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## *The Neighborhood History Corner: Lexington's Newspapers by Rebecca C. Glasscock*

Covering some of the stories of our lives were the Lexington Herald, the Lexington Leader, and the Lexington Herald-Leader. The Herald started in 1870, as which time it was known as the Lexington Daily Press. After changing the name to the Morning Herald in 1895, it became the Lexington Herald in 1905. This morning paper tended to be moderately liberal. A group of Fayette County Republicans started a competing paper in 1888, the Kentucky Leader. This afternoon paper was renamed the Lexington Leader in 1901. It tended to be conservative. In 1983, the Lexington Herald-Leader was created via a merger of the two. Over a 22-year period, until it was sold in 2006, the Lexington Herald-Leader racked up a number of awards, including a 1986 Pulitzer Prize for Investigative Reporting, a 1992 Pulitzer Prize for Editorial Writing, a 2000 Pulitzer Prize for Editorial Cartooning, and a finalist for six other Pulitzer Prizes. No other mid-sized paper in the U.S. surpassed this record during this time period. A number of Pensacola Park neighbors helped build these newspapers: Ward Burleigh, who moved to 148 Suburban in 1933-34, was a printer for the Leader; Bernard Franklin, who moved to 135 Suburban in 1930, was a printer for the Leader; A. Bertram Guthrie, Jr., who moved to 109 Wabash in 1933-34, was the City Editor of the Leader; Alf Guthrie, who moved to 205 Wabash (now 1855 Norfolk) in 1935, was the City Editor for the Leader; William McDowell, who moved to 125 Suburban in 1937, was the advertising manager for the Leader; Randall Stokley, who moved to 121 Suburban in 1937, was a roadman for the Leader; George Ward, who moved to 148 Suburban in 1935, was a printer for the Leader; Alex Warren, who moved to 172 Suburban in 1930, was a printer for Leader; Maurice White, who moved to 119 Lackawanna in 1940-41, worked as a stenographer for the Herald-Leader (combined Sunday paper); Roger Whitson, who moved to 1803 Nicholasville Pike in 1925, worked as a printer for the Leader; and Albert Woodruff, who moved to 139 Suburban in 1930, was a printer for the Leader. When A. Bertram Guthrie, Jr., nicknamed Bud, died in April, 1991, his story took over the front page of the Herald-Leader.

We have these men and others at the Lexington Herald, Leader, and Herald-Leader to thank for telling the stories that we can now share. From the Leader, we know that 1935's first baby of the year, born on January 1, was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred E. Fischer, 109 Wabash. The March 6, 1951 newspaper shared the news that Carl B. Hall, Jr., a railway agent living at 213 Lackawanna, was elected the President of Lexington's Junior Chamber of Commerce. From the August 4, 1953 Leader, we know that twelve children on Goodrich organized their second annual ice cream supper to raise money for the March of Dimes. A human interest story on September 10, 1953 told the story of Mrs. E. W. Johnstone, at 149 Suburban, who has been collecting miniature shoes for fifteen years; at the time of the story, she had collected 250. On March 17, 1956, the paper shared the news that Mrs. Hargus T. Brown, 118 Lackawanna, was named Mrs. Central Kentucky; she competed for the 18<sup>th</sup> annual Mrs. America crown.

From the newsletters of this era, we learned of public health concerns, as well as academic, artistic, and financial contributions to the community. In April of 1930, readers were alerted to a county clean-up focusing on the Kenwick, Liberty, and Morgan Heights neighborhoods. Led by C. T. Votaw (who moved to 153 Penmoken in 1927 and then to 149 Penmoken in 1928), this clean-up was an important part of keeping the water supply safe and clean. In August, Mr. Votaw warned that, because of the long drought, typhoid fever was a threat. He again encouraged everyone to keep the water clean. Mr. Votaw continued to advocate for clean water throughout his life. He was also involved in the Lions Club, the Madeline McDowell Breckinridge Health Camp, and many other organizations with altruistic goals. It is delightful to know that the Votaw family legacy lives on at 149 Penmoken, as his two daughters live in the lovely Craftsman bungalow to this day.



*Old Herald Building on Walnut Street*

PENMOKEN WOULD LIKE TO SHOUT OUT A THANK YOU TO MIKE STANSFIELD AND TODD WRIGHT. BOTH OF THESE GENTLEMEN GO OUT OF THEIR WAY TO SHOVEL PEOPLE’S DRIVEWAYS, MOW THEIR LAWNS, AND BE ALL AROUND GREAT NEIGHBORS. THANK YOU!

*A Winter’s Feast – by Kathy Cleary*

*I sit here on this cold winter’s day, watching robins discover treats on my berry-filled tree, a sweet cat on my chest—her legs reaching to my shoulders, warming my body and my soul. She stretches and moves to the window to take in the display of hungry birds as they flit in and out of the tree, gobbling up berries one by one.*

*This might be the day! When more and more robins descend on my tree and strip it of every berry on every branch, even those that are smashed on the ground. It happens every January. I awoke yesterday, wondering when the frenzy would begin, not wanting to miss the soaring, fluttering, gliding spectacle. The cat will not miss it. Her ears are perked, her eyes follow each robin as it zooms in and out. She may sit and watch all day as the robins do their work.*

*I won’t see the brilliant berries each morning as I open the shutters. But I will know that those robins grew fat and happy and will bring baby robins to strip this very tree come next year.*



**THE PENSACOLA PARK GARDEN**

Established neighborhoods usually have old, established soil. Keep nourishing the earth with compost, annual addition of mulch, and curbside leaves. Humus-rich soil is the basis for every garden and landscape. Hint: Start a compost pile behind the garage.



**Needed in the Neighborhood:**



Volunteer help needed to move some mulch around the Penmoken circle. At your leisure, please bring your shovels and help move the mulch pile over where the cardboard has been placed, and where the mulch is currently being placed. Also looking for any woodworkers who have time to make some planter boxes for this space. If you have time to devote to either of these, please let us know by emailing us at pensacolapark@gmail.com

**EMBLEM ORDERS** Next emblem order will be in March 2022.

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- Flag. Comes in three colors: 2’x3’ Black, Green, Red (\$85)
- Metal Plaque. Comes in two sizes: 8x8 (\$165) and 5x5 (\$80)
- Stickers. Comes in eight different colors (\$2 each)



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**As an organization we do not currently collect any neighborhood association dues, instead we function off of grants, fundraisers, and donations from the neighborhood. Donations allow us to go after matching grants, buy trees to increase our canopy, improve street conditions, throw community events, and be able to print this newsletter. If you would like to donate, you can either:**  
**(1) Drop off Cash or Check to our GREEN PPNA mailbox at 107 Lackawanna Rd / (2) Use Paypal @ [pensacolapark@gmail.com](mailto:pensacolapark@gmail.com)**

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Pensacola Park Preservation Society is a non-profit 501(c)3 formed by Pensacola Park Neighborhood Association in order to bring together residents and businesses located in the Pensacola Park Nationally Registered Historic Boundary, for the common good of (1) preserving the historic integrity and resources of the area; (2) creating an environment that promotes sustainable and appropriate growth for the neighborhood; (3) providing historic education and assistance to those in the Pensacola Park Neighborhood for the preservation and rehabilitation of historic homes, structures, and landscapes; and (4) Unifying and being representative of all the original streets in the Pensacola Park Historic boundary. Also check us out online at [www.pensacolapark.org](http://www.pensacolapark.org), and follow us on Facebook @ Pensacola Park Neighborhood Association.

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