Mercury Memories

5 Years Ago
Thursday, September 22, 1988

The streets of Carlisle will be filled as in days of old, September 24 and 25 as the Carlisle-Nicholas County Chamber of Commerce holds Court Days.

Nicholas County School's Migrant Program recruiter Pat Hamm was recognized for her efforts in locating and recruiting migrant students by the Board of Education. Hamm was presented a certificate noting this achievement which netted the school system approximately $7,000 additional migrant funds.

The Nicholas County Junior Lady Jackets continue to roll, as both seventh and eighth grade teams won last Tuesday, over Georgetown Middle School.

BORN: Lainey Caitlin Matter, September 12; Johnathan Ross Kelley, September 14.

MARRIED: Miss Melanie Ann Crawford and Charles Alvin Hunt, June 18; Pamela L. Fryman and Carl E. Ishmael, August 20.

DIED: Yancy Reese Morris, September 15; Arcelous Williams Jr., September 13.

10 Years Ago
Thursday, September 22, 1983

State Trooper John Hall has notified the Mercury that on Tuesday, September 13, 1983, as result of the execution of a search warrant on a farm residence on Cane Run Road a quantity (14 plants) of cultivated marijuana and other marijuana paraphernalia were confiscated. The Beechwood Tigers soundly defeated the Nicholas County Bluejackets by a score of 35-0 last Friday night.

Raymond T. Kennedy of Lexington has retired after more than 35 years with Columbia Gas of Kentucky. He is a Nicholas County native, graduating from Headquarters High School in 1940.

BORN: Mark Tyler Doyle, September 7; Amanda Sue Willoughby, September 13.

DIED: Earl T. Haney, September 14; Eugene F. Kehne, September 14; Mrs. Katherine Reed Tune, September 19; G.L. "Larry" Tucker, September 18; James Alva Stafford, September 17.

20 Years Ago
Thursday, September 20, 1973

Five men filed as candidates for City Council by the deadline last week. They are: George M. (Alex) Crawford, Charles Fay, Dr. Andrew B. Hamon, Olivet Veach Berry, and Clarence Cord.

A 17-year-old boy was tried in Police Court Saturday for the theft of 125 Sunday Lexington Herald-Leader papers. The youth was seen taking the papers September 9 from a "drop" where the Carlisle agent picks them up. The papers were taken into the country and thrown over a hill, police said.

Nina Louise Young, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.N. Young II, was graduated from Florida State University, Tallahassee.

BORN: William Collier Mathes II, September 8; Towana Teresea Trussell, September 11; Daniel Curtis Williams, September 11.

MARRIED: Miss Donna Sharon Grimes and Jesse Darrell Edwards, August 31.

DIED: Mrs. Hallie M. Hall, September 13; Frank B. Hughes, September 12.

40 Years Ago
Thursday, September 24, 1953

Mrs. G.N. Maxey was elected Worshipful Matron and Chester Ockerman, Worthy Patron of Marie Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, Monday night.

Varsity cheerleaders, Della Mae Green, Maxine Gillespie, Shirley Jennings and Bonnie Price, were re-elected at Nicholas County High School for 1953-54. Betty Vice joined the squad for the first time. B-squad cheerleaders are Drusie Hudnall, Betty Lynn Jacobs, Marjorie Hamm, Wilma Watkins and Anna Lee Heller.

Miss Annie Buntin of East Union Road was badly frightened Friday night when she discovered a would-be burglary in her home. When she screamed, the intruder fled taking nothing.

Mr. and Mrs. Clift White of Carlisle have purchased the Stoner Inn in Paris from Nathan (Pappy) Linville, who has operated the business for the past 16 years.

MARRIED: Ruth Logan to S2/C Jack Dayton of the U.S. Navy, September 17 in Crab Orchard; Miss Kay Tedder to Cpl. Alva Hopkins, both of Carlisle, September 12 in Mt. Sterling.

DIED: Mrs. Mary Linda Ratliff Maybrier, 68, Lexington, Thursday.

50 Years Ago
Thursday, September 30, 1943

School authorities have been notified that school buses must not be used to transport students to athletic games, debating and musical contests, county fairs. Buses widely used for such purposes in the past must be used hereafter only for the purpose set out in the Office of Defense Transportation (ODT) certificate of necessity granted for their operation, says the ODT.

Construction of U.S. highway 379 was completed this week by the J.F. Milligan Company of Greenville. This new traffic-bound road was opened a year ago. It connects Highway 68 with Highway 13, on the Lower Jackstown Road to the Maysville and Lexington Road. It is five and one-half miles long and is a continuation of the Carpenter and Judy Roads.

