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ERROR CORRECTED

In the last sentence of paragraph two of an article dealing with a called City Council meeting Tuesday night, Feb. 11. The total cost should have been $1,000,000 instead of the forty-one million as reported. The Mercury regrets this error.

Commander Jack W. Bowen Assumes Command Of USS Herbert J. Thomas

Commander J. W. Bowen assumed command of the USS HERBERT J. THOMAS (DD-833) in ceremonies at the Long Beach Naval Shipyard in Long Beach, Calif., on Jan. 3. Commander Bowen a native of Carlisle, graduated from Carlisle High School in 1945, where he had been a letterman in football and baseball. Commander Bowen entered the Naval Academy at Annapolis in 1947 and received his commission as a Ensign in June of 1951. He has previously served as Commanding Officer of another ship, the USS LINCOLN COUNTY (LST-898), from 1958 to 1960.

Commander Jack W. Bowen is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold C. Bowen, Route 3, Carlisle, and has a brother, Gayle Bowen, who lives in Kennedy Heights, Carlisle.

Prior to assuming command of THOMAS, Commander Bowen served as the Chief Engineer of the aircraft carrier USS TICONDEROGA (CVA-14) for a year and one half. He received the Navy Commendation Medal for his service aboard TICONDEROGA during combat operations in Viet-Nam in the spring of 1968.

Commander Bowen is married to the former Miss Florence Krall of Eaton, Ohio. Miss Krall served as

Commander BOWEN

a Navy nurse prior to her marriage. Commander and Mrs. Bowen, together with their four sons, James 12, John 11, Joseph 10, and Jeffrey 3, presently reside in Chula Vista, Calif.

Emery Clark Seeks Election; Meredith Evans Deputy Choice

Emery Clark announced today his candidacy for election to the office of sheriff of Nicholas County. Mrs. Clark stated that Meredith Evans will be his choice for deputy sheriff.

In making his announcement Mr. Clark pointed out that he had served as deputy sheriff with the late J. Maurice Cameron and in the tradition that goes with this office he now seeks a full four year term as sheriff. Certainly the experience gained while serving as deputy sheriff helps the person to know the problems and qualify that person to better serve the needs of the people.

Mr. Clark also asks the people to further consider new procedures and practices available to assist the people of this county, as follows:

1. During the past two years the sheriff's office has employed independent certified public accountants to keep all records in this office which handles all of the tax funds collected for the County, State, Schools, Fire District, Health District and Library District.

2. In cooperation with the Fiscal Court, complete radio communication has now been installed so that this important office can constantly be in touch with each of the sheriff's cars, the City Police cruiser in Carlisle, and the Police Station, wrecker service facilities, ambulance facilities, State Police, and surrounding towns within a radious of 20 miles. Criminal investigative work, emergency calls, accident work, and life saving are just a few of the advantages this important service has provided for the citizens of Nicholas County.

The following citizens signed his petition: Stanley Rose, William Dampier, Father Herman B. Kamlage, Luther Clay and Rubel Williams.

Mr. Clark stated that he will continue to operate this office for the people of Nicholas County if elected. Feel free to call him or his deputy for any service they can do for you.

C of C Meets After Rotary

Morris Whiteley, newly elected president of the Carlisle - Nicholas County Chamber of Commerce, announces a meeting of that body for tonight(Thursday) following Rotary, at the Jaycee-C of C building, on Market Street.

All officers and directors, namely, W. N. Young, vice president; Raymond Bruce, secretary; Harold Letton, treasurer; H. C. Peters, R. P. Alexander, Ronnie Letcher, Charles Mann, Warren Fisher, W. B. Parker, Charles Cox, W. R. Buntin Jr., are asked to be present.

Deeds Recorded

Clara Frances Blizzard, 63.3 acres on Millers Station Road to Allie Carl Sexton.

Evelyn George, tract of land on Barzerville and Carlisle Road to Bobby and Nancye Mattox.

Thomas and Christine Hardwick, 65 acres more or less on Stoney Creek to James S. and Alma Anderson.

