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Wounded Man Disappears

By Josh Shepherd
Of The Carlisle Mercury Staff

PLEASANT VALLEY — A Nicholas County man disappeared on state police and Nicholas County Ambulance crews Saturday night after being what police describe as accidently wounded by gunshot in a domestic dispute on Abner's Mill Road.

According to ambulance records and state police reports, an emergency call was received by Nicholas County dispatch at approximately 8:45 p.m. requesting ambulance service at the residence of David Wilcoxson on Abner's Mill Road.

The caller said Wilcoxson's hand was wounded as the result of an accidental shooting during a family dispute, the reports said.

Nicholas County Ambulance personnel were quickly dispatched to the scene.

However, when the ambulance arrived at the Wilcoxson home, the wounded man was not there. Wilcoxson, the report said, had apparently left with family members for hospital treatment before the ambulance could arrive.

In a short investigation of the premises, State Police found traces of blood which could have been connected with the shooting.

However, without a victim, ambulance personnel returned to base. A subsequent search for Wilcoxson's location ensued, the report said.

Officers phoned Nicholas County Hospital emergency room to find out if Wilcoxson had arrived, but on-duty staff at the hospital said Wilcoxson had not checked in.

Similar calls to Bourbon General and Fleming County Hospitals came up empty as well, the report said.

After about an hour of searching, Wilcoxson finally turned up at the Veteran's Hospital in Lexington at around 10:30 p.m., where he was treated for a hand wound and released, state plice said.

No charges were filed.

The Carlisle Mercury/Josh Shepherd Photo

County Emergency Medical trainer Miles Hughes demonstrates to onlookers hown the front windshield of a car is removed in the event of an accident

Boyd on Chemical Safety ...

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To stretch the herbicide out, Boyd said, he mixed the chemical with less than the required amount of water and was, at first, pleased to see the chemical actually kill the weeds on the spot.

That evening, however, it rained. When he came to work the next morning, he found the chemical had mixed with the rainwater. And washed over the park, killing everything, he said.

He concluded with one bit of advice which he stressed all farmers should make sure to watch.

"When everything has been done, the pesticide is in the field, you've gassed the bugs, killed the weeds, always always remove your clothing outside and wash yourself with dishwashing liquid. The chemicals you use are all over you and your clothes. If you walk inside your house, its simple, the house is contaminated," Boyd said.

The use of chemicals have improved the quality of a farm's production, but never underestimate them, Boyd said, they are dangerous and must be handled with extreme precaution and care. They are beneficial, but they are also poison, he said.

Mercury Vapors

By Warren R. Fisher
Reprinted from 1967

Sometimes we manage to get ourselves out on the limb so to speak, what with making a prediction that there would be those who did and those who wouldn't like the Mercury's new size. Funny though, we haven't met anyone yet, who has expressed a dislike.

Last Wednesday dawned rather wet, we were nervous, so after gathering up some five trash cans with lids litout for Paris with our eight negatives arriving there a few minutes before 12 noon.

Modern equipment and people with the know-how, had us ready to return to Carlisle shortly before 1 o'clock with 2100 copies of the Mercury.

I was asked to load the cans from a conveyor just a few feet from the folding device on the press, needless to say, the next ten minutes were the hottest ten I had put in in many a day.

I overheard someone say, speed the press up, I thought 12,000 per hour fast, but a quick glance assured me we were hitting 16,000 and I had papers stacked everywhere.

On the return trip to Carlisle, just beyond "The Grange", I became aware of a claim, a glance into the rear view mirror revealed Mercurys sailing everywhere.

Least I get a ticket for littering, another fast ten minutes was spent gathering up Mercurys and securing can lids. Another lesson learned.

--MV--

"You are just plain lucky" Mrs. W. E. Piper exclaimed Monday morning as we prepared to leave the Nicholas County Circuit Court room. And I must agree. Lady Luck was on my side this time -- my name had not been drawn for grand or petit jury service.

From my standpoint, and I guess all people feel the same way, my call to jury service couldn't have come at a worse time, workwise. May means, ballots, voting machine supplies, etc.

--MV--

When we enjoy our work we are twice blessed; we have a good time making money and a good time spending it. -- William Feather.

Mercury Memories

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Mercury Memories

5 Years Ago

Thursday, August 7, 1986

Former Transylvania basketball star, Bobby Storie has been named seventh and eighth grade math teacher and junior high basketball coach.

The Nicholas County Little League All-Stars came up two runs short in the championship game of the 25th annual East Frankfort Kiwanis Club Invitational Baseball Tournament played July 30-August 2 in the Capital city.

