Courthouse news

NICHOLAS CIRCUIT COURT
Thursday, Sept. 8, 9:00 a.m.
Honorable Jack Arnold, Judge

86-CI-030, Tracey Lynn Moore vs. Ricky Ray Moore, final hearing. Decree entered.

86-CI-035, Arlene Hunt vs. Robert C. Hunt, final hearing. Decree entered.

86-CI-047, Susie Jane Herrington vs. Jerry Lee Herrington, final hearing. Decree entered.

86-CI-039, William L. Buckler vs. Shirley L. Buckler, final hearing. Decree entered.

86-CI-041, Janet Lee Fisher vs. Randall Allen Fisher, final hearing. Decree entered.

86-CI-046, Ben H. Pumphrey vs. Terri I. Pumphrey, final hearing. Order entered.

86-CI-060, Bourbon Agricultural Bank vs. Robert Coatney et al, motions. Order to be entered.

86-CI-065, Jamie Crump vs. Michael Crump, motions. Order entered.

86-CI-023, Rebecca J. Sexton vs. Jeffrey C. Sexton, motion. Order entered.

86-CI-019, Thelma Clem vs. Billy Treadway, motions. Order entered.

86-CI-060, Jeffery Tincher vs. Elaine Tincher, motions. Agreed Order entered.

86-CI-013, Alma Davis vs. Charles Bing, agreed order of dismissal entered.

86-CI-060, Adalene Linville vs. James B. Hall, motions. Order entered.

86-CI-072, Gladys Baxter vs. Jerry Frederick, motions. Order entered.

86-CI-035, Gary Corder, arraignment on bond. Plea of not guilty amended to June 2, 1986. Reserve motion, set for 9 a.m. Dec. 12.

86-CI-060, Jesse Wilson et al vs. Roscoe Rule Estate, motions. Permitted filing of answer of Jackie Wells. 10 days to answer interrogatories. Overruled motion for summary judgement. 30 days and 30 days to brief.

86-CI-036, Jeff Jones vs. Allen Waugh et al, motions. Set for hearing 1:30 p.m. Oct. 3, 1986.

86-CI-060, Brenda Atkinson vs. Allen D. Atkinson. Set for hearing 1:30 p.m. Sept. 19.

Dennis Howard vs Billy Mac Gaunce, judgment for the plaintiff in the amount of $50 plus costs.

Amos Planck vs Marion Rodney Owens, default judgment in the amount of $200 plus costs.

Carl T. Hamm Jr. vs James Anderson, et al. Judgment for the plaintiff in the amount of $250 plus costs.

Frankie's Grocery vs Katherine Bussell Perkins. Defendant agrees to pay $50 weekly.

Blaine Hardware vs Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Whitaker. Continued till 9-17-84 at 1 p.m.

Nicholas County Hospital vs Steve Jolly. Continued until 10-3-84.

SUITS FILED IN CIRCUIT COURT
86-CI-062, Charles Melvin Crump vs Wanda Bussell Crump.

86-CI-068, Eastern Kentucky Production Credit Association vs William I. Hunt, United States of America, Department of Agriculture, Ex Rel: Farmers Home Administration, First National Bank, Carlisle, Ky.

CIRCUIT COURT
Wednesday, Sept. 4, 1 p.m.
Honorable Jeffrey Dean, Judge

Dewayne Baker, passing stopped school bus, KRS 189.370. Not guilty plea, trial Sept. 17 at 1 p.m.

Jamie G. Treadway, reckless driving, KRS 189.290. Guilty plea, $25 plus costs.

Charles Allen Myers, trial: (1) speeding 76 in 50 mph zone, KRS 180.201, (2) attempting to elude police, KRS 189.393, (3) DUI, KRS 189.520, tested .14 percent. Defendant represented by counsel, advised of right. (1) Guilty plea, $100, (2) merged with DUI, (3) guilty plea, $240 plus costs, ADE

EVIDENCE OF IDENTITY
ALWAYS NEEDED FOR SS

Nearly everyone in the Maysville area who applies for a Social Security number remembers to bring evidence of age and citizenship, but many forget to bring evidence of identity.

Evidence of identity is always requested before the Social Security number can be assigned, no matter how young the person is. This rule applies to infants and small children as well as adults.

