

Deaths

LAWRENCE C. POLSKROVE

Lawrence C. Polskrove, 78, died at his home in Frankfort Wednesday, Sept. 28, 1979. He was retired from Stagg Distillery.

Survived by his wife Mrs. Sarah Polskrove, one sister Lois Watson, Fla.; two step-daughters, Mrs. Dan Rich, Carlisle, Mrs. Louise Wood, Frankfort; four grandchildren, Jerry Wood, Tony Wood, Darold W. Leigh and Darlene W. Adair. All of Frankfort; ten great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

Services were held 1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 28, 1979, at LeCompte and Young Funeral Home, Frankfort, with burial in Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Casket bearers were Dan Rich, Jerry Wood, Tony Wood, William Flanigan, Jack Flowers, and Joe Hambrick. Honorary bearers were men of the Adult Sunday School Class of the Evergreen Baptist Church where he was a member.

EUGENE D. GATES

Eugene D. Gates, 63, husband of Gladys Johnson Gates, of 109 McCracken St., Carlisle, died Friday evening

Sept. 30, 1979 at the St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington.

He was a native of Nicholas County, a member of the Myers Christian Church, a veteran of W.W. II, a recipient of the Purple Heart and an employee of the Laidlaw Company of Cincinnati.

Survivors besides his wife are six sons, Edward Gates, Cynthia, Jimmie Gates, Kings Port, Tenn.; Billy Gates, Palmouth; Douglas, David and Rickie, all of Carlisle, one daughter, Georgia Gilvin, Carlisle; one brother, Joe Gates, Nicholas Co.; two sisters, Mrs. Ella Ritchie, Carlisle, Mrs. Mayne Brunner, Nicholas County and 12 grandchildren.

Services were held 2 p.m. Monday, Sept. 30, 1979, at the Mathers-Shearer Chapel, Carlisle by Rev. Jim Henager, Rev. James McCann and Rev. Eugene White. Burial in the Longview Cemetery, Bethel.

Active pallbearers, Mac McDonald, Harold Beckett, Sherrill Fira, Bobby Webb, Ronnie Small, Jimmy Howard and Johnny Tapp; honorary bearers, Shelton Beckett, Eugene Neal, Jimmy Wells, Bud Bellamy, Jerry Harney, Bobby Herrington and Gene Willis.

Donovan killed in bomber crash

Captain Phillip Barnett Donovan, 31, grandson of Mrs. Sarah Polskrove, was killed Tuesday, Sept. 18 when the fighter-bomber he was piloting crashed in the rugged Wilson Creek area of Nevada.

A native of Lexington, Capt. Donovan was attached to the Strategic Air Command's 3608 Bomb Squadron. He had served with the Air Force for nine years.

He was a graduate of Lafayette High School, the University of Kentucky and received his master's degree from Texas Christian University. He was a member of the Hillcrest Baptist Church.

Survivors include his parents, James D. and Marylou Barnett Donovan of Lexington, a brother, Michael Donovan of Lexington and a sister, Mrs. Michael Carr of Lancaster.

Services were conducted at 1 p.m. Friday at Kerr Brothers Funeral Home. Burial was in Lexington Cemetery with full military rites.

Homemakers attend meeting

Fall has arrived once more. The Region 15 Future Homemakers of America have proved that by their annual regional meeting held Sept. 21, 1979, at Lincoln County High School.

The meeting was officer training time and the FHA'ers split into officer groups, led by the regional officers, to find their "Pot of Gold" the theme of the session.

The Boyle County chapter of Future Homemakers of America demonstrated parliamentary procedure. This chapter was ranked third in the state last year in competition. They were very helpful to our FHA officers.

Those attending from Nicholas County were: Michelle Knapke, Kay Collier, Dana Howard, Margaret Ellen Duncan, Angie Wilson, Sheri Ramsey, Donna Gail Hughes, Peggy Stewart, Lorna Turpin, Sherry Fryer, Sandy Curwell, Elaine Talbot, Ms. Kathy Green, Mrs. Martha Sue Taylor, and Mrs. Bonnie Metcalfe.

