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## Treeologist predicts 28 inches snow

(Reprinted from the Meade County Messenger, Brandenburg, Ky.)  
The first light frost of the season will be on Oct. 1 or 7, and the first killing frost will be on Oct. 10 or 17, according to treeologist Dick Fryman, who released his annual winter weather predictions this week.

He forecasts 28 inches of snow this year, using his Japanese maple tree — a tree he now values at a million dollars.

Speaking from his office at "the weather capital of the world" in beautiful downtown Irvington, he forecast the first snow flurries of the season for Nov. 18.

He predicts the first tracking snow at 4:16 p.m. (EST) on Dec. 3. The schedule of predictions follows:  
Fryman Weather Service  
1800 St. Olney Valley Road, N.

Oct. 7 or 7	Light frost
Oct. 10 or 17	Killing frost
Nov. 18	First snow (flurries)
Dec. 3	First tracking snow 4:16 p.m.
Dec. 5	Flurries
Dec. 18	Flurries
Dec. 25	"
Jan. 2	"
Jan. 4	"
Jan. 3 thru Feb. 4	Very cold
Jan. 8	"
Jan. 14	Sleet and hazardous driving
Jan. 15	Coldest day of year, 40 degrees
Jan. 20	"
Jan. 25	"
Feb. 3	"
Feb. 11	"
Feb. 18	"
Feb. 25	"
Mar. 2	"
March 3	First robin
March 20	Will be 64 degrees
April 5	Flurries

(Forecast, give or take 2 days)  
Dick forecasts the weather using folklore methods, including his famous weather tree. He has added some scientific touches so that his forecasts are more accurate.

He has forecast 143 special events during the 181 months from Sept. 1, 1961 to Aug. 1, 1982, and was 91 percent correct on those predictions, or 129 dates. Most of those special days were weddings.

For the past four years he has been forecasting the Derby and July 500 days.

When he forecast the 1981 inauguration Day weather, the story was carried nationwide.

He was 2 weather spotters throughout the U.S. and two in Canada.

He also has a weather and general museum at his "weather capital of the world" near the mill in Irvington, and has had visitors from 27 different states.

Dick is an enthusiastic folklorist, and has a number of fascinating tales to tell about his grandfather who raised fighting chickens, and other old-timey stories, and is much in demand as a speaker for schools and other groups.



SkyCare to Louisville demonstrated

Nicholas County Hospital Assistant Administrator Mike Turner of Morehead and the trained nurse on duty in Jan Hoby, RN, of Jewish make-believe patient to demonstrate the services of the new SkyCare helicopter service to Jewish Hospital in Louisville. The pilot is warranted. — Photo submitted

## Farmers caught in new cost-price squeeze

Farmers looking ahead to fall harvest may have trouble seeing beyond the gloom of the cost-price squeeze they're in.

Costs are up, income is down, and the American farmer has responded by borrowing more, buying more and producing more. But in doing so he has created a vast surplus while domestic and international demand has weakened.

As a result, the farmer faces the most severe economic downturn in 40 years. High interest rates in agriculture have added to the problem.

The current recession, with high interest rates on the part of the farmer, is a painful impact on the nation and particularly on the farmers. Interest rates affect the farmer on three levels, according to Dr. Larry Jones, Extension economist at the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture.

"Obviously, interest affects the cost of the farmer's purchased items," said Jones. "It's the most key fertilizer, fuel, feed, etc. to grow his crop or raise his livestock and this has become more difficult because of high interest rates."

Meanwhile, agriculture is not immune to decreased consumer spending. Jones noted, "Interest rates aren't discriminatory," he said. "They drive up the price of farm goods along with everything else."

The most far-reaching influence of high interest rates is on agricultural prices. High interest rates make our crops appear expensive relative to those of our major competitors," said Jones. "Our farm commodities cost foreign buyers about 15 percent more than those produced in Western Europe."

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## New Skycare helicopter visits city

Nicholas County Hospital Thursday established a direct link with the Louisville medical community through Kentucky's first hospital-based air ambulance service.

Robert Hester, administrator of Nicholas County Hospital, said the service is being established through Jewish Hospital SkyCare. The SkyCare helicopter transports critically ill or injured patients within a 160-mile radius of Louisville from one hospital to another for specialty care.

The SkyCare helicopter and crew visited Nicholas County Hospital to display the aircraft and meet with the hospital's emergency and medical staffs. The new service represents an expansion of Jewish Hospital's tradition of quality health care.

SkyCare service began July 1. It is available 24 hours a day. It takes about 35 minutes to be transported to Louisville on the SkyCare helicopter. SkyCare is a fully equipped and staffed emergency medical treatment center. It carries a crew of three, including flight nurse, paramedic and pilot, and one patient. The crew has completed special training in air ambulance transport.

No public funds or tax dollars are used to support SkyCare. As with a ground ambulance service, the fees for SkyCare are billed to the patients and/or their insurance carriers.

In addition to reducing travel time, the ride offered by SkyCare is safer and safer than that of a ground ambulance.

SkyCare can be requested by personal, community and hospital physicians, state or local law enforcement agencies, ambulance and emergency medical services, industrial nurses, fire departments and other designated emergency authorities.

A toll free number has been established to request SkyCare service in Kentucky: 1-800-721-2621.

South America and our relatively high rates of interest are a contributing factor.

