; Senators Marlow W. Cook and Walter "Dee"

Huddleston; Representative Carl D. Perkins; and former Governor Wendell H. Ford.

People came from as far away as Michigan, Indiana, Ohio and parts of Kentucky to the all-day festivities.

Lynn, at 97, and Lydia at 95, say the Lord has been good to them. They now have eight living children out of 13, 44 living grandchildren out of 47, 88 great-grandchildren and 38 great-great-grandchildren.

Both are deeply religious, members of the Church of God and have tried to teach their children to live by the Golden Rule.

Relatives say it is too early to say whether or not a big celebration will be planned for the history making 80th wedding anniversary in July, because it will depend on the health of both Lynn and Lydia.

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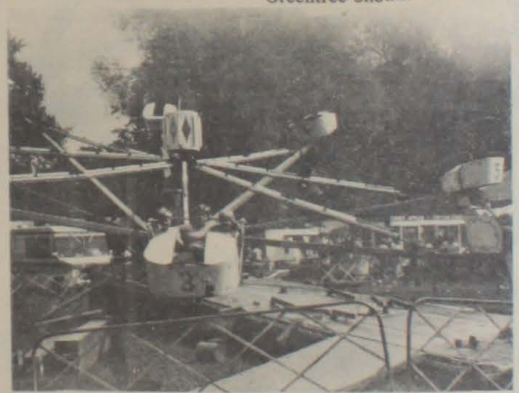
Sept. 9-16

The Frenchburg Lion's Club will sponsor the 1978 Menifee County Fair, beginning September 9 through September 16, on the grounds of the old Frenchburg Boys Center (formerly the Presbyterian Church School), located on US 460 in downtown Frenchburg. A Gospel Sing will be held in

the gym on September 11, with local groups and visiting groups from surrounding counties. The Lion's Fair will feature top entertainment such as Kenny Price, of Hee Haw, and his band; County Inc., Richard Jett and the Red River Boys, and WTVQ-TV's Happy and

Froggy. The festivities will begin with a parade Saturday at 10:30 a.m. and in the evening a new 1978 fair queen will be crowned to reign over the fair. The queen contest will be sponsored by the Menifee County Homemakers and will be held in the gym.

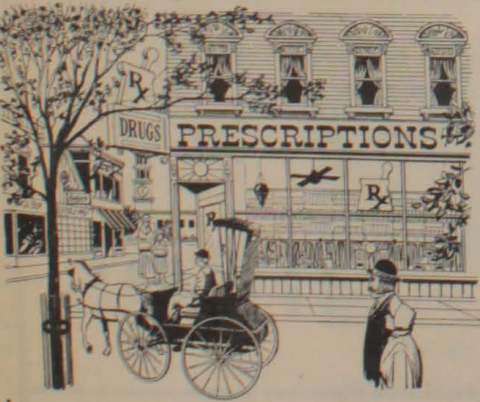
Also on September 9, the Horse Show will get underway, followed on September 10 with a Pony Pull. Advance tickets for the Kenny Price show can be obtained by writing the Frenchburg Lion's Club, Frenchburg, Ky. 40322. Other items of interest will be the exhibits, arts and crafts displays and food booths. Rides and amusements will be provided each evening by Greentree Shows.



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A little traveling about the county reveals much more to interest everyone, from the historians to hikers.

As background for the history buffs, Menifee County was the 113th county, established in 1868 from parts of the five surrounding counties of Bath, Montgomery, Powell, Wolfe and Morgan.

Licking River forms part of its northern boundary, and Red River its southern boundary, Frenchburg, the county seat, was named by the Legislature in honor of Judge Richard French.

Cave Run Lake is close at hand for water sports enthusiasts. And a visit to the beautiful Broke Leg Falls State Park is a must.

The Red River Gorge stretches into Menifee County and the area abounds in

impressive and beautiful rock formations for which the Gorge is noted. Some of these include: Donathan Rock, Carrington Rock, Murder Cave on Beaver Creek, and a natural rock bridge formation on the Willard Welch farm on Byrd Ridge.

