Mercury Memories

5 Years Ago

Thursday,
December 22, 1988

William E. Hunter, chairman of the Nicholas County School Board, will retire after serving the community and school system for 22 years. Hunter was honored with a Retirement Program and Reception held at the Nicholas County Elementary School Sunday, December 18.

The Carlisle Rotary Club named A.V. "Doc" Allison a Paul Harris Fellow at the annual Christmas meeting December 15. Roger Womack, charter member of Carlisle Rotary, presented the award.

DIED: William Odell Roe, Thursday; William Clark Jackson, Tuesday; Frances Collins Parker, December 19; Cecil Gragg Peters, December 9; Simon d'Entremont, December 13; Sue B. Hostetler, Monday; Nathalee Overbey, December 14.

10 Years Ago

Thursday,
December 22, 1983

Two pet goats, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Dorsey Watkins, Old Paris Road residents, were killed Monday morning by what appeared to be a pack of dogs. Mrs. Watkins, circuit clerk, said she discovered the loss when she went home shortly after the noon hour.

Mrs. Margaret Wade and Oliver Vice are retiring as employees of the City. They were honored December 9 at the annual City Christmas party. Mrs. Wade received an anniversary clock, and Mr. Vice was presented a watch and Baker's Department Store gift certificate. Mrs. Wade has been a clerical worker in the City for 15 years. Mr. Vice has worked at the sewer plant for 22 years, and has been the supervisor.

BORN: Charity Sue Slone, December 5; Joshua Allen Minton, December 2; Rachel Ann Schanding, December 14; Danielle Louise Scaggs, December 16; Jessica Brooke Letcher, December 14.

DIED: John Clarke "Archie" Leer III, December 19; Charlie Ward, December 20; Mrs. Nelia Cook Jones, December 14; Jewell T. Hendrix, December 5; Charles Edward Tucker, December 14.

20 Years Ago

Thursday,
December 20, 1973

Police Chief Allen Earlywine received a silver tray from Mayor William Power in recognition of 10 years of service as an employee of the City of Carlisle. Earlywine has been on the police force since 1963, and chief for the past five years. The presentation was made Thursday evening at the annual City Christmas dinner, held at Marshall's Restaurant.

Army Private Dana B. Fuller, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ermine Fuller, Carlisle, completed eight weeks of basic training at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri.

BORN: Kimberly Denise Hardwick, December 11; Craig Jones, December 11; To Mr. and Mrs. James Howard, a daughter, December 16.

MARRIED: Peggy Tincher and T.P. Henry, December 2; Wilena Glass and Roy Jolly, December 15.

DIED: Mrs Gertrude Hollar, December 15; James C. Smoot, December 17.

40 Years Ago

Thursday,
December 24, 1953

Santa Claus will return to Carlisle about 2 p.m. Christmas Eve and assist American Legion Post 17 in the distribution of candy to the kiddies and gift baskets to the needy. The Legion donated $125 to this worthy cause.

County Attorney Charles M. Cox recently warned elderly citizens of Nicholas County to beware of strangers wishing to do repair jobs, as there have been several instances of misrepresentation and exorbitant sums charged in the last two years.

"O Holy Child", a Christmas carol, composed by Mrs. Omer A. Berry, was presented Sunday afternoon at the Presbyterian Church by Misses Nell Wilson, Pat Allison and Betty Sexton. Mrs. J.M. Pitman was the accompanist.

BORN: To Mr. and Mrs. E.B. Murrell, a son James Allen, December 20; To Mr. and Mrs. Carley Amburgey, a daughter, Carletta, December 16; To Mr. and Mrs. Chester Moore, Mt. Olivet, a daughter, Yvonne Carol, December 20; To Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Watkins, a son, Ernest Spencer, December 21; To Mr. and Mrs. Lucien Workman, Ewing, a son, Kenneth Eugene, December 20.

