They are the aged gentlemen of the American country.

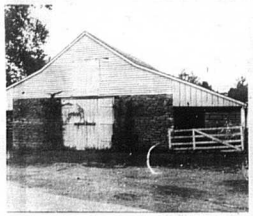
Weathered and gray, the barns of the American countryside are much more to the land than simply a post and beam structure covered in splintering wood.

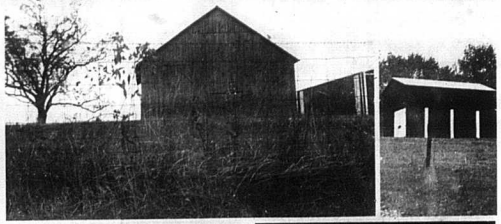
Barns have been around farms for a long time, nearly as long as the farms themselves. They come in a wide variety of shapes, colors and sizes. They can be wide or narrow, made of tin or made of stone, squatting in some open pasture, in a valley or maybe on top of a tree-lined ridge.

Barns sit in the background of the American farm, many times going unnoticed or unappreciated for what they really are: sanctuaries.

They protect farmers' livestock in foul weather. Or sometimes their hay for use in the winter. Most often, though, the barns of Nicholas County store the farm's tobacco until it's cured.

Many barns are handed down from generation to generation in the same family, much like the land itself.





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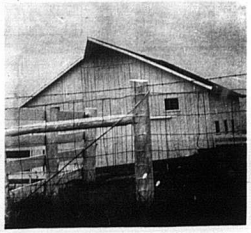

GENERAL NEWS

The Junior National Honor Society award presentation was held October 11 at the Nicholas County Elementary School. It's the first year the honor society has been in the Nicholas school system. Well over half of the honorees have a 4.0 grade point average in school now. Chip Miller Photo

Lady saves

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me so I cut a hole in it and called my dog over. After I loosened her collar I ran it through the cap. Lady did not want to leave me," Joe said.

Nellie said, "I just knew something was wrong when I was taking in the flowers for winter. I saw his dog, Lady, and she about worried me to death until she had turned around in front of me and I saw that cap was there and then I knew something was really wrong.

"I called Mac and Anna Sue Nichols. Mac stayed with Joe until I and Anna Sue could get the ambulance. They were awful good and I don't know what I would have done if they hadn't have been there," Nellie said.

Smith had surgery a day after reaching the hospital. A pin was placed in his hip and a steel plate was down the side of the leg to the knee. A cast was out of the question because of the shattering of the bone next to the hip.

What will he do the five weeks he will be incapacitated?

Joe plays the mandolin and the fiddle and will be reading in front of the fire.

He laughed as he said, "I found out that even six foot up is not safe. I'll pick the ground anytime."

Lady proved to be the lifesaver, but friends have been the support team since.

"I didn't get all my hay moved and so my brother came and got that done," Joe said.

"We mostly appreciate all the cards, letters and visits from friends and neighbors," Nellie and Joe agreed.

Bids awarded

The state Transportation Cabinet has awarded a contract to resurface 6.1 miles of Kentucky 32, the Carlisle-Cynthiana Road in Nicholas County.

Hinkle Contracting Corporation of Paris received a $175,778 contract to resurface Kentucky 32 from the Bourbon County line to U.S. 68.

The project is part of the state's continued effort to improve Kentucky's highways.

Mercury wins

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Contest results were:

Class I

Circulation Under 3,500

Best Special Section: First Place: Cumberland County News, Second Place: Berea Citizen, Third Place: Carlisle County News; Honorable Mention: Berea Citizen and Honorable Mention: Cumberland County News.

Best Front Page: First Place: Bath County News Outlook, Second Place: Clay City Times, Third Place: Cumberland County News; Honorable Mention: Mercury, Honorable Mention: Cumberland County News.

Best Sports Page: First Place: The Clay City Times, Second Place: Bath County News Outlook, Third Place: Cumberland County News; Honorable Mention: The Carlisle Mercury.

Best Feature Picture: First Place: Clay City Times, Second Place: Bath County News Outlook, Third Place: Bath County News Outlook; Honorable Mention: Clay City Times; Kelvin Faulkner Honorable Mention: Carlisle County Courier; Mary Ellen Thomason.

Best Government Meeting Story: First Place: Berea Citizen, Second Place: Clay City Times, Third Place: Cumberland County News; Honorable Mention: The Carlisle Mercury; Heidi Broad Honorable Mention: Clay City Times; Jerlene Bass.

Best Editorial Page: First Place: Carlisle County Courier, Second Place: The Carlisle Mercury, Third Place: Berea Citizen; Honorable Mention: Cumberland County News; Harold Howard Sims, Sports Columnist.

Best Sports Style: First Place: Clay City Times, Second Place: Hugh Steer Tri-Berea Citizen; Third Place: Cumberland County News; Honorable Mention: Bath County News Outlook, Reg Hale, Honorable Mention: Cumberland County News; J. O. Brown.

