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I, Mayor Franklin M. Hughes, declare June 29, 1992 through July 4, 1992 as "POPPY WEEK" in Carlisle, KY

Dated: June 23, 1992
Franklin M. Hughes, Mayor

Letters To The Editor

Editor:

Friday, July 3 has been proclaimed "Freedom Friday" in Kentucky by Governor Brereton C. Jones.

On that day groups across the state have been asked to join with the county clerks to develop a statewide voter registration program and to focus all Kentucky's attention on the importance of the individual vote.

As we plan to celebrate the Fourth of July, we focus on our freedoms and rights as Americans. Voting will guarantee that all our freedoms will continue:

In last month's primary election less than 25 percent of our registered voters cast their ballots. Kentucky has maintained the tradition of about one-third of the eligible population voting in most elections.

One-third of the population--about 800,000--is registered but declines to vote and the remaining third is eligible but unregistered.

As we celebrate the Fourth of July and the freedoms we enjoy in a democracy, we need to remember that a democracy reflects the will of the majority. Our voter participation in Kentucky means that democracy represents the minority.

participation in your county's "Freedom Friday" program will help change that. Please contact your county clerk for more information about how you can be a part of increasing voter registration.

Sincerely,
Bob Babbage

Mercury Memories

5 Years Ago
Thursday, July 2, 1987

All Carlisle city employees with a year or more tenure with the City of Carlisle will received an 8 percent pay raise, effective July 1. In special session Tuesday night it took two votes to approve the raise.

Carol Renee Bond, daughter of Hank and Marilyn Bond, Carlisle, has been named to Who's Who Among American High School Students from Nicholas County and Scott County High Schools. She was also selected to the Society of distinguished American High School Students from Scott County.

Missy Rawlings, a senior at Transylvania University, was honored at the Women's Athletic banquet, May 12. Miss Rawlings received (offensive) Most Valuable Player in field hockey; award for four years in softball; two years (freshman and junior) she made K.W.I.C. all tournament teams; received the Captains Award in basketball, averaging nine points a game and shooting 56.1 percent from the field.

MARRIED: Miss Stephanie Kaye Brady and Bill Kenny Lucky II, June 27; Marsha Ann Hunt and Kenneth Ray Humphries, June 5.

DIED: George Roe, June 26; Mrs. Lottie Clavell Cassidy, June 27; John Lindsay Buckner, June 23; Roger Clay Sampson, June 23.

10 Years Ago
Thursday, July 1, 1982

Garvey Curtsinger, a 4-H leader from Nicholas County, has been recognized as an outstanding 4-H leader in the Conrad Feltner Leadership Recognition Program. He was honored during Kentucky 4-H Week, held June 15-18 on the University of Kentucky campus in Lexington.

Dr. Osias M. Villaflor will be opening his medical practice in Carlisle by the middle of July. Dr. Villaflor is a general surgeon, but will have an active general practice in addition to surgery.

Airman Roy E. Gaunce III, son of Roy E. Gaunce Jr. of 353 West Main, Carlisle, has graduated from the U.S. Air Force administrative specialist course at Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi. Gaunce will now serve at Torrelon Air Base, Spain, with the 401st combat Support Group.

DIED: Mrs. Mattie Lee Hunt, June 24.

20 Years Ago
Thursday, June 29, 1972

The V.F.W. Auxiliary will hold its annual Buddy Poppy Sale, Saturday, July 1. This is the 50th anniversary of the Buddy Poppy Sale. These poppies are made by disabled veterans and the entire proceeds go for relief work for veterans and their families.

Miss Stella Livingood was crowned the 1972 Dairy Princess by Miss Doris Darrell, 1971, Princess, Thursday night at Blue Grass Industries.

A picnic was held Wednesday night, June 21 at Lake Carnico in honor of Christine Gray who is retiring from Blue Grass Industries. She was presented a gold bracelet by the president of the Thoroughbred Club, Estella Marshall.

BORN: Arnold Dow Payne, Jr., June 16; Kristen Elaine Porter, May 26; Ryan Allen Marshall, June 19.

MARRIED: Deborah Gwyn Curtis and Gary Hurst, May 25; Glenda Cobb to Larry Watkins, June 23.

DIED: Wilson Thompson, June 16; Ira Hunter, June 21.

40 Years Ago
Thursday, July 3, 1952

The blackberry season in Nicholas County really open Wednesday as blackberries of the large variety were being offered for sale on the streets of Carlisle.

Mrs. Frank Stone was appointed Assistant State Guard for the VFW Auxiliary at the State meeting in Madisonville last week.

Paul Garrett and Earl A. Van Bever, Carlisle businessmen, Tuesday, announced the purchase of the Hall and Waddell Furniture store in Carlisle.