DIED: Mrs Adda Vice Burgess, 91, Saturday at her home in Moorefield; Mrs. Mary Catherine Dwyer Hickey, 74, Saturday at her home in Bethel; W.E. Parks, 70, Lexington, Wednesday; John Grimes, 81, Bourbon County, Wednesday; Mrs. Nancy Stewart Williams, 69, Paris, Tuesday; Rosie G. Geunes, 72, Tuesday.

50 Years Ago

Thursday,
December 30, 1943

The drought has become "very serious" in Nicholas County, Farm Agent W.T. Straw reported this week, and farmers have been hauling water from the Licking River and community ponds. There has been only one good rainfall since July 26.

Eight members of the Nicholas County Farm Bureau will attend the Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation Convention scheduled for January 12-14 at the Brown Hotel in Louisville. They are W.e. Piper, Frank Henry, G.C. Grover, L.M. Gaffin, S.R. Barlow, Judge Walter Shepherd, J.T. Patton and County Agent W.T. Straw.

The heaviest snow of the season fell here Tuesday night. The bright sunshine Wednesday removed much of the white flakes and traffic resumed to about normal.

BORN: To Mr. and Mrs. Marion Banta, a daughter, Judy Kaye, December 15 at Johnson Memorial Hospital.

MARRIED: Miss Jane Dick and Capt. Harry T. Richard Jr., Sunday at North Middletown Christian Church; Miss Martha Elizabeth Sturgeon and James S. Ellington, last Wednesday at the home of Mrs. W. H. McLean; Miss Sue Hopkins and James Minton, Monday at the home of the Rev. Frank Simons.

DIED: James Boyle Duckett, at his home in Forrest City, North Carolina; Hubbard Endicott, 73, Monday at home; Miss Jeanette Barr, Wednesday at home on Locust Street.

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Letters To The Editor

Editor:

I agree with two weeks ago editorial that Jason Hart wrote. I couldn't hardly believe that someone from the press actually defended the right and freedom to bear arms. Thank you very much Jason Hart for taking a good stand.

Every time you turn the news on, it seems like all the media joins right in with President Clinton and his elite group supporting gun control and wanting to disarm law abiding citizens. It is time this country wakes up and starts defending their freedoms. It will be a sad day when a man cannot defend his family and what he owns. It's a proven fact that strict gun control doesn't work. Washington D.C. has some of the strongest gun control and has the nations highest murder rate. More laws do not make less criminals! We must give up wrongs, not rights, for a better society.

Our forefathers wrote a constitution that gave the people the right to defend themselves. This right and freedom to bear arms is just as important today as it was then. They knew that we would need our guns someday to defend our freedom that is rapidly slipping by the wayside.

there was a bill introduced in our nations 103rd congress 1st session. The bill, H.R. 1276 gives law abiding citizens the right to obtain firearms for security and to use firearms in defense of self, family or home enforcement. People really need to call or write their Senator or Representative to let them know your opinion.

Billy Dixon
1743 Barterville Road
Carlisle, Ky 40311

Dear Editor and Staff:

Thank you for letting us come and visit The Carlisle Mercury. We liked learning about all of the equipment used to put together a newspaper. We like the darkroom and light table the best. We really enjoyed you showing us how to write on the computer. We hope to use what we learned to write our own newspaper. Thank you Mrs. Harris for coming to our classroom to share with us.

Your Friends,
Mrs. Broderick and Mrs. Dillon's classes

Tom Payne

Many Mercury Patrons have expressed interest in seeing Tom Payne's column in The Mercury again. Here's a sample. Articles are taken just the way Mr. Payne wrote them 50 years ago.

Pleasant Valley

Tom Payne is the corresponder. Carlisle basket ball teame went to Paris to play Clintonville basket ball teame. There wasent menny left in Carlisle. Tom Payne was going up there to. I was all ready up there but I got on the buss and come back to Carlisle and could not find no way to go back. Just had to stay in Carlisle, Ky. That is all true.

Mack Mitchell of Pleasant Valley, he is going up to Portsmouth, Ohio to play base ball with Portsmouth.

Harrisey Fryman has got a base ball diment on his plase. understand that he will build a grandstand this year. He has ordered a lots of unformes and base ball bats. Says he will have a good teame.