There is also a primitive weapons hunting area and primitive and commercial camp sites.

If you time your visit just right, you might get to watch

the sorghum mills or the old fashioned saw mills in operation.

Many Menifee countians have kept alive the skills of their ancestors and their hand made crafts are on display and can be purchased in the area.

Swishing skirts, tapping toes and old time fiddling is top billing for evening entertainment at the Cave Run Country Music Barn.

Come to Menifee County. You're sure to find something to suit your fancy.



Homes like the two above can be found along the Menifee side of Cave Run Lake. These homes are bordered by the lake and the Daniel Boone National Forest. Roads leading into this area are dead end.

Man goes over falls and lives

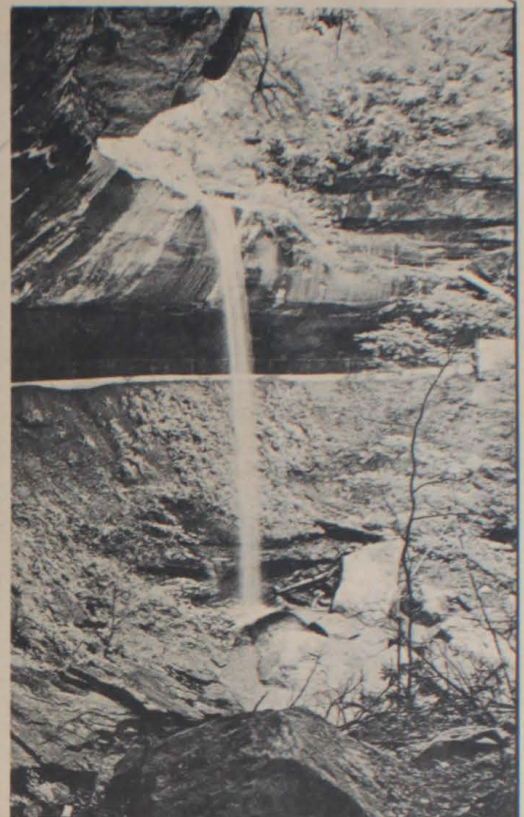
Broke Leg Falls, located on US 460, ten miles east of Frenchburg, was given to the state by Mr. Vernon Wells as a gift during A.B. Chandler's last administration.

The falls area remains an oasis of beauty, where the sound of a small stone echoing along the canyon walls emphasizes the stillness.

A bridge crosses a solid rock bed of Broke Leg Creek, skirting a precipice where water, after a rain, plunges 98 feet into a bouldered ravine.

Legend has it that a man was logging in the area of the falls and one of his oxen fell in the creek waters and broke its leg, hence, the name Broke Leg Creek. The waters from the creek flow over the precipice, creating a falls, thereby, Broke Leg Falls.

Mr. Wade Cannoy, of Frenchburg, tells of his small son falling over the falls approximately 28 feet onto the sandy bank and rolling into the bouldered ravine. His son was injured but lives to tell about the incident.



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Sterling.

And for more years than anyone can say for certain, the third Monday in October has been a traders', buyers' and sellers' paradise.

The trading wares have changed a little over the years (there are now more dogs than horses), but the enthusiasm hasn't waned. Housewives have joined their men to browse through the antiques and bric-a-brac which are displayed on tables along several of the city's streets. The event has become so famous and drawing such crowds that many traders come on Saturday and camp out in order to reserve a good spot for their wares.

But, whether you come to Mt. Sterling's Court Day sale to sell, buy, or just look, there's lots to see and it's an interesting and entertaining way to spend a day. Oh, one thing to remember, wear some good walking shoes!



This log building was donated to Bethany and has been restored to its original state.

(Booth Photo)



Court Day draws visitors from everywhere, where.

- nobody seems to know just how many people attend the annual event - but they come from all over Kentucky and from many other states.

