Mercury Memories

5 YEARS AGO
Thursday, August 30, 1990

Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Ritchie of Carlisle announce the engagement of their daughter, Melissa Faith, to Lowell Thomas Tip" Fryman, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Thomas Fryman, Sr., of Nicholas County.

Members of the Tourism, Inc., a Carlisle-Nicholas County Tourism organization gathered on the Courthouse square with boxes filled with ribbons declaring support for the American efforts and concern for the American hostages in the Mideast Crisis.

Sidney Anderson's home on Short Stoney Road caught fire due to an electrical origin.

BIRTHS: To Frank Allen and Mary Frances Terrell, a daughter, Amanda Brooke, August 19; To Robert and Sandy Davis, a son, Joshua Clay, July 25.

MARRIED: Melissa Darlene Bromagen and Billy Ray Lyons, Jr., August 11.

DEATHS: Oscar Bruce Crouch, Sr., 78, passed away August 25 at his home following a 6 month illness; Boyce Carpenter, 69, died at 4:54 a.m., Wednesday at Bourbon General Hospital; Reesa Earlywine Campbell, 78, died Wednesday, August 22, at her residence; Leo Dean McLean, 70, died Saturday, august 25, at Nicholas County Hospital; Ruth Towles Ritchie, 82, died Sunday, August 26, at Johnson-Mathers Nursing Home.

10 YEARS AGO
Thursday, August 29,1985

The December 4, 1982, wet/dry election in Myers precinct has been voided by an order filed August 22, in Nicholas Circuit Court.

Members of the State Champion Colonel Fleming Muzzle Loading Club Team are: Don Selvage, Carlisle; Bill Rawlings, Fleming County; director, Ed Humphries, North Middletown; Rand Basham, Mt. Sterling; and Jim Huston, Fleming County.

Fires of unknown origin completely destroyed two automobiles in the county August 20.

Mrs. Monica Lynn Smith has received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a major in accounting from the University of Louisville.

BIRTHS: To Mr. and Mrs. John Edward Workman, a daughter, Sara Gail, August 13.

DEATHS: Alpheus Curtis, 93, died Sunday, August 25 at Johnson Mathers Nursing Home; the Rev. Norman Odell Leigh, 56, drowned Tuesday, August 20 when he apparently jumped off the Camp Kennedy Bridge on KY 152.

20 YEARS AGO
Thursday, August 28, 1975

Cutting time is here for many tobacco farmers. A field belonging to Billy George on the Headquarters Road is progressing nicely, unaffected by Black Shank.

Playing a Bourbon Drive-In Thursday-Tuesday is White Line Fever and John Wayne Brannigan!"

A surprise 83rd birthday party for Mrs. Addie Lee Ritchie was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Cox.

MARRIED: Miss Donna Lee Jones and Ronald Clay Wilson, August 10; Miss Karla Layne King and Billy Reese Allison II, July 25; Miss Joan Ann Kennedy and Danny D. Curtis, July 26.

50 YEARS AGO
Thursday, August 30, 1945

Mrs. Anna Belle Conyers, 64, was killed instantly Monday night when the car in which she, her husband and a grandson were riding crashed into a telephone pole on South Cypress street in Paris.

William Woodward of Montgomery county harvested a wheat crop yielding 27 bushels of No. 1 grade to the acre.

Miss Nannie Burroughs died Saturday morning at her in Millersburg, the date being her 88th birthday.

Coley Ritchie, wife and daughter spent Friday in Cynthiana.

Mrs. Byron Johnson and Miss Geneva Wasson spent Wednesday night with Miss Mabel McKenzie at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo McKenzie in Paris.

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Letters To The Editor

Ponytail League thanks community for support

Dear Editor,

The Nicholas County Ponytail League would like to thank all local merchants and everyone else who help make this a very successful year.

Thanks Again,
Nicholas County Ponytail League

Shasta McNabb thanks area for funding tour

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank everyone who made my trip to Belgium possible. I had a wonderful time and it was truly a dream come true.

Thanks Again,
Shasta McNabb

Medicare cuts could hurt Johnson Mathers

A federal budget resolution to cut $270 billion from Medicare spending over the next seven years will have a significant impact on the operations of Johnson Mathers Health Care.

In 1996, alone, Nicholas County's health care facility could lose the equivalent of 78 percent of its Medicare revenues for outpatient services, according to Brent Ecton, assistant administrator in charge of JMHC finances.

