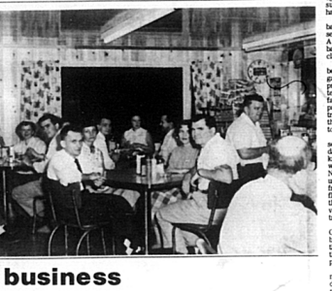
Opinion

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



Small business is Big business in USA

At first glance, the average American small business isn't all that much: A boss overseeing a few workers or perhaps the boss alone, working as a sole proprietorship.

But there's a much better measurement: Put the nation's 10 million small businesses in a pot, and small business turns out to be mighty big business. Indeed, the economic health of all of us depends in large part on the health of America's small businesses.

Small entrepreneurs, still mostly men but including a fast-growing number of women (and of minorities), employ about half the private work force, are responsible for about 40 percent of national production, create by far the most new jobs and account for most new products and new technologies. During our continuing prosperity, statistics show that employment in industries dominated by small firms has risen more than twice as fast as employment in industries dominated by large corporations.

National Small business Week, to be

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It was how big?...*the size of a baseball? A grapefruit? The hail you say...*

If there is one thing the Weather Service has not done, besides telling us accurately what the weather will be tomorrow, it is devote sufficient effort toward establishing a standard measure for calibrating the size of hailstones.

In one Associated Press story, hail the size of golf balls fell at a Midwest town. Nearby, hail as big as hen eggs came down. All of which may sound like the first liar doesn't have a chance when laying claim to the Hailstone Hall of Fame. And some of the hen eggs we've been getting lately are not suitable for comparing with hailstones if you intend to brag.

I prefer the old standard sizes like baseballs and grapefruit, but you seldom hear of these sizes anymore. A man now talks of hail the size of baseballs only when he is making a claim to his insurance company.

It is obvious that precious little has been done to establish accuracy in gauging the size of hailstones, and probably nothing is of more vital interest to the public. As a matter of fact, violent arguments over the precise size of hailstones have contributed as much as anything else to the violent nature of Americans today.

The only man who has ever seriously done anything about standardizing hailstone sizes, so far as I know, was a shorttail steer man who owned a farm a short jog from Needmore. It was a good farm and uncle had to work hard to keep it from making a profit. So, instead of flooding the market with produce and the banks with the proceeds, he invented farm machinery as his contribution to mankind.

Uncle was a progressive thinker. Once he and a neighbor went into business peddling apples. They'd buy them for 50 cents a pound and haul them into town and sell the same apples at four pounds for a dollar.

"This isn't working out too well," my uncle's partner said one day. "We don't seem to be making any money."

Quick as a flash uncle had the answer. "I think what we need is a bigger truck."

He had a whole pasture full of old farm machinery and invested thousands of machines of his own, rubbing the wrecks for parts. He invented a contouring machine that worked real fine. But he had to stop demonstrating it. When he drew racy pictures with it on the yellow hillsides, all the preachers in the neighborhood complained.

In one brainstorm, he crossed a Model T Ford with a hay baler but this wasn't one of his greatest successes. It still broke your arm when you cranked it and it attracted cows and horses when you parked to do a little courting.

I suppose you had to say that uncle's greatest claim to fame was his handy-dandy hailstone measurer. On the front of his Essex, he mounted a section of a grain binder. A set of sieves provided the scale of measure so that all hailstones passing over these sieves could be quickly sorted and calibrated with extreme accuracy.

He had it rigged with pulleys and belts and greased and ready to dash off and measure anybody's hailstones on a moment's notice.

As fate would have it, he never

could get the machine where the big hail was. Every time he made a run, he found the kids had gotten there before him and had sabotaged his scientific work by eating all the hailstones. Kids don't eat hailstones anymore, but then you don't have inventors like my uncle anymore, either.

That's a shame. We may never know the real truth about hailstones.

— RM —

Pat and Mike were laborers on a construction project across the street from a saloon featuring a girlie show.

One day, Pat and Mike noticed a man walk by the front of the saloon, pause, look in both directions, then dart inside.

"Pat," asked Mike, "wasn't that the Baptist minister?"

"Indeed it was, Mike."

Mike tch-tched, wagged his head sorrowfully and murmured, "What a shame."

