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Police Log

Kentucky State Police

Kentucky State Police reports are provided by Trooper Janine Dolwick, public information officer, at the Dry Ridge Post of the Kentucky State Police.

Trooper Tim Layne investigated a single vehicle, non-injury accident which occurred at 6:45 p.m. August 11, one mile south of Carlisle on East Union Road. Driver involved was Tefanie Padgett, 19, of Carlisle operating a 1988 Mercury.

The Carlisle Mercury/Pam Shepherd Photo

Above: Dick and Christine Garrett award the Jake Garrett Memorial Best of Show trophy during the second annual Nicholas County Merchant's Car Show last Sunday. Below: The Mayor's Trophy was awarded to Stanley Caswell during the car show. Following the event was the new and improved car burnout segment of the show.

Mercury Memories

5 Years Ago

Thursday, August 20, 1987

The Nicholas County Minor League All Stars played in the Kiwanis Club of Irvine-Ravenna 1987 All Star Baseball Tournament on July 18 and 19. The Nicholas County All Stars won the first place trophy in the tournament, beating the Estill County Mighty Mites.

A Nicholas County High School junior, Sonya Johnson, was among 400 nationally selected senior high school students attending a week-long seminar studying the workings of democracy and the federal government, diplomacy and issues of foreign policy, in Washington, D.C.

Wednesday, August 12, at 6:20 p.m., residents of Carlisle witnessed the arrival of health care from the sky, better known as U.K. Health Care Med I (Aeromedical Services). Although SkyCare from Louisville has provided service to the county, the new service will be available on a regular, day-to-day basis.

BORN: Jason Raymond Tedder, August 12; Michelle Lynn Tubbs, August 5.

MARRIED: Sheena Lynn Ishmael and James Paul Brannon, July 18; Miss Patricia Thomas and Galen Toliver, July 25.

DIED: Hurchel Finley Dampier, August 15; Ruby Faulkner Hopkins, August 11.

10 Years Ago

Thursday, August 19, 1982

The Nicholas County Bluejackets played the Henry Clay Blue Devils to a scoreless tie Friday in the first game of the CKC Gridorama at Woodford County. Coach Pumphrey said it was "a superb team effort and a clean, hard-hitting contest with very few errors."

Power was out twice to about 1100 homes in the City of Carlisle early Sunday morning, as a result of a car striking a utility pole at the corner of Main Street and Dorsey Avenue, according to KU manager John Burke.

Three juveniles were given a six-month suspended sentence in district court Monday and also ordered to work 20 hours on public property, as a result of being found guilty of tearing part of the roof off the shelter house at the city park, according to information given The Mercury by two Recreation Department officials.

BORN: Nicholas Lee Dotson, August 10.

DIED: Mrs. Mary Catron Beckett, August 15.

20 Years Ago

Thursday, August 17, 1972

Carroll G. Hall conducted the Lexington Musician's Association Band Sunday, August 13 in the "Music in the Park" concert series sponsored by the Lexington Recreation Department. Mr. Hall was a former band instructor at the Carlisle High school before moving to Versailles five years ago, where he teaches instrumental music in the Woodford County schools.

Miss Pamela Gail Gillispie received her Bachelor of Science Degree and miss Deborah K. Vice and terry Stone Barnes received Associate of Arts degrees from the College of applied Arts and Technology at the summer commencement exercises held August 23 at Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond.

Bill Donovan, president of the Carlisle Jaycees, presented a check to H. Dallas Sugg, treasurer of the Nicholas County Recreation and Park Board in the amount of $1,500. This is one half of the pledge of $3,000 made by the Carlisle Jaycees. The Jaycees are presenting this amount this time, to aid in purchasing play ground equipment.

BORN: Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Gates announce the adoption of a son on August 9, 1972. He has been named Todd Curtis.

MARRIED: Miss Dorothy Elizabeth Galbraith and Kenneth C. Whitehorn, August 12; Miss Phyllis Glass and Freddie Prather, August 12; Miss Valerie Jane Clark and Ronald Lewis Browning, August 12.