A person applying for a Social Security number usually needs at least two pieces of evidence: one to establish age and citizenship and the other to establish identity.

The best evidence of age and citizenship is a public birth certificate established before a person's fifth birthday which was issued by a U.S. state or local government. A foreign born person needs the appropriate immigration or naturalization records as well.

Some people find it difficult to find evidence of identity for infants or young children. Examples of documents that can be used include vaccination records, newspaper birth announcement, day care or nursery school records, adoption record, or health record. Older children can use school records, membership in Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts or other organization records, reports from school, ID cards or welfare case record.

People 18 or older who are applying for a social security number card for the first time must apply in person, otherwise, applicants can apply by mail. All documents sent to the Social Security office with Social Security number applications are always returned.

Stock sales

FARMERS STOCKYARDS, INC.
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Sept. 8, 1984

Hogs receipts	117
Feeders	69.00
Heavies	47.00
Sows	27.50-44.00
Boars	33.00-36.00
Sows and Pigs	135.00
Brood	10.00-20.00
Cattle receipts	1,704
Steers	36.00-70.00
Heifers	32.00-68.00
Baby Beeves	41.00-70.00
Slaughter Cows	28.00-45.00
Slaughter Bulls	38.50-60.00
Cows by head	190.00-740.00
Cow and Calf by head	260.00-620.00
Stock Bulls	250.00-710.00
Stockers	60.00-210.00
Calves receipts	149
Top Veals	62.00-74.00
Medium	40.00-61.00
Baby	20.00-40.00
Total receipts	2,020

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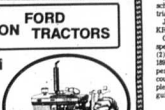

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Absolute Estate Auction
Saturday, Sept. 15, 2 p.m.

In order to settle the Estate of Stanley Fulton, deceased, we will sell the remainder of his unsold property at Fairview, Fleming County, Ky. to the high bidder.

Tract I - 135 acre tract of land known as the Calvert Place fronting about 2,000 ft. on the west side of new US 68. The basic 1984 tobacco lb. is 7,725 lbs. and according to Fleming ASCS there is 68 acres of crop land. There is public water, 8 room frame ante bellum mansion house which has not been occupied for several years but which is a good candidate for restoration, with large front porch, large cistern, and bath. There is a large combination barn 54x96, with large cistern, crib, feed room, cattle troughs, and concrete block stripping room; there is a good 45x50 machinery shed with part concrete floor, and two other out bldgs. There is abundant pasture, fertile ridges for tobacco production, and fence is above average. Nice garden spot near house, beautiful front yard overlooking new highway. House immediately available to purchaser for repair, improvement or occupancy.

Tract II - 305 acre tract fronting 900 ft. on old US 68, which is good blacktop road just off of new 68; there is a good 7 room frame dwelling where Mr. and Mrs. Fulton resided, with large cistern, public water, bath, modern kitchen with cabinets, nice front porch and ready for occupancy; bottle gas circulating heater and stoves. There is a good garage, corncrib, 5 bent barn in good condition, and 4 bent barn immediately adjacent to highway with all weather access; other small utility bldgs. Located back on the farm is a 40x60 tobacco barn with concrete wall foundation on north side; and there is another 5 bent combination barn near the west end of the farm. There is a 1984 basic tobacco poundage of 11,036 lbs. and ASCS determination of 97 acres of crop land. This is a desirable cattle and tobacco farm with plenty of good buildings in good condition.

Tract III - Small 4 room frame house on ¼ acre lot, public water, garden spot, located between old & new US 68, available for immediate occupancy; not modern but of solid construction, desirable as a tenant house, rental property, or retirement dwelling for some.

All of this property is in Fleming County except for about 35 acres on the back of Tract II which lies in Robertson. Is about 20 minutes from Maysville, Kentucky and about most of it has been in the Stanley Fulton family for 75 years. Owners will attempt to divide tobacco sticks on pro rata basis if purchasers desire. Parcel I will sell on the premises first; bids will be received on Parcels II and III and then these two parcels will be offered together and sold in the manner producing the most money.

