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MERCURY MEMORIES

5 YEARS AGO
Thursday, Jan. 4, 1990
Anesia Ann Harkins engaged to Brian Keith Watkins.
Donna McDard and William Sady were among 15 MCJ 411 cadets who were awarded with the honor of Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges.
Nicholas County Girl Scouts have been invited to participate in a tour of New York sponsored by the Wilderness Fund Council.
The Nicholas County Public Library has received a \$500 grant to expand its genealogy and KY collections and to purchase children's books.
Lou Edith Lykins takes a moment from fixing up the old Abraham Building while her daughter, Gays Harmon, paints new floorboards.
BIRTHS: To Donald and Belinda Brogen, a daughter, Andrea Gail, Dec. 12.
MARRIED: Lynn Carol Banta and Michael Joseph Canby, Dec. 9.
DEATHS: Larry Gene Sargent, 41, died Tuesday, Dec. 12 at JMHIC. Marion Roberts, 68, died Saturday, Dec. 10, home after a short illness. Wendell M. Anderson, 34, died at his home on Sunday, Dec. 24. Luther L. Finch, 77, died Friday, Dec. 21 at Scott General Hospital. Carl Spencer Abner, 67, died Wednesday, Dec. 27 at his residence. Mary Ellen Clark, 86, died Wednesday, Dec. 28 at her residence. James W. Jimmy Vice, 86, died Thursday, Dec. 28 after a short illness. Fred Sammaritan Hospital Harold McCamban, 80, died Thursday, Dec. 28 at JMHIC. Dora Alice Crump, 82, died Wednesday, Dec. 27 at Bethany Lutheran Village Nursing Home.

10 YEARS AGO
Thursday, Jan. 3, 1985
JH 11 cadets raised \$1,150.00 in 411 cadets sales and was rewarded with a black and white portable TV.
Starting Jan. 1, 1985, County Clerks throughout the Commonwealth will need proof of insurance before renewing car registrations.
Several Christmas dinners were given during the holiday season. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas George had their annual dinner on Christmas Day at their home in Myers. The Girl Scouts Services Unit Christmas dinner meeting was at the home of Mrs. Ewell Lyness. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Flera entertained with a Sunday dinner. Mr. and Mrs. Ward Shannon and family of Millersburg held their Friday night. Mrs. Eliza Lyons had a potluck dinner Dec. 9, and Mr. and Mrs. John Williams and sons of Cynthiana had their dinner on Christmas night. BIRTHS: Mr. and Mrs. Jack Allen Ramey, a son, d. son, Dawson DeWayne, Dec. 20.
DEATHS: James Robert (Bobby) Wade, 50, died Monday, Dec. 28 after a short illness at Lexington, after a long illness. Emory Walker Hunt, 50, died Wednesday, Dec. 19 at Fleming Co. Hospital Joseph Carmelino Timberlake, 65, died Friday, Dec. 21 at the VA Hospital, Lexington.

30 YEARS AGO
Thursday, Jan. 2, 1915
Nicholas County Hospital was opened by the state to have their liability insurance cancelled by the Argonaut Insurance Co.
Dr. David Hughes and family of Seattle, W. Va. visited his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Dress Hughes of Blue Licks Sunday, Dec. 22.
Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hamm had their dinner guests Christmas Eve, Mr. and Mrs. Sprava Collins, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Smith and son of Prestonburg. Mr. and Mrs. Paul W. Hamm, Tommy Hamm of Cynthiana, Paula Lee Hamm and Saunders Collins.
Nicholas County ordered MML 34.15 in the second and third quarter to supply authorization over the Caddis on Dec. 20.
BIRTHS: To Mr. and Mrs. Harold McVey, a son, Dec. 18. To Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Gene Mysser, a daughter, Treney Lynn, Dec. 23. To Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Tinker, a daughter, Dec. 22. To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas "Hasty" Lawrence, a daughter, Mary Ann, Dec. 23. To Mr. and Mrs. Charles Judy, a son, Charles Aaron, Dec. 17. To Mr. and Mrs. James Hall, a daughter, Dec. 13.
MARRIED: Christine Shannon and Ernest Ingram, Dec. 23. Leola Mae Robertson and William Thomas Moore, Dec. 23. Katherine Small and William Thomas Melvin, Dec. 23.
DEATHS: Virgil Potts, 83, died Dec. 15 at Noyes Hospital in his 94th year. Last Thursday morning by Roy Daltiel in his apartment, Les Lewis Cooper, 61, died at 6:30 Monday afternoon at his home on Locust St. following an illness of several weeks. William Martin Drey, 56, died Monday night at his home on the Greenwood Rd in Fayette Co.