In pioneer days, when court was in session, horse traders could be assured of a possible

In the days before good roads and truck transportation, large flocks of turkeys, geese and livestock of all kinds were driven over the muddy country roads into Mt. Sterling. Farmers also brought hides that they had trapped and wild

pumpkins, cushaws, sweet potatoes, and other garden vegetables.

Thus, October Court Day, with the farm traders joining the usual crowd of horse traders, became the biggest trading day of the year in Mt.

Bethany Children's Home: a unique place

This log building, in use as a rabbit hutch before it was donated as a home for the first Bethany Orphanage, has been moved to a better location on Bethany grounds and restored to its original appearance. It is an object of much interest. Now known as Bethany

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Highlight of Easter Kentucky**Morgan County Sorghum Festival scheduled for September**

The date for the annual Morgan County Sorghum Festival has been set for September 22, 23 and 24. The Festival is located in downtown West Liberty and is the highlight of Eastern Kentucky.

A mule-powered cane mill will be set up and a tour guide will explain the different phases and stalks of cane it takes to become sorghum. For those who would like to taste, short stalks of cane will be waiting for you to dip into thick, warm sorghum.

The Festival draws hundreds of people from the Commonwealth and surrounding states each year. Some of the highlights of the festivities will be the annual Sorghum Bowl, played at the high school football field and the crowning of the Sorghum Festival Queen. The parade has become big and, some say, better than the Peguas

Parade, with floats from all organizations and businesses, bands from surrounding counties, the shriners and many others entries. And of course, the grand marshal of the parade is usually a big name celebrity.

Morgan County Sorghum Festival is the place to be to see many of the Appalachian arts and crafts. These crafts have been handed down from generation to generation and is referred to as their heritage of the mountains.

Visitors can witness the craftsmen making wooden chairs, toys, weaving, brooms, spinning, and cornshuck dolls, and can purchase items from such booths as home-made quilts, soap, dough baskets and many more. The purchasers can be sure it will not read "Made In . . ." All items are home-made and the maker is usually the seller.

An old-time, country days atmosphere prevails at the festival and visitors will have the opportunity to enjoy soup beans cooked in an open kettle like the settlers used to do it, served with cornbread and onions.

Other food booths will have country ham and biscuits, old fashion stack cake, old fashion fried apple pies, home-made breads, cookies and foods based on the use of Morgan-made sorghum.

There will be square dancing and live entertainment which will be free to the public.

The shops and stores in West Liberty will sport windows decorated in the old fashion way and should prove interesting to visitors.

The Morgan County Sorghum Festival committee consists of

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Friendly folks in pioneer costumes and 'the bean pot' along with mountain crafts, a sorghum mill, make this a unique country festival.

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Daniel Boone one of the world's greatest heroes

Over two hundred years ago, in the summer of 1769, when Daniel Boone scaled Pilot Knob and looked down upon the incredibly beautiful land which is now the Land of Natural Bridges and Trails, he saw a majestic panorama of pellucid streams brimming with fish and flowing through dark canyons shaded by primeval forests that stretched into the seemingly endless beyond. Overhead broken

clouds raced their shadows across the undulating landscape, bathing some of the peaks in the brightest sunshine while cloaking others in the deepest gloom. As he told it in his ghost-written autobiography, looking around, with astonished delight, we beheld ample plains - and mountains that lifted their venerable brows into the clouds in silent dignity and inconceivable grandeur.

In the canebrakes along the streams, buffalo, deer and elk grazed by the thousands, trampling out trails which Boone followed; which the Indians used as warpaths; and which in the years to come, provided routes for county roads and state highways. Seeing all this as he stood leaning on the barrel of trusty 'old Tick-Licker', Boone knew at last he had found the fables country of Kentucke, land of his dreams where there was plenty of elbow room and the adventure which he craved and which was a much a part of his psyche, his soul as his blood was of his flesh - a not to be denied spirit, full flung and overpowering, eternally urging him into unknown regions of danger.

