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Mercury Memories

5 Years Ago

Thursday, December 31, 1987

With the high amount of rainfall during the past few days the severity of the water shortage has lessened. "With the three and one-half inches we had Saturday morning we are in really good shape," said Gayle Vanlandingham, Carlisle city superintendent.

The Bluejackets of Nicholas County carried their 4-3 record into the Montgomery County Tournament Monday night, losing in the first round to undefeated Rowan County, 70-53.

BORN: Mark Jacob Fryman, November 26.

DIED: Paul H. Locknane, Sr., December 21; Charles B. Barnette, December 21; Elizabeth Ann Hatfield Dale, December 24; Russell C. Herrington, December 27.

10 Years Ago

Thursday, December 30, 1982

The Nicholas County Board of Education will have a special called meeting on January 3 at 8 p.m., at the school board offices. The purpose of the meeting, a letter of notification to the Mercury said, was to discuss any and all legal business that might come before said board.

Nicholas County Judge-Executive Reese Smoot and Patsy hosted a dinner at Garrett's Restaurant last Thursday. Employees of courthouse offices, county employees, wives and husbands were invited, totalling about 40 persons. The menu was old country ham, fruit salad, au gratin potatoes, green beans, homemade apple and chocolate pie, coffee and tea.

Ray Mackey, 55-year-old Hardin County farmer, has been re-elected to a fifth one-year term as president of Kentucky Farm Bureau at the closing session of the organization's 63rd annual convention in Louisville.

BORN: Heather Jewell Herrington, December 20; Jason Andrew Watkins, December 20.

MARRIED: Miss Frances Ann Bretz and Daniel C. Hicks, December 11.

DIED: Mrs. Clara Mitchell Jackson, December 26.

20 Years Ago

Thursday, December 28, 1972

Elected Farmer-Committeemen from the four ASC communities convened on December 15, at the County ASCS Office and elected Eugene Letcher, Route 4, to serve on the Nicholas County ASC Committee for a three-year term.

The big Christmas stocking on display at the First National Bank was won Thursday, December 21 by four-year-old Steven Barbee of Route 1, Ewing. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Barbee. Any child under 12 years of age was eligible to register for the stocking. Emerson Baker made the presentation.

Mrs. William (Anna Mae) Davis was honored at a party given for her on Friday, December 15 by the Deposit Bank. Mrs. Davis has been with the bank for 25 years and was presented a Silver Service. She serves as a assistant cashier.

BORN: To Mr. and Mrs. James Earlywine, a daughter, December 18; Michael Shane Hughes, December 12; Jonathan Alexander Tapp, December 24.

DIED: Robert Edward Davis, December 19; Oscar Withrow, December 19; James Carl Hubbard, December 15; William Gayle Kendall, December 18; Ida Swim, December 25; Lula Herrington, December 22.

40 Years Ago

Thursday, January 1, 1953

Vernon Wagoner, averaging $68.57, and Turner Shannon with an average of $61.49, won first and second honors at the third annual FFA District Tobacco Show held recently in Cynthiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Darrell of the Maysville Road were awarded first prize of $10 for the best outside Christmas decorations, sponsored by the Carlisle Nicholas County Development Association. Mr. and Mrs. W.R. Buntin Jr. won second prize of $5.

J.M. Alverson Sr., 79 veteran newspaperman and editor and publisher of the Paris Daily Enterprise, died Friday night in Paris.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Darrell left Monday for Mt. Dora, Florida, to spend the remainder of the winter.

BORN: To Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Wilson, Wichita, Kansas, a son, last week.

MARRIED: Miss Betty Auxier, Cynthiana and Lexington, to Robert J. Bullock, Lexington, Friday in Lexington.

DIED: James Walter Myers, 74, Sunday; Paul Herndon, 54, at his home in Meridian, Mississippi December 21; Mrs. Janie Crouch Clinkenbeard, 80, in Elsmere; Sam D. George, 37, Saturday in Paris; Mrs. Rachel Vaughn McClanahan, 87, Monday; William Henry Grannis, 46, Ewing, Tuesday.

50 Years Ago

Thursday, January 7, 1943

Cold weather checks a threatened flood in the Ohio River Valley.

A Nicholas County boy, Billy Shrout, is in critical condition after being struck by a truck.

Figures released by the cemetery association show 97 new graves.

BORN: To Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gaunce, a son, Saturday at Johnson Memorial Hospital; To Mr. and Mrs. Homer Gordley, a daughter, Tuesday at Johnson Memorial Hospital.

