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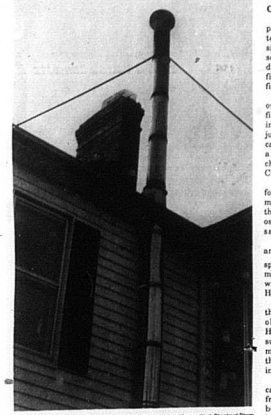

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The stainless steel insulated pipe running outside the home of Dr. Allen Hamons is an example of the use of triple insulated stove pipe. Local fire chiefs Tommy Crawford and Mark Hughes have said that triple insulated pipe is the safest and most efficient chimney system to use because it contains the heat of a chimney fire without any level of appreciable radiant heat that could cause the fire to spread in the home.

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## Police Log

**Kentucky State Police**

**Kentucky State Police reports are provided by Trooper James Dalwick, public information officer, at the Dry Ridge Post of the Kentucky State Police.**

Jim Curry investigated a non-injury accident which occurred at 6:30 p.m., November 12, one and 2/10 miles east of Moorefield on KY 36. Drivers involved were, Richard G. Fleming, 60, of Carlisle operating a 1985 Chevy and Erik W. Johnson, 20, of Berea, operating a 1985 Chevy.

Trooper Tim Layne has charged Johnetta Bean, 31, of Carlisle with alcohol intoxication. Arrest occurred 8:10 p.m., November 16, one mile west of Carlisle on KY 36. She was turned over to the Nicholas County Transportation Officer.

## MERCURY MEMORIES

### 5 Years Ago

**Thursday, November 20, 1986**

Nicholas County High School and Nicholas County Elementary were among 288 Kentucky schools honored November 12 for achievement and progress in basic academic skills test scores, attendance and reduced dropout rates, and accreditation standards.

The Kentucky Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet has approved a plan to improve the water system in Carlisle and solve problems with waste discharges from Jockey International Manufacturing plant.

Nicholas County Fiscal Court has given first reading to an ordinance, which will levy a 1 percent payroll tax on most persons working within the county.

BORN: Whitney Shannon Gray, November 12; Jenny LaRaye, November 12.

DIED: Mrs. Betsy Garrett, November 14; Garnett Rees Bell, November 5; William Thomas Preston, November 8; Mrs. Shirley Frances Pose, November 11; James William Archdeacon, November 10.

### 10 Years Ago

**Thursday, November 19, 1981**

U.S. highway 68 and Kentucky highways 32 and 36 will be the first roads in the county to be cleared when the first snowfall covers Nicholas County roadways this winter, according to a snow removal plan announced last week by the state highway department.

The latest statistics from the state Department for Human Resources show that some 77 more Nicholas Countians were unemployed in September than had been in August. That boosted the jobless rate in the county to 7.3 percent, as compared with 6.5 percent in August.

With plans to provide an ambulance service in the county after December 31 at a standstill, local hospital administrator Robert Hester expects the impact of the loss of service will do more to reduce the level of emergency care at the Nicholas County Hospital, than it will to reduce the number of patients at the facility.

BORN: Justen Daniel Miller, November 10; Terry Wayne Herrington, Jr., October 30.

DIED: Vernon Elwood Bow, November 9; John E. Dale, November 14; Emerson Melvin Norsworthy, November 14; William Gobel Cassidy, November 10.

### 20 Years Ago

**Thursday, November 18, 1971**

Kentucky's small game season bursts into full bloom today when it becomes legal to hunt quail, rabbits, ruffed grouse and when the second phase of the squirrel hunting season opens.

U.S. Senator Marlow Cook of Kentucky told farmers attending the 52nd annual Kentucky Farm Bureau convention on Friday in Louisville there are those in Congress who would transform tobacco growers from productive taxpaying citizens into welfare recipients.

City Council met in regular session Monday night. The gas increase, previously set up by ordinance, will go into effect on the customer's January bill. This will allow gas used after the wage-price freeze was lifted to be increased only.

MARRIED: Miss Connie Eileen Harrison to Michael Rankin Kenney, October 15; Miss Ester Toller to Stanley Treadway, November 11.

DIED: Tilton Snapp, November 13; Mrs. Lida Duncan, November 11.

### 40 Years Ago

**Thursday, November 22, 1951**

R.L. Talbert, Benham, Kentucky spoke at the Kentucky State Mining meeting, Thursday in Lexington. Mr. Talbert, son of Mayor and Mrs. W.C. Talbert, is a safety supervisor of the Wisconsin Steel Coal Mines.

