Mercury Memories

5 YEARS AGO
Thursday, Dec. 7, 1989

A break-in in progress at Dee Jay Auto Parts, W. Main, Carlisle was interrupted and stopped, last Tuesday night when a delivery truck stopped.

Over 200 students at Nicholas Co. Elementary School are participating in the St. Jude Hospital Math-A-Thon this year.

Several members of the NFL's Cincinnati Bengals spent the day hunting at the Robertson Co.: Hunting Preserve, Max Montoya and Scott Jones to name a few.

Nicholas Co. tied for second place with Mason Co. in the Limestone League Academic Competition.

Deaths: Herman Sharp, 85, died Thursday at Good Samaritan Hospital after a short illness. Elizabeth Buckler Towles, 72, died Saturday morning, Dec. 2 at Annie Walker Nursing Home, Mt. Sterling.

10 YEARS AGO
Thursday, Dec. 6, 1984

Nicholas County will have a name change in its ambulance service during the coming year. Ronald McDonald of Headquarters was the successful bidder.

Two students from Nicholas Co. are enrolled this semester in the U of K College of Agriculture. They are Andrew Hughes, animal sciences, and Stephen Richardson, undecided on a major.

District Judge Robert W. McGinnis was sworn into office Nov. 29 in the Pendleton Co. Circuit Court room.

Students read 623 books and raise $457 in MOD drive.

Pvt. Anthony D. Pergram has completed one station unit training at the U.S. Army Infantry School, Ft. Benning, GA.

Births: To Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Dwight Gray, a son, Mark Thomas, Nov. 18. To Mr. and Mrs. R.B. Mitchell Jr., a daughter, Krystle Elaine, Nov. 21. To Mr. and Mrs. Michael Ray Helvey, a son, Michael Ray Nelson II, Nov. 21. To Mr. and Mrs. Tony Young, a daughter, Helen Elizabeth; Nov. 18.

Married: Miss Leslie Ann Richardson and Christopher Blake Gibson married Dec. 1.

Deaths: John S. Frederick, 88, died Sunday, Dec. 2 at Harrison Memorial Hospital, Cynthiana. Mrs. Adalene Ashury Shepherd, 82, died Sunday, Dec. 2 at Nicholas Co. Hospital of an apparent heart attack. Mrs. Margaret Isabel Balof Coleman, 75, died Wednesday, Nov. 28 at Scott General Hospital.

20 YEARS AGO
Thursday, Dec. 5, 1974

Two cars were involved in a wreck Sunday afternoon Dec. 1 on the overhead bridge near Nicholas Co. Hospital.

Kroger stores in this area are freezing prices on 1100 grocery items for 60 days as a part of a nationwide anti-inflation program.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Hughes celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary Sunday at the Blue Licks Christian Church.

Two Nicholas Co. buses slid off the road Monday morning because of snow.

U.S. honey production drops, bees are eating more and producing less.

Births: To Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Watkins, a son, Kevin Charles, Nov. 26. To Mr. and Mrs. John Duncan, a daughter, Mary Jane, Nov. 22. To Sgt. and Mrs. Harold Henry, a daughter, Stephanie Margaret, Nov. 22. To Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Hutchinson, a daughter, Nov. 25.

Married: Miss Shanon Ann Banta and Steven Glen Minton were married Nov. 16. Alma Sue Gulley and Albert David Fryman were united in marriage Nov. 30. Miss Karen Diane Barnett and James W. McGlothin were married Thursday, Nov. 14. Miss Carroll Kerns and Kenneth Duke Adams will be married Dec. 14.

Deaths: Mrs. Wilhelmine Sugg Mangione died Friday, Nov. 29 at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington. Mrs. Louise Laubly Schatzmann, 87, died Sunday, Nov. 10.

50 YEARS AGO
Thursday, Dec. 21, 1944

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Davis and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Tivis Minton and family.

Carlisle High School carried on a most successful War Bond drive, selling a total of 12,564.82.

