Mercury Memories

5 Years Ago
Thursday, May 18, 1989

As the hour of 7 p.m. neared last Tuesday night the crowd had swelled to more than what had been planned. Kentucky State Police Troopers and former professional baseball player dough Flynn were on hand. Friends, parents, and classmates gathered for the first annual D.A.R.E graduation.

In Cynthiana, Ward "Butch" Burnette, Commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Agriculture, made Tom Hensley honorary Commissioner of Agriculture just before the Licking River Valley Development meeting at the Harrison County 4-H center last Wednesday night.

Surveys are in process for a new lake at the Clay Wildlife Preserve, Buford Clark, manager of the state wildlife preserve, said Wednesday afternoon. There is also talk of another lake being built in the area, but plans for it are still up in the air.

DIED: Mrs. Blanche Viola Fryman, 86; Everett E. George, Sr., 84, May 8; James H. Mastin, 54, may 9; Frank Duckworth Gudgell, 92, May 9.

10 Years Ago
Thursday, May 17, 1984

Mockingbird Lane may not become a part of Carlisle after all. A petition, signed by all but two home owners was presented to city council Monday night, objecting to the proposed annexation of the street. The petition was brought before the council by residents Mike Phillips and Lonnie Bryant.

It appears the electric flag that was placed atop the courthouse May 21, 1917 will be illuminated again, due mostly to the efforts of the local Chamber of Commerce.

Rev. Albert W. Sweazy, a 1936 graduate of Carlisle High School has been elected to the Judicial Council of the United Methodist Church, the denominations "supreme court."

BORN: Christopher Allen Howard, May 10; Robert Lee O'Neal, May 2; Carol Cathleen Bennett, May 12.

MARRIED: Ronda Sexton and Michael Wayne Berry, April 28, 1984.

DIED: Hobart Walker, 80, May 8; Adrian Cox, Jr., 53, May 9; Roy T. Snapp, 62, May 9.

20 Years Ago
Thursday, May 16, 1974

Kentucky Utilities Company, under Kentucky Statutes, will place new electric rates in effect on May 15. These rates will represent an average increase of 13.1% in the cost of electric service over those currently charged. Under the new schedule, an average urban residential customer of KU will experience an increase in the cost of his service of less than 4 1/2 cents per day.

Nicholas County's Post Office will begin issuing food stamps to eligible Nicholas County recipients on June 1, the Department for Human Resources announced today.

The Nicholas County Bicentennial Committee has announced that an original outdoor drama will be presented June 26, 27, 28, and 29 at Blue Licks Battlefield State Park. Curtain time will be 8:30 p.m. each evening.

DIED: Mrs. Mary Edna Smith, 74, May 12; John E. Krebs, Sr., 63, May 11; Harrison Fryman, 71, may 11; Mrs. Geneva Farley Dunaway, 61, May 11.

40 Years Ago
Thursday, May 20, 1954

LaVonne Taylor and Lenore Richey have been selected as co-valedictorians of the 1954 graduating class at Nicholas County High School. William Earl Hubbard is salutatorian.

Harry Letton is among six trustees who have been reelected to the Board of Trustees of Midway Junior College, Midway.

Taylor Talbert Mathers, who is in the U.S. Navy, located at Oakland, California, left Wednesday for a 30-day leave with his parents here.

Mrs. Samuel Cassity (Vera Walker), Phyllis Ann Ruddell and Betty Sue Woodall from Carlisle, will graduate May, 25 from St. Joseph's Hospital Training Class, in Lexington.

BORN: To Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Johnson, a daughter, Alice Marie, May 13; To Mr. and Mrs. Russell Thornton, Cynthiana, a son, Alvin, May 12; To Mr. and Mrs. Roy Fryman, Sharpsburg, a daughter, Beverly Ann, May 13; To Mr. and Mrs. James Short, Lexington, a son, Henry Clark, may 15; To Seaman 1/C and Mrs. Jack Detherage, Norwood, Ohio, a daughter, Jacqueline lee; To Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Scheffler, Cincinnati, Ohio, a daughter, Pamala Sue, May 16; To Mr. and Mrs. Delisle Sudduth, Oakland, California, a daughter, Schelly Larine, may 8; To Mr. and Mrs. W. Bedford (Skippy) Munroe, Santa Ana, California, a son, Scotty William, April 29.

MARRIED: Miss Royoka Shoda of Tokyo, Japan, to Harold H. Blount, Lexington and California, March 15 in Japan; Miss Dorothy Ellen Boggus to David L. McFarland of Liberty, May 14 in Lexington.