Over the course of seven years, increasing Medicare spending cuts could result in cumulative losses of over $2 million, according to Ms. Ecton's most recent projection. This loss, she said, includes Medicare reimbursement for the treatment of nursing home residents at Johnson Mathers Nursing Home.

Medicare makes up approximately 50 percent of JMHC's total revenue, Ecton, however, stressed that her conclusions on the amount of loss JMHC may sustain are only speculative.

"A Congressional budget has not been passed. We don't actually know how the federal government intends to cut Medicare spending. What we are trying to do is anticipate what Congress may do so we can plan our future operations," Ecton said.

Projected reimbursement reductions at JMHC do not take into account anticipated cuts in Medicaid which makes up the bulk of revenues for nursing home residents.

Jim Wente, Johnson Mathers Health Care Administrator, comments that the reduction in Medicare reimbursement is a serious concern, especially because the federal budget resolution is also calling for a $180 billion cut in Medicaid spending as well. Medicaid blends state and federal funds.

These reductions are serious. They could easily result in unemployment and threaten the survival of our hospital, Wente said.

"There are fewer hospitals in this country than there were a year ago. In years to come, there will be even fewer. The hospitals that survive will be those most supported by the communities they serve," Wente said.

In other states, health care organizations are already predicting the negative impact. The Massachusetts-based Coalition for Responsible Medicare and Medicaid Reform has stated that federal cuts could cost their state 71,000 health care jobs and another 125,000 jobs could be lost by small businesses that make money from health care workers.

In small communities, like Nicholas County, local hospitals and nursing homes are major employers. It is an industry that allows its college graduates to return home and pursue a professional career.

"There is nothing we can do to prevent federal program cuts. Our survival as a full-service facility depends on our ability to adapt and the support our community gives us.

"It will be a challenging seven years. JMHC must work closely with the community to meet their primary needs and to manage our business in a climate of declining reimbursement," Wente said.

New teachers introduced

By Leigh Stone
Of The Carlisle Mercury Staff

CARLISLE - Some new faces have joined the students in the classrooms at Nicholas County Elementary and Nicholas County High School.

Seven new teachers are being welcomed by the district with former substitute teacher/coach Robert Hopkins being made full-time.

New Nicholas County Elementary include **Sara Case, Sarah Payne** and **Kim Kelsey.**

Sara Case from Irvine is an Eastern Kentucky University graduate with a degree in special education, FMD certification K-12 and certified K-4. This is her first year teaching Case and her husband, Johnny, reside in Clark County.

Kim Kelsey of Morehead is a Morehead State University graduate with a bachelor of arts degree in special education and certification in FMD, LBD, and K-4 certification. Kelsey wanted to teach. Her special influence was an aunt, Bonnie Darrell, who teaches fourth grade. Kelsey and her husband Steve are the parents of Corey, 4. Kelsey will soon be teaching at the high school.

Sarah Payne, originally of Carlisle, earned her degree from Morehead State University. In is her first year of teaching LBD and is certified in K-4. "When I decided to teach, special ed is what I wanted. My mother's family is practically all teachers and two of my aunts are teachers. My mother teaches at Harrison County."

Payne's mother is Martha Mitchell Cox. Cox teaches journalism and world civilization.

Payne's grandmother is Phyllis Cox of Carlisle.

Payne and her husband, Kenny, reside in Lexington.

At Nicholas County High School, **Greg Norman** was welcomed as the new head basketball coach and is teaching health and physical education. He joins new teachers **Robert Hopkins, Iris Combs, Amanda Blanton** and **Debra Richardson.**

Greg Norman, a teacher for 19 years, has both a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in education. He's been a football coach at Clark County High School and resides in Paris with his wife, Charlene, a math teacher at Bryan Station. The Normans have two children, David, a junior at Eastern Kentucky University, and Katharine, a fourth grader at Paris Elementary.

This was an opportunity to get back into basketball. That's the main thing. I felt like my career should include coaching. I'd been a head basketball coach 10 years."

Norman said he was glad to get a phone call from Principal Greg Reid about the position becoming available. "I'm happy to be here."

Nicholas County High School graduate **Robert Hopkins** is teaching seventh and eighth grade PE and at the Alternative School. He'd previously been a substitute teacher and taught seven years at Millersburg Military Institute. He has a bachelor of science degree in PE and Health from Morehead State.

He's especially looking forward to continuing as assistant football coach. "We're hoping to add another trophy to the case this year. We're the defending conference champions in football."