DIED: Elizabeth G. Martin, August 9; Mrs. Emma Crockett Kingsolver, August 10; Mrs. Ada G. Mayrier, August 7.

40 Years Ago

Thursday, August 21, 1952

G.B. Leonard, teacher of Vocational Agriculture in the Carlisle High School for the past 22 years, has accepted a position with the Bourbon County School system in the Clintonville grade school.

Tuesday, August 19, marked the 170th anniversary of the Battle of Blue Licks, "the last battle of the Revolutionary War". No formal celebration was held.

A newly formed state-wide organization to promote U.H. Highway 68 has nemed True Mackey, veteran of World War II, who owns and operates a service station at Blue Licks, first vice-president.

BORN: To Dr. and Mrs. J.T. Morford, a daughter, Susan Lynn, August 18; To Mr. and Mrs. Billy Feeback, a son, Terry Preston, August 19; To Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Anderson, a daughter, August 19, in Paris; To Mr. and Mrs. John Hunt, a son, William Cecil, August 20; To Mr. and Mrs. Chester Gaunce, a daughter, Rita Carol, Monday in Mt. Sterling; To Mr. and Mrs. Orville Atkinson, a daughter, Phyllis Kay, August 16, in Lexington; To Mr. and Mrs. William Thomas Kearney Jr., Lexington, a son, Thomas Kearney III.

DIED: Mrs. Nancy Martin, 76, Thursday, in Cynthiana; Lorena Henry Nelson, 31, Sunday in Ft. Worth, Texas; W. Clyde Rose, 53, Lexington, Sunday; Frank Hendricks Darnall, 69, Sunday in Carthage, Missouri; Raymond King, 57, Friday in Milford, Ohio; Wanda Sue Bretz, six-weeks-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Bretz, Wednesday; Mrs. Boone Hopkins Chanslor, 70, Tuesday.

50 Years Ago

Thursday, August 20, 1942

Charles Dixon, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Dixon, probably has sold more defense bonds for his age than any other person in Nicholas County, a total of exactly $2,438.10.

Henry Bramlett of East Union, received a leg injury Tuesday afternoon when his tractor overturned while cutting weeds.

An enviable record for war service has been set up by the family of Mr. and Mrs. W.M. Kendall with three sons in the service. All are corporals and each has won his stripes in a different branch.

BORN: To Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Moore, a daughter, Malinda Stewart, Thursday at the Johnson Memorial Hospital; To Mr. and Mrs. Guy Myers, a son, Wayne Hopkins, August 15, To Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Fite, a daughter, Bonny Elaine.

DIED: Mrs. Housey Wood Bell, 56, wife of Guy Bell, Thursday at home in Covington; Earl Richard Dallas, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dallas, Friday in Cincinnati hospital; Mrs. Laura Brady Rankin, 47, widow of Eddie Rankin, Sunday at home on the Maysville Road.

Court approves.....

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dards for operation.

According to Doris Ecton, a fire marshall toured the building in January of this year and pointed out a very long list of items that were substandard and well below code.

The state fire marshall noted the absence of a sprinkler system as well as the lack of standard safety systems to protect patients and hospital staff in the event of fire or other emergency. The emergency electric generator was in need of a major upgrade as well as the building's electrical system.

"At the time the fire marshall was pointing this out, we were able to tell hem that we had a master plan drawn up to correct these problems. She was about to write them up, but has given us jome time to implement these improvements. But if it is noted later on that we have not begun to correct these problems, the nursing home could be placed in serious jeopardy," Ecton said.

The consequences of taking no action on a renovation project, Miller said, is for the state to come in and require these measures be done or face closure and/or fines.

"We would rather not have to work on a time table dictated to us by the state. If we go ahead and begin the project now, we call the shots and Frankfort leaves us alone," Miller said.

