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Aged and Alone Many Elderly Women Fight Ill Health, Fear Of Crime, Loneliness

Their Numbers Are Destined
To Grow in Years Ahead;
Widow Struggles to Cope

But Ex-Teacher Is Thriving

By Joyce Kern
Most people, in the fall, wear sweaters. One of the high spots in Clara Drake's day is to take her first Christmas out for a morning drive. She Mrs. Drake, who is 74 years old, doesn't even think outside the confines of her Indianapolis apartment complex. She believes that having eyesight city traffic.

Ruby Falls, an 86-year-old Atlanta woman, says she is a "chronic complainer." But death over the years have taken most of her companions, and so there's hardly anyone left with whom she can comfortably "blow off steam." Occasionally, she calls one of her few remaining friends, a woman in Carlisle, Ky., who shares her resentment of old age. She says they have had groups about it.

This article from the WALL STREET JOURNAL prompted many a Carlisle subscriber to ask who the mystery lady was. She's really no mystery and reports that Ruby Falls herself has been getting quite a bit of attention since the article was published.

New York hears from Carlisle

Carlisle residents who picked up a copy of the Wall Street Journal a couple of weeks ago to find their hometown mentioned on the front page were, to put it mildly, surprised. But if they had known who the unnamed lady was that was mentioned, then their surprise would have lessened considerably.

The article concerned the troubles of the elderly, especially loneliness. One paragraph stated that 86-year-old Ruby Falls of Atlanta combated her loneliness.

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4-H hayride

The Nicholas County 4-H Club held a hayride last Thursday for about 170 members of the different county clubs. The hayride began at the courthouse and was followed by a concert at the

North Central Kentucky 4-H Center. Five trucks carried the 4-Hers, who, by the looks of the smiles in this happy group, had a good time. — Photo by Jeff Kerr

Panthers edge Jackets

By Kay Conley

Among the highlights of the 1978 Football Homecoming last Friday night, defeat occurred. The defeat was a one-point loss in the final score of 15-17 for the Nicholas County Bluejackets by the Fleming County Panthers.

This loss closes out the Jackets' season with a record of 7-4. The defeat, however, didn't damage the Jackets' berth in the state playoff this week, here, against Beechwood.

James Anderson took advantage of a faulty Fleming County defense, midway through the first quarter by

returning a Panther fumble for a touchdown. Tim Moreland's kick for the extra point proved good. In that same quarter, with only seconds remaining on the clock, the Panthers came back to score their own touchdown. Their extra-point kick failed, however, as the quarter ended with Nicholas County leading 7-4.

Nicholas County showed Fleming County the meaning of the word "team" in the second quarter by using teamwork to score again. The touchdown was a run by Bandy Hunter in the middle of the same quarter. The score

took place after a Fleming County fumble, recovered by Tom Moreland, followed by a series of plays. A complete pass from Junior Pat Letcher to Senior Tom Ockerman added another two points to Nicholas County's side of the scoreboard as the half ended, 15-6.

The third quarter marked the beginning of the Panther's comeback. This beginning had to overcome a few strong obstacles, one of which was a tackle in the Panther's endzone by Ockerman for a safety and two points early in the quarter. Another was a tough Nicholas County defense. Fleming County took

off these obstacles as they scored again. The score was a long touchdown run by sophomore Bobby Lewis. A tackle by Ron Hooper stopped the try for a successful two-point conversion. As time ticked off the clock, Lewis broke through the aggressive Jacket defense again and sprinted for another Panther score. The extra-point kick attempt failed as the quarter ended with Fleming County leading 15-17.

No scoring occurred in the fourth quarter, but the winner wasn't decided

'You can't teach 'em anything'

By Jeff Kerr

J. E. "Doc" Bradshaw came to Carlisle in 1932 to turn a two-week trial as pharmacist at the Carlisle Drug Co.

"It was during the Depression and jobs were hard to come by," he remembers. "I was going to stay for two weeks or until I found a better job."

Luckily for Carlisle and countless Nicholas Countians Doc Bradshaw never did find that "better" job. Since that day in 1932 ("July 1930," Doc recalled) he has dispensed medicine and filled prescriptions for 46 years of Nicholas Countians.

This past Oct. 26 Doc observed his 86th birthday just like any other day: he rose early, read the morning paper, went from front to back then hopped into his car to drive downtown and put in another eight-hour day. He's been a licensed pharmacist for 36 years and the Kentucky Board of Pharmacy can find no other pharmacist who's been doing it so long and still comes to work each day. Doc Bradshaw, in, in the eyes of many of his friends, a remarkable man.

He was born in Lake City, Tenn. and graduated from the University of Tennessee Pharmacy School at Memphis in 1922. For six years, he worked in

Tennessee drugstores and then came to Carlisle in 1932.

