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WANDERINGS By WILLIAM MILLON

Inflating rooms across the nation, families are watching the evening news and feeling good about what they see.

Pictures of soldiers walking off the planes and collapsing in their loved one's arms. "Stormin' Norm" Iraq, and increasing signs of America's return from the economic slump.

The war in the Gulf is over. All of America is breathing a sigh of relief that the "mother of all battles" turned out to be the "100 hour war."

But something is not quite right. I was driving by Millersburg earlier this week when I noticed that something was missing. The flags that lined the entire town had been taken down.

When I got back to Carlisle, I noticed the same thing happening all across town. A couple of weeks ago, we could not buy enough flags, ribbons, and buttons to wear on our coats. Now they're disappearing.

The media has glossed over the casualty numbers. In all the hoopla and the happiness that our soldiers had whipped Hussein with so few casualties, we forgot to look at the numbers.

Since August 2, over 200 American servicemen and women have lost their lives in the desert. True, that is hardly the tons of thousands everyone feared would be lost, but these casualties mean more than just numbers.

Each death means a mother or father that won't be coming home, or a son or daughter. Best friends, brothers, sisters, and grand children are all being missed while we take down the flags and the ribbons.

Even though the war in Iraq has come to an end, let's not forget the men and women who will never set foot on American soil. Let's leave the flags and the ribbons displayed as a sign of our sorrow for these losses as well as for our happiness. Let's remember these soldiers, and hope their deaths will result in peace.



The Carlisle Mercury's Outing Photo Nicholas County Elementary Principal Gerard Harmon presents fourth grader Gabe Trussell with a Rick Pitino baseball glove during National School Breakfast Week last week at NCCS.

MERCURY MEMORIES

5 Years Ago Thursday, March 13, 1986 Joe Gilman of Richmond will speak on industrial development at the annual membership dinner meeting of the Carlisle/Nicholas County Chamber of Commerce Friday, March 14 at the library. In the opening round of the 37th District tournament Tuesday night, Bourbon County the Nicholas County Bluejackets lost to the Cadets of MMI with a final score of 64-47. Nicholas County seventh grade academic bowl team was narrowly defeated 18-16 by Belmont Jr. High of Winchester here last Wednesday. BORN: Clayton Thomas Kimes, March 6, 1986. DIED: Lillie Ehal Crump, February 27, 1986; Mrs. Virginia Rachel Hamm, March 7, 1986; Everett Linnville, March 11, 1986; Mrs. Hannah F. Hoe, March 8, 1986; John Sparks, March 3, 1986; John Henry Stone, March 8, 1986.

20 Years Ago Thursday, March 11, 1971 At a meeting of the executive Committee of Nicholas Counties interested in the Combs-Cerrill tract for the May 25 primary, William Lovell Holler, prominent local farmer, was named Agricultural Chairman to assist in the campaign. A ben egg, weighing five inches in diameter and measuring little over seven inches in length was brought to the Mercury Office last week by Christopher Toy, Sharnburg Ferry, Ky. Patrick O'Keefe, Carlisle, Ky. has been appointed as probation and parole officer for the 18th and 19th Judicial Districts. BORN: To Mr. and Mrs. Rogers Koza, Florence, twin

10 Years Ago Thursday, March 12, 1981 The Nicholas County Bluejackets defeated Paris by five points last week in the first round of the 37th District Tournament held at Harrison

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor: I have read at least two letters recently written to and published by The Mercury from Mr. Charles Gates. I gathered after much study that he doesn't think you are publishing enough local news and that you should make some.

I can assure he doesn't know when he and the local area are well off.

I saw my hometown newspaper, The Madisonville (KY) Messenger sold out of town and it is now owned by the New York Times Company.

There are no local people's candidates I don't know how good or bad the newspaper business is, but it must be bad in Naples. The local paper charges for obituary notices just like any other.

Apparently you purchased The Mercury from the fibers

County. The Jackets' try for the District crown was ended Thursday when they were defeated by Harrison County 44 in the semi-final game. Joseph H. Jack Conley announced that he will be a candidate for re-election to a third term as County Attorney of Nicholas County. BORN: Lindley Danee, February 20, 1981. DIED: Claude M. Darrell, March 8, 1981; Isaac W. Gray Hunt, March 6, 1981; Glenn W. Clay, March 4, 1981; Clarence Sparks, March 4, 1981.

40 Years Ago Thursday, March 16, 1951 Reconstruction of the old Bush Bridge on onrout Road over Hinkston Creek, a length of 114 feet, will begin late this summer. A ben egg, weighing five inches in diameter and measuring little over seven inches in length was brought to the Mercury Office last week by Christopher Toy, Sharnburg Ferry, Ky. Patrick O'Keefe, Carlisle, Ky. has been appointed as probation and parole officer for the 18th and 19th Judicial Districts. BORN: To Mr. and Mrs. Rogers Koza, Florence, twin

rearily Cincinnati. They don't seem to do much public service. Please tell Mr. Gates to correct his blemishes. There aren't many left in the publishing world. Very truly yours, O.M. Kingston, Jr., Naples, FL. Madisonville, KY

Editor: After many years traveling around the world I came back to Carlisle and discovered what I know nothing about nothing. Nothing I do is right. Nothing I do will be right. Nothing I don't do will be right. Nothing I say will be right. The local paper charges for obituary notices just like any other. Nothing I say is correct. Nothing I don't say will be

correct. Nothing I know will be right. Nothing I don't know will be right. Since all the Natchings I know, know Nothing, I guess I know more about Nothing than anyone else knows. No One I know, knows more about Nothing than I. No One I know can do Nothing better than I. So, One I know can say more about Nothing than I. Since I've learned Nothing from the People I know, I guess it's proper that I know Nothing.

