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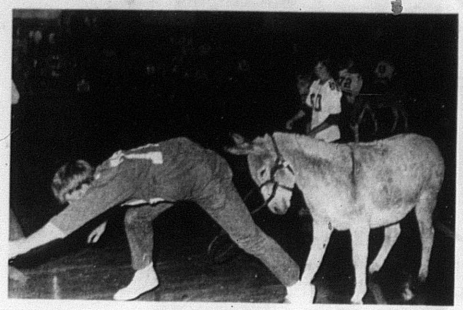

Take that!

Nicholas County High School football coach, Paul Hampton, leaves his donkey the hard way, when the animal made a sudden unexpected stop in Thursday's donkey basketball game. —Smith photo

Kentucky Afield

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Guest Writer

Let's suppose you came home from a shopping trip one Saturday afternoon and found a group of strangers having a picnic in your back yard. How would you react? Wouldn't your first impulse be either to kick them out or to call the police and have them arrested for trespassing?

Why, then, should we expect a farmer to react any differently when he sees a group of strangers with guns tramping through his fields? His farm is as much his as your yard is yours, and chances are he has put much more time, money and effort into his land than you will ever put in yours, for his farm is his living, often his sole source of income.

We should all be thankful for the generosity of the farmers who let others hunt on their land. If some stranger drove up to your house and asked if he could swim in your pool, would you be as generous? The good will of landowners is something that all hunters need to cultivate, because it is a rare and precious thing.

Yet there are still those who refuse to extend to the landowner the most basic and common courtesy—asking permission to hunt on his land. Asking to hunt (or fish, or camp, or hike) is the single most important step in building good relations with landowners, one which should not be neglected by anyone under any circumstances.

Why is asking permission so important? First, it shows that you acknowledge the farmer's rights as a property owner. Down on a basic, psychological level we all have a sense of territory, of what is ours and of what we control, whether it's a back yard or a back 40 acres. Let someone else infringe upon this territory, and all kinds of impulsive aggression start to surface—again, think of the example of strangers picnicing in your yard. Asking permission confirms these territorial rights; failure to do so violates them.

Second, there has been an increasing amount of rural crime in the past several years. Tractor batteries have been stolen or gas tanks drained, barns broken into or vandalized. This is not the fault of the hunter, but it does make the landowner keep a closer watch on his land. Approach a farmer openly, introduce yourself, even show some identification and he will know that you mean him no harm. But enter without permission, and he will almost have to come chasing after you just to see what you're up to.

Third, asking permission gives you a chance to inquire about the location of outbuildings, livestock, planted fields or other areas where the farmer may not want you to hunt. And inquiring about such things also shows the landowner that you respect his property and his rights.

Finally, asking permission makes you less of a stranger and more of a friend and neighbor. Offering to share some of your bag with the landowner will still further cement this friendship.

I once asked permission to hike on land that was heavily posted with "no trespassing" signs. "Sure," the owner replied. "Those signs aren't for neighbors, they're for rascals."

That says it all. Ask, and be a neighbor. Don't ask—you're a rascal.

Compared with last three years

Kentucky parks doing better

Kentucky Department of Parks officials have announced that a recent comparison of yearly records shows that the parks have been more successful this year than they have for at least the past three years.

A promotion theme designed to counter the energy crisis was pointed to as a major reason for the upsurge in parks visitation.

The theme, urging Kentuckians to "stay at home and enjoy the parks in your own state," should push the percentage of Kentuckians staying overnight in the state's resort parks to 56 per cent compared to 43 per cent three years ago.

Parks officials are quick to point out, however, that success for the system is not measured in the amount of revenue generated by the parks, despite the fact that more resort parks (five) are operating in the black than ever before.

According to Parks Commissioner Ewart W. Johnson, "The comment cards and letters we receive thanking us for fine service is our measuring stick for success."

Widespread visitation to the different types of parks is also used as an indicator of achievement and parks officials report a surprisingly heavy use of day-use parks or non-resort facilities during the summer.

Heavy visitation at Fort Boonesborough, the newest addition to the park system, has been especially pleasing to parks officials, particularly the number of out-of-state visitors to the fort.

Future promotion of the parks according to Johnson will be geared to promoting the parks that will be staying open later this year. Johnson added that the Parks Department, in cooperation with the Department of Public Information, "will be spreading out a little more than we did last year and covering a wider area."

The future of the state's parks system has been termed by parks officials as bright, with special emphasis on renovation and expansion of existing facilities. This will include continued refurbishing of cottages and rooms at the resort parks.

Major projects for the future are the conversion of Kenlake State Resort Park into a "tennis resort" with the construction of five new courts.

Historical Society names president

The Old State Capitol, now being restored, provided a backdrop for the installation of Dr. Robert Martin as new president of the Kentucky Historical Society.

Martin, president of Eastern Kentucky, succeeds Hugh Potter, formerly of Owensboro and now of Sarasota, Fla.

