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Mercury Memories

5 Years Ago
Thursday, March 19, 1987

Last Thursday marked the first anniversary of the tornado that ripped through Carlisle and Nicholas County on March 12, 1986. The natural disaster left eight people injured, seven homes destroyed and hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of damage in its wake.

Representative Adrian Arnold (D-Mt. Sterling) has been named to serve on the Agriculture and Rural Development Committee of the Southern Legislative Conference by the Speaker of the Kentucky House of Representatives.

Frankie Hughes was elected as president of the Carlisle-Nicholas County Chamber of Commerce at a general membership meeting, Monday night. Hughes will replace Mark Mattox, who has been the Chamber's president for two years.

BORN: Jesse Ray Patton, February 2; Ashtine Nicole Howard, February 11; William Russell Aker II, March 9.

DIED: Russell Prather, March 10; Mrs. Alva McGuinn Gray, March 8; Jimmy Wayne Bruin, March 14.

10 Years Ago
Thursday, March 18, 1982

Unemployment in Nicholas County jumped to 11.3 percent of the county's civilian labor force in January, while unemployment across the Commonwealth reached a record high of 11.5 percent, according to recently released statistics from the state Department for Human Resources.

Mercury Editor James C. Smith has resigned his position with the local newspaper effective March 29. Smith has accepted a job as an editor with the Charleston Daily Mail, Charleston, West Virginia.

Gov. John Y. Brown Jr. and Transportation Secretary Frank Metts last Wednesday announced the second edition of the state's five-year road and bridge construction plan, calling the initial plan "a tremendous success."

BORN: Whitney Blake Donovan, February 24; Michael Ray Willoughby, March 7; Darrell Wayne McHone, March 10.

MARRIED: Miss Linda Clinkenbeard and David J. Richardson, February 26.

DIED: Clarence Derrickson, March 11; Merton Williams, March 15.

20 Years Ago
Thursday, March 16, 1972

Paul Garrett, owner of Garrett's Furniture Company, announced Monday that Clarence Cord had joined his firm in both sales and service departments.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson Anderson of the county celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Wednesday, March 8.

BORN: Tamara Denette Duncan, February 29; Paul Douglas Miller, March 4; Jeffery Todd McDowell, March 7; Phillip Scott Irvin, March 4.

MARRIED: Miss Cynthiana Jane Henry and Danny Hawkins, March 7; Miss Deborah Gray and Elgin Price, March 11.

DIED: Joe Allen Wafford, March 7; Ben Gobel Hopkins, March 13; George S. Atchison, March 11.

40 Years Ago
Thursday, March 20, 1952

A civic league may be formed in Nicholas County to fight bootlegging and gambling, as many local citizens are getting together in righteous indignation to try to bring a halt to the vice now operating at full blast in the county.

Rev. H.C. Hobgood, a veteran of 40 years of missionary work in the Belgian Congo, will speak at the Moorefield Christian Church on March 23.

J.E. Harper sold to Ralph Evans his store on South Broadway.

BORN: T. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lawrence, a son, Clarence Phillip, March 15; To Mr. and Mrs. R.H. Barnett, Lexington, a daughter, March 12.

MARRIED: Miss Helen Marie Ruddell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A.G. Ruddell of Lexington, to William Edward Sexton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Sexton, Sunday in Lexington; Mrs. Evelyn Grigson Morford and Dr. J.T. Morford, Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Lowry.

DIED: Infant son of Rev. and Mrs. Robert Pebley of Montrose, Indiana; Jesse Bussell, 60, Tuesday in Paris; Mrs. Laura Mae Kincaid, 70, Wednesday in Paris; Dora Ritchie, 78, at his home on Rose Hill Road; Charles Massie, Saturday in Robertson County; Mrs. Mary F. Cain, 80, Middletown, Ohio, Friday in Lexington; Mrs. Emma Antrobus Coatney, 73, Thursday in Dayton, Ohio.

50 Years Ago
Thursday, March 19, 1942

Fire which started from a defective flue burned the home of John Bailey in Milltown. Mr. Bailey and six children were asleep in the house when a neighbor awakened them by pounding on the door.

A broadside smash-up of two automobiles on West Main Street early Sunday morning resulted in slight injuries to Mr. and Mrs. Chris Herrington. The other car, driven by E.C. Flora, was badly damaged, but he was not injured.

BORN: To Mr. and Mrs. Bedford Scott Gray, Little Rock, a daughter, Brenda Kay, Thursday.

MARRIED: Miss Lillian Marie Furlong of Maysville and Dr. Ernest R. Goodloe of Paducah; Miss Christian Elizabeth Britton of London and Delbert Henry Lacey of Union City, Indiana, March 14; Miss Mary Jean Ockerman and Timothy Whaley, March 14; Miss Rudell Cox of Chicago and William Willoughby, February 14; Miss Marjorie Catherine Mann and Arnold Eugene Kearns, Saturday.

