GENERAL NEWS

C.V. Snapp, former Nicholas Countian, enjoys the shade during the Barterville reunion last Sunday. - Heather Mathes Photo

Barterville School reunion is held

By Heather Mathes
Of The Carlisle Mercury Staff

The Barterville School was one of the many one-room school houses that existed in the rural Kentucky of yesterday.

The school began as a log house built in 1820, but this structure was later used as a church. In 1888 a school was built in the center of Barterville and taught grades one through eight.

Later, more rooms and a high school were added, although seniors were bused to Carlisle High.

In 1939 the high school was closed and only grades one through three were utilized.

Finally in 1947 the Barterville School burned to the ground.

A reunion was held this past Sunday at the Barterville Methodist Church for past teachers and pupils.

The first teacher to be recognized was Mr. Victor Snapp.

He started teaching at Barterville in 1912 and aside from a tour of duty in WWI, he was involved in education and administration for 72 years.

Mrs. Maude Hardin started her teaching career at Barterville in 1924 and taught 52 people in grades one through eight.

When asked to say a few words about her career, she said, "The happiest years of my life were spent at Barterville and if the world was to come to an end I would want to be on the road between Saltwell and Barterville."

Mrs. Dorothy Sundays taught for six years starting in 1936 with Mr. Clay Ritchie following her graduation from Eastern University.

Some of Mrs. Sunday's students include; Everett Fryman, Clyde Snapp, Lillian Wagoner, Mildred Burden, and Donnie and Bonnie Snapp.

She, overall, was in the education system 38 years.

Mrs. Miranda Story taught five years starting in 1937 at Barterville.

Mrs. Story remembers the cloak room being made into a kitchen and the beginnings of Home Economics.

She said she spent many happy years at Barterville but they slipped away too fast.

Mrs. Hazel Swartz also followed Mrs. Sundays and taught with Mrs. Story and Mrs. Ogden.

She remembers rationing days in the war.

Mrs. Swartz enjoyed small children and taught grades one through three. She left for Headquarters School in 1945.

Finally, Mrs. Text Rule was teaching when the school burnt in 1947 and merged with Headquarters.

During the reunion program Mrs. Edith Spencer, the prime organizer, read a short history of Barterville School and letters and poems from two old schoolmates, Mrs. Elsie Hollar and Mr. Frank Green.

Mr. Snapp, the day's speaker, lectured on the family of today.

He also sang a song which he had written himself.

Ov..rall it was a marking day of an era that was finished but fondly remembered.

FORD'S FOOTNOTES

By Senator Ed Ford

On again off again; that seems to tell the story as far as a special session of the General Assembly is concerned.

Following the primary election in May, it appeared that the chances for a session were very slim.

However, since that time both Republican gubernatorial nominees John Harper and Wallace Wilkinson, the Democratic flag bearer, are calling for an extraordinary session to address the workers' compensation issue.

Our present situation is costing over $2 million a week which is being added to an existing $1.6 billion deficit.

The Governor's Task Force on Workers' Compensation has already endorsed a plan that will slash future benefit payments for black lung disease claims in an effort to stop increasing the liability, but did not address the present unfunded portion.

Governor Collins has asked Secretary of Finance Gorden Duke, to devise an acceptable plan that will not require any general fund tax dollars.

On the other hand, Wallace Wilkinson has revealed his solution which will require some $500 million dollars of taxpayers' money over the next twenty five years.

Governor Collins contends that the one billion six hundred million dollar debt is a business debt, not an obligation of the average taxpayer, and should be retired by business.

In my opinion, a majority of the legislators agree with this contention.

How we will retire the unfunded liability remains to be seen.

Secretary Duke should have a report for the Governor very soon.

A special Task Force on School Finance is nearing agreement on specific recommendations to improve the way we pay for public education.

The Task Force is chaired by Representative Joe Barrows of Versailles. The final report is expected in November.

Barrows' Task Force is looking into recommendations on the building needs of local districts, school district organization, exceptional children, transportation, textbooks, student fees and current expense allowances.

