

# Opinion

## A special day

This Memorial Day should be special to Nicholas Countians.

First, visitors to the Carlisle Cemetery will notice a real, well-kept cemetery that shows the results of careful tending. It is hard to believe that only a few short weeks ago the cemetery was in danger of closing due to a lack of funds and interest. The response of the citizens who have volunteered their time and money to get the cemetery back on its feet is something we all should be thankful for. When out-of-town visitors come to the Carlisle Cemetery this weekend to see the graves of their family they will see a facility that does credit to the community.

We cannot forget the efforts of all the people involved in the various county cemeteries either. Is there a sight so moving as memorial service in a country cemetery, with the participants surrounded by the evidence of God's work? We think not. All across Nicholas County this weekend people will gather to pay tribute to those who have gone before us.

And this weekend the memory of the dedication services held for the new Nicholas County Hospital will be fresh in the minds of those who attended. What a shining example of

community involvement and effort the new hospital is! Nicholas Countians should be proud of the hospital, the various officials gathered last Sunday all stressed that the hospital is a complex is the first of its kind in the state. For the first time persons needing any type of medical care will find it all in the same complex. The announcement that a new physician will be coming to Carlisle this summer is also glad news and hopefully a forerunner of things to come.

Memorial Day is a holiday set aside to honor the memory of those who have passed away. Thus far in 1979 Carlisle and Nicholas County have honored the memory of those who have lived and died in one of the best ways possible: by making tomorrow better for those who are yet to come. That is a living memorial that will endure long after the flowers have wilted and words forgotten. The people of Nicholas County have demonstrated that they will rise to the occasion when needed and work without anticipation of any personal gain other than that internal satisfaction that comes with a worthy task well done. This Memorial Day let us not forget these things so we may continue to strive and grow and contribute a memorial of service for generations to come.

### Agree or Not

## Last days will tell the tale

By S. C. Van Curen

FRANKFORT—These last few crucial days will determine the winner in the hotly contested Democratic-Republican primary.

When State Auditor George Atkins pulled out of the race last week in favor of John Y. Brown Jr., this move sent political observers back to their drawing board. It also sent the other four remaining serious candidates into strategy sessions.

The big question is whether a candidate can transfer his following as a package to another candidate?

While I do not see a believer in polls, one I saw last week showed only three or four percentage points between Terry McBrayer and Brown and Carroll Hubbard who were tied for third. Harvey Shoae was second. Atkins was last in the poll. He gave his poor showing as his reason for getting out of the race in favor of Brown. Sixteen percent of the voters were undecided. This is the crucial bloc that can decide the race as close as this one.

Many of the undecided are opportunists waiting to pick a winner in hopes of future political rewards, and some who just like the idea of being able to say they voted for a winner.

You can bet the Republicans raised their eyebrows when Atkins joined forces with Brown. The Republicans had rather run against an administration-lacked candidate (McBrayer) instead of Brown who is an anti-administration candidate. There seems to be more dissident Democrats out there than those supporting the administration.

The problem for Shoae, Brown, Hubbard and Mrs. Stovall is gathering the dissidents under one banner and for one candidate.

The Democrats are not divided into two strong factions such as the Combs and Chandler families of years ago. Democrats are scattered all over the landscape, roughly as administration or anti-administration.

It appears reasonable that an anti-administration Democrat nominee would have a better

chance of gathering the party back together after the primary than McBrayer would have.

Democrats outnumber Republicans roughly 2:1 in registration, although not much division in philosophy. Many conservatives across the state are registered Democratic so they can vote in local races in predominantly Democratic areas. However, they are free to vote for the individual in November. Many of these Democrats do vote Republican in November.

For example, there are 22,625 registered Democrats and only 1,173 registered Republicans in Franklin County. Four years ago Carroll carried the November vote by a landslide, but Republican Robert Gable got 2,251 votes in Franklin County while Carroll got 10,297. More than 1,000 registered Democrats voted Republican in 1975.

Historically speaking, no one faction of the Democratic Party has held the governorship more than two successive terms since 1900. While former Gov. Wendell Ford and Carroll ran on opposite sides in the primary eight years ago, they both won, and Carroll succeeded Ford when he was elected U.S. Senator and then Carroll went on to win a four-year term on his own.

Senator Ford is staying neutral in the primary for he must run for re-election next year and he doesn't want to antagonize anyone. However, he will be very interested in healing the wounds of this rough battle and getting the party united for next year.

