Opinion

A reply from New York

It's good to hear from old friends especially when you've unknowingly done them a favor. Former resident Mrs. Helen (Blake) Schu of Georgetown called to say that a recent column mentioned the name of a long lost friend she'd been trying to locate for 35 years. That person was **Annie Laurie Riley Mansour**, who you'll remember **John Irvin** met at a Kentuckians of New York dinner last month in New York.

Seems Helen and Annie Laurie were friends when both families lived on Fontaine Road in Lexington.

"We only lived about six houses apart," Helen said, adding that about 35 years ago she'd lost track of Annie Laurie and had no idea how she'd ever locate her.

We put her in touch with John who had Annie Laurie's telephone number and trust that the two have had a pleasant reunion, via Ma Bell.

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On speaking of Annie Laurie Riley Mansour, Monday's mail contained this interesting letter:

"Dear Mrs. Wolf:

"It is hard for me to believe that this whole thing has happened — not only, at long last, to meet someone born in Carlisle (and what a charmer he is!) but to receive **The Carlisle Mercury** and to read your delightful write-up of that great moment when Mr. John Irvin brought down the house with his startling announcement. With no exaggeration, it was one of the high points of my life!

"What has always fascinated me is just how many things I do remember about Carlisle and how I long to return.

"How well I recall the hot summers and the excitement of Chautauqua under the tent in the courthouse yard, ice cream at Gatewoods with marble-topped tables and parlor chairs, croquet matches on the front lawn, and the Hatliff house with its polished floors and grand staircase.

"Even today a sip of iced tea can bring back memories of a dinner party at the home of **Dr. and Mrs. Martin** and I'll never forget **Dolly Timberlake** from Henryville. What fun it was to put a penny in the chewing-gum machine at **"Skinny" (Alma) Curtis** and **Eugene Tout's** mother and father ran a grocery for years. Nearby in the old ice house which is just about gone, Bessie says.

Just around the curve is Locking River, which used to be black with swimmers on Sunday afternoon. She recalls a ferry boat and Clark's Lumber Mill in Milltown, the grocery run by **Pauline** and **Banks Vice** in Milltown. Just above that **Annabel (Cauchie) Gill** had a grocery store where Mrs. Cecil Scott used to come to test cream and buy chickens and eggs. Bessie believes they used to bottle Blue Lick Water around the old ice house and has heard it wasn't hard to find moonshine being sold up and down the river, in those days.

Bessie doesn't claim to be an authority on Milltown and environs but, "I married a Milltown boy, Sterling W. Jackson in 1931 and spent several of our 53 married years there." She suggests anyone who'd like more information should contact Mrs. Pauline Vice.

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Here Abouts

...with Emily A. Wolf

Street. There was no doubt in my mind then, nor is there now, that there is a Santa Claus.

"Perhaps, to me, Carlisle is a sort of Brigadoon." In one sense, of course, none of us can go home again, yet a search for our roots may very well be a trip back to the future.

"I have thoroughly enjoyed reading the newspaper sent to me by Mr. Irvin, and it is a delight to recognize names and places. I especially liked the article 'A Kentucky Thanksgiving' by **Julie Smither** and **Russ Metz's** column.

"One day I hope to visit Carlisle again and should you, or anyone else, be planning a trip to New York, please call when you are here to let me know how things are going in my favorite home town. Most sincerely, Annie Laurie Riley Mansour (Mrs. Farris Mansour), 435 West 43rd Street, New York, N.Y. 10036, telephone 245-6430.

"P.S. When my children asked me to describe the gentleman who was born in Carlisle, I said, 'Well, he's in his late forties, has a fabulous sense of humor and is Kentucky to the bone.'"

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Two roads to travel

In a letter-to-the-editor in last week's Mercury, Mrs. **W.C. Watt** expressed her disappointment that the word Blue had been left out of the name of the Upper Licks Road.

Sgt. Friend **Bernie Jackson** writes that there is a Blue Licks as well as an Upper Licks Road going through Buzzard Roost, straight up the hill" and on over to the Upper Licks Road, where Ed and Shorty Colliver ran a grocery store on the left. Other landmarks include Mrs. Nellie **Robinson's** house on the right, and on down the hill where Mrs. Sary **(Alma) Curtis** and **Eugene Tout's** mother and father ran a grocery for years. Nearby is the old ice house which is just about gone, Bessie says.

