

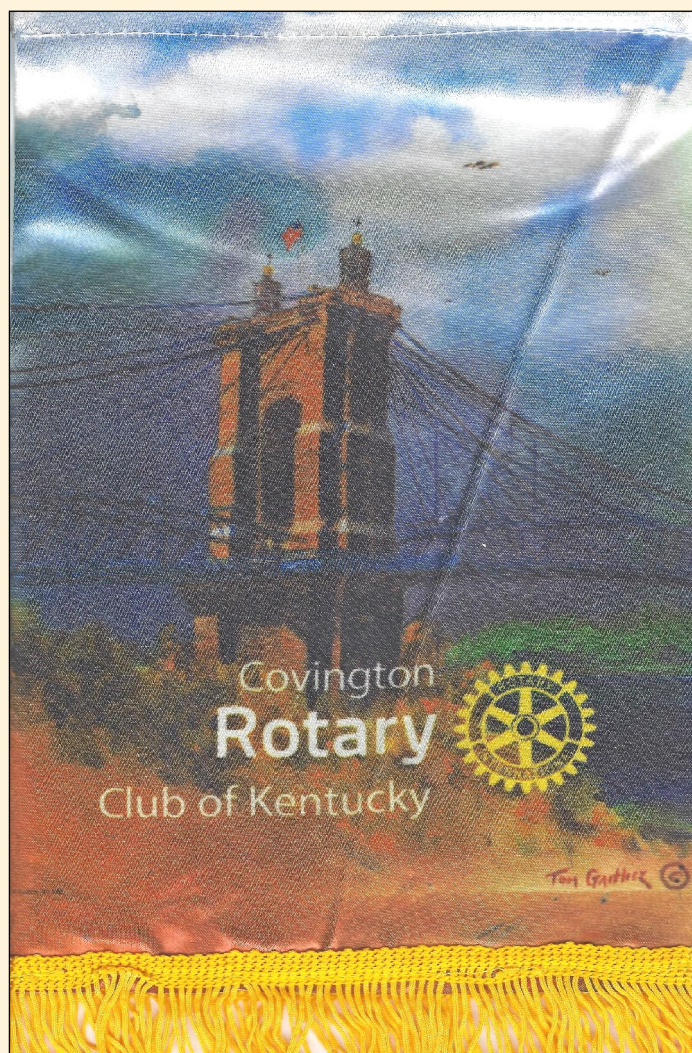


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One Hundred Years of Service: A Brief History of
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One Hundred years of Service: A Brief History of the Rotary Club of Covington, Kentucky

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This is the story of the Rotary Club of Covington, Kentucky, District 6740, Club Number 3761, and its 2020 celebration of 100 years of "Service Above Self" to Northern Kentucky and the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

The Formation of Rotary International

As with all Rotary Clubs, this story begins on February 23, 1905, when Rotary Founder, Paul P. Harris, a Chicago attorney, started the Rotary movement. On that day he met with four acquaintances, with the idea of forming a group of professional and business men who would meet regularly to discuss matters of civic importance and encourage friendly relations in business. The notion of circulating their meetings from place to place prompted the name "Rotary."

First known as the National Association of Rotary Clubs, in 1922, it became known as Rotary International. To say Rotary International has grown would be an understatement. Today, the Covington Rotary is part of an organization having 1.2 million members, and over 35,000 clubs around the world.

