

FEATURE AT - 6

The year: 1907 - Night Riders filled the highways

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It was late one evening when W. Nathan Young, Nate Young's father, was riding home along the edge of Carlisle on East Main Street. It was dusk and he was suspiciously not riding alone.

Several riders had appeared beside him travelling quietly in the same direction. One asked if Young was going to the meeting. Not knowing what they were talking about he watched them ride on ahead of him.

But as he drew near to his home he saw a cluster of men gathered together in a clearing and he realized he had accidentally come upon nightriders.

Cautiously, he rode through their ranks and as he walked his horse and he realized that the riders left.

There is no place on Earth that has not had its dark times. Times when people

find themselves ruled by anger that surpass their better judgment, and like a disease, they become caught in their own twisted reasoning and plunge themselves into rash action for which there is no rationale, no reason. Only tragedy.

Such was the case in 1907 when the price of tobacco, which tends to fluctuate more than most agricultural products, dropped far lower than some farmers wished. In the latter half of this century, most farmers have a protective net, but in the early 1900s, price fluctuations often dictated how well tobacco farmers were to live for the next year.

If prices were to drop too low, the effort put in to growing the weed proved more trouble than it was worth.

Therefore, when the price of tobacco fell from 12 to eight cents a pound, several farmers in the area were very concerned.

There was no simple reason why the price dropped drastically. What reasons there were have been obscured by time, the only people remaining who can remember were too young then either to understand or to worry.

What is known, however, is that a number of farmers felt they were being deliberately cheated by tobacco companies dictating their own price for the plant with little more than a passing concern for the people who tilled for a bit of their own profit.

Several farmers decided they would not allow this type of abuse to be heaped on them. They devised a solution to the problem, a way to teach the companies a lesson they would long remember. A solution that would take the combined energy of all local tobacco farmers in the area to stand one year of severe poverty in order for their debt to be accomplished. And all farmers, it was decided, would be involved whether they were sympathetic to the

struggle or not. This was the case in the Night Riders.

They rode late in the evening through the summer months, destroying the tobacco barns and beds of those who chose to live on whatever the price of tobacco was said to be.

But they called him out and he answered. A verbal argument ensued and before Hedge's wife and children, he was shot.

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Rogers discovers Russian women know of imperfections in the system

By Carol Hood
Of The Carlisle Mercury Staff

Women in Russia have many positive feelings about their homeland, but are not blind to the imperfections in the communist system.

This was the discovery of one Marsehead State University administrator after her visit to the Soviet Union this past year.

Dr. Judy Rogers, dean of undergraduate programs, was part of a People to People Citizens Ambassador Program composed of a delegation of women from the United States who studied the social status and professional roles of Russian women.

"Americans and Russians, in my opinion, want the very same thing," said Rogers. "They want peace in their respective countries; however, I believe that the Russians are more eager for peace because they have seen war on the home front and know first hand how devastating it really is."

The Russian people also have an overwhelming pride in their heritage and care immensely about the arts, according to Rogers.

"Russians have a deep regard for their country and have sincere values," she said. "Few know the right of owning private property and their economy does not produce adequate consumer goods."

Every night, many Russian women must go to the market just to buy food for the evening meal. They must shop daily because there just aren't enough goods produced to enable them to just new being food for a week, she added.

The evening ritual for many of these women also often includes doing the laundry and hanging the clothes out to dry because most of them do not have dryers.

Education is provided free to the Russian people from the first grade through college and even postgraduate study. College students are expected to pay for their housing and food, but also each receives an additional subsidy of 60 rubles per month.

Even though the Russian government provides for education, it does not maintain complete control as has in the past.

"Educators today have much more freedom in scholarship and research efforts," Dr. Rogers said. "But, like their American counterparts, they too must renew themselves by taking additional course work in their field."

"Overall, I found the women to be extremely optimistic about their country's future and I was impressed by their energy, intellect and frankness."

