

Market House Museum's Vice President Alben W. Barkley Trivia Game

(Answers are found at bottom of page two.)



1. Barkley had two pies that he really enjoyed more than most. His grandmother and mother baked them for him and he never forgot how tasty they were as an adult. What kind of pie was one of them? A) chocolate B) cherry C) chess.



2. Barkley's grandfather, a staunch believer in State's Rights, rode with John Hunt Morgan during the Civil War. The Museum has on display a cherry cupboard and tilt top table that once graced his home. What side did he support? A) Northern B) Southern.



3. When Barkley was Vice President, his little grandson could not get the long title "Mr. Vice President" to come out of his young mouth without a struggle to pronounce it. As a result, he suggested a substitute title, that was easier to pronounce. What was this title? A) Hot Shot B) the 'Veep' C) Head Honcho.



4. Barkley was raised on a farm and learned many things about agriculture as a result. One day when his mother had company, she asked young Alben to do something and he encountered a snake in the process. What was the request? A) run the squawking chickens out from under the house B) paint the house where the puppy had chewed on the porch trim C) pin up the goats



5. When Commander in Chief Truman decided to dismiss General McArthur from his Korean command, what did his friend Barkley tell him would happen? A) It will be a rough ride for a while but you have no choice B) I'm afraid you'll be sorry after you do this C) I think you are making a big mistake, we just can't do without the General.



6. Barkley read the papers every day to keep up with world doings. The museum has a photo of him delivering papers as an advertising ploy for which paper? A) Kansas City Star B) Paducah Sun Democrat C) Metropolis Planet.



7. Barkley worked his way through Marvin College in Clinton, Kentucky. What did a small sign say that hung in the college years later? A) This college is kept neat and clean at all times B) Barkley swept here C) Clean up after yourself.



8. Barkley married his sweetheart Dorothy Brower in 1903. Where did the wedding take place? A) Paducah, Ky B) Tiptonville, Tn C) St Louis, Mo.



9. Barkley was a Democrat. He stood for the everyday citizen who had to work for their daily bread and butter. What famous thing did he tell Truman when Truman left on the train to campaign for the Democrats before his second term? A) Give 'em hell, Harry! B) Have a safe journey C) Go get 'em Tiger!



10. The Museum has an beautiful carved antique, upholstered slipper chair that Barkley loved above all others. What is the approximate date of its manufacture? A) 1800 B) 1850 C) 1920.



11. One item in the Museum that illustrates best Barkley's 'common man' approach is a simple object: his mailbox! Why is this? A) it is so stylish and pretty B) it is so large that it can accept a sack of mail C) it is a simple, hand lettered galvanized mailbox that you would buy at a local hardware store.



12. There are several things in Western Kentucky named in honor of Vice President Barkley. Which one of these is NOT one of those? A) a racetrack B) a hydro-electric dam at Lake City, Ky C) the Paducah airport.



13. When Barkley's first wife died after several years of ill health, he was crushed and almost devastated, as they were so close. Later, he married a widow. What was the wedding gift he gave his second wife, Jane? A) a diamond tiara B) a red convertible C) a full length Russian sable coat.



14. Barkley died suddenly while giving a speech at a mock Democratic Convention at Washington-Lee University in 1956. What were his prophetic last words before toppling over? A) I now leave to accomplish better things B) I would rather be a servant in the house of the Lord that sit in the seats of the mighty C) I now quit altogether my public life.

ANSWERS: 1-C; 2-B, 3-B, 4-A, 5-A, 6-B, 7-B, 8-B, 9-A, 10-B, 11-C, 12-A, 13-B, 14-B.