Iris Combs is a first year teacher from Mt. Sterling. With a bachelor of arts degree in art from Morehead State in the humanities, she is teaching French and English at NCHS. "I like the opportunity to work with kids. I think education is important - that they learn at this level they carry the rest of their lives. As they say, they're our next leaders."

Amanda Blanton of Frankfort begins her seventh year of teaching at NCHS. She has a bachelor of science degree in business education with a Spanish minor from Murray State University. She has a master's degree from Georgetown College in secondary education. She is teaching three blocks of Spanish (both I and II) to grades 8-11. Blanton and her husband Todd and her two children, Samantha, 13, and Aaron, 15, will soon move to Bourbon County.

Blanton told why she liked to teach. "I enjoy being with youth. I like being with youth and trying to help them find a way to be successful. I think each child, if given an opportunity, can succeed. They can be something."

Debra Richardson is a first year teacher at NCHS. Originally from Bourbon County, she went to school at Brigham Young University, Utah, and earned a BA in math. She teaches pre-algebra, algebra II and pre-calculus.

"I like the kids. I enjoy helping them learn something. I enjoy math. I try to help them enjoy it and understand it. I think you need math to get through college and you use it throughout life and in business."

Richardson and her husband, Clint, reside in Bourbon County.

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First place winners
Former Nicholas Countians, now of Danville, won first place in table decorating category again this year at the Great American Brass Band Festival held in Danville in June. From left behind the winning table are Jimmy Carter, Billy Grimes, Vaughn Frey, Sally Carter and Cindy Frey.

High school vandalism reported

CARLISLE - An estimated $300 of vandalism occurred to the "blue building" behind Nicholas County High School and the year-old greenhouse beside the school.

The damage was estimated to have occurred last Wednesday, Aug. 23, the day before school began.

NCHS Principal Greg Reid found the broken glass of the 4 by 8-foot window of the special education room broken the first thing Thursday morning, Aug. 24. No entry had been gained.

The glass doorway of the greenhouse was also broken.

Rocks, about the size of baseballs, placed around the blue building were used to break the windows, Reid said.

Reid said the suspects of the vandalism could be unsupervised elementary aged children.

Insurance won't cover the loss, Reid said, because the deductible is higher than the damage estimate.

Three weeks ago, vandals wrecked the Family Resource mobile home unit next to the elementary school, even destroying computers. Two arrests were made concerning that incident.

"I like the kids. I enjoy helping them learn something. I enjoy math. I try to help them enjoy it and understand it. I think you need math to get through college and you use it throughout life and in business."

Outside of the vandalism, Reid said students at school were doing well with the new block scheduling system. The biggest change outside of that is the use of combination locks, he said.

Reid said despite the vandalism, to his knowledge, the school property will remain open to the public. "It's a community school. We had a gate one time before but I don't see a move back to that. I'm far as I'm concerned we have to be access-

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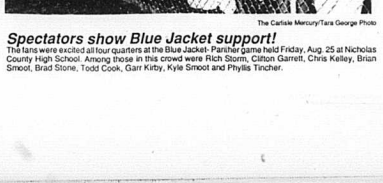
found on Market Street the next day. "Roy Fryman and myself found them near the railroad," Gaunce said.

The two men were still wearing blue prisoner uniforms but were no longer handcuffed.

Gaunce took Buckler and Martin to Montgomery County Jail. Each has a $10,000 cash bond.

The jailer couldn't say why the men escaped. "I guess they were just scared."



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Spectators show Blue Jacket support!
The fans were excited all four quarters at the Blue Jacket- Panther game held Friday, Aug. 25 at Nicholas County High School. Among those in this crowd were Rich Storm, Clifton Garrett, Chris Kelley, Brian Smoot, Brad Stone, Todd Cook, Garr Kirby, Kyle Smoot and Phyllis Tincher.

KSP out in force this Labor Day weekend

FRANKFORT, KY-With highway fatalities running ahead of figures this time last year, State Police will be out in force this coming Labor Day weekend and placing added emphasis on compliance with the state's child safety seat and safety belt laws.

As of August 21, the state highway death toll was 513–58 fatalities ahead of the same date last year. After a five-year record low in fatalities last year, Kentucky State Police Commissioner Paul F. Isaacs said the trend is not continuing this year. "In 1994, we had the fifth lowest fatality rate in the last 20 years. We aren't headed toward breaking last year's record. These aren't just numbers we're talking about. These are human beings dying needless deaths

Isaacs advised motorists to be particularly careful during the Labor Day weekend, as traffic will be heavier than normal. He added that many people take good driving conditions for granted, but that's when most accidents occur. "The typical traffic crash occurs during the day on a dry, straight, level stretch of highway.