Similar work is now underway in preparation for the Kentucky State Fox hunters Association Field Trail and Bench Show, to be held in Carlisle, October 12-15. This sporting event promises to be the greatest of this kind ever held in Carlisle.

It is announced from County Agent Bill Straw's office that the 4-H Club boys and girls and the Future Farmers Association will hold their annual fair jointly this year at the stockyards in Carlisle, October 19.

BORN: To Mr. and Mrs. Clyde W. Snapp, a son, Clyde Allen, September 22; To Mr. and Mrs. James Michael Seeby, Myers, a son, Saturday at Johnson Memorial Hospital.

MARRIED: Miss Gertrude Jackson and Pvt. William C. Conway, September 10 at Camp Claiborne, LA.; Margaret Ellington and Amos Hunt, September 16.

DIED: Mrs. Lenora Bussell Kenney, 72, Saturday at Holmes Hospital, Cincinnati, Ohio; Frank C. Stewart, 79, September 23 at home near Blue Licks; Mrs. Willie Jackson Watkins, 73, Thursday at home on Cane Run Road; Dallas C. Flynn, 61, Sunday at a Lexington hospital.

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Letters To The Editor

Editor:

Jason Hart wrote a good article on another Jones blunder. I voted and worked toward Governor Jones' election. I regret the effort for him.

If the Jones administration continues on the present course they might make Wallace Wilkinson look sophisticated.

The day he took office he was in over his head in regard to state Kentucky matters. They have done nothing for the people of this area.

Frankfort is like a social circle or a country club. The people over there have been in power for years. They have no respect for rural Kentucky. They just visit rural Kentucky at election time.

I would like to mention another thing that's related to our problems. There are counties that are dead zones on an economic basis.

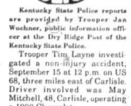
Our county could be an example of a larger problem related to Kentucky. You can drive down the road 10 to 20 miles and have a better of life. In a progressive county you can get rural water, drive to your job, and even a better education in some cases. To make a complicated story short no all counties get their fair share of help.

Kentucky is just like a third-world country.

Our smartest and best people have to leave when they get an education. You can't wait for years to get a decent road, bridges, rural water, and jobs. Yet the people in politics live good.

This state can do better and we have some good people in the state. The problem is good people can hardly get into the system.

Sincerely yours,
Allen Clay Stone



Kentucky State Police reports are provided by Trooper Jan Wachner, public information officer at the Dry Ridge Post of the Kentucky State Police.

Trooper Tim Layne investigated a non-injury accident, September 15 at 12 p.m. on US 68, three miles east of Carlisle. Driver involved was May Mitchell, 48, Carlisle, operating a 1990 Chevrolet.

MERCURY VAPOURS

By Warren R. Fisher

Reprinted from Thursday, September 18, 1980
Ma! Ma! Can you hear me...

I turned Wednesday afternoon to the telephone which was close at hand to do a small task that needed immediate attention. I thought, an hour later and very exasperated from being shunted from number to number by humans in some instances, by recordings in others, I came to the conclusion that South Central Bell has gotten too large, Ma!

My first try for the business service was 1-502-875-6511 line was busy and stayed busy everytime I tried. Next number 1-553-3322 where an individual told me 'sorry the business office 289-2214, that resulted in a recording telling me to call area code 800-227-9011. I even got Janie to listen- the 800 recording plainly said that that number was not operative at that time. Thank you number 152.

Not to be outdone by Alexander Graham Bell's instrument, I decided to get out the big guns, I dialthe manager at Winchester. I never did get through to Mr. Starnes, but his secretary did very nicely, she was quick to realize my problem and after telling me all records, etc., were kept at the Frankfort office, she'd have someone call me.

After talking to someone in the Frankfort office, explaining my plight, that I didn't wish any more third party calls charged to the Mercury's from a flat rate phone connection to check on a third party call. If the fee was from a pay phone then the operator co ; call and ask if ti were permissible to charge such to my business number.

The only other recourse was to refuse to pay for such calls that appeared on my monthly statement. Something I'll be doing from now on. It's no wonder SCB is always seeking a rate increase!

-MV-

Which way should it be?

The Business Viewpoint by Richard M. DeVos and Jay Van Andel began with this eye catching heading: "Should Congressmen be docked for showing up or staying away?"

Congressmen who failed to deliver a day's work for a day's wage.

Really now, you don't expect me to believe that do you. After all the Japanese just told em in Detroit that 'Made in the U.S.A.' didn't have that authentic ring anymore.

-MV-

Green tomatoes really ripe!

