

4—The Carlisle (Ky.) Mercury, Thursday, Jan. 4, 1979 1978 reviewed through Mercury stories

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escapes from the Nicholas County Jail and is captured in Montgomery County after five months of freedom and at least two high-speed chases. LMR of Crowsport is named as the general contractor for the Herrysville project.

A committee of Nicholas County taxpayers travels to Frankfort to meet with Revenue Commissioner Maurice Carpenter on the tax assessment dispute. The Carlisle National Guard unit has been authorized to double its installation in a reorganization plan. Lightning strikes two Carlisle homes, causing fire in one and destroying an electric clock in another.

Whitney Maden qualifies for the state 4-H Horse Show with her mare, named to Different. Charles Lenz is named Nicholas County Jailer. Vickie Wilson is chosen the first Miss Nicholas County at the Nicholas County Youth Fair. Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Wade purchase the Little House Restaurant. A tax meeting draws a large crowd. Fund applications are received for the county road supervisor's job.

Revenue Commissioner Maurice Carpenter writes an open letter to Nicholas County taxpayers and turns down a settlement offer for the late disputed Nancy Pyles. Nancy Pyles is named recreation director. Brandy Creek overflows in Doregonville. Paul Berry resigns his post on the Carlisle Planning Commission. Carlisle Jaycees are reorganizing with help from state officials.

School starts Aug. 28. County judge/reelective Ross Smoot's recommendation of John Ecton as county road supervisor is rejected for the second time by the magistrates. Paul Bishop of Norfolk, Va., formerly of Carlisle, donates hospital equipment which was in storage to the new Nicholas County Hospital. A Winchester firm receives the cable television franchise in Carlisle. County treasurer July. Date revises.

Sept. 1 is deadline for displaying insurance stickers on cars. Lightning hits a KU transformer and the town is dark for 20 minutes while Paul Stone and KU repairmen fix the damage. NCHS wins its season opener against Richmond Madisons.

Polishing starts on the Clay Seed farm on the Walnut Grove Road. Martha Taylor named local chairman of the Kidney Foundation Drive. Don Booth, Jr., named to the State Academy for his freshman year. Adult education classes begin at NCHS. The first hospital tax is set at 1.25 per cent. The county tax rate is \$1146 per acre. Elm Street school receives approval. Reese Smoot, Post Allison and Mike Adams win the National Democratic Convention. The school tax rate is set at 1.25 per cent.

A Kentucky 11th Amendment decision voids some of the disputed 1977 assessments in Nicholas County but the final outcome of the suit is still uncertain. Morefield gets a fire truck. The Central Kentucky football option for the Clay Wildlife Management Area. An Oct. 22 visit by the bloodmobile has discouraged results. A born owner of the Schaeffer on the Bartlesville Road is destroyed by fire. James D. Anderson wins the only local race contested in the November

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A Nicholas County woman, Mrs. Barbara Roberts, is bitten by a rabid fox. John Ecton is approved as county road supervisor. Oscar Lee Grimes joins the Morehead State University band. Billy Sparks acquitted of killing Ernest Myrtle by a jury. Forty-two pages of a C. J. "Doc" Bradshaw is named a Kentucky Colonel in honor of his 80th birthday. Doc displayed his commission at work, where he has been going for 48 years.

Joseph Lasky, attorney for the Nicholas Fair Tax Committee, says he'll ask for a rehearing before the Court of Appeals on the 1977 tax case. The homestead exemption is raised to \$10,500. The hospital auxiliary plans to hold a Christmas bazaar and the Christmas parade is set for Dec. 9.

A map showing roads to be cleared first during snow is distributed to Kentucky editors. Area barley markets are recording the highest averages in the eight-state belt, with Cynthiana leading with a \$12.84 average. A. V. "Doc" Allison recalls his days on the road with Edgar Berger who died recently. Bergen and Allison were in the same chateau in the 1920s. The new hospital accepts bids for \$30,000 worth of equipment.