The next day, they saw another fellow sneak into the girlie place.

"Pat," asked Mike, "wasn't that the Methodist minister?"

"It was, indeed."

"Tch-tch," said Mike. "What a shame."

On the following day, a Catholic priest, after looking about furtively, slipped into the girlie saloon.

Pat and Mike went on working without exchanging a word for a time. Then finally Mike spoke.

"Tch-tch," he said, wagging his head sadly, "what a shame. One of the girls died."

— RM —

"My favorite obstetrician recently reminded me of something splendid that happened in 1964, when his home, the same as mine, was across the street from the local hospital," Jim Fitzgerald wrote in the Detroit Free Press.

It is so incredible, it's worth repeating. Here's the way Jim relates it:

The doctor was home having lunch when a phone call announced an emergency. "I got to the delivery room in about two minutes and another doctor was in trouble in a delivery. The baby was in bad shape and so was the mother," he recalled.

"It took me two minutes to get the baby out and the baby was born dead. I did a cardiac resuscitation and, just as I was about to quit, the baby developed a heartbeat and he survived. That was my first successful cardiac resuscitation."

I remember how excited and awed the doctor was about bringing that infant back to life. I wrote something about it in the newspaper in 1964. And I would have scoffed and said don't be crazy if someone had told me that the infant would grow up to sue the doctor for malpractice.

The doctor was subpoened in December 1985, and the lawsuit is pending. (The statute of limitations is practically unlimited for alleged malpractice during childbirth.)

"He is now 20 years old and has normal mentality," the doctor said. "His complaint is that his left arm is a little shorter, weaker and not as useful as his right arm."

The doctor's reaction to this incredible lawsuit was terminal. He will stop delivering babies, and he won't help other doctors deliver.

The last three times I've been sued for malpractice it was because I went in and helped when somebody else was having trouble with a delivery," he said. "I still have the skills to save lives of mothers and babies, but I cannot understand a judge who will sue me in this instance. I cannot understand a lawyer who will take a case and name me in that suit. I cannot understand a judge who will let that suit stand. I cannot understand a legislature that allows the laws that let me get sued in such a case."

The doctor's clinic was notified that its malpractice insurance bill will go up $90,000 this year. If he continued his obstetric practice, the bill would go up $112,000.

I've never been well known for writing nice things about doctors. In fact, my favorite obstetrician once threatened to quit treating my family because of something flip I wrote about doctors operating cash-and-carry drugstores but not soda fountains in their examination rooms.

But a doctor has a perfect right to be angered by a legal system that allows him to be sued 20 years later by someone whose life he restored. It is an outrage worthy of disassociation.

Or, as the lawyer said to his conscience, "Quit hurting, conscience, or I won't bring you to court anymore."

Onward, upward.

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

10 years ago

Thursday, May 6, 1976

The congregation of the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will mark a historical milestone in the life of the church in a special worship service on Sunday, May 9. At the close of the morning worship the mortgage papers will be burned to symbolize the payment in full of the debt against the church property located on Catherine Street in Alexander Heights. Groundbreaking ceremonies for the new church building were held March 7, 1970. The church was dedicated Nov. 15, 1970. Rev. Neil Thompson was the minister.

The First National Bank of Carlisle employees and two other pe, sons formerly of Carlisle received certificates of achievement from the Blue Grass Chapter of the American Institute of Banking at the banquet held April 24 in Lexington. Those participating were Bill Donovan, Lanny Hutchison, Billy House, Irma Buckler, Linda Platt, Sharon Mynear, Gladys Duncan, Lee Lyons and Mary Platt. Former residents were Stanley T. Galbraith and his wife Marilyn of Paris.

Five members of the Nicholas County Chapter of Future Homemakers of America attending their annual state meeting held at the Galt House in Louisville April 26-27 were Cheryl Lowe, Patricia Fair, Paula Snapp, Rita Miller and Ramona Ruark.

W.B. Griffin, Lexington, a 1925 graduate of Carlisle High School, has donated several art prints to the Nicholas County Library. Among these are Grandma Moses, a portfolio of eight paintings and Abrams Art Books, each with 16 full color prints. Also there are portfolios of Renoir, Utrillo and Rembrandt.