Sterling T. and Addie E. Jackson, 44 acres on Sugar Creek to Thorr Jr. and Christine Hardwick.

L. W. and Beatrice Giffin, lot in Douglas Court to Calvin and Reba M. Wills.

Everett Becraft, 12 acres near East Union to Charles and Margaret Hawkins.

R.E. and Margaret Pittman, Lot No. 36, Section 2 Lake Carnico Estates to William Powell and Co.

Emery and Louise Clark Meredith and Helen Evans, house and lot on highway 68 to George and Elizabeth Tubbs.

Ben W. and Dorothy Glass, 3 Tracts of land on Sugar Creek to Jimmy and Barbara Wells.

Stolen Engine Found; Man Is Arrested

A Nicholas County man was arrested early Saturday morning and charged with possession of stolen property.

County Sheriff Emery Clark found Stevie White about 31, installing a motor in his car. The motor and a transmission were allegedly removed from a late model sports car that was earlier found burned and stripped at Saltwell.

The sports car, bearing Fayette County plates, was reported stolen Feb. 11.

White was apprehended at Myers, about 14 miles north of Saltwell, where the stripped car was found.

February Grand Jury Report Released

We, the Grand Jury duly empaneled for this term of the Nicholas Circuit Court, do hereby make our final report as follows.

We have made careful investigation into all violations of the penal laws of this state in this jurisdiction of which we have any knowledge or have received information, and have returned indictments in all cases in which the evidence, in our opinion justified trial by petit jury. We have been in session two days, have returned five indictments, and have failed to return indictments on one charge referred to us for investigation.

The Grand Jury discussed several matters relating to the County of general interest.

The Grand Jury expresses its appreciation to the Circuit Judge, John P. Lair for his instructions of their duties to them and for the manner in which he conducts the Circuit Court in this county and also extends their thanks to the Commonwealth Attorney for County Attorney for the courtesy extended by them to the Grand Jury.

All of which the Grand Jury of the February Term 1969 respectfully reports to the Court, and having completed its duties on Feb. 17, 1969, respectfully requests that it be discharged.

Close Home Season Fri.&Sat.

Friday and Saturday will be the last chance for fans to sbe the Sophomore Sensations, the Nicholas County Bluejackets on their home court.

The Lewis County Wildcats invade Nicholas County Friday, Feb. 21, while the following night will finish the home stand with an exciting battle with the Estill County Engineers.

Nicholas LVCA Programs Outlined

The Licking Valley Community Action Program has many facets-learning, employment and human development.

Nicholas, Fleming, Robertson, Bracken, Bath, Menifee, Mason and Montgomery make up the eight county CA.P. area.

All counties have a "Head Start" program deserving the praise that has been received. Without being informed, first grade teachers have said they can usually spot a child that has failed to attend "Head Start." In some of the other counties the Upward Bound Programs are helping promising students obtain a formal education.

The employment programs are-The Neighborhood Youth Corps, Special Impact, Job Corps and Operation Mainstream (on the Job Training). During the past two summers the N.Y.C. program has provided work for the youth of Nicholas County. The youth have worked in hospitals, libraries, offices, schools and general beautification of the area; Though they necessarily learn a good deal about trades, crafts and professions - the main purpose of N.Y.C. is not to give them on-the-job training. The N.Y.C. offers them work. Experience while performing useful service to their communities. Hopefully they will move on to formal vocational training or into permanent jobs-and in case of dropouts, back to school for additional education. Job Corps has proven valuable in aiding the school dropout in obtaining a high school diploma while receiving vocational training.

Of the eight counties, only in Nicholas County is the Licking Valley C.A.P. responsible for administration of the United States Dept. of Agriculture Donated Foods Program. This program now involves 991 individuals, 73 percent of this number are over 70 years of age. In conjunction with the USDA food distribution-a cooking school is conducted on distribution days at the Dorseyville Center in the Community Room.