GENERAL NEWS

New "motor voter" program in state
Voter registration available at same office as driver's license application

Nicholas Counties who are not registered to vote will now be able to apply at the local circuit clerk's office when seeking a driver's license.
Circuit Clerk Sally Watkins said employees ready to provide this new service, Director of Driver Licensing Charles F. Brown said. "I believe a lot of Kentuckians would vote on election day if they were registered and had a driver's license."
According to Laura White, public relations officer at the Transportation Cabinet in Frankfort, registering to vote and applying for a driver's license will be like "one-stop shopping" due to the state's new "motor voter" program.
Cabinet employees have visited each of the circuit clerk's offices to conduct training and

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Raymond White



The Carle Mercury Lunch Store Photo
Talking and eating were popular at lunchtime Tuesday at NCHS.



The Carle Mercury/Lugh Store Photo
Nicholas County High School lady Jockey Becky McClinton set a personal record Monday night. The NCHS junior scored 29 points in the basketball game held on home Nicholas County turf against Montgomery County. McClinton said the most she'd scored in a game was 12 points.

Mathias' soldier series meets a conclusion

The following is the last part in 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 *GI: An Army Bandman in World War II* (Lexington, 1984), 656 pages of Kentucky 1982, Part 4.
By Frank F. Mathias
Special To The Mercury
Although 28 August dawned cool, there was the promise of typical humidity to come later in the day. We were up early at our house, and very excited to see my parents. My father and I walked the two blocks up Main Street to the bus which would take the draftees to Fort Thomas.
"That damned Roosevelt got this war going," my father muttered as we neared the courthouse, and his oldest son had barely begun shaving, weighed only 130 pounds, and measured 5'6".
Moreover, Lucky (as my father was called for his great luck fishing) was not noted for mining words.
"They ought to hang that SOB right along with Top and Adlai," he said while spitting a rusty, red stream of tobacco juice into the Main Street gutter.
I joined the draftees, many of whom had been high school classmates, just as Doc Bradshaw, the local druggist, greeted each of us with a "Fat Fly" Lucky Strike cigarette. To me this was proof that I had reached manhood. Instead of the earlier warnings against cigarettes - "they'll stunt your growth!" - everyone now basked as we accepted those tin boxes of "coffin nails."
A warm glow of confidence surged through me. I was sure I was going to like the life of a soldier, a life certain to be a great improvement over the boring old life I had lived for 18 years.
My father was still grumbling to himself as we began boarding the bus. He pulled me back, holding me in a heartfelt hug. "Good luck, son," he whispered. "I was too young and too excited really to understand the tears in

his eyes.
The bus pulled away for the 70 mile trip to Fort Thomas. As a classmate got sick from the seasickness and gazed out the window, all of us behind him caught the spray.
"Hey," someone shouted. "Smith's tank already. I don't know he ain't in the Navy?"
I had been seated behind him wondering how many would make it back, wishing some sort of "Red Cross" would appear over those destined to die, and wondering if such a mark would appear above my head. It asha-ba had appeared over Smith's head when he was killed in action against the Nazis the next year.
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The second lesson came a few days later when a sergeant asked "volunteers who know how to run a typewriter?"
"We cannot make you do something, but we sure as hell can make you sorry you did not do it."
I stepped forward with several others, thankful for Jimmie Ellen Barr's typing lessons at pool old Carlisle High School. I had appeared over my head when I was killed in action against the Nazis the next year.
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When I left Fort Thomas it was for a trip south to Georgia where I underwent infantry basic training at Fort Benning. Eventually I wound up with the 15th Infantry Regiment, 25th "Buckeye" Division on Bougainville, an island in the South Pacific. Later I won a spot division band, but the band functioned as a heavy weapons platoon in combat. My romantic view of war were squashed quickly on Bougainville and during the horrible battle of Manila where the Japanese slaughtered some 100,000 civilians and then died almost to the last man.
I was discharged at Camp Atterbury, Indiana, in February 1946. I had malaria and would carry it for life. I also brought home a few dollars worth of things in my storage. I'll be back this afternoon to check on your progress."
The three-strip swaggered away, confident he had gotten the best of another bunch of dumb recruits. As we labored in the hot Kentucky sun with the hot Kintopaks and Underwoods, we laughed about it, but we also read aloud.
"Here it is," he grinned.
"Here what is," I asked.
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The Carle Mercury/Flu Photo
Adeline Shepherd, a former elementary school teacher in Nicholas County, took her class on a field trip "way back when" the photo was taken outside the Carlisle Mercury office, possibly in the 1950s. Mrs. Shepherd is the grandmother of Johnson Mighers Health Care Inc. public relations manager Josh Shepherd.

Preparing to ride
Carroll Anderson prepares her son Shane Sweet for his first snow sled ride as Shane's grandparents Lenore and Luther Anderson look on. Carlotta is the Andersons' daughter, who traveled with her son

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