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MERCURY MEMORIES

FIVE YEARS AGO

Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe celebrated 90 years of milestones with a special mass.

Several county organizations have joined together in a campaign to have Forest Retreat named as a Kentucky State Park.

Nicholas Water District members found they were eligible for a loan from Farmers Home Administration but, available money from the FmHA had already been committed to other projects for the old fiscal year.

BIRTHS: Shelby Brooke Sosby, Aug. 11, Chelsea Denise Markland, Aug. 16, Casey Louis Fryman, Aug. 5, Kaitlin Raye Hall, Aug. 7.

DEATHS: Harold G. "Jess" Rawlings Aug. 20, Alonzo Charles "A.C." Klump Jr. Aug. 19.

TEN YEARS AGO

Nicholas Count Fiscal Court set and approved 1987 tax rates during its regular meeting, Wed. Aug. 12. Nicholas County Clerk Rose Scott told court it could lawfully raise county taxes 10 cents per $100 assessment possibly generating $800. No action was taken leaving county tax rates at 13.6 cents across the board for real tangible and tangible motor vehicles.

Wednesday Aug. 12 residents of Carlisle witnessed the arrival of health care from the sky, better known as U.K. Health Care Med I(Aeromedical Services).

BIRTHS: Jason Raymond Tedder Aug. 12, Michelle Lynn Tubbs Aug. 5.

DEATHS: Hurchell F. Dampier Aug. 15, Ruby F. Hopkins Aug. 11.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

Kentucky Adjutant General Richard L. Fryman announced extensive changes in top command positions of the Army National Guard this weekend with all changes effective Oct. 1.

Nicholas County High School Bluejackets open their 1977 football season Friday night against Madison at Richmond at 8 p.m., 11 regular games have been schedule for the season.

BIRTHS: Wesley David Berry Aug. 11.

DEATHS: Mrs. Mattie Smoot Boone, Aug.21, Jed Fryman Aug.15, Christine Clay Aug. 18, Ray Cleveland "Tater" Florence, Aug. 18. Lelia Hughes Ritchie, Aug. 21.

THIRTY YEARS AGO

Vaughn Frey 21, Johnny Jackson 25, of Sugar Creek Road, and Dwaine Green 20, were injured early Friday morning when a car driven by Frey struck a parked car owned by Ollie Platt, on Sycamore Hill careened across North Street and rammed into the wall of a house occupied by Mrs. Sarah Fryman.

DEATHS: Dora Bishop Collier, Aug. 13, Mrs. Thomas Grayson Aug. 21, Samuel Florence Wagoner Aug. 22.

Remember when

Henry Palmer is standing outside the First National Bank building in Carlisle in the late 1960s. Who is the man on the ladder?

This photo is believed to have been taken at Lake Carrrico of the D. Watkins cabin.

One eighth of an acre, an area about 50 by 100 feet, will grow enough wheat for an average family. For this you will need to plant about fifteen pounds of seed.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thank you Class of '57

The following letter to the editor is addressed to The NCHS Class of 1957:

To The Class of '57:

I would like to express my gratitude of a wonderful surprise given to me August 9 by the Class of '57 reunion at the old Depot. After 40 years, I was given a certificate as an honorary member of Class of '57 (the class I should have graduated with). Thanks so much to all the members of Class of '57 and especially to Peggy Hubbard for the extra work she did. Also to my life long friend, Eva Lee (Lynam) Kanatzar for the courage and strength she has given me through the years. I'm very excited and looking forward to attending future activities of the Class of 57.

If you missed the 50th NCHS Celebration you missed a wonderful evening. The committee that put together the NCHS 50th Celebration did a marvelous job. The dinner was delicious and the derby pie was out of this world.

Ralph Wesley's message was spoken from the heart, recalling memories of his father. From the time, Raymond and Faye Wesley arrived in Nicholas County in some way everyone's life was touched by them. Mine was. Mr. Wesley on several occasions, had traveled out in the county, to convince my father to keep me in school. I have always felt Mr. Wesley was fighting for me. Education is a life long adventure. It builds an individual's self-esteem and self-confidence to face the real world. I never letting Mr. Wesley know that after 10 years since he first visited my father, I did return to school. I was graduated from Berea Foundation, Berea College, in 1966.