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Dogwood Drive, has returned from a year's duty in Vietnam to be separated from active service with the U.S. Army. Lt. Campbell is the nephew of Matthew Campbell and step-grandson of Mrs. Pryor of Carlisle, and grandson of Mrs. Rena Campbell of Millersburg.

The Paris Greyhounds, an old nemesis to the Nicholas County Blue Jackets, snapped a six-game winning streak at Southside gym Saturday night 73 to 50. Scoring were McCarty 9, Beerall 13, Kenney 11, Ahrens 2, Cleaver 15, W. Fryman 2, C. Ahrens 1.

DIED — Jesse H. Parker, 76, of 33 19th Street, Paris, Sunday at home. — D'Archy A. Hunter, Dec. 18 at Cincinnati, OH. — Miss Betty Katherine Campbell, 19, Sunday in an automobile wreck. — Leroy Puckett Jr., 19, Sunday in the same automobile wreck.

40 years ago

Thursday, December 27, 1945

H.C. Caswell, who has recently received his discharge from service in the Pacific area, has taken a position as bookkeeper in a local bank. He and his wife, Mrs. Caroline Sexton Caswell and baby daughter are temporarily living with Mrs. Caswell's mother, Mrs. George Honican on West Main.

Miss Marie Shrout, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Shrout, a student at the University of Kentucky, has been elected a delegate to represent the Methodist student body of the university at the National Methodist Student Conference at the University of Illinois, which mets Dec. 28 through Jan. 1 at Urbana, Ill.

A Herald-Leader article on the registration of firearms brought to the United States by returning servicemen has been selected as the outstanding newspaper story on activities of the Bureau of Internal Revenue this year, it was learned here Thursday. The story was written by Grimes Gaywood, Leader reporter, and was published in the Sunday Herald-Leader on Nov. 18.

Miss Fleet Allison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E.H.D. Allison Sr., recently became a member of the staff at Kentucky Wesleyan College in Winchester when she was appointed as an assistant to the social adviser of the college. She is a member of the junior class and will carry on classwork in addition to new duties.

After a thrilling first quarter Brooksville succeeded in pulling away from the Carlisle Musketeers to win easily here Friday night, the final score being 54 to 26. Clark was high point man for Carlisle, scoring 10 of the total Musketeer tallies.

MARRIED — During the last week marriage licenses were issued by County Clerk John Sugg to Adrian Anderson and Betty Frederick; Luther Harrington and Anna Ruth Owings; Everett M. Harvey and Christine Blake; Calvin G. McKenzie and Ruby I. Fryman.

DIED — Gaylord Anderson, 40, Monday near Henryville. — James William Caldwell, 64, Wednesday at home near Shady Nook. — Hanson Peterson, Cynthiana, last Thursday. — John William Mastin, 74, Tuesday at Massie Memorial Hospital in Paris. — Mrs. Nancy Jackson Bretz, 43, wife of Alfred Bretz, Wednesday at home on Cassidy Road.

50 years ago

Thursday, December 26, 1935

The total cost of operating the rural schools of Nicholas County during the fiscal year from July 1, 1934 to June 30, 1935 was $40,378.27, according to the annual reports of receipts and expenditures of the school published in this issue by Mrs. Eda S. Taylor, county superintendent. Based on a census of approximately 1700 children of school age in the county, this was a per capita cost of $40.81 for each child.

More than $12 million was paid for approximately 58 million pounds of burley tobacco sold in pre-Christmas sales on 10 of central Kentucky's largest markets, according to figures compiled Saturday after the markets had closed for the holidays. The average price paid since the sales started December 2 was $20.80 a hundred. Last year the average was $19.36.

A history of Methodism in Kentucky, dealing with the establishment of the state in 1783 and its progress to 1820, has just been published by Rev. W.E. Arnold of Winchester. Rev. Arnold was formerly presiding elder in this district and is widely known throughout this section.

Ray Gordon has been awarded the contract for repairing shoes of the members of the CCC Camp here. The work has formerly been done by a shoe shop in Morehead.

