

Notes to Consider...

History: Where Did Your Liberty Go? (The New Deal)

By G.S. Morris — 11 December 2017



My list of villains in American History is headed up by one Franklin Delano Roosevelt. A master of backslapping schmoozing, FDR birthed the corrosive welfare state with his "New Deal."

Using the economic crisis of the early 1930s as justification ("Never let a good crisis go to waste." -Rahm Emanuel, 2008), the New Deal structure was pure patronage politics. From the modern Democrat party's inception in the 1830s, buying votes by providing favors such as government jobs (patronage) was the party's bread

and butter. The flip side of the early Democrat Party's coin was their support or willingness to ignore the evil of human bondage; not nearly as vile as their support of today's abortion industry, but close. FDR used confiscated capital provided by the 16th Amendment's federal income tax to fuel made up work schemes such as the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), and Works Progress Administration (WPA); known by its workers as standing for "We Piddle Around."

The biggest anchor around the republic's neck to come out of the New Deal was the Social Security Act of 1935. The myth still lives that somewhere in Washington D.C. there's a vast wall of drawers containing "contributions"; one of which is labeled with your account number; growing over time; and just awaiting your retirement to be dispersed. Such a place or system has never existed. The very first Social Security recipients' checks came from the same place as they do today; directly from the monies taken from the paychecks of current American workers. As with the equally sketchy Kentucky state retirement systems, things worked just fine when more workers paid into the system than retirees drew out. Once the ratio inverts (increased life spans), the system is bound for collapse.

Add the massive federal boondoggles of LBJ's "Great Society" and BHO's "Fundamental Transformation" of America via Obamacare, and what FDR hatched now accounts for the ever growing majority of federal expenditures. What was it all from the start? Petty vote buying with complete disregard for the consequences to the country's future well being.

Next Week: "Hate Crimes"

Shane Morris is a retired soldier and teacher. You may contact him at sgm11@yahoo.com

Inspirational Thoughts Into God's Word

By Lynetta Hunter

The bible is full of happenings that occurred because of people being obedient to God, which is explanatory when discussing what if they hadn't been obedient. If the disciples had not obeyed Jesus call, they wouldn't have become Apostles who witnessed the greatest miracles on Earth or had the honor to be recorded in scripture by name.

The occasions where Jesus miraculously fed thousands of people with a small amount of food would read differently if the people had not stayed, disciples hadn't of believed, and the owner of the food refused to give it up. Because of disobedience, many people would have remained hungry and fainted along the way.

(Jn. 9:1) What kind of person lets another man put mud, made out of his spit, on his blinded eyes? Probably someone who feels he has nothing else to lose. The obedience came right afterwards when Jesus told him to go wash in the pool of Siloam. The blind man came back into town a changed person who could see, which led many others to believe.

(Jn. 11) The death of Lazarus left his family distraught, but they trusted Jesus enough to obey Him when He told them to roll back the stone from the grave. Disobedience could have caused him to miss out on receiving new life and many others from believing in Jesus.

The small, still voice of God may seem trivial and unimportant, but is proven to be the most relevant and life-changing power of speech that has ever existed. Many lives are still being changed by being obedient to it.

Jackson County Schools Updates

Spelling Bee

The County-Wide Spelling Bee was held at the JCBOE Administration Building on Thursday, December 7, 2017.

The following students represented their school as the winner of each individual school's spelling bee winner.

From left to right: Lane Edwards - McKee Elementary, Joshua Rose - Sand Gap Elementary, Clarissa "Nicki" Seals - Jackson County Middle School, Leah Sowder - Tyner Elementary, and Hannah Abner - Annville Christian Academy

The overall County-Wide Spelling Bee winner was Clarissa "Nicki" Seals from the Jackson County Middle School, who will represent our county at the state competition.



JCMS Winter Formal Dance

On Friday, December 8, 2017, Jackson County Middle School held its annual Winter Formal Dance, themed "Winter in the Woods."

The Winter Formal, which is one of the largest events of the season, allows students to celebrate the first semester with their friends. Approximately 200 students participated in the event.

Special thanks to Mrs. Tammy Marcum for successfully organizing and implementing the night's events.

Winter is Coming

"Snow and ice season is upon us," said KYTC Secretary Greg Thomas. "Transportation crews are prepared to serve the public over the next few months by responding to winter weather events that may affect travel. We encourage Kentucky motorists to be equally prepared."

With a strategy reminiscent of combat, nearly 2,000 professional "snowfighters" and support staff have been briefed and trained on best practices for snow and ice removal in an effort to keep motorists moving on Kentucky roadways. A statewide brigade of trucks and plows stands ready, and a strike force of eight plows is positioned for district deployment from the state capital during major winter weather events.

