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Pam's Prose
By Pam Bowles

In Bond's Broadcast two weeks ago it was stated that I would be returning to the paper. I have been gone from the paper for approximately a year. When I was offered the opportunity to become Editor/General Manager it was a scary thought, but the challenge was too great to pass up. I have tried many different avenues in the job market in my short working life from insurance sales, cemetery sales, retail sales etc., but I found the Mercury to be the most rewarding and satisfying to me. Last August I left the paper with the feeling I needed a new career, but quickly found out that the surface of the situation was not what it was cracked up to be. For a person who has lived in this community all her life to be given the opportunity to work with the people of Carlisle and Nicholas County, this is a very exciting position. Being a lifetime resident of Nicholas County, I believe I can help to address the concerns of Nicholas Countians and serve the community in any capacity that I can. The role of a newspaper in a small community is to bring the news as accurate as possible. I will continue to carry on this tradition as best as I possibly can. I hope the knowledge I have gained from working here before will give me the ability to continue the success the Mercury has had over the last 124 years. I look forward to working with everyone and doing the best job I possibly can for the community.

William's Wanderings

Summer is here. School is out. How many parents have dreaded this moment since school began last fall. Growing up in a small town like Carlisle, summer always meant two things to me: 1) kids and kids of sleep. 2) cruising around town with the windows rolled down and the radio turned up. I guess things like young adult summer rituals don't change much from one small town to the next. All over the county, the summer festival of cruising the streets in every small town is about to kick into high gear. I'll be the first to admit that one of the dumbest things I have ever done is waste summer after summer cruising around town. I hear everyone under the age of 20 in this town complain that there is nothing to do, so they hop in the car and drive lanes around the courthouse square. After a while, Carlisle will begin to look and sound like the Indy 500. There are so many things that a young person can do this summer. Find a part time job. Join a softball team. Grab a basketball and head to the West End Park. Take in a live league game. New yards. Here's an alternative that will bring greens from every teenager: read a book. Nicholas County has access to one of the finest public libraries that any small town could offer. Western adventures, sports, mysteries, war stories, dragons and pirates are just a few of the things we can read about, free of charge. If your bored in Carlisle, read a book and take yourself away. Another good project this summer would be to spend some time at the nursing home. A few hours a week just watching television, playing games, or just talking with a resident can make a meaningful difference in someone's life. And it might just mean a little bit more to our young adults later in life than cruising around town.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR
MUST BE RECEIVED BY 5 P.M. ON MONDAYS



MERCURY MEMORIES

5 Years Ago
Thursday, June 5, 1986
Harlan Skyles's garden is a sight to behold—beautiful plants, and not just one but a few. All this is due to black plastic which covers the working life of his garden—about 7,700 feet of it. Dr. Frank Mathias, Professor of history at the University of Dayton, will be the guest speaker at the last week's primary election was conducted last Thursday, and the date was a change in the outcome of the judge's race. In lieu of Charles Lema winning a 1964-1924 margin, Lynn Hawks became the new judge by a 1223-1212 count.

10 Years Ago
Thursday, June 4, 1981
A re-revival of last week's primary election was conducted last Thursday, and the date was a change in the outcome of the judge's race. In lieu of Charles Lema winning a 1964-1924 margin, Lynn Hawks became the new judge by a 1223-1212 count.

20 Years Ago
Thursday, June 3, 1971
Citizens Commission on Consumer Protection has approved a \$100,000 Project which will aid Kentucky newsmen. It won't use DDT or TDE on your 1971 tobacco crop. Grow-

ers who use either of these prohibited insecticides on tobacco risk having their crop condemned, warns Dr. Wesley Gregory, entomologist with the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture's Cooperative Extension Service. BORN: Kevin Dale Berrell, May 15, 1971. MARRIED: Miss Rosetta Crump to David Baskler, Wednesday, May 22, 1986; Leonard Phillip Irvin Jr., June 3, 1986; Mrs. Ruby Miller, May 28, 1986; Mrs. Shirley Breiz Robinson, May ground of his garden—about 7,700 feet of it. Dr. Frank Mathias, Professor of history at the University of Dayton, will be the guest speaker at the last week's primary election was conducted last Thursday, and the date was a change in the outcome of the judge's race. In lieu of Charles Lema winning a 1964-1924 margin, Lynn Hawks became the new judge by a 1223-1212 count.

40 Years Ago
Thursday, June 7, 1951
Tuesday night, at the VFW Horse show, Master Genious, ridden by Pete DeAtley, carried off top honors in the feature five gaited class, winning \$175. Commander John D. Power was re-elected last Friday night to head the Nicholas County American Legion Post 17 for the coming year. Eddie Earls was pitched a no-hitter Friday night when he hurled the North Middletown Stars' 8-0 decision over the Nicholas County All Stars. BORN: Jimmy Allen Ellington; Judy Lynn Trichter, May 30, 1951. MARRIED: Miss Betty Lee Harney to Lovell Kenney, June 2, Miss Mary Ethel Bone to Wilson G. Bailey, Sunday, May 26, Miss Martha Ebbel Bone to William G. Bailey, Sunday, May 26, 1951. DIED: Leslie Gifford, 69, on May 26; Mrs. Sally Fitzpatrick, 75, on May 26; Mrs. Mary Trichter, 39, Sunday; Mrs. Ida Brasher Hankins, 77, Saturday; Mrs. Lena Lawrence, Danpiger, 72, Friday.

