

# Opinion

## Us decade?

A simple ceremony on a Kentucky hillside. The American flag is raised, then lowered to half-staff. A teacher reads a poem about America.

This was part of Carlisle's observance of National Unity Day, which was proclaimed Dec. 18 by President Carter in honor of the hostages being held at the American embassy in Iran. As the decade winds to a close during this Christmas season, with more than 50 Americans celebrating their Christmas in a building in a foreign country, held prisoner with their only crime that of being an American, it may be well to ponder on which direction our country will take in the years to come.

The seizure of the embassy in Iran is a symbol of the anti-American feeling that is growing in the Middle East and other areas of the world. For many years America and Americans have tried to be all things to all people. Our world is no longer so huge that we can afford the luxury of ignoring what

happens on the other side of it. Our economic system is too dependent on foreign goods, most notably foreign oil. That dependency is slowly squeezing the life out of our country, draining our money out of our country and keeping us from developing our own sources of energy.

Some people call the 10 years just past the Me Decade, a time in which people were concerned with only themselves and their own personal well-being. But as John Donne said, "No man is an island" and what he does affects our neighbor. If the Seventies were the Me Decade perhaps it's time to enter the Us Decade, a time in which Americans do unite to work for the betterment of the country and the uplifting of the human spirit.

It is that spirit that is needed most. Too many of us have learned from experience what the Bible warns us: it does no good to gain the riches of the world if we lose our

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## Agree or Not

### Library gets papers

By S. C. Van Curen  
FRANKFORT — Gov. Julian Carroll's official papers are the first to be specifically catalogued for the new \$7,653,000 state library.

The contract was let last week for the building to be constructed on the new east-west connector road behind the Human Resources Complex in East Main in Frankfort.

However, past governors are not to be left out of the new Kentucky Room that is being constructed in the building to hold official papers of all past governors, paintings and books. Lewis Bellardo of the Library and Archives department said.

It is a long time program, Bellardo explained, but the plan is to collect the important papers of all past governors, back to Isaac Shelby, Kentucky's first governor. The problem is that the papers are scattered everywhere.

Four members of Carroll's office staff with Tom Dorman as director and three secretaries, are separating Carroll's papers in offices in the Capitol Annex. This is being done at a cost to the state of \$6,148 according to Frank Ashley, press secretary to Gov. John Y. Brown.

In speaking for Gov. Brown, Ashley said the governor agreed with Carroll and "is glad to assist in the project."

Ashley said Dorman and two of the secretaries will be involved one month in assessing and collecting the papers and one of the secretaries will be employed an additional month to catalogue and to type up important accounts of the papers.

Bellardo said the University of Kentucky has been collecting the most important papers of the past few governors, but chiefly the important speeches made by the governors, such as their state of the commonwealth messages and their budget messages.

Governor Louis B. Nunn's were the first to be published when he went out of office and the

University has been publishing the papers of past governors in order behind him as soon as the work could be done.

One of the problems the State Library is going to face is tracing down the official papers of past governors because they "are scattered everywhere," Bellardo said. "Some of the governors' papers were with them and donated them to different universities and colleges across the state, or just kept them. Some sent them to the old archives department and there they rest in storage."

Bellardo said the real problem is going to be gathering papers of the early governors. He said some of the past governors had merely left their important speeches and other papers in the office files when their terms expired and some were saved in archives. Some were in the early years, but some have just thrown out by their successors.

Dr. Thomas D. Clark, former dean of history at the University of Kentucky and the state's most prominent living historian, was one of the spearheads behind construction of the Kentucky Room. Bellardo said Dr. Clark has donated the Kentucky hardwood for paneling of the room.

Besides papers of governors, Bellardo said an effort will be made to collect some of Kentucky's most valuable cultural heritage for the room. It can become a very important single center for researchers into the state's past.

The Kentucky Historical Society and Archives have been two of the central places in Kentucky for researchers along with the University of Kentucky and the other state colleges and universities.

The Filson Club in Louisville is also a rich research center for Kentucky's early history.

The University, in cooperation with other state universities, has been recently collecting and editing the papers of Gov. Ford, Breathitt and Conits in addition to Nunn's.

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## Down Memory Lane

### Bob Braun coming for sock hop; 1939 Christmas white after all

Thursday, December 31, 1950  
The city home Christmas decoration contest was won by Miss Jane Clark, daughter of Edna Clark, at her residence on Archdeacon Avenue. Second place went to Mrs. and Mrs. Dan Rich, Sycamore Hill, and third to Mr. and Mrs. Marion Walters on Sycamore Street. The Christmas Church was named first, with the Baptist Church second in church decorations. County home winners were Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Clark, Moorefield, first; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sheppard, second; and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bailey, third.