Terms: Purchasers will be required to execute usual sales contract and pay 10% down. If sold separately, deed will be delivered in 30 days; farms will be closed, balance paid and deed delivered Dec. 22, 1984. Sellers reserve 84 crops and pay 84 taxes; purchasers may come on possession to make improvements on farms as they desire, but full possession not to be delivered until spring of 85 when current tenancies expire. Small amount of personal property to be sold after real estate to include 2 piles of cured oak lumber, 6 farm gates, 5 round hay racks, call feeder. Not responsible for accidents; announcements at sale take precedence over advertisement.

John H. Clarke & E. R. Stephens, co-execs of Stanley Fulton Estate
Attorneys: Clarke & Clarke, Maysville, Ky.

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FOR SALE: 1976 International Scout II, U300; 1972 Toronado Oldsmobile, $600; Coach and Four, $100; waterbed, $250. Phone 987-0780.

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FOR SALE: Plywood boat. Call Earl Hamm.

FOR SALE: 19-inch T.V., black-white, new; 10-gallon milk cans; two metal half-bed frames; table and chairs. Phone 1-289-2824.

FOR SALE: Auction — Blue Grass Hardware Saturday, Oct. 6, 1984 — To be sold as an operating business. Good lease and profitable.

FOR SALE: Couch, Early American floral design. Mrs. Don Hughes, 289-5386.

FOR SALE: Kawasaki 100 motorcycle with helmet, like new. Topper for El Camino. Coffee table, stereo. Priced to sell. 289-2176.

FOR SALE: Singler oil heater. Price is right. Charles T. Blake, phone 289-7121.

FOR SALE: Tobacco sticks, new or used. Phone 289-8273, Estill Walton.

YARD SALE

YARD SALE: Men and women's clothes, all sizes. Dishes, quilts, miscellaneous. Sept. 14-15, starting at 9:00, 567 Sycamore, Bertha Lawrence.

YARD SALE: Sept. 14, 15, 16 at 213 Dorsey Avenue. Many new items. Something for everyone. Carolyn Turner.

YARD SALE: Friday, Saturday, Sept. 14-15, from 8-6, Lower Jackstown Pike. Handmade quilts, afghans, dishes, toys, other items too numerous to mention. Cancelled in case of rain. Not responsible for accidents. Hensel Gray.

BIG YARD SALE: Saturday, Sept. 15 at Crockett's Car Wash, 9 to 5. Stereos, lawn mower, toys, weed eaters, whatnots, linen chairs, handmade quilts, blankets and lots more.

YARD SALE: Second house on right off 68 on Barterville Road, Sept. 14, time 8-4:30. Four families.

YARD SALE: Saturday and Sunday, 9-7. Chain saw, wheel chair, pie safe, tools, dish cabinet, clothes, miscellaneous. Bob Anderson, 215 Dorsey Avenue.

YARD SALE: Friday and Saturday, 8 to 7 100 Emmert Avenue. Three families. Also a bake sale for Town and Country Homemakers. Karen Minton, 289-2487.

YARD SALE: 512 East Main, Friday, Sept. 14, 9 til 5. Joyce Hill.

YARD SALE: Saturday, 10:00 til 4:00 at 117 Circle Street.

YARD SALE: Saturday, 9-6. Clothing and miscellaneous at the home of Nancy Shaw, 326 Walnut. Tracey Hilleck and Vicky Fryman.

GIANT YARD and basement sale. Men's and women's clothing. Old furniture, appliances, lots of children's, 100 baskets, old and new. Tools. Friday, 8:00 to 5:00 rain or shine. Broderick's, Second Street.

NOTICE

NOTICE: Playing Friday night, Sept. 14, at Ken-Mar Lounge. Cover charge at the old armory will be "Third Wish" rock music. There will be 8:00 till 12:00. Age limit 18 and over. Admission $3 per person.

SECOND INCOME: Opportunity available for three people in Carlisle and Nicholas County. Could be fulltime for right person. Excellent benefit package including car and insurance available. If you need additional income or a career change mail resume to Box 264, Georgetown, KY 40324.

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ATTENTION: Mayers Station and Pleasant Valley residents: For water at lower prices ($200 gallon tank) call 267-8181 or 267-6821, Billy McFarland Water Service.

CARD OF THANKS: We would like to extend our gratitude and thanks to all our friends, neighbors and family that helped us and gave to us after our home burned. No words can express how much we appreciate your kindness. Phillip, Rita and Brandon Mattox.