Saturday I had my first taste of green colored tomatoes. They were fully ripe, only instead of being red or yellow they were a bright green. Not bad, but I believe I prefer the red variety. They were also grown by Mrs. Grimes Caywood.

-MV-

Avoiding the weight gain syndrome

I'm always on the look-out for hints on how to enjoy life and not gain around the middle.

Yea, they mean push yourself back from the table sooner.

The Carlisle Mercury/Submitted Photo

These gentlemen look right at home on the old Nicholas County Courthouse steps. It appears all these Carlisle citizens are preparing to go off to war, probably during WWI. If anyone recognizes these men, write The Carlisle Mercury, PO Box 272, Carlisle KY, 40311.

Chamber gears up for Carlisle Court Days

By Heather Mathes-Harris
Of The Carlisle Mercury Staff

CARLISLE - The Carlisle-Nicholas County Chamber of Commerce is getting geared for Court Days this weekend and reports a great variety of booths, fun, food and prizes for the event.

"This year we have emphasized variety in getting our booths for Court Days, and right now we have over 50 and expect even more registrations before this weekend," Kathy Howard of the Chamber office said.

Some of the items for sale in booths which will be located in the rear of the courthouse yard, include; jewelry, guns and ammo, crafts, telephones, glassware, antiques, woodcrafts, air brushing, car tags, toys, woven rugs, color sand art, VHS tapes, purses, ceramics, tapes and log cabin bird houses.

"Because the county has just installed new sidewalks we are moving our booths to the rear. We don't want to change anyone driving over those and cracking them or damaging them in any way," Howard said.

"The court house did not say we could not, but it is just a matter of courtesy, plus, we won't be blocking Main Street."

Howard also said they are looking for more entrants to the scavenger hunt which will be held from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m. on Saturday.

"The first prize for this event is $50, second is $20 and third is $10. There are 100 items on the list, but the winner will be the one who can collect the most in the allotted time," Howard said.

The prize list for games in which any age child or adult can participate include; two jumbo water guns, pie cooking paraphernalia, bubble gum machine with gum, Louisville Cardinal t-shirts and hats, Kool-Aid shirts and other items, Gatorade hats, t-shirts and cooler, canister set, gift certificates for free vaccinations and exams for your pet and small pizzas.

"And no one has entered the diaper derby yet. For winning that contest IGA is donating a box of diapers, any size, any brand the parent chooses. And playing these games is not just worth while because of the great prizes we offer this year, but it's also fun for everyone in the family."

For registration information on games, booths or the baby contest call Howard at the Chamber office, 289-3234.

Pig Roast to be held

By Heather Mathes-Harris
Of The Carlisle Mercury Staff

CARLISLE - Carlisle-Nicholas County Tourism Inc. is holding a pig roast this Saturday from 5:30 until 8:30 p.m. at the Jailer's Home and Jail on Main Street.

The menu includes roasted pig, baked beans, coldslaw, dessert and drink.

"We hope everyone who is enjoying Court Days in Carlisle will come down, bring their family and join us for a great meal," Gladys Shrout of the tourism office said.

Tickets may be purchased in advance at Carlisle Drug or by calling Shrout at 289-5174, $4.50 for adults and $2 for children.

At the door, adult tickets will be $5 and $2 for children.

The tourism office's next event will be a haunted house held around the last of October during the Halloween weekend.

This is usually a big event and we have been told that since we have held this haunted house in the old jail and dungeon, there has been a lot less vandalizing and the usual meaness which accompanies Halloween. Although the haunted house is pretty scary, everyone who comes generally has great time with it," Shrout said.

General News

Classrooms

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as soon as possible."

Nicholas County High School Principal Greg Reid said the building is wired to the football lights.

"Wiring this building up to the football lights would be fine if we used it only during football games, but that is five times in a whole year. Mr. Coldiron said we would need a new transformer built, and we could get that done," Reid said.

"The real problem is getting state approval for the use of this building as a classroom.

"What a lot of people don't understand is the new curriculum requirements called for by the Kentucky Education Reform Act have caused an increase in classes offered and in turn, more classrooms are needed.

"We have a broader foreign language department more special education and our student count has increased.

"Right now all we hear is that we are overstaffed, but that is just not the case."

Simons said the decision to use the metal building comes down to a matter of priorities.

"We have got to utilize all the space we can, the state has got to understand we are trying to provide students with an education here and we are doing the best we can with what we have got," Simons said.

The council made a motion to research the feasibility and possible state approval for the use of the metal building as a classroom in order to alleviate the overcrowding at the high school.

Superintendent Cebert Gilbert feels the building will not meet state regulations for a classroom.

