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WANDERINGS BY WILLIAM MILLON

Something wonderful is happening here in Nicholas County.

In small towns all across the country, people are having a hard time feeling good about their community. It seems like the recession and the threat of war in the Persian Gulf are trying to take all the fun out of life. Be thankful you have something to be proud of in Carlisle.

I believe there are three in order for the Nicholas County Bluejackets and Lady Jackets.

Very seldom have young men and women represented their community as well as we have. Both teams have earned the respect of their fans as well as the traditional powerhouse of the region.

For sisters, when was the last time you can recall Nicholas beating Clark County in boys' basketball? The mighty Cardinals of Winchester, defending region champs, losing to Nicholas County. In the words of "The Great One," how sweet it is.

How about those Lady Jackets? Over the holidays, they acted a name for themselves by defeating teams from California until they finally succeeded in an "always" powerful Oldham County squad.

No matter how well our teams have performed on the court, it is their court performance that commands respect. The young men and women of Nicholas County who represent us night in and night out do us with pride and sportsmanship, win or lose.

On January 23, we will have a chance to display our small town pride. That date marks the start of the "All A" tournament, held at Southside Gym in Paris. Small schools from around the region, including our own Jackies, will battle it out to send a boy and girl representative to the state "A" tourney. I believe we may well see our teams in Lexington for that one.

This tournament is a chance for all of us to cheer the small team on to victory. There is no Clark County or Montgomery County to spoil it for the little guys. When those teams hit the floor, all worries about the economy and the impending war go out the window. When Kim Denton hits the jumper, or Daniel Brown can a three, there is no rich or poor. It is only our kids against your kids, our town against your town.

Whether your team is a winner or a loser, when they're on that court, something happens. Nothing matters but who hits those late free throws to tie the game. Be proud Nicholas County. Support your teams. We can all worry about the economy after the tournament.

Report to Kentucky SENATOR WENDELL FORD

U.S. News, Washington, D.C. 20540

WE CAN HELP KENTUCKY FARMERS TO REIN IN OUR TRADE DEFICIT

One of the lessons of the Persian Gulf crisis is that we can no longer tolerate the enormous trade deficits behind so many of our problems in the world today.

Kentucky is in the forefront of a drive to reduce our disastrous dependence on imported oil, but we cannot stop there. We must do everything possible to improve our nation's position in world trade, and no one has a greater role to play in this critical effort than does the Kentucky farmer.

By exporting their products around the world, Kentucky farmers are already contributing to an \$18 billion trade surplus with regard to agriculture. This stands in stark contrast to our overall trade deficit of more than \$100 billion.

One of my highest priorities is to support the efforts of farmers and others to keep expanding our Kentucky farm exports. I am pleased to say that the Congress has approved an additional \$27,000 for such work at the Kentucky International Trade Development Center at the University of Kentucky.

I am also encouraged by the fact that our 1990 farm bill strengthens federal export-promotion programs and includes a number of other provisions to increase the stability and flexibility of our family farm. But the harsh reality is that farmers are affected by many troubling issues beyond the farm bill. They are strongly affected by the budget crisis in Washington and by federal efforts to stimulate world trade by cutting farm supports on an international basis.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor: During the January special session the General Assembly will be considering legislation that will dramatically increase our ability to get drunk drivers off Kentucky's highways. To date 48 states have illegal per se and 29 have administrative per se. Those states indicate that the ability to revoke or suspend licenses swiftly prevents drunk drivers from being on the highways and in the most effective method available in reducing crashes and violations "illegal per se" and "administrative per se." Illegal per se means that it is unlawful to operate a motor vehicle with blood alcohol content of .10 or above (no longer a presumption of being under the influence). Administrative per se is a license revocation procedure that parallels, but is independent of the outcome of criminal proceedings. Of course there will still be DUI criminal offenses heard in the district courts.

W. Michael Troop, Acting Commission Director and Secretary of Justice. I left my purse at Dudley Square in Lexington and the Mayor of Millersburg and his wife like to thank for the lovely we returned it to me. I really feel good to know that we get support from our home and helped to keep my morale high for the four and a half months I was there. I tried to write everyone back in my community. If I've missed someone please, and thank you the citizens of the community for spirit which lives and thrives every day. Edwin Rogers, Staff at The Carlisle Mercury London, KY for running my address for this support. Sgt. John Gates U.S. Air Force

Mitch McConnell

NEW CONGRESS WILL FACE MANY CHALLENGES

On January 16, I along with 31 other Senators elected last November saved our right hands and received the oath of office. As I was sworn in I remember feeling overwhelmed by the responsibility of representing the people of Kentucky in the United States in the greatest legislative body in the world.