Bob Braun will be Carlisle Jan. 5, when the New March of Dimes will sponsor a sock hop at the Army. Balloon reports in his yearly column that, "Naturally, as I am just back from Moscow and Berlin, my first thought is what will happen in Berlin. NOTHING WILL HAPPEN." Mr. K will make no more statements. President Eisenhower will continue his peace talks. Therefore the Berlin situation will be just the same in 1960 and 1961 as it is today.

BORN — To Mr. and Mrs. Ralph V. Holler, a daughter, Gayle Joy, Dec. 20 in Covington. To Mr. and Mrs. Billy King, a son, Dec. 18. — To Mr. and Mrs. Allen Lee Gausco, Dec. 18, twin sons, in Paris. — To Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jones, a daughter, Sheila Marie, Dec. 20. — To Mr. and Mrs. Joe Crawford, a daughter, Kathy Elaine, Dec. 27.

MARRIED — Miss Opal Howard to D.B. Clendenen, Dec. 27 at the home of her parents in Wallace. — Miss Dorothy Abner to William Earlywine, Bowling, Dec. 24. — Miss Cassie Childers of Hobbesville and Asheville to Douglas Reid of Moorefield, Dec. 20 in Robbinsville.

DIED — Miss Carol Curry, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Curry, Louisville, Sunday near Greensdale, Ind. — Mrs. Clara Walton Rogers, Dayton, Ohio, Dec. 22. — William L. Collins, 85, Cynthiana, Route 4, Monday at his home. — Mrs. Emma Crawford Bowles, 67, at her home, Dec. 19. — Mrs. Anna Purina, 66, Dec. 14 at her home in Kewelsville, Harlan County. — George Reynolds Hotizan, 69, Sunday in Paris.

Thursday, December 28, 1939  
A heavy snow fell here on Christmas eve night, providing an old-fashioned, white Christmas. The snow was one of the heaviest in several years and was accompanied by a cold weather, with thermometers registering as low as 15 degrees on Sunday night.

The winter of Mr. Henry Reed was probable in county court as executive of Jimmie Henry qualified as executor of the estate.

More than 600 sacks filled with candy, fruit and nuts and a large number of Christmas cards were distributed by the American Legion.

A victorious brick race was held by the City of Carlisle, Dec. 26. — Mrs. Lena Groves and Willie Arnold, both of Lexington, last Thursday. — Miss Ruby McKenzie and Leslie Morris, Dec. 25. — Miss Florida Irene Woodard and William Vaughn on Dec. 25. — Miss Dorothy Mae Stone and Eugene Strout, Saturday night, Dec. 24. — Miss Clara Mae Coyner and Barbara Russell on Dec. 23. — Miss Marian Frances Atkinson and Virgil Collinsworth on Dec. 21. — Mrs. Edna Brooks Wilson, 83, on Dec. 19. — Mrs. Mary Barb Abson, 67, Monday. — Alfred Cook, 31, at lane camp. — Memorial Hospital, Monday morning.

## Mercury vapors

by Warren R. Fisher

Clark scores— and scores, and scores...

While perusing the monthly NPPA News Photographer for December and their "30 Years Ago" column, I was struck by the following from Editor & Publisher as noted:

"Sports writers were enthusiastic about Kentucky's 25-0 win over Georgia, but no paper mentioned one of the most brilliant runs of the game — a 60-yard dash by Charles Fentress, staff photographer for the Lexington Herald-Leader."

"Fentress went to the game with film instructions: 'Get a shot of the first touchdown or else.' The 19-year-old photographer was about even with Emery Clark when the Kentucky back crossed a Georgia punt and started to run."

"As Clark ran broken field through the Georgia team, Fentress, laden with Speed Graphic and 14-pound Strobelight unit, set sail down the sidelines. He reached the end zone in time to turn and flash a picture as Clark crossed the goal line."

Thirty years ago in The Mercury, Oct. 20, 1949 issue: "Emery Clark, former Carlisle High sensation, is proving to football fans in Kentucky and the Southeastern conference that determination not size, is the pre-requisite for gridiron greatness, against Mississippi Southern he broke into the scoring column in a 60-yard punt return. In the

Fisher contest, he opened the defending SEC Kentucky scoring when he sprinted the same distance for a TD in the second quarter. This score was a post card from the sunny shores of Longboat Key, (Fla.) that proclaimed, 'I am a decisive 20-0 win over

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## Editor's notes

Some things never change  
Regular readers of the Down Memory Lane column in the Mercury might want to compare last week's version with this week's.