The major part of the project, as outlined by Runck, would call for the construction of an addition on to the front of the building to accommodate 32 bedrooms for the patients. The new addition, Runck said, would serve two purposes.

The first and primary reason for the new addition is to be able to move nursing home residents away from the renovation work, Runck said. They cannot work around residents, he said.

However, the new section would be an additional benefit if the state finally approves their certificate of need and approves an increase in their patient capacity, Runck said.

Once the new addition is complete, Runck said, renovation of the building can begin with only minimal disturbance to the residents.

But aside from the architectural report, questions remained about financing such a project. To explain the financial aspects of the project came Ted Renaker, a CPA with Peat Marwick & Co., who brought several charts showing the improved profit status of the JMHC facility.

According to Renaker, the hospital and nursing home facilities have established a secure profit margin that would allow JMHC to afford construction.

In a written statement concerning the financing for the nursing home renovation, the fiscal court agreed to cooperate with JMHC as long as the county incurs no financial responsibility for the renovation. It will act only "as a conduit to ensure tax-exempt status for the financing," according to the statement.

JMHC would in turn put up approximately $200,000 and finance the rest of the project through Bond issues.

According to Miller, the Deposit Bank of Carlisle has voiced its interest in bond purchases. He has also been in discussion with the First National Bank for Bond purchases as well and are awaiting an answer from the institution.

Bond repayment, Miller said, would amount to about the same cost as that JMHC is currently paying on the CAT scanner at Nicholas County Hospital.

Once all questions were asked, Judge Executive Beese Smoot called the fiscal court to order and the motion to support and cooperate with the hospital renovation was passed unanimously.

To complete the move, Smoot adjourned the court and called the Corporation into order to approve the first mortgage, which also passed and the corporation adjourned.

Renovation work, Miller said, should begin within the next month.

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Faulty wiring.....

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actions of the residents, however, prevented the fire from becoming more serious than it actually was, Crawford said.

"Anytime there is a fire downtown, the potential for severe damage is there. Fortunately, everyone did what they needed to stop it and only minor damage was the result," he said.

Officials are still trying to determine the exact cause of the blaze, Crawford said, which at this time remains unknown.

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Regina's Pages of the Past

AUGUST 24, 1939

157th Anniversary Of Battle Observed

Approximately 1,000 Attend Annual Celebration At Blue Licks Park Saturday

The 157th anniversary of the Battle of Blue Licks was observed Saturday by the annual celebration held at Blue Licks State Park. Approximately one thousand persons attended the celebration.

Judge I. B. Ross, of Carlisle, presided at the meeting and conducted a short memorial service for the late Federal Judge A. M. J. Cochran. Judge Cochran was one of the leaders in the movment for a memorial at Blue Licks and attended all of the celebrations held after the work was created.

Judge Samuel M. Wilson, of Lexington, was the principal speaker. The devotional was conducted by Dr. M. B. Adams, of Maysville. Paul Brannon, of Paris, told of the sesqui-centennial to be held at Paris, and his young daughter sang "My Old Kentucky Home."

Music for the occasion was furnished by the Carlisle high school band. The band and visitors from a distance were entertained at the noon hour with a picnic dinner. Basket dinner was spread in the pavilion and in the basement of the museum.

River View Farm approved as historic farm

By Lida Ruth Hensley
Special to the Carlisle Mercury

PLEASANT VALLEY — Overlooking the banks of the Licking River lies the River View Farm, one of the only pieces of land still owned by one of Nicholas County's oldest family names, the Letchers. This pie-shaped, 31-acre farm on Pleasant Valley Road is one of three Nicholas County farms to be recognized by the Kentucky Historic Farm program as an historic farm.

Distinguished twice by the farms program, River View Farm itself has been recognized as a Centennial Farm and, as an added distinction, a barn on the premises has been accepted as a Heritage Building. Both the farm and the barn will be included in the Historic Farms of Kentucky Registry along with the Wilson Farm and Hamilton Farm in Nicholas County.