CARD OF THANKS: We wish to express our sincere gratitude for the many expressions of kindness shown us during the death of our beloved father. Cards, flowers and food, friends and neighbors, thanks to Mathers and Gaunce, Brother Henwood. These acts will always be remembered. The Family of Sid McIlvain.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Nicholas County Board of Education will receive sealed bids on property insurance coverage until Oct. 8 at 4:00 p.m. The board reserves the right to reject any/or all bids. For further information contact Donald G. Elder, Superintendent of Schools, 306 West Main, Carlisle.

CO-EXECUTOR NOTICE

All persons having themselves to be indebted to the estate of Sid McIlvain, deceased, will call upon the undersigned at once and settle same; and those having claims against said estate will present same properly proven to the undersigned (or attorney) for payment.
Clarence McIlvain and Evelyn Shackelford, Co-Executors of the estate of Sid McIlvain, deceased. Charles M. Cox, attorney.

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

COMMUNITY ACTION is seeking qualified applicants for the following position: Child/Family Service Assistant for Nicholas and Harrison Counties.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: The Child/Family Service Assistant will be responsible for all activities needed to start children's health files in compliance with the Head Start Performance Standards; interact with Head Start parents to coordinate center parent meetings in assigned centers; and the distribution of educational materials to parents. Perform home visits when necessary. Work with Health Coordinator in developing and carrying out component plans to ensure meeting component Performance Standards for assigned centers.

QUALIFICATIONS: High school diploma or G.E.D. or commitment to completing either within a year is required. Training and/or experience in the health care field with some emphasis on early childhood; knowledge of social work technology and/or experience in working with low-income families and their children is required. A minimum of four (4) years experience in such activities as a Head Start volunteer, Policy Council member, PTA or other membership in a community agency, school or church committee will be considered, in lieu of training. Must hold a valid Kentucky driver's license and proof of insurability; have reliable transportation and be willing to use own transportation, when necessary, in performance of her/his duties.

GRADE: 5, $4.25 per hour.

POSITION CLASSIFICATION: (1) Program, (2) Permanent Full-time.

Deadline for submission of application is Sept. 18, 1984.

APPLICATIONS: Applications may be obtained at Community Action Lexington/Fayette, Inc., Route 1, Carlisle, or 913 Georgetown Street, Lexington, Ky.; or by calling 233-4600 or 1-800-432-9009 (toll free in Kentucky). Community Action is an equal opportunity employer. In Harrison County call 234-2121. In Nicholas County call 289-7172.

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All persons are hereby notified not to trespass, fish, hunt, trap or shoot upon the land of the undersigned. Any person caught trespassing in violation of this notice will be reported to the sheriff and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. It is necessary that we take this step to protect our property and wildlife. All farm property of **Frances E. Maffett.**

Osprey 'transplant' is successful

by Emily Morse

It's a bird! It's a plane! Wrong, it's a plane carrying a bird, namely an osprey.

It's been almost two weeks since the last six ospreys were flown into Kentucky from the Chesapeake Bay area and almost all of the young birds have taken their first flight.

A total of 16 were brought into the state as part of the Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources' continuing efforts to restore the osprey population. The large fish-eating hawk was seriously affected by pesticide poisoning and the last known nest in Kentucky was reported in 1949.

In its third year, the project aims to restore breeding populations to the state through a process called "hacking." Hacking refers to taking the young birds from shots in the wild, transporting them to the release area and placing them in man-made nest platforms, where they are fed until able to care for themselves.

WHEN THE six-week-old birds first arrived, volunteers watched them daily for two weeks. As acting parents, the volunteers were responsible for feeding them from a supply of frozen fish and taking notes on the birds' exercise habits until they took flight.

Wildlife biologist John MacGregor, in charge of the project, said, "Volunteer response was very good."

Because of the volunteers' care, survival rates were very high. The young birds can fall prey to owls, raccoons and illnesses. Only two of the birds did not survive. Two of the six birds placed at Land Between the Lakes, the Tennessee Valley Authority's recreation area in Western Kentucky, died. "Horned owls probably got them," MacGregor said.

Of those placed in artificial nests along Metropolis Lake in McCracken Co., all four survived. Four others were placed along the Ohio River east of Louisville and two along the Kentucky River north of Frankfort.

AFTER THE BIRDS leave the nest they migrate to South America and usually return to about three years to the area where they learned to fly.