Experts note that the first annual decline in several years. The volume of exports will be up, but the dollar value is a percent

has decreased and interest rates partly have been a blame. Besides making U.S. goods appear more expensive, high interest rates discourage exporters from leaving their immediate fields. Many nations that depend on credits, especially developing countries with limited aid.

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## NCHS suffers first loss 25-0

The NCHS Bluejackets team suffered their first loss of the season against Mason County Friday night.

Nicholas County received the six-kick pass to Anderson for 15 yards. The next few plays proved unimpressive for the Bluejackets. At the end of the first quarter the score was Mason 12, Nicholas 0.

Second half  
In the second half Mason made another unimpressive attempt for a field goal. In the last minutes of the third quarter Eric McGuffey intercepted a pass thrown by Mason's quarterback, putting the Jacks on their own five-yard line. A Nicholas County fumble was recovered by Royal Charles Mason, in the end zone for a third Mason touchdown. The extra point pass was unimpressive. The last minute of this quarter McGuffey completed two passes to Husky Young for a total of 28 yards. The end of the third quarter the score was Mason 18,

Fourth quarter  
In the fourth quarter Nicholas

Carlie real retail meeting set  
A meeting of all retail merchants in Carlisle has been set for Monday, Sept. 13, at Vaughn's Restaurant at 8 p.m. The Chamber of Commerce has had the Mercury.

"We encourage all retail merchants to attend," John Burke said, "and that includes gas station owners, restaurant owners, anyone who operates a retail establishment."

Purpose of the meeting is to form a group that can put some coordination and planning into the continuity of store hours, holidays, etc.

Burke said the group might also try to coordinate their advertising for a maximum effect.

## Legion thanks several for horse-pull

The American Legion Post #17 has ruled their first horse pull "success" and will have another one next year in late July or early August.

200-pound class  
1. Bert Gilkerson & Alvin Hager.  
2. Copley Bros.  
3. Ray Davis and Son.  
300-pound class  
1. Humphrey Bros., Post, Huel Ritchie.  
2. Bert Gilkerson.  
3. Bert Gilkerson & Son.

Legion Post #17 officials wish to thank County Judge-Executive Reese Stout and Charles Hing for providing the tractor to drag the track down, also for the trucks and tank of water.

Legion officials also thank Harvey Wilson and Larry Waygood for using their property at the Waygood and Wilson farm for the event.

Twelve grand jurors were selected from those who appeared at the Nicholas County Circuit Courtroom last week, but they have yet to consider a case.

Those who will now serve on the grand jury are, in alphabetical order: George L. Dick, E. Carter, Norman E. Carter, Elizabeth D. Cleaver, Arlene J. Danner, Virginia A. Fryman, Ruby M. George, Roy S. Haman, Anne D. Laver, Calvin Mandy, Joe Smith and Woodrow Wilson.

No jury foreman was selected.

## Carlisle Cemetery has fascinating tombstones



Superintendent John "J.W." Frederick

Carlisle Cemetery Superintendent John Frederick stands beside the monument commemorating 30 years of service to the cemetery by the late William Dismore. — Mercury photo.

"Mowing this place is exactly like the man painting the bridge. By the time he gets done it was time to start over again," Carlisle Cemetery caretaker John "J.W." Frederick told the Mercury last week.

"People don't realize how much work there is in mowing this place. For example, we spend \$17 a day just for gas to put in the mowers. And it costs an \$800 to labor to trim around the grave markers and markers every time we do it," Frederick said.

The Mercury visited Mr. Frederick last week to see some of his more interesting old time tombstones and was not disappointed.

Mr. Frederick cut these monuments for 15 years in Paris and distributed them all over the state of Kentucky and said he had never seen anything like the "tree" tombstone that the Carlisle Cemetery has (See picture elsewhere).

"It is fascinating enough to have this tree here," Frederick said, "but look at the detail. On these cut off branches you can even see the rings of the tree and moss grows on the northeast side just like real tree."

Frederick says that many old stones were made from marble, but because of the high cost of marble now days, people select granite instead.

"The next time you visit a cemetery take a look at the lettering on some of the stones, especially the raised lettering. Then think to yourself how many years ago a man carved that with an old 'hand-chiseled' tool that had to be re-sharpened after he did about six or eight inches of work."

"It might take days just to make raised lettering on some of this work," Frederick explained.

"You might also notice that some of these monuments are just one big block of stone. It took a tremendous amount of time in the old days just to cut a big rock down to the size of a monument, without any cracks, and then to carve it a little bit more, all by hand mind you, until it was finished."

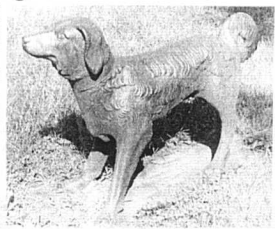
"Tombstone making is an art, and the Carlisle cemetery has many fine examples."

"One of the worst things that can happen to a man making raised lettering on a piece of marble or granite is to get his chisel stuck between two of the letters."

"That is when you start sweating, because if you make a mistake you have ruined the whole piece of stone."

Now days, says Mr. Frederick, "markers have carbide tips on their chisels and a lot of modern tools to work with, which we don't use."

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Carlisle's mystery dog

Carlisle Cemetery Superintendent John Frederick says he does not know any history about the dog monument shown above, but would like to. It is assumed that it commemorates a buried dog, but apparently no one knows for sure. Frederick says it is amusing to see the reaction of real dogs when they spot this iron one. — Mercury photo.

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