Miss Nell Franklin Wilson daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Berry Wilson, was crowned Homecoming Queen of Eastern State College in Richmond, recently.

Gaylord Barton has received the appointment to assume the duties of mail carrier on Route 1. He fills the post left vacant by the death of H.E. Colliver.

BORN: Carolyn Jean Lyons, November 13.

MARRIED: Elizabeth Pearl Wilson to Sgt. Charles W. Davis, U.S. Army, Friday in Lexington; Miss Jean Ward to Chester Mattox, November 17 in Millersburg.

DIED: William Goebel Clark, 55, of Lima, Ohio, Sunday in Dayton, Ohio; miss Amelia D. Lee, 78, Nashville, Tennessee, November 9; Mrs. Eva Gore Schrapel, 72, Fullerton, California, October 30; Alexander Gordon Sulser, 73, Monday in Maysville; W.R. Townsend, 84, of Berry, Saturday, John L. Hildreth, 71, Monday at this home in Ewing; R.H. Hamilton, 79, Sunday; Maurice D. Aitkin, 62, Flemingsburg, Saturday in Cincinnati; Joseph Edward Conley, 64, Fleming County, Saturday in Lexington; Mrs. Fannie Wilson Sanford, 75, Friday.

### 50 Years Ago

**Thursday, November 20, 1941**

The new U.S. Post Office on West Main Street was finished July 24, 1941 and the National Guard Armory will soon be completed.

BORN: To Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Mattox a son, Buddy Jr., November 13; To Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Walker, Michigan City, Indiana, a daughter, Barbara Sue, November 16.

DIED: Rev. Robert McFee Reynolds, 63, Monday at the home of his daughter Mrs. Neal Curtis, Mt. Sterling.

## Fire chiefs

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"In a lot of chimney or stove pipe fires in town, there is the tendency on people's part to simply allow a fire to burn itself out and don't call the fire department. But chimney fires are perhaps the hottest fires we have to deal with.

"A chimney acts like an oven and it can easily start a fire just from the heat radiating from it. Not flame, but just the heat. Best thing people can do is before you ever start a fire is to have the chimney checked by a professional," Crawford said.

When firemen get a call for a chimney fire, they often merely watch over the rest of the house and allow the creosote to burn itself out, Hughes said.

"As long as we can watch it and make sure it doesn't spread, that's about the best method we have for dealing with that kind of fire," Hughes added.

The danger to homes are in the structure of a chimney. In older homes especially, Hughes said, cracks and fissures in the cement can allow melting creosote to seep through the brick work and into the house.

Once through the cracks, it can ignite the interior wooden frame or set other easily combustible material aflame just by the excess heat generated from the creosote, Hughes said.

"If a creosote chimney fire spreads into the home, it can become a very serious problem because often it starts in places very difficult to get to," Hughes said.

As a prevention measure home owners, especially those in older homes, should have their chimneys inspected for age and cracks.

If your chimney is found to be faulty, even dangerous, a homeowner should take measures to seal the interior of the chimney or to change the piping in a wood heating stove, Hughes said.

For chimneys, there are metal liners which can be custom designed to fit the width of a chimney. They are fairly expensive, but considering the costs a chimney fire can cause, the measure is quite inexpensive.

Even better, especially for homes with wood burning stoves, is the use of a triple insulated stainless steel piping.

**Triple Insulated Pipe: A good safety measure**

Triple insulated pipe is made by a number of companies and is available primarily through stores dealing with wood burning and coal burning stove equipment.

For an example of the safety and effective use of the piping, Hughes said the home of Allen J. Hamons is the most impressive set up he has seen in the county.

Allen Hamons' home on U.S. 68 outside of Millersburg is an old farm home equipped with a network of brick chimney systems leading throughout the home.

Several years ago, Hamons said in an interview, the chimney's caught fire. Fire fighters brought the poor condition of the chimneys to his attention, Hamons said.

Hamons set about looking for a new system to protect his home and family and found the triple insulated pipe to be the best buy.

Generally, triple insulated pipe is constructed of two sheets of stainless steel with one inch of non-combustible insulation between them. The system doesn't prevent creosote build-up, nor does it prevent fires from occuring. However, the pipe contains the heat within it, most often the outside wall of the pipe doesn't become too hot to touch.

Later, the Hamons called in another chimney fire. When fire fighters arrived, they found the danger to the home was very minimal and allowed the pipe to burn itself clean.