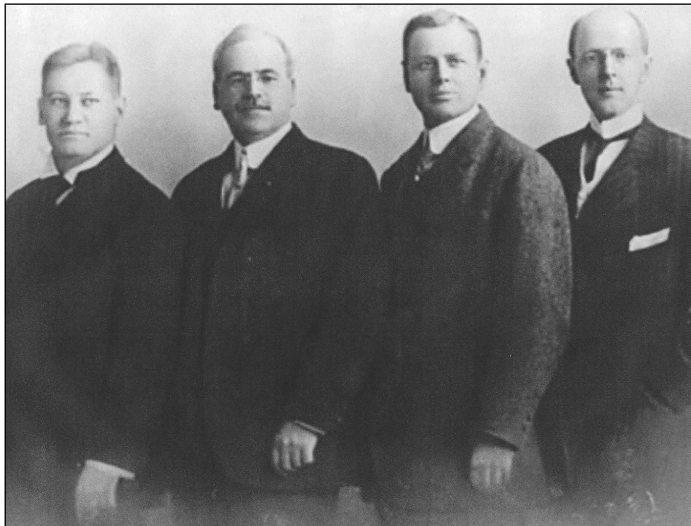
As early as 1911, Rotary began adopting versions of the mottos that are currently stated as: "One Profits Most Who Serves Best," and "Service Above Self."

In 1932, the Object of Rotary was established:

The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

1. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
2. High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying by each Rotarian of his occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

Courtesy of Rotary International



*The first four Rotarians:
from left: Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele,
Hiram E. Shorey, and Paul P. Harris*

3. The application of the ideal of service by every Rotarian to his personal, business and community life;
4. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional men united in the ideal of service.

Also in 1932, Rotary adopted a corollary principle, the "Four-Way Test of the Things We Think, Say or Do:"

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Other guiding principles are found in the 5 Avenues of Rotary Service, which club members are expected to follow:

1. Club Service, by actively participating in all club projects and serving in leadership

- roles;
- 2. Vocational Service, by working at one's chosen career with integrity;
- 3. Community Service, by finding ways to improve the quality of life of people in one's community and to serve the public interest;
- 4. International Service, by promoting peace and understanding in the world, by sponsoring and participating in international projects; and
- 5. New Generations Service, by empowering young men and women through such Great programs as Rotaract and Youth Exchange.

Applying those principles, members devote 16 million volunteer hours each year to Rotary's causes and those supported by Rotary.

The Formation of the Rotary Club of Covington, Kentucky

Covington business men attended meetings of the Cincinnati Rotary Club and wanted to establish their own club, yet were met with some opposition. Cincinnati Rotarian and club President Robert K. Chapman worked to overcome that resistance and has been considered the "father" of the Rotary Club of Covington, Kentucky.¹ Chapman had to struggle to get the Covington club established. On October 12, 1920, he wrote to the Association about his efforts to get the Covington and Newport clubs established:

Five or six years ago there was an attempt made to organize clubs in Newport and Covington and the Cincinnati Rotary Club and its officers at the time did not take to the proposition, thinking the two cities were in the metropolitan district of Cincinnati.

This created some little feeling in both cities, and both organized Industrial Clubs patterned after Rotary with classifications open to all. Have no fear but that in the end Rotary will triumph in both cities, although it may take longer than the average time necessary to establish a club....



Courtesy of Covington Rotary

J. Robert Kelley, first President of Covington Rotary

Rotary International records show that Chapman "instituted" the club on October 28, 1920, at a meeting held at the Ft. Mitchell Country Club. Membership swelled to 25, and permanent officers and Directors were elected.² The initial officers were: J. Robert Kelley, President; Alexander M. Bower, Vice President; Alfred P. Lewis, Secretary; Frank R. Evans, Treasurer; and J. Robert Jameson, Sergeant at Arms. The initial Directors were William S. Gould, William E. Scheibla, George L. Hill, Clarence Cobb and T. Clifford Reed. Rotary International records establish December 1, 1920 as the club's official date of creation. However, it was not until December 21st that District Governor William Bailey delivered charters to both the Newport and Covington clubs at a joint meeting in Covington at the First Presbyterian Church, located on the north side of Fourth Street, between Madison and Russell Avenues.³

Rotary Rules required that members be admitted on the basis of one man per profession or business, so all the members were male, despite the fact that only three months earlier, the 19th Amendment

to the United States Constitution had been ratified, granting women the right to vote. Thus, until the rules were changed in 1989, compelled by a US Supreme Court decision, no women need apply. Since that time many women have joined, all to the benefit of our club and Rotary at large. The first woman admitted to the Covington club, Julie Boudousquie, became the first female President of the club and the first female District Governor of Rotary Dist. 6740.