Another big question this year is how many Democrats will turn out for the primary? Farmers in Western Kentucky are behind in their work, and if election day is fair, many may bring in the fields instead of going to the polls.

Observers around Frankfort are guessing that less than 50,000 Democrats will vote in the primary. They are also guessing that the candidate who gets 110,000 to 125,000 will win it, maybe less unless there is big swinging in the last days to one candidate.

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## Down Memory Lane

# Combs beats Waterfield; East Union tops Moorefield

Thursday, May 23, 1979

Nicholas Countians gave Democratic candidate Bert T. Combs a 210 vote majority over Lt. Gov. Harry Lee Waterfield in Tuesday's primary election. In the Lieutenant Governor's race, Wilson Wyatt polled a 128 vote lead over J.B. Wells Jr.

H.T. Letts was in Lexington May 20 to attend the 90th reunion of his class of 1889 at the University of Kentucky. A.B. Chandler commended Mr. Letts on a Kentucky Colony.

The Carlisle City School board of education announces the employment of Miss Martha Sue Feedback as Home Economics teacher to replace Mrs. William Threlkeld who recently resigned.

W.C. Gaunce, son of Mrs. Elizabeth Gaunce, was among the Boys Town citizens in Boys Town, Neb., to receive a high school diploma Sunday, May 31.

Joseph Colyer and Donnie Dampier received bachelor degrees at the University of Kentucky's 82nd commencement ceremonies May 21.

Mr. and Mrs. F.H. Cowles are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary May 27. They will have an open house May 31.

BOURN — To Mr. and Mrs. Sammie Dickey, Charptowers, a son, William Joseph, May 19, in Mt. Sterling. — To Mr. and Mrs. Earl Frederick, a son, James Douglas, May 25. — To Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Watkins, a son, William Tom, May 23. — To Mr. and Mrs. Florence Lyons Jr., a daughter, Shirley Gail, May 19 in Mt. Sterling. — To Mr. and Mrs. Joe Shingleton, Winter born in Fla., a son, May 19. — To Mr. and Mrs. Ben Tarvin, Williams, Ohio, a son, May 21 in Cincinnati. — To Mr. and Mrs. E.H. Davis Jr., London, a son, Stephen Elizabeth, May 19 in Lexington.

MARRIED — Miss Adeline Whaley, Lexington, to William Quiza Muir, Nicholasville, Sunday. — Miss Janet Marie Fryman, to Billie F. Lyons, Moorefield, May 22. — Miss Jimmie Ellen Bair, secretary and Andrew Metcalfe, treasurer.

BOURN — To Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lee Campbell, May 21, a son.

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DIED — Mrs. Pickett Myers Blake, 84, at her home on the Moorefield Road.

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Home grown strawberries made their appearance on the local market this week. The crop is short due to dry weather.

Southall opening has a crowd of 700 present at a basketball clubber Moorefield 11-3.

Sam Coob Reynolds, son of Dr. and Mrs. H.P. Reynolds who was operated on last week for cataracts at the Chandler commended Mr. Letts on a Kentucky Colony.

The senior class of the Moorehead High School is spending the week at Camp Black Hawk, near Myers on Licking River.

R.L. Talbert was elected president of the Alumni Association at the banquet on Thursday night and Miss Christina Carter, vice president; Miss Jimmie Ellen Bair, secretary and Andrew Metcalfe, treasurer.

DIED — Leslie Soper Hughes, 76, retired educator, last Tuesday, May 22 in Lexington. — William C. Campbell, 81, in Lexington. — Miss Colleen Neal and William Power, Sunday, May 21 in Lexington.

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## Letters

from our readers

More politics

The Carlisle Mercury:

The people of Nicholas County have the opportunity on May 28th to cast their votes for two dynamic young men who are friends of this County — Terry McBrayer for Governor and John Vernon for Lieutenant Governor.

Both men have advanced ideas for their chosen professions, McBrayer as a lawyer and Vernon as a businessman. Both have been active in civic affairs, McBrayer being a past president of the Moorehead Alumni Association and Vernon as past president of the Kentucky Jaycees and a past vice-president of the United States Jaycees, and both have proven themselves in state government, McBrayer in the General Assembly and as commissioner of commerce, and Vernon as Commissioner of Public Information.

