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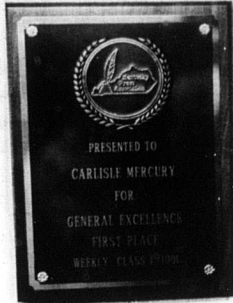
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The Mercury claimed 14 awards, good enough to pace the Nicholas County newspaper to First Place in General Excellence for weekly newspapers with less than 3,000 circulation.

In small weekly classification

Mercury named KY's best

LOUISVILLE — The Carlisle Mercury, Nicholas County's newspaper, was judged Kentucky's best small weekly newspaper at the Kentucky Press Association Convention in Louisville, April 18-19.

The Mercury was awarded five first place awards, six second place awards, two third places, and an honorable mention, in gaining the First Place General Excellence Award for all Kentucky newspapers with a circulation of 3,000 or less.

Susan Holing was awarded first place for The Mercury classified section.

Maynard Almjelt and Terri Corbitt combined for a first place finish in the Furniture Advertising Category, for a Collier Furniture advertisement.

Judge's Comments: Very eye catching. Good use of border.

Tracy Money Million won first place for her entry in the

food and drug category for a Pie-Pan grocery ad.

Judge's Comments: "Attraction use of fall theme art. Good use of color."

Hank Bond won first place for his entry in Hardware and Appliance stores for Reid & Vice.

Judge's Comments: Good ad in shop through house make for easy reading. Color enhances logo.

Marilyn and Hank Bond won the paper's fifth first place for their entry in group promotions for last June's Warm Weather Savings page.

Judge's Comments: "Just a little more to sell."

"Warm Weather" good idea in all but two ads.

Carol Bond won a second place for the best Agriculture, Lawn and Garden, Florist ad.

Her ad for Tree Point Nursery took the honor.

She also took second for entertainment and dining for her 19th Hole of Carnies ad.

Her entry for Deposit Bank of Carlisle also claimed a second place.

Hank Bond and Maynard Almjelt won second place in department, discount, and jewelry stores for a Belk Simpson advertisement.

Susan Holing and Carol Bond's entry for three Mark Mattox Best Estate ads took a second place.

William R. Millian's entry for a Foodies Mad about Madness sale also took second place.

Marilyn Bond's entry for Belk Simpson's Pre-Easter Sale took a third place.

Hank Bond's entry for Collier Furniture's President's Day Sale was awarded third place.

The staff's entry for First National Bank's Holiday greeting advertisement was awarded third place in the contest judging.

The paper's entry for first use of color in an advertisement was given honorable mention.

"We are very pleased with the success of our advertising department. We had with the comment's from the judging," said Mercury Publisher Hank Bond.

"We work very hard to serve our customers, both advertisers and readers — every week."

"The contest judging speaks very well of the efforts of the staff of this newspaper and we are pleased those judging the contest viewed our work in this light."

"Winning this award will only intensify our efforts to produce the type of finished product for our advertisers and readers."

The Carlisle Record was awarded second place for General Excellence, and the McClain County News took third place.

In weekly class 2, the Georgetown News & Times won first place, the Springfield Sun, second, and Owsen News Herald, third.

In weekly class 3, the largest weekly class, the Shelbyville Sentinel News, the Fainville Herald and the Union County Advocate.

In daily class 1, the Henderson Citizen took first, the Danville Advocate Messenger and the Mayville Ledger Independent took third.

In daily class 2, the Owensboro Messenger Inquirer took first, the Elizabethtown News Enterprise and the Kentucky New Era was third.

The Kentucky Press Association represents every daily newspaper in the state as well as nearly every weekly.

This is the third time the Carlisle Mercury has won the general excellence award, since 1985.

Twice the newspaper received the honor from the Kentucky Weekly Newspaper Association and this award from the Kentucky Press Association.

The Mercury has won 329 state and national awards, including 123 since 1987.