The 25 Charter members varied in their classifications; they were in sales, banking, newspaper publishing, and other businesses and professions, illustrating the wide range of commerce in Covington at the time. Just a few of the men and their companies were: J. Robert Kelley, a partner in the Kelley-Koett Manufacturing Company, manufacturing x-ray equipment; Alexander M. Bauer, agent of the Cincinnati, Newport and Covington Street Railway Company (the "Green Line"); Earl W. Carran was President of the R. B. Carran & Sons Company, manufacturers of brass castings; William H. Hoppenjans was Secretary of The Star Foundry Company; Frank L. Michaels was President of the Michaels Art Bronze Company; and C.W. Simrall was a Trust Officer at the Covington Savings Bank & Trust Company.

Covington Rotary's Actions to Improve the Lives of Disadvantaged Children

The foregoing is the "how and what" of our story, but Rotary calls on us to do far more than just exist. Almost immediately, the Covington Rotary Club adopted the promotion of child welfare as one of its principal causes. The club was barely in existence when, in December of 1920, the club solicited members of the public to serve as "big brothers" to needy children, and provide them food, clothing and Christmas presents through the club.⁴ By January of 1921, the club had already embarked on a plan to "select a child made helpless by disease," but for whom a cure seemed possible, and attempt that cure, following which another child would be selected. In early 1922, the club, along with other groups and individual supporters, contributed to the creation of a free health clinic for Covington school children. It was to be called the "penny clinic," because expenses were to be defrayed by the voluntary contribution of pennies by students.⁵

A convention of all Rotary clubs in Kentucky met in Covington, on January 16, 1923 for the purpose of forming a "Crippled Children's Society," to aid crippled children throughout the Commonwealth. It was announced that Founder Paul Harris would attend the meeting, and he in fact did so.⁶

The idea was approved, and the club quickly moved into action. On February 13, 1923, the Covington Rotary Club elected to join the Kentucky State Crippled Children's Society.⁷ The Kentucky Society for Crippled Children was not officially incorporated until September 27, 1923, but club members John Hanauer and Dr. John E. Sullivan were among the incorporators, Sullivan (shown here) later serving as President.



As proof that the Covington Rotary Club was not merely talking about aiding crippled children, three Covington children, two boys and one girl, apparently crippled for life, were placed in the Cincinnati Children's Hospital, the treatments to be paid by the club.⁸ While with hindsight we can see that the members of the Covington Rotary Club held many of the same prejudices as the general population at the time, credit is still due for color blindness when it came to the matter of aid to crippled children. In January of 1924, a letter of thanks was sent to the club by the First Colored Baptist Church. A news article recites: "Edith Hardin, negro, who was believed hopelessly crippled, has been cured thru [sic] the medical attention secured for her by the Covington Rotary Club."⁹

An editorial in the *Kentucky Post* in April of 1931 remarked:

*The Rotary clubs do not interest themselves in crippled children for praise or for public recognition, but often too little appreciation is shown Rotary clubs and other organizations which minister to the unfortunate.*¹⁰

The clinics continued for several years. In April of 1938, a newspaper editorial stated: "To Covington Rotary goes the credit for the Kentucky Society for Crippled Children being established."¹¹

It was not until June of 1944 that a clinic for crippled children was opened at a local hospital. Until then, Northern Kentucky children had to be taken to hospitals in Lexington or Louisville for treatment. No state or federal funds could be used for treatment of crippled persons over 18 years of age, or to treat other than bone cases, so the local chapters of the Kentucky Society for Crippled Children undertook to provide care for such persons. The club, at its meeting on September 12, 1944, initiated "a drive for funds for supplies and equipment for the Crippled Children's Ward and clinic at St. Elizabeth Hospital."¹² In April of 1946, a new Orthopedic center was opened at St. Elizabeth Hospital, meaning that no children would have to be transported to Lexington or Louisville for treatment. The Kentucky Post said:

*The unit is the realization of an idea conceived a quarter of a century ago by the Covington Rotary Club...*¹³

The Cincinnati Enquirer said:

*An idea conceived 25 years ago by the Covington Rotary Club has been realized in full by Northern Kentucky Rotarians in the new children's orthopedic unit at St. Elizabeth Hospital, Covington.*¹⁴

In 1949, a new school for children with heart and orthopedic diseases and cerebral palsy was completed, located at Robbins and Russell streets. However, when September arrived, there were no funds available for transportation of the children. Consequently, the local chapter of the Crippled Children's Society and the Covington Rotary Club decided to obtain funds by holding a contest in April to name the new school. An imposing list of prizes to be awarded the winner was listed. To enter the contest one had to pay a dollar and submit a statement why the proposed name should be selected.¹⁵ Mrs. S. E. [Anna] Decoursey of Park Hills submitted the winning entry, "The Kenton - Boone Opportunity School."¹⁶

By 1953, the Kenton - Boone Opportunity School was located on Levassor Avenue. On September 20, 1955, the local chapter of the Crippled Children's Society and the Covington Rotary Club met to discuss construction of a new treatment center adja-

cent to the existing building. It was estimated that the new building would cost \$45,000.¹⁷ While the Covington Rotary Club had been the prime mover of treatment of crippled children in Kentucky, the cause needed organized and governmental support, so the club put itself out of the business of clinics, so to speak. However, it never abandoned its participation in the care of children.¹⁸ In late January 1962, the club instigated a fundraiser to raise \$16,000 for the Opportunity School, to be promoted by the Rotary clubs of Kenton and Boone counties.¹⁹

The club did not restrict itself to medical treatment of crippled children. Recognizing that crippled children were so often lacking in recreational activities, in December of 1923, Christmas parties for crippled children of Covington were planned by the club. The club sponsored the first camp in Kentucky for crippled children, held at the Florence Fairgrounds, in the first two weeks of August, 1927.²⁰ Twenty-seven crippled children were entertained.²¹ A news article stated:

*The idea that crippled children cannot take part in many of the sports and games of their more fortunate comrades is all wrong, the Rotarians believe, and the purpose of the camp is to give them a week of life in the open with every form of amusement possible for them to enjoy.*²²

The camps continued for several years, but gradually, government and societies began to respond to the need. In August 1961, the club completed its commitment to its pledge of \$1,026 in support of Camp Kysoc at General Butler State Park in Carrollton. The camp served all crippled children in Kentucky.²³ Crippled children have not been the sole focus of the club on child welfare. On November 18, 1997, members of the club were the first Rotarians to conduct eye screening in a program established by Dr. Ira Abrahamson, a noted Cincinnati ophthalmologist, with his goal to "wipe out preventable blindness in children." Vision and hearing screening by club members continues to this day, through a partnership with Northern Kentucky's Head Start Program.

The club has also participated in the Rotary International program of "Polio Plus," with the goal of eliminating polio throughout the world. While

important partners, such as the World Health Organization and the Gates Foundation, have joined in the effort, the program was started by Rotary International, and the Covington Rotary club is proud to be a financial contributor to the program.

The Covington Rotary Club has Contributed to the Community in Many Other Ways

In the spring of 1924, a movement began to develop a stadium at Holmes High School, and the Covington Rotary Club voted to join in the campaign for necessary funds. \$50,000 was to be raised to create a concrete stadium.²⁴ In May of 1929, the Club joined the fundraising efforts to build a women's addition to the YMCA building in Downtown Covington.