Den One Cub Scouts and Tiger Cubs spent Saturday, July 26, at the Cincinnati Zoo, as one of the requirements toward earning their summer outdoor badge.

BORN: Mallory Ashton Caswell, August 2, 1986; Brandon Scott Hunt, August 2, 1986; Carrie Lee Saylor, July 28, 1986; Christopher Aaron Jefferson, July 26, 1986.

MARRIED: Miss Susanne Jones to Kevin G. Watkins, July 19, 1986; Miss Ragena Matton to Edward S. Ford III, July 19, 1986.

DIED: Shirley Burke Barlow, August 3, 1986; Elizabeth (Betty) Mae Forrest, July 25, 1986; Harold T. Ratliff, August 3, 1986.

10 Years Ago

Thursday, August, 6, 1981

Nicholas County Parks and Recreation Board member Larry Wills and County Judge/Executive Reese Smoot were in frankfort Monday to discuss funding of the proposed ball park near the new armory.

A group of local merchants gathered last Tuesday night in an unofficial meeting with the Carlisle City Council over the Council's proposal to remove parking meters downtown.

The merchants expressed their fears that all of the primary parking spaces in the city's business district would be tied up during business hours if some measure of control were not utilized.

Mrs. Sue Kirby has agreed to the chairmanship of the St. Jude Childrens Research Hospital Bike-A-Thon in Carlisle, to raise funds to support the hospital, according to William J. Kirwen, Director of Development at the internationally recognized hospital.

DIED: David L. Snapp, July 31, 1981; Donald D. Gaunce; August 2, 1981.

20 Years Ago

Thursday, August 5, 1971

Mrs. Jimmy Conrad, nominated by the Moorefield Homemaker's Club has been selected as one of the "Outstanding Young Women of 1971".

Mrs. Delores Craft has been named the Selective Service System Executive Secretary for Nicholas County. Mrs. Craft replaces Miss Hallye Griffin who recently retired.

Betty McCord, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.C. McCord of Ewing, attended the Daniel Boone Forest Music Camp held at Morehead State University on July 11-24.

BORN: Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Swadley of Florence, Kentucky, announce the adoption of a son, 10 weeks old. He has been named Steven Carl; Cameron Caveh Emami, July 24, 1971; Teresa Dawn Watkins, July 20, 1971; Michael Wayne Cooper, July 19, 1971; Teresa Lynn Sims, July 21, 1971; Tomya Sue Tumey, July 21, 1971; Rebekah Ellen Jones, July 20, 1971; Angela Carol Mitchell, July 26, 1971; Stanley Keith Price, July 29, 1971.

MARRIED: Miss Paulette Denton to Eugene Bloomfield, July 31, 1971.

DIED: Clarence Everette Bobb, August 1, 1971; Luther Peters, July 31, 1971.

40 Years Ago

Thursday, August 2, 1951

Miss Beulah M. Hughes has been named the Wetherby for Governor chairwoman of Nicholas County.

Charles Shrout, 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Shrout lost the middle toe of his right foot as the result of an accident at Ridgecrest Baptist service camp in North Carolina last week.

Paula Guthrie, four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs Paula Guthrie, suffered a fracture of the left arm Friday, when she fell at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Snelling.

Producing over a ton of pork in Carlisle FFA members Billy Storey, Fred Burnaw, David Hardin and Archie Crawford, who entered the local FFA hog-raising contests.

BORN: To Mr. and Mrs. Roger Applegate, a son Roger Dale, July 31, 1951; To Mr. and Mrs. W.E. Johnson, Flemingsburg, a son, William David, July 30, 1951; To Mr. and Mrs. Cray Marshall, a daughter Barbara Sue, July 28 1951; To Mr. and Mrs Robert Trent, a daughter, Thursday; To Mr. and Mrs. Clifton House; a son William Clifton Jr., Thursday; To Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ruggles, Flemingsburg, a son Roger Dale, July 31; To Mr. and Mrs. James Minton, a daughter, Judith Carol, July 31; To Mr. and Mrs. George William Brannock, a daughter, July 29, in Maysville.

MARRIED: Mary Alexander, daughter of Mr. and Mrs Pete Alexander, Millersburg, to Clay Asbury, Dayton, Ohio, son of Mr. and Mrs. G.T Asbury, July 29. Miss Jean Lovett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin B. Lovett of Jeffersontown, to Edgar Allen Darrell, Saturday; Miss Mary Evelyn Smart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Smart, Lexington, to Coleman E. Wright, Lexington, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wright of Clay City, July 16.