Although how we spend money for education is an important matter, of even more importance is WHERE we are going to get the money to spend for educational reform.

Since we are not addressing the Federal Income Tax Reform legislation passed by congress in 1986, and even after cutting $250 billion dollars from our present budget, we face the dire prospect of coming up some $457 million short in the next biennial budget.

We received the July tax receipt report last week, the first month of the present fiscal year, and our worse fears appear to be true.

We failed to make our revenue estimates. If this report is a true indication of what the remainder of the year holds, we may be as much as a half billion dollars short in the next biennial budget.

In an effort to save money, a legislative subcommittee is looking into the possibility of changing the responsibilities and duties of the Lieutenant Governor.

Presently, it costs in excess of $1 million a year to run that office and maintain the mansion.

Another subcommittee which is investigating the prison farm systems, has recommended that the Corrections Cabinet change the way it is operating the farms.

Most legislators believe there is tremendous room for improvement and that hundreds of thousands of dollars may be saved with some efficient innovations.

Of concern to many rural counties throughout the state are recent attempts by some out-of-state companies to dispose of solid waste in Kentucky.

A legislative subcommittee has indicated it plans to propose laws that will regulate disposal of solid waste not manufactured in the state.

At least 10 Kentucky counties have been approached about accepting out-of-state waste material. The thing that makes our state so desirable is that it cost from $5 to $10 per ton to dispose of waste in Kentucky, while in some East Coast states the cost may run as high as $100 per ton.

Some counties and local entrepreneurs have contended this is another opportunity to lure outside capital investment in Kentucky and create employment.

One of our most colorful and dedicated members passed away this summer. Representative Gerda Bendi, a Louisville legislator, died of a heart attack June 20th.

Gerda was most recognized by the beautiful hats she wore; but the poor and elderly in this state will remember her as the champion of their causes, ready to do battle with any and all who would threaten any of their causes.

Gerda was a great humanitarian and an inspiration to all of her colleagues.

I feel that my life is richer by having counted her as a close friend for ten short years. She will be missed by us all.

Showcase '87: Industrial Marketing

Kentucky-based industrial suppliers wanting to market a greater percentage of the component parts used by Kentucky manufacturers can promote sales contacts by participating in "Economic Development Showcase '87" October 7-8 at the Kentucky Fair & Exposition Center in Louisville.

Showcase '87 will feature an "Industrial Marketing Expo" as one of its three economic development events.

The other two functions will be the Community Expo and the Governor's Industry Appreciation Week. Showcase '87 is being sponsored by the Kentucky Commerce Cabinet.

The Industrial Marketing Expo, initiated this year, will feature exhibits by Kentucky manufacturing firms.

It is designed to highlight products the companies can supply to other manufacturers, plus products they require for their own manufacturing operations.

By exhibiting at the expo, suppliers can display their products before a large audience of potential buyers.

Executive vice presidents of purchasing for major companies in Kentucky and companies outside the state will be visiting the industrial booths to discuss purchasing agreements.

This is the second year for the Community Expo, designed to showcase Kentucky communities to domestic and international business executives and corporate planners.

Last year's highly successful expo drew 800 participants, 100 community leaders and some 80 corporate guests.

Along with being a vehicle to promote Kentucky communities, the expo also enables community leaders to see what other communities are doing and to share ideas with leaders from throughout the state.

This year's industry appreciation luncheon marks the 23rd year for a special event to be held in honor of Kentucky's manufacturing industries.

The luncheon will be held on Wednesday, October 7, the opening day of Showcase '87. Industries that have located in Kentucky or announced expansions between August 1, 1986 and July 31, 1987, will be recognized.

A "Corporate Citizen of the Year" and "Exporter of the Year" will also be named during the luncheon program.

The Industrial Expo and the Community Expo will run concurrently and both will include workshops geared to specific interests of the participants.

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GENERAL NEWS

Booth finds new world under water

By Janie R. Duncan
Of The Carlisle Mercury Staff

Doesn't scuba diving conjure up visions of Hawaii, Magnum P.I., sky blue surf, and tropical sun?