Best Editorial Page: First Place: Bath County News Outlook, Second Place: Carlisle County Courier, Third Place: Cumberland County News; Honorable Mention: Harold Sims, Editorial.

Best Feature Essay: First Place: Cumberland County News, Second Place: Bath County News Outlook, Third Place: The Carlisle Mercury; Honorable Mention: Berea Citizen; Keith Sloan Honorable Mention: Cumberland County News; J. O. Brown.

Best Feature Story: First Place: Berea Citizen; Second Place: Carlisle County Courier, Third Place: Clay City Times; Honorable Mention: Cumberland County News; Berea Citizen; Jack Dal.

Best Classified Page(s): First Place: The Carlisle Mercury - Kathleen Downes, Second Place: Bath County News Outlook, Third Place: Berea Citizen, Honorable Mention: Carlisle County Courier.

Best Home Ad (Any Size): First Place: Advertiser Central News, Second Place: The Carlisle Mercury, Third Place: Berea Citizen, Honorable Mention: Carlisle County Courier, Honorable Mention: Edmonton Herald News.

Best Small Ad (1/4 page or less): First Place: The Carlisle Mercury, Second Place: The Clay City Times, Third Place: Berea Citizen; Honorable Mention: The Carlisle Mercury-Marilyn Bond, Honorable Mention: Cumberland County News-Staff Writer.

Best Ad larger than 1/4 page: First Place: Carlisle County Courier, Second Place: The Carlisle Mercury, Third Place: Berea Citizen; Honorable Mention: Clay City Times; Honorable Mention: Bath County News Outlook - Grand Excellence - The Clay City Times.

Class II

Circulation 3,501 & Over

Best Special Section: First Place: Appalachian News Express, Second Place: Grayson County News Gazette, Third Place: Georgetown Graphic; Honorable Mention: Grayson County News-Gazette; Honorable Mention: Georgetown Graphic.

Best Front Page: First Place: Wayne County Outlook, Second Place: Grayson County News Gazette, Third Place: Georgetown Graphic; Honorable Mention: Georgetown Graphic; Lawler - Colleen Yates News; Honorable Mention: Wayne County Outlook, Larry Price and Times.

Best Sports Page: First Place: Georgetown Graphic; Second Place: Wayne County Outlook; Third Place: Georgetown Graphic; Honorable Mention: Appalachian News Express; John Dye Honorable Mention: Georgetown Graphic; Jim Bates.

Best Feature Picture: First Place: Citizen Voice and Times, Second Place: Appalachian News - Express, Judith Elkins, The News Herald; Third Place: Wayne County Outlook; Honorable Mention: Grayson County News-Gazette; Honorable Mention: Grayson County News - Gazette; Bernard Kotalich; Honorable Mention: Wayne County Outlook, Larry Price.

Best Government Meeting Story: First Place: Grayson County News-Gazette, Second Place: Wayne County Outlook; Third Place: Citizen Voice and Times; Honorable Mention: Troublesome Creek Times; Bill Daley, Honorable Mention: The News Democrat; Ruth Ann Coleman.

Best Lovely Written Column: First Place: Appalachian News Express; Second Place: Appalachian News Express, Third Place: Georgetown Graphic; Honorable Mention: Georgetown Graphic; George Lustig, Honorable Mention: Citizen Voice and Times and Jerlene Bass.

Best Sports Story: First Place: Georgetown Graphic; Second Place: News Democrat; Third Place: Troublesome Creek Times; Honorable Mention: Appalachian News - Express, Terry Sawyer, Honorable Mention: Ted Scott, Second Place: Citizen Voice and Times.

Best Editorial Page: First Place: Citizen Voice and Time, Second Place: Wayne County Outlook, Third Place: Grayson County News-Gazette; Honorable Mention: News Democrat; Honorable Mention: Appalachian News Express.

Best Feature Essay: First Place: Grayson County News-Gazette; Second Place: Wayne County Outlook, Third Place: The News Herald; Honorable Mention: Grayson County News Gazette, Edna Dugitte, Honorable Mention: Wayne County Outlook, Larry Price.

Best Feature Story: First Place: Grayson County News-Gazette; Second Place: Wayne County Outlook, Third Place: Georgetown Graphic; Honorable Mention: Wayne County Outlook; Honorable Mention: News Democrat - Robert Like.

Best Classified Page(s): First Place: Appalachian News - Express, Judith Elkins, The News Herald; Third Place: Wayne County Outlook; Honorable Mention: Georgetown Graphic.

Best Home Ad (any Size): Page: First Place: News Herald, Second Place: Citizen Voice and Times, Third Place: Grayson County News - Gazette; Honorable Mention: Wayne County Outlook; Honorable Mention: Georgetown Graphic; Sylvia Stoker.

Best Small Ad (1/4 page or less): First Place: Citizen Voice and Time, Second Place: Georgetown Graphic, Third Place: Wayne County Outlook; Honorable Mention: Georgetown Graphic; Honorable Mention: Troublesome Creek Times.

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