

Dinner and dungeon - both offered at The Old Jail, downtown Carlisle

By Leigh Stone
The Carlisle Mercury Staff
CARLISLE: Cold dampness with its moody odor fill the narrow brick corridor, its dirt floor path leads to the dungeon.

Now a historical marker in this mostly quiet and quaint small town, the dungeon at the Old Jail is a tourist attraction which members of Carlisle's Nicholas County Tourism Inc. are proud to promote.

The Old Jail was officially closed in 1932 for prisoners, but recently a renovation project has restored it to its original condition. The tour is given by Gladys Shroat, Tourism co-chairman. Not everyone was willing to enter the dungeon last Thursday.

I don't think I want to go in there," said long-time Carlisle resident Phyllis Gaunce at the

tour's finale. The dungeon. Gaunce made it through the lavish tour of the renovated air-conditioned upstairs.

It'll be warm when you open that door," Shroat warned as the tour took a turn toward the manhole.

The upstairs door was opened, the humid warm air there greeted the tourists. Plain gray painted and regular brick walls, a concrete floor and old-fashioned bare light bulb decorated this room upstairs.

To the left were two prison cells for women. Everything was restored as close to original to meet funding standards, Shroat stated.

Gaunce and her friends looked eagerly around the two prison cells before taking walking carefully down the staircase the infamous, rust-

ing, "bull pen."

The "Bull Pen" was where male prisoners were housed until 1932.

The warped, rusted high ceiling doesn't keep the feeling of claustrophobia from overwhelming a visitor.

"We should have this now. We wouldn't have much crime if criminals knew they'd end up here" was murmured throughout the crowd.

It was the dungeon that boomed Gaunce and several fellow tour-takers. She even recalled visiting at a picnic in the Old Jail at one time, but that was in a room off to the side of the basement.

Those braving the tour of the dungeon came away with a paler complexion, and looked forward to the daylight offered through the nearest door.

The dungeon was reserved for mostly drunks," Shroat said after climbing a ladder in her long lilac Victorian dress to replace a burned out light bulb in both cells on the Main Street side of the dungeon. "It's unusual for both lights to go out at the same time," she mentioned.

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still holding the ladder. A garden club, North Carolina visitors of Naomi Dale and several community members took the tour last Thursday following a luncheon provided by the tourism committee of Tourism Inc.

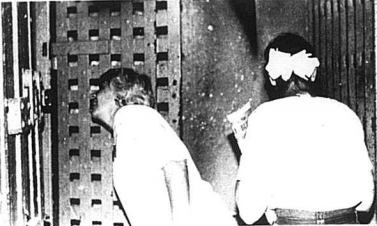
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Nicholas County Home Economics Extension Agent Meba Burch, left, and a group of people at a luncheon at the Old Jail June 29. From left: Elizabeth Cleaver, right, a member of a local garden club, and one of the pieces of fruit Meba had on display.



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Gladys Shroat



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Visitors at the Old Jail last Thursday had dinner followed with a tour of the infamous bull pen, where male prisoners were once kept. The peeling gray paint and stale air add to the claustrophobic feeling there, like



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Gladys Shroat, center, third from right, hosted a tour of the Old Jail last Thursday afternoon following a luncheon by the Tourism Committee. Several organizations attended. Reservations for the monthly luncheon are available. Contact Gladys Shroat or Carol Sparks to reserve a seat at next month's luncheon to be held from 12 to 4 p.m. Thursday, July 13.



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Linda Soper, standing, center, dressed in Victorian clothing to serve a chicken and tomato lunch to friends of Naomi Dale, center right, at the Tourism Inc. Tea Committee's luncheon at the Old Jail Thursday, June 29. Dale's friends reside at North Carolina and had they enjoyed the lunch and the tour of the Old Jail.



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Gladys Shroat, co-chairman of Carlisle's Nicholas County Tourism Inc., dressed in Victorian wear for a tour she gave of the Old Jail, Main Street, Carlisle, following a luncheon given by the tea committee. Here, she pointed out a drawing of a policeman on the bull pen door of the Old Jail, which was closed in 1932.



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Ashley McFarland, center, danced at Kelly's School of Dance with teacher Kelly Fritz at Mt. Sterling.



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Ashley McFarland performed recently in Kelly's School of Dance at the McNabb Middle School in Mt. Sterling. She performed with a group in a ballet dance to "Can You Feel the Love Tonight?" She also performed a jazz ballet dance to "Boogie Woogie Oogie." Ashley is the daughter of Daryl McFarland and Carmie, Granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Bercraft and Mr. and Mrs. Robert McFarland.



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Andra Hutchison, left, her mother, Debbie Hutchison, right, and Carol Sparks, center, enjoyed the luncheon at the Old Jail last Thursday. The historical building has been a show piece of downtown Carlisle since Tourism Inc. renovated the building. Several organizations use the facility for programs.

