

Opinion

Spirit of Christmas

From the Diary of a Country Editor
by Warren R. Fisher Jr.

And there were in the same country shepherds tending the flock, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shined round them; and they were afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying:

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

It is not natural that the Anglo Saxon custom of feasting and conviviality, which marked the celebration of the Yule, should occur at Christmas. If it does occur, it is a mark of the liberalization, in commencing

the birth of Christ seems incongruous, we must remember that custom is strong.

Yet it does seem to us that this day of all the days of the year, should be marked by joy and laughter and good will toward our fellow men. There is no saccharine or pious maladroitness of merriment to be found in the life or teachings of his worship. His nature was healthy cheerful; he lived the life of his people, rejoicing in their joys, weeping with them in their afflictions. He spent the greater portion of his ministry out of doors in the sunlight and air, teaching in the fields, sleeping under the starlit heavens. He and his disciples were in their elements. He and his disciples were in their elements. He and his disciples were in their elements.

This week, as we celebrate the humble birth of the Carpenter's Son, the influence of this exuberantly human Divine Man comes to us under the guise of a tender old mythical saint, the beloved little child of the heart. It is a tender, loving influence, causing us to pause for a moment in our busy lives, to slough off selfhood for a day, to sense perhaps for a brief moment the meaning of that peace and joy which is the spirit of Christmas.

This week, as we celebrate the humble birth of the Carpenter's Son, the influence of this exuberantly human Divine Man comes to us under the guise of a tender old mythical saint, the beloved little child of the heart. It is a tender, loving influence, causing us to pause for a moment in our busy lives, to slough off selfhood for a day, to sense perhaps for a brief moment the meaning of that peace and joy which is the spirit of Christmas.

A voice from the past

Once the name Billy Vane ring a bell? Probably not, unless you date back at least 30 years. A photo roll from his mother, Mrs. Gladys Taylor, this week jarred some interesting memories.

Billy, had become quite a celebrity, after, after newspaper publicity had led him to become a local star. He was in the news on Dec. 15, 1954, when he was killed in a car accident. He was 30 years old. He was a member of the local fire department. He was a member of the local fire department. He was a member of the local fire department.

Here Abouts

with Emily A. Wolf

It's an event that College Park is the magic word in the life of Mrs. M. C. Carr. Carr and Bill, the two boys mentioned in the Santa Letters story.

We thought it might be to check the progress of the boys in the past few years. Carr and Bill, the two boys mentioned in the Santa Letters story.

We thought it might be to check the progress of the boys in the past few years. Carr and Bill, the two boys mentioned in the Santa Letters story.



"WHEN YOU GET TO ETHIOPIA, WOULD YOU GIVE THIS FOOD TO A HUNGRY PEOPLE?"

Agree or not 'Politics got in the way'

By S. Van Curen
Franklin — Already there has been the speculation that the new House of Representatives will be a more liberal body than the one that preceded it. It is not surprising that the new House will be a more liberal body than the one that preceded it.

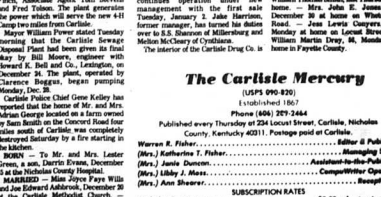
It is not surprising that the new House will be a more liberal body than the one that preceded it. It is not surprising that the new House will be a more liberal body than the one that preceded it.

Down Memory Lane

Fire destroys two residences; Stockyards has new management

Thursday, December 21, 1984
Fire destroyed two residences in the area of the stockyards. The fire started in the early morning hours and spread quickly. The fire destroyed two residences in the area of the stockyards.

Thursday, December 21, 1984
Fire destroyed two residences in the area of the stockyards. The fire started in the early morning hours and spread quickly. The fire destroyed two residences in the area of the stockyards.

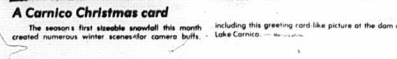


The Carlisle Mercury (USPS 990-820) (Established 1867) (Volume 117, Number 2644) Published every Thursday at 224 Locust Street, Carlisle, Nicholas County, Kentucky 40211. Postage paid at Carlisle, Ky.

