Opinion

Down picture lane...
but not so long ago...

Senior trip...?

Who's who ...an exercise in egotism in eyes of the beholder

One of those times that tries a man's soul is when you get in the mail an impressive-looking letter saying you "have been chosen" to appear in "Who's Who."

There is absolutely nothing like a Who's Who Whodunit to make even a modest fellow swell up like a toad frog and conclude he is a a great as he thinks he is.

They get more official-looking all the time. The one I got last week even has a seal and claims to have offices in Washington and Atlanta. It's about as subtle as a 1040 tax form.

It mentions you are one of 5,000 in your state selected for this great honor and, after thinking about it, makes you wonder how in the world the other 4,999 ever made it. That single sheet of paper seems far short of space needed to fill in your accomplishments until it dawns on you some the things you did in the last 30 years doesn't look all that good on paper.

It doesn't help much that you were last twister of the Lions Club for 25 terms and never filched a penny from the pot. What hasn't? Or that you served as chairman of the Crawdad Committee in the Sportsman's Club and never fell in the creek once in 19 years. Who hasn't?

All these things don't seem to adequately describe your august characteristics and achievements. It's understandable. While you were busy bringing in the beans and bacon for your brood, your buddies were carving niches for themselves in places that count.

That year you turned down the chance to end up the Barred Rock Poultry Growers Association because of tendinitis in your feeding arm, and you were slated for elevation in the Southside Scooter Club and a tire went flat on the way to election meeting.

Your garbage cans may be the cleanest in town, your screens are down before the first snow and you had the first split-level birdhouse in town all guns for nothing. Shirt-sleeves accomplishments are not Whost material. It has to something you can put a handle on.

Who's Who lists leave me a little cold. Somehow I get the idea the cat putting it out already knows about me. He just wants to see how far I can carry a joke. It is no longer a joke when he asked for $30 for a copy of the book of America's leading egotists. It'll never replace Playboy for interesting, for all its slaving qualities.

When he wasn't putting everybody on the road west, old Horace Greeley had a piece of advice for Who's Who candidates. After a pompous congressman said to Greeley one day, "I am a self-made man," Horace hung one on him:

"That sir," he said, "relives the Almighty of a great responsibility."

I have always wanted to fill out one those Who's Who sheets with great detail and care, noting that my wife was the 22nd lineal descendent of Beowulf's monster. I chickened out when I realized they might trace it out and ruin a perfectly beautiful friendship.

— RM —

Some of the golden oldies need repeating, such as this one about the Irish priest, Father O'Malley, who parishioners thought too highly of him that they took up a collection to send him to America to visit a sister he hadn't seen in almost 25 years.

On Sunday before the priest was

scheduled to leave, he was standing outside the church after the service thanking the members of the congregation when an old lady, Mrs. Dun, came up to him.

"Father," she said, "you're off to America and I'd appreciate it if you'd be so kind as to do me a bit of service."

"Mrs. Dun," said the priest, "I'll be happy to try."

"As you may know, Father," said Mrs. Dun, "my scapegrace son John got into trouble with the authorities about 10 years ago and left Ireland. He went to New York City in America, Father, and never a word I've had from him since. I want you to please find John and tell him to call me on the long-distance telephone. He can reverse the charges."

"Where in John?" the priest asked.

"Well I told you, Father," said Mrs. Dun. "He's in New York City."

"Mrs. Dun," said Father O'Malley cautiously, "I've never been there, of course, but I understand there are lot of people in New York City. I may not be able to find John."

"Oh, Father," said Mrs. Dun, "I have faith in you."

The priest promised he'd do what he could. A couple of days later he boarded a plane and flew to New York. His sister met him at the airport. After greeting her and getting settled in her suburban home he told her, "Maude, there's a favor old Mrs. Dun back home wants me to do for her and I think I'll go into the city and see what I can do."

Father O'Malley went into New York. He was staggered by the size of the city and the millions of people on the streets.

"I'll never find John Dun in all this," he said to himself.