Stressing the value of proper nutrition, four classes are conducted on the

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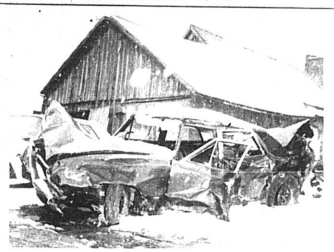
LOOKS LIKE MIGHTY SLIM PICKINS', but underneath there's plenty of sunflower seed, suet and apples. Don't tell the other birds, but I've got 27 1/2 pounds of sunflower seed--it's cheaper by the dozen, sacks that is.



—Mercury pic. Story by Allen Waugh

Two Men Injured

Two men were injured about 11 p.m. Saturday when their F-85 Oldsmobile plunged over an embankment near the traffic inlands, about three miles from Carlisle on Highway 36.

Deputy Sheriff Meredith Evans called to the accident scene, said that it was a possibility that a high rate of speed caused the mishap.

The west bound vehicle carried two persons, Tom Nickerson and James Metcalfe, both of Bourbon County. Nickerson was released from the Nicholas County Hospital Saturday night while Metcalfe, who suffered a concussion was dismissed Sunday.

History Of Hickory Ridge Is Told

The small community of Hickory Ridge, first called "The Ridge," but later known as Hickory Ridge was located in Nicholas County on the head waters of Stoney Creek. A road, called the New Cut Road, opened the community for transportation between Stoney Creek Road and the Maysville and Lexington Road.

At the close of the Civil War when the negroes were free to leave their masters and settle in communities of their choice a number of negro families settled on Hickory Ridge. When circumstances allowed, these families bought their own small farms, built homes, and reared their children. They were industrious, proud people, and were highly respected by the white people of the area.

The men raised their crops, tended their gardens, put out fruit orchards, and had many varieties of trees and flowering shrubs growing around their homes. The women knew where to find herbs to use in their cooking as well as for their use in medicine. They often shared their medicines with the white neighbors in times of illness. To obtain cash for certain necessities, the men sold much good and valuable timber, most of it hickory trees. And the community prospered.

The people soon felt the need of a place of worship as they were a religious and God fearing people. On April 14, 1894 the people bought from Sarah Campbell (negro) one half acre of land for the sum of $8.00 in cash. They erected a neat frame building and gave it the name of Methodist Episcopal Church of America. The trustees making the purchase were Thomas Robby, Morris Price, and Robert Taylor. This church meant much to the entire community of both blacks and whites. Camp meetings were held in the summers and quite able ministers were brought in to conduct the meetings. The gospel was preached and many people, both black and white attended these meetings. It is said that their singing was unsurpassed.

The ladies kept the church yard and cemetary in good condition through out the year. There were many flowering shrubs such as lilacs both purple and white, bridalwreath, snowballs, peonies, and jonquils better known then as march flowers. Today handhewn monuments with names and dates chiseled in the stone may be seen in the church yard.

After years of service to the community the church was destroyed by a freak tornado that swept through the community. Over the years many of the older citizens died and the younger ones left the Ridge to settle in other places. The church was never rebuilt.

At the same time the people wanted a church, they also felt the need of a school. The county board of education granted them a one room school which covered grades one thru eight. There were several teachers, the best known of whom was Mrs. Sam Brooks. She taught the school for 15 years. Mrs. Brooks now lives on Broadway here in Carlisle. A number of bright boys and girls came through that school. Again bad luck struck the community when the school burned in 1904. After that the children went to Henryville school with their friends and kinfolk.

In 1935 "Aunt" Lute Young, the last of the negroes of the Ridge Community, died thus ending the era of the negro community. In about 1953 the Fish and Game Club of the county built a club house on the Ridge. It has been used for meetings, dinners, and banquets for members and their guests.

But the story is not over. In 1963 the Ridge became the site of North Central 4-H Club camp. Soon another upward step was taken when a number of local citizens organized and planned a lake project. It was financed in part by the sale of lots along the six mile shore line. In May of 1963 Governor Bert T. Combs came to the dedication of the Camp, was introduced by its attorney Charles Fox and stayed for a barbecued chicken dinner. The crowd then went to one of the newly built cottages and watched as Rachel Booth, six year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Booth, cut the ribbon dedicating the project. The lake, called Carrico, furnishes recreational water for dwellers, local people and others. Its recreational value to the camp and to people who built cottages there is invaluable. Fishing, boating and swimming are open to the public.