In last week's column it was noted that the Weather Bureau predicted little chance of a White Christmas in 1939. So guess what happened? Yep, and you can read about it about six inches up on this page.

Address correction, please  
Some days I feel like a middleman between the mailman and the trashman. The daily mountain of mail that is mysteriously placed upon my desk before I arrive is like the rock that Greek cat had to push up the hill.

Every time he got to the top, it rolled back down. Every time I got to the bottom, another stack appears.

But at times the mail brings humorous surprises. There are the days when I open mail for the Foreign Editor, the News Editor, the Business Editor, Vice-president, etc. with only a name inscribed on the front.

Then there are the days when some mail is addressed to me personally. Like last week when I got a letter from a cancer group in Kentucky addressed to: "Jess Kerr, Carlisle Mercury, Locust Street."

I've had lots of people call me Jess, including my mom, who should have known better. But she picked it up from her grandkids, my nieces, who thought it was funny when I told her I had a little "jess" in a nice name, but it ain't mine. Evidently the Lexington Herald thinks so, because in my mother's obituary notice recently, they had me as "Jess." She would have smiled at that if I tell you, I'm beginning to have an identity crisis.

Testing, testing...  
The Mercury office now sports a wireless intercom to let us know in the back when someone is in the front. The intercom is we leave it on most of the time and some up-front conversations are being piped to the back.

All of which is causing your editor to speak softly, if at all, when his typewriter ribbon gets wrapped around his eye teeth and he can't see what he's saying. This recent squawk boxes are always listening and seldom talking, and some of the more salty expressions might alarm the FCC, even though the transmission and reception is strictly within the building.

All-States  
Members of the Nicholas County football Bluejackets have been ranking up a list of post-season honors. Especially impressive is the recognition of Mike Hatten by both the Courier-Journal and Herald-Leader All-State teams following his only season of varsity football. Mike Howell and Jimmy Dale were also placed on All-State teams.

But a serious oversight (at least to these eyes) is the omission of David McGuffey from mention by either team. McGuffey was the Jackets' leading rusher as a sophomore and many folks around here will tell you that his rushing led the Fleming County team to the only stellar running back in these parts.

Coach Ben Pumphrey remarked before the teams were known that Hatten and McGuffey were both All-State runners.

Maybe the coaches who have seen McGuffey play against their teams developed mental blocks about naming him on their ballots. In any case, it's an oversight that David will probably correct next year — with a vengeance.

# 1979—the year reviewed in headlines

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the cemetery's financial troubles...Optimist Club charity auction funds are donated to the Recreation Board...The fiscal court sets the tax rate on the long-delayed 1977 property taxes, held up by a suit by Carlisle citizens charging unfair assessments... Harrison County opens the Jackets in the opening game of 37th District play.

Committees to study the cemetery and its situation were formed at a public meeting. About 70 persons present donated more than \$1,500 out-of-pocket to help the financially-trapped facility. Development of the Alexander Subdivision on Oriole Street is delayed by the city council after questions are raised about the sewer plant's capacity. John T. (Tohy) Elder is named Executive Cinematographer at WRRC-TV in Cincinnati. Nicholas County PVA explains House Bill 44 to the public in a press release. The measure is designed to limit property tax revenues. Soft drink machines are taken from two Carlisle businesses.

The new Nicholas County Hospital is nearing completion...A temporary board of directors is named for the Carlisle Cemetery Company. For more than 100 years the cemetery was administered by officers of the Deposit Bank of Carlisle as a provision of an estate...The Nicholas County Fire and Rescue Squad receives 1,436 from the state Disaster and Emergency Services for assorted rescue equipment...The Carlisle sewer plant can handle 800 more customers if ground water and surface runoff problems are solved says a consultant from the City of Carlisle's engineering firm...Scott Lyons is the local winner in the "Send A Child To Frankfurt" competition...Carlisle native O.K. Curry Jr. joins the Frances Jones Hills for Secretary of State campaign...Nicholas County Judge/Executive Reese Smoot will head the Terry McBryer campaign in Nicholas County.

WEDCO Health District officials warn about county building lot sizes. Johnson-Markus Health Care, Inc. administrator Ken Urloge re-opens his post for a new job in Cincinnati...Nicholas Fiscal Court grants one raise but freezes all others until July 1...Terry McBryer visits Nicholas County for the second time in his campaign for Democratic candidate for Governor...School will dismiss June 6...Evans Cafeteria opens in the building recently occupied by Marshall's Restaurant...Furniture for the new Nicholas County Hospital is unloaded.

