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JANUARY

Carlisle natives Mildred Storey and Vaughn Frey are named Outstanding Citizen and Outstanding Young Man respectively in their new hometowns of Flemingsburg (Storey) and Glasgow (Frey)...M.C. Blair named to board of directors of Deposit Bank to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Paul Garrett...Nicholas Fiscal Court pays \$60,000 on notes due at the First National Bank. The amounts were borrowed in the 1977-78 fiscal year (\$20,000) and from July 1-Dec. 31, 1978. The county now owes \$75,000 to the bank and renews its note for \$95,000, with a \$20,000 line of credit...Nicholas County native Kent Mann is named outstanding Young Man in Danville...Hospital architect Reno Runck tells the fiscal court the hospital is 90 percent completed...Supt. Don Elder is nominated for the F.L. Dupree Award by the Nicholas County Education Association...The Carlisle Mercury wins four awards at the Kentucky Press Association winter competition...Optimist Club plans charity auction.

Bid opening for the contract for a new bridge over Brushy Fork at the Upper Jacksown Road is expected late this month...The special session of the Kentucky General Assembly, called by Lt. Gov. Thelma Stovall last November while Gov. Julian Carroll was out of state, opens in Frankfort...A former employee of the Nicholas County Hospital and Carlisle City Council Member Clarence Cord appears before Nicholas Fiscal Court and charges a serious morale problem exists at the hospital. Cord says his dismissal was the result of a personal vendetta on the part of administrator Ken Urlage to get rid of him and install James T. Vaughn in his place. Vaughn is overseeing construction on the new hospital facility...NCHS defeats MMI for its first win of the season...Carlisle native Roy Gaunce buys an interest in the Mathers-Shearer Funeral Home.

Two handiits grab an estimated \$400 from the Jerry's IGA cash register in a daring daylight robbery...An addition to the new hospital budget of some \$4,000 for safety signs was requested of the Nicholas Fiscal Court. The court approved bills of \$97,794.51 for the new hospital now under construction and set the number of sick leave days for county employees at five per year...Herbert Cecil Duncan and James D. Anderson were sworn in as Nicholas County Board of Education members and Andrew Bretz was sworn as a county magistrate...William R. Hunter is re-elected chairman of the Board of Education and Chester Mattox is selected vice-chairman.

This week the Mercury reviews the year 1979 as seen through the headlines. Mercury editor Jeff Kerr has also picked out some of his favorite photos from the year past and is giving you a second look at them and some background on how pictures make it into the Mercury.

Next week's Mercury will have the annual Rabson forecast, a prediction of how the economy and other factors will influence our lives in the year to come. The Rabson forecast has been an annual feature of the Mercury for more than 30 years.



Window on the world

Bobby Anderson took advantage of a snowy, school-less day to watch Carlisle go by from his vantage point on Broadway. This is another "Take my picture" picture. It appeared in the February 1 issue.

FEBRUARY

Pat Allison heads the Nicholas County Heart Fund drive. The Optimist Club charity auction nets more than \$1,000 reports President Andy Dudley...Edgar Allen Darrell is installed as chairman of Johnson-Mathers Health Care, Inc., which oversees the Nicholas County Hospital and Johnson-Mathers Nursing Home...Preparations for the 1980 Census are under way and applications for census takers are sought in Nicholas County...Resignations and a death in office (Ralph Shearer) will mean county elections in an off-year for posts to be filled in 1981...Dr. James Neill accepts a position with the Grady Veterinary Hospital in Cincinnati, leaving Nicholas County without a resident veterinarian...The NCHS Bluejackets beat Montgomery County in overtime...The Jaycees plan a chili supper.

Johnson-Mathers administrator Ken Urlage says that the hospital has a lower-than-projected occupancy rate and that decertification of some beds contributed to the health care corporation's deficit the past year. Urlage adds that Medicare and Medicaid payments may ease the deficit...With the new hospital nearing completion the Johnson-Mathers board intensifies its search for new doctors for that hospital...Area tobacco markets close with the state average nearing \$1.32 per pound...Nicholas tops Bourbon 67-59 for their first win ever in Bourbon's new gym...Mrs. David Rockefeller buys a Simmental heifer from Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Shumate for the Rockefeller's Hudson Pine, New York farm...Thomas Anderson will oppose incumbent Adrian Arnold in the 74th Kentucky legislative district...County Judge/Executive Reese Smoot is the new president of the Carlisle-Nicholas County Chamber of Commerce.

Democratic candidate for Governor Terry McBrayer visits Carlisle. The city council raises water, sewer and trash collection rates and says that

most of its services are running at a deficit...The Kentucky Court of Appeals says that those persons whose tax rate assessments were raised in 1977 without notice must be reverted to the 1976 assessments. The ruling is expected to end the Nicholas County Fair Tax Committee's suit against the Kentucky Department of Revenue...The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe signs a contract with architects Sullivan-Bode Runck and Associates to turn the old Rock Haven Restaurant into a new shrine. The church's present building on Main Street is expected to be torn down...The Bluejackets beat Rowan County 64-52.

The City of Carlisle borrows \$100,000 in January to cover past-due bills. Some of the reasons listed for a deficit were several thousand dollars worth of unneeded supplies, transfer of funds from one city account to another that did not contain the proper signature and the presentation of false and misleading financial statements to the council on meeting nights. The bondmobile is due March 12. Officials say 190 units are needed in the next two drawings for the county quota...The Carlisle I & N Depot is nominated to the National Register of Historic Places...Architects Don Shelton and Associates are named to study the leaking elementary school roof.



Big head

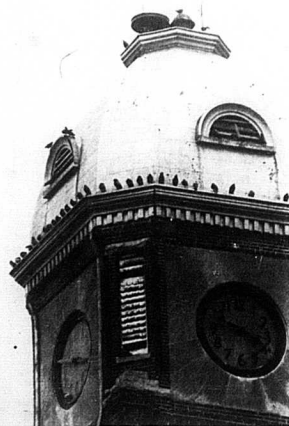
Problem: show the reader how big a 13-pound head of cabbage is. Solution: shoot from a low-angle with a wide-angle lens and exaggerate the size of the vegetable. Kash Ratliff's 13-pound cabbage presented a challenge and an opportunity to take a different kind of picture.

MARCH

Vicki Lynn Bussell wins the DAR Good Citizenship Award...The Nicholas County Library announces a free week for overdue books...The Nicholas County Blood Program is in danger if 185 units are not donated in the next two visits. Plans are made to increase donors...License plate decals are due now with 1,000 unsold in Nicholas...Steve Anderson and Machel Rawlings win in the Optimist Club's Tri-Star Basketball Contest...Joe A. and Joe W. Crouch are named a father-son Easter Seal Campaign team...Jackets win fourth in a row...Angie Bucker wins the Nicholas County Education Association's spelling bee.

John R. Burke replaces Paul Stone as Carlisle Kentucky Utilities manager...Jeff Smith and Shelly Gabriel of NCHS advance to the state speech contests...The NCHS junior varsity cheerleaders win second in district competition...Residents of Kennedy Heights visit the city council meeting to voice their disapproval of more development on Oriole Street without a feeder road to Ky. 32...The Carlisle Cemetery Company asks a public meeting to discuss

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Pigeon Stoop

This line-up of birds caught the eye of Mercury publisher Warren Fisher for the October 18 issue. The picture was taken with a 270 mm lens braced on top of a parking meter.

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