

MERCURY MEMORIES

Five Years Ago...
Jan. 8, 1992

The Carle Volunteer Fire Department exemplified the word "Volunteer" in their efforts to build, from the ground up, a brand new class room upstairs in the back of the Carle Fire Department garage.

Ten Years Ago...
Jan. 8, 1987

Nicholas County will continue to have ambulance service at least until June 30. In an unanimous vote by Nicholas County Fiscal Court a contract was extended to Reynolds County local ambulance team. The contract was for the last year. Miss Laura Beth Taylor, 16, vice, for six months. City Council members voted 4-3 to accept the contract. The contract is for six months to June 30, 1997. It was accepted as a State finalist in the Miss Kentucky American Contest to be held June 19 and 20, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Lexington. **DEATHS:** Ralph Junior Foltz, 50, of Lower Sharpshooter Road, Carle, Jan. 8. Madeline Clumson Randall, 90, Carlisle, Jan. 2. Victor S. Martin, 75, near E. Highway 12, Mt. Vernon, Dec. 26. John C.

Remember when



This old photo from the Mercury files should bring back some memories to a few in Nicholas County. From left are Harvey Gaunce, retired mail carrier, and late Attorney Roger Wornack. County judge Executive Walter Shepherd and former Hopkin's Drugstore founder, Allen Hopkin. Do you remember when and where this photo was taken?

ACL Laundry repair soon underway

Strides are being made to repair ACL Laundry which was destroyed in a fire Oct. 21. Clay Hunt, owner of the building, said the concrete floor of the building had been torn out with new concrete to be applied.

Media General acquires The Carle Mercury

Media General announced the completion of its \$110-million acquisition of Park Acquisitions, Inc. Included in the buy is the Carle Mercury newspaper group that owns The Carle Mercury. The purchase adds 10 network affiliated television stations, 28 daily community newspapers and 82 weekly newspapers to the company's extensive properties.

Card Of Thanks

The family of Harold McVey would like to thank all of our family, friends and neighbors for the flowers, food and cards during the death of our husband and father. And to Harold's Jewish family and all the Jewish people for your kindness and help which we will never forget. Thanks to the Nicholas County Ambulance Service, Nicholas County Hospital staff, Masters of Grace and a special thanks to Mrs. Gaylord Gillipie and Mrs. Richard Groves. God has a special place in his heart for all of you, as we will always have. Thank you, everyone, once again.
The Family of Harold McVey
Helen and Children

Twenty Years Ago...

Jan. 13, 1977
State Treasurer, Frances Jones Mills recently announced the appointment of O.R. Curry, Jr., Lexington, as Principal Assistant for the Treasury Department.

Thirty Years Ago...
Jan. 12, 1968
Governor Ned Breathitt remarked during the dedication address Saturday. The major address Saturday. The major address Saturday. The major address Saturday.

Sandy Faust was crowned basketball game with Madison County at Nicholas County High. N. 18 at George Rogers Clark High School, Winchester.

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Jan. 12, 1968
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BIRTHS: To Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Clark, a daughter, Donna Gayle, Dec. 28, 1976. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Carter, a daughter, Cheryl Darlene, Jan. 4.

DEATHS: Kenneth G. Thornburg, 56, Jan. 4. Albert Vincent Holler, 87, Paris, Jan. 6. Irvine Collier Galloway, 70, Middlesboro, Jan. 7. P. Jay Wagener, 71, Jan. 5. Jack T. Okerman, 80, Jan. 7.

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Laura's Life

Is the government right about welfare reform?

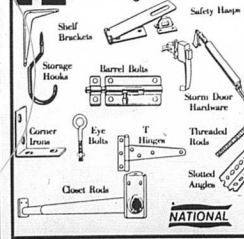
I received a piece of literature in the mail recently about welfare reform, and I don't know if I agree or not. I have so many mixed feelings about it that I don't know if the way I feel is right or wrong. On one hand, people that get welfare really need it and need to try to work but can't make it on their own. I believe that if the government is taking all kinds of money away from the young, does that mean that they will give it to the elderly that worked all their lives and deserve more than what they get now. Several older people I know don't get enough to live on and it doesn't seem like the government is worried about them at all.

In my opinion, the government should not take the money from the welfare program and spend it on the military. Choose something else that is just as needed, like our elderly. Major remodeling of the former bank building will be ongoing process, said Joan Lorenz. "If anyone wants a wash door, they are welcome to come," she said as she gave a mini tour of the new medical facility complex with its original marble trim. The contractor said it couldn't be removed without damaging it, she said looking at the marble of the estimated 65-year-old building.