Warren R. Fisher, Publisher
(Mrs.) Katherine T. Fisher, Managing Editor
(Mrs.) James C. Fisher, Assistant Editor
(Mrs.) Lily J. Meese, Circulation Manager
(Mrs.) Ann Shearer, Receptionist

Nicholas County, one year, \$8.00 rates for individuals
Other Kentucky publications one year, \$12.00
Out-of-state, one year, \$18.00

MEMBERS
The Kentucky Press Association
Nicholas County Newspaper Association
Western Kentucky Newspaper Association
NNA
NATIONAL NEWS PAPER ASSOCIATION



A Carnico Christmas card
The season's first steerable snowfall this month. Including this greeting card like picture at the dawn of a created numerous winter-venturer's camera built. Luke Carnico.

Op-Ed page

Flushed with success . . . Johnny would finally make outhouse art respectable

It seems that Johnny would finally make outhouse art respectable. The artist has been successful in his quest for recognition. The artist has been successful in his quest for recognition.

It seems that Johnny would finally make outhouse art respectable. The artist has been successful in his quest for recognition. The artist has been successful in his quest for recognition.



Russ Metz

metz, and I'll show you a woman who has her ducks in a row.

metz, and I'll show you a woman who has her ducks in a row. The woman is a professional. She is a professional. She is a professional.

metz, and I'll show you a woman who has her ducks in a row. The woman is a professional. She is a professional. She is a professional.

metz, and I'll show you a woman who has her ducks in a row. The woman is a professional. She is a professional. She is a professional.

College students can't read maps

Students in introductory geography classes in Kentucky's state universities are seriously lacking in basic geographic information. The study found that 30 percent of the students surveyed could not identify Louisville and 20 percent could not identify Lexington.

Students in introductory geography classes in Kentucky's state universities are seriously lacking in basic geographic information. The study found that 30 percent of the students surveyed could not identify Louisville and 20 percent could not identify Lexington.



May peace, love and contentment decorate your holiday as you share in the festive happenings with those you hold most dear.

We thank you for your business and friendship throughout this year.

Garrett's Furniture
Carlisle IGA

Here Abouts

For instance, Hugh Watkins' art was featured in County Clerk Harry Sawyer's art show. Sawyer's art show was held at the County Clerk's office. Sawyer's art show was held at the County Clerk's office.

For instance, Hugh Watkins' art was featured in County Clerk Harry Sawyer's art show. Sawyer's art show was held at the County Clerk's office. Sawyer's art show was held at the County Clerk's office.



Snow royalty reign

Johna Ritchie and Rhonda Carter were elected Snow King and Queen at the Nicholas County Elementary School season and eighth grade Christmas dance held on December 17.

Johna Ritchie and Rhonda Carter were elected Snow King and Queen at the Nicholas County Elementary School season and eighth grade Christmas dance held on December 17.

Ford on panel overseeing hazardous materials study

State Senator Ed Ford of Cynthiana has been selected to serve on a national advisory panel that will oversee a national study on hazardous materials. The study is being conducted by the Congressional Office of Technology Assessment.

State Senator Ed Ford of Cynthiana has been selected to serve on a national advisory panel that will oversee a national study on hazardous materials. The study is being conducted by the Congressional Office of Technology Assessment.

State Senator Ed Ford of Cynthiana has been selected to serve on a national advisory panel that will oversee a national study on hazardous materials. The study is being conducted by the Congressional Office of Technology Assessment.

State Senator Ed Ford of Cynthiana has been selected to serve on a national advisory panel that will oversee a national study on hazardous materials. The study is being conducted by the Congressional Office of Technology Assessment.

Wishing all our faithful patrons holidays filled with Christmas cheer, blessed with health and prosperity. It has been our pleasure to know and serve you this past year.



The Carlisle Mercury (USPS 990-820) (Established 1867) (Volume 117, Number 2644) Published every Thursday at 224 Locust Street, Carlisle, Nicholas County, Kentucky 40211. Postage paid at Carlisle, Ky.

Warren R. Fisher, Publisher
(Mrs.) Katherine T. Fisher, Managing Editor
(Mrs.) James C. Fisher, Assistant Editor
(Mrs.) Lily J. Meese, Circulation Manager
(Mrs.) Ann Shearer, Receptionist

Nicholas County, one year, \$8.00 rates for individuals
Other Kentucky publications one year, \$12.00
Out-of-state, one year, \$18.00

MEMBERS
The Kentucky Press Association
Nicholas County Newspaper Association
Western Kentucky Newspaper Association
NNA
NATIONAL NEWS PAPER ASSOCIATION