Letters To The Editor

Writer points out 'typos'

Dear Editor,

I recently viewed a copy of The Carlisle Mercury which was displayed at Garrett's Furniture concerning the Honoring of the World War II Veterans.

This copy of The Carlisle Mercury was dated "August 20, 1642." I assume that your paper started publishing about 300 years prior to World War II.

This event of errors is not new and has caused several errors in fact of the truth of History when certain events really did occur. A few years back your paper carried in the fifty year column an article that Loyd George was killed in World War II in 1937, which was before the war started and a full six years prior to his death in January of 1943. In 1943, your newspaper carried an article that Loyd George was killed in North Africa and was the first Nicholas Countian to be killed. This article was in error also.

The first man killed from Nicholas County during World War II was George T. Smart Jr. of the Moorefield area. He was killed during December 1942, in North Africa Campaign and was also awarded the "Silver Star." The second man killed in World War II was McClure Caswell form the Barterville area which was the son of Rev. Caswell of same area and was killed in the North Africa Compaign in December of 1942. The man which was identified as the "First" was actually the "Third Man Killed" which was Loyd George of the Myers Station area, who was also killed in the North African Compaign in January of 1943. All three of these men from Nicholas County lost their lives within 30 days of each other in the same North African Compaign which was one of the nastiest Battles of World War II.

Only one of these three men's bodies was returned to Nicholas County for burial and that was Loyd George, who was buried at the War Memorial in Carlisle Cemetery. this may be where the confusing started as to who was the first man killed in World War II. Loyd George was the first body returned. George T. Smart, Jr. and McClure Caswell's bodies were interned in the National Cemetery in Italy. Smart and Caswell both have Bronze Plates attached to their parent's graves. Smart in Carlisle Cemetery V.S. II and Caswell in the Barterville Cemetery.

Thanks,
Charles Gates
Carlisle, KY

VBS inspiring, says Barton

Dear Editor,

I attended Bible School with my great grandson, Joshua Brierly at the small church at Blue Licks. It was a wonderful to see how orderly the 150 children were each night. I owe this to the teachers who were so dedicated and organized. Each night the Directors, Tony Smith and Vickie Ring had something special for them to do, such as a balloon lift off and 25 ft. banana split, pizza party, cook out and pool party free of charge to children and chaperones.

The small church was packed on Sunday morning when the children presented their learnings of the week. A beautiful and well behaved group of children. I enjoyed the week as well as the children did. Special thanks to the ladies for all the good snacks.

Sincerely,
Betty Barton

Writer seeks purse, personals

Dear Editor,

I am a World War II Veterans wife and have been a member of the VFW Aux. 8666 for 42 years. We have done a lot of things for Veterans and their children over the years. Special Olympics, Bike-A-Thons, Girl Scouts, etc. and at present we have a Bingo once a week to give the Veteran's children, who go to college to buy their books and etc. Last year we gave $4000.

Last Thursday night out of an error on my part I left my Bingo book and pocket-book on the back of my car and drove all the way through town at Main and Sycamore. It flew off and a lady in a white Blazer picked it up and came up Sycamore behind me, but she never gave it back. My purse ended up on Scrub Grass Road with nothing inside. I would love to have my personals back, but more than one person saw this. Who was it? No one will say. Please help if you saw this.

Leona Trussell
Carlisle, KY

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Mercury Memories

5 YEARS AGO
Thursday, August 2, 1990

Merelyn Sams and Betty Barton finished first and second in the Bluegrass State Games last week.

The 201st Engineering Division of the Kentucky National Guard spent 15 days at the Western Kentucky Training site for their annual combat and engineering training.

The Bluegrass Council Boy Scout Troops spent 11 days on Philmont Scouting Range in New Mexico. Those from Nicholas County who attended were: Charles Canupp, Brian Canupp, Jeremy Warner, Michael Barbee and Bill Gutherie.

20 YEARS AGO
Thursday, August 7, 1975

Bradley Murrell placed second and received a blue ribbon when he showed his Chianina heifer at the Bluegrass Fair 4-H Beef Cattle Show.

The sale of chlordane and heptachlor soil insecticides, which are widely used in Kentucky corn production, has been suspended by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Mr. and Mrs. E.H.D. Allison celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary.

The 25th anniversary of the Annual All Night Gospel and Country Music Sing was held at the Big Barn in Renfro Valley on Saturday night.

BIRTHS: To Mr. and Mrs. James Compton, twin sons, James Stewart, Jr. and Joseph Charles, August 3.

MARRIED: Miss Debbie Ramsey and Lanny Hutchinson, July 12; Bonnie Jean Hunt and Edward Neal, August 1; Ms. —Willa Kay Sexton and Gary Alan Ralls, July 26; Linda Kaye Soper and Victor Lee Bromagen, July 12.