"They seem to have a great need to communicate with others."

"I was surprised to find that computers lag behind us. Students are just new being taught to use computers in all fields, including finance."

"Although as far as housing, medical facilities and education are concerned, I believe that education is provided for the best," she said.

Russian women also face the problem of inadequate health care for their families. Especially in maternity care, this can be seen," she said.

Facilities and equipment are too often inadequate to provide proper care for the pregnant women and her unborn baby."

The difference between the countries also may be seen in the education system and even attitudes toward education differ, according to the dean.

"In Russia, educators do not have to worry about retention or lack of student interest. It appears to me that Russians value education very much. The students seem to strive to do their best in school."

GENERAL NEWS

Bryant says, no deletions this year

State Transportation Secretary Mike D. Bryant announced the state is in the process of updating the official highway map, and that while some communities are being considered for deletion, exceptions will be made for areas with historical significance, tourist attractions or those with other statewide significance.

ON THE RECORD

NICHOLAS CIRCUIT COURT
New Suite Filed
Elizabeth Ann O'Connor vs. Patrick Charles O'Connor
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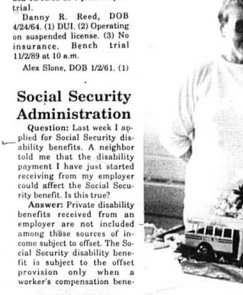
NICHOLAS DISTRICT COURT
Honorable Wayne Fitzgerald, Judge
Monday, October 16, 1989
Anthony Shane Bassell, DOB 12/18/78. Theft by unlawful taking. Not guilty. P.D. 10/16/89 at 11 a.m.
Alice Faulstich, DOB 7/18/60. Theft by deception. Guilty plea \$10 and costs. Restitution made 10/23/89 to pay.
Howard Wayne Ritchie, DOB 02/27/70. Theft by unlawful taking. Not guilty plea. P.D. 10/16/89 at 11 a.m.
Robert Evans, DOB 12/09/62. Motion to revoke probation. No before court on motion.
Bobby Joe Moore, DOB 9/14/62. Contempt of Court. Bond to be applied to fine/cont. Extended 10/23/89 at 10 a.m.
Delano Smoot, DOB 2/4/25. No insurance. On motion of commonwealth continued 10/23/89 at 10 a.m.
TERRARD Roy Jolly, DOB 10/6/47. Contempt of court. Paid in full.
Clayton Morris, DOB 12/25/44. A.I. Guilty plea, 30 days credit for 5 days. Suspend balance for 6 months.
Perry Foreback, DOB 2/22/71. Non payment fine/costs. Extended 10/23/89.
Daphnie Goldy, DOB 10/6/69. Non payment fine/costs. Extended 10/23/89.
Marvin Watkins, DOB 5/23/67. Non payment fine/costs. Extended 10/23/89.
Monte C. Whalen, DOB 10/23/65. DUI. Continued 10/16/89 at 1 p.m. for pre-trial.
David W. Thornburg, DOB 12/11/63. DUI. Continued 10/16/89 at 1 p.m. for pre-trial.
Danny R. Reed, DOB 4/24/64. (1) DUI. (2) Operating on suspended license. (3) No insurance. Bench trial 12/29 at 10 a.m.
Ake Shone, DOB 10/26/11. (1)

30 Year Pioneer
Jane Booth was presented with a diamond ring for 30 years of service as a Pioneer with Kentucky Textiles, Inc. Booth was honored at a banquet held at Spodgett Hall, Saturday, September 16, 1989, along with the new 15, 20 and 25 year Pioneers.

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Some touch ups on downtown have begun on downtown as painters improve the look of one of the buildings along Main Street.



Retired School Bus mechanic Jess Bach was given a warm send off from the school bus drivers with a private party in the back lobby of the Nicholas County High School. Bach who retired after 41 years, was given several gifts including a plaque commemorating his years of school bus service.

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