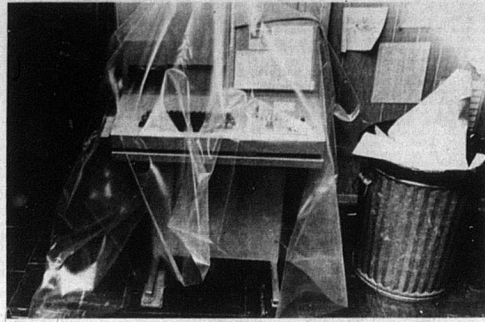




The focal point

Most everything revolves around our CompuWriter at left above, but it is still a good idea to keep the ammo dry, so last week during the brief thaw, we put plastic over all pieces of equipment and let the water run down the walls. One could have called on the plastic newspaper. All machines on this level, plus 57,000 mailing bags stayed dry, but it didn't stop the water from entering the basement and destroying our



Old Faithful

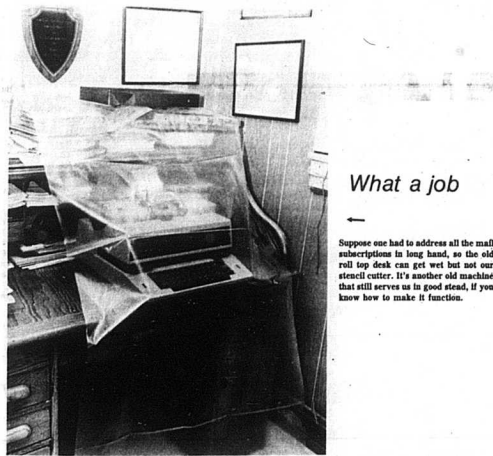
Our old 7200 Compugraphic headline and ad gals machine acquired in October 1978. This old discrete model, is slow, but still functions in a pinch, and we've really had the pieces of late. Maybe it's Murphy's Law in action again—Nothing is as easy as it looks. Everything takes longer than you think. If anything can go wrong—it will.

The plastic precaution keeps everything dry, but the basement furnace!



The new gal

Like the Hologic Woman, she's faster and supposed to be better and would be if she wasn't kin to a lemon. Oh, I almost forgot she is another 7200 1 Compugraphic, the 19,254 model made.



What a job

Suppose one had to address all the mail subscriptions in long hand, so the old roll top desk can get wet but not our steel cutter. It's another old machine that still serves us in good stead. If you know how to make it function.

We've forgotten who they are and what the occasion!

Please don't call (we're shorthanded now) just drop us a postcard.

—mercury photo



Jackets nipped by Paris

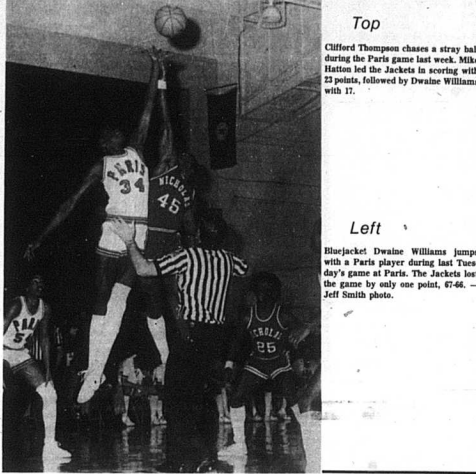
by Wendell McKee
Finally after five cancellations, the Bluejackets got to play another basketball game. They traveled to Paris Tuesday, Jan. 24, and lost to the Greyhounds in a barn burner, nail biter, or what have you. Paris defeated the Jackets 67-66 on William Jacobs free throw with five seconds left in the game.
Paris took the early advantage with their outside shooting and led 24-14 at the end of the first quarter. The Greyhounds led by as many as ten points in the second period, but the Jackets cut that lead back to seven points, 42-35, at the end of the half. Mike Hatton and Dwayne Williams supplied the early offensive punch as the pair accounted for 24 of the team's 35 points. The Jackets came out fighting in the third quarter and cut the lead down to

two points, but the Greyhound advantage was four points, 55-51, at the end of the quarter. The Jackets continued their onslaught on the Paris lead during the final frame, and when Joe Ruedell scored on a layup with 5:30 left in the game, the Jackets took the lead for the first time in the game 59-58. Joe Ruedell had another basket seconds later to increase that margin.
The Jackets regained the ball again and went into a slow down offense. Suddenly, Mark Ruedell found an opening in the Paris defense, drove to the basket, and scored on a layup. He was fouled on the play and made the free throw to give the Jackets a four-point lead with just over four minutes to go in the game.
But Paris fought back and tied the score with just over one minute to play. Then with five seconds left, Jacob's, a 6' 8" center, found himself at the free throw line. He made the first of two shots to give Paris a one-point advantage. Nicholas Co. had the ball with three seconds left, but Mark Ruedell's desperation shot at the buzzer bounced off the rim.
Mike Hatton led the Jackets in scoring with 23 points, followed by Dwayne Williams with 17. Clifford Thompson had 11 tallies, Mark Ruedell had seven, Joe Ruedell scored six, and James Anderson had two points. Jacobs led Paris with 24 points and 13 rebounds, while Darryl Parker added 11 points.
The "B" team lost its game with the Paris "B" squad 54-34.