"Our mission for snow and ice removal is to keep traffic moving safely with an emphasis on maintaining mobility along critical corridors and priority routes," said Patty Dunaway, state highway engineer. "Our teams will strive to provide a uniform response statewide to achieve safe driving conditions on roadways while considering environmental and economic factors to steward taxpayer money responsibly."

During routine snow and ice occurrences, KYTC will operate using snow and ice priority route maps. In 2016, the Cabinet updated snow and ice removal policies for operational efficiency and cost effectiveness. While many aspects of the policy remain the same, treatment turnaround time adjustments were made to allow crews to focus on removing snow and ice from interstates and other priority routes. These adjustments improve statewide mobility, help alleviate potential safety challenges and curb increased costs caused by weather conditions that lead to inoperable equipment or ineffective treatment.

Launched last winter, the Cabinet's snow and ice information website, snowky.ky.gov, provides details about priority routes, helpful winter weather tips, fact sheets and videos on salt application and snow removal.

For severe winter storm events, the Cabinet has established a snow emergency plan similar to state emergency plans for other major weather events (e.g., floods, hurricanes and earthquakes). The snow emergency plan will allow available resources within each county to be diverted as needed to ensure optimal mobility for the highest priority routes that lead to critical locations, such as medical facilities. Emergency priority route maps for severe snow and ice events are accessible at goky.ky.gov.

Goky.ky.gov communicates additional information to Kentucky travelers, detailing KYTC's snow and ice removal response, including treatment and plowing of roadways. Visitors to GoKY can access the latest information about what's happening in their local counties.

Thousands of men and women serve on the frontlines and behind the scenes of the Cabinet's snow and ice removal efforts. Throughout the season, the KYTC will be highlighting select district snowfighters on Facebook and Twitter and sharing their sage advice on how to stay safe on the roads.

Winter-ready, the Cabinet is stocked to capacity with a supply of 481,000 tons of salt, 1 million gallons of salt brine for anti-icing and 1 million gallons of calcium chloride, an additive to salt for deicing.

The Cabinet is equipped with approximately 980 deployable trucks and plows among the 125 snow and ice maintenance locations. Another 431 contracted trucks are available to assist in snow and ice operations.

Maintenance crews have prepared rosters and schedules, calibrated salting equipment, prepped plows, reviewed plowing strategies and completed safety training.

The Cabinet will continue to manage equipment, salt supplies and other snow-fighting materials efficiently. Using reverse auction procurement on new salt contracts for this winter, KYTC has reduced the cost of salt purchases by as much as \$20 per ton in districts throughout the state. Districts will continue to look for opportunities to shift resources for sharing with other districts as needed, focusing on the statewide team goal of serving all Kentucky citizens.

Public Preparation

KYTC encourages motorists to prepare for winter and remain safe by following these tips:

- Pay attention to weather advisories. Weather will impact your commute on some level.
- Travel only as necessary during major snow events. It's better to be stuck at home than to be stuck on the road.
- Maintain a safe distance from snowplows and other heavy highway equipment.
- Do not pass snowplows on the shoulder.
- Allow time for a slower commute.
- Winterize vehicles.
- Stock vehicles with blankets, flash light and an emergency supply kit.
- Know before you go. Visit goky.ky.gov and download the free Waze app to check traffic conditions before you travel.
- Eliminate distractions (e.g. using phone and eating) while driving.
- Cooperate with the expectations of the Quick Clearance law, which requires drivers to move vehicles to the shoulder in the event of a non-injury crash.

TO THE CITIZENS OF JACKSON COUNTY

The Jackson County Transfer/Recycling Center would like to remind everyone of our continued recycling program. By using the services of West Rock Recycling, we are able to accept the following items at no charge. Plastics #1 and #2 (we do NOT accept plastic bags at the Recycling Center for recycling) and steel food cans must be rinsed. Those items not rinsed, will be considered contaminated and you will be charged a disposal fee.

The labels do NOT have to be removed, we also take the following items if they are sorted; cardboard, newsprint, magazines, phone books, hard back books, junk mail, used oil and various scrap metal (including appliances). Please remember that these paper items must be sorted and separated.

We also have a free weekly collection route for business and industries wishing to recycle.

Any business owner or industry wishing to recycle or a citizen needing information about our drop off center, can contact Shane Harrison or Jason Thomas at 287-7688. The hours of operation for The Transfer Station/ Recycling Center is Monday - Friday 8:00 to 4:00 and 8:00 to noon on Saturday.