# Saltwell News

**By Mrs. Fred Hollar**

Mrs. Phyllis Brady and cousin, Don Adams were Tuesday night supper guest of Mr. and Mrs. David Earlywine, Millersburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Doyle and family, Phyllis Brady and Don Adams enjoyed the Ewing Horseshow on Saturday night in which Carroll Doyle won first place in three classes and placed third in the Stake Class.

Mr. H. A. Gaunce entered St. Joseph Hospital Wednesday evening. He had several visitors and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Caswell accompanied him home on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank McCoy and Nellie Gaunce, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Withrow were in Morehead on Saturday. They were all supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank McCoy Saturday night.

Mr. Freddie Gaunce has been ill at his home several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Mattox of Somerset visited Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hollar on Monday morning. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn Mattox and Mrs. Mildred Green in Carlisle, and Mr. Sterling Hollar at Johnson Mathers Nursing Home.

Sterling Hollar had several other visitors during the week.

Mr. Jimmie and Emy Kennedy of Michigan and Raymond Kennedy of Lexington visited Daley Kennedy and Martha Kennedy Tuesday afternoon.

Daley and Martha Kennedy were in Lexington Wednesday evening attending a Birthday Party at Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Kennedy. Several June and July Birthdays were celebrated: Mr. Raymond Kennedy, Jimmy Kennedy, Mike Miley and Martha Kennedy.

Mr. John Lee Allison spent several days with Mr. and Mrs. Gary Hollar.

Ms. Wanda Sue Turner of Paris is spending some time with her sister Mary Peck and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hollar visited Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Gaunce on Sunday evening and Mrs. Gladys Kenney later that day.

Amanda Gaunce returned home Sunday after spending a week with Mrs. Brenda of Lexington.

Rev. Marion Snapp, David Earlywine, Phyllis Brady, Ramona George and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hollar enjoyed a time of prayer and visitation with Mr. Richard Carson and several other patients at Kellys Boarding House in Cynthiana on Wednesday night.

Word was received that Robert Allen of Manchester, Ohio would enter Fleming County Hospital on Monday, for tests and treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Hollar and John Lee Allison, along with others enjoyed the pool party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Craycraft near Jeffersonville, Sunday evening.

Sterling Hollar of Johnson Mathers Nursing Home had supper with Mrs. Lois Mitchell and Layne Hollar on Monday night.

Timothy Allen Letcher and Traci Shawn Slone

# Slone-Letcher

Ms. Karen J. Slone of Clearfield is pleased to announce the engagement of her daughter, Traci Shawn Slone to Timothy Allen Letcher, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Letcher of Cynthiana and the late Judy Mitchell Letcher.

The bride-elect is a 1992 graduate of Rowan County Senior High School, a graduate of Morehead State of University and will earn a master's degree from Marshall University in December. The bride is also a member of Gamma Phi Betasorority.

The bridegroom is a 1989 graduate of Harrison COunty High School and has earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Morehead State University. He is currently the assistant sports information director at MSU and serves as advisor for the Kentucky Gamma chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

Letcher is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Letcher and Mrs. Geneva Mitchell and the late Harold Michell, of Carlisle.

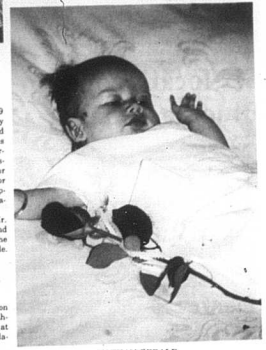
The wedding will be held on July 27 at Headquarter Methodist Church in Carlisle, Ky. at 2:30 p.m. All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

# Nathan Rainy welcomed at infant baptism ceremony

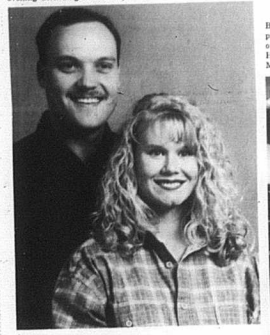
Nathan Gerald Rainey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Rainey, was honored with an after worship luncheon Sunday, June 8, by Mr. and Mrs. Ewell Lyons, and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Rainey and Katie, at the Lyons Home on Concord Road.

The Sacrament of Infant Baptizm for Nathan was held at the Moorefield United Methodist Church, where many family members and guests joined the parents and the congregation for the ceremony.