He was wandering in the Wall Street area when he stopped in front of an impressive office building and noticed the brass nameplate next to the door. "Dun & Bradstreet," it read.

"Dun," said the priest. "Could be . . ." He went into the building and approached a guard standing in the lobby.

"Good day to you," the priest said. "I saw your sign outside. I don't know if you can help me but I'm looking for John."

"John?" said the guard. "Johns? Oh, the john. Of course, Father. Just take the elevator to the seond floor, fourth door on the right. "Amazing," said the priest to himself. "I never thought it would be this simple."

He rode the elevator to the second floor, found the fourth door on the right and opened it. Inside was a men's room. The priest stood there looking around in bewilderment for a second. Then he heard a toilet flush. He walked over to the door of one of the stalls.

"Pardon me," he said. "Are you Dun?"

"Done?" said the man in the stall, somewhat startled. "Why yes, I'm done."

"Well," said the priest, turning to leave, for heaven's sake, call your mother!"

— RM —

Welcome to spring!

Now that the numbing, gray cold of winter is behind us, we're ready to get going on our lawns and gardens. Here are some lawn and garden tips for a typical spring:

Lawn tips: Now's the time rake the debris off your lawn. Use a rake sturdy enough to deal with ice chunks.

With the area cleared off, aerate the soil. This will loosen the soil, stimulate root penetration and thicken scraggly clumps of grass. The best tool for lawn aeration is a Lawn Boy jackhammer.

Your lawn will need plenty of moisture and sunshine to enable it to grown fast so you can cut it more frequently later on in the year when you actually have something better to do. Snowflakes and hail are a reliable source of water during spring.

Should you have to resort to watering the lawn yourself, remember: Don't use a blowtorch to thaw out the hose, use a hair dryer. Watering tip: For every nine parts of water, use one part antifreeze.

As for the sunshine, good luck. Of course for a truly lush green lawn, the best bet is green dye or AstroTurf. If you're tired of grass and looking for something a little different, consider winter wheat.

Flower gardening: I have several suggestions, but the surest is this. Get a drill with a half-inch bit, make a hole in your garden, stick in some flowers, but first remove the acetate wrapping from the florist. Pour some water into the hole. After it freezes, the flowers will stand firm and tall.

Location tip: For best results, try placing you garden near the vent from your clothes dryer. You might want to build little shields to ward off the wind-chill factor. Never plant farther than an extension cord or an electric blanket can reach.

Onward, upward.

Senior trip...?

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

10 years ago

Thursday, April 22, 1976

Pat Allison will be joining Blue Grass Industries Inc. as Director of Personnel on May 17, it was jointly announced by Wayne Shumate, chairman, and Donald Hanley, president. Prior to joining Blue Grass she was executive director of the Kentuckiana Girl Scout Council in Louisville. She also spent 10 years at college administrative work having been Assistant Dean of Women at West Virginia University, Eastern Kentucky University and the University of Louisville.

Donald Elder, Nicholas County School Superintendent, Mrs. Elder, W.G. Hopkins, Nicholas County School Board attorney, Mrs. Hopkins, all members of the Nicholas County School Board and most of their wives attended the National School Board's Association Convention in San Francisco, Calif., April 8 through April 13. Board members and their wives who attended are Mr. and Mrs. William Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. William Dampier, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wagoner, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Mattox and Roy Linville.

Angela Sparks, 10-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Sparks of Moorefield, escaped serious injury Saturday afternoon, April 17, when she was hit by a car on East Main Street. According to Carlisle Police Chief Allen Earlywine, the child ran out into the street in front of a car being operated by Roger Banta. Banta was unable to stop in time to avoid hitting her.

Winners in Thursday night's Little Miss Spring Pageant, which was sponsored by the Carlisle Junior Woman's Club are: Tracy Lynn Shaw, (6-7 years), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Shaw; Heather Nicole Hughes (4-5 years), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hughes; Jennifer Rachel Hardin (2-3 years), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hardin and Angela Elizabeth Buckner (8-9 years), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Buckner.

The Bluejackets captured second place honors with a score of 68 in competition with five other track teams in its first NUCO Relays held at Nicholas County High School last Thursday. Pulaski County scored 89 for first place honors.

