Opinion

We really do get around

One of the fun things about writing a column is seeing how certain articles take off for parts unknown, bringing together people who might otherwise have remained unbeknown to each other.

You'll recall that we had a lot of fun with the **John Irvin/Annie Laurie Riley Mansour** chance encounter in New York last year. While we were vacationing, John had the following letter from Annie Laurie:

"Dear John,

"I thought you might find the enclosed letter and clabet interesting.

"Were it not for you and Emily Wolf, I might never have discovered a man, **Johnnie Mack Riley** of Brooksville, Ky. who must be (according to the family tree he sent) the grandson of my Uncle Mack (**Matthew Simon**), my father's younger brother whom I never knew. Apparently this man has been searching for information about his father's family and a relative (on his mother's side) sent him the articles she referred to in her letter) had some interesting local ties we'd like to pass along. It reads:

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Here Abouts

...with Emily A. Wolf

"I have read and re-read all these letters with great pleasure and this, plus answering each one, has brightened these dull January days.

"The conference call you set up for **Helen Blake Schu** and me was a delightful surprise and great fun! I'd really appreciate it if you'd send her address...I'd love to start "The Carlisle Club" of New York — doesn't that sound "classy!"

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Reach out ...and see someone, even in his skivies - or less

All the movers and shakers are talking about the fellows behind Pic-Tel Corp, who have developed a picture telephone.

They stand to make a bundle of money.

Naturally. Ever since Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone, Americans have had one attached to an ear. Preferably it is the latest version. Take the two socially chic telephones today, the one you have in your car and the one you carry out to your barbecue spit on your belt.

I know there are people driving around with telephones in their cars who use it just to call Tel-Med to find out about sinus drainage or the condition of the battery in their Pacemakers. Or even the number that gives you the time of day — never mind that their car also has a clock. After all, you never know when another motorist may pull up beside you and you want to be sure he is duly impressed.

Then there are those who demand cordless phones even though they always stay no more than a foot away from where they pick up the receiver. A cordless phone has a special cloud, like a horse trailer or motor boat parked in your driveway.

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Russ Metz

Candy Kisses Pink lips? Or, for that matter, when she calls up and asks him what he's doing, and he says, oh, he is studying so hard for an architectural exam on basic shapes, and she sees behind him a portion of a very delightful basic shape known as the female leg?

To be sure, there will be those good things. Like, you are calling up a blind date. If she looks like a horse, you can always claim you have a wrong number and quickly hang up. Or a deadbeat who has owed you a sawbuck for months, when you can look him in the eyeball and demand the dough or you're going down and put a lien on his hot tub.

It won't change the one-ringer scam, though.

The one-ringer is the use of the telephone for communication while giving the phone company fits. Here your son, for instance, completes a trip from your home to his, he phones you long distance and hangs up after one ring. You get the message that he is home safe — for free.

That is not recommended and I never use it. It would be degrading to my integrity. Besides my kids live just up the road.

I know I am in a heap of trouble when PicTel arrives. My wife spends enough time getting primped when she knows someone is coming. With PicTel I'll never again get into the bathroom.

— RM —

One you have eaten a banana, don't just toss the skin away for someone to slip on. According to a press release from something called the International Banana Association, the inside of the skin offers a fine dressing for your shoes.

All you do is rub it on your brogans, then buff them. They're polished. Voila.

But if all the monkeys in your neighborhood try to eat your shoes, don't blame me.

— RM —

I am always annoyed when a friend proceeds to tell me how he bought 100 shares of Widget International at rock-bottom prices and made a wad when its stock price went up. I hope he catches the German measles in his Porsche's electroids.

I don't put my money into the stockmarket, because there are no tall buildings around here to jump out of when the market collapses. I take the advice of Robert Nicholson, editor of the Nicholson Report of Coral Gables, Fla., who says, "The average small investor shouldn't be in the market if he has less than $100,000 in it. He should have his money in a professionally managed mutual fund offering the diversification he needs."

Nicholson claims the odds are stacked against the smaller investor. "For one thing," he says, "the high commission you pay for buying and selling stocks works against the small investor. He pays more than 50 cents a share in commissions while the big institutional portfolio manager pays two or three cents a share."

Furthermore, said Nicholson, the average investor doesn't have the knowledge or early access to market information to match wits with "the shrewdest, sharpest minds in the world."