Guests included: Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Reid, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Rainey, Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Mattox, Mrs. Debbie Barnett, Eric, Danny and Robbie Lyons, Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Moore, all of Bourbon County; Mrs. J. Michael Haney, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Tolliver and Tyler, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Clikenbeard, Mrs. Cecil Shrout, Mrs. John Shrout and Ray of Nicholas County; Mr. and Mrs. Galen Tolliver and Mr. Tracy Tolliver of Fleming County, and Rev. and Mrs. Sean Shroll, pastor of the Church.



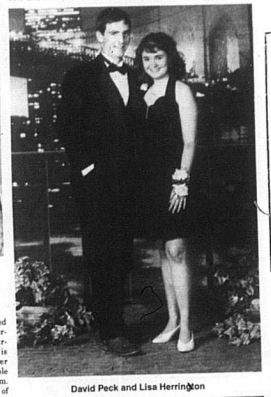
NATHAN GERALD RAINEY



Darryl Morgan and Dara Jo McCord

# McCord-Morgan

Mr. and Mrs. Doug McCord of Carlisle, are proud to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Dara Jo McCord, to Darryl Morgan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Morgan of Paris. Miss McCord is a 1994 graduate of Nicholas County High School and a 1997 graduate of Maysville Community College. She is employed by Dollar General Inc. Mr. Morgan is a 1991 graduate of Bourbon County High School. He is employed by Randy Walker Electric in Lexington. The couple will wed on July 26 at 2:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Carlisle. The tradition of an open ceremony is being observed.



David Peck and Lisa Herrington

# Herrington-Peck

Mrs. Cathy Calhoun and Mr. Bobby Herrington of Carlisle are proud to announce the wedding of their daughter Lisa Herrington to David Peck son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Peck of Carlisle.

The wedding will be held on July 27 at Headquarter Methodist Church in Carlisle, Ky. at 2:30 p.m. All friends and relatives are invited to attend.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Friday
Regina Raab, M.D. - Neurology - 12:30 p.m.

JULY 28TH - AUG. 1ST
Monday
Sanford Archer, M.D. - Otolaryngology - 7:45 a.m.

Wednesday
Karl Schulstad, M.D. - General Surgery - 9 a.m.




# Death

**JULIAN LEWIS "HAWKIE" MCKEE**

Julian Lewis "Hawkie" McKee, 59, died July 13, 1997 at Darby Square Nursing Home, Lexington, KY.

He was the son of the late Olan Lee Mckee and Hazel Elizabeth Maybrier McKee. A native of Nicholas County and a resident of Paris, KY.

Survivors Include: Three brothers: Edward Wayne McKee, Paris, KY; Edwin and Kay McKee and Clarence and Sue McKee, both of Millersburg, KY. Two sisters: Barbara and Kenney Dampier, Paris, KY and Martha McKee of Carlisle, KY.

Visitation will be Monday, July 14, at Pruitt Funeral Home, Paris, KY. Funeral will be at Pruitts Funeral Home, Millersburg, KY, Tuesday, July 15, 1997 at 11 a.m. with Rev. Ray Campbell officiating. Burial will be in the Elizaville Cemetery, Elizaville, KY.

Pallbearers: Randy Sears, Darrin Sears, Timmy Dailey, Jason Dailey, Billy Purcell, Donnie Crump.

Honorary bearers: Bill Snapp, Tommy Dailey, Bradley Purcell, Wesley Purcell, Ronnie Dampier, Mike Dampier, Barry Bullock, Bill Leonard, Jeff Bailey.

Contributions suggested to thoe American Diabetes Association.

## McClanahan, Earlywine to wed

Jamesand Patty McClanahan of Mt. Sterling would like to announce the engagement and forthcoming wedding of theirdaughter, TeresaGail McClanahan to Mark Allen Earlywine, son of Donnie and Donna Earlywine of Little Rock and grandson of Erma Scott, Paris.

Ms. McClanahan is a graduate of Montgomery County High School and is attending Lexington Community College. She is employed at The Physical Therapy Center-Columbia Hospital of Paris.

Mr. Earlywine is a graduate of Bourbon County High School and is employed at Central Manufacturing Company in Paris.

The wedding will take place at 6:30 p. m. Saturday, August 2, 1997 at Little Rock Christian Church. All family and friends are invited to attend.

Nicholas County Courthouse is beautiful as this photo shows in 1992. But as of July 8, 1997, it began to look better - a half million dollar renovation began!