Mrs. Lloyd Wells is recovering at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington, after suffering serious injuries in a freak accident at her home Friday afternoon. Mrs. Wells was backing her car out of her driveway in Kennedy Heights when she struck a toy. She opened the car door to see what she had hit and the car lunged, throwing her out, then ran over her.

Sgt. David R. Ritchie, stationed in Erlanger, Germany with the U.S. Army, arrived in Carlisle on April 1 to spend time with his wife, Sue Wilson Ritchie, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Wilson and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Everette Ritchie. Mrs. Ritchie returned to Germany with him on Sunday, April 11 where they plan to make their home.

BORN — To Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray Moran, Maysville, a daughter, Amanda Dean, April 17, 1976 at General Baptist Hospital, Lexington. To Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Willoughby, a daughter, Jennifer Dawn, April 16, 1976 at Nicholas County Hospital. — To Mr. and Mrs. Nolan G. Craig, a son, Wendell Ray, April 15, 1976 at Nicholas County Hospital. — To Mr. and Mrs. Harold McVey, a daughter, Tina Renee, April 15, 1976 at Nicholas County Hospital.

DIED — Mrs. Oma Waggoner, 89, widow of W.E. Waggoner, April 16, 1976 at Nicholas County Hospital. — Allie Ingram Hughes, 94, wife of Jess Hughes, April 12, 1976. — Robert Henry Abney, 75, April 15, 1976 at

Letters from our readers

To The Carlisle Mercury:

I think your readers would be interested in knowing that the Kentucky Army National Guard including officers and men on a completely non-paid, voluntary basis went out last weekend, the 5th and 6th of April, and raised more than $125,000 for the disabled of Kentucky through services provided by the Kentucky Easter Seal Society!

This shows the quality of Kentucky's National Guard and the officers and men who are trained and ready in case of emergency to protect and assist Kentuckians from every section of the commonwealth.

In the 15 years that the Guard has been working with the Kentucky Easter Seal Society to provide services for the disabled, it has raised more than $1,125,000. This money is given by generous Kentuckians to Guardsmen who volunteer their time at collection points throughout the state. Their contribution this year is particularly significant in light of major cutbacks in federal funding for programs serving the disabled. I particularly want to commend Major General Billy G. Wellman, who has also served us well as State Easter Seal Campaign Chairman and as a member of the Board of Directors of the Kentucky Easter Seal Society.

Sincerely yours,
Guion Miller
Executive Director
Kentucky Easter Seal Society

home on Upper Jacktown Road. — Bruce Cleaver, 91, Paris, April 19, 1976 at Bourbon County Hospital.

20 years ago

Thursday, April 21, 1966

D.P. Parsley, a native of Laurel County, was hired as superintendent of the Nicholas County Schools at a called meeting of the Nicholas County Board of Education held Saturday, April 16. He was hired for a period of four years beginning July 1, 1966 at a salary of $12,000 per year.

Seven new companies which announced new plants in Kentucky last year were honored on April 11, at an Industry Appreciation Luncheon at the Sheraton Hotel in Louisville. Company officials were awarded certificates of appreciation from the state and the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce. One firm honored was Blue Grass Industries Inc.

Last Thursday 146 high school juniors and seniors from 10 central Kentucky counties were guests of the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture and Home Economics. Those from Nicholas County attending were Karen Morrison, Delea Thompson, Karen Vaughn, Keith Smith and Allen Ray Spark-. Thomas Vaughn, Nicholas County 4-H agent, accompanied the group.

Students from the Carlisle Grade School that were raised Division I (superior) at Lexington last weekend for their performance in the Music Festival were: Ann Burden, Sally Lipscombe, Diana Link, Kay Threlkeld, Tish Burden, Phyllis Atkinson and Mark Morrison.

BORN — To Mr. and Mrs. Tilton Mitchell, Falmouth, a daughter, Cynthia Lynn, April 13 at Nicholas County Hospital. — To Mr. and Mrs. James Henderson, Mt. Olivet, a daughter, April 16 at Nicholas County Hospital. — To Mr. and Mrs. Billy Smoot, Louisville, a son, Billy Allen.