"I spend 16 hours a day, seven days a week working at my job," he said. "I've had one vacation since 1965. If you and I are of equal intelligence, and you are an average investor, who do you think has the edge in this game?"

— RM —

It's pop quiz time:

Everybody's buzzing about Gramm-Rudman. Identify Gramm-Rudman: (a) A new cracker that goes well with milk or wine coolers, (b) A new cops-and-robbers series on tv, (c) A Merrill Lynch stock analyst who specializes in the go-go industry, (d) Lou Rudman's grandsons.

— Lee Iacocca, in a recent magazine article, asked what citizens would be willing to give up to achieve a balanced budget. What would you be willing to give up? (a) Your brother-in-law's military pension, (b) Your neighbor kid's education benefits, (c) The old guy down the street's Medicare, (d) The Pentagon's $6,042 coffee pots.

— What is the correct response to someone who says he or she is coming down with the flu? (a) There's a lot going around now, (b) Type A or Type B? (c) Would you mind stepping downwind? (d) Excuse me, I just remembered I have an extraordinary appointment.

— What should be the standard admission to college? (a) A pep quiz on slam dunking, (b) The ability to decipher a Muammar Khadafy press conference, (c) The college board test scores, (d) The ability to figure out the local usage portion of the phone bill.

— The IRS says it will have a better year this year. What's your response? (a) Right, and the Pirates will win the World Series, (b) I'll wait until I see who their No. 1 draft pick is, (c) No more Mr. Nice Guy. If they're late with my refund, I'm going to penalize the heck out of them, (d) How could they have a worse year?

Onward, upward.

Letters

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cluding drunk driving)? I think not.

Those who celebrated over the recent election result strike me as sadistic. How can we celebrate when our children are dying?

Let those of us who are concerned unite in our determination to help the people who are the real victims of alcohol abuse. Let us hold the liquor advocates to their promises of (1) elimination of drinking and driving on the roads of Nicholas County; (2) the end of illegal sales of alcohol (bootlegging), including sales to minors; (3) unlimited economic benefits to the community; and (4) the general reduction of crime associated with alcohol abuse.

Meanwhile, the Christian community will likewise commit itself to the realization of these goals along with a specific program to minister to the victims of alcohol abuse in our community.

Sincerely,
Rev. Mike Greer
Pastor, First Baptist Church

Wants tax refund

To The Carlisle Mercury:

If the Nicholas County Hospital intends to only accept Blue Cross insurance coverage, then the Nicholas Countians who maintain policies other than the one mentioned, should be refunded the tax dollars they have paid.

It is apparent that the facility will be of no use to those persons with preferences which differ from the choice provided in the notice printed in the Carlisle Mercury.

Why not change the name of the hospital to the Blue Cross Insurance Hospital? Why not tax only those Nicholas Countians who have this specific coverage? Why should a policy holder from another insurance company pays taxes on services they can not even benefit from?

Also, those who sells medicinal insurance should not be allowed a place on the Board of Directors at the hospital because a conflict of interest might occur.

Frank Cundiff
503 Dunn Road, Carlisle

'Time to contact local magistrates'

To The Carlisle Mercury:

Does anyone understand why an average city like Carlisle that has a fairly new, needed and modern hospital that is owned by the county, and that is paid for by our taxes, is being controlled in the manner that it is.

Is our hospital in such bad shape financially that we would deny an underprivileged or underclassed person the right to medical care, because he or she cannot afford it?

I think it is time that we revaluate the hospital and present administration. I also think that the present system of only accepting Blue Cross and Blue Shield is absolute discrimination.

I personally think it is time that we contacted our local Magistrates and voiced our concern over our hospital, don't you?

Richard Gardner

Hereabouts

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in knowing that the original spelling in Ireland was O'Raghaillagh.

"Sincerely, Annie Laurie Riley Mansour"

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A card from Cyprus

Other mail on the desk when we returned last week was a postcard from **Eleanor (Reynolds) Verdery** of Switzerland written from Cyprus. When she was here last summer visiting relatives she promised to keep in touch.

"Enjoyed your column on exotic places to vacation and thought I'd send you my destination. I'm spending my Christmas vacation on the island of Cyprus. With almost 8,000 years of civilization, it is a great place for history buffs and wine drinkers!