MARRIED: Miss Louise Helga and James Breckinridge Hamm Jr., September 5, 1942 at Liberty, Indiana.

DIED: Mrs. Annie Dora Gray, 60, at Johnson Memorial Hospital; Mrs. Annie E. Berry, 86, widow of Jesse T. Berry; Mrs. Anna E. Gaunce, 75, widow of George M. Gaunce; Benjamin Cole, at home in Ewing, Virginia.

MERCURY VAPOURS

by Warren R. Fisher

Reprinted from Thursday, December 29, 1966

TERMINOLOGY--One Christmas gift received will cause me to learn a complete new lingo if I'm to keep up with the times and my stepson.

There might be those who will insist that I've returned to my second childhood, (and I hope I never completely leave the first), playing with toy cars, that is, 1:24 scale models, authentic replicas of the Lotus competition team racer, oops left out a word in that previous phrase, side-winder, which denotes a lot, or so I'm told.

Slot racing, a new sport, that attracts old and young alike, both male and female, can be found in most college towns and all of the larger cities. It may never make its debut here as a paying sport, but we can't think of a better way to channel that urge to "giver 'er the gun" than to squeeze the throttle controller of a miniature racer and "scratch-off" down the straight-away.

I'm a long way from the slot track in more ways than one. Son Toby would have taken the gadget away from me Christmas Day and gladly assembled it I am sure, but apart of the sport is in doing it yourself. The punsters make all the cracks about fathers and their struggles to assemble toys, but this time the tables may be turned, or is it the "worm turns".

--MV--

Offset lithography, that process which we at the Mercury have used for going on five years to bring you better pictures, was teamed up with gravure to produce the first five-color Christmas stamp ever printed for the U.S. Post Office Department. (Nope, we didn't do the job), but here's the story.

The stamp (also the first process color illustration ever to appear on a commemorative issue, is a reproduction of the Hans Membling painting of "Madonna and Child with Angels."

A spokesman for the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, which produced the stamp, indicated that the first two colors, blue and orange were laid down in one pass through a Harris sheet-fed offset press because of register demands.

The remaining three colors, two different shades of brown and a red, were applied by gravure.

The stamp, which was issued, November 1, at Christmas, Michigan, was printed 400 to a sheet that is 21 x 23 inches in width. total number of stamps produced is 1.2 billion or more than six stamps for every man, woman and child in the U.S.

--MV--

In a story supplies us this week by a New York news service, the query is made, "To what extent has the cost of food increased, for the average Nicholas County family, in the last few years?" It is answered with figures based on national averages from the Department of Labor and Department of Agriculture, but one point missed we think worth mentioning is, there us more than food in the cart when one checks out, a lot of high cost can be charged to non-food items.

Council and Water District compromise

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for line extensions and projects, the disputed Myers water line would take priority over any other water line installations. Curtsinger reconfirmed his promise.

However, the dispute, which dates back to March of 1988, has cost the city an estimated $1200 a year for the past five years.

While $1200, when compared to the overall budget, Service Council to which the Nicholas County Water District must abide.

"We are not allowed to assume control of a private contract. The PSC won't allow us to assume the costs of a private contract," Curtainger said.

In discussions over the same issue over the year, the water district has made several vocal promises that if grant money were awarded doesn't appear to be much of a burden, Council member Ronnie Clark said, it becomes one when a recent audit shows the city water plant is losing money annually.

"It has been five years. According to the original agreement between the city and district, the line was to be installed in about 30 days," Hughes said.

Hughes assertion was confirmed by Council attorney Skip Watson who produced the agreement.

However, Curtsinger reiterated that the district's hands were tied.

"We have pledged to conduct business legally, above the table. There is no room to make exceptions for that pledge. If we could legally take over the agreement, we would," Curtsinger said.

District board member Jim Simons addressed the council in an effort to clarify the problem. According to Simons, former mayor Lee Bentz, city supervisor Gayle Vanlandingham, attorney Watson, approached him with an offer when the city needed an easement through Simon's property to run a raw water line through it to the Licking River.

The agreement would also allow Jockey International to run a line to the Licking River.

Vanlandingham added that the agreement was also to set up a pump station as one of three items the city wished to accomplish.

"In making that agreement, the city got what it wanted at the time and I got what I wanted," Simons said.

The tri-party agreement was also to include the Nicholas County Water District and its former chair, Charles Watkins, Simons said.