DIED: William Henry Fitzpatrick, 81, Lexington, Sunday; Mrs. Minnie Curry Grimes, 71, Paris, Wednesday; Mora Honican 65, in Charlestown, Ind.; Mrs. Hattie Allen Collier, 78, Lexington, Friday; George Henry Wilson, 79, Tuesday in North Middletown.

50 Years Ago

Thursday, August 7, 1941

More than 800 persons of Nicholas County had failed to secure their drivers license at the close of business Tuesday it was reported at the office of the Circuit Clerk.

The Louisville and Nashville Railroad requested permission of the state railroad commission Thursday to stop all its passenger service between Lexington and Maysville, one of the oldest routes in the state. A hearing for the L and N has been set for August 8, at which railroad representatives will appear and present reasons for discontinuing services over these routes.

Raymond Scheffler, 13, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schaffler of the Maysville and Lexington Road, was taken to St. Joseph Hospital , Lexington on Friday for tests and examinations. Local physicians could not agree on just what the boy's illness was, and word has been received here this week that he has Rocky Mountain Fever, a lingering disease.

Mrs. Boone Ingles, who has been in failing health for several months, fell Saturday afternoon at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Robert Clark on the Maysville Road, and suffered a fracture of the hip.

MARRIED: Miss Minerva Bryant, 38, and John Wells, 69, both of Paris, Ky. Route Four, were issued a marriage license Saturday, August 2.

DIED: James W. Myers, 78, retired farmer of the Moorefield section and former Nicholas County Sheriff, died Thursday night at his home on Sycamore Street; Herbert Green, 52, native of this county, died Thursday at the U.S. Veterans Hospital in Dayton, Ohio; Joseph R. Shannon, 74, native of Nicholas County, died Wednesday night at his home near Oxford in Scott County; Mrs. Bel Hutchings Colliver, 69, widow of T.C. Colliver, died Wednesday afternoon at Johnson Memorial Hospital where she had been a patient for several weeks, suffering with a broken hip.

Letters To The Editor

Editor:

I would like to take issue with the Adopt-A-Highway program. We pay taxes to have our roads maintained and this is another way to get the public to do a free service that your tax dollars should cover.

Some of the roads are so bad that it would take a dump truck to pick up the litter.

I wish Mr. Keith of the Flemingsburg District office could have driven KY 32 to Carlisle last year when all the trees were laying along the road. There was also plastic, rock and plenty of other junk.

There are places that no work has been done for years on some of the state's road system. You look at the shoulders and ditches and they have not been cleaned or graded for years.

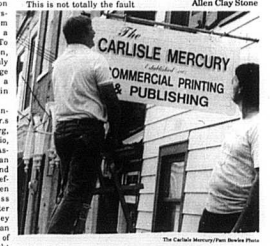
This is not totally the fault of the local department. The state has people from the district level who set up work. I don't think they ever leave the office or see a project.

The bridge over the Licking River was a real problem. As many of us remember there was about a four inch drop on the end toward Carlisle on KY 32. As we know new construction will settle.

It took two phone calls and about four trips to Flemingsburg to get any results. The second time it settled down about three inches I went to Milo Bryants office in Frankfort. This time the results were a little better.

The point I want to make is our tax dollars have already adopted many state roads and top management people.

Allen Clay Stone



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Mercury Gets New Look...

A new Carlisle Mercury sign is put in place with work from Josh Shepherd and Mike Phillips. The old sign, which had seen its better days, has been taken down, but not discarded.

Optimism after Certified City visit

By Josh Shepherd
Of The Carlisle Mercury Staff

Spud Marshall, Director of the Carlisle-Nicholas County Industrial Authority, felt optimistic in the aftermath of Carlisle's visit by evaluators for the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce Certified Cities program Monday.

Slumped in chairs in the front office of the Chamber of Commerce and Industrial Authority, local committee members Kathy Howard, Carolyn Dotson, Cartimell Lester, Sue Barker, Gladys Shrout, and Certified Cities on-site host Jim Orr seemed giddy but exhausted from the evaluator's visit.

"I think everything went very, very well today," Marshall said. "We were better prepared and much more organized than last year. It was apparent to me, at least, that the evaluators were very impressed by the reception we gave them," Marshall said.

Evaluators arrived at the Carlisle Depot at about 9 a.m. Monday to meet with local dignitaries including Nicholas County Judge-Executive Reese Smoot and Carlisle Mayor Frankie Hughes.