Mrs. Frank Flora and Mrs. Edna Flora have returned after spending a week with W.J. Flora, who is in a hospital in Memphis, TN.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Potts entertained with a lovely dinner Sunday at the Feeback hotel in honor of their granddaughter, Miss Georgnna Young.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hughes and family visited his parents Sunday.

Married: Sgt. Chester Hill and Miss Wilma Jean McCann.

Deaths: Simon Kenton Maffett died Sunday morning from a heart attack. Mrs. Martha Smith Raisor died Friday morning. Samuel Richard Brought, Sr., 64, died last Wednesday following a heart attack. Tony H. Kenny died of a heart attack Tuesday, Dec. 12. James Cox, 64, died last Wednesday morning, Dec. 13.

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COMMENTARY

Opinion By Jason Hart

The Annual Toy Drive held by the Nicholas County Fire Department is not doing as well as it should be. When I compare what we have received at The Mercury this year against what we had at this same time last year, all I can say is that somebody's Christmas is in trouble.

I had to load my car not once but twice to take the toys to the fire department last year.

This year, unless things pick up, I will just use my back seat.

Several people have been very generous, and a very sincere "thank you" goes out to those people, as well as to the ones who intend to give.

If you haven't planned on giving anything to the Toy Drive, please try to capture the spirit of giving by contributing something, no matter how small, to help a stranger. I don't think there's a better way to express you concern for your fellow man than by giving something to make a neighbor's holiday a little brighter. What do you think?

So when you're doing your last-minute Chrismas shopping this week, pick up something extra for the Toy Drive, and just drop it off at Woody's Auto Repair on Upper Jackstown Road, the County Fire Station on Market Street, or at the office of The Carlisle Mercury at 234 North Locust Street.

If you need more information about the drive, call Mark Hughes at 289-7226 or call me here at 289-2464.

Once again, for everyone who has given already or intends to give: Thank you.

• I feel I should thank the staff here at The Mercury. Leigh Stone was out sick Monday and Tuesday, so I not only had to do all the ads, but I also had to write, print pictures, and paste up more than I usually paste up. Without Priscilla and Julie doing their jobs efficiently, and without Priscilla covering fiscal court, I would have been in deeper trouble than I was.

I should also thank Josh Shepherd for shooting pictures for us, and Mary Tapp and Nicholas County School Board personnel for being so helpful. Thanks all, for your extra effort!

Mathias reflects on wartime experiences

The following is the second of a series authored by Frank F. Mathias, Ph.D., professor emeritus of history at the University of Dayton, Ohio. The article is adapted in part from his book *Gl Jive: An Army Bandsman in World War II* (Lexington: University Press of Kentucky, 1982).

Part 2

By Frank F. Mathias
Special To The Mercury

It should be suspected by now that sin was something to reckon with in Nicholas County in 1943. The main Protestant churches were there as well as a small Catholic parish of which I was a member, and their influence reached into most homes in the county. There were no Jews in the county.

Throughout my school years "Chapel" was held on Wednesday mornings in the public school auditorium. Although we may have recited the Lord's Prayer in our classroom that morning, we said it again as Chapel opened. A Protestant preacher, or sometimes the Catholic priest, often delivered a short talk on subjects as varied as the idea of prayer, patriotism, or cheating on tests.

No one, to my knowledge, ever questioned this process as a violation of the federal Constitution or of anyone's rights, and although there was some backbiting now and then, the different religious congregations weathered well together.

By the time we entered the service, we had been given a rather firm foundation of Christian values and democratic standards. I neither advocate nor condemn the above system but have tried to revisit it for the way it was.

The people of Nicholas County, like most communities, lived within a rather well understood class system. It was a mild thing, based more on economics than anything else. Although there was no one of notable wealth in the county, some were much better off than others. At the top were professional people, leading merchants, and farmers. These were followed by all sorts of tradesman, salesmen, artisans and small farmers. Although some grumbling was heard, most of us accepted this state of affairs. (Nicholas County's young men were to encounter a full-blown class system in the services, where every man's status was openly displayed as stripes on his sleeves or metal emblems on his shoulder straps).