A small truck belonging to Oney Gafford of Burdine, Robertson County, caught fire and burned up one day last week while he was returning home from Carlisle. He had almost reached his home when the truck suddenly burst into flames and he was barely able to get out of the cab before being burned.

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Perhaps you've heard that the Internal Revenue Service plans to put its employees through "sensitivity training" to help them deal with taxpayer complaints.

That's something like "this is going to hurt me more than it is you" — the same dodge doctors use before they stick you with a long, dull needle.

But on the face of it, this is good news. Still, I know what you're thinking: "Wouldn't a couple of computer courses be more to the point?"

Or "Why doesn't the IRS just pack up their 1040s and take a five-year vacation in Borneo?"

To which the IRS would probably reply, "Shut up and keep watching the mail for your refund, that is, assuming we didn't stuff your return in a wastebasket somewhere."

But, of course, that is the old IRS, or as it will henceforth be known thanks to a bold marketing stroke, IRS Classic. New IRS, if I may engage here in a charitable deduction, will be more in touch with our needs. IRS Commissioner Roscoe Egger says:

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I can't wait for the next tax-filing season when the IRS will be playing sensitive hardball. I have already come up with sample tapes for the New IRS:

"You're being audited. Go ahead, say it. It's ok. You'll feel better. We hope you get in touch with yourself and that undeclared income you're hiding. We believe a well-adjusted income is a healthy income, but yours is not well-adjusted. If you're looking for a legitimate tax shelter — and we have nothing against that — why not go out and buy yourself a stadium and maybe a baseball team?"

And: "Let's think about why you're late in filing your return. You think you're hurting us, but you're really hurting yourself. It's what we call self-destructive behavior. You may not be saying anything, but we hear you. We're creative listeners. And we hear five percent a month."

— RM —

Sportscaster John Madden, the wild ex-coach who walks through walls in beer commercials, alluded to it recently and now we're happy to provide further details about a new organization he wants to start called BUBBA: the Brotherhood of United Bad Bodies Association.

We always thought BUBBA would stand for the Benevolent Union of Bubba Jeans Anonymous, but no one asked me.

Anyway, Madden says there ought to be a motto and proclaims: "Your body is your garage. Put anything in it you want." That's pretty tacky, it seems to me.

Then there is the matter of where the group should be headquartered. Madden is seriously considering the site of Chunky, Miss. How about Muscle Shoals?

And finally, there is the matter of funds to support the group. To get them, Madden is thinking of manufacturing a line of BUBBA jeans and BUBBA non-exercise clothes. "What're ya wearin' tonight, baby?" Madden laughs, imagining the start of some future conversation between a couple. "Oh, I'm not gonna get dressed up. I'm just gonna wear my BUBBAs."

— RM —

And why not? Clothing ought to match the physique and intelligence of the wearer.

— RM —

The holiday menus around our house will be complicated — and fattening. Even though Momma and I are weakly trying to muster up the courage for dieting, the children will visit us and we'll probably have the traditional dinner.

I asked, "Why don't we cook one real turkey and then mold another out of cottage cheese?"

But there will probably also be trays of cookies and candy, alpine rich pecan pies with whipped cream and other assorted killers.

I said, "I think it is terrible to have all those things if we can't even touch them."

She said, "You're a grown man. I can't make that decision for you. Let your conscience be your guide."

"That's what I wanted to hear," I said.

"What?"

"A loophole."

— RM —

Quoting Stephanie Brush's "Men: An Owner's Manual":

"I'm tempted to say that a 'real man' is a guy who does his own ironing but can still pull out six-inch wall screws with his teeth."

On talking with men: "Don't ever expect a man to engage you in any type of serious conversation. Talking is an extra, like snow tires. It is not included in a man's list price."

On living with an extremely sloppy man: "A sloppy man will never leave a half-filled juice glass by the bed if he can also put out a cigarette in it and leave that in the glass."

— RM —

Then there was this doctor, who was busy with a patient, when his nurse burst into the room.

"Doctor," she exclaimed, "that man you just gave a clean bill of health to...he was walking out of the office and he dropped dead. What should we do?"

"No problem," the doctor replied. "Just turn him around so he looks like he was walking in."

— RM —

I like the epitaph George Bernard Shaw wrote for himself. It was revealed after he died that he had penned this one: "I knew if I stayed around long enough, something like this would happen."