In June 1935, the Covington club supported the Campbell – Kenton Medical Society's resolution urging establishment of a tuberculosis sanatorium in Northern Kentucky, and in 1936 the Covington club continued its interest in establishing one in Kenton County, by forming a committee to investigate the possibility.²⁵ In 1938, the Covington Rotary Club demonstrated its continuing support by contributing \$500 toward construction.²⁶

On October 26, 1955, the club adopted a resolution urging voters to approve a \$950,000 bond issue for the construction of a new Ninth District school in Covington.²⁷ In late 1990, the club purchased a two-story home in downtown Covington. Divided into two apartments, it was to provide free housing and utilities to single mothers and their children. Unfortunately, unwillingness on the part of tenants to comply with rules of occupancy caused the club to terminate the program and sell the building after approximately a year of service. A dinner and auction at the Radisson on October 14, 2005, styled "Covington Rotary Builds Better Lives," helped buy a new Flow Cytometer machine for the rheumatology research department of Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center.²⁸ In 2018, the club selected The Point/Arc as our signature charity. The Point/Arc provides opportunities to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) to reach their highest potential educationally, residentially, socially and vocationally.

Rotary Grove

A history of the Covington Rotary Club would be deficient if it failed to tell the story of Rotary Grove, located in Devou Park, where annually, on the Tuesday closest to Memorial Day,²⁹ the club holds a solemn memorial for departed members.

The celebration of Washington's Bicentennial birthday in 1932 was a huge event in Covington. A parade of soldiers from the Fort Thomas Army Post took place under the auspices of the Covington Rotary Club.³⁰ As part of the national celebration, Covington allowed the club to dedicate a portion of Devou Park as "Rotary Grove" on June 7, 1932. An editorial of that date in the Kentucky Post stated:

*Rotary Grove, which is the special interest of the Rotary Club, will contain a tree dedicated to the memory of George Washington in observance of the Washington Bicentennial. Rotary Grove also will contain trees commemorating the lives of departed members of the club, as living monuments to them.*³¹

In 1969, the Cenotaph bearing the names of deceased members was built by "Seabees" from the then local U.S. Naval Reserve unit, at the instigation of Lt. Cdr. James Roberts, who was an active member of the club. Inclusion on the Cenotaph is not automatic. One must have been a member of Covington Rotary for at least 10 years, or meet other criteria. Part of the memorial service involves reading the names of those listed on the Cenotaph in groups of five, and chimes are struck following the reading of each group. Taps is then played, following which the meeting is dismissed.

In 2014, the Grove reached its present configuration when it was renovated by the club in collaboration with the Devou Park Advisory Board and Kentucky Rotary District No. 6740. The beauty of the place has made it a popular place for weddings. We offer the opportunity to support its fabric by the purchase of pavers honoring families, friends, organizations and causes; information is available on our website: covingtonkyrotary.org.

Covington Rotary Promotes Peace and Goodwill in the World

Rotary International is committed to promoting peace and good will in the World, and the Covington Club has done many things to support that goal. We change lives. Our commitment as Rotarians to be involved in international affairs is demonstrated by our active participation in the Rotary International Youth Study Exchange program. Since the fall of 2014, each year we have offered to send one or more Covington high school students, whose families could not have otherwise afforded it, to a non-English speaking country for a school year. Our students have gone to Mexico, Spain, Germany, Turkey, the Czech Republic, France, Poland, and Brazil. The club pays for the entire cost, approximately \$7,000, with funds derived from a District grant, Rotarians' hard work in fundraising, and the generosity of Friends of Rotary and members of the club.

Among other projects, the club raised money to help provide safe drinking water for two villages in Africa, raised money for the support of Zambian children made orphans by HIV/AIDS, raised money to purchase a van for the use of autistic children in Bangalore, India, and provided a new air-handling system to a Native American Boys and Girls Club in the Rosebud Sioux Reservation in South Dakota.

In 2019, the club was selected by the United States Department of State to participate in its "Open World" program, designed to foster international understanding by inviting groups from foreign countries to spend time in the United States, studying areas of their particular interest. We hosted a group of Russians who work in water treatment and study, with professional experiences provided by the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, ORSANCO and Thomas More University. Members of our club hosted individuals in their homes.

