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**Mercury Memories**  
5 Years Ago  
Thursday, September 4, 1986  
Scattered frost was reported Friday morning, August 29, in Nicholas County. It is thought to be the earliest recorded here in the last 60 years, and possibly the earliest frost ever in this area.  
A long-term care facility in Nicholas County has been rated "superior" for all individual levels of care under Kentucky's nursing home reform law. Ratings were made for the skilled nursing and the dual licensed adult nursing/intermediate levels of care provided by the Johnson-Mathers Nursing Home in Carlisle.  
Carl Johnson, Carlisle, has been named to the Dean's List at the DeVry Institute of Technology in Columbus, Ohio.  
BOHN: Heather Lynn Murrell, August 27, 1986; Rodney Lee Hayward, Jr., August 21, 1986; Stephanie Jo Riggie, August 21, 1986.  
MAILED: Miss Manica Moore Allison to Michael Allen Walls, August 15, 1986.  
DIED: Jonathan Troy Burton, August 28, 1986; Mrs. Pearl Bassett, September 2, 1986; Marion E. Collins, August 25, 1986; Mrs. Estelle Earl T. Smith, New Castle, has been chosen to appear in the 1971 edition of "Outstanding Young Men in America". Earl T. Smith and his wife Edith Smith and the late Alvin (Red) Smith and his daughter, Diana Lynn, at Hazelwood Hospital in

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Smith lives at Route 1, Carlisle.  
All horses, including ponies, donkeys, etc., in Nicholas County will be vaccinated for Venezuelan Equine encephalomyelitis (VEE) according to an announcement recently by Secretary of Agriculture Clifford Hardin. Kentucky is one of the states approved for free vaccination to prevent the spread of VEE to the State.  
MAILED: Miss Donna Northern to Robert Wheeler, August 26, 1971; Miss Elsie Reiser to Jerry Matthews, August 27, 1971.  
DIED: Jewell S. Garrett, August 29, 1971; Mrs. Mary E. Fitzgerald, August 28, 1971; Mrs. Irvin Gause, August 28, 1971.

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## FORD'S FOOTNOTES

School is now in session throughout the state and education reform moves into the second year.  
In 1989, the Kentucky Supreme Court determined that the state's educational system was in violation of Kentucky's constitution and ordered the General Assembly to create a new system of public schools that was equitable and adequately financed.  
As a reaction to the high courts decision, the 1990 session of the Legislature passed House Bill 1960, known as the Kentucky Education Reform Act and commonly referred to as "KERA".  
In our efforts to respond to the courts order we focused on three areas: curriculum, governance and finance. Massive changes in all three areas were required.  
The new system is based on the belief that all students are capable of learning, and the emphasis is being placed on what students can achieve in the classroom.  
Changes in governance began at the state level and go all the way down to local districts and individual schools. The creation of a Commissioner was created and has now been filled. The Commissioner is the chief executive officer of the state school system and directs a new or reorganized department of education.  
A new eleven member state school board was formed which is appointed by the governor and the appointees must be confirmed by both the House and Senate.  
Local boards of education duties and responsibilities were redefined and the duties and responsibilities in the time where the state can focus on a reasonable degree of equity, made similar to that of a corporate chief executive officer running a company.  
The third area of reform dealt with financing the new school system. The Supreme Court ruled that all public schools must be adequately funded in order to achieve the goals of uniform standards of state economy. In order to comply with this order the 1990 Legislature increased in state sales tax and restructure

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ACT and SAT scores have dropped below pre-reform levels and South Carolina is now back to square one. They must begin their education reform and that is the immediate problem in sustaining this momentum will be to structure a system of school funding.  
Major changes this school year will include the introduction of the concept of ungraded primary school program and a student testing program will be initiated to assess students skills in reading, math, English, science and social studies. The results of these tests will be the baseline for measuring school success during the 1993-94 school year.  
Every school district must have at least one school building with school-based decision making this year. Through progressive steps all schools will eventually be required to have a Site-Based Management Council to help determine what happens in each school.  
School-based decision making is an effort to eliminate certain restrictions on school operations, encourage participation by teachers, parents and students. The council is designed to develop programs which are in the best interest of the students, relying on the cooperation of all interested parties.  
These are just a few examples of changes you may see. Hon. Wayne McBee.  
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**On The Record**  
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Editor:  
Thank you for your great coverage of our CBS Banquet. We have never had such great coverage from a paper.

We appreciate your coverage prior to the banquet.  
Carolyn S. Terrell  
Secretary

## GENERAL NEWS

### Bechanan new ag teacher

**By Melissa Hall**  
**By Carolynn Brown**  
Doug Bechanan is having watched his father run a 150 acre farm. Doug Bechanan projects the extension service had set up.  
He smiles faintly, as if remembering happy memories and says, "When I was a kid I thought about becoming a doctor or lawyer, but when I was a senior in high school I realized that I wanted to teach people about the many facets of agriculture."  
Doug Bechanan is the new agriculture teacher at the Nicholas County High School.  
"I'm very pleased with my new position."  
"I only been here for two months but I can't think of a more fun job to live or teach school."  
The community seems very supportive and I like the southern hospitality that has been extended to me since I arrived," Bechanan said.  
He said that he was all day in tobacco and beef farm in Ellabelleville, Ky.  
"I had agricultural classes all four years of high school. I enjoyed the math, science and the leadership activities," he said.  
While he attended Elizabethton Community College in Elizabethton, TN, he was confident in his ability to start new programs and get community involvement and support.  
"When I started college I was in an agricultural program and I never changed my mind."  
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