DIED: John William Barker, 87, of Ivon, Pendleton County, Saturday in Dayton; Mrs. Ruby Reed Linville, 53, Thursday at her home.

50 Years Ago
Thursday, May 25, 1944

Members of the Carlisle City School faculty entertained with a banquet Wednesday at the Feeback Hotel in honor of the retiring members, Pref. Everett Earl Pfanstiel, Mrs. Tillie Hamilton Feeback, Mrs. Roger Womack, Mrs. William Gilley and Mrs. Cleary Fightmaster.

Work on the installment of the frozen food locker for Carlisle and Nicholas county in the McMahill building on West Main is progressing and it will be ready to open July 1. Over 200 families have signed up for lockers.

Paul Keith Darnall, son of the late County Judge Paul D. Darnall and Mrs. D.T. Brandenburg, Ohio, who graduated last week from the Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Louisville, will preach in the Carlisle Presbyterian Church May 28, according to Dr. Cecil V. Crabb, pastor of the church.

BORN: To Mr. and Mrs. Milton Galbraith, a son, Milton Jr., May 22 at the Corbin Hospital, Corbin; To Mr. and Mrs. Herbert McElfresh, a daughter, May 20 at Johnson Memorial Hospital.

DIED: James Henry Gordley, 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Gordley, Friday at home on the Maysville Road; Miss Almyra Nester, 82, Monday at the home of her sister, Mrs. John Doyle in Bath County; William Wallace House, 68, Tuesday at home on East Union Road.

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Leigh's Lines

Opinion By Leigh Stone, Managing Editor

Election Day is almost here and local Kentuckians will have some tough selections to make.

State Senator candidate Denny Nunnelley and state representative candidate Jim Lovell both visited the office Monday to give interviews. State senator candidate James Stuart Thomas promptly returned by telephone call as did state representative candidate Andy Slone. The Mercury was unable to contact state senator candidate Jerry L. Atwood, but left a message on his home recorder. Hope you like the pre-election stories about where the candidates stand on issues pertinent to Kentuckians. All the candidates were glad to discuss their views.

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Nora Vice of Moorefield called recently about the photograph The Mercury published of local men on the Nicholas County Courthouse steps. They were ready to board the train to serve in World War I. Billy Lemons allowed The Mercury to borrow the photo and we appreciate his trust. Nora's husband, Gilba, was in the top row wearing the flat cap. To Gilba's right was his brother, Elmer Vice. Another Vice, Jesse Vice, was in the photo, too. Nora, 97, reported that "They all came back but two."

When the photo was taken, Nora "had one child was expecting the second one."

Gilba was 23 years old when the photo as taken in January of 1918. He and the men were boarding the train for Camp Taylor in Louisville. While Gilba was serving his country, Nora went to live with her parents. From Louisville, the men went to Spartanburg S. C. and from there they went to France.

"Back then they joked they were going across the pond," she recalled. "The men were part of the 1st Pioneer Infantry and it was their job to build roads for the artillery troops."

Nora said the men made the roads with their bare hands and wheelbarrows. They spent 17 months in the service without a furlough.

Gilba died in 1953. "He'd be 99 years old if he was living," she said.

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The Mercury enjoys publishing old photos like the one Billy Lemon let us borrow. The first thing anybody sees along the roads into Carlisle are the brown signs proclaiming "Historic District." This area is rich with history. Ask anyone from the local historical or tourism society. Those with old photos and some information about the photos are welcome to submit them for publication.

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Mrs. Licha Farah Sr. visited The Mercury office last Friday afternoon. We talked about The Mercury and agreed that readers like reading hometown features and photos. We also talked about the need for more social news, like the columns written by our news correspondents Mrs. Fred Hollar for Saltwell and Mrs. Debbie Richardson for Morning Glory. Yep - everybody loves reading about who baked a blackberry pie and who ate it! Anyone interested in joining those ladies by writing a local social column?

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Nicholas County has some of the brightest, most well informed young people around. The Mercury recently published an article where seventh and eighth graders talked about the Kentucky Education Reform Act (KERA). Eighth graders Jennifer Linville and Jake Denton and seventh graders Melissa Selvage and Adam Anderson answered my questions thoroughly and were really good to interview. At the high school level, I talked with juniors Candace Gilbert and Robert Reed; and seniors Laura Hamm and Patrick Baker. All were knowledgeable on the subject and glad to share their views. Thanks everybody!