DEATHS: Connie D. Gilkerson, Jr., 14, died in a traffic accident July 29; Mrs. Anna Clavell Barbee, 76, died Tuesday, July 29 in Connersville, Ind.; Elgin Warner, 72, died Wednesday, July 30; Mrs. Sarah S. Wagoner, 71, died Saturday, August 2 at St. Joseph Hospital; James Deal died Monday, August 4 in Stephens Nursing Home, Lexington after a long illness; Mrs. Henry L. Carter, 93, died at her home Wednesday, July 30 after a brief illness.

50 YEARS AGO
Thursday, August 2, 1945

Tech. Sgt. Charles t. Blake, son of Mr. and Mrs. Early Blake, is ordered to return to the states by September.

Mrs. Ada Waugh Talbott, 86, died Tuesday afternoon at the home of a son, Roger Talbott, near North Middletown, following a heart attack and stroke Saturday.

William Miller, 16; John Miller, 18; William Addley, 16; Bruce Rigdon, 17, all of the Lower Blue Licks neighborhood, were arrested and placed in jail here last Thursday night charged with stealing gasoline.

Jack and Joe Millikan, Lyon county 4-H boys, exhibited 20 lambs at the tri-state show at Evansville, Indiana.

Mrs. Jackson Slappy and children returned to their home in Arkon, Ohio, Friday after spending two weeks with her sister, Mrs. Julian Foster.

Harold C. Crump, 23, of Maysville has advanced to seaman, first class, USNR, while serving aboard a cruiser of the Atlantic Fleet.

Pumphrey saw war from RADAR operator's seat

By Leigh Stone
Of The Carlisle Mercury Staff

CARLISLE -Lt. Ben H. Pumphrey flew 27 combat missions from 1942 to 1946.

"Either you got shot down or you didn't," said Pelphrey, who was stationed at the radar of a B29. "You were just allowed 35 missions. I never got hurt. I served with a real good crew."

A look into his "little black book" - a telephone and address book he's kept since his war days. On about any given day, one can find out what Pumphrey was doing 50 years ago. So ignore the warning on the inside cover that states: "Keep Out." On Aug. 5, 1945 it lists Maebashi Superdumbo-Rendevous with Sub 35-141. No opposition or excitement." Later in the book, a listing for Sept. 2, 1945 stated, "Tokyo air demonstration 3,000 Big Shot secitivies. Big show. Missouri easily distinguishable."

Pumphrey is known in Carlisle for having taught math for about 45 years and for being "a coaching legend."

Pumphrey was the first person wot be honored with the Happy Chandler Trophy, awadded to coaches who have made outstanding contributions to football. One publication stated, "One of the most colorful coaches in Kentucky history, Pumphrey is one of those rare people everyone loves to be around."

Pumphrey was also known for his coaching excellence in track. He led Nicholas County to seven straight regional titles and two state titles.

In 1949, he married his wife, Viola. They are the parents of two children, Ben, a computer programer at Asbury, Park, N. J.; and Laura Conley of Paris, a teacher at Millersburg Military Institute.

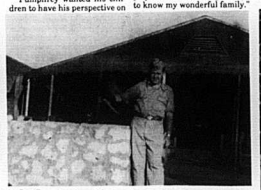
Pumphrey wanted his children to have his perspective on World War II and penned the following: "Ben Pumphrey's perspective of World War II, for my children and grandchildren. I feel real good about my service to my country. I volunteered into the infantry and was enthusiastic about learning to fight in the war. I spent four weeks in basic training and transferred to aviation cadets. I was a cadet officer all through the program and graduated from all the cadet schools (preflight, gunnery and navigation) on time and with honors. After getting my commission, I went to radar bombing school, got on a crew, and did the combat training of the time at Alamogordo army air field. I was prepared to fight in the war and I was on the first team.

I never spent any time feeling nervous or afraid. I was homesick. I was very proud to be on the first team.

"The discussion of the Hiroshima bomb really gets to a lot of people these days. That bomb had a definite effect on the way I was living. I still had 10 more missions to fly. My outfit lost 43 B-29s from a squadron of 12 while I was flying combat. My chances to avoid being shot down on those 10 missions were very slim. If I had been shot down, you wouldn't be here. That bomb was a blessing to us.

Pumphrey concluded his perspective with a listing of his missions, but not before stating, "I looked forward to every mission, paid full attention to all briefings and battle plans and performed my best on every mission. It was like going into a football game or other athletic competition. In athletics, I played, taught and coached. In the war, I just got to play. I'm very thankful to have been a player and to live long enough to know my wonderful family."