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GENERAL NEWS

Hughes breaks tie

Continued from Page 1 Councilman Charles Fay suggested that as hard as it would be to correct next week.

A meeting is tentatively scheduled between Charles Watkins, Nicholas County Water District Chairman, Doug Garrett, property owner, and Council members to discuss running a water line to a Carlisle resident.

Harry Sparks, a Carlisle resident asked Council if it intended to clean off the sidewalks in Henryville. According to Sparks, area residents are unable to use the sidewalks and many of the people are elderly. Watson said normally property owners are responsible for keeping the sidewalks clean.

He added that at a city ordinance banks that position. The mayor added that the city took Henryville over only after HUD had finished it.

Councilman Clark asked what is being done about the alley that enters Main Street next to the Carlisle Cleaners. He said he thought that Emerson Baker needed to close it by boarding it off. Watson said

that one way to close the alley would be to file a lawsuit and close it legally. Fire Chief Crawford said the State Fire Marshal is taking action.

Before meeting in closed session, Council members voted to buy a \$25 advertisement in the Nicholas County School yearbook.

Council heard personnel matters in closed session. Council adjourned to special session to discuss some personnel matters. When members returned, City Attorney Watson was rebuffed for another year at a \$300 monthly retainer and a \$30 hourly consultant's fee.

Council also decided to sell by sealed bids 1981 and 1985 police cruisers. The automobiles will be advertised for sale in the Carlisle Mercury. Councilman Garrett introduced first reading of an ordinance which will increase the number of meetings per month for council, to two. Tentative dates would be the second and fourth Monday.

A second reading of the ordinance is scheduled for the next regular meeting, February 11.

With war

Continued from Page 1 Watson said those statistics are based on 100 percent participation by a police force and are not mandatory for the City of Carlisle. Watson went on to explain that Carlisle could not afford to lose all of its police force to school for 10 weeks each — with full pay.

Shaw went on to explain that the incentive pay would amount to \$2500 per officer. According to City Attorney Watson that money would come from federal funds but the incentive pay is now funded through the State property tax.

You're talking me there, no law stating you have to have a certified dispatcher? Shaw asked the City Attorney. "I believe a grandfather act may be involved," Watkins answered.

"Well, I've got an appointment with the (Kentucky) Attorney General tomorrow so I'll find out for sure," Shaw replied.

Simmons increase explained to council. Simmons Cable TV regional manager, Wayne Knight, was invited to appear before council by Hughes.

Knight defended his company's recent rate increases by saying, "It was forced by increases in charges from satellite programming (ranging from 14 to 20 percent), such as ESPN."

He was also asked if Simmons was required to give 60 days notice to the city, by the mayor. Watson answered the question by saying deregulation by the Federal Communications Commission precluded that requirement.

The Simmons spokesman did not point out, though, two new channels, Country Music Television and CNN Headline News, when his increases were placed on the service.

According to Knight, he believes, 55 cents per day is a good entertainment value, and Simmons doesn't charge for service calls and the system doesn't charge for service calls with a technician who lives in Carlisle and works in the Paris office.

Fire Department changes announced. Carlisle Fire Chief Tommy Crawford announced that he had elected Jimmy Berry had been elected assistant Fire Chief by a vote of 10-5. Berry is a new firefighter, Gary Sallee and Ron Roser have been elected to fill openings on the city's 16 person volunteer department.

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Other business... Councilman Clark asked

GENERAL NEWS

State will provide funding for Nicholas bridge project; County to receive \$75,000

The Secretary of Transportation and Commissioner of Highways, Mills D. Bryant, has announced the state will provide funds for Nicholas County to construct a bridge on Stony Creek-Blue Licks Spring Road.

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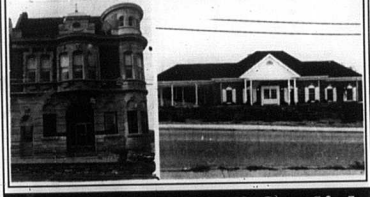
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When you find the hidden Fleeting Mercury, somewhere on the pages of this issue, simply cut it out, and mail or bring to The Carlisle Mercury Office. The prize for January will be a COUNTRY HAM from Crockett's Foodtown.

The contest will run through the month of January, with final deadline for entries, January 28 at 5 p.m.

Find the Fleeting Mercury hidden somewhere inside this edition and cut it out. Return The Mercury, along with the following coupon to be entered in this month's contest.

ONE WINNER will be drawn from the month's entries at 5 p.m., January 28 with the name published in the January 31, 1991 edition of The Carlisle Mercury. Don't miss a single chance to win. Enter every week to increase your odds at winning.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

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