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Class of 1948, Congratulations

Today and Friday a total of 64 Carlisle and Nicholas county seniors will be leaving the cloistered walls of the two high schools with diplomas in their hands. The Mercury extends its congratulations to all of these 64 graduates.

With all the gigantic problems of the world staring them in the face, the future outlook for 1948 graduates is not too bright. But from another viewpoint, rarely ever before in the history of mankind has youth had the opportunity to render service as it has today.

The national and world situation offers a challenge to the best minds in statesmanship, in the home, church and everyday life. Today youth can render service to God and country and in rendering this service can build a better world of tomorrow. It is hoped that many of you will enter college and further your education. In this new scientific age, additional education will not only be found useful, but almost essential.

Your graduation is an achievement and an inspiration to others. Your commencement, however, should be only the beginning of broader fields of service. For with the privilege of education comes responsibility. You are better equipped to serve and for that reason more is expected of you.

But regardless of your future plans, whether you enter directly into the busy everyday life and commerce about you, or whether you decided upon a college career, we urge you to remember some of the things that are as fundamental and eternal as the ages. To be happy and successful in life you must be honest with yourself and with others; you must be willing to give as well as take; you must get along with other people in peace and harmony; you must respect their rights and privileges as well as your own; you must keep your eyes on the stars and your feet on the ground; you must work for what you get; you must live in order to be loved; you must believe in God.

We hope you will also remember that the world steps aside to let the person pass who knows where he or she is going. Whatever you do, wherever you are, resolve to do the best job you can.

Salute To The Seniors

A portion of today's Mercury is dedicated to the 64 boys and girls who are graduating from our two high schools tonight and Friday night.

We salute you, and wish you the best of luck in your activities and pursuits after leaving high school.

Education pays real dividends, even in dollars and cents, and we urge every Carlisle and Nicholas county graduate to continue their education by attending some college or university, or special school. This is an age of specialization and you must be trained to take your place in life.

You are entering upon the second rung of the ladder of life. The first rung being your first day at school. The second rung is your graduation. It is not so important for what you have done in the past, because that is now history, but because of the next step you are to take. It is now very important that you weigh very carefully your next step, as you go out into adult manhood and womanhood. Think over very carefully your next step, as your choice will determine your future success or failure, happiness or failure and discontent.

With these thoughts in mind we extend to all of you hearty congratulations upon your worthy achievements and wish for you the greatest measure of success and happiness.

Our Delinquent Tax List Shrinks

The minute book of the Nicholas county fiscal court for the May term contained a fact which the Mercury suspected to be true since its publication of the delinquent list for 1947 taxes.

Only three persons were reported delinquent by Sheriff John Anderson and of these one had paid the county and another had died. Total tax on all three amounts was $14.50. Only 14 persons, six white and eight colored, were advertised because they failed to pay taxes on their real estate and the list was the smallest ever reported to the court.

Examination of newspapers published in other Kentucky counties, comparable in size to Nicholas, showed that their publication of delinquent tax lists occupied far greater space than the list published here.

Assuming that the small delinquent tax list or favorable yardstick by which to measure the economic stability of the county, then residents of Nicholas county have attained an enviable degree of solvency.

If inflation is responsible for such a situation then let's make the best of it. On the other hand if improved farming methods are responsible, let's adopt still more improved methods.

The county, of late, has also turned its attention to its industrial possibilities and with a steady, weekly payroll, augmenting its agricultural income, the future security of the county should be even brighter.

The Mercury hopes for still greater shrinkage in the delinquent tax list next year.

—T C M—

The best thing to do for spring fever is nothing.

After You, Mr. Motorist!

The fact that so many traffic accidents happen at intersections brings to light an unattractive, thoughtless and inconsiderate characteristic—the urge to push in ahead of the other fellow.

Most of us have laughed at those classic comedians, Gaston and Alphonse, who stand eternally bowing and scraping before a doorway, murmuring, "After you, Alphonse!" "No, after you, dear Gaston."

Nothing like that happens on the highway, and it might be a healthy sign if it did. Sounds ridiculous, perhaps, but think about it a moment and it makes sense. Compare the daily scene at intersections when two motorists try to beat each other to the crossing or occupy a space where there is room for only one. When they fail, nobody laughs. The result is death, injury, property destruction and tragedy.