MARRIED — Miss Patty Ann Kenney and Terri Lovekamp, Saturday in the Concord Methodist Church, Concord, Ill.

DIED — Mrs. Mattie Miller Rowland, 78, widow of A.C. Rowland Sr., April 18 at Bourbon Heights, Paris. — Dorothy Clay Sexton, 36, wife of Estil Sexton, April 18 at Nicholas County Hospital. — Mrs. Lida Fisher Henry, 90, April 16 at Bourbon County Hospital. — Karen Beth Watkins, six-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Watkins, April 19 at Nicholas County Hospital.

40 years ago

Thursday, April 25, 1946

Chess Shearer, Carlisle businessman, was elected president of the newly reorganized Nicholas County Fish and Game Club at a meeting of some 25 outdoor enthusiasts here Tuesday night. Others elected as officers in the organization were Elva Kendall, vice-president; W.T. Straw, secretary and Teddy Poe, publicity chairman. The Carlisle Mercury was voted an honorary membership in the club.

Harry T. Letton, president for 25 years of the First National Bank of Carlisle, announced late Wednesday that the bank stock of Mrs. Harry S. King of the local institution had been sold. Purchasers of the stock are Garvice Kincaid and E.L. Jones, Lexington, and Dr. William S. Snyder, Frankfort.

Seven delegates from the Headquarters FHA chapter attended the District FHA meeting held in Lexington, Saturday, April 20 in the home economics building of the University of Kentucky. They were Nelma Rose Dotson, Doloris Conrad, Marjory Miller, Nancye Hudnall, Rose Evelyn Wagoner, Louise Pumphrey and Dorothy Zunwall.

Prizes were awarded in an essay contest Friday morning at the city school cafeteria sponsored by the president, Mrs. B.H. Pumphrey, of the local American Legion Auxiliary. The subject was "American Citizens — Our Responsibilities and Privileges." First prize of $5 went to Miss Wanda Duncan; second of $2.50 to Miss Katie Whaley and third of $1 to Miss Jean Vice. In the same contest sponsored by the Carlisle Parent-Teacher Association, first prize of $5 went to Miss Caroline Linville; second of $2.50 to Miss Ruth Ballard and third of $1 to G.C. Myers.

BORN — To Mr. and Mrs. John McQueen, a daughter, Saturday at Johnson Memorial Hospital. — To Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd McCarty, a son, Monday at Johnson Memorial Hospital. — To Mr. and Mrs. Herbert McClanahan, a son, Martin Wayne, Monday at Johnson Memorial Hospital. — To Mr. and Mrs. James H. Robinson Jr., Lexington, a son, James H. III, April 22 at Good Samaritan Hospital, Lexington.

MARRIED — Miss Ruby Malone and Leonard Morris, Saturday in Cynthiana. — Miss Helen Taylor Haneling and Lt. William Oscar Stehlin, Saturday at the Paris Christian Church. — Miss Minnie Shannon and Edgar Rawlings and Miss Josephine Walton and Charles Hogg, in a double ceremony April 16 in Paris. — Miss Elizabeth MacClintock and Malcolm Guthrie McCulloch, Saturday. — Miss Mary Ann Rodgers and Willard Sten Soderlund, Saturday in the Forest Avenue and Orville Lee Atkinson, April 16 at the home of the Rev. Ira McMillan. — Miss Dorothy Hazel Hamm and Marion Brown Sims, Friday in Maysville.

DIED — Rev. W.J. Harney, 81, Thursday. — Mrs. Mary Sapp, 61, wife of Harve Sapp, Monday at home on the Myers Road. — Mrs. Nancy Rankin, 80, widow of H.W. Rankin, Saturday at home near Shady Nook.