A 36 by 60 hay and storage barn, owned by George H. Ritchey and located in the Rose Hill section, was completely destroyed by fire a little after 12 p.m. Monday during an electrical and rain storm.

BORN: To Mr. and Mrs. Arlie McCarty of Mt. Sterling, a son, Larry Bratten, June 19; To Mr. and Mrs. Lovell Allison, a son, Dennis Colburn, June 26; To Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Gray, Myers, a daughter, Linda Dell, June 26; To Mr. and Mrs. Preston Gaunce, a daughter, Mary Ann, July 1; To Mr. and Mrs. Otha Clay Jolly, Millersburg, a son, Dennis Wayne, June 21; To Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Lowry, a son Douglas Jr., July 2.

MARRIED: Miss Elizabeth Ashury, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Eslie Ashury, to James H. Stone, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob C. Stone of New York, New York, Saturday; Miss Frances Cornelia Caldwell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Raymond Caldwell of Valdosta, Georgia, to Robert Wood Pitman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Judson McDaniel Pitman, Sunday in Georgia; Miss Thelma L. McIntyre, to Dr. T.C. Crume of Florence, June 14, in Walton.

DIED: Robert L. Durbin, 52, at his home in Lexington, Sunday; Mrs. Ella Gaffin Rossell, 85, Tuesday in Prattsville, Alabama; Ernest Powell Booth, 60, Monday, at his home in Paris; Rev. Frank P. Cassidy, 70, Lexington, Saturday in Lexington; Mrs. Lucille Wilson Whitaker, 54, Wednesday in Louisville; Mrs. A.F. Suit, 75, at Ft. Thomas; Mrs. Mamie Mastin Henry, 62, Saturday in Lexington.

50 Years Ago
Thursday, July 2, 1942

For the first time in many weeks there was no one in the Nicholas County jail yesterday, the situation causing Jailer William Owings to declare that he was "lonesome" but the he appreciated the fact that "nobody wants to come to visit with me if they can help it."

Despite the coming holiday, lambs continued to run in strong fashion on the Farmers Stock Yards Tuesday and a grand total of 1,278 head were disposed of at the regular weekly auction.

Far exceeding the quota, Nicholas countians purchased $15,175 during the month of June, a report made here yesterday by Innes B. Ross, chairman of the securities' sale, disclosed.

One hundred and sixty Nicholas county youths-a number far short of the estimated two hundred and fifty which number the draft board had figured-registered Tuesday under the Selective Service Act in the fifth draft since the law became effective last year.

MARRIED: Miss Nona Dayton and Charles Hamm, June 27 at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Sallie Dayton in Pleasant Valley.

DIED: Thomas S. Bramblett, 84, Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Frank Robbins in Mt. Sterling; O.F. Hanna, 59, Saturday at home in Lexington; Mrs. A.R. Hance, mother of Mrs. Albert T. Gardner, Sunday in Cincinnati; Mrs. Lucy Clarke Ingels, 83, widow of Frank Ingels, Monday at the home of her son, Reese Ingels in Millersburg; Infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Martin of Lexington.

MERCURY VAPOURS

by Warren R. Fisher

Reprinted from July 5, 1973

"Tis said that sitting still and wishing, makes no person great and that the good Lord sends the fishing, but one must have the bait!

And here all along I thought I had the bait.

-MV-

BIRD SEED RANSOM

A newspaper clipping revealed that a wildlife officer was held captive on an island bird sanctuary for several days by flocks of birds that prevented a helicopter from landing to pick him up. Newfoundland officials finally realized that the birds didn't fly after dark and the helicopter landed after sunset.

-MV-

THAT METRIC SYSTEM AGAIN

The foot-long hot dog may become a casualty of progress. If plans to convert the U.S. system of measurements to the metric system in 10 years are successful, carnival goers will find themselves munching on 30.48 centimeter's worth of frankfurter instead.

-MV-

Christopher Columbus was responsible for the thinking of modern government. He didn't know where he was going when he started; he didn't know where he was when he got there; and he did it all on borrowed money.-INR Digest

-MV-

Even a woodpecker owes his success to the fact that he uses his head.

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There are few, if any, jobs in which ability alone is sufficient. Needed also are loyalty, sincerity, enthusiasm, and cooperation.

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If you make your job important, it is quite likely to return the favor.

-MV-

"What can't be cured must be endured."-Robert Burton.

Regina's Pages of the Past

THURSDAY, JULY 2, 1959

Nicholas County Memories

by Lewis P. Scott

The Blackberry Festival sponsored by Nicholas Post 17 of the American Legion brings to mind similar celebrations in Carlisle when instead of hundreds of automobiles parked all over town--there were horses and buggies hitched to every available hitch rack and post within walking distance of the Court House square, about which were located the carnival attractions.