Tom Payne said there was a man the other day had a black dog. He would tell the dog if he know a person barke and he would barke and he ask the dog did he know Tom Payne and he would not barke and he would tell him to lay down and he would, and tell him to jumpe throw his armes and he would That is all true.

The Greyhoung buss which runs from Lexington, Ky. to Maysville, Ky. and on it rout to Lexington the driver got it in high gear and could not get it out and had to send a man from Lexington to fixe it and when it got to Carlisle it was more than 2 hours late.

Tom Payne and Bob Morris was hallin hay and thay turned over and Tom Payne landed right in front of the slade right behind the horses hind feet, but they never kick me. But I hurt my hand some way, don't kanow how. May hand was swoled up as big 2 hands. The docker said I all most brook my hand. That has made 3 times has turned over, one time with a wagon and 2 times with a slade. That is all true.

Tom Payne had the gratest of plaser in receving a card from Professor Grigg of Lexington, Ky. I shure did preashe getten a card from him.

MERCURY VAPOURS

By Warren R. Fisher

Reprinted from
Thursday,
December 8, 1977

Few concerned people

Evidently there are few people concerned with saving old newspapers for the local Weatherization committee to pick up. We managed to misread our form of short hand and published the wrong phone number last week. The correct number is 289-7172. One person was kind enough to inform us of the wrong number, and our good friend Hurst Frey with Human Resources called to say she would be glad to pass on the correct number, which we gave her.

-MV-

Grams to Ounces

My better half, Kay asked me the other day to change grams to onces in a French recipe she wanted to try. Now sometimes ago I purchased a book called "Metrics for Millions" thinking that one of these days I'd be called on to convert all of Kay's many recipes to grams, not just the reverse. (Kay vows she will not use the metric system). With the help of the book and my trusty calculator I finally came up with hopefully the right answers. It didn't help any that the abbreviation for grams in the French recipe was Grs., and my book used either g or gm. Of course the proof will be in the pudding, or was it petti fours?

-MV-

(Writer's Note: The following appearance in J. Earle Bell's column in The Union County Tribune, we've got a pickle for it, maybe you will also.)

Man Found to be Pregnant

SEXUAL EQUALITY may have its assets, but for a 24-year-old Dallas construction worker it certainly has its limits.

Gene Durham, preparing to leave for a new job with the Lindell Company in Chicago, was temporarily stymied when he received a letter two days before his departure cancelling his contract because he had failed his physical. The reason cited for failure was pregnancy.

The determined Mr. Durham took the next plane to Chicago, and met with similar results at the personnel office and clinic. He finally located a cooperative physician at the clinic who determined that his records had been confused with those of a Jean Durham.

Three weeks later, the computers acknowledged the faulty diagnosis, and his job was reinstated. However, as the Associated Press reported, the new contract offered to Mr. Durham contains a clause that prohibits maternity benefits in his health insurance for the first nine months.

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Kathy Howard of the Carlisle - Nicholas County Chamber of Commerce, and Debbie Bowles, Chamber member, act as Santa's helpers as they pass out Teddy Bears and candy canes to every child in the Nicholas County Head Start Program. Funds which paid for the bears were raised from sales accrued when the Chamber sold chances on the television and VCR.

General News

Rotary

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chairman and G.T. Cowan was chosen temporary secretary - treasurer.

"All business and professional men of Carlisle had been extended an invitation to attend this meeting."

The sponsoring clubs included Cynthiana and Millersburg.

Charter Officers included; President M.C. Bhearer; Vice President, G.T. Cowan; Secretary, W.A. Long; and Treasurer, Roger Womack.

The 50th Anniversary Celebration was held at the Nicholas County Elementary School with dinner served by the Nicholas County Varsity Bluejackets Cheerleaders.

After a welcome by Superintendent Cebert Gilbert, current president of the Carlisle Rotary Club, Dr. James Clinton Shires, president of Maysville Community College, spoke on the expansion of the community college system in this area and what that expansion means to rural development.

