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**As court justice . . .  
Wintersheimer is  
running unopposed**

By Karen Beale  
The Carlisle Mercury Staff

Other rulings he said were significant were an insurance ruling and domestic relations rulings.

The insurance case was one which Wintersheimer won the majority opinion. It allows ill, uninsured persons to have the opportunity to get health care at reasonable rates.

He said in three domestic relations cases he has fought to give divorced spouses the opportunity to receive a fair share of a couple's income if the spouse was a homemaker in Nicholas County.

He was elected to the court in 1982 and was previously elected to the Court of Appeals from the Sixth District in 1976.

He said he spends one third his working time in Frankfort and the rest in his office at Chase Law School in Northern Kentucky.

Wintersheimer said his primary responsibility when he is not in Frankfort is to read briefs and review upcoming cases.

"I'm doing research, reading and writing."

He said the justices hear oral arguments when in Frankfort.

The justices also have a chance to meet in conferences before and after these arguments, he added.

Wintersheimer said the Supreme Court only hears cases with state wide significance or cases with a criminal penalty of 20 years or more, including the death penalty.

According to Wintersheimer, the court hears 800 to 900 cases a year.

He added many of these are merely reviewed to actually 250 to 300 receive a full address from the court.

Wintersheimer said he has written the most opinions, totaling 48 for the year.

"That's a rather high productivity figure."

He said the court's declaration of the Kentucky School System as unconstitutional has been the most important case during his time on the court.

"Clearly the most significant case for the court has been education reform."

Wintersheimer said the court's role in regard to continuing education reform is still in question.

He said, "I see a more passive role for the court."

He said, however, when legislature changes law there is always potential for a lot of litigation.

He added the education reform case was a landmark case but each case heard by the court is important.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**This may be the weirdest request you get yet. I am a professional historian, working on a book about John's Island prison on Lake Erie. During the Civil War thousands of Confederate officers were held here, including many Kentuckians. One of these was Thomas M. Campbell of Carlisle, Kentucky.**

Campbell's experience was unique. He was captured April 11, 1863 at Rogglets Mills (Kuddels Mills?) and charged with recruiting behind Union lines—or for being a spy. Tried by a military court at Cincinnati, Campbell was sentenced to hang on Johnson's Island. President Lincoln intervened personally for Campbell, but still he was not released.

For 22 months Campbell remained in a tiny cell, manacled, and with a 56-pound cannon ball fastened to his ankle by a chain. Finally in Carlisle a broken man, his body covered with sores, He 403 out of fifty and on. Now doesn't it sound like a horror experience and died a few years after the war.

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courts mandated a large raise in taxes to support schools. This is not true.

The courts will know we had many school districts that was as rotten with school policy, had no money, had had the superintendent so well intertwined he ran the county. No public officials could be elected in that county without the superintendent's support.

This was the major problem with many of our schools. Not taxes, not money. But politics plain and simple.

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Hutton was turned over to the Nicholas County Transportation Officer.

Trooper Tim Layne investigated a non-injury accident at 1:00 p.m. October 21, 1990. 8 miles from Carlisle on Oxbow Road. Driver involved was Roy Garland of Carlisle, operating a 1973 Chevrolet.

Trooper Jim Curry investigated a single vehicle, non-injury accident, which occurred at 1:00 p.m. October 16, 1990. 3 miles east of Carlisle on U.S. 68.

The driver involved was Timothy A. Jackson of Marysville, TN, operating a 1977 Pontiac.

Trooper Tim Layne, executed a bench warrant on Charles Melzer, 21, Carlisle, KY. The arrest occurred at 10:30 a.m. October 26, 1990, 1 mile west of Carlisle.

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### GENERAL NEWS

**NCHS graduate . . .  
Wesley promoted to Lt. Colonel;  
holds high position at Vanderbilt**

President George Bush has approved the promotion of Dr. Ralph E. Wesley to the rank of Lt. Colonel in the United States Army Reserve.

Wesley serves with the 330th General Hospital based in Memphis, a unit placed on alert for call up for the Desert Shield operation in Saudi Arabia.

Wesley, a 1963 graduate of Nicholas County High School in Carlisle, serves as the Director of Ophthalmic Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery at the Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville.

During the past year he has been named Professor of Ophthalmology and admitted to the Alpha Omega Alpha medical honors as the distinguished Alumnus of the Vanderbilt University School of Medicine.

Wesley has headed the west of Carlisle on Walnut Grove Road.

### POLICE LOG

Kentucky State Police Trooper William Hurst investigated a two-car, non-injury accident, at 8:10 p.m. October 22, 5.7 miles south of Carlisle on Oxbow Road.

The drivers involved were Alma T. Kerr, 42, Carlisle, operating a 1982 Buick and Ollie J. Bassell, 45, Morefield, operating a 1974 Ford.

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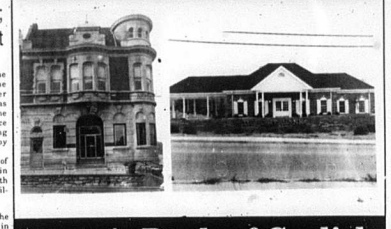
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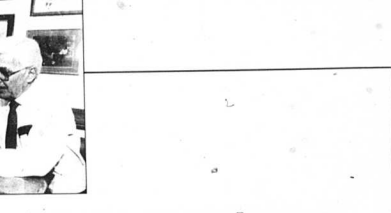


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