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Church Corner

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One Step At A Time
It is so easy, so tempting to try to project the future—trying to plan all the things that are to be done, to make sure everything I want to accomplish actually gets done. Often, with too much projection, I exhaust myself and I burn out. Life has such a way of surprising us with opportunities and obstacles that it is a waste of time to find the universe also comes through with a wealth of the resources we need, often exactly when we need them.

So, therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more precious than clothing? Look at the birds in the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not more valuable than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single cubit to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field; how they grow; they neither sown nor spin. Yet tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not like this.

Matthew 6:25-34 (NIV)

So, today we may choose to let go of our efforts to control, predict and project the entire picture of our future. We will use our visions of the future as hope, and we will use it to accomplish. Yet we know we need to focus primarily on the one step ahead of us just now. Nothing is ahead of us just now.

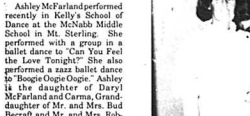
By Dr. Kent Duke
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ground. They put activated lime on the soilage of the animal blood. That should have taken care of any odor," Trussell said.

I had several people tell me about the odor, Smith and I've smelled it myself. I go to the park (nearby) frequently and I check the landfill and I drive right by it. I'd had complaints from the parents of the little league, and the church (located nearby)."

Bluegrass Pet Foods has been at the site for about three years. It employs about 10 people.

Ashley McFarland
McFarland performs at local dance school



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Phyllis Gaunce, far right, and others enjoyed the tour of the Old Jail given by Gladys Shroat, left, last Thursday.



The Carlisle Mercury Submitted Photo
Kentucky Textiles, Inc. 30 Year Pioneers were honored at a special awards luncheon at Duncan Tavern, Paris, June 15. From left are Judy Gray, package supervisor, Paris; Donald Hummonds, manager, Woodbine Farms, Carlisle; and Nancy Rankin, kitchen supervisor, Paris. A special award signal ring was presented to each 30 year veteran in appreciation of their devoted service by Wayne Shumata, CEO, and Carl Shumata, president.

OBITUARIES

GEORGE
Allen Harrison George, 77, of 325 West Main St., Carlisle, husband of Mary Bromberg George 56 years, died Monday, June 26, 1995, at the Hilltop Nursing Home in Owingville. He was a retired member of Baptist Church, born in Both County to late Alfred and Mary Harlan Gedy.

He was born July 14, 1917, in Nicholas County to the late William Leonard Scott George, a member of the Mt. Zion Christian Church, and a retired farmer.

Other survivors include, two sons, Brookie and Douglas George, and daughter-in-law Linda B. George; grandchildren, Mrs. David Rhonda Byrd, Mrs. Chuck Christy Smith, James and Jason George and Miss Tara George; Great-grandchildren, Jenn and Eban Smith, Troy and Todd Byrd, all of Carlisle; one brother, Adrian Johnson, Sacramento, California; and Leona Friedman, Columbus, Georgia; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a son Jimmie George.

Funeral services were at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 28, 1995, at Mathers Gaunce Funeral Home by Rev. Richard Gardner, burial in Carlisle Cemetery.

Casketbearers are James Lavinville, Bob Myers, Gary Ballard, George Goss, James Gallagher, Victor Watkins and Steve Jolly.

Casketbearers were Chuck Smith, David Byrd, Todd Scott, Lester Scott, Richard George, Billy Doyle, Honorary Bearers were James and Jason George, Jim Platt, Dave Ritchie, Ewell Clinkenbender, Paul Smeot, Jimmy Haney, Bobby Bond, Henry Allen Myers, and Wayne "Happy" Myers.

Visitation was after 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 27, 1995. Contribution to Hospice of the Blue Grass.

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ents of the students. The contributions of the following made this year's K&S College possible: Magic Image, Deposit Bank of Carlisle, First National Bank of Carlisle, Nicholas County Rotary Club, Charlene Dillon, Cis Schelling, Michelle Knapp, Carlisle IGA and the Carlisle Community Woman's Club.

GOLDY
Chester Lee (Bud) Goldy, 87, of 133 Mockingbird Lane, Carlisle, husband of Anna Stacey Goldy, died Monday, June 26, 1995, at the Hilltop Nursing Home in Owingville. He was a retired member of Baptist Church, born in Both County to late Alfred and Mary Harlan Gedy.

Other survivors include six daughters, Gladys Lavinville, Elizabeth Watkins, Dolphine Goldy, all of Carlisle, Marsha Ballard, Millersburg, Mary Goss, Morehead and Wilma Jean Myers, Nicholas County; five sons, Edward Goldy, Bethel, James Ferguson, Cynthia, Lyle Goldy, Florida, Glenn Goldy, Salt Lake and Ronnie Goldy, Morehead; one adopted son, Chester F. Goldy, Morehead; three granddaughters; and several great and great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, two sons and two granddaughters.

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