Though Watkins did not sign the tri-party agreement, Watson said, Watkins apparently did sign an agreement that a water line would be extended to the Simons' home within a specified amount of time. Within that span of time, Watson said, the work was not done and the city of Carlisle was stuck with paying for Simons' water supplies for the last five years.

The option to sue the water district for non-compliance with a contract was waved by the former council membership, Watson said.

With a rate hike inevitable in city resident water rates because of recorded losses in the water utility, according to council member Ronnie Clark, the $1200 the city expends to supply water to Simons makes a big difference.

However, without the water purchase contract, the city could very well expect to continue paying for much longer than another year, council members said. While they agreed to adopt a new contract, the council demanded that the water district give their written assurance that the Myers line would take priority over any other job, provided they succeed in getting the grant.

Curtsinger agreed to the terms as well as to an adjustment to rates on all meters serving the water district.

Garten estimated, very roughly, that the actual business of laying water lines could begin in six months, assuming the district's plans are all met.

Council passed a motion that the city would sign the contract without the Myers line stipulation and after other changes in the language is made. Council followed by passing a resolution which allowed Mayor Frankie Hughes to sign the contract.

In compliance with Council concerns, Curtsinger agreed to sign a "special conditions of construction" contract to further guarantee the Myers line would receive top priority in the event a grant was authorized by the FmHA.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I just want to take time to let everyone know what a wonderful school system we have. My husband and I attended a dinner for senior citizens at the school December 18. The young people who seated us treated us as well as everyone else like royalty.

I had a pleasure of meeting a lot of the staff as well as Mr. Hammonds and Mr. Gilbert. We have a staff and a school to be proud of.

Also the meal was very delicious. The cooks are to be praised too. Thanks for having us.

Helen Fisher

General News

Looking Back @ Nicholas

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4-2 vote, Thursday night amended the garbage collection fee ordinance to double all fees in all categories.

Gretchen Judge, a 1989 graduate of Nicholas County High School, has been elected president of the Alpha Nu Chapter of Lambda Kappa Sigma at the University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy. Gretchen is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Judge, a junior at UK in her first year at the College of Pharmacy.

BORN: James Kelly Coffey, January 17; James Nathan Dailey, February 17.

MARRIED: Tamila Elizabeth Anderson and Jeffrey Dwayne Jolly, February 15; Malissa S. Leach and Terry P. Feeback, Sr., February 8.

DIED: Edna Snapp Anderson, February 24; Sam Smith, February 17; James Harold "Buster" Howard, February 19; Bessie Hamm Price, February 20; Homer Allen Kearns, February 20; Leonard Herndon Wilcoxson, February 21.

March

Thursday, March 5, 1992

Architectural plans for a new elderly and handicapped housing project on the grounds of the former Carlisle City School were unveiled last week at the regular meeting of the Carlisle Planning and zoning commission Thursday night.

--Jill Hardin will advance to the state academic governor's cup after her victory in Morehead in the regionals in science.

The Nicholas County Lady Jackets clinched a regional berth by downing Bourbon County for the third time this season 50-33 in the opening round of the 37th district tournament.

BORN: Raymond Earl Shrout, February 15.

DIED: Mrs. Beulah Spigles, February 18; Martha Caswell Broderick, February 28.

Thursday, March 12, 1992

A large crowd of Nicholas County people gathered at the cafeteria of the Johnson-Mathers Nursing home Monday night in response to weeklong rumors that Dr. Egan was considering leaving Nicholas County due to problems experienced at Nicholas County Hospital.

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital announced that Mrs. Missy Lyons with Nicholas County Community Action Council Head-start/Pre-Kindergarten Programs has agreed to conduct a "Bring A Bike Day" Trike-A-Thon with their pre-schoolers.

Both the Nicholas County Bluejackets and Lady Jackets captured the 37th District championship with the Bluejackets defeating the Paris Greyhounds and the Lady Jackets defeating the Paris Lady Hounds.

One hundred and three members of D Company, 201st Engineer Battalion of the Kentucky Army National Guard departed their Carlisle unit Wednesday, March 4 enroute to Fort Irwin, California.

BORN: Philip Cameron Dale, February 29.

DIED: Taylor Clark Ring, March 8.

Thursday, March 19, 1992

Just a few days prior to the NCAA tournament, the SEC champion University of Kentucky Wildcats with head Coach Rick Pitino came for an evening's visit to Nicholas County to help raise money for the Audra Sparks fund. With donations and special fund raisers cropping up in just about every form throughout Nicholas County, the Wildcats visit has been an enormously successful venture.

