

FROM OUR FILES

100 YEARS AGO – 1914

Brigadier-General Hugh L. Scott has been named to be Chief of Staff of the Army beginning Nov. 16. He is a close friend of President Woodrow Wilson and was born in Danville in 1853 and graduated from West Point in 1876. He spend a lot of time among the Indians and learned the language of nearly every tribe. And as governor of the Sulu Archipelago from 1903 to 1906 he abolished slavery and the slave trade.

Virgil Shears brought to the newspaper office a maple leaf he said he plucked from a tree on South Third Street. On the leaf was the word "Thousand" the lettering being absolutely perfect. Mr Shears showed the leaf to a number of people and all were deeply mystified at the strange thing.

All County and Poll Taxes are now past due and should be paid promptly. Every voter or every man of voting age must pay poll taxes.

A popular society woman announced she was having a "white elephant" party. Every guest was to bring something that she could not find any use for, yet was too good to throw away. The party would have been a great success but for the unlooked for development which broke it up. Eleven of the 19 women brought their husbands.

The Winslow Jewelry & Optical Co. in Danville is advertising a new line of silver plate ware which looks like Sterling silver. It is Rogers 1847 which has been tested and guaranteed by the manufacturer for 65 years. See the store's window display of knives, forks, spoons and fancy pieces, then go inside and be astonished with the low prices.

75 YEARS AGO – 1939

The Observance of Armistic Day this year should be one of solumn meditation and prayer for peace that may come before we are involved in war. Millions of mothers throughout our land will offer prayers on this day that their sons may be spared the sacrifices made by their father or older brothers.

Thanksgiving Proclamation — I Henry L. Nichols, Mayor of Danville, hereby designate Thursday, the thirteenth of November 1939 as a day of city-wide Thanksgiving...In grateful acknowledgement of the manifold blessings we enjoy and with a solemn purpose to insure ourselves and our posterity a future more abundant in faith and security, let us together as a people give heartfelt expression of our Thanksgiving to Almighty God.

There have been rumblings about the Goodall company wanting to put in another unit in Danville. If this were done, then that model factory will have a twin and in it will work another 550 girls, so in that event there would then be 1,100 females to say nothing of a half hundred men. As a friendly gesture, a move was suggested at the Chamber of Commerce meeting that the chamber give \$3,000 toward buying the necessary land that would be needed.

An advertisement is proclaiming Van Camp's Pork and Beans as the "feast for the least." It is delicious, quick, easy and economical. It is a "meal in a minute"; millions of people like Van Camp's Pork and Beans hot or cold; it sticks to the ribs; is nourishing; rich in Vitamin B; wins you praises from family and friends; savory secret sauce; saves you hours of cooking; saves you money; order today from your grocer.

50 YEARS AGO – 1964

Danville and Boyle County will observe Veterans' Day along with the rest of the nation, when tribute is paid to the veterans of all the wars. No official observations have been arranged, though Boyle Post 46 of the American Legion held a family dinner last Sunday night in observance of the day. It has been announced that the banks in the county will be closed, along with the courthouse, the post office and the health department. Parking meters will also not be in operation during the day.

Plans for annexation involving three major outlying sections of Danville drew showers of sparks at the city Council Meeting. Residents of Shakertown Road and Streamland subdivision, not waiting for time to register formal protest, jammed the city hall council chamber to voice their objections evens before the City Council could adopt ordinances to officially announce intentions to annex the areas.

25 YEARS AGO – 1989

The Danville City Commission voted to establish ethical guidelines for the mayor and commissioners to follow. Commissioner Bunny Davis, who pushed for the guidelines, wanted them to apply to everyone campaigning for city office and called for the Fiscal Court to adopt similar guidelines. He also called for the city to have an ethics committee that would review allegations against the commissioners or the mayor and make a ruling.

Construction of a new lake to eliminate water shortages such as Stanford experienced last year should be finished by Dec. 8. The 40-acre reservoir off Jumbo School Road was due to be ready Oct. 8, but ironically, periodic rainfall has delayed completion of the project by two months.

Lincoln County dedicated a new monument honoring its war dead on Saturday. The black and gray granite marker bears the names of the 110 local servicemen who died during World War I, World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War. For relatives, seeing the names of the loved ones carved in stone conjured up feelings of both sadness and joy. "It brings back a lot of memories," said Georgia McGuffey of Stanford, who came with her two sisters to see the name of their brother, Ralph K. Caudill, who was only 18 when he died in Korea. His body was never returned home for burial.



The gravestone of James M. Cohen is broken. The stone is in the Shelby City African American Cemetery.

Photo contributed

Unearthing history

Work at Shelby City cemetery reveals names of Civil War soldiers

(Editor's note: This is the first of a two-part series about the clean-up project at the Shelby City African American Cemetery in Junction City where many black veterans are laid to rest. The second part will appear next week. Sources for the research on the veterans by Mike Denis, president of the Boyle County Genealogical Association, and volunteer for the cemetery clean-up project, includes census, marriage and death records; Veterans Census; and the Find A Grave Website.)

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Gravestones uncovered in the past year at the Shelby City African American Cemetery show names of 10 veterans including 8 who served in the Civil War, and one each in World War I and World War II.

The research also showed one lost his life in battle, one was badly wounded and one received a medal for bravery

James M. Cohen, one of three brothers, made the supreme sacrifice for his county during World War II; Henry H. Crawford was wounded during the Civil War; and Wallace A. Gaines was one of the Harlem Hellfighters unit recognized by the French government during World War I.

Cohen, an Army Tech 4 Engineer, lost his life on April 12, 1945, in a mine explosion in Northern Italy during World War II. His brothers, William Howard and Cecil Cohen, survived the war. Later, Cecil was a member of the Danville City Commission and was head pressman and Howard worked in the mail room at The Advocate-Messenger.