Officers for the Future Homemakers of America for 1976-77 school year are Nyiri Price, president; Rhonda Goodman, first vice-president; Paula Snapp, second vice-president; Vicky Bretz, secretary; Shirley Lyons, treasurer; Jadene Bow, assistant treasurer; Patricia Fair, reporter; Kathy Lyons, parliamentarian; Anita Stevenson, historian; Missy Shearer, assistant historian; Janet Hobbs, song leader; Laura Chamberlin, entertainment chairman; Janet Lisle, devotion leader.

BORN — To Mr. and Mrs. Billy Gene Watkins, a son, Michael Gene, April 24 at Fleming County Hospital.

MARRIED — Sandra Kay Cleaver and Michael Lewis Boone, April 8 at the Carlisle Christian Church.

DIED — Mrs. Margaret Ann (Maggie) Gates, 62, wife of Charles Gates, April 27, 1976 at Nicholas County Hospital. — Mrs. Carolyn Kenney, 40, wife of J. H. Kenney, May 1, 1976. — Mrs. Sarah Alice Mann-McGohan, 95, Sacramento, CA, widow of James McGohan, May 2, 1976.

20 years ago

Thursday, May 5, 1966

Woodie Fryman of Fleming County was credited with his first win in the major leagues last Sunday as he stopped the St. Louis Cardinals in the final inning of play. Fryman, a Pittsburgh reliefer, was credited with one strike out and didn't allow a hit in the only inning pitched. Pittsburgh won 6-0.

Throughout most of the school year, many speech honors go to the sophomore, junior and senior participants, but the freshman speech participants at Nicholas County High also bring back many fine ratings from contests. Ten freshmen entering the Regional Tournament recently held at Morehead were Nina Young, Patricia Snapp, Carolyn White, Mary Galbraith, Elaine Schasding, Sharon Scott, Joyce McDonald, Donna Waugh, Joe Bugles and Gary Broderick. Receiving excellent ratings were Nina Young, Carolyn White, Mary Galbraith, Elaine Schanding, Joyce McDonald and Donna Waugh.

Ralph Mowery, an Arts and Science junior at the University of Kentucky, was honored as one of the "outstanding men for leadership and scholarship" in UK campus activities at a men's award night ceremony in Memorial Hall, and at the debate recognition dinner held in the President's Room Monday evening. He was one of three varsity debaters receiving awards.

Edward Lee Hardwick, Route 1, Carlisle, has enlisted for a period of three years in the U.S. Army. He entered upon active duty on April 5, 1966 and reported to Ft. Knox for his basic training. Hardwick is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hardwick.

Sgt. Billy Joe Scott has completed a 15-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Scott of Nicholas County. Sgt. Scott recently returned to the United States after three months with the U.S. Army Missile Corp. in South Korea. He is presently stationed at Fort Sill, OK.

The Lloyd George Post 8666 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars elected officers Tuesday, April 26. They are John Koehler, commander; William Vaughn, senior vice commander; Robert Trussell, junior vice commander; John S. Tapp, quartermaster; Charles Cox, post advocate; Allen Eugene Earlywine, chaplain; Russell Ryles, surgeon; Earl Cox, three year trustee; Charles Faye, two year trustee; Edgar Rawlings, one year trustee.

BORN — To Mr. and Mrs. Barnes Compton, a son, Gregory Lee, April 26 at Nicholas County Hospital. — To Mr. and Mrs. Burton D. Allen, April 28, a daughter, April 25 at Nicholas County Hospital. — To Mr. and Mrs. Charles Allen Eugene Earlywine, a son, April 27 at Nicholas County Hospital. — To Mr. and Mrs. James Gail Jr., Covington, a daughter, Delene Renee, April 20.

MARRIED — Linda Kay Smart and Jerry Luther Linville, April 25 at the Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church in Bath County.

DIED — Thomas C. Price, 89, May 2 at home in Cynthiana. — French A. Mastin, 82, April 28 at home in Louisville.

40 years ago

Thursday, May 3, 1946

Harry T. Letton, president of the First National Bank, has announced that contracts have been let for a general remodeling of the interior of the bank which will radically improve accommodations both to patrons and bank employees. Plans call for the installation of modern furnishings and rearrangement so as to allow greater space for the reception of the public.

