

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

# Farm life suits Ada just fine

By Jessie E. Damon  
of the Carlisle Mercury

If it ain't broke you ain't fixin' it, Mrs. Ada Snapp of Headquarters might be able to help you.

How about 156 chickens, seven geese, five ducks, 14 head of hogs including some pointers, eight Jersey cows, 15 guineas, and more dogs and cats than she can tell, all with names such as "Moomy," "Fettin'," "Mutt," "Queen," "Shay," "Blackie," and "Bertie," to name a few.

Mrs. Snapp and her husband, Leslie Clay, both love their animals, and wouldn't trade them for anything, even though they spend about \$10 a week to feed, not to mention the time it takes to feed them.

I almost forgot Dave, the turkey, who roams the yard like a roving monarch. If it's been a while since you've seen a "real" turkey, take a ride through Headquarters to Buffalo Trace Road, to the fourth house trailer on the left, with the sign, "Bakette For Sale" in the front yard, and watch Dave "come out."

Counted in the 100 chickens there are about eight or 10 "turkeys," which are chickens with tails similar to turkeys in that they are no feathers on their extra long legs.

Scattered in the "un-numbered" dogs are three Bernese, which are a powerful breed of Switzerland, and which Snapp are the only dogs for which the Snapps paid money.

They bought the female from Tummy Dickey in Flemingsburg, and the male from Orestis Adams in Hick Lick.

The rest of "man's best friends" are strays that robed, went, and are often times dropped off near their trailer, as are cats.

Mrs. Snapp says she doesn't want to see anything happen to them, and no provider is kept for them.

She had a Siamese cat she relied on a medicine dropper, and says "just beautiful."

There are pets all over the back and side yards to her chickens and rabbits and the

In one way, he is matching 10 ducklings that she bred. The Snapps placed the duck eggs in the pen for the hen to raise.

With milk from their cows, Mrs. Snapp makes butter and sets cheese. For the butter, she uses an antique heavy butter churn which is about 75 or 80 years old.

Sometimes, though, she says she just throws it (the milk) out for the dogs to eat.

Mrs. Snapp's energy beliefs her 73 years. She and her husband moon on yards in Carlisle and five yards in the country every summer.

For the last eight years they have striped tobacco for John Lease who lives "Salem Cynthiana." Mrs. Snapp says, "he wouldn't have nobody else."



In the kitchen...

Mrs. Ada Snapp makes butter from her own cows on her farm on Buffalo Trace Road. She uses an antique dairy churn, and displays the finished product wrapped in foil. She said it takes 30 to 40 minutes for the cream to become butter. (Jessie Damon Photo)

Frank Green, one of Mrs. Snapp's brothers who lives in Dayton, O., recently wrote a poem which was inspired by the history of this area. It is entitled "Traveling Man."

"There is old Kentucky along the Buffalo Trace he met a lady here," "He broke horses on a lonely day. He asked the way to Blue Lake Springs, and she will show him the way. We will ride along together, and he will be in one more day."

"They arrived in early morning. The dew was on the grass. The animals were playing, wild turkeys were free. Wild hogs and the buffalo had come from miles around to get the milk and cheese that she had put there for them. Her father, who was a blacksmith as well as a farmer, had made the churn for her."

That was the start of many years of churning butter. She has even made her own shoes using a shoe her father had.

She started giving a team of horses for her father when she was nine years old. She said, "He treated me like a horse or break them at the time."

"I'd ride away on my horses all over the hills. That's how I got to riding horses."

When asked if her sister ever worked with horses as she did, she replied, "Hardly. The brothers never did show or break them at the time."

Mrs. Snapp said, "I guess I was just a tomboy."

Twice run in Mrs. Snapp's family her father is a tein; and the Snapps have twice, a non-Dix, who was killed in a car accident in 1964, and a daughter, Bonnie Snapp (Mrs. Larry) who

Mrs. Snapp's grandsons' wife, Mrs. Paul Dean Livingston (Georgia), thought Mrs. Snapp was unique enough to deserve a feature in The Carlisle Mercury. We agree.



Mrs. Snapp and her husband Clay, are pictured in their back yard among their "fowl friends" and pets which Snapp them. (Jessie Damon Photo)

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# Talk of The Town stresses quality

By Maxine Livingston  
of the Carlisle Mercury

"I will not see anything that I wouldn't eat myself!"

## Phone books are in the mail

A colorful tribute to Kentucky's changing economy is featured on the cover of the new South Central Bell telephone directories, which soon will be delivered to Carlisle area homes and businesses.

"We are certain Kentucky has the people, resources and commitment to forge its way into a new economic era," said South Central Bell Nicholas County manager Tom Tucker.

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A. J. Jankins the cover there is a list more than just listings: The Emergency Plan is a quick reference to fire, police and medical emergency numbers.

According to Helen Shaw, that's her husband, Teddy's motto for Talk of the Town Restaurant. Located on the corner of East Main Street and South Walnut Street, the restaurant has been owned solely by the Shaws since January, 1982.