Safety authorities emphasize that discourtesy and disregard for the rights of others are leading causes of highway accidents. That is not a very admirable state of affairs; the best cure for it is law enforcement. Explicit rules for precedence and right of way have been formulated by traffic specialists. It remains for drivers to learn them thoroughly and observe them habitually. Those who won't, must be made to. It is worth noting, too, that the first commandment of these safety rules—is based on simple courtesy—when in doubt, yield the right of way.

Driving conditions are becoming increasingly hectic every year. That makes courtesy on the highway even more vital than it used to be. It is now—literally a matter of life and death. No motorist is even slightly ridiculous when he says:

"After you, Mr. Motorist. I want to live."

Clennie's Comment

By Clennie Hollon

The New Look worn by the fairer sex reminds me of Shaefter Deaton's new Studebaker, it's too long on one end. The young lady's figure could be poured into the Old Look, but it just runs out of the New Look.

Dick Gumm has made good use of the rainy weather. He couldn't farm, so he has been busy digging herbs. He dug himself a pretty big sack full of a new herb and took it to Vada to send away to St. Louis. (He doesn't patronize his local root dealer). It took 49 cents to send the bag of roots.

Dick rounded the postoffice for the next five days. He wanted his check. It finally came. He was all smiles as Mrs. Abner handed across the counter a large business size envelope. Dick took out his knife and slit the end of the letter in a manner that would make one think that he got a check every day. It was a large, long check and had a greenish color. The check was large but the numerals upon it did not appear so large to Mr. Gumm. It read: "Good for 49 cents only." Dick's heart sank. He walked out of the postoffice and went home. He had lost a penny on the whole transaction.

Brenda White set her bantams. She hatched one bantum chicken three weeks later. She and the little hen were very proud of the little chick. Brenda picked up the little chick and "loved it" one day last week. She loved it so lightly that its head dropped off. Brenda will soon be three years old.

Jimmie Creech will soon be four years old. He has already learned that eggs are the chief medium of exchange at the local store. Money is wished used—its eggs and cream.

One day last week, Jimmie came to the store with eighteen big thick, warm, eggs he swore upon his word of honor that his mother had given them to him. He bought himself a Pepsi Cola, a coke of candy and the rest in blow gum.

A few days later, but too late to do anything about it, I learned where Jimmie had gotten the eggs. He had "chowed" off and old setting hen and took her eggs. I had already shipped the eggs before I found out what had happened. It is quite likely that a chicken will pop out on to some New Yorker's breakfast plate before long, but he'll never know the difference. He will believe that eggs are cheap and that we are in this Atomic Age.

I don't believe that this is the Atomic Age. I believe that it is the Blow Gum Age. My nerves have been on edge for the last three months. There's a continual popping and cracking going on around me wherever I go. It's this blow gum. I can be standing around and suddenly I think a dirigible is passing by. It's someone behind me blowing bubbles. All children and most of the grown ups around Willow blow the stuff. You can never see their faces anymore because a huge multicolored bubble, covered with dust, hides it form you. Women blow bubbles as they bake biscuits. Men blow bubbles as they clean out the barns. Children blow bubbles all the time. Doctors must blow bubbles as they peer down your throat—you don't have a sore-throat, its a piece of his gum lodged down there. Everybody blows bubbles. Everybody will eventually go crazy.—The Beattyville Enterprise.

—T C M—

No girl is too dull to have bride ideas.

—T C M—

Egotists are hard on the "I's".

—T C M—

Hula dancers have a shaky future.

MEMORY LANE

YOU'RE TELLING ME!

By WILLIAM RITT
Central Press Writer

AN ANNOUNCEMENT from New Jersey says that state plans to battle its mosquitoes with helicopters. Jerseyites are in for a puzzling time—they can't tell an anyone distinguish between a Jersey skeeter and a copter!

Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip have been made Knights of the Garter. For them, the phrase Hot Knig, is must have been a snap.

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Lux United States has imported the bones of seven moos, on extinct New Zealand bird. That seems more than enough.