I worked for a great company which required that every employee continue their education). Last year, a dream of mine came true. I was able to take early retirement and move back to Carlisle from Phoenix, Arizona.

Respectfully,
Amelia (Mille) Wilkinson
Carlisle, Ky.

No one prouder to be a Kentuckian

Dear Editor:

In reply to Ms. Gates-Poe's letter (I did not know that my original one had even been printed since as usual we did not get that paper. Today's was the first in weeks and weeks to arrive. Still addressed to Yarmouth Canada, Nova Scotia ! Oh well.)

First I wish to sincerely apologize to readers if my references to the term "hillbilly" offended anyone. That certainly was not my intention. No one is more offended than myself when that term is used to ridicule or insult. My meaning was no less than a comment meant to imply that if someone wishes to present themselves as intelligent, then they should make an honest effort to do so at least in print. No one is prouder than me to have been a Kentuckian, or a "hillbilly" if that be the case, and anyone who chooses to interpret my statement as anything otherwise is mistaken. Of course, when you're dealing with a totally negative perception, I guess that's easily understandable and I should not be surprised that it was taken by them that way.

I will say I respect her for her allegiance to her father-I would do no less myself. What I would also do though, is be a loving advisor to my father and do my best to save him the embarrassment of making himself appear a negative laughing stock as these letters are going in the eyes of many of their readers. One does not gain respect by continually degrading and complaining. The usual result when someone tries to downgrade someone (and in this case nearly everyone) is that the person or persons they think they are degrading will often go unnoticed while it is themselves who wind up looking foolish. Everyone is entitled to their opinion, but it shouldn't be continually forced down the throats of readers on such negative terms. I don't know about other subscribers, but I buy the paper for the enjoyable aspect of it, not this foolishness.

As far as my rights to voice my own opinion, that should need no defence. I remain an American citizen and as such claim that right as well as your father claims his. I pay for this paper and its contents to come into my home and have the right to be part of it through the editorial page as well as you and your father have. Yes, the residents ought to have a voice, I agree and some have, and they are to be applauded. I have long understood the test in just ignoring annoyances, and understand that is likely the case there. I was well aware that voicing an opinion was risky, and only fools the fire for more and more negativity but I think the general public knows by now what lies behind all those letters of his without printed opinions anyway. So if it will make you feel better for this nonsense to continue, and not to see responses I guess it's possible to keep quiet and opinions to oneself as I am sure many others are doing. Ah denial!

And oh yes, I spend my money in my home, as you do in yours. My decision to move back to my hometown was a personal one and had nothing to do with any ill-feeling toward the City of Carlisle or the friends I have there. I will always consider that my second home. Perhaps my cost of this paper, which IS part of your economy doesn't amount to much to you (heaven knows I don't pay this for the volume of papers I get because if I get 20 a year I'm lucky!) Nor my good references toward the City as a place to visit. Yes, as you state, I " should know." The fact that I do is the reason I choose to make a comment. I don't like seeing Carlisle painted a town represented by someone's constant ugly comments against every organization, authority and individual there.

By the way, the name of the place you made reference to is "Tinbukto," not "Tim-buck-too".....best of luck to you

L.McGray

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Paris might like us as customers!

Dear Editor:

This is in regards about the speech Bill Crawford gave in his paper on Aug. 25, 1997.

For Mr. Crawford's information, Mathers Fund come in Thursday. So did you stop to think that maybe people were there to get school supplies? I happened to be one of the parents on Main Street with my husband and three kids. And you are not the only one who pays taxes. If you don't want us on the street spending Mathers Fund (money) get it changed so we can take it to Paris.

