

GENERAL NEWS

Fire prevention is for everyone

By Josh Hughes
 of The Carlisle Mercury Staff

Big Fires Start Small. Keep matches and lighters in the right hands is the focus of Fire Prevention week, October 9-11, and Nicholas County Fire Chief Mark Hughes gave some tips on what people can do to prevent fires and fire fatalities in the home.

Quoting statistics, Hughes said more than 300 people die in residential fires as a result of children playing with lighters or matches and that 25,000 residential fires are caused by child fire play.

"The best way to deal with children and fires is to keep matches and lighters out of their hands and to talk with children about not handling these things at all," Hughes said.

However, Hughes said of the fires his crew have handled in Nicholas County, very few have been started by child fireplay.

"Fires have a number of different causes, many preventable. However, there are times when you just can't predict a fire will happen," Hughes said.

Therefore, he said, the best measure people can do to at least prevent fire fatalities is installing smoke detectors in the home.

"Every home should have them. If there were a way to require them, I would do it. They have saved many lives," he said.

With Fall setting in and Winter not far behind, Hughes said one of the biggest dangers of residential fires occurring come from portable electric and gas heaters.

"With the cold weather, many people in the area will use portable heaters to help offset the cost of gas heating the home. This is fine, I actually have one myself."

"But people must remember to turn off the heater if they are leaving the home for any reason and they should especially be careful about running heaters through the night while asleep."

"People have to learn safety precautions when using heaters, because despite the safety gadgetry manufacturers put on them to prevent accidents from happening, it is idiotic from happening. It is just wise not to leave these things on when nobody is home," Hughes said.

Jackson earns farm writing award

Bucky Jackson, editor of The Tribune Banner Democrat in Bedford, has been selected as the 1989 recipient of Kentucky Farm Bureau communications award to a writer.

The award, consisting of an engraved plaque and \$200, is presented annually to a writer who has made an outstanding contribution toward improvement of rural-urban understanding in Kentucky.

Jackson received her plaque at the fall convention of the Kentucky Weekly Newspaper Association in Georgetown.

A similar award was presented earlier in the year to a broadcaster.

Noting that she has learned her newspaper's operation "from the ground up," Jackson, 32, started with the Banner Democrat in 1976 as a typesetter and composition specialist.

Three years later she became associate editor, and in 1984 she was named editor of the 1,800-circulation weekly.

As editor, she is responsible for the overall editorial content of the publication, but Jackson says agricultural stories are her favorite.

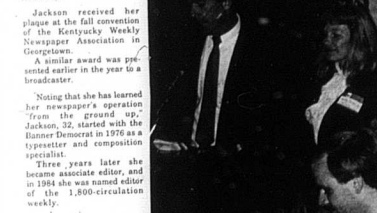
She grew up in Trimble County on her family's tobacco farm, and she and her husband Rick live on a small farm where they keep horses and cattle.

"Farm stories and stories about rural people are the topics I like best," she says. In fact her farm writing has won her recognition prior to this latest honor.

In the most recent awards judging by the Kentucky Press Association, Jackson won three first-place honors, including two farm-related stories that placed tops in the features writing and agriculture categories. She also topped top here for investigative reporting.

There, when was employed a briefly by newspapers in Carrollton and LaGrange. She is a 1976 graduate of Trimble County High School and she attended the Carroll County Vocational School for a year.

She, husband Rick and daughter Heather, 10, live in Carroll County.



The Carlisle Mercury Farm Bureau Photo Gary Huddleston of the Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation presents the federation's award for farm writing to Bucky Jackson of Trimble County. Seated is Marc White, director of public relations at Georgetown College, who hosted the Kentucky Weekly Newspaper Association convention at the college. The two day event attracted representatives from 35 newspapers.

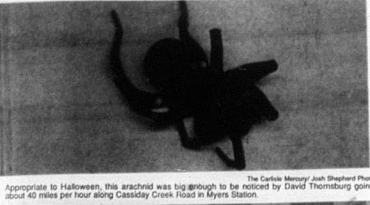
Re-Elect Melvin Fryman
 Democrat
 Magistrate 1st District
 November 7, 1989
 By Write-in Vote

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Melvin Fryman

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To The Voters of Harrison, Nicholas, Pendleton and Robertson Counties:
 I have served as your District Judge the last eleven years. During this time, I have served the people fairly and impartially, with justice and understanding.
 Holding Court or performing other Judicial duties in one of the four counties each day makes it difficult to personally contact each voter. I trust that each of you will understand. I ask for and seek your support in the coming election on November 7.
 Respectfully,
 Wayne W. Fitzgerald
 Paid for by Contributor to meet Wayne W. Fitzgerald, District Judge, Meck-Fitzgerald, Term



The Georgetown College Choral, under the direction of Tony Whitfield, performed before the luncheon of the Kentucky Weekly Newspaper Association at Georgetown College. The 45 voice choir is slated to make a European tour in late spring 1990. The Choral performs at many college functions. In addition, the group will serve as primary entertainment at the Kentucky Baptist Convention in Frankfort next month.