— RM —

The lady was in Judge Christ T. Seraphim's Milwaukee court and wanted to divorce her husband. She said he deserted her years ago and she hadn't heard a single word from him.

Seraphim didn't quarrel with that, read the case file and saw that everything was in order. But then something caught his eye — one of those curious entries in the official docket.

"When did you get married?" Seraphim asked.

"That was in 1976, your honor, June 21st," she said.

"What time?"

"It was in the morning, about 9 o'clock."

"What did you do then?"

"We came back to Milwaukee from Waukegan."

"Right away?"

"Yes."

"And when did you and your husband separate?"

"June 21st, 1976."

"The same day?"

"Yes."

"What time was it then?"

"It was about noon."

"That's a pretty brief marriage encounter," Seraphim said. "Have you any idea why he left so quickly?"

"Well, your honor," she said, "he wanted to make whoopee when we got back home and it was just too darn hot."

Onward, upward.

Daily log of tip income now mandatory

Waiters, waitresses and other employees who receive tip income must keep a daily log of their tip income as required by a new federal regulation that took effect Oct. 1, 1985.

IRS Publication 1244 contains forms for listing daily tips, and for reporting tips to the employer on a monthly basis. This publication may be obtained by writing the IRS Forms Distribution Center, P.O. Box 6999, Florence, Ky. 41042. The publication may also be ordered by calling the IRS toll free at 1-800-424-1040.

Daily record keeping of tip income not only is required by law, but is essential in documenting an employee's tip income for tax purposes.

If a tipped employee's tax return is questioned by the IRS, the daily log would serve as the record of tip income. In the absence of a log the IRS would reconstruct the employee's income by looking at the employer's books and records, and could apply its own reasonable tip rate to compute the employee's income.

Here Abouts

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thly painful reoccurrences.

Speaking of basketball, Nicholas County has two of the finest seniors anywhere in Carla Hall and Gary Dotson. It's hard to get a lot of publicity when you're 1, not on a winning team, and 2, when you play for a small Class A school not covered by the daily press and broadcast media.

With the continued cooperation of local coaches we'll do our best to help build their scrapbooks which might just help next spring when college scholarships are awarded.

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More on Sugar Creek

A call came Monday from **Jewell Hughes Estes**, 2468 Old Mill Road, Maineville, Ohio 45039 concerning the 1923 Sugar Creek School picture mentioned here last week which **Jackie Miles** of Cincinnati is trying to locate.

Jewell, who still calls Nicholas County home, says the picture in question belonged to Mrs. **Anna B. Sears**, who died in November of 1981. A daughter-in-law, Mrs. Christine Sears, 50 Horseshoe Drive, Paris, Ky. 40361, ought be able to shed some light on the subject, as might a number of the late Bob Sears' relatives who might be residing this.

Several of Jewell's relatives are in the old school picture. If anyone has a picture which can be reproduced, the Mercury would be happy to print it.

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Get-away time

Christmas means it's get-away-to-Florida time for Jerry Lail.

Weather permitting, we should be on our way as you read this. It will be the first time ever that I haven't been home for Christmas and I will be extra doubly strange celebrating the day where small palm trees rather than cedars and pines are decorated much the same as here.

After 50 some years of cold, sometimes snowy weather, I've always wondered how it would be to spend Christmas in a bathing suit on November 25. And unless there's a ball game on tv that has more appeal, I hope to find out in a few days.

Hereafter, may this be your merriest and best Christmas ever. And may 1986 be a year of prosperity, personal and business-wise for Nicholas Countians everywhere. Much love.

Super soph salesman

Paul Thornburg, Nicholas County High School sophomore, was responsible for the sale of 128 poinsettias for the local chapter of the Future Farmers of America. — Johnston

State parks ending year in fun style

Quicken your step out of 1985 at a New Year's Eve celebration held at several Kentucky state resort parks. Special dinner, dance, room and brunch packages offered Dec. 31-Jan. 1 give a smooth path into 1986. Holiday revelers are urged to call the park of their choice toll free in state to make reservations early, as limited space is available.

At Cumberland Falls State Resort Park, couples can eat dinner, dance until 1 a.m., receive Tuesday night's lodging and enjoy a Wednesday brunch buffet, all for $75. The dinner and dance alone is $30 per couple and the dance by itself is $15 per couple. For reservations, call the park near Corbin at 1-800-633-2093.