When the COVID-19 pandemic dealt a blow to the entire world, Rotary did not remain unaffected, and Rotary International decided to cancel all in-person meetings and travel. Our club followed suit and immediately instituted virtual meetings via "Zoom." The club made lemonade from the bitter fruit of the pandemic, by encouraging the club to per-

Courtesy the author



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Top: The Rotary Emblem, embedded at the entrance to Rotary Grove;

Center: The Cenotaph at Rotary Grove;

Bottom: "Rotary Grove and Bridle Path" (date unknown). Shown in its infancy, Rotary Grove is nothing like what is there now. The historical note, that Devou once had a bridle path is most interesting.

form the “100 Acts of Good” that was instituted at the beginning of the Centennial Year. Among those many acts, club members undertook to deliver sandwiches and water to the homeless. Club members and Friends of Rotary have contributed time, money and material in aid of their efforts, with the delivery of more than 2000 sandwiches and more than 3000 bottles of water.

Aided by a District Grant, in 2020 the club contributed money to Gateway Community & Technical College, in support of a scholarship for a financially needy nursing student.

We were frustrated, however, in our plans to honor our anniversary by holding Galas in the fall of 2020, closely matching the dates of our initial meetings at Ft. Mitchell Country Club and the receipt of our Charter, but those celebrations have simply been deferred to the spring of 2021. At that time, a time capsule will be installed at Rotary Grove, not to be opened before 2070.

The Next 100

We are proud of our accomplishments, and we invite the reader to go to the website mentioned earlier to see how you might join us. We will continue to serve our community for the next one hundred years, and while few of us will be alive to see it, we are confident that 2120 will be a year when The Rotary Club of Covington can once again reflect on its accomplishments with satisfaction.

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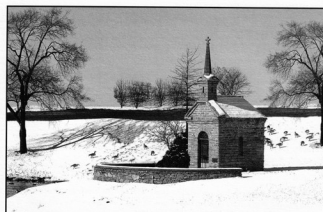
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The Life and Death of Walter Address

Heather Churchman

As most Northern Kentuckians are well aware, Latonia used to have a race track. Walter Address was a jockey there, and he lived in this house.

Little Walter was a child jockey, first placed on a horse at age 11. In October 1907, when he was just 12 years old and 62 pounds, Walter was hired by N. D. Davis to ride *Double Trouble*, a thoroughbred.



Walter was terribly injured in that ride, and presumed to die. There was also question about whether it was legal for little Walter to ride at his age, because child labor laws in Kentucky set the age for paid work at 14. The *Kentucky Post* described the incident:

"Preachers and reformers have often exhausted their vocabularies in denouncing the race tracks, which do much to tempt and ruin young men by the seduction the thud-thud of the ponies has had for them, but no stronger sermon was ever preached than by a little happening at Latonia race track last Monday."

Walter would recover and, despite the danger of his chosen profession, he kept being drawn to the thud-thud of the ponies. On April 22, 1923, however, 28-year-old Walter was killed at the race track by Joseph Redmon, age 61. They quarreled over Walter's dog Queenie, whom Redmon did not like running around in the stables around the horses. Redmon actually tried to shoot Walter's brother and missed.

Walter had fought in WWI with the Marines, which they called the Devil Dogs. There was a full Marine firing squad at Walter's funeral at Mother of God Cemetery.

Redmon was tried twice for the shooting; the jury was hung in the first trial and Redmon was freed in the second.

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GAVE LIFE FOR HIS BROTHER

Walter Address Steps in
Front of Gun Levelled
on Howard

LATONIA, Ky., April 23.—(By A. P.)—Walter Address, 28, formerly a widely known jockey, is dead, and Joseph K. Redmon, 61, owner and trainer of race horses, is being held in Covington jail on a charge of murder, as the result of a shooting affray at Latonia race track yesterday. The first police knew of the tragedy was when Redmon went to headquarters and announced he had killed a man. He declined to give any details of the shooting or any information other than the single statement.

Henry Ritte, an eye-witness, told Coroner D. W. Stephens that Redmon and Howard Address, 25, a former jockey and brother of the dead man, quarreled over a dog. Address, according to Ritte, picked up a stick, as if to strike the trainer, whereupon Redmon drew a revolver and leveled it at Address. The older brother jumped between the two and brushed Howard aside just as the revolver cracked. The bullet passed through Walter's heart, killing him instantly.