The Carlisle school board at the regular session for April voted unanimously to re-elect James Hayward to the high school faculty in the position of coach and science instructor for the 1946-47 term. He held this position when he was called into the armed forces in 1942. He was recently discharged from the army where he held the rank of captain.

Raymond J. Wesley of Somerset was recently elected Nicholas County superintendent of schools and arrived in Carlisle Friday to take up his duties at his office in the courthouse. He succeeds W.B. Dampier, who died suddenly last year. J.P. Pirtle has been acting superintendent since the death of Mr. Dampier.

Miss Marie Shroat, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Shroat, a student at the University of Kentucky, has been elected president of the Wesley Foundation of the University.

Carlisle returned to standard time following the regular meeting of the city council Monday night in which Mayor W.C. Talbert broke the vote by casting his ballot in favor of a motion to abandon the "daylight saving" time immediately. Clocks were advanced Sunday, April 28 by a resolution adopted by the city council at a called meeting a few days before.

Stanley Galbraith lost a 10-year-old black mare, Venia, when it was killed by lightning last Tuesday night on the farm of Claud Redmond. She was found the next morning near a wire fence with a two-week-old colt by her side.

BORN — To Mr. and Mrs. Cecil W. Vice, St. Francis, KS., a son, Claude William, May 6. — To Mr. and Mrs. Mack Gaunce, Prospect, a daughter, Elizabeth Ann, May 4 at Baptist Hospital, Louisville.

MARRIED — Katherine Jackson and Carl Scott, April 20 in Monticello. — Miss Sudie Marie Letcher and Charles Thompson Crawford, April 30 at the home of the officiating minister, Rev. Ralph Thomas of the Carlisle Christian Church. — Miss Ruth Childers and Sfc. James W. Clay, Monday in Maysville.

DIED — Larry Gene Auxier, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Auxier Jr., Sunday at Harrison Memorial Hospital, Cynthiana.

50 years ago

Thursday, May 7, 1936

The Farmers Stockyards Company will have its opening sale of livestock here Tuesday, May 12, according to an announcement made by the company yesterday. The stockyards at the corner of Broadway and Market Street, has been declared one of the most modern in this section of the state. Conversion of the large brick tobacco warehouse into a stock sales house has been accomplished at a tremendous expense. The operators are Garr Collyer, "Boss" Sharp, Chambers Perry, Omer Rogers, Walter Shrout and J.C. Ralls. Joe Miller Clarke will be sales manager; Vester Parker, auctioneer and S.C. Vaughn, bookkeeper.

At the regular monthly meeting of the city council Monday night, a committee was appointed to obtain a lease or purchase a site for a city

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Letters from our readers

Read every line

To The Carlisle Mercury:

We do not get to visit Nicholas County as often as we used to; consequently, we miss out in sharing news with those we think of so often.

Herbert C. McClanahan was born and reared in Nicholas County and he with his wife, the former Fannie K. Head, were residents there for a number of years. He was a farmer during those years.

Fannie McClanahan was a social worker for four years in Carlisle and Nicholas County before being transferred to other counties in the state.

We would be lost without The Mercury. Every line, even the advertisements, are read with deep interest.

Sending best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Fisher, Mrs. Wolf and all our friends, plus relatives in Carlisle and other places.

Sincerely yours,
Mrs. H.C. McClanahan
340 N. Phelps Avenue
Winter Park, FL 32789

To The Carlisle Mercury:

I am enclosing my check for $13.25 for another year's subscription for the Mercury.

I enjoy reading it every Friday. It is a welcome piece of mail at my house.

Thank you again.

Yours truly,
Frances Fitzmartin
1044 Mendata Ct.
Kettering, OH 45420

To The Carlisle Mercury:

It's been several months now since anything has been taken off a baby's grave in the Carlisle Cemetery, but since Easter someone has taken a white ceramic duck from our grandson's grave, that his parents had placed there.

There's no use asking what kind of person this can be but we can only say that if they can live with it, then we can live without it. Please, this is all we can do for him, do not take things from his little grave.

Sincerely,
Emogene Clinkenbeard

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Beautiful: Tips from the Hart

from Dotty Hart

Hello! You don't know me (yet) but I know you.