Last Sunday afternoon the Lady Jackets defeated the Clark County Lady Cardinals 23-18 to take the regional championship and advance to state competition in Richmond. Not only was it the first regional championship the Lady Jackets had ever won, it was the first regional championship Nicholas County had won since the 1957 Bluejackets.

The Nicholas County Bluejackets brought home the 10th region runner-up trophy after a lose to Mason County with a score of 94-70.

Thursday, March 26, 1992

Kim Denkins became the first Lady Jacket to be placed on the all tournament team at the Girls State Tournament on Saturday night. Denkins was joined by Kristie Stuckenberg, Katie Roalofs and Christine Jansen of Mercy, Denney Breeding and Hilary Swisher of Whitesburg, Vonda Jackson and Tonya Brumley of Clay County, Miranda Massey of Warren East, Christy Henry of Graves County, Sonya Dobbs of Monticello, and Shelly Nicholas of Henry Clay.

The 19th Hole of Carnico under the new management of Joe Ramey, Ed Bibby, and newly hired general manager Mike Mattox plan to open its doors March 27.

DIED: Nancy Bell Ingram, March 17; Jeannetta Jenkins Ritchie, March 22.

April

Thursday, April 2, 1992

Jockey International announced, last Friday, that it would begin the process of closing its sewing plant in Harrison County. According to Jockey area President Don Haney, closing the plant would not have much of an effect on the needed production levels of the other three plants.

Nicholas County senior, Daniel Brown has been selected to participate in the Ohio-Kentucky All-Stars, April 16-18, in Portsmouth, Ohio. Brown was also selected to the AP All-State Honorable Mention team.

Air Force Staff Sgt. Roy E. Gaunce III has been awarded the Joint Service Commendation Medal. Gaunce is an

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Fiscal Court of Nicholas County, at a meeting commencing at 9:00 A.M. on January 12, 1993, to be held at Courthouse, Carlisle, Kentucky, will consider for passage the following ordinances:

ORDINANCE RELATING TO SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITIES - Prohibition, Site Approval Process, Facility Impact Reports, Fees.

ORDINANCE RELATING TO CONTINUITY OF GOVERNMENT - to provide for orderly succession of Judge/Executive in event of absence or disability.

A copy of the full text of the ordinances is available for inspection in the Executive office of the County Judge/between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

It is certified by the Fiscal Court that the above summary is an accurate narrative of the main points of the ordinances.

FISCAL COURT OF NICHOLAS COUNTY

By: Reese Smoot
Nicholas County Judge/ Executive

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Regina's Pages of the Past

DECEMBER 30, 1954

Gaunce, Darrell Homes First In Xmas Decorations

Winners in the Christmas Decoration contest sponsored annually by the Carlisle Younger Woman's Club have been announced by the contest judges.

Receiving first place award of $5 in the city was the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Gaunce, Sycamore Hill; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Guthrie, second place and Mr. and Mrs. Marion Mathers, third.

In the county the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Darrell on U. S. Highway 68 was placed first; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Reeves, second; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hamm, third place.

Tying for decoration honors were the Carlisle Christian church and the Presbyterian church.

The Carlisle Drug store was given honorable mention.

Spend Christmas In Yugoslavia

Mr. and Mrs. Jasper B. Shannon and their two daughters of Paris, spent Christmas in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, with the American Consul to Yugoslavia, Richard A. Godfrey and Mrs. Godfrey. A sister of Mrs. Thomas C. Johnson, of Carlisle.

The Shannons are residing in Oslo, Norway, where Shannon, who is a professor on leave from the University of Kentucky, is studying under a Fullbright Scholarship.

Their travels have taken them to Hamburg, Amsterdam, Frankfurt, Basel, Swiz-Milan and Venice.

Leaving their car in Italy, they travelled by train to Yugoslavia, where they spent Christmas in Belgrade.

On their return to Italy, they plan to visit Rome and Florence, returning to Norway after a visit to southern France.

The Shannons left this country for their European stay last September.

Mr. Shannon is a native of Nicholas County.

A/3c Charles L. Rose of Keesler Air Force Base is spending a 15-day leave with his mother, Mrs. Lillian Rose and family.

New Year's Resolution's for 1993
(on January 2nd)
1. Lose ~~10~~ pounds.
2. Exercise ~~more~~ often.
3. Work on a degree at MCC.
If you're like most people, the football games aren't even over on January 1st before you break even the best-intentioned New Year's Resolutions.
Why not resolve to work on something that can pay dividends in 1993 and beyond?
Maysville Community College offers transfer and technical programs in a variety of fields.
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