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Thanks a lot goes to Dr. Randy Kimbrough, deputy commissioner, Kentucky Department of Education. Dr. Kimbrough visited the board of education and many teachers and staff members last week to give her views about how Nicholas County can get the funding to build a high school or at least, add new classrooms to the current high school. This lady spent many years as a teacher and told about trying to teach class while standing in a puddle of water. Conditions were that bad. No one at Nicholas County High School has to stand in water to teach class that I know of, but the school still needs more classroom and storage space according to students and staff I talked with recently.

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Taylor McNeil, a writer for Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts, called last Friday. He told me about a feature story that will be went to The Mercury about William Schwann. William, originally from Carlisle, was presented an award of distinction. I look forward to reading the story and having it in the Mercury.

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Are you looking forward to visiting Clay Wildlife Management as much as I am May 22? That's Visitor's Day for the Old Northwest Territory Primitive Rendezvous. Sue and Bobby Bowles will have a store set up there, so at least there'll be somebody there I know. I'll also look for Gladys Shrout, tourism co-chairman, and Nighthawk Don Meredith. Don was the guest speaker at the annual tourism dinner held last month and will be at the rendezvous.

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After I'm done taking pictures and doing interviews at Clay Wildlife Management, I plan on being at Carlisle Presbyterian Church. Beginning at 7 p.m., organist Jerry Johnson will perform using the historic Pilcher Organ. During the interview, he played "Phantom of the Opera" as it is known to most of us. The organ is 94 years old and it sounds great - and Jerry really knows how to make it give its best sound. Jerry, Custer Blair and Sue Dotson were a big help getting the organ story. Hope to see you there!

Mercury Vapours

By Warren R. Fisher

Reprinted from Thursday, May 16, 1974

Memories

During remodeling at Garrett's Furniture, on the building bounded by Elm and Main Streets, the former location of C.R. King Hardware, a letter advertising the Dazy Electric churn dated 1936 and a 1915 booklet on Quick Meal oil stoves was found.

Neither of these items are so very old, but they did bring back a flood of thoughts. The foremost one being the painting of hand grass seed strippers manufactured by C.R. and shipped far and wide.

One of the first paying jobs I ever had was painting these contraptions for the princely sum of 25 cents per dozen or .020833 cents a piece, and as time went on, I became proficient enough to produce 12 dozen a day-$3 was considered a right good wage for a lad in those days.

But the first 12 dozen painted (or partly so) stand out just a little more brightly than the dull red paint that was applied to the wooden parts. Upon inspection the following day, it was found that I'd skipped one side of all 144 had strippers, and it isn't a bit hard after all these years to remember my embarrassment.

The last recollection I have of a hand stripper was one that someone was using for a flower planter.

The inflated prices of today won't allow one to tarry with any slow processes, such as hand stripping which is another story in itself as anyone who has wielded a stripper in the hot June sun can attest.

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Slow processes

Hand folding is another. And about this time each year when I am in the throes of producing a catalog, I can't help but marvel at at small semi-automatic desk top folder we acquired a few years ago, that reduces the folding operation to hours instead of days that once was the case.

Now if one could afford an automatic saddle stitcher-collator with three-knife trimmer, the other laborious job would disappear. But then the cost of producing a catalog would be so high that one wouldn't be able to compete.

Letters To The Editor

Sheriff's group will honor their fallen comrades

Dear Editor:

The Kentucky Sheriffs' Association and the Kentucky Sheriffs' Boys and Girls Ranch will honor their own on Saturday, September 10, 1994

We need your help! Maybe your father, husband, brother, uncle, grandfather, great-grandfather or an acquaintance, who was a Kentucky sheriff or deputy sheriff killed or wounded in the line of duty. Ask your friends and neighbors if they know of any Kentucky sheriff or deputy sheriff who was killed or wounded in the line of duty, dating back to when Kentucky became a state in 1792.

You may have to do some "digging" genealogically speaking, but it might give us a name we do not already have on our Memorial Wall. If possible, a newspaper clipping or other such documentation detailing the circumstances of the death or injury of a sheriff or deputy sheriff would be most helpful and appreciated by us.

Sheriff Jim Murphy, President of the National Sheriffs' Association and other distinguished individuals from Kentucky will help us to memorialize these individuals who gave their lives or were wounded in service to others.

The sheriff's office has multiple duties including law enforcement; collecting taxes; serving the courts; serving process and other type papers; transporting prisoners; and performs election duties. Most of us don't realize what they accomplish and the risks involved in carrying out their duties. The Memorial Ceremony is our way of expressing our appreciation for their service to others.

Our office number is (502) 362-8660 and our mailing address is the Kentucky Sheriffs' Ranch; P.O. Box 57; Gilbertsville, KY 42044. Our Fax number is (502) 362-7534. Please, send us any information you might have on Kentucky sheriffs and deputy sheriffs who have been killed or wounded in the line of duty so that we may give them the recognition they deserve.