Mark Antony once gave it to **Cleopatra**, **Paul** and **Barnabas** preached here, **Richard the Lion Hearted** got married here, **Michaelangelo** bought lace for the altar in Milan here and **Winston Churchill** came here to paint. And now me, but I'm just enjoying the warm, sunny weather and swimming in the blue Mediterranean each day. Middle Eastern food is quite good..."

Keep those cards and letters coming, folks!

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Dress shop opening soon

Mr. and Mrs. A.B. Whaley have purchased the former Tureman Drug property on Locust Street from Mrs. Betty Carter and will open a ladies' wear shop there next month.

Norma Jean plans to run the business, to be known as The Four Seasons, with help from her daughter, Mrs. **Mona Vice**.

The Whaley family is busy whipping the store into shape, with outside awning construction in the capable hands of Charles Crawford. If all goes well, the shop will be open in mid-March. Brand name ladies' apparel will be sold, with children's clothing being added later on.

Norma Jean, a successful beautician, said she has always wanted to have a dress shop and has been encouraged by friends to open one here to fill the void created by the closing of Abraham's several years ago and Carter's last month.

Gasoline prices fall sharply

According to a survey of service stations in Central and Eastern Kentucky, gasoline prices have fallen about 10 cents a gallon since last December, AAA reported last week.

AAA's latest fuel price survey shows a wide variance in prices across the region, from 29-35 cents in Lexington, up to 45 cents in other parts of Central and Eastern Kentucky.

The survey found average prices at full service stations of $1.15 for leaded regular, $1.20 for regular unleaded, $1.29 for premium unleaded, and $1.26 for diesel.

JIM SNAPP of Snapp's Standard Service here reports a 32 cents a gallon drop in prices at his full-service station. Present pump prices are $1 for regular (down from $1.32 earlier this year), $1.07 for regular unleaded and $1.17 for unleaded supreme.

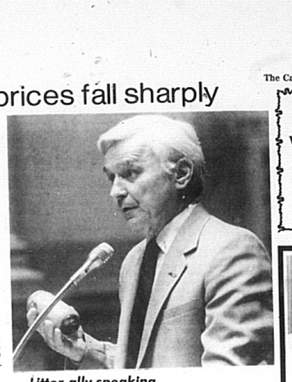
Average prices at self-serve pumps usually run about 10-15 cents lower than at full service stations. AAA's latest survey found the average prices at self-service pumps to be $1 for leaded regular, $1.09 for regular unleaded, $1.24 for premium unleaded, and $1.27 for diesel.

One Carlisle self-serve station advertised regular leaded for 91.9 cents this week.

According to AAA representative Kathy Gross, gasoline prices are falling because inventories are rising in many refineries, small gasoline retailers are gaining access to cheaper crude oil, and because the large refineries are processing cheaper crude oil as a result of falling oil prices worldwide.

"**FOR PRICES** to decrease any further, we encourage people to be better consumers," Ms. Gross said. "The consumer dictates the price of gasoline. We also encourage people to shop around and save that extra 15-20 cents a gallon. If the consumer continues to purchase gasoline at the consistently lower priced stations, everyone will be forced to lower their prices to remain competitive."

According to AAA, leading industry experts predict an 8-15 cents decrease in prices by the spring driving season, a 15-20 cents decrease by mid-year, and a 1986 price average of $1.03, as opposed to $1.20 in 1985.



Litter-ally speaking

Sen. Ed Ford, D-Cynthiana, rises to speak on Senate Bill 256, which would prohibit the sale of soft drinks in small plastic containers. Ford, who is the primary sponsor of the bill, says the plastic containers would generate great amounts of litter because they have no recyclable value. The bill passed the Senate and now goes on to the House for further action.

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

10 years ago

Thursday, March 4, 1976

The Nicholas County Elementary School planted a pink dogwood tree in the school yard on Friday, Feb. 27 in commemoration of our nation's bicentennial. Those participating were Jo Ellen Capps, Charles Wilson, principal; Kevin Wells, Todd Gaunce and Mark Byrd.

The site of the last battle of the American Revolution, Blue Licks State Park, will be the main focal point for Kentucky's Bicentennial celebration in 1976. The Blue Licks Commemorative Commission and the Kentucky Historical Events Celebration Commission began planning the park affair last November. The KHECC has appropriated $25,000 for this celebration.

