

### Down Memory Lane

## German bombing of London has continued for 30 days

Thursday, October 13, 1960  
Nicholas County 4-H project champions who attended the district 4-H senior achievement day held at Transylvania College in Lexington were Bonnie Whitaker, Judy Caswell, Judy Hopkins, Rose Ann Simons, Michael Morford, Joe Hardin, David Wagoner, Paul Dempier, Lee Jim Sharp, Jimmy Letford and Jimmy Simons.

Charles Whaley, a supervisor of the Nicholas County Soil Conservation District, was honored at the 17th annual convention of the Kentucky Association of Soil Conservation Districts in Cumberland Falls in recognition of serving 15 years as a supervisor.

Fire of undetermined origin Tuesday night destroyed the home on the farm of Mr. and Mrs. G.C. Everett, Crab Grass Road. The 10 room log house was occupied by Gerald Jefferson.

Mrs. Lee Osborne, Carlisle, has been elected to membership in the American Angus Association, Inc. at St. Joseph, Mo., secretary Frank Richardson announced.

O.M. Kingdon of Moorefield has

reneged his position at the Depot Bank. He and his family are moving to Madisonville where he will be engaged in farming.

Don Sharp, pastor of the First Christian Church at Sturgis, Ky., will bring the message of Christ tonight at the Carlisle Christian Church October 17-30.

DIED — Leonard B. Burton, 82, Friday at the Nicholas County Hospital. — Nova Burling, 78, Saturday at the Nicholas County Hospital. — J.M. Hyatt, 90, Saturday at the Harrison Memorial Hospital. — Mrs. Mamie Edna Jackson, 53, Monday at the Nicholas County Hospital. — Mrs. Julia Mae Wilson Hughes, native of Nicholas County, Sunday in Mulberry, Fla.

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men between the ages of 21 and 35 next Wednesday, October 16.

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A large barn on the farm of W.F. Clark near Myers was destroyed by its contents early Monday morning by fire.

A garage and two automobiles belonging to Dan E. Wells, of the Blue Licks section, were destroyed by fire Tuesday.

A residence on the farm of C.W. Whaley near Moorefield was occupied by Johnny McCarty and family was destroyed by fire shortly after noon Saturday.

BORN — To Mr. and Mrs. Willie Duncan of the Miranda section a son on Sept. 24.

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## Opinion

### An editor's random thoughts...

#### 'Yon maple wood the burning bush!'

By Warren R. Fisher Sr.  
What is this Nature, this power that moves in such never-ending cycles and with such certitude? If you can answer that to your comfort, if the "still small voice" speaks for you in Autumn's hush, in the drifting of seed pods, the tight wrapped buds of the maples, the unerring flight of the migrating bird, then you are doubly fortunate, for you are them.

"Slave to no sect, who takes no private road,  
But looks through Nature up to Nature's God."  
But few alas can answer with unquestioning faith.

Heigh! Thoughts, thoughts, too many thoughts, when the sun has shone clear all day and set red in the west, when one has walked and a brave fire crackles on the hearth, when one's family is about him and a blonde leaping put chubby arms about his neck. What does it matter? 'Tis a very pleasant day on a very pleasant planet and we should make the most of it.

On the white mantel-shelf is a bowl of golden

chrysantheums, hardy adventurers of bloom that stand dauntlessly into the very teeth of the black frost. I ride that fragrance of the sun and with dimpled fingers she touches the golden blossoms and says "Fity."

Pretty indeed. Yes, it is all very beautiful, and yet what a pity that within a few days such loveliness will be but a handful of brittle relics. Ah, but there are seeds, thousands of them, wrapping in their tiny shell an embryonic urge to life that may conquer the sleep between and see the fruition of another fall.

There will come a day all sunshine and blue sky. When I will bid the dusty town goodby And come again to where the flowers grow— Sweet Williams and delphiniums in a row— There will be lilacs in the blackberry stage And violet with comfort in their faces. There will be little songs the shadblow sings And quietude that cometh with these things."

So after awhile, with much contentment, to sleep.

### Agree or Not

## Campaign promises hard to live up to

By S.C. Van Clief  
FRANKFORT — Gov. John Y. Brown Jr. is finding it difficult to get his administration to live up to his campaign promise to drastically reduce personal service contracts.

In the first two months of his fiscal year, starting July 1, state government has awarded \$42.6 million in contracts which is almost half the amount for the entire 1979 fiscal year.

"These contracts are in fact professions where it is considered unethical to bid competitively and while there are not enough state employees to do the work, of the state considers it cheaper via the personal service contract route Review Subcommittee of the Legislative Research Commission has become concerned enough about the large number of contracts being let to write two letters about it to the Program Review and Evaluation Committee."

