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EDITORIAL  
Hopkins should stay in congress

While there is little doubt U.S. Representative Larry Hopkins has done a lot for the sixth congressional district of Kentucky, he shouldn't run for governor.

It appears every time we have a U.S. Representative or Senator gain some serious seniority — earn important committee seats in the U.S. Congress — these individuals start talking about running for Governor of Kentucky.

First, for this next term as Kentucky Governor, U.S. Senator Wendell Ford, a fixture on Capitol Hill, talked about seeking the democratic nomination for Governor — now, Hopkins, who seems to really be on the move in Washington circles is talking about running for the same state office.

Wendell Ford took himself out of the race to continue serving Kentucky in the U.S. Senate. . . . Larry Hopkins should do the same thing.

This is no negative reflection at all on Representative Hopkins. There are few who have called his office, or talked to him in person, who have not received attention and action as fast as possible.

But, in the long run, why should the people of Kentucky's Sixth District — and Kentucky as a whole — have to suffer through the rigors of having a freshman representative again, after sending this experienced man back to Washington term after term.

The truth of the matter is, we shouldn't. Representative Hopkins is a good legislator. He is conservative yet concerned about the less fortunate. He has proven his genuine concern for the state and its many problems. This should not be given up to move back to Kentucky and run for office.

Kentucky needs Larry Hopkins . . . in the United States House of Representatives. —HB

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

This letter is to the tax payers and voters of this County, and those who are trying to stop these letters and inform the Editor not to print another page from getting to you. I also write a letter about the new sewer plant its short-comings, the cover for the last 20 years. The inability of local elected officials to cope with simple pre-designed systems such as water and sewerage.

The Editor of the Carlisle Mercury refused to print this letter because of word I used, which is no more than an interjection word to provoke thought.

He stated he wouldn't print any letter with this word. Well this editor has failed to print again.

The word is in five different dictionaries I possess, and used frequently.

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Shepherd bids farewell to The Mercury, Carlisle

I am not fond of long goodbyes. It is easy, perhaps too easy, to wish a quick farewell. But for simplicity's sake, August 3 will be my last working day with the Mercury.

I have made the choice to continue my education for my Masters degree at Miami of Ohio. It was not an easy choice, believe me. I thought at one time it might be.

Pursuing advance level education has always been my goal but I did not realize how much I would enjoy Nicholas County and I thank Hank Bond for giving me the opportunity to write for The Mercury when no other publication would offer so much as a glance. I ask readers to continue its unwavering support of the Mercury because, in my opinion, it is the most important weekly in the district.

I especially want to thank the people who accepted me as a friend and neighbor here. In most towns this size, strangers often have a difficult time fitting in. Certainly my grandparents gave me a step up, but family relations only go so far. I have made the choice to take me on my own merits.

I have always felt welcome here and I appreciate it very much. There are few I will not miss.

Unfortunately I have to think of moving again and if people will recall my first columns, I am not fond of that particular aspect of changing personal surroundings.

Personally I have never had an easy time moving anywhere. All that packing, lifting, and maneuvering. I have always felt that fit perfectly through door frames when I moved in but have, for some bizarre reason, expanded just enough to get stuck on the way out.

Not to mention all the lost items that reappear miraculously beneath the old rediner. Fortunately, planning has given me some time to drive back and forth from school to here to make the most of a hair ester.

In retrospect, aided by benefit of 20/20 hindsight, I have few regrets. Perhaps by journalistic standards I have been some what less than a muckraker, but I never approached this job as if I were a self-appointed Lone Ranger. Before I take my leave, however, I have to be sure I have experienced almost everything possible.

With the requirements of my job there is not much I have missed. I only regret I won't be present for the changes that will become ever more evident in Nicholas County as dedicated people continue to push for better business and industrial opportunities.

People lament the defenest attitudes in the county, but though this feeling seems prevalent I know there are more people here who believe in this county's ability to pick itself up than its proclivity to cripple itself.

We suffer from ill-advised decisions from a hundred years past and it is time now to turn the defenestral spiral up. Unfortunately I will not be in a position to report it and I am indeed sorry.