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"A man is at his best in the fifties," says a noted medico. "Best Why, he'd be sensational!" says the man at the gas station.

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A group is urging that a woman's face be on dollar bills. Statistics show that the fair ones' fingers are on 80 per cent of 'em already.

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High button shoes will try a comeback. But just wait until the girls find out what they do to hosiery!

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An English swimming club is abandoning its symbol—the herring—because girl members bathing suits are now too scanty to depict the emblem. Well, how about the minnow—or, better still, the guppie?

In By Gone Days

May 21, 1923

Several days ago a petition was started among the property owners along Main street, asking the city council to have Main street paved from the eastern to the western limits of the town. Vigorous opposition arose, however, and another petition among property owners is being circulated asking that council not pave the street.

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A local wool buyer estimates that Nicholas county's wool production will bring farmers over $23,000 this year. The prices being paid this year, around 55 cents a pound, are the highest paid since the war.

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The music pupils of Miss Ida Howard will give their annual concert on Thursday and Friday nights of this week.

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The fiscal court has contracted with Dorsey Brothers and Fisher to furnish 80 tons of coal, the winter's supply, for $6.25 a ton.

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Harper's Garage reports the sale of 18 Ford cars during the month of May. Ten of these cars were sold during the past week.

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Clarence Jones has taken the job as driver of the express wagon vacated by Ed Lee, who resigned to take a position in Cleveland, Ohio.

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Frank Mathias, of this city, traveling salesman for Mahan and Company, wholesale grocers of Winchester, led the salesmen of this concern in the amount of sales during the past two months.

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Dr. W. G. Irvin, county livestock inspector, reports that there is an epidemic of hydrophobia among the dogs in the county.

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DIED—Eldridge Cameron, 72, at his home near Myers list Saturday. Husband, married, 32, at his home near town last Saturday. Mrs. Bertie Jones Moore at her home in Colorado Springs—Mrs. Elmer Wills, 30, at her home in Pendleton county.

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May 24, 1898

Baizil Brothers award contract to James George Sr. for brick work on their new building.

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All fraternal and patriotic orders to unite in program to be given at cemetery on Memorial Day.

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Miss Josie Cain buys 30 front feet of old St. Cloud hotel property from C. C. Cole for $100 a foot.

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Tax rate on property in Carlisle this year will be $1.92. 37-cent state tax, 50-cent county tax, 40-cent city tax and 50-cent school tax.

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Fiscal court ends three day session. Tax levy for 1898 fixed at 50 cents, divided as follows: county bridge fund, 10 cents; general fund 20 cents road and bridge funds 20 cents.

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County board of examiners conduct examination here and announce following made first class teachers certificates: Miss Sallie McIntire, Miss Nancy Tribble, Miss Ida Hamm, Miss Sallie Lawson and R. R. Myers.

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Following graduates receive diplomas at commencement exercises at Carlisle High school Friday night: Clara Lee Tilton, Madge Howe Mann, Mary Krenkle, John Krenkle, Kate Alexander, Lena Cheatham, Leila Frank Clay, Ardena Tuner, Elizabeth Rice.

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BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. William E. Rogers, of Blue Licks, on the 23rd, a son.

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MARRIED—Miss Annie B. Robinson and William Russell, both of the county, on the 16th. —Miss Addie Hunter and George B. Caywood, both of the county, on the 18th.—Mrs. Permelia McCormick and R. T. Carter, both of Carlisle, on the 19th.

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DIED—Mrs. E. B. Sparks, 35, at her home near Oakland Mills on the 19th.

Early History Of Carlisle And Nicholas County

FIRST MASONIC LODGE CHARTERED AUGUST, 1820

"On the way home to the house of a friend with whom we was stopping, Mr. Bryant took a violent cold. Going out of the house early the next the night air he neglected the precaution of his overcoat, and the sudden change brought on an attack of pneumonia. Members of his family were notified and his daughter, Julia, hastened to his bedside. All that devoted affection and neighborly attention, aided by the best that medical skill could do, were unavailing. Calmly and peacefully, he died on the fifth day of January, 1867, bequeathing to his family his tenderest blessing, and a name upon the single act of reproach or dishonor had ever cast a shade.

