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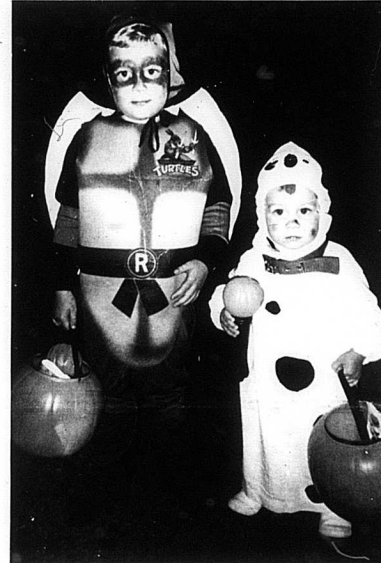
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Trick or Treat

Many children traveled the streets of Carlisle Saturday night, dressed in costumes from Batman, to turtles to all types of animals. The Ninja Turtle and the Puppy Dog were visitors of the The Carlisle Mercury. Trick or Treat was the words coming from all ages of children.

Bicentennial Quilt Show to be held at jail

CARLISLE — In its second showing, the Nicholas County Tourism's second annual Bicentennial Quilt Show will be on display this weekend.

Last year's show, according to co-director Gladys Shrout, had proven such a success with the variety of quilts brought and the attendance for the show was so good, planners felt another show would do just as well.

But the show will feature one exceptional enhancement visitors to the show should not

Local students attend Red Ribbon Rally

FRANKFORT — Well over 22 representatives of the Nicholas County School System boarded buses last Wednesday to participate in the annual Red Ribbon Day in Frankfort.

In an effort to foster a growing movement among Kentucky school children to successfully resist the temptations and pressures

Teachers find fault with primary program

anyone. The door is open, he said.

For honesty's sake, this article will attempt to focus on the main issue of the meeting: the request of hiring additional teacher's aides in the Kindergarten through first grade primary program. The discussion presented a problem that, according to Gilbert and Elementary School Principal Gerald Hammons, is arising in several school districts across the state.

According to Becky Reid, a teacher in the K-1 primary school program, the academic progress of first grade students is being hampered because there is not enough personnel available to give kindergartners the extra attention they need and teach first grade students more advanced skills at the same time.

The structure of the primary program, as conceived by the Kentucky Education Reform Act, was to dissolve grade levels in the first four



While there appeared to exist a slightly better situation in the upper levels of the primary program, teachers said without full time aides, some first grade students are "slipping through the cracks."

According to teachers, and current aides the need for full time teacher's aides in the classroom was imperative for young students. At present, K-1 teachers have recourse to an aide for approximately two hours a day and, because of other duties being placed on these aides, such as lunchroom duty, their availability as instructors is rapidly decreasing.

The rest of the day K-1 teachers must divide themselves between introducing the most basic learning skills to kindergarten age students and develop those fundamentals in first graders all at the same time.

Alone, Becky Reid said, the task is almost impossible. "It's just not working. I know I'm losing some students," she said.

This same concern was supported by the handful of parents and aides attending the meeting. In fact, most felt that Nicholas County may



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