

Obituaries

ALLIE C. VICE III
Allie Coleman Vice III, day-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Allie C. Vice Jr., died Friday, July 9, 1978.
Services were held Sunday in Longview Cemetery, Bethel. Clark Funeral Home in charge.

IRVEN L. TEVIS
Irvan L. Tevis, 72, 124 Woodmont Drive, Paris, died Tuesday, July 6, 1978 at the Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington.
A native of Nicholas county, he was the son of the late Elmer E. and Minnie Taylor Tevis. He was a retired employee of Blue Grass Industries and a member of the Church of Christ.
He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Don Helphersine, Paris; a foster son, Ronnie Amy, Paris; a granddaughter, Miss Judy Helphersine, Paris; two sisters, Mrs. William Puckett, Taylorsville, and Mrs. Mabel Hopkins, Paris; 15 nephews and four nieces.
Services were conducted Saturday at the Karl K. Lask and Son Funeral Home by George Rogers, minister. Burial in the Paris Cemetery.

Bids for resurfacing streets accepted by Council Monday

A \$25,161 bid by Adams Blacktopping of Mt. Sterling for resurfacing certain streets in Carlisle was accepted by City Council Monday night at its regular meeting. Three other bids were opened at the meeting.
Streets to be resurfaced are: Chestnut from Swansboro to Elm; Cliffway from Davis Zachary's past Jimmy Conrad's; all of High to Leant and from West Main to Market; McCracken from High to Morgan; Robin of Sharon Way; all of Sharon Way.
Council also opened three bids for an air conditioner for the City Office. Billy Scott's bid on a 24,000 BTU Westinghouse of \$505 was accepted.
Harry Trapp was granted permission to build a retaining wall behind his house 66 ft. long and 40 inches high. Veach Berry, chairman of Planning and Zoning, recommended adoption of a fee schedule and that zoning officer Gayle Vanlandingham be compensated for his work. Both recommendations were passed by Council. Planning and

Zoning's next meeting is scheduled Wednesday, July 28, at 7:30 p.m. Property Valuation Administrator Bobby Anderson reported that total city property has been assessed at \$19,174,791, with homestead exemption \$1,232,265.
A letter was read from the county stating that the county is limiting \$2,000 per month on the Land Fill. Councilmen and Mayor Bill Power were invited to discuss the matter at Fiscal Court meeting on Wednesday, July 21, at 7:30 p.m.
Gas rate increases will also be discussed at the next regular Council meeting, Aug. 9, at 7 p.m.
Mayor Power showed some pictures he took after climbing the water tower recently to inspect it. The tank, which is being repaired, was in very bad condition, he said.
Jane Palmer Report
Number of arrests, 39; fines collected, \$893.50; parking meter collections, \$300.00. Total, \$1193.50.

Kentucky reflections

Elkton
by George Street Boone
Long ago, Justice Holmes observed that certainty generally is illusion and repose is not the destiny of men.

The past few weeks have demonstrated this graphically as the U.S. Supreme Court has handed down new and different precedents at a surprising clip.
The unanimous decision on the press gag rule is one of its most significant constitutional precedents. Perhaps it is appropriate that the opinion should have been delivered in this Fourth of July season. Other actions of the Burger Court have distressed civil libertarians, but the result reached in the Stroman case does give comfort even though Burger's opinion gives some concern.

Gag rules have become almost faddishly popular devices by which courts seek to preserve the rights of citizens. It is a classic situation in which the freedom of the press confronts the right of a citizen to have a fair trial. In their quest for fair trials courts have laid increasing stress upon the need for uniformed juries.
In 1975 62 judicial gag orders were reported. Some courts limited themselves to silencing their own officers and witnesses, forbidding persons under their control from making or commenting on reports or reporting upon public proceedings.
The gag rules, to a marked degree, were provided by excesses of the

media. A classic example occurred in the State of Ohio in the trial of Dr. Sam Sheppard accused of murdering his wife.

The vehicle for the most recent Supreme Court decision was a mass murder in Nebraska in which Edwin Charles Simants was charged with killing six members of a single family. Chief Justice Burger, delivering the main opinion, for a unanimous court, held unconstitutional a state court order which limited pre-trial publicity and forbade reporting even of a public hearing.