McBrayer has pledged, among other things, tax revision, a return to the basics in education, expanded programs and services for the aged, improved roads, abolition of the fee adjustment clause, and of local interests, a lodge and other improvements at Blue Licks State Park. Vernon proposes the Vernon Voter Initiative Amendment to return government to the people. This would allow the citizens to petition the General Assembly when the politicians fail to do so, to reject unwanted legislation, and recall public officials who have misled the public.

And unlike the other candidates, both men are natives of Eastern Kentucky and know where Nicholas County is, having been here many times before the campaign and having numerous friends here.

For an administration that will be knowledgeable of and responsive to the needs and problems of our area and county, vote for McBrayer and Vernon.

Sincerely yours,  
 Joseph H. Conley  
 Nicholas County Attorney

Frankfort. Let's elect a man who will have an open mind to the needs and problems of this district. It is time for a change in Frankfort, W., as students, feel that his knowledge and concern of education is needed in Frankfort.

Therefore, we urge the voters of Nicholas County to cast their votes to cast their vote for a man who cares about the destiny of this State and its youth.

Chris Amburgey and 14 others

It is time for a change in Frankfort. As students of Tom Anderson, we certainly know that he is very knowledgeable of and responsive to the needs and problems of our area and county, vote for McBrayer and Vernon.

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Who was that lady?

In her early childhood in a Quaker home, she learned that, before God, men and women are equals, and she carried this philosophy into the realm of politics by spending her life as a relentless exponent of women's suffrage and other women's rights. She was arrested in 1872 for casting a ballot in the presidential election and she refused on principle to pay the \$100 fine she was charged. By the time of her death in 1906, women could vote legally in four states. Who was that lady? Susan B. Anthony

## Boone Day to feature Kentucky book award

FRANKFORT — Governor Julian Carroll will present the Governor's Award for the best book in Kentucky history at the annual Boone Day celebration Thursday, June 7, at 11 a.m.

The Governor's Award will be given every four years on the Boone Day preceding the close of a governor's term. Dr. Hamblin Tapp, state historian and head of the Kentucky Historical Society and publication department, will present the Richard II

Collins Award for the best article or speech in "The Register," the society's official magazine. Both awards are presented for the first time this year.

Harry Casdill, renowned author and spokesman on Appalachian culture and history, is the guest speaker for the Boone Day program. He has written six books and 60 magazine articles about the Appalachian mountains. The "Night Comes to the Cumberlands" and "The Witches of Night," a sequel, are his most recent works. He is an American Library Association. Casdill left his law practice in 1977 to teach Appalachian studies at the University of Kentucky.

Other guests include Al Dix, owner and publisher of the Frankfort State Journal, who will serve as master of ceremonies. Frankfort Mayor Jim Shure and Pikeville Judge Jean Austin, president of the society.

This day is named pioneer Daniel Boone has been celebrated by the Kentucky Historical Society for more than 100 years. Country ham and beaten biscuits had the menu for the Boone Day program. Entertainment will be provided by the singers who perform in "My Old Kentucky Home," an outdoor drama at Bardonia.

Tickets for the luncheon are \$3.50 each and reservations should be made in advance, according to Frank W. Sower, first vice-president of the society and chairman of the Boone Day committee. The luncheon is open to the public. Reservations may be made by calling Mrs. Edna Flowers, administrative manager, (502) 564-2016.

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In spite of rising gasoline prices, safety officials in the state Transportation Department are expecting crowded highways this Memorial Day weekend. That means a potential for a large number of accidents, according to state police, traffic and transportation safety coordinator.

Kentucky's fatality rate for the weekend jumped from nine in 1977 to 14 last year, Maffei said. A total of 1,152 accidents occurred in Kentucky last year during the holiday, resulting in injuries to 496 people.

To have a safe trip over the weekend, Maffei offered a number of suggestions.

Motorists should be especially careful to check their cars thoroughly before a trip. "In addition to tires, brakes and cooling and exhaust systems, you should check to see that windshield wipers, headlights, brake lights and backup lights are working properly," Maffei said.

One limitation for holiday travelers is to drive faster in order to cover more distance on a trip. But this year motorists should think twice before speeding, he said. The State Police will have 500 new radar units to enforce the 55 mile an hour speed limit. The units, financed with a federal grant from the Transportation Department's office of highway safety, are all expected to be in use by Memorial Day.

Maffei also noted that alcohol, even a small amount, can affect a driver's reaction time. Contrary to popular belief, coffee does not sober you up; only time can allow the blood content to drop to an acceptable level.

"The auditors office should be an independent body and serve as an advocate of the people"

James B. Graham

A vote for Dr. James B. Graham

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