

Carlisle - Yesterday And Today

This article on Carlisle is written in part from one printed in the Lexington Herald-Leader on April 1, 1951. An effort has been made to bring it up-to-date by changing those parts which have been effected in the past 17 years.

...the argument supported by General Fulton was that such cooperation would cause owners of big six-acre tracts to operate on a smaller scale with smaller equipment.

...This link is now Ky. 35, which goes on through Carlisle to Bargainsburg and Owdelville. A second connecting road from the Mayville turnpike is Ky. 32, which extends from Carlisle to Flemingsburg and Morehead.

...Today Forest Retreat is still one of the outstanding claims to fame that Carlisle and Nicholas County citizens treasure. Metcalfe, who at an early age was apprenticed to a stone mason trade, laid the stone foundation of Forest Retreat with his own hands. He laid several four by four beams in 1837 until 1838, when he was elected Governor of Kentucky.

...The town was named Carlisle by its trustee, presumably in honor of Charles Carlisle, who had come from the early settlement of that name. The town was established in 1799 from parts of Madison and Wayne, and named for Col. George Nicholas, a prominent Kentucky lawyer and native of Carlisle, Ky.

...The background is outlined to show some of the difficulties Carlisle had overcome in the infancy. Today it is a quiet but growing community whose citizens modestly agree that it probably is entitled to a again applied to it by a Future Farmers of American organization: "A little town with a big heart."

...In the past twenty years, Carlisle has seen a dramatic industrial march from a thriving plant--Blue Grass Industries.

...Mr. Lonnie Ciffin came to Carlisle and asked if the community would support him in establishing a factory. He opened his new plant April 1, 1948, with two employees, and called it Ciffin Manufacturing Company.

...From it grew the present Blue Grass Industries and Blue Grass Knitting, employing 1300 persons with a weekly pay roll of approximately \$400,000.

...The Nicholas County Hospital opened in September, 1950, with facilities for 30 adult patients and 10 babies. The old Johnson Memorial Hospital was then operated by the retail drug store under the management of the Johnson-Mathers Nursing Home until the Johnson County Health Department moved into their new building adjacent to the Maters-Nursing Home in 1951.

...Work was started on February 1951 for the laying of a gas line that bridge

...natural gas to Carlisle from Kentucky Gas Transmission Co. through the West Virginia. Today there are approximately 160 homes in Carlisle. Carlisle High School and Nicholas County High School were consolidated into one high school starting with the 1953-54 school year.

...Carlisle Elementary School, 501 Moorefield Elementary School, 171 Nicholas County Elementary School, 1379 compared with a total enrollment last year of 1404. In the 1950-51 school year, the City Schools enrolled 324 students, while there were 1,000 in the County system.

...On the monuments here lies a slab bearing this inscription: "To the memory of Samuel Kincart, who departed this life Oct. 8, 1837.

...The marker, however, is believed to be over Samuel Kincart's grave since William Henry Ferris, a noted historian, wrote that he was buried in the orchard or the southeast corner of the Kincart farm. The orchard was the site designated by the public square when John Kincart was succeeded by Warren J. Kincart.

...There are a good number of civic and fraternal organizations among them the Chamber of Commerce, Jaycees, Junior Two Women's Clubs, Masons, Eastern Star, Farm Bureau, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, 4-H Clubs, Future Farmers of America, Veterans of Foreign Wars and its auxiliary, and the American Legion and its auxiliary.

...Mayor William Power leads the city administration, which has a liaison office to control city affairs. Ann Hammon, Va., who died about five years ago, was the first to appoint to replace W.C. Cerec, who retired after holding the position for six years.

...The town's water supply comes from two beautiful little lakes, the larger lake covers about 15-34 acres and contains 20 million gallons of water. The smaller covers 4.74 acres and holds only 17 million gallons.

...The source of water supply is in normal run-off and pumps from the Licking River into the lake. Water from the lake is purified before being piped into residences and down into the city main.

...before World War II the city voted a \$50,000 bond issue to finance a

...system of public sewers which is being installed and presently. The bond issue for that purpose is estimated at \$500,000. Their water bill as a sewage charge.

...City property owners pay a tax of \$12 on each \$100 of assessed value. In 1951 the tax rate was \$13 on each \$100, however, property in Kentucky has been assessed at 100 percent of its value, which was not the case in 1951.

...The new library building was dedicated last year, kindergarten classes, which are operated by the Jr. Women's Club, have been held in the basement of the new library since it opened.

...The basement is also available for other civic activities and meetings. The library was previously housed on the second floor of the courthouse.

...The police department consists of chief Alton Farlowe, and two assistants. A new fire truck has been purchased recently by the city, and is being paid for by charging 55 for fire districts. Volunteer firemen are paid on the basis of work performed.

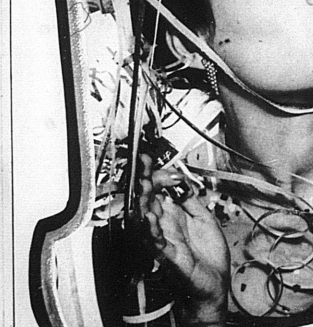
...These are the First National, which is located west of two banks, and the Deposit Bank, the latter having been established in 1923. There is a fast food business in the town. Carlisle residents here can find a vacant storefront or shop for rent. There is a sizable trading area and appears to patronize the stores and its own movie theatre.

...Each summer for the past 19 years, Carlisle folk have staged their annual homecoming, now known as the Blackberry Festival, during which hundreds of former residents return to their native land to renew friendships.



Ring on the old! Ring in the new! We wish joy and prosperity to all!

Gene's T. V.



HAPPY NEW YEAR! Management and Personnel Blue Grass Knitting, Inc.

Rex and Paul Shell Service

Advertisement for 'HAPPY NEW YEAR' featuring a banner with the text 'OUR BEST to you in 1968' and names 'J. Berry Burnaw County Clerk' and 'Rex and Paul Shell Service'.

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Advertisement for 'Happy New Year' featuring a starburst graphic and the text 'GOOD LUCK AND BEST WISHES'.

Advertisement for 'Harper's Garage' featuring a car illustration and the text 'The C. C. Cole Co.'.

Advertisement for 'The Best to you in 1968' featuring a large '1968' graphic and the text 'Floyd Clark, COUNTY JUDGE'.

Advertisement for 'The Deposit Bank' featuring a large '1968' graphic and the text 'Ratloff Bros. Co.'.

Nicholas County Memories

By Lewis P. Scott
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...at forty yards. At the first fire, Castro sank to the ground with a bullet through his chest, just a little below the heart.

...The tragic ending of an accomplished social custom, growing out of a Civil War incident and one of the most revered legal precedents.

...Other weeks continued to move swiftly, however, for Col. Metcalfe will grant you the meeting program to raise a regiment of cavalry to help clear his part of the state from roving bands of guerrillas and bushwhackers.

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