DIED: Adrian Newton McCord, 45, Sunday at home on the Wiggins Farm, Maysville Road; Mrs. Lucinda Frances Thompson Beal, 81, widow of S.S. Beal, Saturday at the home of her brother, Uriah Thompson;

Mrs. Laura Allen Carter, 38, wife of Herbert Carter, Tuesday at home near Cynthiana; Tilford Hinkle, 82, Sunday at Massie Memorial Hospital, Paris.

Police Log

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

Trooper Tim Layne charged Dave Fuller, 32, of Carlisle, Kentucky with DUI. The arrest occurred at 8:48 p.m. March 10 in Carlisle limits on Walnut Street. He was turned over to the Nicholas County Transportation officer.

Trooper Lonnie Green investigated a single vehicle non-injury accident which occurred at 5:35 p.m. March 11, 1 1/2 miles east of Carlisle on East Union Road. Drivers involved was Bryan Wagers, 20, of Mt. Sterling operating a 1983 Chevrolet.

Trooper Tim Layne investigated a non-injury accident which occurred at 4:20 p.m. March 12, 3 miles east of Carlisle on US 68. The drivers involved were Michael Pair, 29, of Carlisle operating a 1990 Chevrolet and James Anderson , 17, of Carlisle driving a 1987 Mercury.

Trooper Tim Layne investigated a non-injury accident which occurred at 8:40 p.m. March 12, 2 miles west of Carlisle on US 68. Driver involved was Clark Miles, 32, of Paris operating a 1981 Pontiac. Miles struck a parked 1984 Pontiac belonging to Donald Gilvan.

Trooper Tim Layne executed a fugitive warrant from Florida on Johnnie Shumate, 40, of Hanes City, Florida. Arrest occurred at 1:35 p.m. March 14, 2 miles east of Carlisle on KY 36. He was lodged in Bourbon County Jail.

Letters to the Editor

Editor:

I recently read in the paper where our state senator, Ed Ford has met with our local school board. He informed the school board that money was not available for a new school in Nicholas County out of the House Bill 940 money. So he suggested since the state does not have it, that Nicholas County taxpayers could pay an additional .15 to $100.00 property assessment in order to fund anew school building. Our school tax rate in 1989 on real estate was 30.3 cents to the hundred dollar assessment.

In 1990, it was raised to 44.2 cents. So now our Senator Ed Ford suggests adding this 15 cents additional tax to us. That's easy for Mr. Ford to say cause he's not paying the bill. Our real estate tax was not the only thing that was raised. Our vehicle tax in 1989 was 44.9 cents. In 1990 it was raised to 54.2 cents. And in 1991 it jumped to 55.5 cents. To add a little more to it, a 3% utility tax was slapped on us. Surely our school board, who are elected by the people, would have enough respect for the taxpayers of Nicholas County, than to impose this additional tax suggested by Mr. Ford.

If our leaders and politicians are ever going to help the people, it would be now. It's time to tighten our belts and get more conservative with the taxpayers money and use a little common sense.

Billy Dixon

Editor:

National Agriculture Week is celebrated March 15-21. Yet for many Americans raised in the city, agriculture is as mysterious as a college-level course in trigonometry. Some consumers, for example, may forget that the food on their tables originated on a farm long before it got to the grocery store.

Today's farmers are masters of technology, applying their skills to build the most productive agricultural system in the world, using many of the same principles this country used to become a world leader: a determination and willingness to continually develop new practices and products and spirit of community cooperation, yet they still have the same basic qualities as they did a century ago, including a love, understanding and respect for animals and nature.

Kentucky still has one of this nation's strongest ties to agriculture. We have 91,000 farms, ranking us fourth nationally and making us a stronghold of the family farm - the seedbed of the values of cooperation, ingenuity, and family life that are as much products of farming as are crops and livestock. These farms are the producers and maintainers of many of our historical traditions, as evidenced by over 700 submitted nominations for the Bicentennial Heritage Farm Program.

These values spread their roots throughout the state of Kentucky into the hundreds of small communities which evolved throughout our 200-year history to serve and be served by farmers. In our large urban areas, the influence of agriculture is ever present in the number of companies in the food distribution chain who take the crops and livestock produced on our farms and transform them into food ready for our tables. The importance of agriculture to Kentucky is reflected in the fact that one in four jobs in this state is related to raising, transporting, or manufacturing agricultural products.

As we celebrate National Agriculture Week, the old-fashioned grit and determination of our farmer is still very much alive. While our agriculture system is the envy of the world, American farmers are not resting on their laurels. They are constantly improving their practices that bring safe, nutritious and reasonably-priced food to consumers' tables in our country and abroad. When all is said and done, the American farm is really America, and that should certainly be no mystery.

With best wishes,
Ed Logsdon
Kentucky Commissioner of Agriculture

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Regina's Pages of the Past

MARCH 22, 1951

Bonds Mobilized On Wartime Basis Twenty-Four Committees Appointed

Mr. Roger Womack, recently reappointed as chairman of the Defense Bonds sales in Nicholas county, announced this week that 24 committees have been named to put the sale of U. S. Savings Bonds on a wartime basis as of April 1.

This increased effort to put the sale of bonds on a wartime basis, is in line with the country's general mobilization program, according to Mr. Womack.