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OPEN LETTER

To the Carlisle Mercury and the good citizens of Carlisle and Nicholas County.

Since pointed references to the "former city clerk who resigned in January," have been published within the past three weeks, I feel the time has come that I, who am that "former city clerk" must make a public statement.

I feel there has been a concerted effort by certain parties to destroy my credibility in the eyes of the people so that if I attempted to seek gainful employment in Nicholas or any local territory, my chances would be almost nil. I'm sorry.

I am sure that all of you have not missed the unimpeachable intimation that I alone am responsible for the financial condition of Carlisle and that I contributed heavily to "missing funds."

If I had taken the money that the street going has attributed to me, I assure you my financial difficulties would not be what they are. The question naturally arises, what did I do with it? Certainly, I could not have hidden it so well!

Concerning the 1978 Audit, mentioned in a recent article, I resigned before it was ever started. The 1977 had been completed about a week, however, before I left. (Was it made public or any other audit, for that matter?) It was told that I did not want the audit, but I didn't know a city clerk had the power to prevent one. Certainly, I had nothing to fear as the last audit I saw plainly stated there was no wrong doing by any city employee, etc.

I was behind in my work due to the illness of my aunt and sincerely it was difficult for all concerned to bring that work up to date and complete. I had planned to stay until my work was completed and the 1978 audit finished, but my health prevented me.

When the 1978 audit was about half

through, the Mayor was notified that some records were missing and that I might be able to explain them. When he first contacted me, my two children and I were all with a virus. When I recovered, I met first with one of the auditors at the city office and two council members. Then at a meeting with full council and Mayor, I was given a list of "unaccounted for" funds.

The auditors informed me I had thirty days to find these missing items before the audit would be completed. I worked three days at the office and found many of the items. Most of them were a loss of material allegedly returned by the auditors. Making copies of these missing items (which I still have in my possession), I called the auditors for a meeting and was informed that the head auditor would be out of town and so the meeting was postponed for a week. I drove to Lexington on the final appointed day with a member of the Council and my mother.

The auditor then told me it was too late to enter the items I had found as the audit was already completed and he could not change it.

He said he was satisfied with what I presented at the council and was and I wanted to go through the full year, it would take a long time and was unnecessary as far as he was concerned.

I was very upset for I felt the items were listed in the audit as "unaccounted for" and this would be against me for the rest of my life.

I offered to go over the year's work if the council desired, but they did not ask me to do so, as they probably felt it would avail nothing. The records were missed up as my work had been gone through several times. But I sincerely believe I could have found everything as I had already found most of it.

I want to say, no audit during the years

I worked, was in question until the last one, but all of them stated the city needed more revenue and all of them stated a discrepancy on one item over which I had no authority whatsoever or knowledge! I feel the audits being done so close together, obscured the financial difficulty the city finally had to face.

Several times, I was told to postpone paying certain bills because we were low on funds and these weren't presented to the council meetings, because they couldn't be paid - not because I wanted to "present a different financial picture."

Certainly, transfers were made from one account to another to pay city bills, but all transfers were authorized either by phone or signature.

I feel "streamlining" the office work, accounts, etc. is what I had 12 accounts to manage which really was confusing and unnecessary. To keep a closer eye on disbursements, "seemed" to be a direct slap at me, though I could be mistaken.

Ordering supplies to obtain gifts was rather old key, as my mother had returned several gifts for me and had the refund slips. She informed the Mayor of these. I might also add that the gifts were returned long before I resigned and any of this over came up.

I'm sure I made lots of mistakes while I was your city clerk and maybe I was "inefficient" and "unqualified," but I did nothing to defraud the people. I was suppose to serve.

I am sorry Carlisle is in a financial slump, but I feel the problem can be overcome by hard work and cooperation.

I want to thank the council for their support and faith, my friends who stood by me and with a prosperous future for the citizens and officials of Carlisle.

Sincerely,
Joyce McIntyre
(Former City Clerk)

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