Or maybe Jacques Cousteau diving off the Calypso for buried treasure or for the spawning grounds of some endangered species?

Well, we have a pint sized scuba diver in Nicholas County, and part of the above definition is correct.

He has dived in the tropical sun and surfand has eyed the hull of a sunken ship off the coast of Florida, while a moray eel slithered around his legs.

He's cute enough to be a junior Magnum P.I., although the hair is blond instead of brown, sans the mustache.

Give up?

Mike Booth, 10 year old son of Herbert and Joyce Booth, is the youngest known certified scuba diver in the central Kentucky area.

Father Herbert is also certified, and the two are enjoying a sport to which few fathers and sons can lay claim.

Now, get this: mother Joyce is going to join her "friend boys", and plans to take classes this fall to become a certified scuba diver.

She's tired of listening to how much fun it is, and having nothing to do while they are spending hours beneath the surf.

Herbert, who has been a conservation officer with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife in Nicholas County for 13 years, took a scuba diving course seven years ago, but did not finish it.

He became interested again, along with Mike, while watching Scuba World and Divers Down on satellite tv.

July and August, 1986 they took a course at the Lexington Dive Shop under the auspices of the Scuba Schools International (SSI). It consisted of 20 hours of classroom work, and pool workout at the University of Kentucky, attending one night a week for five weeks.

Class members were then put through a series of six open water dive tests at Dale Hollow in western Kentucky.

The age limit has been 12 years of age for youngsters, but Mike is the first 10 year old to take the course and pass the rigorous tests.

Certificates are not handed out, they are earned.

A scuba diver cannot rent or hire a boat or buy air for his air tanks without first presenting a SSI certificate.

Herbert plans to take an advanced class this winter. Mike will not be allowed to until he is 12 years old.

Winter class participants take their open water tests in Silver Springs and Crystal Springs, Florida, which are a 12 hour drive from Lexington. The water off the coast of Silver Springs has unlimited visibility, according to Herbert. Silver Springs is where the Tarzan films were made.

When questioned about how much more would be learned in the advanced class and what more could be done underwater, Herbert replied that more navigation would be involved, and a diver learns how to penetrate a wreck safely.

By way of explanation, he said in some areas such as the Florida Keys, ships are purposefully sunk for the enjoyment of scuba divers, as well as for nature and for fishermen. The ships become an excellent habitat for fish of all varieties.

The ships, sunk by the state, are confiscated as the result of drug busts of which there are many in Florida, and from the owners of stricken freighters who could not afford to claim their vessels.

Father and son learned the joy of discoveries beneath the deep during a two week vacation to Florida in July. Joyce, an employee of Jockey International, went along to enjoy soaking up the sun.

The sunken ship Herbert and Mike enjoyed discovering was the Mercedes, which had washed up on the beach during a storm at Palm Beach and was finally sunk by the state.

Barracuda, four to five feet long, swam among their legs. There were so many, they often grouped together to form layers above the divers. Herbert said they were not mean, only when provoked, and had the look of a wolf. Mike said having so many barracuda around was "kinda an eerie feeling".

Herbert said they either were still in the water, or shot past like a streak.

Some divers would put food in their mouths, and let the barracuda grab the food. Herbert didn't think that was his cup of tea. Mike concurred with that thought.

The two saw a wider variety of fish diving off the Florida Keys, and the colors of the underseas world were indescribable, due mainly to the hues of the coral.

Six miles off the coast of Key Largo, one could not see land, but the water was so clear the bottom of the ocean was visible 30 to 50 feet below.

Charter boats could be rented for $25 to $30 a trip (either morning or afternoon). The Booths took the morning outing which was from 8:30 to 1:00.

Their air tanks hold an hour's supply of air. They generally take two tanks. Scuba divers are taught to always dive in teams of two or more.