Charles M. Cox, was appointed county statistician for the bond sales committee. Mr. Womack said that the following committee members would be further instructed by the county chairman in regard to the detailed organization of their particular groups.

The committees appointed were: Advertising and Publicity, Warren Fisher, Paul Brannon; Farm Bureau Committee, Noble Gillispie, president; 4-H Clubs, William Straw, F.F.A. Clubs, John Adams, G. B. Leonard; Extension Work, Mrs. Eugene Neal; Banking and Investment Committee, James W. Parker, Henry A. Palmer, J. H. Wilson, Howard K. Veach; Woman's Club, Mrs. A. V. Allison; Younger Woman's Club, Mrs. Jack Hancy; Rotary Club, Robert Fisher; V.F.W., Patrick Cooley; American Legion, Lee Osborne; County Ministerial Committee, Rev. J. J. Whitehouse; Giffin Manufacturing Co., Lonnie Giffin, (Payroll Plan).

Nicholas County High School, Raymond Wesley, Carlisle City School, Robert Davis; City of Carlisle, Tommy Johnson; Moorefield Community, Miss Pansy Ring; East Union Community, Norwood Autier; Parks Community, Mrs. Harvey Wagoner; Bartersville Community, Judge Spencer Taylor; Ellisville Community, Mrs. J. E. Soper; Headquarters Community, Miss Fleet Allison; Myers Community, Paul Cameron; Parent Teachers Association, Mrs. Thomas Johnson.

Nicholas County Host To Junior Hi Tourney

The Nicholas County Junior High School Basketball tournament got under way Tuesday night when Georgetown ousted Williamstown in the tourney opener 34-28.

In the second contest of the evening Nicholas County was eliminated by Bethel 33-30 in a close contest.

Score by quarters:

NCHS	4	11	17	30
Bethel	6	12	22	33

Marvin Fryman led Nicholas County with 13 points, playing just a little over half the game. Vice, Bethel, led all scorers with 22 points. He tallied 17 against Maysville Wednesday afternoon, as Bethel defeated Maysville 43-37.

In Wednesday afternoon's opener, Georgetown advanced to the finals by downing Sharpsburg, 28-17. Johnson led Georgetown with 13 points.

Sharpsburg met Maysville in the consolation game Wednesday night, while Bethel and Georgetown clashes for the championship.

A trophy will be presented to the winners and runner-up, and the third place team will also receive a trophy. An all-tournament team of ten members will be selected, and individual award will be given to those chosen.

A sportsmanship trophy will be given to the team displaying the best sportsmanship in the tourney.

The contests were originally scheduled to open Monday and to be completed Tuesday, but Williamstown was unable to attend the opening session, causing the delay.

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Fundraisers for Audra Sparks

There will be a benefit yard sale March 28, 1992 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Elementary School parking lot.

Anyone wishing to donate items, please price them and drop them off at the Nicholas County Elementary School March 18-20 or March 23-27 between 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

All donations greatly appreciated. Postponed inclement weather. Sponsored by Junior High.

The Moorefield Christian Church will collect a special offering to benefit the Audra Sparks Fund at a community Lenten service Sunday evening, March 29, at 7:30.

The public is cordially invited.

There will be a Garden Tractor Pull by Garvey and Faye Curtsinger and sons, April 18, 5:30 p.m. Come out to West End Park to see Garden Tractors with 50 to 90 horse power pull and help out Audra Sparks. Come one and all. Feel good helping someone in need.

There will be a Chili & Bean Soup Lunch Fund Raiser for Audra Sparks, March 22 at the Nicholas County High School from 11 a.m. until ???. Lunch includes soup, sandwich, dessert, and drink for $3.00. Donations are greatly appreciated.

All proceeds from these activities are to go to the Audra Sparks Fund.

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or four for use during festivals such as the Blackberry Festival in July and sell the remaining 16.

"Hopefully we can be rid of them by the end of March," Smoot said.

The fiscal court moved on to a discussion of repairing or replacing a bridge along Watkins Lane, also known as the old Locust Grove Road, because of its constantly being washed out during times of heavy rain.

Court members were confirmed that Watkins Lane was a county road and therefore replacement of the bridge was a county concern.

According to Smoot, high water over the bridge may have made, or will eventually force the bridge to be a potential hazard to Watkins Lane residents.

Smoot said he would contact the Kentucky Department of Highways for help in assessing the bridge's stability and possible leads toward getting help in repairing it or replacing it. The court approved.

In other business:

• The court will, advertise for the following bids: a buyer for the old jailer car, lease bids for the county's 1992 tobacco poundage, and for a buyer of the old Senior Citizens van they no longer need.

• Approved A.B. Whaley's request for a right of way across the old Moorefield Road to install a water line.

• Approved the appointment of Carolyn Crockett to the library board.

• Approved the donation of $150 to Margaret Hunter to support the Nicholas County Community Action Center's Elderly Garden Project.

• Approved the Senior Citizens budget requests for 1992-1993.

The next Nicholas County Fiscal Court meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 14, at 6 p.m.

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