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Five found, three sought by Nicholas County woman

By Jane H. Duncan

Linda Calvert Price of Nicholas County has a mission in life, and she is pursuing it with a diligence that almost borders on obsession. Her mission? Finding her six brothers and sisters who were separated and put into foster homes when Linda was 10 years old. Her quest started at that point and has not faltered.

She is 26 now, married with two children and has been successful in locating her mother and father and three of her siblings. Her most recent discovery about a month ago of sister Tina Marie, 18, ended with a dramatic reunion at Bluegrass Field in Lexington which was shown on two Lexington TV channels.

With the warm glow of that reunion still in her eyes, Linda is again searching. Searching for the last three: Carla Marie who will be 23 May 31, Clarence Arnold now 18, and Carol Duane, 21.

The last time Linda saw Carla and Carol was when she was 12 and they were eight and seven. Carla and Carol were in the same foster home at that time. Linda and Carla made a pledge between themselves to never stop looking for each other, no matter where they went. Linda holds great faith in that pledge, and believes that Carla is also searching for her.

Linda has used every means she could conceive of in her search: social workers and social services departments, newspapers, radio and television, a private investigator, and knocking on doors when given possible leads. Several photographs of the children have turned up so far which have aided Linda in her search.

Going through legal channels con-

cerning the adoption process of her siblings has revealed little. She was told that when the children reached 18 that she could continue her search. She was also told that she could write a letter to each of her brothers and sisters still not accounted for explaining her interest in contacting them. This letter would be placed in

the mailbox waiting clothes in the creek beside the house. One day, they saw "the welfare people" coming across the creek. They all ran to a neighbor's house



Carla Michelle, born May 31, 1962

with Linda hiding her brothers and sisters under beds, in closets and behind chests of drawers upstairs in the house. Their whereabouts were soon discovered, and Linda said she would never forget her mother screaming and crying for her children as their few belongings were packed, and they were taken from the home.

Linda has learned that five of her siblings have been in 28 different foster homes over the years. She has been in eight.

After talking with Linda, it soon became apparent that she would not allow herself to be happy in these foster homes, because she knew she had a family "out there," and she was determined to "get it back."

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Clarence Arnold, born Sept. 5, 1960

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Tropical fruit

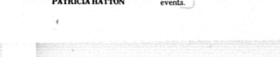
A pineapple growing in Kentucky? That's right... in the living room of Mrs. Harold McClenahan on U.S. 58. This is the third pineapple the plant has produced. Mrs. McClenahan planted the top of a pineapple purchased at a grocery store about two years ago. She has used liquid fertilizer purchased at Carlisle 5&10. It has been the topic of conversation for all Mrs. McClenahan's family visitors.

Former editor now MIE with Daily Mail

James C. Smith, editor of the Carlisle Mercury in 1961-62, has been promoted to managing editor of the (Charleston, WV) Daily Mail, as announced by executive editor Sam Hindman. Smith joined the Daily Mail copy desk in 1962. He worked as assistant news editor and assistant city editor prior to becoming city editor. As managing editor he will assume additional administration responsibilities and direct the day-to-day news operations of the newspaper. Smith, 36, is a graduate of Nicholas County High School and Marshall University. He and wife Tammy live in Hurricane, WV and have two sons.

Mrs. Hatton new manager at Carnico Country Club

Carnico Country Club has a new manager for the 1986 season. She is Patricia Vendleton Hatton. It was announced recently by Wayne Shumate, club president. Hatton, a native of Montgomery County, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Naper and the late Sidney Vendleton. She and her husband Bobby reside in Carlisle with their four children, Anthony, Tammy and Tonya McCarthy, and Joe Hatton. A graduate of Chicago High School, she was employed for 12 years at Traders Bank and Trust Co. Hatton is busy these days planning for the club's annual Derby party and dinner dance May 13. She said the club will continue its usual schedule of social events such as Halloween and Christmas dinner dances, as well as the well-received golfing events.



PATRICIA HATTON

Teachers hired at Board meeting

The Nicholas County Board of Education employed teachers for the 1986-87 school year at their regular meeting Tuesday. Other business conducted: — Approved Ginger Fiddis' use of elementary cafeteria for recital and practice on May 18 and 19. — Allow seventh grade to take field trip to Kentucky Horse Park in May. — Place Terri Suzanne Jones on sub-teacher list during month of May. — Accepted resignation of Joel Judd, effective at end of school year. — Announced school calendar to show last day for students June 7 and professional day June 1. — Approved St. Jude's Math-A-Thon at elementary school in January 1987. — Allow Mr. Judd and Mrs. Vickie to accompany students to Eastern Kentucky University for Science and Math Achievement Program on April 25. — Excuse Miss Kathy Green and three students — Tamara Anderson, Angie Buckner and Patty Browning from school May 12-18 to attend International Science Fair in Dallas, TX. — Approved high school American

History class trip to Great Serpent Mound State Park on May 9 or 10. — Danny Yackitt, Charles Durban and Bill Galtire will accompany classes. — Approved fifth grade trip to Bybee Pottery near Richmond on May 20. — Approved Pat Atkinson to attend KSHA Region 4 meeting in Mayville on May 21. — Placed Rodney Brookshire on sub-teacher list. — Placed Rodney Brookshire on sub-teacher list. — Placed Rodney Brookshire on sub-teacher list.

A CALLED BOARD meeting was held April 23 to interview teaching and coaching applicants. — In other business: — Excused Miss Wilma Donathan sick leave beginning April 29 and ending June 9, 1986. — Granted Nicholas County Babe Ruth League use of high school baseball field. — Accepted resignation of Miss Annette Davis as special education teacher and cheerleader sponsor. — Accepted resignation of Janet Sisco. — Placed Rodney Brookshire on sub-teacher list. — Placed Rodney Brookshire on sub-teacher list.

Final winner Mrs. Neil Polkine is the April 17 and final winner in the Shoppers Dream Promotion. Her name was drawn at Read and Vice, Inc.

Assistance, please Sam Devine, Blue Lick park manager, is in need of assistance in planning the cutliver to be held at the park this summer. He is working on a display and wants it to be as authentic as possible. If you have any information at all pertaining to Blue Lick Springs, please contact him at the park.

Contributions may be made to Douglas Wade McCarty Fund, c/o Nevada McClintin, 2181 Crestwood Creek Road, Carlisle, Ky. 40311, or to the First National Bank, Box 306, Carlisle, Ky. 40311.



Shoppers Dream Promotion display.

Dotson Auto Sales expands

Sometime around the middle of May, Dotson Brothers Auto Sales will occupy their new 11,000 square foot showroom located on the Paris bypass. The Chrysler, Dodge and Plymouth new car dealers are expanding their operation, and occu-

ring to Wilbert (Satch) Dotson will have both new and used cars on all kinds of their new location. They will also continue their 8th Street operation.

Villaflor receives scholar award

Nicholas County Elementary School student Nita R. Villaflor, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Dana M. Villaflor, has been named an Academic All-American by the National Secondary Education Council. The NSSEC has established the Academic All-American Scholar Award Program in order to offer deserved recognition to superior students who excel in the academic disciplines. Students must earn a 3.3 or better grade point average and be selected by a secondary school instructor, counselor or other qualified sponsor. Nita was nominated by NCEC counselor, Mrs. Brenda Anderson.