Among the many fish they saw, some they recognized, and many they didn't. There were trumpet fish, angel fish, parrot fish, moray eels, spotted eels, stingrays, scorpion fish (have poisonous spines on their backs), and hog fish.

Mike said some of his underwater friends were "pulling my hair and bitting my ears".

When asked if it hurt, he replied, "They had sharp teeth!"

He thinks the angel fish are the prettiest.

Herbert explained that there is an "anchor dive" when a diver descends into the water by climbing down the anchor of the boat or ship.

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Mike Booth is underwater off the coast of Florida on a scuba diving expedition. The gloves are for protection from scorpion fish and fire coral. - Photo submitted.

Girl Scouts begin drive

Nicholas County Girl Scouts are now beginning their fall registration drive, and are enrolling both new and former Girl Scouts.

Girl Scouting is open to any girl from kindergarten to the12th grade.

Daisy Girl Scouts are in kindergarten, Brownies are for girls in grades 1, 2, and 3, and juniors are for 4th, 5th, 6th grade girls.

Cadette Girl Scouts are junior high girls, with senior Girl Scouts being senior high aged girls.

Designed to teach girls the values of leadership, character, and citizenship, Girl Scouting also provides an opportunity for making friends and learning new skills.

Shaped by the ideals of Girl Scouting, girls learn about themselves and the world around them.

Chairman Jane Whalen is pleased with the interest shown in the program.

She invites all parents who would like to enroll their daughter in the program, and all individuals who would like to help carry out the program to call her.

For more information about Girl Scouts call: Jane Whalen, 289-2712.

Fundraiser planned

The Nicholas County Fire Department and Rescue Squad are starting a fund raising drive for a new truck of which there is great need.

They are now selling certificates for family portraits to be taken September 26 and 27, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. both days. Starting next week representatives from Master Artist Studio will be canvassing the city.

Potluck scheduled

The Nicholas County Fish and Game Club will have a potluck supper Friday, August 28, 7:30 p.m. at the club. All members are urged to attend.

One way these children from Tender Loving Care Day Care Center have found to spend the lazy, hazy days of August are on the playground at the First Christian Church on Catherine Street, where the day care center is located.-Marsha Mattox Photo.

Distribution set

The Community Action Agency announced today that USDA Department of Agriculture surplus commodities including processed cheese and honey will be distributed to eligible area residents. Amounts allocated vary according to household size and may be adjusted depending upon availability.

The food will be distributed at Nicholas County Senior Citizens on September 2 from 8:30 to11:00 a.m. Community Action, 149 Scrubgrass Road will distribute on September 3 from 1 to 5 p.m.

Misrepresentation of need, or sale or exchange of USDA commodities is prohibited and could result in a fine, imprisonment or both.

USDA's Emergency Food Assistance Program is available to all eligible recipients regardless of race, color, national origin, age, sex, or handicap.

Donations listed

The Ladies Auxiliary to VFW Department of Kentucky whose local Lloyd George VFW Auxiliary 8666 Carlisle has 62 members.

Donations given in the month of August were $60 to VA Hospital in Lexington, the VFW National Home Health and Happiness Fund, $25; the VFW National Home Christmas Cheer, $25; the National Home Scholarship Fund, $10; the National Home Christmas Seals, $5; Marion Watson Scholarship, $15; Ways and Means Committee, $10; Nicholas County Special Olympics, $50; Cancer Aid and Research, $2 per member, $124. Also donations to the nursing home at Christmas and any veteran who has fire or loss is helped whenever they can.

Ethel Shields is president and will hold this office until the convention in Louisville'next June.

Babe Ruth potluck picnic is set Aug. 30

The Nicholas County Babe Ruth Baseball potluck picnic will be August 30, 5 p.m. at Blue Licks State Park.

Drinks and hotdogs and buns will be furnished by the league.

Lodge 495 set to meet

Blue Licks Lodge F & AM 495 will have a wiener roast and potluck supper, Saturday, August 29, 6 p.m. All members and families invited.

NOTICE

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Monday — Friday	7:30 A.M. to 4: P.M.
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