Mayville Monument Works, who took our ideas and converted them into the handsome monument that will remind generations of Nicholas Countians of the supreme sacrifice that those named thereon made for their country. The Firing Squad, comprised on VFW Post #8666, Carlisle American Legion Post #17 and the 20th Engineer Battalion, KY Army National Guard, and under the command of Sergeant Ronnie White, KYARNG, who rendered the final salute to the memory of these deceased service members.

The members of the Lloyd George VFW Post #8666 who willingly gave their time to the preparation of the memorial and the ceremony. Channel 18 (Lexington) for excellent television coverage of the event.

50 Years Ago
Thursday, June 5, 1941
Receipts on the Carlisle market passed those of last week and set a new high Tuesday, with a total of 1205 head. Rain the first of this week; rain the second; but that had existed throughout the county. Some damage was done by the rain and wind. BORN: James David Letcher, May 24, 1941; Rita Kaye Beeler, May 31, 1941. MARRIED: Miss Lucille Minton to Mr. Boyd Edwin Williams, on Friday, DIED: Max Melvin Frank Layton, 71, Cynthiana, Mrs. Nannie E. Jones, 80, Wednesday; Miss Mary Campbell Henry, 66, Monday.

Colonel Gerald S. Griffith (USA-Ret) for assistance and remarks on the principal speaker at the ceremony. It is true however, that extra emergency training is suggested for dispatchers and would cause some cost, yet according to our research this is the most \$300,000 investment. This is a nominal cost compared to the actual cost of the system and perhaps could be covered either in part or in whole by community groups and organizations. It is our request that this issue be looked into again. With the number of small children in our community as well as our growing population of elderly citizens it is

We hope that this memorial will be a constant reminder to the present and future citizens of this community of the freedoms that we enjoy as a result of the sacrifices made by the honored dead memorialized on this stone. Lloyd George VFW Post #8666



Charles Bowles, left, Emergency Room Tech and Melanie Denton, right, Emergency Room Supervisor, shown in the Johnston-Mahers Health Care Emergency Room where the facility has now expanded to weekend and night coverage.

J.M.H.C. offers expanded coverage...

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tucky is the primary cause for the helicopter transport system in Lexington, but St. Joseph is just as good. In an emergency situation, immediate assistance is the most important factor in saving a person's life. This hospital must always be ready because of its critical life-saving ability. Doctors and nurses must be swift in stabilizing a patient before they may be turned over to a more technologically equipped hospital in Lexington, Miller said. "Our emergency room has to have the ability to be a specialist in every area, because nobody can be certain that type of emergency will walk through the door," Miller said. Doctors must be constantly on their toes in this type of setting, he said, which is why this hospital is a "good training ground for the very top residents on the UK staff. Quality control is very easy to identify, he said. If problems should arise it is very easy to track down. In a large place it wouldn't be as easy to catch a problem, he said.

We have the same type of facility within the county. By having the physician-in-house they also have the ability to help in the nursing home as well as the hospital. Most emergencies happen when the doctor is not in the office so this is why the importance of the hospital is very beneficial to the community, because it would be like not to have the facility within the county.

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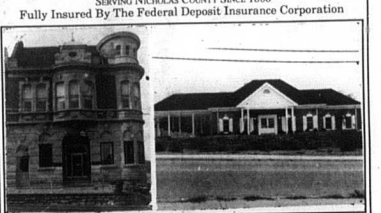
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Independent Auditor's Report
We have audited the statements of revenues, disbursements, and excess fees of the Sheriff and former County Clerk of Nicholas County, Kentucky, for the year ended December 31, 1990. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Sheriff and former County Clerk. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards and the audit guide for County Fee Officials issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts, Commonwealth of Kentucky. Where standards require that we do so and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatements, an audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and the disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. As a result of our audit we believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The Sheriff and former County Clerk prepare their financial statements on a proprietary basis of accounting that demonstrates compliance with the cash basis and laws of Kentucky, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting for non-governmental organizations. In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly the financial position, the results of operations, disbursements, and excess fees of the Sheriff and former County Clerk for the year ended December 31, 1990, in accordance with the basis of accounting described above. As required by Government Auditing Standards, we have reported on the Nicholas County Sheriff's Office financial statements, the results of operations, disbursements, and excess fees for the year ended December 31, 1990, their internal control structure, and recommendations for their improvement.

Based on the results of our audit, we have the following comment and recommendation:
The Fiscal Court shall set salary limitations for County Clerk and Sheriff's Deputies.

The Fiscal Court currently has set a number of deputies and a maximum salary for each for the County Clerk and has set no limits on the Sheriff's deputies. KRS 84.200 requires the Fiscal Court to fix annually the maximum amount, including fringe benefits, which the official may receive for services and assistants, and allow the official to determine the number to be hired and the method of selection. It is our opinion that the above comment and recommendation will be useful to the County Clerk and Sheriff in managing the operations of their offices in a manner consistent with effective operations and compliance controls.

Pat Pascoe
B.S. Bachelor of Public Accounts

Audit Worksheet completed: March 6, 1991
The above is qualified only in that it accompanied the audit reports presented to the Fiscal Court and is qualified only in that it accompanied the accompanying financial statements and is not intended to be used for any other purpose. For more information, contact the Auditor of Public Accounts, 125 Capitol Square, Frankfort, KY 40601.

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