Born Nov. 18, 1918, in Lincoln County, James Cohen was the son of Sam Joe and Carrie A. Gilbert Cohen; grandson of Samuel and Julia Warren Cohen, and great-grandson of Josh and

Amanda Adams Cohen.

Death records show that at the time of his death, he was survivors include his wife, Mary Eva Ray of Danville; and his brothers, William Howard Cohen of Shelby City and Cecil Cohen of Danville.

Henry H. Crawford was disabled from a shell wound to his head during his service. He was a sergeant in Co. A, 100 Kentucky Infantry during the Civil War. He enlisted May 17, 1864, and was discharged Dec. 26, 1865, after serving one year, seven months and nine days. The U.S. Colored Troops Muster shows Crawford was from Marion County, and enlisted at Camp Nelson.

Crawford was born in 1837 in Marion County, and died Aug. 4, 1915, in Danville where he lived on West Lexington Street. e was owned by John Crawford prior to his enlistment.

Henry's wife Judy Ann Gordon Crawford, was born Sept. 15, 1850, in Marion County, and died Nov. 7, 1925, in Danville. She is buried near her husband.

Wallace Allen Gaines served in the Army during World War I and was among other black soldiers recognized during a welcome-home parade. Research shows Gaines was a member of the 369th Infantry, called "The Harlem Hellfighters," which was commanded by the French. "The soldiers fought so fiercely, the French government awarded them the Croix de Guerre medal cross, and the soldiers were given a ticker tape parade in New York City on their return home.

At registration for service June 5, 1917, Gaines was employed at Platt Iron Works in Dayton, Ohio. He was born in 1894, and died Aug. 3, 1945, in the Dayton Veterans Administration Hospital.

Not long after Gaines returned home, he and Bertha Single-

For Your Information

The work project at the 2 1/2-acre Shelby City African American Cemetery at Junction City is almost complete.

The cleanup began in the spring of 2013 as a service project for the Eastern Kentucky University Genealogy Club and most of the cemetery has been cleared of brush, trees and trash, according to Cindy Peck, director at EKV's Danville campus, who is helping with the project. She and the club, along with volunteers of the Boyle County African American Genealogical Association and the Boyle County Genealogical Association, have been working on the project on Saturdays for the past year.

Mike Denis, president of the Boyle County Genealogical Association, has added grave information on the Find-A-Grave site and also is working on a spread-sheet for burials at Junction City along with Danville and Boyle County. He has written a brief biological sketch of those who are buried and photos of the gravestones. Barry Sanborn, Charles Grey and other volunteers have helped with the project.

ton of Mount Salem in Lincoln County, were married April 15, 1918, in Boyle County. She was born in 1897 and was a daughter of Clay and Lottie Singleton.

By 1920, Gaines was a widower and living with his parents. He was married again between 1920-1940 to Edna Davis. She died by 1940 and Gaines was a widower and lived with his widowed mother, Elizabeth Gaines.

Kentucky Historical Society announces Kentucky History Award winners

FRANKFORT — The Kentucky Historical Society presented the 2014 Kentucky History Awards to people, communities and organizations across the commonwealth who have shown a consistent effort to promote the preservation and appreciation of state and local history.

The recognition took place Friday at the annual Kentucky History Awards dinner.

Service/Special Awards

■ Gary L. Johnston, Edgewood, Award of Distinction

■ Joseph E. Brent, Versailles, Brig. Gen. William R. Buster Award

■ James H. Miller, Harrodsburg, Lifetime Dedication to Kentucky History Award

■ Fredonia Valley Heritage Society, Thomas D. Clark Award of Excellence

Education Awards

■ Logan County Genealogical Society, "Logan Links"

■ Todd Hatton and Chad Lampe, WKMS News, Murray State, "Kentucky Dam: Power for the People"

■ Kentucky National Guard, "Remember the Raisin - Kentucky in the War of 1812"

■ Manuscripts and Folklife Archives, Western Kentucky University, "JFK Memory Project"

■ Liberty Hall Historic Site, Frankfort, "Kentucky Made: Decorative Arts from Liberty Hall"

■ Behringer-Crawford Museum, Covington, "Vietnam: Our Story"

■ The Kentucky Room at the Lexington Public Library, "Madeline Pollard eBook"

■ The Aviation Museum of Kentucky, Lexington, Museum annual programming

Publication Awards

■ Anthony W. Frohlich, Boone County, "A Kentucky Court: History of Boone County Courts"

■ Fredonia Valley Heritage Society, "In Pursuit of Art: The Talent of John F. Rice"

■ Genevieve Baird Lacer, Shelby County, and Libby Turner Howard, Henry County, "Collecting Kentucky, 1790-1860"

■ T.R.C. Hutton, University of Tennessee, "Bloody Breathitt: Politics and Violence in the Appalachian South"

■ Heart of Danville Main Street Program, "You Don't Ever Want to Forget Second Street"

■ Kenton County Historical Society, Kenton County Historical Society website

■ The Kentucky Room at the Lexington Public Library, Central Kentucky Cemeteries Maps

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Kentucky Historical Society also will recognize Jacob Lee of Indiana University as recipient of the Richard L. Collins Award. Lee wrote "Unionism, Emancipation, and the Origins of Kentucky's Confederate Identity," published in Vol. 111, No. 2, spring of 2013.

The award goes annually to the author of an article published in the Register that has been judged to have made the most outstanding contribution to Kentucky history.

The Kentucky Historical Society, an agency of the Kentucky Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet, was established in 1836 and is committed to helping people understand, cherish and share Kentucky's history.

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