"Its proved itself to me. Its one area I no longer have to worry about as much," Hamons said.

**What to do during a chimney fire.**

In the event of a chimney fire, Hughes said the most important thing for homeowners to do is get out of the house and call the fire department. Once all members are out of the house, Hughes stresses that no one should attempt to extinguish a chimney fire with water.

Creosote burns at an extremely hot temperature and adheres to the walls of the chimney, Hughes said. If water is thrown on a creosote fire, it will cool too quickly and contract, causing the chimney to crack open in places, making the chimney even more dangerous a source for house fires than it had been before, Hughes said.

When fire fighters arrive, they will assess if there is a danger of creosote seeping into the house from the chimney. If no cracks or dangers appear, very often, Hughes said, they will remain until the fire burns itself out and the chimney cools.

"Its often the best way to handle it. But if there are people concerned about the health of their chimney, we can check it out and advise you. But we aren't the professionals. My advice is to get someone to look at the chimney and have it thoroughly cleaned before re-starting a fire," Crawford said.

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## Redistricting

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judges to redistrict the state to be in compliance with federal requirements.

It is in the best interest of legislators to come up with an acceptable and legal redistricting plan themselves or they could lose their right to control the plan, Arnold said.

"In 1972, the redistricting plan was relatively easy to accomplish because as Eastern Kentucky populations grew, Jefferson County simultaneously lost one of its representative districts.

"The 39th district in Jefferson County was lifted and then squeezed into place in an area dividing Perry County and taking in a portion of north Harlan County," Arnold said.

Chances are, he said, the drop in numbers in Eastern Kentucky will result in the portable 39th district to be lifted once more and landed in Fayette County's proposed minority district.

Arnold said if representatives can come up with an acceptable redistricting plan by December 12, Governor-elect Brereton Jones has agreed to call a special meeting of the legislature prior to 1992 so that election filing won't be confused in the coming election year.

But there are obstacles the redistricting may have to overcome besides representatives jockeying to keep their districts intact.

Already, significant opposition to redistricting has arisen from the republican party in Frankfort, Arnold said, which could bring complications to an already complex redistricting plan.

Republicans have issued a complaint that adding a minority district in Fayette County would further reduce the political power of the minority party in the Kentucky legislature.

According to Arnold, some republican party members and affiliates have said they would take the redistricting question to court. If the courts find the new districts to constrain and divide typically strong republican voting districts, they could issue an injunction, in fact delay the new districting plan until after the election next year, Arnold said.

If the republicans succeed, elections could be held in the old districts while the courts draft a new redistricting plan. Then a special election would be held the following year for candidates to serve a single year term.



## Classrooms to be opened soon

By Josh Shepherd
Of The Carlisle Mercury Staff

CARLISLE — Nicholas County Superintendent Cebert Gilbert, Monday, said he anticipates classrooms in the new addition to the Nicholas County elementary school to be complete and used by students in the next three weeks.

The construction of the elementary school addition has been an ongoing project since late June and has caused some inconveniences among classes who were forced to use the gymnasium for nearly half the school year, Gilbert said.

"However, in late November, it won't be too much longer before classes can begin to move out of the school gymnasium and into the new classrooms, he said.

The two second story classrooms lack floor and ceiling tile, but these details should, hopefully, be taken care of by the end of the week, Gilbert said pointing to the series of wires waiting for fluorescent lighting and a ceiling tile grid.

The first floor of the addition also is nearing completion, but there are still some small items to install before it actually reaches its final stage.

"The back four rooms and the library have been designed for added improvements in coming years if the money comes available. But basically we've designed the layout of the elementary school to eventually house more than classes K-5.

"The elementary school building will come to be a multi-purpose educational center in which adult education, family resources and a whole host of other educational opportunities can become available to all Nicholas Countians. That's one of the principal reasons it was designed large. So that it would come to be more than an elementary school.

"Reform has widened the opportunities Nicholas Countians can hope to receive in their learning.

"It has expanded our ability to offer a variety of curriculums, a variety of resources and educational programs we hope to implement for everyone in the county in the future," Gilbert said. "We have accomplished a few of the goals necessary to Nicholas County becoming a educational leader in Kentucky. We cannot settle for less. Its too exciting not to take advantage of the opportunities."