Lida Ruth Burns Hensley, herself a descendent of the Letcher family, resides on the farm with her husband Tom Hensley. Both continue to take advantage of both its rich historic tradition and its more practical farm use. It is more than a picturesque sight, but a farm that maintains its usefulness and practical uses as well.

The Letcher family came to the United States from Switzerland and settled in the Pleasant Valley area of Nicholas County where a significant acreage of land was purchased on both sides of the Licking River.

"Joseph C. Letcher was my Great-Great-Grandfather and William H. Letcher my grandfather. River View itself was purchased and owned by the Letcher family around about the time of the Civil War," Mrs. Hensley wrote.

Through research, the Hensley's have been able to trace Letcher family ownership of the land back as far as 132 years.

"We believe the farm could be much older, even qualify for a Sesquicentennial plaque, but we have so far been unable to find out who was Joseph Letcher's mother. We think she may have also immigrated here from Switzerland."

The barn itself is a spectacle of old time barn design, Hensley said, being constructed of Yellow Poplar and fastened together, not with metal nails, but wooden pegs. William H. Letcher, Mrs. Hensley's grandfather, built horse-drawn wagons inside the barn.

"In the last few years, we have spent a great deal to keep the barn in good shape and we use it to house our livestock," she said.

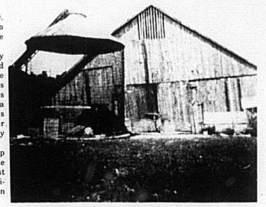
The farm, today, is operated as an organic farm — about 98 percent. They contain pesticide use to the fruit trees, but use no chemicals on the land, which is in a high state of cultivation. Soil tests, she said, show they have no need of fertilizers.

"I want to keep the farm in the Letcher family as long as we can. My mother, Leora, was a Letcher before her marriage to my father, John D. Burns. She was a sister to Carl Letcher and Florine Letcher Hollar.

"I am very proud of my Letcher family background as they have made valuable contributions to Nicholas County, Kentucky, and this nation. My mother, Leora Letcher Burns Curtis, was born and raised on River View Farm. She passed away in 1974.

"As long as there is a drop of Letcher blood, I want some of it on this farm. It is the last of all the land that the original Letcher family owned in Nicholas County."

Mrs. Hensley passes on thanks to her husband, Tom, for his research on the farm. This farm's name is River View. It has become part of Nicholas County's heritage.



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The barn above has been accepted by the Kentucky Historic Farms program as a Heritage Building located on Nicholas County's third family farm to be accepted in the historic farms registry. The barn is constructed of Yellow Poplar and fastened with wooden pegs.

Bussell to begin football at Thomas Moore College

Shawn Bussell, 854 Dixie Highway, Moorefield, Kentucky, a 1992 graduate from Nicholas County High School was recruited to play football for the Blue Rebels of Thomas More College, Crestview, Kentucky.

Shawn left Carlisle Thursday, August 13 to begin practice. The team's first game will be September 5 at 1:30 p.m. against Cumberland University. The game will be played at Edgar McNeile Field on the campus of Thomas More. Academic class work begins Monday, August 24.

Shawn Bussell

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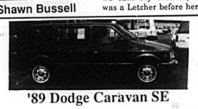

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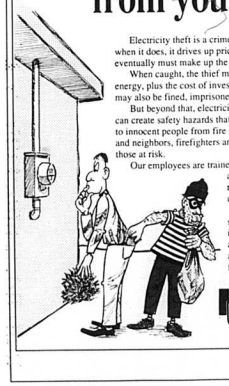

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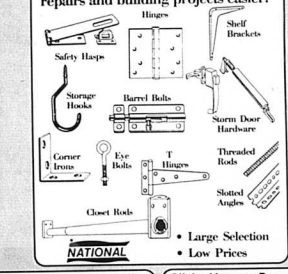

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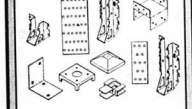

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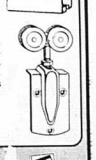

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