Since most of Nicholas County's 8,000 people were rather securely ensconced within their lightly structured class system, few were obsessed with a struggle to be upwardly therefore, an attitude of toleration existed toward the eccentric people living in their midst. Carlisle had its full share of eccentrics. Nicholas County's people, however, handled eccentric souls with an attitude of charity and restraint, helping all of them as best they knew how.

What is now called a "macho" attitude was evident before and during the war in Nicholas County. It was one of the less attractive features of the period. Some boys looked on fighting as a sure proof of their manhood. Farm boys came to town each Saturday decked out in white duck pants and white shirts. Most of these ogled the girls who walked around courthouse square or attended a cowboy movie at the Lyric, but a few managed to get into a knife fight during these steamy summer afternoons. The contestants nearly always went into an alley behind Harper's Garage where they danced about, slashing along, shallow gashes through shirts and skin, leaving bloody stripes on the white cloth.

It was repulsive to me and other kids watching these affairs. Pompadoured and heavily oiled hair clung damply to the fighters' slushed faces as Ernest Simms, the town policeman, led them off for a night in jail. No one, to my knowledge, ever received a deadly wound during these fights, but the boys involved bragged about them for weeks. The draft eventually ended them, taking these fighters to war!

Carlisle had nearly all of the often-heralded advantages of small-town living - this in spite of a few flaring shortcomings. Every serviceman I knew, black or white, admitted carrying visions of the little old town and its people in his mind as he fought across the sands of foreign shores.

But this does not mean that he was not glad to enter the service and leave Carlisle in the first place. It was certainly true of me. No teenager can long stand boredom. My crowd longed for the bright lights of Lexington and Cincinnati and, above all, a chance to do our bit in the service before the war ended.

Why this seeming thirst for getting ourselves into a war? Actually, it was a thirst for adventure and for an end to boredom and was of course based on a nearly complete ignorance of the horrible reality of war.

Like so many of my generation, I had been reared on stories spun by World War I veterans, most of whom had seen no combat in the brief duration of American involvement on the Western Front. One of these was Ed Metcalfe, my next door neighbor, who was a magnificent teller of tales. He and his wife Elsie McIntire ran a small grocery store uptown. "Uncle" Ed had lived for a time with Robert Service, the poet of the Yukon, during the gold-rush days and then ranched cattle in Montana for a decade before World War I. He held his audiences enthralled with his tales and left me with the feeling that most anyone could be at peace with war, for it was a kind of exotic thing filled with voluptuous French women, hilarious pranks, and a little fighting somewhere, but nothing to worry about. For him and for most of the American Expeditionary Force that had been true back in 1918, but it was very far from the truth in the 1940s.

Ironically, Sergeant Andrew Metcalfe, his only child, was killed in Italy during the last week of the war, earning a Silver Star while knocking out a Nazi machine gun nest.

Travel was another great lure for the youth of the depression era. By 1943 I had been in only two states and no more than 90 miles from home. Travel had been seen as a rich man's game before letters started coming in from servicemen stationed all over the globe. I eagerly looked forward to joining this ever-growing throng of travelers, little understanding that their destinations - Anzio, Guadalcanal, Tunis, Buna - often left much to be desired.

Nevertheless, the high adventure of travel enchanted me throughout the war, long after my thirst to "get in the war" had turned to dust in my mouth. My train ride from Georgia to Fort Ord, Calif., where I was processed for shipment overseas, still remains as one of the most keenly enjoyed five days of my life. I wrote home in October 1944 that although I was only 19:

"I have been 10,000 miles from home, been in 15 states, jungles, Pacific Ocean, Coral Sea, Bismarck Sea, New Guinea, where I am now (Bougainville), and God knows where else, seen two volcanoes, fresh battlefields, all kinds of ships, planes, and men-guess I'm just bragging but I could be clerking at Kroger's for 28 cents per hour. I'm traveling instead of that and getting $64 a month to do it!"

Part of this was aimed at easing the fears of the homefolks, but most of it derived from the sheer joy of seeing new sights.