The drafters of our constitution, remembering the Star Chamber proceedings, sought openness of procedures in a free society.
"Has this noble experiment succeeded? Does our system work? Some feel

our courts are too lenient but, right or wrong, this leniency is not a consequence of openness. This openness has the virtue of letting the public know where the responsibility lies.
Several years ago, defendants were using disruptive tactics to block their own trials. In the trial of the Chicago Seven some may remember Bobby Seale bound and gagged in Judge Hoffman's courtroom. Judge Harold Medina in New York presided at one of these trials. He said last winter: "In every phase of life and in all workings of government, we need light and more light. Unless we know what is going on, we are helpless. This is especially true in the fields of crime and the administration of criminal justice. . . . Does it require extended argument to demon-

strate that these gag orders, this muzzling of the press, may be used as a cover-up to prevent the detection of law criminal law enforcement or downright corruption?"

Much talk is heard about the teaching of values, but values follow examples and examples start at the top. The unanimous result the Supreme Court reached can be a significant precedent for openness in government.

Cervical cancer clinic July

A Cervical Cancer Clinic will be held at the Nicholas County Health Center on Thursday, July 15.
The hours will be 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Take a few minutes for the test that could save your life.

Miss Shaw to represent Nicholas

Miss Lias Shaw, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Shaw, will represent Nicholas County in the 4-H Talent Show performance at the Blue Grass Fair.
She was named as county winner during the 4-H Showcase on Saturday.

Who's going to buy a yellow watermelon?

WASHINGTON—The small question facing watermelon growers this summer is: Will Americans eat a yellow watermelon?
To be sure, the skin is a reassuring green with darker green stripes, but the flesh is bright yellow. The men who sell seeds to home gardeners think Yellow Baby, as the melon is called, is a winner.
The Department of Agriculture is more skeptical. The resident watermelon marketing expert there told the National Geographic Society: "Yellow watermelons have been around for at least 30 years, but they never really took."
He remembers a variety called Honey Cream, which matured faster and was sweeter than red melons, but it never became popular because people thought watermelons should be red.
Has Fewer Seeds
Yellow Baby, a hybrid from Taiwan, where it is called Yellow Gread, has the same advantages as Honey Cream, along with fewer seeds and more edible flesh than red melons.
But the Agriculture Department doubts that the yellow melon will overtake its red cousin very soon. Of the 770,000 pounds of watermelon seed stocks, only 11,000 pounds are of yellow varieties.

The most popular red variety is the Charleston Grey, a long, light-green melon that was introduced in 1854. Cannonball, a roundish melon, and Crimson Sweet, a close relative of Charleston Grey, also are popular.
Coming up fast are Sugar Babies, small "ice-box" watermelons that weigh from 6 to 10 pounds. They can be grown farther north than many of the large melons.
Though there is a trend to small melons that mature in the north, the leading watermelon state is Florida, followed by Texas, Georgia, and South Carolina. Indiana ranks fifth by virtue of heavy production in the southern part of the state.
United States watermelon output reached 2,431,200,000 pounds in 1975. They were valued at \$97.4 million at the farm. Production was slightly lower in 1974 and higher in 1973. Early reports indicate that 1978 may be a bigger watermelon year than 1975.

Appeal to Pests
Commercial growing is a risky business. Watermelons appeal to a host of pests as well as people. Apart from the vagaries of weather, enemies include cucumber beetles, melon aphids, cutworms, wireworms, fusarium wilt, anthracnose, and downy mildew.
Even if a watermelon grows to round, firm, fully packed maturity, it can fall prey to stem-end rot during shipment to distant markets. But melons are less prone to thump damage these days.
Back in Model-T days, any self-respecting father could crank the family car and thump a picnic watermelon with equal skill. A solid plunk indicated a ripe melon; a plunk meant the fruit was surpise.
Nowadays, a great many melons are sold in cut pieces, and even a child can tell whether they are ripe. Besides, plunk versus plunk isn't infallible. The test doesn't work on naturally hollow or crisp melons.
The Chinese farmer who developed Yellow Baby has his own test: "Tap the watermelon on the center with your knuckle. If it sounds like you're tapping your forehead, it's under-ripe. If it sounds like your chest, it's ripe. If it sounds like your stomach, it's over-ripe."

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