On Main street instead of booths which in the present instance occupy the north side walk between Broadway and Locust there were tents housing shows and freaks in front of each of which a Barker did his best to entice the populous to spend their dimes to witness the sights and exhibions within. There was the two-headed calf, the sword swallower, the Serpentine dancers, the Dixie Minstrels, and Fatima, the Oriental dancer. The rides were confined to one Merry Go Round, but it was a dandy with its double row of horses and its organ or calliope which let even the most remote resident in town know that festivities were in progress.

As a feature of the celebration there was a balloon ascension and paractute drop and a high wire performance by Jack who doubled in and starred in both acts. The high wire was stretched from the roof of the Nezart Opera House now the building occupied by Neal's Grocery and the roof of the Carlisle Mercury, on the opposite side of the street, occupied by the Kentucky Utilities office. Dressed in tights and bearing a long iron pipe to aid in maintaining his balance the performer would walk from one building to the other and as an added thrill would fake a fall only to bounce back to an outright position on the wire. Later this same performer would assend skyward on a trapeeze attached to the parachute and balloon doing all sorts of acrobatic stunts as the balloon soared into the sky.

The filling of the balloon with gas was a most interesting procedure. A trench was dug and covered with tin roofing for a distance of 50 or 60 feet to an outlet over which the deflated balloon was carefully spread. At the other end of the trench a fire was built on which kerosene was thrown creating the gas which filled the balloon. When the bag was fully inflated restraining ropes were released and as the balloon arose it carried with it the parachute and the aviator who at the discharge of a pistol by the ground crew pulled the rope which cut the parachute from the balloon and it lucky he floated gently to the earth where he was rescued and brought back to town.

There were beverages available in Carlisle in those days the most popular of which for the younger fry was lemonade of the citric acid variety. Cokes popular today were not heard of but pop — lemon, strawberry and sarsaparilla had lots of customers.

All of which is recited merely to acquaint the present generation with the fact that in our day we too had our festivals which we enjoyed fully as much as they do those of today.

Police Log

City of Carlisle
City of Carlisle Police Reports are taken from actual reports filed by the officers.

City of Carlisle Police Officer Gary W. Sallee Jr. has charged Michael Shane Hughes, Carlisle with Operators License Not in Possession, No Insurance, Lights not on, and DUI, 2nd. Arrest occurred at 2:38, June 27 on North Street.

City of Carlisle Police Officer Lamar Mann investigated a two-vehicle, non injury accident which occurred at the intersection of East Main Street and Dorsey Avenue at 7:10 a.m. Sunday, June 28. Drivers involved were Jean Booth, Moorefield, operating a 1985 Chevy and John Smoot, Carlisle, operating a 1986 Ford.

Mozart Hall a Carlisle center in 1890's

By Josh Shepherd
Of The Carlisle Mercury Staff

CARLISLE — In the 1900 Centennial edition of the Carlisle Mercury, G. R. Keller, then editor of the weekly paper, applied his imagination to the year 2000 and came up with some interesting predictions about the way people would live now. Some of his predictions were not far from the mark.

Others, though, suffered from his never being here, never having experienced firsthand the technological direction humankind would eventually take. But just as difficult as it was for him to see forward a century later, it is just as difficult for us to imagine Keller's time.

However, we do have one thing Keller didn't have. Historic record.

But try as we might to approximate the day to day life of Carlisle's inhabitants, we can come only so close.

How difficult is it? Well, try it. Imagine Carlisle in the late 19th century. Tear away the asphalt streets, replace them with cobblestone and earth. Uproot the brittle concrete sidewalks, reveal the brick and mortar beneath them.

Take down the telephone and cable lines. Replace automobiles with horses. Let electricity decay into its basic element.

Horses and carriages, bicycles, kerosene lamps appear on the rough streets. Don long, full dresses, straw hats, detachable collars and waistcoats.

All is hand fashioned wood, metal, and brick.

The Industrial Age is mature, it pervades, shapes and changes world culture. No person has an inkling of the price it will exact on our future.

But in Carlisle, agriculture and timber are the number one town trades. By virtue of the fact that long distance transportation to Lexington is an all day affair, local business flourishes. But there still is the matter of diversions, There is, of course, the Louisville Courier-Journal which reaches town twice a week, and the Mercury, with its inkling of world news tidbits, medical advertisements, short stories and anecdotes.

But it is a summer evening in Carlisle, 1897. The bobbing amber light of kerosene lamps are shining through the delicate lace curtains hung from the second floor windows of the Mozart Hall. Or Opera House. It apparently went by either name through the course of its operations.