The Carlisle Mercury Farm Bureau Photo

G.C. Says: "You Do Have A Choice Nov. 7th With A Write-In Vote."

If you feel as I do and many other people in Nicholas County that taxes are too high. That we see no results from these high taxes, like improved roads in rural areas and new industry providing jobs. That we need new, better management in the County Judge's office, then make up your mind right now to cast your Write-In Vote in Slide #6 for G.C. Myers, and ask your friends and neighbors to do so.

We the taxpayers and voters of Carlisle and Nicholas County need to demand accountability from this office of County Judge/Executive.

The passage of the 1% payroll and occupational (business profits) tax, on April 1, 1987 was surely an "April Fool's" joke on the citizens of our town and county.

The court's first attempt to pass this tax failed due to dubious, questionable, skepticism of the people of our county. Their first draft of this tax was borrowed from Montgomery County. No consideration to re-type this borrowed tax document proposed to the citizens and taxpayers of our county. This borrowed, proposed tax ordinance shows that where originally Montgomery was in the document, "white-out" was used and Nicholas was typed in, Page 6, Article IV of this ordinance (borrowed), pertained to the city of Mt. Sterling, KY, which of course was XXXX out of this document for proposal to the citizens of Our County. This borrowed ordinance consisted of eleven pages and every page shows "white-out" of Montgomery and Nicholas typed in.

Accountability, it is obvious all the majority of the court wanted was a tax on the people of our county with petty thought and no significant preparation for its proposal.

The second offering of this 1% tax, so desperately needed to offset our county's loss of some \$140,000 of Federal Revenue Sharing income was a carbon copy borrowed from Garrard County, practically worst for word. This time, they did not embarrass themselves, they re-typed the proposed tax ordinance and this document included the farmers of Nicholas County.

People, the tax is too high at 1% if it is needed at all.

The Mercury reported and printed in its August 3rd issue, the income balance of the 1% occupational tax, as of June 30, 1989 at \$325,000.

Looks like to me, the tax has brought in over twice the revenue the county said it needed.

"Administrator", as defined in the tax ordinance, means an official administrator of the occupational tax, to be appointed by the Nicholas County Fiscal Court. It is possible, I missed reading in The Mercury that the County Judge/Executive's secretary was appointed occupational tax administrator. I have asked others if they read this notice in the paper and their reply was no.

I have been told by local accountants that 95% of the farmers in Nicholas County are on a calendar year tax schedule from Jan. 1 to Jan. 1. They surely were shocked receiving a tax statement in August with a due date of April 15th on their bill and a 15 day request to respond, some 10 days.

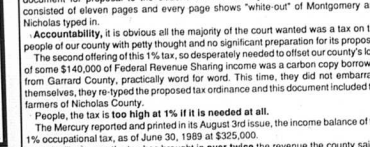
I know why, and I would venture to guess the taxpayers and voters of our county know why these tax bills were not mailed before the due date of April 15th. Because, April 15th comes before May 23rd, primary election day.

I have been told by a reliable source that the tax administrator was told NOT to mail our tax bills until a later date.

You, the people, will have a choice November 7th with a write-in vote.

Thank you,
 G.C. Myers

Paid for by the candidate.



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 G.C. Myers



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It gives me great pleasure to offer my warmest greetings to all those newspaper staffers and readers in America joining with the Newspaper Association Managers in celebrating National Newspaper Week.

Nothing is more vital to good government than a citizenry that is well informed. Since the beginning of our nation, the American people have relied upon newspapers to give an accurate accounting of events in their communities, across the nation, and around the world. It is a tremendous responsibility, and we are grateful for the many newspaper men and women who have dedicated their lives to this noble profession.

A free and responsible press is an indispensable element of our American society. But, of course, newspapers do so much more than simply report the events that shape our lives -- they serve as the guardians of one of our most precious liberties, the freedom of speech. I commend all of you for your outstanding service to America. Keep up the great work!

Barbara joins me in sending best wishes for a most informative week. God bless you.

Ray Bush



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