Patriotism was the greatest one cause drawing youths into the war. Pearl Harbor left no doubt regarding Japan's aims and Hitler had long since sealed himself and Germany into a corner.

Claims to racial superiority by the Nazi "Supermen" and the Japanese warlords were not fully understood until revelations concerning Auschwitz and the Bataan Death March appeared in print and photograph, but enough was known to leave little doubt that the Allies were fighting on the right side. I had not the shadow of a doubt that I was serving humanity at large by entering the war against the Axis powers.

Affordable gifts abounded last week at NCE when the PTA Santa Workshop opened for students.

The Carlisle Mercury/ Leigh Stone Photo

The Nicholas County Elementary PTA gave these three girls a tough choice to make - which gift would be best for a loved one?

The Carlisle Mercury/ Leigh Stone Photo

"Thank you, Carlisle Rotary Club!" this youngster seems to say happily hoisting up his gift. The Rotarians, and a special visit from Santa Claus, make Christmas merry for youngsters each year, said member Carolyn Dotson.

The Carlisle Mercury/ Leigh Stone Photo

General News

Court

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in Carlisle.

Approval was given for 67 miles of rural roads to be repaired and/or blacktopped in the 1995/96 calendar year by the State Highway Department. After much discussion and clarification, the issue was passed and approved to be submitted to Frankfort as Mr. Keith of the State Highway Department had originally presented it.

A proposal to have Billy Wayne Rogers assume the position of road foreman until January, 96 was given and approved.

Those youngsters spread the Holiday Spirit at Johnson Mathers Nursing Home, people visited the home with holiday cheer and gifts in hand for the residents.

The CATS transportation contract for senior citizens came before the court for renewal. With a minimum of changes from the contract with CATS phat has been approved in the past (including deeming the contract perpetual as opposed to yearly) the contract was approved.

Smith presented a letter from Margaret Hunter of the Community Action Council concerning the contract they have with the city of Carlisle for the rental of the building in which they are housed. With some small changes as recommended by Mr. Conley, the approval of the contract passed; it included a change which would enable the Council to vacate the premises with a thirty day notice for any reason should they so desire. Further changes as set forth by the Council would safeguard against their loss of improvement to the property funds should damage such as a fire occur.

Approval of the monthly reports was given. This included a detailed description of financial and treasury matters.

Conley presented the court with an investment policy which, along with the code of ethics, must be adopted by January 1. The magistrates found it to be in conformity with the statutes, and it passed unanimously.

The approval of a second reading of the code of ethics was asked for and received by Conley after a brief summary of the Code was given. Conley had presented the court with three minor changes to different sections, and these also passed.

The approval of the bills was given unanimously, and then the approval of transfers was discussed briefly before also passing. Wanda Dotson pointed out that there needed to be a $1,000 general fund transfer in order to accommodate election maintenance. This was also approved.

Judge Executive Smith asked Juanita Smith if she would continue to serve on the hospital board, and she agreed. A motion was made for approval and seconded.

The Judge Executive asked for a motion for approval for him to appoint 3 members to the water commission. Presently serving are Jim Simons, Sue Kirby, and Jim Kessler. Approval was made and followed by discussion of possible sites for relocation of the water commission.

Judge Executive Smith reminded all members not to forget that this year's supper is to be at Tracks Friday, December 20 at 7:00 P.M.

On a final note, approval was given for R. S. Wells, Jr. to lock the gate at the end of Pisgah Road which is the access road to Pisgah Cemetery. The court agreed to place a sign indicating that anyone wishing to visit the cemetery should see Mr. Wells. The court indicated that this was the best solution to Wells' complaint of continually having to round up his cows.