Miss Mona Garrett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A.B. Whaley, has been named Chapter Sweetheart by the Nicholas County Future Farmers of America. Gary Gray, son of Mr. and, Mrs. Garnett Gray, has been named Chapter Brother by the Nicholas County Future Homemakers of America. The two will serve as official FFA-FHA host and hostess for the two local chapters for the 1975-76 school year.

Is spring just around the corner? Well, maybe not, but it's nice to dream. Robert Herrington, stonemason from Blue Licks, was busy one warm summer day last year laying a wall and steps at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Neal. Neal Metcalfe, great nephew of Mrs. Neal, didn't miss a single thing while observing said busy company for Mr. Herrington.

Nicholas County students who served as pages recently in the State Legislature are Mark Vice, Kay Conley, Donna Gail Hughes, Steve Vice and Thrasiley Markland Jr.

Miss Kathy Green, student at Eastern Kentucky University, has recently been initiated into the Tau Chapter of Phi Upsilon Omicron, an honor sorority promoting home economic related careers. Miss Green is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Julian Greer.

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DIED — George Russell Green, 77, Dayton, OH, Feb. 24 at Hilltop Nursing Home in Dayton. — Tom Pierce, 60, Lexington, Feb. 24. — Dwight B. Lynam, 75, Pontiac, MI, Feb. 23 at St. Joseph Hospital, Pontiac. — John Caywood, 76, Evansville, IN, Feb. 26 at St. Mary's Hospital, Evansville.

20 years ago

Thursday, March 2, 1966

Attendance at Blue Licks Battlefield State Park showed a marked increase in 1965 as visitations to Kentucky's 33 state parks and shrines climbed to an all-time record. Blue Licks Battlefield totaled 172,000 persons last year, an increase of 51,000 persons over 1964 attendance totals.

Sally Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wilson, and Eddie Fryman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fryman, were recognized by Bob Barlow, principal of Nicholas County High School, at a recent high school assembly for their accomplishments in 4-H during 1965. Judging for the award is based on a written report that is prepared by the club members about their 4-H activities and projects.

The Johnson-Mathers Nursing Home of Ky. 36 lit a candle on Tuesday, March 1, as they observed their first year of service to this community. The 56-bed nursing home has 48 patients as of Tuesday and employs 42 people in their care. The home was dedicated last May.

and the pastor, August Peters, will read the words of Christ as given in the scripture. Costumes will be utilized to make the entire presentation as authentic as possible.

Mrs. Carol Caswell Wills of Nicholas County has been named to the Dean's List in the University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy. She is the daughter of Mrs. and Mrs. Harry Clay Caswell, Carlisle, and a graduate of Carlisle City High School. She is now a third year pharmacy student at UK.

Vandals destroyed a portion of the interior of the High Street Christian Church in Henryville recently. Police Chief Kelley reports no arrests have made but several youths are suspected.

John Thompson Small of Carlisle has been pledged to Triangle, a social fraternity at the University of Kentucky. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H.W. Small and graduated from Nicholas County High School. He is now a freshman in the College of Engineering at UK.

A "Lord's Supper Pageant" will be presented at the Carlisle Baptist Church at the 10:40 a.m. service Sunday, March 6. The deacons of the church will portray the 12 apostles

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MARRIED — Miss Lois O'Crawford and Paul Hinson, Feb. 22 by Rev. Frank Simons.

DIED — Mrs. Marcie B. Storey, 81, Feb. 28 at Nicholas County Hospital. — Julian D. Caswell, 51, Saturday at Nicholas County Hospital. — Mrs. Artie Mae Gilvin, 77, widow of James Gilvin, Feb. 27 in a Lexington hospital. — Mrs. Ida Frances Wiseley Ritchie, 90, Morning Glory, Feb. 26 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Fannie Teel. — Mrs. Minerva Ellen Wiseley, 89, Emery Dwelle, Feb. 26 at the Broderick Nursing Home.

40 years ago

Thursday, March 7, 1946

Raymond J. Wesley, superintendent of Pulaski County Schools, Saturday was appointed to a similar position in Nicholas County at a meeting of the county board of education. Mr. Wesley was named to fill a vacancy created by the recent sudden death of Sigal W. Dauson.