The Carlisle Mercury/Josh Shepherd Photo

Nicholas County Superintendent Cebert Gilbert came to the Nicholas County Elementary School as the first special guest to address seventh and eighth grade students Monday about the importance of education to students lives. He stressed that all students must get their high school diploma. "Anything in life worth doing is hard. But you can't accomplish anything lying down and letting things get by you. Get up and get the job done, and most importantly: Never, Never...quit," Gilbert said. Gilbert is one of the speakers scheduled to talk to middle school students in celebration of American Education week.

The Carlisle Mercury/Josh Shepherd Photo

In celebration of American Education Week at Nicholas County High School, Elizabeth Collins morning art classes gathered at store fronts in downtown Carlisle to paint "Stay in School" slogans on the windows of the senior citizens center, Carlisle Drug, Main Event video store, and Lester's Family Store.


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**NICHOLAS COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL**

**ACADEMIC TEAM**

- Second place, Limestone League 1989-90, 9-2 record
- Champions, Limestone League and Tournament, 1990-91, 11-0 record
- Champions, Limestone League, 10-1 record, 91-92
- Governor's Cup, 6 district awards, 1989-90
- Governor's Cup, 5 district awards, 2 regional awards
- Teams-Test of Engineering Aptitude - Science and Math, third in state, 1990; second in state, 1991
- Invitational Tournaments: Holiday Bowl, Louisville, 1989, 1990, 1991; Pikeville Invitational, 1990, 1991

**SCIENCE FAIR**

- Louisville Symposium, 2 finalists, overall winner, state, second place at national symposium, 1990
- Northeast Regional Science Fair, 5 first place awards, 1990, 1991
- Louisville Science Symposium, 1 finalist to national symposium, 1991

**CHESS CLUB**

- 4 first place awards in tournament play, 1989-90
- 5 first place awards in tournament play, 1990-91
- 1 first place award in tournament play, 1991-92

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

- Total of $100,000.00 awarded, 1990
- Total of $122,000.00 awarded, 1991
- 1 National Merit Semi-finalist, 1990, 1991

**SPECIAL OLYMPICS**

- 8 medals awarded

**FOOTBALL**

- Season record, 7-3, 1991
- First playoff appearance since 1983
- Defeated Paris, first since 1977-78
- Runner-up, 10th Region, 1989
- Runner-up, Danville Tournament, 1991
- Season record, 29-6, 1991 (school record)
- 13th in state, 1991

**CHEERLEADERS**

- Boys Varsity Cheerleaders, 2nd place in Class A 10th Region Tournament, 1990
- Girls Varsity Cheerleaders, recipient of K-Pep Award. 10th Region Tournament, 1991

**GIRLS BASKETBALL**

- 24-7 record, 1989-90
- Winners, Harrison County Invitational Tournament, 1989-90
- Winners, District Tournament, 1989-90
- Second place, 10th Region, 1989-90
- Semi-finalist, AAU Tournament, 1989-90
- 20-6 record, 1990-91
- Semifinalists, Louisville Male Holiday Classic, 90-91

**BOYS BASKETBALL**

- 18-8 record, 1990-91
- 2nd place, Montgomery Co. Christmas Tournament

**STUDENT COUNCIL**

- Football homecoming each year
- TLC Sponsors
- State meeting participants

**FHA**

- Star Events, state participation
- FHA scholarships
- 2 regional officers
- 2 state committee members
- Regional and state officer nominations

**NICHOLAS COUNTY ELEMENTARY**

**ACADEMICS**

- Participation in Limestone Academic League, WLEX In the Know, Governor's Cup
- Defeated Bryan Station in WLEX In the Know, 1991
- Governor's Cup, 2nd place in district, 1990

**OTHER**

- Ashland Oil Teacher Achievement Award
- Presenters in first Primary Institute, Louisville, 1990
- Presenters at Primary Institute, Northern Kentucky University, 1991
- Participation in KEA Spelling Bee sponsored by the the Louisville Courier Journal
- District winners in Soil Conservation Essays, 1990
- Imagination Celebration State Art Contest, three winners of a total of 20 in state
- 7th grade girls basketball, 3rd place in Bluegrass Conference, 1990
- 8th grade girls basketball, 4th place in Bluegrass Conference, 1990
- 7th grade girls basketball, 4th place in Bluegrass Conference, 1991
- 8th grade girls basketball, 3rd place in Bluegrass conference, 1991

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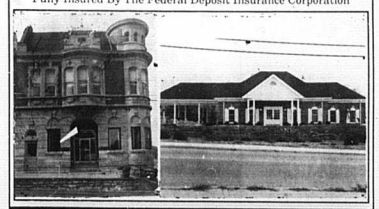

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