In the large picture window on the first floor of the Mozart Hall Building black painted carriages gleam.

Two long doors stand next to the carriage and furniture store entrance. A cluster of people stand waiting outside. They wait for Mrs. Carrie Robbins to open them.

The Mozart Hall Building, presently the location of Eugene Neal's Square Deal Furniture, was, in large degree, a focus of the nightlife in town.

Atop the broad wooden staircase of the small theater, cushioned chairs are arranged for an audience. Toward the back of the building rich velvet draperies adorn a flat black, elevated wooden stage.

Kerosene chandeliers hang low, held aloft by rope pulleys batoned to the walls of theater and lecture hall. Broad glass globes flare like delicate crystal roses, containing the flames, letting only its light escape.

On either side of the stage, hidden from view, any number of performers would be waiting in the wings. It could be a lecture, a group of musicians, a road show, a visiting evangelist.

The lamps would rise high above the people's heads as the performers took the stage and as they played, the audience applauded, barely noticing the sunlight fade in the tall building windows.

The Mozart Hall played host to many forms of expression, artistic, political, spiritual. And while it may not have been quite television, it was rare the audience left without having been entertained.

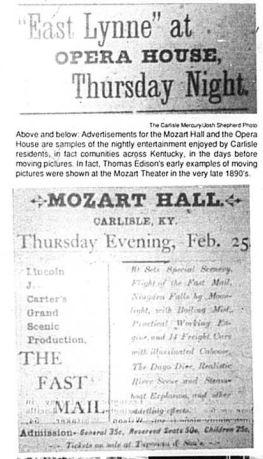
As Mrs. Robbins said in later years, the Mozart Hall was practically the hub of town. The place Carlisle people gathered to enjoy themselves, to divert their minds from everyday problems, those universal to any age, for only a brief moment.

For us, it is something we can only imagine. The Mozart Hall stands now, empty and silent. Fragments of its past, however, remain. A black fragment of the stage, faded wallpaper peeling and torn.

Imagine the last audience member bowing to Mrs. Robbins and leaving. She sweeps the steps clean of the dust from the streets, lowers the chandeliers and extinguishes the wicks.

Mrs Robbins steps out into the empty, quiet on Main Street, nodding to the constable at the street lamp on the corner.

She admires the amber hue the lamps cast against the downtown buildings. A cool night breeze accompanies her home.

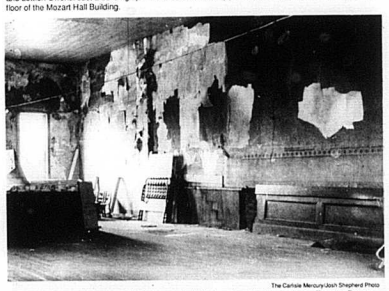


The Carlisle Mercury/Josh Shepherd Photo

Above and below: Advertisements for the Mozart Hall and the Opera House are samples of the nightly entertainment enjoyed by Carlisle residents, in fact communities across Kentucky, in the days before moving pictures. In fact, Thomas Edison's early examples of moving pictures were shown at the Mozart Theater in the very late 1890's.

The Carlisle Mercury/Photo submitted by Eugene Neal

Posing in front of the Brooks Millinery Store and The Golden Rule Grocery in 1897 are, from left, Betty Wise, Lizzie Brooks, Fred Cox, Anne D. Mayes, Foster Cox, Mrs. Brooks, Edna Keller and Henry, Mrs G.E. Smith, and Lottien Owens. Just a building up the street, unfortunately just beyond the camera eye, sit the first floor of the Mozart Hall Building.



The Carlisle Mercury/Josh Shepherd Photo

Upstairs of Eugene Neal's Square Deal Furniture is all that remains of the former Mozart Theater. Remants of the theater hall still remain. On the far right sits a section of the stage and still a hint of the wallpaper that adorned the walls during its heyday. The room itself, is not done justice through a 50mm camera lens. Its high ceiling which held the kerosene chandeliers, the back stage, and the front audience section, are much larger than this picture represents

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Governor Brereton Jones cordially invites you and your family to attend Kentucky's Family Reunion, July 25th & 26th at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington.

Like any family reunion, there's no charge for admission. Unlike any family reunion, there'll be live entertainment from big name and regional artists like Ricky Skaggs and the Kentucky Headhunters. You'll also enjoy arts and crafts displays, food and exhibits.

To make the occasion even more special Governor Jones will extend a personal written invitation to any relative you choose. Just write that person's name and address on the coupon at right and send it to Governor Jones. Then mark your calendar for the largest family get-together this state has ever seen.

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