General News

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district. Fryman contends the creekbed/road has been county property. Magistrate Danny Hughes said the road foreman had a record where the creekbed/road had been rocked by the county several times in the early 1990s, therefore making the creekbed/road the county's property to maintain.

Bryan said the hay bales were put on fire by someone wishing to retaliate about the creekbed/road dispute.

"We will be taking the county to court. We'll be getting a state judge to decide - not a bunch of farm boys to decide what they'll do," Halen firmly stated.

Halen contacted the Environmental Protection Agency because the creek was backing up into his property, potentially causing damage to his machine shop and land. The EPA referred Halen to the Army Corps of Engineers because the creek didn't run a mile in length. The rock has stopped the flow of water, a natural waterway. "The Army Corps of Engineers has the jurisdiction because it's a natural waterway," Halen explained.

"Tom (Gabbard) did say they were in violation," Halen said.

Gabbard, with the Divison of Waterways, visited the site Wednesday, Aug 23 and talked with Ernest Halen. "We have turned the matter over to the Army Corps of Engineers," Gabbard said Tuesday. Gabbard referred the Mercury to John Dovak, supervisor of the water quality certification, Division of Waterways.

"There's suppose to be a permitting process," Dovak said Tuesday. "Turning a stream into a road happens every now and then. When you put fill into a stream to improve its usability, I'm assuming it makes it regulated. The Army Corp of Engineers would have to make an on-site inspection to see if it can be permitted - or if the action has to be stopped."

Gabbard said he measured the rocked area with his vehicle odometer at 3/10 of a mile, over the 200 foot limit set by division regulations.

Dovack said he mailed a copy of a map of Nicholas County to Larry Parker, inspector, Army Corps of Engineers, Louisville. Dan Evans, also with the Army Corps of Engineers, said Parker was on vacation and would get back with the Mercury about any new information his agency attains.

Evans said it was possible that the Fiscal Court needs to get water quality certification from the Division of Water.

"As long as you don't pollute and destroy, we draw the line. We don't have the manpower to study the small streams," Evans said.

Bryan Halen recalled the magistrate's day of decision that the creekbed/road was a county road. "They decided on a Tuesday. They were out here Wednesday, the road crew, with 20 loads of gravel, five dump trucks, a grader and a four wheel drive county truck. I estimate the rock, diesel fuel, and labor cost in excess of $1,000 and I find that sad. Those are county tax dollars. And for just one person."

County Judge Executive Chuck Smith said 17 loads of gravel were used at the site.

Kentucky State Police were called a couple of weeks ago to Morning Glory when Hale was blocked from getting to and from his property. "Officer Turley just said for everybody to act like grown ups and settle this," commented Theresa Halen.

Halen walked to the newly rocked creekbed and pointed to the fence leading to the Cooper residence, located up a hillside.

NCWD to ask for increase

CARLISLE - A letter from the Nicholas County Water District has been mailed to members of Carlisle City Council asking for a contract to have a six million gallon of water cap at the amount of $50,000.

Secretary Boogie Hall said the current contract cap was four million gallons. The 40-year contract was approved by the city January 1993.

The water district purchases water from the city. The past few months during the summer heat, customers used about an average of 4.4 million gallons of water.

A meeting was held Friday, Aug. 25 at the Nicholas County Courthouse with County Judge Executive Chuck Smith, Water District Chairman Sam Reynolds, Vice Chairman Jim Simons, member Sue Kirby, secretary Hall, engineer Gary Lane, and Bluegrass Area Development District Assistant Director Don Hassall.

Smith was included in the meeting, he said, because the Community Development Block Grant the water district has asked for is being mailed through the county because the water district is not eligible by itself. The water district has asked for a Housing and Urban Development funding on its own, Hall said. Funds would be used to further the development of the water line extension project.

"That (city council) should have a chance to look at it and they will have the say at the next city council meeting," Reynolds said.

This is Irvingsville Road now. Just two weeks ago it resembled a creekbed, rather than a county road.

Matt Hughes, center, Ron Roser, right, and others of the Nicholas County Fire Department battled the hay bale fire on Aug 25 in the extreme heat. The hay belonged to Bryan Halen. Halen believes the hay was set on fire intentionally in retaliation for his outspokeness on wanting Irvingsville Road to be closed.

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Automobiles

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93 Ford Mustang - 2 door, hatchback LX, gray with red interior, all options, new tires. 30,000 miles.
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