Iron once state's king

FRANKFORT—At a time when coal is king in Kentucky, it's hard to believe that iron was once the state's reigning mineral. About 150 years ago, the iron produced in Kentucky ranked the state as third in the nation in iron production. And to prove it, there are more than 70 historic iron furnace sites scattered across the state.
According to Gloria Mills, a historian with the Kentucky Heritage Commission, those furnaces have been identified in 20 counties. Many can be found in Letcher and Trigg Counties in the Land-Between-the-Lakes. They are also located in Boyd and Carter Counties, and Greenup County also has 15 furnaces and furnace sites.
"Of the total number of furnaces and furnace sites found in the state, four are listed on the National Register of Historic Places in Washington, D.C. They include the Bourbon Iron Works State Furnace, Center Furnace, Cottage Iron Furnace, and Red River Iron Furnace. The towns in which they were located thrived as long as the furnaces survived. And, by providing employment for the residents, the furnaces formed the basis for the local economy," said Mrs. Mills.
The furnace that is known today as the Bourbon Iron Works was the first one west of the Allegheny Mountains. Built in 1791, it is located near Owsingville in Bath County.
"Center Furnace which is located on the Land-Between-the-Lakes, was built in the 1840s and was used off and on for about 60 years. It was the last charcoal fueled burner in Kentucky," according to Mrs. Mills.
Built around 1854, the Cottage Furnace located near Irvine in Estill County operated until 1973. The furnace was made of rough hewn sandstone rock.
The Red River Iron Furnace near Fitchburg in Estill County was built in 1868. Considered the largest in the world it was a double-stack structure that stood 60 feet high.

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Top

Clifford Thompson chases a stray ball during the Paris game last week. Mike Hatton led the Jackets in scoring with 23 points, followed by Dwayne Williams with 17.

Left

Bluejackets Dwayne Williams jumps with a Paris player during last Tuesday's game at Paris. The Jackets lost the game by only one point, 67-66. — Jeff Smith photo.

Washington renews war against unbeatable foe

WASHINGTON—The nation's capital has declared war, despite the likelihood of finding itself in a no-win situation.
District of Columbia sanitation engineers say the city is besieged by cockroaches that are breaching its defenses through every crack in the plaster and wooden crevice.
Washington has reinforced its trash truck crews by adding inspectors whose job it is to see that residents wrap their garbage tightly. Slackers can be fined \$300 or put in jail—which is like being delivered to the invaders' camp.
Humans vs. Insects
Entomologists warn that no matter what tactics are used, the city will gain only a brief respite. Centuries of skirmishing between humans and cockroaches have shown that people may win some battles, but the insects usually win the wars.
Cockroaches have been around more than 300 million years, since the Paleozoic era, the National Geographic Society points out. Roaches saw the dinosaurs come and go, watched man arrive, and probably will be here to witness his demise.
Originating in the warm, humid climates of Africa and the Middle East, cockroaches are found today everywhere that people live—except in the polar regions.
Much of their success lies in the fact that, like man, they are able to adjust to almost any circumstances.
A roach can adapt to a refrigerator or to extreme heat, and develops immunity to poisons faster than technicians can formulate new ones.
It can live for two months on water alone or go five months without water. The hardy insect even can live for a few days without its head, tests have demonstrated.
Cockroaches prefer food crumbs and leftovers. They love beer or soft drinks. But in a pinch, they'll eat anything: the food wrapper itself, soap, glue from book bindings and the pages, tv insulation, even the egg castings from their own offspring.
Marvels of Design
As if that weren't enough to ensure their survival, roaches are marvels of design engineering. They are brainy enough to learn laboratory mazes and solve problems. They can distinguish light and dark when all five of their eyes have been covered.
Their six legs and flat, oily bodies enable them to escape safely through the smallest opening with incredible speed. The slightest puff of air stirs fine hairs on their antennae, triggering sensory nerves in their legs. The takeoff time of a threatened roach has been clocked at 54/1000ths of a second.
One pair of the insects may produce 35,000 progeny in a single season. Their natural enemies are centipedes and tarantulas, but few persons care to turn either loose in the house to reduce the cockroach population.
When a Washington radio announcer reported the city's anti-cockroach campaign, the station was deluged with calls. Listeners offered several suggestions, including the time-honored remedy of setting out a mixture of sugar and baking soda.
Roaches eat it and then, being hard-headed creatures, are unable to burp. Instead, they explode.

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