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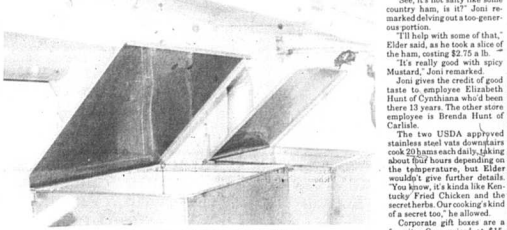
These hams are in good hands . . .

By Leigh Stone
Managing Editor
Carle residents Don and Wanda Elder invite Nicholas County to their new business, Old Kentucky Hams, Inc., 14 E. Pike, Cynthiana.

The store is located a couple of doors down from a Plaister Restaurant.
Old Kentucky Hams is also owned by Elder's daughter and son-in-law Joni and Jim Gasser, Old Kentucky Hams and



Bones on top of boxes are ready for great tasting ham to be sent to you, assures Don Elder, pictured with a new line of hams along the wall of Old Kentucky Hams, Cynthiana.



Two stainless steel vats cook the ham daily at Old Kentucky Hams, Cynthiana.



Several of all kinds accompany your favorite ham. Don Elder, at left, likes Vidalia Onions & Peach Sausage on his chips.

WELCOME!
Old Kentucky Hams is located at 14 E. Pike Street in Cynthiana. The store is owned by Don and Wanda Elder of Carlisle and the Elders' daughter, Joni and her husband, Jim Gasser.

Old Kentucky Hams is open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday and Friday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday and Saturday and is closed Sunday. The telephone number is 234-5015.

hickory smoked, sugar-cured, and aged 9 to 14 months. The business enjoys both the retail and wholesale markets. "About 90 percent of the business now mail order," Don Elder said Monday at lunchtime, the smell of fresh hams in the air. "But we wouldn't mind getting so busy we have to put a drive thru window in" he kidded.

Typically, Kroger's and area restaurants depend on Old Kentucky Hams for tasty quality. But the townpeople of Cynthiana don't mind having a ham sandwich for lunch. "The Goodfear falls come down every so often and we fix sandwiches for them. Here, try some," Elder urged at Joni cut the delicate, tender slices for a guest.

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"See, it's not salty like some country ham, is it?" Joni remarked driving out to a general store parking lot. "I'll help with some of that," Elder said, as he took a slice of the ham, costing \$2.75 a lb. "It really good with spicy mustard," Joni remarked. Joni gives the credit of good taste to employee Elizabeth Hunt of Cynthiana who'd been there 13 years. The other store employee is Brenda Hunt of Carlisle.

The two USDA approved stainless steel vats downstairs cook 20 hams each day, taking about four hours depending on the temperature, but Elder wouldn't give further details. "You know, it's kinda like Kentucky Fried Chicken and the secret formula. You're looking for a secret too," he allowed. Corporate gift boxes are a favorite. One, priced at \$15, carried four jellies, apple cherry nuttier, mango butter, apple butter, and a package of condensed milk.

"Everything here is based in Kentucky, except the ham cheese Bourbon chocolates, beer cheese from former UK basketball player Linville Puckett's sausage from Winchester, and our sausage and bacon is very good." Joni explained. Her pottery in the country blue, mostly is from BY BEE, out of Waco, Ky., near Richmond. There are candle holders and bowls, salt and pepper shakers and other practical decorations for one's kitchen.

"We've been buying hams here for a million years," Elder explained of how he became involved with the business. He found out about the business being for sale through a family contact and Joni, his registered nurse daughter, said she'd like to give it a try.

One whole lot of the building is lined with various jellies, try Green Pepper Jelly, Vidalia Onions & Peach Sausage (especially good on chips or crackers and cranberry). Red Pepper Jelly, Regal, Chutney, Horseradish, mustard, more types of Cranberry and Wildberry varieties.

"See, it's not salty like some country ham, is it? asks Joni Gasser, co-owner.

A Joni favorite. "We do our own bean soup mixture and our own popcorn - the bean soup is a 12 bean soup and we will let you try that," she said.
Old Kentucky Hams is running a special this month each Tuesday - make your own ham and get 10 percent off your purchase. Other purchases are being planned.
Shipping is available at the municipal lot nearby or behind the store.