Martin was installed as president at a recent annual meeting of the Historical Society. Gen. William Buster, a director of the society, told the group that restoration work on the Old Capitol is virtually finished. Contractors had set Nov. 15 as a completion date for restructuring and painting work.

Buster added that much additional work remains before the Old Capitol can be reopened to the public on Boone Day, June 7, 1975. He said carpeting and desks and chairs resembling those used by Kentucky's early legislators have been ordered.

He also announced that the Historical Society's offices on the second floor of the nearby Old Capitol annex are in full operation. The third floor library was scheduled to open to the public on Monday, Nov. 18.

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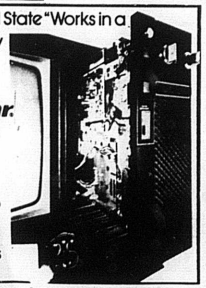

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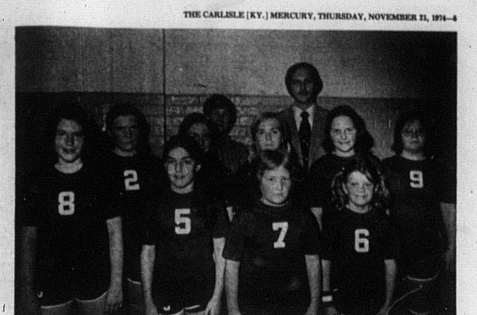
Women's Lib is on its way again! The Carlisle Jaycee Little League basketball organization now has two girls' teams. Their first game against each other was Saturday night. The Phillies beat the Stars 19 to 12. Pictured are the Phillies. First row, Michelle Rawlings, Dianna Ring; second row, Becky Berry, Dana Ring, Pam Garrett, Jane Ellen Dampier; third row, Kenzetha Hardwick, Mrs. Kenneth Baker, assistant to the coach, Benita Dampier, and Charles Gates, coach. —Duncan photo



The Stars, one of two newly formed girls basketball teams in the Carlisle Jaycee Little League Basketball organization are pictured after their first game Saturday night. The Stars lost to the Phillies, 19 to 12. Front row, Tammy Hale, Michelle George, Marsha Lyons, Penny Baker; second row, Cathy Lyons, Pam Hopkins, Ramona Randolph, Stephanie Hamilton, Margaret Duncan; back row, Mrs. Bobby Curtsinger, assistant to the coach and Bobby Curtis, Coach.—Duncan photo

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Nursing home news

by Virginia Smith Donovan

Wednesday my good step-daughter, Nancy Donovan Meadows came to see me and brought me a box of delicious fruit. She's the only one of the Donovans who did not go to school to me.

Sign in a clock shop: There's no present like the time.

Mrs. Mildred Seamands had a nice surprise, got to see her new great-great-grandson, Brian Steven Ockerman.

Henry Dalzelle is a new patient from Sugar Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hardwick really had the visitors the past week. They have more nieces and nephews. Came with well filled baskets and Christmas presents in advance.

Mrs. Lucille Irvin is a new resident. She hails from Moorefield.

My young friend, Kay Conley, came to see me late Saturday afternoon. Said she had been on a trip with the family this summer.

Mrs. Eugene Whitting's daughter and grand-daughter visited Mrs. Iva Payne recently. They came from Owingsville.

Spirit of Christmas prevails at Garden Club meeting

The spirit of Christmas prevailed at the meeting of the Carlisle Garden Club Monday, Nov. 18 when Mrs. Jim Williams Jr. from The Flower Box, Cynthiana, presented a program on Christmas arrangements.

Many varied and lovely designs were displayed. Reds and greens seemed to be the dominant colors, interspersed with touches of gold, and much fruit. Baskets seemed popular in containers. Mrs. Joe LeBus, assisting, explained the use of Plexey glass and how to make use of articles around the home. She urged the use of the Bible in at least one arrangement, for she said, "If there were no Christmas, there would be none of these decorations."

Mrs. Taylor Snelling gave the Spiritual Values. She used excerpts from Peter Marshall's sermons.

Mrs. H.W. Bailey, vice chairman, presided over the meeting. She announced that a call meeting was set for Dec. 3 at 12:15 p.m. at the Library for some business and the making of wreaths for the library windows. Mrs. W.G. Irvin and Mrs. Lovell Hollar, hostesses, served dessert and coffee to members and a number of guests.

Births

PEYTON

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Peyton announce the birth of a daughter, born Nov. 5, 1974 at Nicholas County Hospital. She weighed seven pounds, 14 ounces, and has been named Jennifer Mae.

JOLLY

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Jolly of Carlisle announce the birth of a daughter, born Wednesday, Nov. 13, 1974 at the Bourbon County Hospital in Paris.

Miss Doyle is elected cheerleader

Miss Patty Doyle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Doyle, has been elected to the Knights Freshman Varsity Cheerleading Squad at Kentucky Christian College in Grayson.

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