The tourism committee added color to the opening proceedings with G.C. Myers costumed as former Kentucky Governor Thomas Metcalfe and Clarence Cord as Uncle Sam.

Marshall led the proceedings with a short address to the committees, visitors and evaluators, welcoming all to Carlisle for this third attempt at being accepted into the Certified Cities program.

Smoot and Hughes spoke for a short time before Kentucky Chamber of Commerce representative Jeff Eger stood to give some opening remarks on the advantages of being a part of Certified Cities.

Primarily, Eger said, the program gives small towns like Carlisle an edge in lobbying for the location of industry and other forms of development. The criterion for acceptance into the program are intended to be strenuous, he said. Towns must show evidence that local merchants and elected offices are taking the initiative to improve the appearance and facilities of downtown Carlisle, he said.

In 1991, program evaluators have visited over 30 Kentucky towns vying for a spot in the Cities program, he said. Carlisle was the last town scheduled for an evaluation, he said.

Those accepted into the program will be notified mid-September and will be announced in public at a special Certified Cities Luncheon October 31 in Louisville.

After the meeting adjourned, evaluators met with committees made up of local merchants and city employees and volunteers to review improvements in Industrial Development, Community Appearance and Revitalization, the state of the Chamber of Commerce, Planning and Zoning, and a review of city utilities and facilities.

At noon, the entire group reconvened for a luncheon and video presentation on Carlisle.

Marshall was pleased that afterward, most evaluators stayed for an optional tour of the Magic Image plant downtown.

"I don't think we could have had a more impressive showing," Marshall said. "Kathy Howard and Carolyn Dotson, who did most of the coordination for this event, did an outstanding job. I can't thank the committee members and city merchants enough for the time they took away from their businesses to welcome the evaluators and assist in showing this town to the Certified Cities people.

"We are most grateful for the catering service Eddie's Family Restaurant provided for the luncheon.

"And I want to pass along an extra special thank you to Mary Tapp for her committee work, and to Dorsey Lynn Watkins for providing a short carriage ride through downtown for the tourism presentation. I especially want to recognize Jim Orr, the Certified Cities on-site host. He has helped us a great deal," Marshall ranted.

For the last two years, Carlisle has tried to join Certified Cities, only to have their hopes dashed. This third time, however, seems to be a charm.

"They asked me if all the committee members and volunteers plan on showing up at at the announcement luncheon. I believe that is a good sign," Marshall said.

The Carlisle Mercury/Josh Shepherd Photo

Cartimell Lester, Carolyn Dotson, Clarence Cord, and Judge-Executive Reese Smoot talk casually over scheduled events for Certified Cities evaluators Monday morning.

The Carlisle Mercury/Josh Shepherd Photo

Chamber of Commerce committee chairperson Kathy Howard reviews increased membership in the Carlisle Chamber of Commerce with committee member Shirley Wilson.

The Carlisle Mercury/Josh Shepherd Photo

Downtown Revitalization committee members Cartmell Lester, Sue Barker, and chairperson Eddie Brierly show examples of improvements to the dowtown area to an evaluator.

The Carlisle Mercury/Josh Shepherd Photo

Certified Cities evaluators Bill Moore and Ken Menke review the functions of the Carlisle Water Treatment plant. With them are Carlisle Mayor Frankie Hughes, plant supervisor Gene Kelley, and City representative Tommy Crawford.

Tourism makes future plans

By Pam Bowles
Of The Carlisle Mercury Staff

CARLISLE—Members of the Carlisle - Nicholas County Tourism Inc. met at the old jail on July 17, to discuss future plans for the local tourism groups.

Carlisle was represented by Gladys Shrout and Julie Metzger, Sally Hinkle and Jennifer Carlson of the Main Street program in Paris, Mary Louise Duke representing Augusta, Old Washington, Augusta, and Bob Johnson with Blue Licks State Park.

Topics of discussion included coordinating and planning the bus tours for a two and half day trip in the spring and fall of 1992. A dry run is planned during the leaf change.

Some of the events planned for the guests when they arrive by bus into Carlisle at approximately 7 p.m. for a walking tour around the town, driving tour to Boone's Cabin, Old School House, a place where P.B.S. version of Huck Finn was filmed, the old stage coach stop and Metcalfe home at Forest Retreat.

Other plans include dining at Duncan's Tavern in Paris, spending the night in Maysville, visits in the morning to Augusta and Washington with lunch in Augusta.

The evening meal will either be in Maysville or Old Washington and the second night will be spent in Maysville.

The next morning passengers will head toward Blue Licks State Park and have lunch at the Worthington Center and then proceed back to Paris.

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