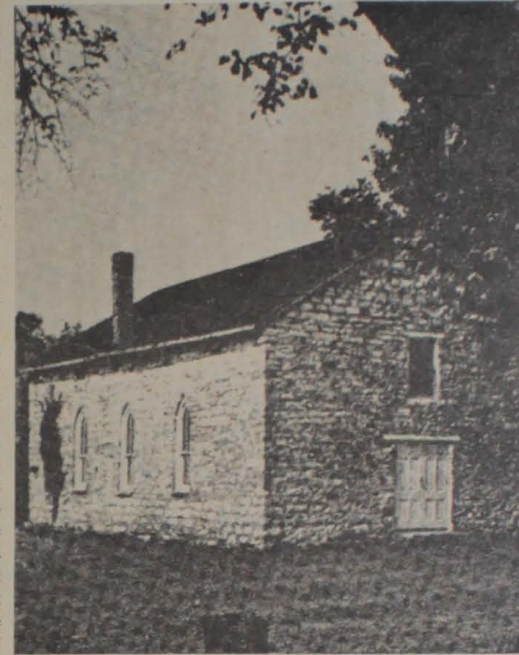
Boone was by no means the first white man to check this

Land of Natural Bridges and Trails which is now, in the interest of tourism, a collation of several mountain counties in Eastern Kentucky. The fact is, it had been visited by French fur traders and trappers, and others including Dr. Thomas Walker long before 1769 when he resigned his domestic happiness for a time on the Yadkin River in North Carolina to wander through the wilderness of America in guest of Kentucky. Also history records that as early as 1752, John Finley, a wilderness scout, had come down the Ohio River explored a lot of Kentucky, and established a trading post near what is now the Estill, Clark and Powell county line.

History continues that it was Finley who encouraged Boone to make this trip in the first place - a trip which lasted two years and during which it is believed he finally lost his life. But not being the first 'Kentucke' explorer does not detract from the glamor of the colorful Boone, who, contrary to current television depiction, preferred and habitually wore a broad-brimmed felt hat rather than a coonskin which, as he said 'harbored vermin.' Boone acquired glamor enough to spare in the fact he was the man who broke the trail and led the way for more than 100,000 settlers who followed and how by his courage, fortitude, and endurance, inspired the settlement of this great 'Land of Tomorrow; this Dark and Bloody Ground this Kentucky.

It has been said of Boone that he was one part Davy Crockett, and one part Paul Bunyon and one part truth.

But be that as it may, he became, and still remains, not only America's greatest folk but also one of the world's greatest heroes. Therefore, as long as time remains, he will be remembered for his exploits and for his intrepidity.



Church built in 1700's

The Old Stone Church, a famous landmark in the Boonesboro section of Clark County, is the oldest active church west of the Allegheny Mountains, and was the place of worship for Daniel Boone and his family. Built in the late 1700's, this sturdy old limestone church is located six miles south of Winchester off U.S. 227.

Church still active where Boone family worshiped

Winchester, the county seat of Clark County, is often called

the Gateway to Eastern Kentucky. Located some 18 miles east of Lexington, Clark County is rich in heritage and history.

One of the most noted is the old stone church, the oldest constituted Baptist Church in Kentucky and the oldest church located west of the Allegheny Mountains. The church, erected near the waters of Lower Howard's Creek, was built in 1792, the same year Kentucky became a state.

The walls are 40 by 60 feet and are made of limestone quarried from a cliff a quarter of a mile from the church.

