OCT
10
1996

Carlisle resident Jill Hardin heads for Georgia Tech
Page 8

NC Blueja ell Pi
Page 9

6/99/99
UK KING LIBRARY
MICROFILM CENTER
LEXINGTON KY 40506

THE CARLISLE MERCURY

SERVING NICHOLAS COUNTY SINCE 1867

A Park Newspaper, © 1996

130th Year, No. 41 | Carlisle, KY 40311-0272 | Thursday, October 10, 1996 | 50¢ per copy

Pictured above: A.V. 'Doc' Allison receives an award as 'Mister Democrat' from Congressman Scotty Baesler on Saturday, October 5. Below: Participants applaud Doc Allison upon receipt of his award at the democratic fish fry held Saturday, October 5.

Allison honored

Recognized by Democratics

Have you ever seen a president inaugurated?

Or been on a tour of a foreign country?

Or worked for a traveling entertainment act?

Ask A.V. "Doc" Allison and he'll casually nod.

Take the time to sit and talk and an interesting life unfolds.

Allison was born in Nicholas County in 1905, to the late Mary Lawson Allison and James G. Allison.

He was raised as he states near Headquarters. He attended Carlisle High School where he was very active in football.

At the age of 16, Doc left home and went to work for Red Path Chataqua, a traveling show which provided entertainment acts such as singers, musicians and comedy acts such as Edgar Burgan.

As a crew manager, Doc traveled with Red Path throughout the U.S. and Canada.

He said aside from the usually roadside entertainment, Red Path also had guest speakers giving lectures, one in particular was William Jennings Bryan, a Presidential candidate.

The show always traveled by train," he said. "It took a 70-foot baggage car to haul everything."

"Once we sat up a tent show for 3,000 people in Tennesee, the normal set up was for a crowd of 2, 000."

He said the company still operates today in New York.

In 1925 "Doc" married Geneva Galbraith. Doc stated"We had two wonderful daughters, Pat and Mary Catherine. I also have five, beautiful grandchildren and a very precious, great-grandaughter."

Geneva passed away in 1993. They were married 68 years.

After Doc and Geneva married he began managing Kroger stores; one for a year in Cynthiana and one in Carlisle for seven or eight years.

Following that job, Doc went to work for the Department of Agriculture, which helped build the concrete streets through Carlisle.

"He traveled a lot," said his daughter, Pat. "Monday through Friday he would be gone and come home on the weekends, but he still found and gave quality time to his family."

"We always sat down at the dinner table and had dinner a a family."

"I think of how lucky I am to have been raised with the Father and Mother I had," said his daughter, Pat.

Mary Catherine recalled a time in high school when she was a cheerleader.

"I remember him buying a station wagon and now I believe he got it so he could take all the cheerleaders to the away games, I imagine what hp must have went through listening to all of those giggling girls, laughing and singing... and listening to us cry when our team had lost, but you see that's just how my father is."

It was in 1947 when Doc bought partnership in a lumber company called Ratliff Brothers.

With his partners he owned and operated the business, providing lumber and building houses for 29 years.

It was in the 1950s that his passion for poltics flourished.

He was first elected tax commissioner for Carlisle. He eventually served for five terms, or 20 years.

"My family were democrats as far back as I can remember," said Doc.

He has attended presidential inaugurations --including that of John F. Kennedy-- and met Harry Truman. He has also rubbed elbows with several Kentucky governors.

But schmoozing with presidents and governors isn't all Doc has done.

In 1977 he and his wife took a 22-day tour of Europe.

He and his wife took a week long cruise of the Carribean as well. St Thomas was one of his more memorable islands.

Traveling is one thing, but home was just as important for Doc and Geneva.

Continued on Page 9

Kami Smith

Sarah Smoot

Lydia Wilson

Tamara Tipton

Amy Sparks

Nicholas County High seniors recognized

Twelve students from Nicholas County High School have been chosen as the 1996 Youth Salute Winners.

To qualify the student had to be a Junior (senior class of '97), have a 3.0 GPA or better and been elected to a position of leadership in a school, religious or community sponsored organization during the past two years.

Students were nominated by teachers, guidance counselors and principals for this year's award.

Only five of the salutes were shown in this week's edition due to space limitations, the other salutes were shown in last week's edition.

Among this year's recipients:

•**Kami Lee Smith** is the daughter Karen and the late Terry Smith of Carlisle.

She is active in the Pep Club, Ecology Club, Drama Club, French Club and Future Homemakers of America.

Maintaining a GPA of 3.75, she was chosen for High Honor Roll, Who's Who Among American High School Students in '94-'95, Vice President of the Ecology Club and Homecoming Candidate.

Smith is also active in Junior Varsity Basketball, Teen Leadership Council and Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

At church Smith is participating in choir/drama, the nursery, Sunday school and her church Youth Group.

In her spare time she enjoys spending time with family and friends.

•**Sarah Lynn Smoot** is the daughter of David and Phyllis Smoot of Carlisle.

Smoot is active in Student Council, F.H.A., Pep Club, French Club, Drama Club, Teen Leadership Council, Yearbook, K.Y.A. and the Academic Team.

Smoot was chosen for Who's Who Among American High

Continued on Page 6

1996 NCHS Homecoming court

From left to right-Freshman attendant, Mandy Atkinson, Sophomore, Shasta McNabb, Junior, Kassi Tubbs, 1995 Queen, Leia Brookshire, 1996 Homecoming Queen, Tamara Tipton, Senior Court members, Ashley Hill, Jennifer Caswell, Mandy Storm, Hannah Hunt.

JMHC health fair makes comeback

After a two year absence to make way for nursing home renovation, The Nicholas County Health Fair makes a major return on Saturday, October 19 from 9 a.m. to 1p.m.

The health fair will be held in the renovated sections of Johnson Mathers Health Care, beginning in the new nursing home lobby and ending in the JMHC Conference room.

If weather pemits, there will be a display of emergency vehicles on the JMHC grounds, including the new Nicholas County ambulance and a University of Kentucky air ambulance.

A Jaws-of-life-demonstration is slated at 11:00 a.m. by the Nicholas County Fire Department.

Organizers of Health Fair '96 are excited about the positive response they have received from local participants.

Continued on Page 14