I think they would live to see us on their streets. I also think businesses in Carlisle liked to see us there. But one man can complain about everything and people in Carlisle wonder why they have no customers. I was also on Main Street when a policeman came past and hollered "clear the streets." When you start paying all the taxes for everyone else then we'll get off the streets. I also think that most of the people on the street, those two days came more to helping someone than Mr. Crawford because he couldn't get his nose out of the air long enough to see if anyone needed help. If you would give respect to the young people you might just get some back. Also Jesus preached to thousands. Would he and his followers have been told to get off the street? Yes, is what I think. He didn't know what we were doing there.

That's my opinion,
Tina Jackson
Suggs Road
Carlisle, Ky.

Set example for proper dress

To The Editor:

I was somewhat shocked when reading *The Nicholas Countian* newspaper date of June 9, 1997 issue. There was a picture of the Fiscal Court in session and all the gentlemen magistrates were wearing hats.

I fail to see where this is proper dress as this group should be setting examples to the voters by being properly dressed. Especially they should be setting a proper dress code to our youngsters.

If the County Judge and the Nicholas County Clerk can conduct themselves in proper dress in court session than for sure, the magistrates should do likewise.

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Carlisle Police Officer Terry Fryman, right, and a representative of AAA remind motorists that "School's Open -Drive Carefully!"

School's in session so drive carefully!

The Blue Grass Auto Safety Foundation and the Carlisle Police Department are reminding motorists that "School's Open -Drive Carefully."

The annual AAA campaign serves to warn drivers to watch out for school children as they return to class this fall. Safety Foundation officials are teaming up with police departments in 41 cities throughout Central and Eastern Kentucky to remind motorists to be alert.

"At this time of year, drivers know that they need to be alert for children, especially when driving around school zones, but knowing isn't enough, says Lilla Mason, executive director for the Foundation. "Drivers need to slow down in all residential areas so they can be prepared to stop suddenly should a child dart into the street."

In the United States, children under the age of 15 account for 33 percent of the total number of pedestrians injured in motor vehicle crashes.

"Children see, hear and feel differently than adults."

In fact, motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for children from 5 to 14-years-old.

"Children see, hear and feel differently than adults," says Mason. They are smaller than adults and have difficulty being seen by others. Children assume that if they see a car, the driver sees them and in many cases this is not true."

The Blue Grass Auto Safety Club Foundation is a non-profit organization that serves as an educational resource for schools and communities in Central and Eastern Kentucky interested in promoting traffic safety awareness.

Overcrowded

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-dergarten teacher. The school's four kindergarten classes are over the state cap size by about three students each, Randolph noted. It was consensus of council to allow Norton and teacher Georgia Taulbee to switch classes. The aides would remain with the original class so students would feel some sort of continuity. Norton said she had a doctor's note stating her hearing was impaired but she could read lips to a degree and that her knee injury prevented her from walking long distances. When transferred to a kindergarten class, she could park in the nearby handicap space which is nearer to the classroom than her current classroom.

"They're just spreading themselves too thin, teaching all those students," Darrell commented of the kindergarten teachers. "I think we need to have a 1-2 teacher."

Randolph suggested teacher aides could be shifted to help kindergarten teachers.

Everly answered Donathan's question about hiring more aides by stating the board of education hadn't directed him to do any more hiring. The board has been putting $140,000 in escrow for the building fund each year. But if it didn't take some money from that account this year, and move it to the general fund, the system would have suffered a $95,000 deficit, he explained.

Also at Thursday's meeting, Bill Guthrie of the administration office will discuss a new computer grant and Mrs. Sweeney, an elementary teacher, will discuss new course arrangements for the seventh and eighth grades.

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MSU writing project

Several area teachers were fellows in Morehead State University's Writing Project Summer Institute held recently on campus. Dr. Nancy Peterson, MSU assistant professor of English served as director of the four-week program. Attending the sessions were, from left, Mary Campbell, teacher consultant, Mason County; Dr. Peterson; Iris Combs, Nicholas County High School teacher; Dwayne Adkins, teacher consultant, Fleming County; and Paula Stafford, teacher consultant, Elliott County. The project is designed to instruct teachers of all grade levels on how to incorporate more meaningful writing across the curriculum.