In a letter to Rep. Buddy Adams, D-Bowling Green, chairman of the Program Review and Evaluation Committee, Rep. Robert Jones said his committee has become concerned at the number of contract attorneys employed by the Department of Labor.

Jones is chairman of the Contract Review Subcommittee.

In his Oct. 2 letter, Jones went on to explain. For fiscal year 80-81 the department has 13 contract attorneys in addition to the 26 attorneys on staff. In fiscal year 79-80 they had 44 attorneys on contract at a cost of \$92,002.20, and in fiscal year 78-79 they had 42 contract attorneys at a cost of \$433,869.64.

The Personal Service Contract Review Subcommittee wishes to ask you to conduct a review of the contract attorneys in the Department of Labor to determine if the

present practice of using contract attorneys is the best and most economical way of obtaining legal services for the department.

The contract attorneys are used chiefly as hearing officers in the department. Early in September, Jones' committee took note of the large number of personal service contracts in another area.

At that time he wrote Adams, "The Personal Service Contract Review Subcommittee voted to express its concern to your committee regarding the number of computer service contracts. The subcommittee is concerned that Kentucky has computer hardware second only to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration but is allowing agencies to purchase computer services from the private sector. Representatives of these agencies have stated that they are able to obtain these services cheaper from private enterprise than from the Department of Finance."

The subcommittee requests that your committee look into this situation to see what can be done for all other contractors.

## Letters

From our readers

To the Carlisle Mercury:  
A site of Nicholas County history is gone forever. It happened Saturday, Oct. 4 when the East Union Christian Church burned to the ground.

To many a bit of their lives are gone. Yet history proves the spirit of a church will always prevail. Actually the building was the church in East Union. As early as 1790 there was a building near the forks of Somers

Crek where a German religious sect known as Dunkards was housed. The present site was purchased from the Reeds in 1824 by a building erected. This building burned in 1896 and the most recent structure was built the year following.

Although currently small in number the East Union Church will arise again from the dust. The members have resolved to build again. We are asking fellow Nicholas Countians and those whose lives are bound to the community in some small way to preserve a bit of their county's heritage and to keep a small country church from dying. Anyone who wishes to contribute to the rebuilding of this historic church may send donations to Mrs. Jula Boyd, Treasurer, Route 1, Sharpburg, Kentucky 40374.

In the meantime Sunday School will be held as has been for decades at the East Union church. Meetings are held until a fourth building can be erected to once again house the spirit of this little church. Rob Lane

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**Fried or boiled?**  
A strange sight to behold...tiny potatoes growing on a vine. Or so it seems. Mrs. Patsy Wills Gaunce brought this oddity to the Mercury office Friday for all to see. It was discovered this fall growing up the side of her parents' house on Sycamore. Her mother, Mrs. Jasper Wills, said it started at the base of a tree in her flower garden and made its way up the foundation of the house. Patsy, who works at the Community Action Center, stated that some employees thanked her for bringing dinner and they preferred their fried. Mrs. Margaret Hunter discovered after cutting into the tiny "potato" that it indeed looks and smells like a potato. But is it? If you know...let us know. — Mercury photo.

### CPA Society tax reforms

In order to reach this goal, the CPAs favor any or all of the following actions:  
— Legislation that will have the effect of eliminating filing requirements for those low-income Kentucky taxpayers who are not required to file federal returns.  
— Legislation that will bring closer conformity of the Kentucky individual income tax laws with those of the federal government.

— A constitutional amendment, if necessary, to permit adoption by Kentucky of federal income tax regulations and/or allow the initial collection of the state individual income tax by the federal government (commonly called "piggybacking").  
— Legislation to simplify the computation of the Kentucky individual income tax and reduce the number of supporting schedules.

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This 1981 Ford Granada GL 4-door sedan was delivered recently to the Nicholas County High School for the driver education program. Shown to the right of the vehicle are Lewis Edwards owner of Edwards Ford, Carlisle, handing the keys to Billy Keen Anderson, while Superintendent Donald Elder looks on.—Mercury photo.

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Congratulations to Mrs. Mildred Markert and Gordon Gifford, who were united in marriage Saturday afternoon at the Saltwell parsonage by Rev. Roy C. Hunt. Their attendants were Mrs. Markert's sister, Mrs. Robert McGuire and Mr. McGuire's daughter.  
Mrs. Mae Kenney spent several days the past week with Mrs. Nettie Kelly of Dayton, Ohio.  
Mrs. Edlie Otis visited Mr. and Mrs. \* Please turn to page 4