Lt. Ben H. PUMPHREY



Lt. Ben Pumphrey loved his dog, Snowball, and brought him home to Carlisle following the war.

Raymond Snapp in Germany.

Raymond Snapp in dress uniform.

RAYMOND C. SNAPP

Raymond C. Snapp and the Thunderbolt Division saw World War II through five campaigns - and cut hair the general's hair, too

By Leigh Stone
Of The Carlisle Mercury Staff

CARLISLE - He's been shot at more times than he could remember.

Raymond C. Snapp of Carlisle, 78, went to Omaha Beach and Berlin between his date of entry into service, 16 Nov. 42 and his date of departure - 16 Nov. 45.

"I went through every bit it. I was in five campaigns."

During World War II, he could lie on the ground and feel his heart thump. He was the messenger with the Thunderbolt Division of the 83rd Infantry and stayed close with the captains. His first captain got killed on the beach. He recalled each name aloud without hesitation. "The last one I had was just an old ploughboy from Missouri. He knew how to stay alive. He knew how to keep others alive."

Once, when wounded, he woke up in a hospital. His leg was strapped to the bed. He didn't know the man in the next hospital bed or even which city he was at. The city was under fire, though, and though coming out of a stupor from the sedative he'd been given, was instructed to get under the bed when fired upon.

"The lieutenant asked me, "How are you gonna get under the bed with your leg strapped down?" "Just take my mattress with me'. I didn't know he was a lieutenant. They didn't wear bars in the hospital!"

Snapp had taken "an 88 through the leg in France. They had to try to get all the shrapnel out of it. See, I never did like those weeds. Me and my captain were dug in. I heard it roll in. It hit a tree limb. He never moved again. I got it in the leg".

Snapp turned down offers to become an officer. "I didn't want no part of it"

He still thinks of General Patton as "Old Blood n' Guts. - His guts and our blood."

He saved his admiration for the mess sergeants of the war. "Never could have been a mess sergeant. A lot of them got killed trying to get food to the boys. They knew the boys were hungry."

After the war, Snapp cut hair, including that on the head of "Blood 'n Guts" (Patton) and General Eisenhower.

"Patton and Eisenhower walked in together. They talked to me just like you're doing. Old Blood n' Guts was a rough talker. Eisenhower was more easy going. Eisenhower went first. He got out of the chair and Patton got in. The place had a big mirror in front. He declared, 'That's a the best damn haircut I've had since I've been in!'"

Snapp recalled he'd also gave the general's a shave. They stayed and talked a long time. Maybe an hour and a half."

Besides many friends, Snapp left behind a brother, killed in France, Ernest. Snapp was with the 702 Tank Destroyers. "I got a brother pushin' up daisies over there. He's at a cemetery overlooking Omaha Beach."

Raymond and his wife, Lorene, have been married 52 years. They are the parents of Larry Snapp of Buffalo Trace, who served in the Korean War, Ray Allen Snapp of Crooked Creek and Peggy Cameron of Lexington.

General News

Nicholas County Co-Operative Extension Notes

"A high dietary fiber intake was consistently associated with a lower risk of breast cancer in a study of some 2,300 women reported in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute," says Sandra Bastin, UK Extension Food and Nutrition Specialist and Melba Burch, Nicholas County Extension Home Economics Agent. Fiber appears to reduce the level of circulating estrogens which may promote the growth of breast tumors. Insoluble fibers such as bran and unprocessed grains seem to provide the greatest protective effect. These findings were reported in a study appearing in the January 18, 1995, issue of the Journal of National Cancer Institute, which described specific categories of foods which may significantly reduce the risk of breast cancer. The study is one of the largest studies to zero in on specific categories of foods which may significantly reduce the risk of breast cancer. In the study, women who had breast cancer were matched with women who had similar characteristics but did not have the disease, and all were asked to report how often they ate several types of foods, including margarine, olive oil and animal fats. Although some studies have found that the risk of breast cancer increases with fat intake, the overall cancer rate is significantly lower among women in the Arctic North and the Mediterranean, where fat accounts for more than 40 percent of the calories. These population' dietary fat is provided primarily by fish oils or olive oil, both of which are rich in unsturated fatty acids. Soybeans contain isoflavonoids and phytoestrogen which are thought to have cancer-preventing properties. Because memory is fallible, observational studies, such as this one, may be less definitive than controlled trials in which two groups of women with simiiar characteristics follow different diets and the number of new breast cancers in each group is compared. Nonetheless, observational studies are valuable because they focus on the direction of the future clinical trials as well as serve as interim guidance for those trying to prevent breast cancer. For more information on diet and breast cancer contact Sandra Bastin at 606-257-1812. For more information on home economics programs/services in Nicholas County, contact Melba Burch, County Extension Home Economics Agent at 606-289-2312.