"There are so many regulations the state has for fire protection, square footage and so forth I really don't think the building will meet the requirements. The building does meet requirements when you consider a limited access situation like using the building for coaches meetings, team meetings or concessions during football games— it's just not a place to assemble a large group of children," Gilbert said.

Gilbert also said the problem of classroom availability was not caused entirely by a large influx of students but also by scheduling.

"In today's educational climate we have got to offer a broader based curriculum, the public and students as well as the state have called for upgrading education and that demands we offer more educational opportunities so our children can compete," Gilbert said.

"In later years schools across the state have had 30 children to a classroom. Now some classes are limited to 21, those other six or eight children have got to go somewhere and that creates a problem."

But Gilbert said plans for construction have not fallen by the wayside.

"The state must get their recommendations into the legislature by October, so when the legislature meets in January they will know where they stand. There is over $2 billion worth of need across the state, ours is $9.4 million for a new high school, so you can see where we are in the scheme of things," Gilbert said.

Suggestions have been made as to why the board has not looked into building onto the old high school.

"A survey of the facility was done back in '91, that is good for five years (until December 1995) and we cannot change that without an extremely high expenditure for engineers, architects, etc. It's a good size process, and a time and money consuming one," Gilbert said.

"And we are behind on some of these programs too. We have got to implement this Technology Plan, and we are working on that presently. We need more advanced math, science and English.

"And I know this is kindly like painting the cart before the horse implementing these plans before we have the facilities. But we have the money to implement the programs, we are still waiting to see what facilities we are going to get."

Gilbert concluded by saying virtually nothing can be done until the legislature meets.

Hospitals

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each hospital, as mandated by the Boren Amendment.

Two other suits were filed by the Association in Franklin Circuit Court on September 14.

One suit challenges the state's authority to tax charitable, non-profit hospitals. Under House Bill 1 of the 1993 special legislative session, the state imposed a 2.5 percent tax on the gross receipts of all hospitals. According to the suit filed by the Association, this tax is unconstitutional.

There is no provision in House Bill 1 that will exempt non-profit and county hospitals from the tax.

According to Miller, taxing the gross receipts of Nicholas County Hospital is only part of the problem.

Miller said that in the past, funds paid to the state were returned to the hospital, in excess of what was paid in, to pay for indigent care. After the passage of the provider tax, Nicholas County Hospital and Johnson Mathers Nursing Home are both required to pay the state, rather than receiving funds.

In 1991, we received about $300,000 from the state," Miller said. "This tax will require us to pay around $120,000 in taxes for the hospital and the nursing home."

The gross receipts of the nursing home are taxed at a rate of 2 percent, according to Miller.

The other suit filed in Franklin Circuit Court alleges the state violated the statute establishing the Hospital Indigent Care Assurance Program, or HICAP. This program helps to offset costs incurred by hospitals for treating Medicaid recipients not reimbursed by the Medicaid program. HICAP also increased the availability of health care services to indigent persons not otherwise covered by Medicaid or Medicare.

The diversion of HICAP funding to the state budget cost KHA member hospitals over $30 million last year, according to the release.

"We're being reimbursed on Medicaid figures from 1990," said Miller. "The formula used for reimbursement has not been updated, and does not allow for individual hospital's costs. It's completely arbitrary."

Approximately 29 individual hospitals are named plaintiffs in the suit challenging HICAP cuts, 28 are named in the suit involving Medicaid cuts, and 19 are named in the provider tax lawsuit.

Other area hospitals named as plaintiffs in the suits include Bourbon General Hospital, Paris; Mary Chiles Hospital, Inc., in Mount Sterling; and Meadowview Regional Hospital, Maysville.

Hardin ordained

Leslie Thomas Hardin son of Tom and Judy Hardin, Carlisle, will be ordained into the ministry, September 26, 1993 at 6 p.m. at the Gateway Christian Church in Mt. Sterling, Kentucky.

"They could fund the whole $2 billion and they could fund a fourth of that. I'm anxious to see what the state will recommend to the legislature, we do have the need, now we just have to see what the state will provide."

Student Of The Week
Stevie Zornes

Age: 18 **Grade:** 12
Parents: Mr. & Mrs. William Zornes.
Extracurricular Activities: Harrison County Vo-Tech VICA, Office Aide
Interests: Softball, TV, being with friends, fishing, hunting.
Plans After Graduation: To continue working at Carlisle IGA.
Reasons Chosen By Faculty: His cheerful attitude and willingness to work hard and get the job done makes Stevie a favorite with teachers and students alike.
Comments: Stevie is an honest, hardworking young man. He has worked locally at Carlisle IGA for several years. We salute Stevie for a job well done.

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