# History of courthouse noted 1892 to present

*The following information is presented by Charles Gates of Carlisle. Mr. Gates is a Carlisle resident and is interested in writing about the history of Nicholas County.*

**Nicholas County Courthouse 1893-1997**

The present Courthouse of Nicholas County was planned in 1892. The contract let in 1893 and was dedicated on Four, July 1894 even though the interior was not completed.

This is the collection of data, contract and events to built the 1892 Courthouse after the magistrates decided to build a remodeled and extended new structure.

The following is the collection of comments of news print out of county in the years of 1892 through 1895. The following are the sources of information: the now defunk semi weekly Bourbon News (S/83-20 and S-70) located at Cynthiana Library Roll # 1. The University of Kentucky Historical Archives at Lexington, Ky. the Nicholas County Clerk's Office concerning the Court Orders and Court Minutes involved in the awarding the contracts and to whom each contract was awarded.

July 20, 1892 - -The semi-weekly of Bourbon carries this statement. 'We have a new Courthouse in Nicholas County soon.'

Nov. 19, 1892- The Kentucky Citizens article mentions that a new courthouse will be built in Carlisle.

Feb. 3, 1893 - The Sheriff's Settlement shows sinking fun of $18,216.78 will be added to the railroad tax of $535, making a total of $18,175.78 County owes about $6,000 which leaves about $13,000 to ward remodeling the courthouse and building two fireproof vaults.

Feb. 17, 1893 - Semi-Weekly Bourbon News. "The Plans for a new courthouse which was drawn by Architect Smith of Lexington, Ky., was on exhibition her Monday. This is the kind of building we want.'

March 31, 1893 - Semi-Weekly Bourbon News. The work of tearing down the courthouse is in progress. Max Metzer taking the contract for $290. This building was erected in 1844.

April 7, 1893 - Semi-Weekly Bourbon-News. "The old courthouse which is about down was built in 1844 by a man by the name of Harris and the Commissioners appointed to build it were Dr. W. W. Fritts, Judge William Novell and Patton. The only ones still living are Dr. Fritts and Judge Novell the father of the present Judge."

April 12, 1893 - Semi-Weekly Bourbon News. "Contract to John Frion of Paris, Ky., the architect and spec's of the building will be under his supervision."

May 22, 1893, The Bids of the different work and materials for construction will be let on May 22, 1893.

May 26, 1893. Semi-Weekly Bourbon News - "The Mercury stated Monday, May 22, 1893, that the date set to open bids and award the contracts for erecting of our new courthouse above the foundation, that the bids were too high, which was $10,000 above what the architects' estimates and not including the Steel Vaults and Furnishings, the Committee arrived at angered conclusion and rejected them one and all."

June 14, 1893, Semi-Weekly Bourbon News. "The lumber for the new courthouse arrived from Georgia."

June 23, 1893 - Semi-Weekly Bourbon News. "The Mercury states the bids were not all let Saturday. Only the stone trimming to Max Metzer and the Brickwork to James George & Con. provided they do the work for the amount the commissioners have set and the carpenter's work is to be done by J. H. Frion, the architect who will receive bids on lumber and accept the lowest bids."

July 26, 1893. The Foundation for the new courthouse will be ready for brick work thif week.

Aug. 4, 1893. Brick Work on the courthouse is in full swing. There are 13 brick layers working. The press brick long with the Light Stone Trimming shows handsomely.

Oct. 10, 1893. The courthouse is progressing nicely. Work on the Cornice has been commenced and the brick work is expected to be entirely finished next week. If work is pushed it can be finished within a year's time. At the beginning some said it would take five years before it could be finished.

An Iron Fence is to be installed around the courthouse and the hitch racks in front of the courthouse to be removed. Also, the engine house is to be removed out of the courthouse lawn.

April 12, 1894 - Architect and specification by Frion of Paris, Ky., and courthouse is being erected under his supervision. The following is a list of contractors:

1. Razing the old building - Metzer & Watts, Carlisle, Ky.
2. Excavating & Foundation - Metzer & Watts, Carlisle, Ky.
3. Cut stone - Metzer & Watts, Carlisle, Ky.
4. Iron works, Schuber & Sinn, Cincinnati, Ohio.
5. Mill work & finish William Mayor & Company, Cincinnati, Ohio.
6. Plastering, concrete & Tile work, M.P. Scully, Cincinnati, Ohio.
7. Stairs, John Rollan & Company, Cincinnati, Ohio.
8. Galvanized iron, tins and slate work, J. F. Filth, Carlisle, Ky.
9. Steel edging, Kemmear & Oark Co., Columbus, Ohio.
10. Clock & Bell, The Salt Thomas Company, Chicago Ill.
11. Furniture, Ketcher Furniture Co., Toledo, Ohio.
12. Carpenter work, carpenter workers, by Architect Frion of Paris.
13. Vault & fittings, Metalbes Co., James Town, New York.
14. Vabkit doors & trim ferring, Hall Martin Co., Cincinnati, Ohio.
15. Brick work, George & Hardiman, Carlisle, Ky.
16. Painting, glazing, & frizzing, B. R. Duncan, Carlisle, Ky.
17. Hardware, Mitchell & O'Hart, Maysville, Ky.
18. Plumbing, T. J. Fritzgerald, Maysville, Ky.
19. Frame Lumber & Flooring, D. M. Dooley, Lexington, Ky.
20. Extra Lumber, Henry & Dorsey & Ratliff Bros., Carlisle, Ky.
21. Heating & Ventilation, The Barnett & Pecks Co., Cincinnati?-Ohio.

June 29, 1894 - The Fiscal Court voted to install an Iron Fence around the courthouse lawn and to remove the hitching racks in front of the courthouse. Also voted to remove the fire house from the courthouse lawn and also that the courthouse clock would be set on Sun Time. Also appropriated was $500 to erect a monument over the remains of Samuel Kincart whose remains lie buried in the courthouse lawn. The courthouse bid for furniture was accepted. The contract was let for the Iron Fence around the courthouse.

July 3, 1984 - Semi-Weekly Bourbon News quoted from the Carlisle Mercury "that a good cut was printed about the new courthouse and a sketch of Nicholas County's various courthouses which is quite interesting. An extract from the lengthy article says the new courthouse is to be dedicated today, begun in 1893, and will cost about $43,000 when completed.

Jan. 4, 1895 The county commissioners a their mileting Saturday, ordered the hitching posts to be removed from in front of the courthouse to the sides and none closer than 10 feet on the front wall. Also ordered pavement be put down in front of courthouse and appointed that James Hillock to se that the work is done.

March 15, 1895. The county completed its settlement this week. The Courthouse cost to be $43,458. This included furniture but not the pavements, fencing and work on the lawn. The estimated total cost to be around $45,000.

March 26, 1895. The County Treasurer, James Hillock, shows Nicholas County in good shape. Have on hands $3,784.52. Also a few hundred dollars worth of Notes for old Materials sold from the old courthouse.

The interesting part of this report is that parts of six newsprinte the Semi-Weekly Bourbon News were from Carlisle.

1. The news dated 1891.
2. The Weekly Inquirer, dated Dec. 1893.
3. The Nicholas Colurier, dated 1894.
4. The Nicholas Post, dated Feb. 1895.
5. Carlisle Democrat, dated 1895.
6. The Carlisle Mercury, dated throughout 1892 unto completion of the courthouse.

The Nicholas County Courthouse which was remodeled and extended in 1892-1895 and dedicated on Fourth July 1894 would over the years see many events of which some were good and others not so good.

The Cupola was subjected to damaged by extreme weather, lighten hit it causing damage and set a fire of which the local folklore says the fire men couldn't pump water that high and the fire was put out by the Old Bucket Brigade System.

After World War I, the Electric Flag was installed and even though it's a beautiful sight very few men had the courage to scale the dome of the courthouse and replace the light bulbs.

The courthouse was renovated during the era of W. P. A. and C.C.C. depression years of the 1930s and the floors as we see them today were installed by them.

Over the years from 1940 up until the present very little preventive repairs occurred and the Old Courthouse deteriorated to the point it became dangerous.

A few years ago the outer rim of the dome was repaired but it wasn't until Judge Smith was elected that any real effort was put into getting the courthouse back into good shape. In 1996, a new roof installed and now in 1997, a major repairs of restoring the dome, cupola, clocks, electric flag, and upper structure, and cleaning and repairing the brick walls and window.

The cost of this new renovation will be very expensive costing $525,903. The base cost was $480,073 plus a $45,830 contingency fee which brings the amount to $525,903. This is indeed a very expensive project when comparing that the original cost to build the entire courthouse in 1892-93 was built in $45,000.

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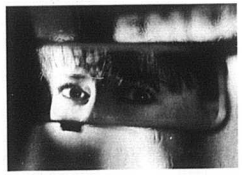

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