So since I've awarded myself the Mr. Wrong Button for not knowing anything I will Proudly Wear It!

Charles A. Gates Carlisle

Bank, with Lenny Hutchison serving as host.

The next meeting will be April 16th, at First National

Bank, with Lenny Hutchison serving as host.

"Nothing is open when I come home from work" some say. This prompted the idea of a survey from both business owners and citizens as to whether it is necessary to stay "Open After Five."

Replacement of the city sign is in the works. It will have lights and community organizations and businesses are being sought as sponsors.

The KU story, a slide presentation, was given by the host, Ralph Harner, Carlisle Manager of Kentucky Utilities.

Small generators sprang up following 1982's first commercial generation station. Many were turned on at dusk and off at midnight.

When all good citizens were supposed to be in bed. Competitions was fierce even though the service was unreliable at best.

KU's founder, Harry Reid began in Versailles in 1905, with \$200 in cash and by February of 1906, the company connected its 100,000th totally electric customer.

Today, KU and its subsidiaries serve 77 counties in Kentucky and five in southwest Virginia.

Nicholas County Principal Greg Red presents Trelehan Ben Day with a Rick Pitino baseball glove during National School Breakfast Week last week at NCHS.

BORN: Nilsa West, March 5, 1971; William Allen Fiere, February 25, 1971. MARRIED: Miss Leva Mitchell Canfield to Michael Hayden Fuller. DIED: Robert Mitchell, March 1, 1971; Mrs. Nannie Howell Parker, March 4, 1971; Mrs. Mattie Woodson Barrea Mahlin, March 2, 1971; Mrs. Alanda White, March 2, 1971; Mrs. Esau Soper, March 3, 1971; Miss Grace Parker; Marshall Roberts, March 7, 1971; John Stortney, March 7, 1971; Harvey Elliott, March 7, 1971; Mrs. Mary L. Hagan, March 5, 1971.

The partnership of Robert and William G. Harper has been dissolved and the garage will be operated in the future by William G. Harper alone. The business will be under the name of Harpers Garage.

MARRIED: Miss Lily Frances Alexander to John B. Neill, March 3, 1941; Miss Betty Jabrook Allen to Charles Henry Smith, Saturday.

DIED: Jacob Kimes, Wednesday; Milford Sherman Gilvin, Thursday; William M. Jackson, Thursday; Mrs. Mollie Fisher Veach, at her home on Symcamore Street.

daughters, January 21, 1951; To Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Wood Palas, Cynthia, a daughter, Friday at Harrison Memorial Hospital; To Mr. and Mrs. Joan Brooker, a daughter, Libeth Kay, March 12, 1951. DIED: Mrs. Lida Ann Jolly, Thursday; John Lewis Kerns, Friday; John E. Jones, Thursday; Mrs. Maude Collins Powell, Thursday.

40 Years Ago Thursday, March 13, 1941 Forty-nine cases of measles were reported last week at the Parks School. Only a few cases have been reported in other parts of the county.

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The plant also has a unique tangy taste that is catching on across the country.

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The vegetable is very similar to cauliflower in the way it is raised, except the farmer wants to allow the leaves of the plant to open, giving broccoflower its green color.

The plant is harvested, wrapped, and packed in the field, and involves little maintenance.

Nicholas County Extension Agent Mike Phillips says that no one in Nicholas County is raising the plant, yet. One Nicholas County grower, Carlisle Pic Pac, has forced broccoflower in its deli. Reaction was mixed. For more information on broccoflower, contact Phillips at 289-2312.

GENERAL NEWS



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Minor League Baseball tryouts will be held Saturday, March 23 at 1 P.M. at the Nicholas County Elementary baseball field. A child must be 9 years of age before August 1st. Tryouts will be held rain or shine. Birth certificates are required the day of tryouts. For more information phone 289-7209.

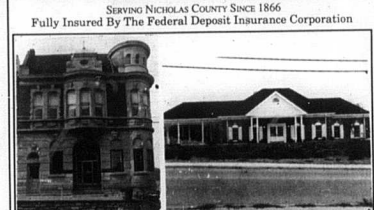
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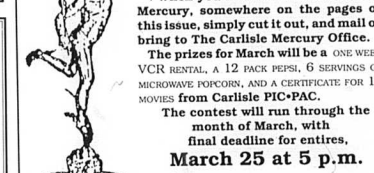


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The Sponsor with The Mercury For February Will Be Carlisle Pic Pac When you find the hidden Fleeting Mercury, somewhere on the pages of this issue, simply cut it out, and mail or bring to The Carlisle Mercury Office. The prizes for March will be a ONE WEEK VCR RENTAL, a 12 PACK PEPSI, and a CERTIFICATE FOR 12 MICROWAVE POPCORN, and a CERTIFICATE FOR 12 MOVIES from Carlisle PIC-PAC. The contest will run through the month of March, with final deadline for entries, March 25 at 5 p.m.



Find the SMALL Fleeting Mercury hidden somewhere inside this edition and cut it out. Return the small Mercury you find in The Mercury, and Mercury PLUS 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., March 25 with the name published in the March 28, 1991 edition of The Carlisle Mercury. Don't miss a single chance to win. Enter every week to increase your odds at winning.

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