According to Helen, she and her husband had always wanted a small business when one night at a local restaurant, Teddy and David Kerne, owner of an antique shop in Carlisle, began talking about opening a restaurant of their own.

Kerne suggested a pizza place, since there was no other such type of restaurant in Carlisle.

Kerne and Shaw began planning their restaurant, leasing the building in which Kerne's antique shop was located.

The building is owned by Cliff Vire, an insurance agent in Carlisle.

According to Helen, Kerne and her husband did all the carpenter work involved in making the restaurant ready for the opening, which was in November 1, 1981.

Evidently, Kerne and Shaw's hard work contributed considerably to the popularity of the restaurant, as Helen said, "Our customers really enjoy the atmosphere of the restaurant, with our home-made pizza."

Talk of the Town Restaurant began with a menu consisting of pizza and deli-style sandwiches, such as corn beef, ham, bologna, crochets, country ham, city ham, and others.

After buying Kerne out on December 31, 1981, Helen began managing the restaurant on January 1, 1982.

At the same time, the Shaws hired a cook, Chuck Shaw, who took over management of the restaurant from Helen in the fall of 1984.

After becoming sole owners of Talk of the Town Restaurant, the Shaws began expanding their restaurant and menu.

In January, 1985, the Shaws renovated the kitchen of their restaurant, making it bigger to accommodate more equipment.

When first opening, the kitchen was equipped with three ovens and one pizza oven; however, it now is equipped with three ovens and two pizza ovens.

"And we still would use quality ingredients," Claudia, who also serves as daytime cook, said.

"The Shaws continued to add to their menu, offering hamburgers, french fries, onion rings, ice cream, milk shakes, salads, to name a few.

"Being well-known for their variety of soups and sandwiches, Helen said, "We offer everything except for pizza lunch."

"However, we can make those also."

"We've got red beef, country or city ham, baked potatoes, vegetables, everything to make a plate lunch if requested," she continued.

According to Helen, nearly everything served at Talk of the Town is made at the restaurant, not store bought.

"Claudia makes our slow, chicken salad, tuna salad, potato salad, and deli-style salads, chili sauce," Helen said.

"Of course, we have our own country ham, but we cook them here."

"And our bologna are home-made."

"We have 14 hamburgers which are pure beef with no fillers, and deli-style sandwiches, such as corn beef, ham, bologna, crochets, country ham, city ham, instead of being fried, Helen said, "we bake them the traditional way."

According to Helen, homemade vegetable soup and chili is offered at the old season.

"Very little of what we serve is brought from outside," Helen stated.

"The Shaws have only 30 cooks employed, and the 30 cooks and one for the night shift."

"We feel this makes the service and food better, more consistent," Helen said.

"Having another popular quality of their restaurant, Helen said, "We stress cleanliness."

"If our waitresses are not busy with customers, they clean the bathrooms or wash the windows or something."

"The Shaws only take great pride in the atmosphere of the inside of their restaurant, but they take pride in the appearance of the outside also."

"According to Helen, her husband has had all the field rock work done to the exterior of their restaurant."

"Not only has he laid the rock for Talk of the Town, but also for the liquor store which is located behind the restaurant on Walnut Street, the Farm Bureau office, and the Tropical Tan and Exercise Studio, which both are located behind the restaurant on Main Street."

At this time, she is covering the wall that runs along the side of the parking lot behind the building with field rock.

According to Helen, her husband gathers the rocks from fields and from the sides of roads around town.

"This is something he really enjoys doing," Helen said.

"Never being in the restaurant business before open, Talk of the Town Restaurant, Helen said she had a hard time adjusting to becoming the manager of the restaurant after Kerne left.

"I worked there a whole year before I was comfortable with what I was doing."

Helen said she simply sat down with each salesman, talking over experience and variation, learning the business by "hands on" experience.

Claudia now handles the buying with Helen handling the book-keeping and hiring of employees.

According to Helen, her husband does the restaurant each night.

Leslie Snapp, Claudia's husband, also contributes considerably to the operation of the restaurant, Helen said.

"His one right hand man, she added, "is the washer, drier, steamer

Tracy, a junior at Bourbon County High School, and Jimmy Allen, a second-grader at the Millersburg Elementary School.

According to Helen, the younger Shaws help out at the restaurant, but they are not "paid out that window."

Claudia and Lester Snapp have one daughter, Vicki, who is also a full-time waitress at the restaurant.

Other employees are Lisa Moore, Tina Isham, Tommy Moore, Rocky Whitson, and Donna Vaughn, who is a five-year employee, serving as night cook.

"Talk of the Town Restaurant is open Monday thru Thursday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 12 midnight."

"We stay open as long as we get customers in here, and if we're busy, we stay open longer than our regular hours," Helen said.

"We have a lot of women eating here last week, Helen noted.

"They asked from lunchtime on Archbishop Avenue, and have one son, Jimmy."

Jimmy and his wife, Jaly, who has three children, Lisa, a junior at the University of Kentucky;

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