Thanking you in advance, I am respectfully,
Ray Stoess

Llmas invade Nicholas County!?

The Carlisle Mercury/Leigh Stone Photo

Nicholas County Elementary School became "land of the llamas" Friday, May 13. Becky Reid, wife of Nicholas County High School Principal Greg Reid, brought her beloved pets, a Christmas gift from Greg, to school. Children met Levi, the lighter llama, and Max. Reid was accompanied by Lisa Grubb, who works with Becky at Harrison County High School. Becky told the youngsters "They just like a lot of love. They get close to you like they could reach out and kiss you, to see if you're nice. They're very smart." The llamas later visited the high school. Greg said he wanted Becky to be interested in farming and since he got her the llamas, she's been a real farm person. Llamas are related to the camel family, but are smaller without bumps. They are also known for their wool.

General News

Facilities

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Kimbrough stated.

During the meeting Dr. Kimbrough said that no Kentucky school district had ever defaulted on payment. Some districts were in financial trouble, having the state intervene in their operation, but none had ever defaulted. Rules for getting construction approval are strict, keeping that from happening.

Nicholas County Board of Education Chairman Louise Zachary said the board had allotted money in the general fund for buildings, but didn't set it aside in a specific construction account, as Dr. Kimbrough suggested. "We had it set aside, but we didn't have it in an account in escrow," Zachary said Monday. "We didn't have it in an account outside the general fund."

Zachary said the board may discuss putting the funding in a separate account during the regular June 13 meeting or perhaps in a special called board meeting.

Dr. Kimbrough suggested that the district has a need for 12 to 15 classrooms that would take care of the needs of about 400 students. She agreed with the figure Sammie Vice came up with for one classroom - $80 to 85,000.

"You can build in phases if that's what you can afford to do. We have many districts building in phases," Dr. Kimbrough an-

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Screening

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superintendent's position are no longer being accepted. The deadline was May 1. The position was advertised in the Kentucky School Board Advertised Brochure which goes to every school principal and superintendent in Kentucky. The position was also advertised in other state education publications that border Ky.

The board didn't renew Nicholas County Superintendent Cebert Gilbert's contract in January. His contract expires June 30.

Layne receives commendation for heroic action

Frankfort, Kentucky, (May 18, 1994)—Kentucky State Police Commissioner Jerry Lovitt today presented Trooper Tim Layne, Dry Ridge Post, with the Kentucky State Police Trooper's Medal during the annual Kentucky State Police Awards Ceremony held at the Capital Plaza Holiday Inn.

The citation that accompanied the awards read as follows:

On November 30, 1993, Trooper Layne and a Carlisle city police officer responded to a fire just outside the city limits. Arriving before the fire department, Layne and the other officer, Patrolman David Hardin, found a welding shop engulfed in flames.

Hardin told Trooper Layne he believed some migrant workers had been living in the building. The two attempted to awaken anyone inside, but to no avail. At that point, Layne and Hardin broke a window and climbed inside the shop. The room was filled with smoke and the heat was tremendous, yet the two officers felt their way in the dark until they found someone lyin in a bed.

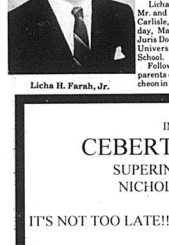
Trooper Layne shook the man, who was Mexican, and finally awoke him. Unable to communicate with the officers and waking to a smoke-filled room, the man panicked and Trooper Layne had to restrain him and carry him to safety.

As the officers exited the building, the fire department arrived and put out the blaze. The interior of the shop was completely gutted.

Trooper Layne's compassion and a strong commitment to duty led him to risk his own life to save another's. His courageous actions reflect the highest credit both upon himself and the Department of the Kentucky State Police.

Layne, 36, has been with the KSP since 1983. He is a resident of Carlisle.

Farah receives degree



Licha H. Farah, Jr.

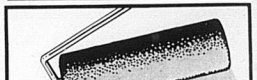
Licha H. Farah Jr., the son of Mr. and Mrs. Licha H. Farah of Carlisle, was graduated Saturday, May 7, 1994 receiving a Juris Doctorate degree from the University of Kentucky Law School.

Following the ceremony, his parents entertained with a luncheon in his honor at their home.

NOTICE

The Circuit Clerk's Office will be closed Wednesday, May 25. The staff will be attending a regional meeting in Lexington.

Sally Watkins, Nicholas Circuit Clerk



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