

GENERAL NEWS

Mercury Memories - From Years Gone By

Compiled by Lisa Glase
5 Years Ago
 Thursday, December 20, 1982
 A certificate of appreciation has been received by the Biology Club at Nicholas County High School for help that was given to the small rural community of Dale in Nepal, a country located between China and India.



Kathy Hillander and Pats Robinson, secretaries at the Board of Education Building, keep records of employment and attendance and learn new computer skills. - Heather Mathes Photo

READ TO YOUR CHILD FOR THE FUN OF IT!

Merry Christmas
 May your Christmas celebration be trimmed with all things bright and beautiful. Let our shops decorate your holidays.

Beatty's '76

SANTA SAYS
 It just wouldn't be Christmas without our heartiest wishes of holiday cheer for you. Enjoy!

Wells' Produce

The Kentucky Court of Appeals has denied a petition by Chester A. Bites at al Myers, to stop the local option election at Myers Station, according to a legal document received Tuesday by the Nicholas County Judge Executive Office.

For the third year University of Kentucky Coach Joe B. Hall is

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SILENT FILMS
 Season's greetings and sincere good wishes for the best of 1988!

Drs. Scott & Kingsolver

Peace on Earth
 May His message inspire you with love.

Carlisle 5 & 10

Greetings
 Martin Lutz Dairy and Pool Supply
 E. Water Street
 Flemingsburg

PEACE
 The best gift of Christmas time is the gift of love! Merry Christmas!

Carlisle Cleaners

which was through that community 86 years ago has its different. The Carlisle Mercury, in an editorial published December 1, 1981, made this humorous and biting attack on the ill-fated railroad.

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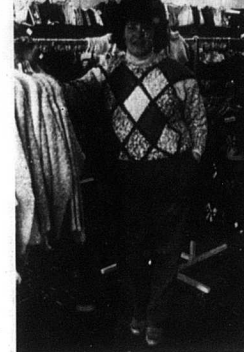
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BUSINESS PROFILES

Lerman Brothers on Main Street still serving Carlisle with best interest at heart

By Heather Mathes
 The Carlisle Mercury has reported on the Lerman Brothers on Main Street in Carlisle since it was 16 in



Barbara Cook, president manager of Lerman Brothers incorporated on Main Street in Carlisle, says Lermans in the 60's and 80's did "boom" business. - Heather Mathes Photo

chain of stores in Kentucky and Indiana. Lerman Brothers incorporated was started by two brothers, one of whom was the late Arthur and Betty Cook.

"After the brothers passing, their two sons, Arthur and Betty, took the reins of the business. Arthur Lerman is now solely in charge of the business and looks after the stock holders' interests," said Cook.

Lerman Brothers have also had a succession of managers that has been kept record.

"The first manager of the Carlisle store was Harry Packman until Paul Garrett took over. Garrett stayed from 1937 until August, 1953.

"Ted Insko was manager of Lermans until 1967 and Raymond Bruce began his long stay," said Cook.

Although Bruce took a short break in 1977-1978 he was back until 1986 when Cook became manager.

Many things have changed at Lermans over the years.

"While now there are two people working during the day there used to be 15," said Cook.

Some of those 15 still in Carlisle are Betty Wagner (Cashier), Ruth House, Pauline Perle and Laura Holter.

VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

A wish that your Christmas blooms with happiness, love and caring!

Small's Greenhouse

The sales for an average day, during Christmas in 1983, with the same size store would have been \$1,000.

"On the same day in the year of 1987 during the Christmas holidays there is not much difference in the sales figures even though there is a great difference in years and economic balance.

"If you consider that the workers made 43 cents an hour and the managers made only \$15 a week, you will realize that they had a really booming business," said Cook.

"Why has business apparently slowed down so much in Carlisle?" "In 1983 many did not have cars so they did all their trading in town," Cook said.

"Dottie Hillock, employee, added, "The roads are much better now."

"This we have to be in competition with all those shopping centers and large department stores and it's hard for a small town store to do that," Hillock concluded.

Some things inside the store have changed also.

Many may remember the piece goods department that was located downstairs in Lermans.

Cook said, "There used to be everything from denim and sporty material to dresses, blouses and breakfast sets carried."

She added, "Now we carry mostly goods for quilting and everything is updated."

Lermans also carries lines of men's and women's apparel and several other accessories for all ages.

"We have Lee and Levi jeans, Cricket Lane, Playtex products

Regular hours are 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. weekdays.
 Special hours for the holidays are 8 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. and on Sundays from 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Mitchell's Machine Shop
 Moorefield, KY

Merry Christmas
 Here's to a holiday decorated with lots of love and cheer.

Hall's Barber Shop

Joyous CHRISTMAS

We're delighted to have this opportunity to send the season's best wishes to friends and neighbors.

Litton Ford Mercury
 Flemingsburg, KY
 Phone 849-2321

Linville's Dept. Store
 Carlisle, KY 289-2523

One of the real joys of the Holiday Season is the opportunity to express our sincere appreciation for your friendship and goodwill.

Season's Greetings
 Warm wishes for the holiday season. May it glow with love and joy.

Charles Ring
 Nicholas County Sheriff

Joy to All!

In every home, in every heart, the lights of friendship glow!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

JOCKEY INTERNATIONAL, INC.
 CARLISLE, KENTUCKY

Garrett's Furniture
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