Franklin takes part in WW II commemoration

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Steven C. Franklin, son of Fred T. Franklin of 606 Western Way, Paris, Ky., recently participated in a commemoration of the end of World War II and visit of New York City's Fleet Week celebration aboard the aircraft carrier USS America.

Franklin is one of 5,000 sailors and Marines aboard the aircraft carrier who participated in the Eighth Annual Fleet Week. This year, six U.S. Navy ships, five Coast Guard vessels, and navy ships from Canada, Denmark and Italy took part in the celebration. Franklin and fellow crew members began the week with a parade of ships by the Statue of Liberty.

Following the visit to New York City, which included thousands of visitors visiting the ships and a variety of activities for the sailors, Franklin headed south for the final phase of a Composite Training Unit Exercise (COMPTUEX) in the Western Atlantic Ocean and Caribbean Sea. COMPTUEX is a two-part multinational exercise which included 18 U.S. ships and the Dutch ship HMNLS Karel Doorman.

During the exercise, USS America's squadrons dropped training bombs and fired torpedoes and missiles at targets during day and night operations. The exercise is part of a year-long training cycle designed to prepare the 1,047-foot-long aircraft carrier and its embarked air wing of 70 tactical aircraft for an upcoming six-month overseas deployment.

After being at sea for more than 30 days during the first phase of COMPTUEX, Franklin visited the Caribbean island of St. Martin for three days of recreation and relaxation.

Today, U.S. aircraft carriers are on station around the world from the Persian Gulf and the Western Pacific Ocean to the Mediterranean and Adriatic Seas. Aircraft carriers and other Navy ships can respond on short notice to crises around the world, and can dominate coastal and ocean areas while projecting sustained power and presence wherever U.S. interests are involved.

Marshall dies July 16

Michael Wayne Marshall, 39, widower of Linda Marshall, of Hopkinsville, Kentucky, died Sunday, July 16, 1995, at Paris, Tennessee following a skydiving accident.

He was born in Carlisle, Kentucky on June 14, 1956, to the late George and Mildred Gaunce, a member of the Christ Community Church and a Process Engineer, Phelps-Dodge Magnet Wire Company. He is survived by one sister, Kay Marshall of Lexington.

Funeral services were at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 19, 1995, at Christ Community Church with officiating pastor Greg Owen and Rev. Gary Gossett. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery, Hopkinsville, Kentucky.

Deer seasons set

FRANKFORT-Stepping up hunter orange requirements and providing more deer hunting opportunity were highlight actions of the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission at its March 3 meeting in Frankfort.

Wearing hunter orange on the head, chest and back will be required of all hunters, except migratory bird hunters, hunting during daylight hours and during any deer hunting season when firearms are permitted. Additionally, an adult accompanying a juvenile deer hunter will be required to wear the appropriate amount of hunter orange while the youngster is hunting.

During the 1995 Youth Hunt Day, archers may take any deer on October 28 in Zones 1-4. October 28 hunters under age 16 will be allowed to take anterless deer with a firearm in Zones 1-4.

The commission adopted changes for deer hunting on several wildlife management areas (WMAs). Peabody WMA will be open to muzzleloader hunting October 21-23, 1995.

Yellowbank WMA will offer a quota youth hunt November 4-5, 1995. Barren River WMA won't have a quota youth hunt this year, but the area will be open on the statewide Youth Hunt Day.

Archery season on Beaver Creek and Jane Creek WMAs will open October 1 instead of the 15th as in the past.

It's bucks only hunting at Fishtrap Lake WMA with a quota hunt offered December 9-10, 1995, and archery hunting open October 1-December 31, except during the quota hunt.

The quota hunt at Paintsville Lake WMA moves from its former December dates to November 4-5, 1995. Except during the quota hunt, archers at Paintsville WMA will be allowed any deer from October 1 through December 31, 1995.

Green River WMA will allow 500 quota hunters to pursue antlered deer only. Last year 400 hunters were drawn.

Deer hunters on Higginson-Henry WMA will have opportunity to take two deer during upcoming quota and archery hunts. Last year hunters were limited to one deer.

The following WMAs will be open only on weekdays during the November deer gun season: Kentucky River in Henry County; Curtis Gates Lloyd in Grant County; and Lapland WMA, including a 400-acre tract on Highway 376 in Meade County.

While West Kentucky WMA's youth quota hunt will be November 4-5, 1995, the area's two conventional quota hunts will be November 18-19 and December 9-10, 1995.

Similar to last year, Cyprus Amax WMA will open to 1995-96 muzzleloader and archery deer hunting seasons in accordance with statewide season dates.

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