I know you are some of the nicest people in Kentucky. My name is Dotty Hart and I am excited to become a part of your paper. My column, Beautiful: Tips from the Hart, is for women of all ages. What is prettier than a 16-year-old face? Yet, how much more beautiful the face becomes in the 20s and 30s. What is more elegant than my 86-year-old grandmother's face?

My grandmother, Allie Adkins, has the most exquisite skin (sorry about telling your age Grandma). Anytime she had to be in the sun she put buttermilk on her skin.

Each age has a special kind of beauty. When I taught modeling and personal development, I cannot remember anyone...even the most beautiful model who believed they were perfectly beautiful. Some of their comments: "My nose is too big," "I hate my hair," "My nails won't grow," "I'm too fat,"...and the list goes on. Since I am going to be sharing ideas on steps to help you achieve a more beautiful appearance, may I tell you a little about my background?

Most of my adult life has been dedicated to making people beautiful and instilling confidence.

I started modeling while in my teens. Later I became a modeling instructor and was co-owner of a modeling agency. I taught personal development in a business college and I've applied makeup for a lot of famous faces appearing on television shows, including Loretta Lynn, Louise Mandrell, Conway Twitty, Peter Graves, senators and presidential candidates. Also, I have directed beauty contests.

How can I help you become more confident and the best you can be? Send me your questions concerning beauty, grooming and any problem you might have. I will share with you model beauty secrets I've learned over the years.

Model Tip: Chocolate lovers — Are there times you would sell your favorite aunt to get chocolate? It doesn't have to be good-bye diet! Lay 10 chocolate chips in a line. One at a time, let them melt in your mouth. (Don't you dare chew!) By the time you have eaten the last chip, the desire for chocolate will be gone. You will have consumed very few calories.

Please send questions to: Beautiful: Tips from the Hart, P.O. Box 72297, Louisville, Ky. 40272.

Memory Lane

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bump. An indictment is pending against the city for maintaining a nuisance and three damage suits have been filed by Kash Hostetler, Walter Shepherd and Charles Linthecum, who reside near the dump, as the result of alleged obnoxious odors and smouldering fires.

Miss Mary Potts, who is a member of the graduating class of the University of Kentucky, won the $5 prize for the annual poetry award given by Chi Delta Phi at the feature program on Friday at the May Day session.

In the music contests at the University of Kentucky last week, ratings of excellent were awarded to entries from the Carlisle High School as follows: Miss Helen Hostetler, soprano; boys glee club, girls glee club and mixed glee club.

The Bargain Store will open in the Conway building at 104 West Main Street Saturday morning.

BORN — To Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hardwick, a son, May 1.

MARRIED — A marriage license was issued by County Clerk John F. Sugg Tuesday to Miss Laura Mae Lowe and Elmer Hopkins. — A marriage license was issued Saturday by County Clerk John F. Sugg to Miss Ruth Brinegar and R.C. Hawkins.

DIED — "Aunt" Lena Clark, well known colored woman, died at home in Henryville Tuesday. — Mrs. Lizzie Clark Hulitt, 81, April 20 at home in Tollesboro. — Frank Reynolds Moore, seven year old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Moore, Monday at home.

— Mrs. Myrtle Elizabeth Cartmill, 18, wife of John Cartmill, Wednesday at Johnson Memorial Hospital.

Small Business

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noted May 18-24, gives all of us a chance to pay special salute to small business men and women — those entrepreneurs operating in our town and state and across the country. During the week, which was proclaimed by President Reagan and is coordinated by the U.S. Small Business Administration, special tribute will go to outstanding small business owners in each state, selected by their peers as having recorded their own business successes and as having made significant contributions to the small business community and to their home communities.

The theme of this year's Small Business Week is especially appropriate: "Small Business is Big Business in the USA." Big business in the country and in our hometown, for which we should be ever thankful.

County Dumpster Regulation

Some persons have been using the County trash dumpsters for disposition of brush, tree limbs, furniture, appliances, and other large items.

The dumpsters are not meant to be used for disposal of large items.

Anyone caught depositing such items in the dumpsters will be prosecuted for littering.

Such items may be dumped free of charge at the Nicholas County Landfill.

The public's cooperation in the proper use of the dumpsters will be appreciated.

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