Housing

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and attended Eastern Kentucky University earning a bachelor of science in environmental research. She has her master's degree from the University of Kentucky.

She's helped nearby Millersburg attain its ongoing project. She helped Flemingsburg get a project approved in the late 1980s. She's also completed a project at Mays Lick.

Millersburg Mayor Clyde Soper is pleased with Lowry's project. "She does a real good job in presenting what it is she wants to do. Everyone with a new house is happy. We've built four and they're very happy. We've also done several rehabs and those people are real pleased."

Lowry said pleased people isn't new to her. "Most people will seem pleased once it gets done. People come out of it with new homes."

Like Millersburg, Carlisle's Doreyville area has a railroad tracks running nearby. Homes in both areas would have to be relocated farther away to meet codes, including the noise code. In Carlisle, Lowry estimated the code was that a home should be 400 feet away so the train whistle doesn't seem so loud.

If the CDBG is approved, Lowry said some Carlisle residents who have been paying rent for years can become homeowners, like they did in Flemingsburg.

"Most people will seem pleased once it gets done."

Hospital

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minimal. Under this plan, there will be no need to disrupt the normal pattern of their lives.

There will be some disruptions in the hospital, though, and JMHC requests the public have patience and bear with the minor inconveniences renovation can bring.

Hospital functions will continue throughout the renovation. Work will be coordinated with the operations of the hospital to avoid hazards and reduce inconveniences as much as possible.

Shawndel Johnson

The Carlisle Mercury welcomes two new staff members

The Carlisle Mercury welcomes Jason Dailey and Shawndel Johnson to its staff.

Jason, a Nicholas County High School graduate, is the office receptionist.

Shawndel, a Cynthiana native residing in Paris, is the new advertising sales representative.

"The Carlisle Mercury is pleased to have these two friendly, efficient people on staff. Both have experience working with the public and are glad to serve *Mercury* customers," said Managing Editor Leigh Stone.

Jason and Shawndel join Leigh along with David Jones and Jimmy Tincher who both work in circulation.

Jason also works part-time at the Cynthiana Wal-mart electronics department.

Shawndel is the mother of two children, Tarin, 7, and Brynn, 3.

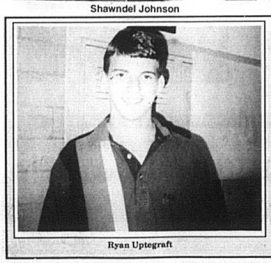
She attended Harrison County High School and also Maysville Community College.

"I love my job and helping people build their business by advertising in *The Mercury*," Shawndel said.

Jason has attended MCC for two years, taking accounting classes. At *The Mercury*, he handles classified ads, subscriptions and submitted news items.

"I like being part of the community newspaper. I've read *The Mercury* for years."

Jason Dailey



Ryan Uptegraft

Student of the Week

Ryan Uptegraft is this week's Student of the Week.

Ryan, a sophomore, is the son of Sherry Uptegraft of Carlisle.

Ryan likes science and social studies and being a member of the Kentucky Computer Society.

Upon high school graduation, Ryan would like to attend the University of Kentucky and study to become a robotics technician. He hopes to someday work for a major automotive company.

Ryan was nominated for this honor by Principal Greg Reid.

School secretary Paula Hunter and Reid said Ryan successfully programmed the school bell computer to ring at the correct times between class blocks.

"We couldn't get the bells to ring at the regular time and Ryan's always been a good student. He does really well in school," Hunter said.

Ryan said there was no mystery in getting the bells to work. "I read the handbook and did it."

The Carlisle Mercury will profile one student each week, chosen by the faculty of their respective school. Watch this space in future issues.

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Mattox with a second by Sherry Uptegraft with all in favor.

Elder said the board would have to approve a new salary schedule.

In other action the board:

- Set the school facilities hearing at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 8 at the elementary school cafeteria.
- Approved a tentative working budget.

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