50 years ago

Thursday, April 22, 1936

The story in last week's issue concerning the boy being mired in the mud on the new grade of the Lower Jacktown Pike was not as bad as the luck of one of his neighbors, according to "Buck" Letton. Mr. Letton

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Another tree is planted

Members of third, fourth, fifth and sixth grades from Robertson County enjoy shirtsleeve weather at Arbor Day ceremonies at Blue Licks State Park. — Photo submitted

1986 legislative session is now history, writer says

by Kay G. Conley

The 1986 legislative session of the Kentucky General Assembly is history, but its efforts the past three months are just beginning to be implemented.

State Rep. Adrian Arnold, D-Mt. Sterling, said people in House District 74 will benefit from items appropriated in the budget for 1986-88. Arnold said he believes the budget for the next two years is favorable for his area. "I've worked hard to make certain that my people are well taken care of," Arnold said. "The new projects and programs included in the budget are proof."

About $350,000 was set aside to construct a community building at Blue Licks State Park. Arnold said he will continue seeking additional funds to purchase land improving access to the Licking River and construct a new community building that hopefully would be expanded into a lodge in the future.

The budget includes funding for extended employment. Over $580,000 was allocated to insure the continued employment of county extension agents and $432,000 was earmarked to upgrade employment for county agricultural teachers from nine months to 12 months.

Arnold said increases in benefits for retired teachers in Bath, Montgomery and Nicholas counties were allotted in the budget. Retired teachers should now pay less penalties for retiring early and receive more in monthly incomes.

District 74 should receive funds to continue educational improvement too. Arnold said more money was financed to reduce classroom size and provide additional funds to smaller counties through power equalization. "These improvements will help increase learning in county schools," Arnold said.

Agriculture is an important industry in District 74, and Arnold said he has pushed for programs to support it. Two new buildings are planned for construction at the University of Kentucky. Money to build an $11 million agricultural engineering building and a $3.5 million regulatory services building was approved. Arnold said local farmers should receive better testing services as a result of these new structures.

Additional funds were allocated for agricultural programs: the state Department of Agriculture was allotted $3 million and $1.2 million was earmarked for brucellosis testing.

Local county and municipal road funds also were mentioned in the budget. Approximately $700,000 was financed for road improvements in the district, and additional money was included for bridge repairs.

Arnold said the biennial budget contains numerous other items. "There is no way I can name every program to be funded over the next two years," Arnold said. "However, I'm satisfied people in Bath, Montgomery and Nicholas counties have fared well."

Memory Lane

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said Bruce Wood was driving a cow over the grade when the animal sank in the mud and that it was necessary to put a chain around the cow and pull her from the mud with a team of horses.

The small room formerly occupied by Scott's Sandwich Shop on Broadway has been torn down by Mrs. Grarter and a large and modern room has been constructed. Mr. Scott will move into the new room as soon as it has been completed.

Although we have long since lost count of the number of snows during the winter, another was added to the long list Tuesday afternoon. With spring-like weather Tuesday morning, overcoats were taken out at noon Tuesday and furnaces were relighted when the thermometer dropped more than 30 degrees during the day.

Members of the family of Ollie Finch had a narrow escape last Wednesday night when fire damaged their residence on Dorsey Avenue. Mr. Finch was awakened by falling timbers and smoke in the house and quickly aroused other members of the household, who escaped from the burning building.

A residence on the farm of Raymond Booth in the Stoney Creek section occupied by Luther Gray and family was destroyed by fire Saturday morning. The origin of the fire is unknown.

BORN — To Mr. and Mrs. Angus Jacobs, Moorefield, a son, John Stanton, April 16.

MARRIED — Miss Ethel Murrell and Clarence Spigler, Saturday by Judge D.M. Curry.

DIED — Frances Howe Allison, two months and 23 days old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Allison, April 2 at home. — Clarence Abner, 60, Wednesday at the Johnson Memorial Hospital. — Mrs. Kittie Burgess Vice, 62, wife of Jeff Vice, Thursday at home near Moorefield. — Jasper Newton Skeen, 72, Wednesday at the home of his son, A.B. Skeen near Millersburg. — Mrs. Susan Barlow, 91, widow of Milton Barlow, Sunday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. James H. Smith.

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