So "the old order changeths, yielding place to the new." Hickory Ridge continues to serve its people in many ways according to the times and the need.

This history of the Ridge was written by Mrs. Ethel Booth. She has lived near the community since 1904 and has collected data from various people and sources. Her memory served to fill in much of the story.

Tincher Files for Magistrate

Paul Tincher announced this week his candidacy for Magistrate of the 2nd District , Democratic Primary, May 27 election.

Tractor Safety Program Offerered

The 4-H Tractor Safety Program will be offered this year with local farm leaders providing the instruction. This program will begin Feb. 27 and will run for nine consecutive weeks thereafter with meetings being held each Thursday night at 7:00 p.m. in the Extension Office. This program is designed to teach the basic principles of tractor power, operation and maintenance with safe operation of the farm tractor as the theme of the entire program.

Each meeting will be conducted by a local farm leader and will consist of a period of instruction, discussions, a session on records and a film or demonstrations. All three local farm equipment dealers have offered the use of their shop facilities for this program. The program will be highlighted by a tractor rally and driving contest to be held the afternoon of May 17.

This program is open to all boys (or girls) from 9-19 years of age that are interested in safe farming.

Heart Sunday Here Feb. 23

Mrs. Fred Whaley and Mrs. Emmett Darnell Co-chairmen for Heart Sunday, announce that the Carlisle Community Woman's Club members will collect at your door Sunday for the heart drive. Mrs. Glenn Clay, W. Main St., Mrs. Paul Guthrie, Chestnut St., Mrs. Henry Bailey, Walnut St., Mrs. Hazel Moore, E. Main St., Mrs. Morris Whiteley, Elm St., Mrs. R. L. Talbert, Mulberry St., Mrs. Estill Noffsinger, Eastern Ave., Miss Fleet Allison, School and Turleman Ave.

Mrs. Custer Blair, Locust St., Mrs. Dallas Sugg North St., Mrs. John Daniel, Archdeacon, Mrs. Dan Rich, Sycamore Hill, Mrs. Ike Gourch, Sycamore, Mrs. Harold Letton, Layson's to Hospital, Mrs. Nathan Young, Layson's to Hospital, Mrs. Helen Peterson, Kennedy Heights Mrs. William Wilson, Broadway.

Mrs. Connie Giffin, Barzeyville, Mrs. William Allison, Barzeyville, Mrs. Charles Mann, Arnold Heights, Mrs. Walter Byrd, Douglas Ct. Mrs. A. R. Buntin Jr., Upper Jackstown Rd., Mrs. Joe Blount, Cliffway Dr., Mrs. W. B. Kingsolver, Shepherd Hills.

So please give ... so more will live... Heart Sunday.

KU To Spend $44 Million

Kentucky Utilities Company has announced a 1969 construction budget of $44 million to expand and improve its electric power facilities serving 250,000 customers. This is the largest one-year construction budget in KU's history.

The schedule includes projects throughout the 78-county area where

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Post Office Closed All-Day on Saturday

The Carlisle Post Office will be closed all day Saturday, Feb. 22. There will be no service.

OLDEST LICENSED CAR IN COUNTY so says Eugene Neal, as he holds his two historic plates. The Kentucky legislature passed last year (House Bill 111) which is now known as KRS 186.043, in part it says, (1) also says a lot more) (Historic motor vehicles, permanent registration, fee; license plates, . . (3) The registration license and license plates of historic motor vehicles shall be valid without renewal as long as the vehicle is in existence. . . Gene's two plates will be applied fore and aft to his 1923 Model T Ford. First to license an ancient vehicle in Nicholas County, according to County Clerk J. Derry Burnaw, was Roger Sampson, who has a 1930 Model A Ford.