Continue to blossom, Nicholas County, but do not lose the unique character that distinguishes a Nicholas Countyman from anyone else. In times of adversity, there is always a dignity and resourcefulness that raises us above the common.

Thank You.

HS940 is to provide. This money will give the system the chance to improve programs, buy needed buses, and give faculty and support personnel their deserved raises, as well as partitioning part of the elementary school. Careful budgeting of money will still give free textbooks to high school students, fee money for all students, low lunch prices, and the needed teaching supplies in both buildings. I hope taxes won't be raised to build up the buildings and employ surplus personnel and services in a system that is losing students every year.

The new state education reform will see that each school system will receive the additional monies to provide equal educational opportunities for all students as compared to some of the wealthiest school systems in the state. I hope this does not open too many opportunities for ill-advised boards of education to levy taxes just because it's legal to.

Again, let me thank you for working with me over the years. With excellent teaching staff, dedicated administrators, and support personnel, we made the Nicholas County Schools the best they could be. Everything we did was for the children of this county.

It has been a pleasure to have been associated with you. Donald G. Elder

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1990 Nicholas Co. Varsity Schedule Football

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Joseph H. Conley, president of the Carlisle Jaycees, and Ken Knape, Regional vice-president of the Kentucky Jaycees, attended the first meeting with the Carlisle/Nicholas County Chamber of Commerce.

Tourism Talk  
(Due to a computer problem last week's Talk did not appear in its entirety. The Tourism Division apologizes for this error.)  
What types of activities attract tourists into an area? This is a question which the Tourism Division has asked of our successful visitor program. A variety of responses indicate that a popular reason for excursions is to see antiques and quilts. Cities which have hosted quilt shows have realized a large number of visitors to that one event.

The Tourism Division is planning an antiques and quilt show this fall. The show will be held on Saturday, November 3 and Sunday, November 4, 1990 at the new National Guard Armory. The purpose of the event is to attract visitors into Carlisle. Mark Matros is contacting antique dealers to set up at the show. Julie Metzger and Gladys Shroat are coordinating the quilts which will be exhibited.

The Tourism Division is seeking your help in making this an outstanding event for the town. If you have or if you know of persons who have any old quilts which they would be willing to have on display please contact Gladys Shroat.

The show will be most interesting if a variety of old quilts are able to be shown. The quilts will be displayed with a card attached indicating the owner of the quilt, the name of the quilt, the date (if known) and the designation "for display only" or a stated price if you desire to sell the quilt.

Perhaps one of the local civic clubs would like to sell refreshments as a fund raiser for their group. If so please contact Gladys Shroat.

The antiques and quilts show is being published in several local and regional publications. The Tourism Division is planning for the quilt and antiques show to be an annual event. Help the Tourism Division to make this an outstanding event for Carlisle by participating in whatever way possible.

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See Additional Sale Items in Handbill  
BANKROLL SPECIAL  
Coke Products  
12 Pack - 12 oz. Cans  
\$2.69  
Limit 1 with each Purchased Previous Week  
No Winner  
Next Week's Bankroll  
\$300

Vine Ripe Bananas  
28¢ lb.  
12 Pk. - 12 Oz. Cans  
Pepsi Products  
\$5.29 Limit 4  
add \$1.99

DELI SPECIAL  
Plain Hamburger, French Fries and 12 ounce drink  
\$1.49  
Cheese 10¢ Extra  
No Substitutions on Checks

MEAT DEPT.  
Shurfine Turkey per pound  
73¢

Bordon Ice Cream  
\$1.99 1/2 gal.  
Citrus Hill Orange Juice  
\$1.79 1/2 Gal.

Stokley Apple Sauce  
2 for 89¢  
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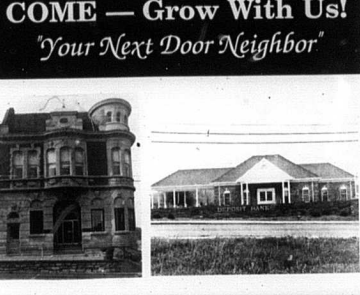
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