Lake Cumberland State Resort Park offers a seafood buffet, dance, Tuesday night's lodging and Wednesday breakfast buffet for $65 per couple. To make reservations, call the park in Jamestown at 1-800-982-7399.

Natural Bridge State Resort Park will host a dance from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. The $25 per couple ticket includes a country ham breakfast buffet and a 20 percent discount on rooms and cottages Tuesday night. For more information, call the park in Slade at 1-800-633-2170.

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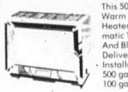

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Down Memory Lane ...from Mercury files of bygone years

10 years ago

Thursday, December 25, 1975

Rodney Hatton has been named general manager of WindStone Farms, a 250 acre operation here specializing in Simmental cows. Making the announcement was Wayne Shumate, owner of WindStone Farms Hatton, a recent graduate of Eastern Kentucky University with a degree in animal husbandry and minor in business, has been working for WindStone since high school.

A six-cylinder Cummins diesel engine which drives a 60-kilowatt GE generator procured by local Civil Defense head, Rubel Williams for use as emergency power at the Nicholas County Hospital, is government surplus and cost local sources $1,000. Williams stated it took 20 months to get the device and that J.W. Echon furnished the truck used to haul the machine to the hospital.

Cub Scout Pack No. 50 met Tuesday night, Dec. 16 in the annex of the Carlisle Christian Church. The boys were presented with badges that they have earned. Woody Buzzard, Billy Tucker, Richard Denton, Dewayne Baker, Damon Smoot, Greg Smart, Shawn Taulbee and Glenn Smith got their Bobcat badges. Tim Hall and Mark Sampson got their Wolf badges. Mark Johnson received his Round-up badge.

The following letters as they appeared:

Dear Santa Claus, For Christmas I would like a tape recorder and some blank tapes. Jewel Magic and Rub a Dub Dolly and a set of Lego blocks and a surprise. Well, I guess that's all. Oh, remember everyone. From Julie Wilis, age eight, State Kentucky, City Carlisle.

Dear Santa Claus, I am eight years old and I want a Tyco Spirit of 76 train and a Nerfinoble and a Serfglider and a Superman doll and a Batman doll and a Spiderman doll. Love, Mark Cuxley, Millersburg School.

Dear Santa, I have been a good girl and I would like a Dagger-the-Dog Close-n-Play phonograph and a Rub a Dub Dolly. I will leave you some cookies and milk under the tree. Thank you, Santa Claus. Love, Mary Susan Dotson.

Dear Santa, Please bring me a Train Coaling Station, Log Mill and Sand Loader and anything else you like. Please don't forget Sara Hurst and all good boys and girls. Love, Randy Smoot, six years old, Millersburg, Ky.

DIED — Mrs. Stella Kerns McFarland, 84, widow of W.W. McFarland, Dec. 17 at Nicholas County Hospital. — Mrs. Sarah Ellen Blount Snapp, 79, Winchester, widow of Lucious Snapp, Dec. 18 at Glenway Lodge. — Billy Joe Duncan, 43, Lexington, Dec. 18 at home. — Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth Tucker Ewing, 86, Ewing, found dead at home Dec. 12.

20 years ago

Thursday, December 22, 1965

"A lady who has done everything in the University of Kentucky accounting office that needs to be done" was honored at a dinner Wednesday, Dec. 15 with 66 of her co-workers in attendance. She is Mrs. Virginia Earnest, who will retire Jan. 1 after 27 years of service to the university. A native of Nicholas County, Mrs. Earnest is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. James William Harrison.

Joe Burden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell Burden and a ninth grade student at Nicholas County High School, has been selected to play trombone in the All State Band, which will present a program for the Kentucky Music Educator's Convention Jan. 8 in Lexington. Members of the band were chosen on the basis of auditions conducted throughout the state last month.

Nora Stevenson, senior at Nicholas County High School, is the 1965 county winner of "The Voice of Democracy" contest sponsored each year by the VFW. She will receive a $25 Savings Bond. Nora is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stevenson.

First Lt. Dennis Campbell, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Campbell of 2068