Emery Clark and Billy Frey, well-known residents of the county, have taken the agency for the new Frazier and Kaiser automobiles and will soon open a sales and service agency on West Main Street in the building formerly occupied by the old Main Street Garage.

William Hopper, Carlisle city official, businessman and flying enthusiast, was elected president of a flying club which was organized at a Paris Tuesday night, the membership of which is to embrace central Kentucky devotees of aviation.

A 13-month option on 1.56 acres of land adjacent to the city of Carlisle belonging to Ernest Piper was secured by the city following a meeting of the city council at which instructions were given to cover the procedure. The land is being considered as a site for the proposed disposal plant which the city plans to erect in conjunction with the construction of a modern sewage system for which plans have been completed.

MARRIED — Mrs. Mary Curry and Clarence Glen Price, Feb. 29 by Rev. Ralph Thomas. — Hester Ann Smoot and Charles H. Allison, Aug. 15, 1945 in Mt. Sterling. — Louise Rawlings and Eugene Snapp, Thursday by Rev. J.S. McMillon. — Miss Mary Irene Kerns and Arthur Roland Max, Saturday at Camp Atterbury, IN. — Margaret O'Connell and James Paul Cain, Saturday in Cincinnati, OH. — Miss Christine Moorehead and Ray Padgett, Saturday at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Kelley.

DIED — Mrs. Mabel W. Scott, wife of Robert M. Scott, Sunday at home in Milford, OH. — Omer Lee Wallace, 25, Saturday at Harrison Memorial Hospital. — Mrs. Bessie Fisher Campbell, 78, wife of William E. Campbell, Saturday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Gilvin. — Mrs. Bessie Hill Walton, 58, wife of Marshall Walton, Tuesday at Johnson Memorial Hospital.

50 years ago

Thursday, March 5, 1936

The 47th district basketball tournament will open here Thursday night at 8 o'clock with North Middletown and Bourbon County participating in the opening game. A total of eight games will be played and other schools involved are MMI, Paris, Little Rock, Carlisle, Center Hill, Clintonville and Ruddles Mills.

At a meeting of the Nicholas Fiscal Court Tuesday, the bid of Martins Brothers of Lexington for repairing the floors in the courthouse at a cost of $1,400 was accepted. The tile floors in the hall will be replaced with terrazzo.

At the regular monthly meeting of the City Council Monday night, an ordinance introduced by Councilman W.E. Piper permitting the sale of beer in Carlisle on Sunday was passed by a vote of three to one.

Nicholas County will receive $11,192.94 annually which will be spent for improvement of county roads under supervision of the State Highway Department.

James Gilbert, eight-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Gilbert of the Maysville Road, was seriously injured Tuesday afternoon when he was struck by an automobile driven by Woodrow Clark of Brooksville. He was playing alongside the road and suddenly ran into the road and was sideswiped by the car.

BORN — To Mr. and Mrs. Alva Green, Saltwell, a daughter, Della Mae, Feb. 17. — To Mr. and Mrs. Cletis Rinehart, Headquarters, a son, Marion Reynolds, Feb. 24.

MARRIED — Anna Frances Harlan and Conrad Johnson, Dec. 21, 1935. — Miss Dauline Wells and J.C. McCord, Feb. 19 by Rev. Frank Simons.

DIED — James Wesley Shields, 37, Monday at home in Mt. Sterling. — Mrs. Cora Florence Gaunce, 53, wife of R.T. Gaunce, Sunday at home in Bracken County. — Benjamin Gore Jr., 82, Feb. 16 at home in Frutia, CO. — Mrs. Ella Lane Gregory, 72, Saturday in Good Samaritan Hospital.

Letters from our readers

Who will clean up destruction caused by alcohol abuse?

To The Carlisle Mercury:

Now that it has been determined that alcohol will be more readily available in Nicholas County, who is going to clean up the destruction caused by alcohol abuse which is already a big problem in our community?

Is it unfair to say that those interested in selling alcohol are interested only in dollar bills and not in the children whose lives are being destroyed by alcohol? Will they spend their money and time to assist the schools with this cancerous disease of alcohol abuse? Will they support the local courts and police to rid our community of crime (in-

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