

COMMUNITY

Mathias remembers Carlisle times, friends

By Leigh Stone
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CARLISLE. His fingers run over the smooth granite monument...

Professor Frank Mathias comes to Carlisle Lake Country to relax, but sometimes the memories end in away. Like when he visits the Nicholas County Courthouse lawn war memorial.

"Marian Lecher was one I remember. He was killed in action in France," said Mathias, a 1943 graduate of Carlisle High School.

Mathias, a history professor at the University of Dayton for 25 years, retired in 1987. His

A Kentucky teenager makes peace with war

The following is the first of a series authored by Frank P. Mathias, Ph.D., professor and executive director of the University of Dayton in Dayton, Ohio. The article is adapted in part from his book GI Live: An Army Bandmate in World War II (Lexington: University Press of Kentucky, 1982). The article is scheduled to be published in July 1994 of the Nixon Club History Quarterly.

A Kentucky Teenager Makes Peace With War
By Frank P. Mathias
Special To The Mercury
There will never be another war like World War II, fought as it was with piston engines and gaspuders. It was the last of the big, titanic wars, and perhaps the war was in the issues were starkly outlined in black and white. It was a war of ideologies — gentlemanly and having a long, bloody, grim maces of civilians and soldiers fought to an "unconditional surrender."

Most historians now see it as a continuation of a twentieth-century war which started in 1914; nevertheless, World War II was far the most extensive and bloodiest war fought during this bloodiest of all centuries. The above is hindsight. World War II did not seem a bit complicated to me as a graduate from Carlisle High School in May 1943. I joined most of my generation in juvenile hopes that we would not end up with the war. We looked forward to it as a great adventure. It would also be an escape. I had long endured conflicting tensions concerning my "horning" old hometown. It seemed as though I had lived there forever, the son of a wholesale grocery salesman and a schoolteacher. I had a 14-year-old brother, Charlie, and that completed our family of four, in short, I was ready and willing to leave Carlisle.

Holiday Hints

Credit Card Shopping Suggestions
(USA) — To help keep holiday spirit up even when the holiday season is over, United Card Services has tips on using credit cards.

wife, Florence is a pediatric nurse at a Kettering hospital. She thought about Carlisle when she was, enjoying the tranquility of Lake Carmo.

Back then, home for Frank Mathias was a white house next to the IGA parking lot on Main Street, before the grocery store existed.

Mathias told The Mercury, "I had a copy of 'A Kentucky Teenager Makes Peace With War,' as published in The Nixon Club History Quarterly. As the book reveals, Carlisle was a place I had wanted to visit."

Another friend from home is James Clark Lowe, a farmer here and executive for Harrison Rural Electric Corp., and John Haidley, former commander of the U. S. Atlantic Submarine Fleet in World War II.

Visits here aren't over until he talks with Taylor Mathias, a son of E. Roger, John Anderson, Leticia Frank, Emily Ashby Wolf, Nate Young and Billy Hopkins.

Author Mathias types his manuscripts on a standard Olympic typewriter, a gift from the hospital where Florence works when they changed to computers. He compares it to the typewriter he used in the military. Some articles have been published by Ohio Magazine.

Mathias says the parents of three adult children, Nancy and Susan are both in Cleveland. Frank Jr. is a biologist at Dayton.

It might be well to pause and review some of the values and attitudes prevalent in this wartime village, for it was probably typical of Kentucky and no small service from similar communities carried the same values into a successful war against the enemy. Much of the value system was based on a rather uncomplicated belief that the world cannot be made safe for

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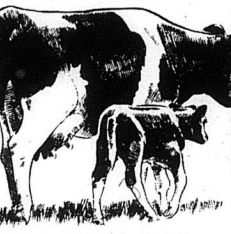
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GENERAL NEWS

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Landscaping professionals are responsible for the majority of commercial holiday decorating.

The more landscape professionals, the holidays have become very important for many firms, nearly 20 percent of their volume is billed during the last two months of the year. Akins says.

A Winter Checklist For Motorists

(IN) - Better get ready for winter driving. To be prepared for cold-weather driving, you should check the condition of your hot tires and fluids.

KET special to include area centers

Three Nicholas County home daycare providers will be featured in a KET special in three parts.

OBITUARIES

VERNIE ROSE MOORE
Vernie Rose Morris, 67, of 215 McCracken St., daughter of Zella Mae Watkins, died Friday, Nov. 25 at Edgemont Manor Nursing Home, Cynthia.



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