Dr. Robert Sparks, president of the Rotary Club from 1968-1969, and from 1986-1989, introduced special guests including Cleary Fightmaster who spoke on the history of the Carlisle Rotary Club, including additional comments on past presidents.

Carolyn Dotson, member of the board of directors of Rotary, and current secretary-treasurer of the organization, presented A.V. "Doc" Allison, president in 1961-1962 and 1986-1987, with a memoriam written by the late Roger Womack.

Geneva Galbraith Allison was born on February 23, 1908, the year that Rotary Clubs first came into existence. Geneva was the first woman member of the Carlisle Rotary Club, having become a member on June 19, 1991. She died on the 27th day of July, 1993. Geneva was always willing to serve and work on committees for the betterment of Rotary. Her husband, A.V. "Doc" Allison, survives her. He is a member of the Carlisle Rotary Club and a great guy, he is.

Geneva was the life of the party - so vibrant, so radiant, so talented, and with her piano playing there was always an occasion to sing. She had been active as a leader and sponsor of "Girl Clubs." Many are the stories of camping and field trips to historical "Camp Blackhawk". Geneva's presence and activity was ever present in her church, The Carlisle Presbyterian. She furnished organ and piano music for all occasions and was noted for her "White Chocolate Cake" at potluck or meals at the church. She was always there with her popular cake.

She was assistant to her husband in civic services during the period he served as Tax Commissioner of Nicholas County. Geneva was certainly a multi-talented lady.

It is in time of grief that we, in our human, mortal way, seek thoughts that will give us some comfort, soften the terrible blow, and help us adjust our hearts and minds to the truth that Geneva Galbraith Allison is gone.

While we mourn that we shall see her face no more, solemnize us by the uncertainty of our own working day. May we brighten our brief span of life by intensity of living, filling rapidly passing hours with mighty deeds as Geneva did. This day we mean just for Rotary but for all walks of life - whether it be family obligations, civic responsibilities, solemn thoughts or Christianity, or the day to day contacts we have with our fellow men.

We can say of Geneva, quoting the words of a poet, "Green be the grass above thee, friend of our better days. None know thee but to love thee nor named thee but to praise." The poet always says it better than most anyone, so thus we quote Tennyson by way of paraphrasing, "Lines of great women all remind us we can make our lives sublime, and departing, leave behind us, footprints in the sands of time."

Mr. Allison, along with his daughters, Pat Allison and Mary Katherine Knapke, were presented the writing when Mrs. Allison was recognized.

Also, Paul Harris Fellows including Spark, Leon Riggs, Jimmy Wells and Mr. Allison were recognized.

Charter members Bill Straw, Tommy Johnson and Fightmaster were also honored.

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Carolyn Dotson, secretary - treasurer of the Carlisle Rotary Club, symbolically recognized each member at its 50th Anniversary.

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William Straw and Cleary Fightmaster, Charter Members of the Carlisle Rotary Club were recognized during the celebration. They are shown here with their spouses, left to right, Inez Straw, and Martha Fightmaster. Tommy Johnson was absent from photo.

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James Wells, A.V. Doc Allison, Dr. Robert Sparks and Dr. Leon Riggs were honored at the 50th Anniversary Celebration as Paul Harris Fellows.

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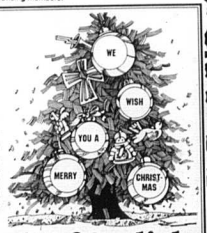
Carolyn Dotson presents A.V. Doc Allison with a Memorium written in memory of his wife, and first female member of the Carlisle Rotary Club, Geneva Allison. The piece was written by the late Roger Womack, past Carlisle Rotary Club President and one of the founding members.

Now's The Time To Think '94.

Thinking about what a dent Christmas shopping put in your budget this year? Think ahead and join our Christmas Club '94. By the time the holidays roll around next year, you won't have to think twice about where to find the money for gifts—it will be in the bank!



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Notice

An Open House Breakfast is being held at the Nicholas County Courthouse on December 29, 1993 from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in honor of the retirement of Judge/Executive Reese Smoot.

Everyone Is Invited

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