"His death took place at the home of Mr. Bennett, in Dover, with whom he had been stopping during the meeting. This kind hearted and deeply sympathetic family did everything in their power to minister to the comfort of their guest, a kindness most gratefully received by the family.

"In the meantime, years before, when his son, Richard, died, Mr. Rogers selected a lot for family burial in the new cemetery. This the citizens of Carlisle offered him as a free gift, thinking it was no more than due one who had done so much for the town. But this Mr. Rogers, with characteristic modesty, refused to accept in full, but agreed to accept one-half, paying the other half in cash.

"Here on the eighth day of January, 1867, he was buried; in sight of the town which for nearly half a century had been his home. He died as he lifting a Christian soldier should die. Death for him had no alarms—could not find him unprepared. No—

"Tranquil amid alarms
It found him on the field,
A veteran slumbering on his arms,
Beneath his red cross shield.
The pains of death are past—
Labor and sorrow cease;
And life's long warfare closed at last,
His soul is found in peace.
Soldier of Christ, well done;
Praised be the new employ;
And while the eternal ages roll
Rest in thy Saviour's joy."

"From the very start, almost, of our town history, the principles of Freemasonry struck deep root and found numerical and, not only in the limits of the town proper, but throughout the county. Whatever may be said of the order as a free moral institution for the people, it is certain that the social features have been cultivated, and that it has been the means of extending activities of friendship among a large portion of the town and county population. As a system of religion, the order can lay no claim whatever. Yet we pity the man whose soul is not elevated by the sublime truths, whose heart is not softened by its noble influences, whose whole being is not made wiser and better by its solemn and impressive ritual.

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"At the same meeting of the Grand Lodge, Most Worshipful Henry Clay was elected Grand Master and signed the first Masonic charter which ever came to Carlisle.

"At the same meeting, Covington Lodge No 64 was chartered, and their charter signed by Henry B. Clay.

"To have been honored as one of the few holding charters under so illustrious a signature has been the boast of Lodge No. 65. Upon the return home of Worshipful Master Elliott, the officers installed by proxy of the Grand Master"

Next Week: Thomas Porter's Success.

KENTUCKY ON THE MARCH

by Ginny Gaffney

Fellow columnist Bob Smallwood (Beattyville Enterprise) thinks I was unfair to Ladino clover and it fescue in a recent article. I offered no criticism of these two forage crops. What I tried to do was to caution farmers against believing selling Ladino or fescue will like scattering lead birdshot on the ground and harvesting gold nuggets as big as grapefruit. I played along a report from a test fescue is not as high as it might be in feed value. All I said about Ladino was that I had sowed it and was awaiting results.

Fescue and Ladino seed is selling at fabulous prices, which may account in part for the ballyhoo.

Two years ago I visited a fescue seed farm in Christian county and saw the stuff growing on four fields varying in fertility from around that seemed to have been sown to a frazzle with wheat or corn, or both, to fairly good ground. The growth varied with the soil, but the poorest field, where seed was sown on hard stalk land, had a surprisingly good stand and the grass looked almost as lush as that on the best field. It looked as well on soil that probably did not have been cultivated, and that it has been the means of preventing activities of friendship among a large portion of the town and county population. As a system of religion, the order can lay no claim whatever. Yet we pity the man whose soul is not elevated by the sublime truths, whose heart is not softened by its noble influences, whose whole being is not made wiser and better by its solemn and impressive ritual.

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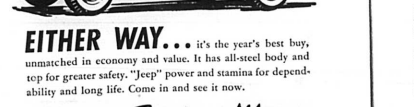

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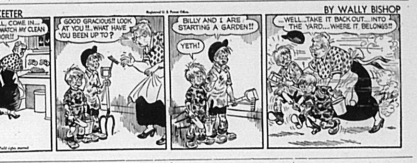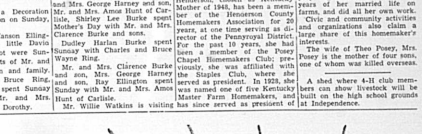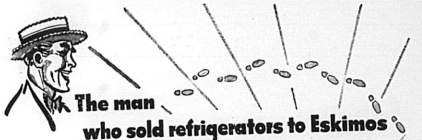
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