The younger Address gave up his occupation as a jockey several years ago following a "spill" in which he was injured so badly that he since has been a cripple.

Kentucky Trivia

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Economics

Questions

1. What percentage is the Kentucky sales tax?
2. At one time, Kentucky was responsible for 2/3 of this crop in the United States.
3. The first hemp crop in Kentucky was grown in 1775 near this Central Kentucky city.
4. Thomas Walker first discovered this in 1750, but it wasn't until 1820 that Kentucky's first commercial mine for this officially opened.
5. What two counties account for the most coal extracted annually in Kentucky?
6. In what Kentucky city can you find the world's largest Toyota manufacturing plant?
7. Kentucky leads the nation in the production of this consumable liquid.
8. Kentucky's top agricultural products include horses, mules, broilers, and cattle. What are broilers?
9. Kentucky is one of the top five states in the nation for growing this plant.
10. According to a recent study, this particular industry accounts for \$4 billion in Kentucky annually.

Answers

1. 6%
2. Tobacco
3. Danville. The crop was grown at Clark's Run Creek.
4. Coal. The first mine was McLean Drift Bank near the Green River in Muhlenberg County
5. Pike County and Harlan County
6. Georgetown. The plant employees around 8,000 and covers 8 million square feet, the equivalent of 169 football fields.
7. Bourbon whiskey
8. Young chickens
9. Marijuana. The other states include Tennessee, California, Washington, and Hawaii.
10. Horses, of course!

Walter's widow Marie sued Redmon for \$25,000 herself, seeing as the criminal trials weren't going very well. Bizarrely, in November 1923, she was threatened in her home one night by an armed intruder who asked her about the trial. Her dog came to her rescue.

Redmon went free in June 1924, and was back at the race track the following Saturday. Marie would remarry to a horse trainer in 1926.

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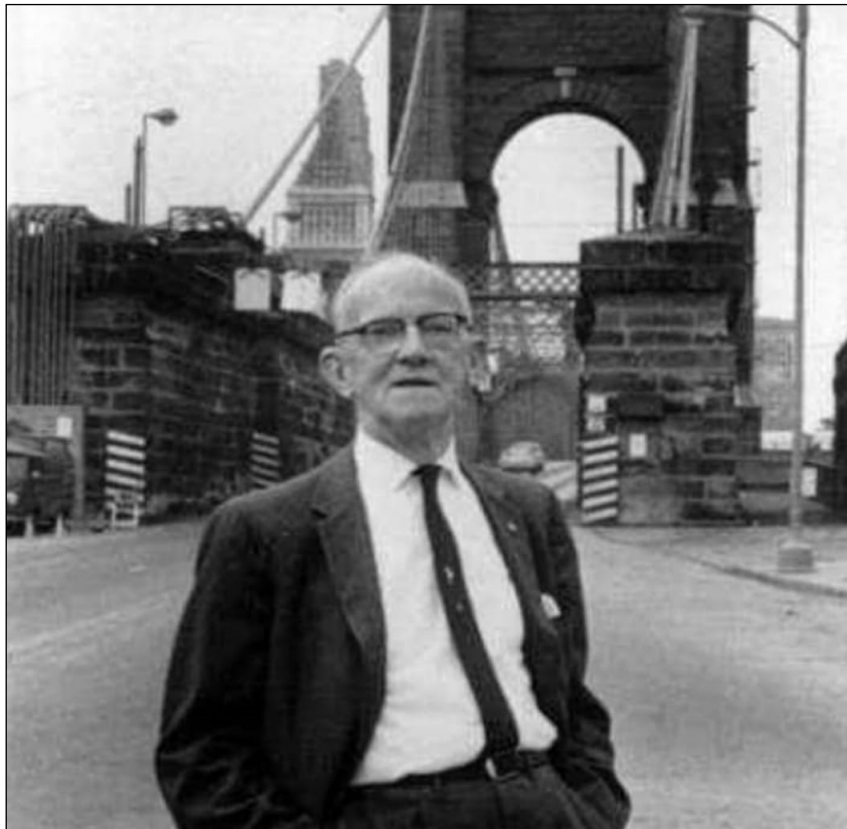
Left: President Motor Inn in along Dixie Highway in Fort Wright, in the 1960s.