## APRIL

A plan to extend city water and sewer services to the east end of Carlisle meets with opposition from residents when it is learned that the move will include city annexation of the area...Michelle Knapke is named Kentucky Future Homemakers of America secretary at the state FHA convention...Mrs. Nancy Shaw is honored for 1,000 volunteer hours at the



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hospital and nursing home. Artifacts from Blue Licks State Park which were removed to Ft. Boonesborough State Park in Madison County were returned after donors of the items objected to their leaving Blue Licks...Paul Stone suffers a broken back after a fall in a building on Main Street...Dennis Taulber, a South Central Bell employee is killed in a wreck on the Jacksdown Road in Bourbon County.

Robert Hester, a 24-year-old Lexington native with a degree and background in hospital administration, is named Johnson-Markus Health Care, Inc. administrator...The City of Carlisle is expected to name a city clerk soon. The post has been vacant since January...Joshua Guthrie and Kevin Zachary win top honors at the Nicholas Elementary Science Fair...Jane Ellen Dampier, Sandy Casswell and Margaret Ellen Duncan attend a 4-H conference in Washington, D.C...The fiscal court is told the hospital budget may allow for paving of the parking lot and entrance. The new hospital building and equipment is expected to total \$2.4 million...Carlisle receives Honorable Mention at the All-Kentucky City Awards.

The Carlisle Cemetery Company reports 511,000 gathered in a fund drive and a new board of directors. The facility faced financial troubles earlier in the year...Carlisle industries are honored during Kentucky Industry Appreciation Week...N.H. Stone of Sharpsburg is building the new bridge over Brushy Fork at the intersection of the Upper Jacksdown Road and Elm Street. The concrete structure replaces a one-lane span...Nicholas County's state representative Adrian Arnold and his primary opponent Thomas Anderson address the Carlisle Community Women's Club.

Nicholas County Lebanese families plan a Maronite Mass in Arabic and English at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe...The Blue Licks Battlefield State Park Study Commission plans a public meeting in Nicholas County on Blue Licks development...Dedication of the new hospital is set for May 20. Moving will begin two weeks after that...Kim Martox, a NCHS freshman, fires a no-hitter against Mayville...Deanna Darrell is named to the Courier-Journal All State Team.

## MAY

Nicholas County's first dumpsters arrive. Paul Pryor named Nicholas County coordinator for John Y. Brown, Jr...The Nicholas County Fire and Rescue Squad receives a \$600 grant for the state Disaster and Emergency Services...About 100 people from four counties attend a meeting on Blue Licks State Park development...The appeals hearing of the Kentucky Board of Tax Appeals, scheduled for Nicholas County, has been postponed. The delay affects 32 landowners who are appealing their assessments to the state level...Mercury are now a quarter.

Nicholas County gets \$202,761 in secondary road maintenance and improvement funds for 1979-80...Retiring Nicholas Elementary principal Charles Edward Wilson is presented with a "This Is Your Life" program by PTA...Jaycees name five winners of annual awards...Marion Waggoner's drama "Simon Kenton" opens sale in the town of Carlisle.

Mary Tapp named Carlisle City Clerk by 5-1 vote. She replaces Joyce McIntyre, who resigned in January of 1979. Margaret Wade served as acting clerk in the

interim...Deck for the Jackstown Road-Elm Street bridge over Brushy Fork is laid...Nicholas and Bathie for first in regional track...VA payments in Nicholas total \$420,681...Adult education program dropped for lack of interest...Steve Hamilton is named NCHS Star Farmer...Ron Rorer and Clarissa Williams score in the state track meet...The new Nicholas County Hospital is dedicated. Included is a chapel built through donations solicited by the Nicholas County Ministerial Association...Rates for some major crimes total larceny and theft have dropped in the latest Nicholas County figures...Vietnam Veterans Week is observed...Blue Grass Industries recognizes 51 employees during an appreciation ceremony...Terry Trussell is the new Joyce president.

Harry Wolf Sr. dies in Chicago...Jo Anne Corson, a native of New Hampshire, is named recreation director by the Carlisle-Nicholas County Parks and Recreation Board...Carlisle celebrates Memorial Day under sunny skies in a revamped ceremony...John Smith, a medical student from Carlisle, is honored at the UK College of Medicine's annual Awards Day.

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may be a stinker, but I ain't no hound dog. Signed Hot Shot.

Yes sir, I agree with Hot Shot James T. Clay who'll be trading the warmer climes for Christmas visit in Carlisle.

MV—Golfing fans may be interested to learn that Hal Washington, CCC pro will be doing a column in The Mercury come April 1980.

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