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After three years they are old enough to breed, but MacGregor said it may take as long as five or six years before they reproduce.

Funds for this project come from Kentucky's non-game wildlife program, which consists of voluntary contributions from state income tax refunds. This program generates around $80,000 annually, which is divided equally between the Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources and the Kentucky Nature Preserves Commission.

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The Carlisle Rodeo

by Clyde R. Kerns

West of the Mississippi, rodeos are about as common as county fairs, but farther east they are relatively rare. I've been away as awful lot in the past 50 years and I may have missed a few but, so far as I know, Carlisle has only had one rodeo in all of its long history.

Around 1934, there was a severe shortage of work horses in Kentucky. There were few buyers in Nicholas and Bracken counties, and much of the arable land being on hillsides and small holdings where a tractor could hardly pay for itself, good work horses were a necessity. It happened that Mr. Dick Hickey, a well-known farmer on Little Flat Creek near Bethel, had a brother who was a rancher near Wolf Point, Montana, and had available a large number of big, rugged horses at a very reasonable price. The only problem was to get them to Kentucky and get them tamed to the point where they were manageable by the average Kentucky farmer, for they were half-wild range horses, broncos, many of which had never felt a rope.

It was easy enough to drive the horses into railroad loading chutes near the Wolf Point ranch, and soon there were carloads of Montana broncs rolling for Kentucky. With them rode some of Montana's best bronc busters and rodeo hands, and their purpose was two-fold. First, to perform in rodeos in Kentucky to help defray the costs of shipping, and then to break the horses before they were sold.

Arrangements were made, handbills were posted, and men began building a suitable arena with saddling chutes at the site of the first rodeo. I forget now just where it was, but I well remember one that was held on the back of the school yard at Bethel. And then came the one scheduled for Carlisle, which was expected to draw the biggest crowd yet. The arena was built on the high ground behind where the old Nicholas County Hospital was to be built some 15 years later. Tall locust posts were set and two regular "American" wire fences were strung, one above the other. At one end were the chutes, built of rough new lumber, with gates of course, and there was some trouble — but business was good.

Among the bronc riders were two brothers named Red and Chick Reno. They were about as unlike as two brothers could be. Red had a face like a bulldog and a physique to match, and he was loud and belligerent in just about any situation. Chick was younger, tall, slim and quiet. Chick seemed embarrassed when Red made a spectacle of himself, raising Cain and poking fun at the hamburgers Mr. Dallas served. "Why, you can almost see the meat on 'em!" he declared. How much beef these and other rodeo men consumed would be hard to tell. They could afford it. Most of the local boys couldn't.

There was a goodly crowd out on the ridge the day of the show, and it was a show worth the money. There were blaring, staticky speakers over which announcements were made and over which they played records of western songs such as "The Big Fiesta," "Hold On, Little Dogie, Hold On," "Strawberry Roan," and "The Little Ranch House on the Old Circle B." There was a grandstand and a ring for the horses of how to catch, saddle and ride a wild horse without the benefit of the chutes normally used in rodeo performances. In that event, a spunky little sorrel mare was turned loose in the arena. Red roped her from the ground, and he and Chick both hung onto the lariat while the mare did all she could to break loose. But the rope around her neck soon weakened her and she finally ceased her wild plunging and stood still, front feet wide apart, head down, breath rasping as the rope choked her. Then Red moved up to the horse, keeping the rope tight, and he could grasp her by the ears, which he twisted with both hands as he hung his weight on the horse's lowered head.

Meanwhile, Chick brought a backstrap (rope halter) and a saddle, which he proceeded to install upon the terrified mare. Every time she would start to struggle, Red would twist her ears harder and bite the tips with his teeth. The mare would quiver and bawl most piteously while sweat broke out on her heaving flanks. But at last Chick was ready. He got into the saddle as gently as he could, and then Red turned the bronco loose. For a few seconds, the mare stood still, getting her bearings, realizing that she was free of the painful hold Red had maintained. Then she exploded into action. Chick rode her until she stopped bucking and just loped around the arena.

Another bronc that Chick rode that afternoon out of the chute was somewhat more difficult to hang on to. He threw young Mr. Reno about 15 feet into the air and Chick landed on the small of his back on top of one of the locust posts — and just lay there on top of the post. I supposed he must have broken his back, but after a few seconds, before anyone could arrive to help him, he flipped off of the post and went back toward the chutes with that straddling gait that is peculiar to a man with high-heeled boots, spurs, chaps and very sore muscles.