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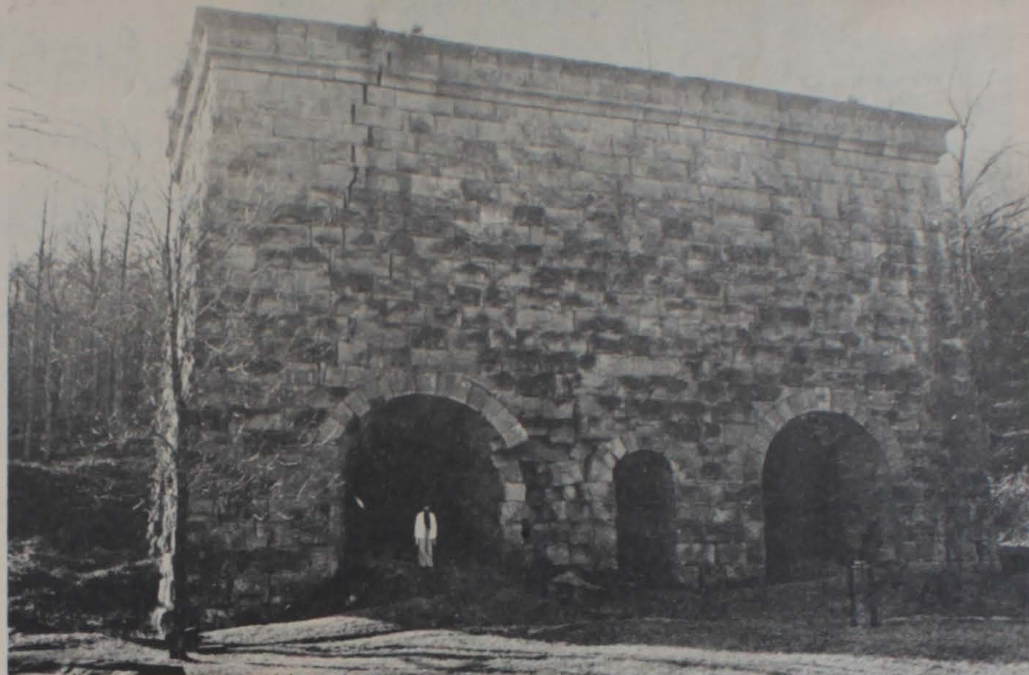
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Kentucky's reigning mineral was iron in the 19th century

At a time when coal is king in Kentucky, it's hard to believe

that iron was once the state's reigning mineral. About 150 years ago, the iron produced in Kentucky ranked the state as third in the nation in iron production. And to prove it, there are more than 70 historic iron furnace sites scattered across the state.

According to Gloria Mills, a historian with the Kentucky Heritage Commission, those furnaces have been identified in 23 counties. Many can be found in Lyon and Trigg

counties in the Land-Between-the-Lakes. They are also located in Boyd and Carter counties, and Greenup County alone has 15 furnaces and furnace sites.

"Of the total number of furnaces and furnace sites found in the state, four are listed on the National Register of Historic Places in Washington, D.C. They include the Bourbon Iron Works State Furnace, Center Furnace,

Cottage Iron Furnace, and Red River Iron Furnace. The towns in which they were located thrived as long as the furnaces survived. And, by providing employment for the residents, the furnaces formed the basis for the local economy," said Mills.

The furnace that is known today as the Bourbon Iron Works was the first one west of the Allegheny Mountains. Built in 1791, it is located near Owingsville in Bath County.

"Center Furnace, which is located on the Land-Between-the-Lakes, was built in the 1840's and was used off and on for about 65 years. It was the last charcoal fueled burner in Kentucky," according to Mills.

Built around 1854, the Cottage Furnace located near Irvine in Estill County operated until 1879. The furnace was made of rough hewn sandstone rock.

The Red River Iron Furnace near Fitchburg in Estill County was built in 1868. Considered the largest in the world, it was a double-stacked structure that stood 60 feet high.

"Kentucky had several resources necessary to the 19th century technology for iron smelting process. Those were shallow ore deposits, large forests and navigable streams. They made possible the 19th century iron boom in Kentucky," Mills said.



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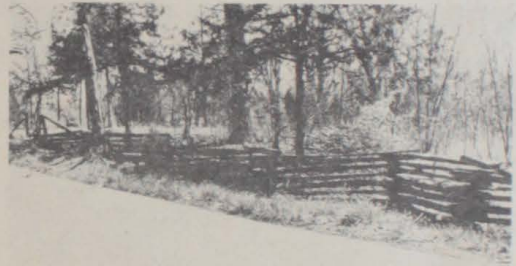
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