Excitement was king at NCHS

By William Million
of the Carlisle Mercury Staff

CARLISLE — The recent success of the Nicholas County High School Bluejackets remind us of a time when the Jackets reigned as Kentucky's 10th Region champions.

During the 1956 - 57

basketball season, the team from NCHS capped off a 24 win season with a trip to the state championship tournament in Louisville.

The tournament crown eventually went to Louisville Eastern, a team the Jackets downed by seven points in the Fern Creek Christmas

Tournament.

The Jackets finished the 1955-56 season as regional runner-up to the dominating Mayville Bulldogs. The very next year, NCHS shut down the Bulldogs and star Toothick Jones to earn the school's first and only trip to the state tournament.

Stanley Ross, who still lives in Nicholas County, was a starting member of the squad.

Rose recalls the team's Bluejackets had that season.

"We were pretty good that season. In the pre-season, we were invited to scrimmage U.K.'s freshman team. We played a little bit too rough though, and the coach (Adolph Rupp) asked us not to hurt his scholarship players."

Rose said that the team also started the season with scrimmages against then NAIA champions Transylvania, coached by C.M. Newton (now the Athletic Director at the University of Kentucky).

"From the very first game of the season, we knew we had a pretty good team," Rose

said. "Everyone did their part."

The players and substitutes were first class all year long. The cheerleaders were terrific, and the fans supported us all year long."

Also starting on the team were eventual U.K. starter Ned Jennings, Fern native Jack Guy, Donnie Hillcock and Leolynn.

Bobbie Taylor shared the starting forward position with Rose.

"When asked the team's practice style, Rose summed it up in one word: 'Tough.'"

"We were supposed to make every body know what was going to happen to them if they tried to shoot against us. We tried to be really rough on Ned, because other teams were going to do the same thing."

"We played for blood in practice."

Rose said that the team was in excellent physical shape, beginning practice at the beginning of the school year before the season.

"We had a big parade that night, all the merchants took up money for us to buy a suit of clothes, and Judge - Executive Floyd Clark gave us all a little bit of money for the tournament."

"The whole town just shut down for us, and that meant a lot to our poor country boys."

Watkins resigns

By William Million
of the Carlisle Mercury Staff

CARLISLE — Longtime Nicholas County Water District Chairman Charles Watkins resigned at the

Nicholas County Fiscal Court meeting last Thursday after 27 years of service.

Also resigning during the meeting was district commissioner.

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Council will not seek annexation

By William Million
of the Carlisle Mercury Staff

CARLISLE — The Carlisle City Council will not seek annexation in an attempt to solve sewage problems of several county residents.

The council voted 5-1 to allow Harold Russell to extend the existing city sewage line to his property at his own cost.

The existing line runs to his property line on Arnold Heights.

Russell does not live in the

city limits, but has petitioned the court several times to help him with his sewage problems. His current septic system does not meet environmental standards.

Council member Ronnie Clark was against the proposal.

Clark said to the council that he did not want to allow anyone on city lines unless they wanted to be annexed into the city for taxation.

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Board discusses personnel moves

By Susan L. Holing
of the Carlisle Mercury Staff

Immediately following the silent prayer opening of the Nicholas County School Board meeting, Chairman Louise Tachary entertained a motion to enter into closed session.

The purpose for the closed session was to consider dis-

appointment or dismissal of certain employees.

The closed session lasted almost four hours.

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HOMEFRONT 1991
Watch for pictures and stories in the next issue of The Carlisle Mercury as Carlisle welcomes home returning soldiers from Saudi Arabia.



The Nicholas County Bluejackets after capturing the 10th Region title in 1957. Pictured from left: Raymond Taylor, superintendent, R.S. Mills, Marion Campbell, Ed Scott, Ned Jennings, Jack Guy, Stan Rose, Bobby Taylor, Wilford Arndick, principal, and Coach Charles Finnel, Kneering, Norman Duncan, Clifton Ritchie, Donnie Hillcock, Leo Lyman, Harmon Ritchie, and James Mitchell.

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