There was a raw-boned blue roan gelding with a pronounced Roman nose which he bunched into the ground every time his front feet hit, and he bucked with terrific energy and determination to lose his rider — which he did. Later, in a show at Flemingsburg, he broke his nose that way and had to be shot.

The most exciting and distressing event at the Carlisle rodeo was the self-injury of one of the horses. He was a big, good looking bay, and he didn't like the saddling-ghosts at all. He set out to kick himself free of the chute before they could even saddle him. He broke one of the wide planks and got the jagged broken end between his hind legs. Before the gate could be opened to let him out, the plank had torn loose a large chunk of muscle in the upper part of his right leg, and when he came out of the chute that piece was flopping around and blood was running freely — a very sad thing to see. As soon as he was out in the arena, he attacked the wire fence and soon managed to tear down a large section of it, in which he became temporarily entangled, probably further injuring himself, although it was hard to tell, since he was so constantly and violently active. Several of the cowboys hastily mounted and began trying to rope the poor animal, but he freed himself from the wire and galloped down onto the road and headed toward Fog Town with three riders after him. I never saw him again, but I believe that they killed the horse as soon as they caught him.

There was some calf roping and steer riding (no bulls), but that was rather tame as compared with the broncs. I think some prospective purchasers may have been scared off by the wildness of the western horses; however, a few weeks later, after most of the horses had been toned down considerably by the busters, a successful horse sale was conducted at Mr. Stanley Myers's place at Bethel, and it was only one of several held at different places. The workhorse shortage was somewhat relieved.

Along with the wild stock, the Hickey brothers brought back some trained cow ponies for use of the men in handling the range stock. These, too, were sold when no longer needed, and my grandfather, Lee Kerns, bought one of them. He was a big, bald-faced bay with a black stripe down his spine, and Grandad named him Johnny. Unlike most of the horses, Johnny came from Nebraska, they said, that fact being determinable by the Lazy E Bar L brand on his hip. We soon learned several interesting things about Johnny. He would work like a good horse should — until he got tired. And then he would rest, whether anyone liked it or not. When he went to a stream to drink, he would not drink until he had gone as far up the stream as he could go and still find water — unless you just refused to let him go, in which case you'd have your hands full for a while.

Johnny was a real joy to ride, because he was so completely and quickly responsive to every hint of what his rider wanted him to do. On the other hand, if there was no hint in his mouth, he did whatever he wanted to do. He would not let you get near him with a rope or bridle in your hand when he was out in the pasture, so I used to go bareheaded and he'd let me catch him. Then I'd get on him bareback and hang on, because he'd head for the barn lot by the most direct route he could negotiate, leaping hollows, running under the trees, always at a dead run. I never had the nerve to ride him into the lot, because if he should slide on the sharp turn through the gate he'd go into the side of the barn, so I'd jump off before he got that far. Then he'd stop running and just trot through the gate.

One icy morning in November, Granddad told me to ride old Johnny up to see if we could borrow Mr. Eli Crockett's scalding hog. If so, we'd go bring it down on the sled and kill hogs that day. Coming back down the long ridge through the Jacobs place, I turned Johnny loose and let him run hard, which he loved to do. I was bareback but, of course, I had a bridle on him. I let him run almost to the closed gate that led out to Granddad's land, then I hauled up on the reins and said, "Ho, Johnny!" I expected that he'd veer off to the right a little and follow down the fence, gradually coming to a halt. But that wasn't his way. As soon as he understood that I wanted him to stop, he got busy stopping. From a dead run, he made three stiff-legged jumps on the frozen ground and he was cropped. I don't think my back has ever been right since.

Mr. Ed Mitchell bought one of the buckers from the rodeo. She was a small, scrawny looking bay mare with a mean eye and a huge D-Heart brand. Clyde Owens, Les McFarland, Coleman Mitchell, Raymond Curry — just about everyone who thought he could ride (and some of them could) tried to break "D-Heart," as they called her. But I think she finally went to horse heaven still unconquered, a real outlaw.

And the Carlisle rodeo will soon be 50 years behind us.

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