When the Depression deepened in 1932 Doc had worked his way north as far as Stanford. He heard of the Carlisle job and decided it would make a good stop-gap position until he found a better job.

His friends and family marvel at his dedication to his profession, watching him report to work each day, hardly ever sitting down during his eight-hour shift and greeting all with the same professional courtesy.

For his birthday Doc received a few accolades like a Kentucky Colonel

made by hand, with the medicine made into a paste-like substance, rolled like a pencil between the druggist's hands, then cut to order on a "pill tile," a marble slab with lines indicating where the mixture should be sliced to produce one pill.

The changes his profession have undergone have been many and complex. "We had to mix everything by hand," he says, "and hardly any of these present day mixtures (medicines) were around when I started."

But the stories he can tell about those years are many, if unprintable, and his dedication and enthusiasm, his attitude and performance have won him the respect of his younger associates although, as Doc says, "You can't teach 'em nothing."

Somewhere, way back in 1932, a special little gremlin must have been holding the clock back and like Joshua, making the sun stand still so that 46 years passed before two weeks did. But those who have received their medicine from John Edgar "Doc" Bradshaw for those 46 years will surely offer up thanks that those 14 days never passed or that the "better job" never did materialize for Doc Bradshaw.

At the age of 88, after a 56-year recess,
Doc went back to school

The two weeks he was supposed to stay has stretched into 46 years but so an age when many of his contemporaries are chiding on old memories Doc is a living advertisement for the potential of the Golden Years.

After being out of school for more than 50 years, he returned to the University of Kentucky this fall for continuing education classes mandated by new state regulations. He completed five hours this year and the total will increase to 10 next year.

Anderson wins school board race

In the only contested local election Tuesday James D. Anderson was elected to the Division Two school board seat by a 41-vote margin over Floyd W. Busnell.

Anderson took the Hafferty precinct 44-14 and then followed with a 71-0 victory in the Mayor's Office precinct. In the only other local race Herbert W. Duncan ran unopposed for the Nicholas County Board of Education in District Three.

In other races Democrats Walter Dyer, Huddleston and Carl D. Perkins were running well ahead of their Republican opposition for Senator and Congressman respectively.

Perkins was opposed for his 7th District congressional seat by Grassville Thomas. Complete election returns will be in next week's Mercury.

Region Three title game here Friday

The Nicholas County Bluejackets enter post-season play this Friday when they entertain Beechwood for the Region Three title at 8 p.m. at the Nicholas County High School football field.

NCHS principal David McMillan announced this week that season passes cannot be honored to this game. Proceeds from the playoff games are sent to the Kentucky High School Athletic Association and for this reason the season passes, which covered regularly-scheduled games, are not in effect.

Tickets will be available at the gate and will be priced at \$2 for adults and \$1.50 for students. No advance sales are foreseen.

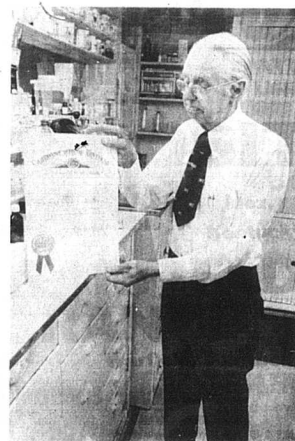
The Bluejackets will be trying to avenge a regular season 20-4 loss to Beechwood, which gained the Region Three, District One title when Bellevue defeated Dayton last Friday. Bellevue, last season's Class A champ, was eliminated earlier in the season by a loss to Dayton.

The previous game, played in northern Kentucky, was marred by several Nicholas County mistakes that were turned into touchdowns by Beechwood. However, observers expect a much closer game this Friday. The loss to Fleming County last Friday, although not counted in the district race, marked the first time the Jackets have been defeated at home in nearly three years and it is expected the team will be ready to play this Friday.

The winner of Friday's game meets the winner of the Pineville-Painville game next week in eastern Kentucky for the right to represent the half of the state in the state finals.

Teams in the playoffs for the Class A title are:
Region One — Ft. Campbell (6-3) vs. Tompkinsville (10-1).
Region Two — Madison (6-3) vs. Owen Co. (7-3).
Region Three — Beechwood (8-2) vs. Nicholas Co. (7-4).
Region Four — Pineville (6-3) vs. Painville (8-0).

(Pineville was forced to forfeit a game to Richmond Madison last week because injuries depleted the squad to less than 15 players. It is not known yet whether the eastern Kentucky team has returned to full strength for Friday's playoff game.)



Colonel, sun

It's Colonel "Doc" Bradshaw now, if you please. J. E. "Doc" Bradshaw, who is the oldest active pharmacist in the state of Kentucky, received a Kentucky Colonel's commission for his 86th birthday Oct. 26. Doc came to Carlisle in 1932 for a two-week trial that has lasted 46 years. — Photo by Jeff Kerr.