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Beethoven symphonies to be aired
The entire series of Ludwig van Beethoven's 18 symphonies, Saturdays, beginning Jan. 13, at 9 p.m. (ET, 8 p.m. CT) on KET. The Kentucky Network. The series marks the first time the symphonies works of a major composer will be broadcast in one television series. The series premieres with Beethoven's Second Symphony, considered to be a bridge between the classical symphonies of the 18th century and the romantic symphonies of the 19th century.

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of conductor Antal Dorati, performs the musical masterpiece, Act 2 of E. G. Marshall, head of the series, and Dorati introduce each year-long program, profiling Beethoven the man and providing background information on the meaning and impact of the symphonies at the time they were first performed.

Although Beethoven's Fifth Symphony has become his most famous, his personal favorite was his third Symphony, also entitled "Eroica". It was Beethoven's Ninth Symphony, however, that proved his most avant-garde, marking the introduction of voices into a traditionally instrumental medium. The nine symphonies from "A" Beethoven Festival" were videotaped at Ford Auditorium in Detroit, Michigan, during the two-week Beethoven Festival held in November 1977 and will be broadcast on KET on consecutive Saturdays with the exception of Jan. 29 when "Live From the Met" airs.

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Peaceful Shannon River overflows with legends

WASHINGTON — Sailors delight in its wide open beauty, and anglers test its teeming depths. Yet the River Shannon — the longest river in the British Isles — has so far avoided the eye of big-time developers and manufacturers.

Remarkably free of commercial traffic or industrial development, the river wanders past bucolic countryside and storybook villages. Although its banks are dotted with a handful of utility plants and oil depots, vast stretches remain much as they have for centuries.

Even more unusual, the Shannon is virtually pollution-free.

"You can stick your kettle down here and make your tea with the water. It's that pure and old of the many farmers who make a living along the river."

Ireland's Big Drain
Lying wholly within the Republic of Ireland, the River Shannon flows through the heartland of the country for 214 miles. With its 21 tributaries, it drains a fifth of Ireland.

If the freshwater Shannon can be said to have an industry, it's boating. Writes Allan C. Fisher Jr. in the National Geographic, "About 21,000 visitors a year — mostly Germans — rent cabin cruisers to venture down the river. The river that seems wild and fish overflows with legends — and people to pass them on. There is Jerry Martin, a living Irish legend who has been making violins (or fiddles, as he calls them) since 1922.

Martin leads a Spartan life in a dirt-floored cottage near the tiny harbor of Garryshanny on Lough Derg, one of the three major lakes along the River Shannon. His fiddles are collectors' items.

"Now I, frail, and arthritic, martin's fiddle making has slowed," he lamented. "Sometimes I would work 12 hours straight. I'm not able to do that anymore."

Downstream, near the Shannon's mouth, lives Michael Scallan, a harbor pilot who piloted the river for more than 30 years. Scallan recalls a catastrophic Kiltfinn Bank, a shoal in the Shannon.

Another in Clannary
"Kiltfinn Bank probably once was a part of the mainland, and old Irish maps say that in the middle of the last great storm ravaged the area," he related. "Many people lost their lives, and scores of houses disappeared beneath the sea."

"We were a kid, I used to hear old people say that if a sailing ship dropped anchor on Kiltfinn Bank during the night a little man would grab the anchor cable and say, 'Take up the chimney of my house.'"

And there's a notable dog of the river's Clannary Lock area that could guide a tributary boatman to a pub.

The way George McArtin, the thirty boatman, tells it, he was advised to follow Maistred, the pooch, down a path. "Finally we reached a crossroads with two pubs," he recalled. "Maistred went straight to the one on the right, stood at the bar on his hind legs, and with his front paws against it, and looked expectantly at the pub owner's wife." Maistred was rewarded with a dog biscuit.

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