Right: Same view in 2021.

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Mystery Photo

Can you identify the Mystery Photo? The answer is found below.



Answer:

Haven Gillespie wrote the lyrics to many great songs including *You Go to My Head*, *That Lucky Old Sun* and, more appropriate to this season... *Santa Claus is Coming to Town*. Here he is in 1959, standing in front of the Roebling Suspension bridge in his beloved hometown of Covington.

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I Bet You Didn't Know

*Tidbits from Kentucky's heritage
for every day of the calendar year*

January 1, 1795: A post office was established at Bourbontown, Kentucky (Paris).

January 4, 1815: The Kentucky Militia reached New Orleans with 2500 men under the leadership of Gen. John Thomas.

January 16, 1781: The first court was convened in Kentucky at Fort Harrod.

January 28, 1963: The coldest temperature ever recorded in Kentucky was 34 degrees below zero at Cynthiana.

February 4, 1791: An act was passed by the U.S. Congress providing for the admission of Kentucky as a state on June 1, 1792.

February 8, 1778: Daniel Boone and 27 others were captured by Indians at Upper Blue Licks.

From: *On This Day In Kentucky*, by Robert Powell

Programs and Notices

Kenton County Historical Society

On February 6th, Charles Bogart will give a virtual (ZOOM) presentation on the **Streetcar Inclines of Cincinnati**. Many people are familiar with scenic images of streetcars being lifted up the steep hills around Cincinnati. Check our website or Facebook page in late January for log-in information.

Northern Kentucky History Day for 2020 will provide virtual history programs, but no dates have been set.

Behringer Crawford Museum

In 2020, the Behringer Crawford Museum again developed an impressive array of exhibits and festive decorations for the holidays. Limitations on group sizes, facemasks and the other recommended safeguards against coronavirus infection are adhered to. The holiday schedule will extend into January.

The Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Lego Users Group created special exhibits using interlocking miniature Lego plastic "bricks," cubes, and Lego objects: "a giant Lego Quidditch World Cup stadium straight out of the pages of Harry Potter books;" a "miniature woolly mammoth display in the prehistoric area;" "bespectacled yellow minions standing guard in the galleries and an elegant 'Brickmore' mansion, designed after the majestic Biltmore Estate in Asheville, NC." In one gallery room will be seen "Dancing ice dogs and glittering winter scenes from the children's book, 'The Holiday Adventures of Wiley Wahoo and Me' by Kenton Hills author Diana Grady."

The museum's Holiday Toy Trains could not be run this year, but there is "an animated carnival of whirling rides and sideshow barkers." From the novels of Charles Dickens' novels, a Victorian Christmas village is displayed. "A vintage kitchen display features appliance, accessories and an aluminum Christmas tree that might have been found in a midcentury suburban tenement. Antique toys, singing holiday characters and decorations throughout the museum carry out the theme of holidays through the years."

See a series of ten 15-minute holiday performances and demonstrations by entertainers, artists and others" up to Christmas Eve. AFTER Christmas, they may still be viewed at: <https://www.facebook.com/BCMuseumnky/videos> and YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/bcmuseum>

The weekly BEHRINGER CRAWFORD MUSEUM HISTORY HOUR, primarily by ZOOM and on other media, happens on Wednesdays, at 6:30. However, the schedule during the holidays will be a little irregular. On December 30, Professor Paul Tenkotte will do another presentation for the anniversary of the Nineteenth Amendment legalizing Women's right to vote.

Letter to the Editor:

Dear Karl,

Want to thank you for the December *Bulletin* with the story of our neighborhoods. Enjoyed it and learned a lot. A real "Keeper."

Sandy Kerlin — Levassor Park, Covington, KY