NOTICE

There will be no CITY trash pickup on Monday, December 26, due to the Christmas Holiday. Monday trash pickup will be picked up on Tuesday, December 27.
City of Carlisle, Kentucky

NOTICE

The Nicholas County Courthouse will be closed December 23-26 for the Christmas Holiday. It will re-open on Tuesday, December 27, 1994. It will be closed December 30, 1994-January 2, 1995 for the New Year holiday. It will re-open on January 3, 1995.
Charles "Chuck" Smith
Nicholas County Judge Executive

Hospital Notes

11-30-94 thru 12-6-94

ADMISSIONS: CARLISLE-Nellie Hensel Gray, Dorothy Sparks, Frances Chansler, Kathryn Howard, Carl Crawford, Angela Cook, Kelly McCarty, George Estes, Gene Berry, Ruby Stewart, Christina McIntosh, Erma Richey, John Smith, Larry McCarty, Pansy Whitt, Effie Watkins, Billy Feeback, Jr. EWING- Dallas Vaughn, Jr., Troy Emmons. MT. OLIVET-James Henderson. PARIS-Anne Ruth Cleaver. MILLERSBURG-Thomas Nesbit.

DISCHARGES: CARLISLE-Mildred Duncan, Jennifer English, Bertha Gaunce, Calivn Morris, Ray Evans, Leonard Hall, Dorothy Sparks, Robert Trussell, Nellie Hensel Gray, Arthur Allison, Oma Steele, Elise Gray, Angela Cook, Kelly McCarty, George Estes, Lucian Workman, Ruby Stewart, James Davis, Carl Crawford, Earl Vech Delaney. PARIS-Walter Mitchell, Elizabeth Jolly. BROOKSVILLE-Harry Hester. MT. OLIVET-Ida Moore, Bessalee Robinson, Ray Fooks, James Henderson. SHARPSBURG-Pamela Leonard. EWING-Dallas Vaughn, Jr.

Marie Chapter #259, Order of the Eastern Star will meet on Monday, Dec. 19, 1994, at 7:30pm.

There will be a chili supper for members starting at 6:30pm. All members are urged to attend.

Smiths celebrate holidays

The children of Mrs. Bessie T. Smith met at the Smith home for Thanksgiving. They were Rhonda Jones and Rita Sue and Kathryn Daniel of Trenton, TN. Rita Smith and Jesse Cody and Rachael Cody of Denver, CO. David and Jamie Smith and Emmett Smith, Anita and Jarrod Buckler. The one thing the Smith's were most thankful for was there were two four generations: Mrs. Bessie Smith, Rhonda Jones, Rita Sue and Kathryn Daniel and Mrs. Bessie Smith, David Smith, Anita and Jarrod Buckler. Those calling at the Smith home were: Mr. and Mrs. Carl Guy, Pat Coburn, Matthew and Robyn, Mr. and Mrs. William Smith, Amber and Shane. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Malone, Ms. Sue Allison and Kenney Mattox, Mrs. Bessie Smith.

Mr. & Mrs. Paul Ramsey

happily announce their fiftieth wedding anniversary. The couple were married on December 23, 1994 in Winchester, Kentucky by the Reverend I.C. Swain. A reception honoring the couple will be hosted by their children on Friday, December 23, 1994 at the Holiday Inn in Winchester, Kentucky from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

The Ramseys are the parents of Mr. Paul (Sharon) of Franklin, TN, Mrs. George (Pam) Drake of Stanton, KY, Mrs. Lanny (Debbie) Hutchison and Mrs. Alan (Rhonda) Snapp, both of Carlisle, KY, and Mr. Cliff (Martha) Ramsey of Scottsdale, AZ. The Ramseys have nine grandchildren, Craig & Jessica Ramsey, G.L., Travis, and Micah Drake, Landon & Abendrea Hutchison and Aaron & Ashley Snapp.

JAILER REPORT

Billy Mac Gaunce, Jailer • Report for November, 1994

Nicholas County

Miles travelled	20,157
Prisoners incarcerated as of December 1	8
Inmates transported from jail to court	14
Prisoners transported to jail	22
Gasoline used	$90.28
Expense on jailer's car	None
Miscellaneous expenses	None
Work Release money from jail turned in to court for November, 1994	$1005.00

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Love,
Delores, Mom, Linda & Barbara

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