Saltwell News writer still enjoys writing weekly column

By Leigh Stone
Managing Editor

Carlisle Mercury columnist Lelia Hollar, weekly author of the Saltwell News, is as proud today of the family tradition of writing the column as she ever was - and even has hopes for a successor.

Born in 1915 to U. G. and Lucy Ray Gaunce Mattox, her father had taken over the column two years earlier replacing precinct writer S.C. Calahan in 1913.

Mrs. Hollar, 82, looks forward to hearing the telephone ring. There may be someone telling about a church dinner or some loved one from far away getting to visit back home.

"Back when we started, there just wasn't a lot of ways to get news. People looked forward to their Mercury."

The columnist and soprano singing piano player was in a cheery mood on a recent sunshiny Friday afternoon. "I can hardly get around but I feel lucky be here," she said as her daughter, Ramona, came in to take photos of her mother with the reporter. Naturally, that was a good time to venture into the kitchen for some homemade salt rising bread topped with butter. "I like making cookies, pies, cakes, and jelly, too," she said. "I make cherry pies a lot, and peach. I can usually. I've got jars of apples, bean, tomatoes, corn. Not much, really - all from our garden. Fred keeps the weeds out!"

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She took out a weathered black and white photo from a stack. "This picture was taken 43 years ago. It's me and dad" After he got so he couldn't write the column, I wrote it for him."

Nowadays, she quips, the young John Lee Allison may be her only hope of keeping the Saltwell News column in the Mercury. The three-year-old John Lee is the son of Ron and Tracy Allison of Sharpsburg. Ever the optimist, Mrs. Hollar explained, "I don't think any of the children will take up writing the column, but maybe I can talk John Lee Allison into it! He's kind of young, though."

Besides writing, Mrs. Hollar is devoted to her family, husband Fred, whom she married in 1934, and children Sterling, Layne, Ramona and Gary.

There's also great devotion to her church, Headquarters United Methodist. She is a member of the Helping hands Class and recently participated in the get well card project, sending 250 cards to ill people. She is also involved in mission work for the United Methodist Women's Club. "My faith directs me. When we're not sick or when the weather permits, we'll go," she said matter-of-factly.

She used to play piano and has played for 35 weddings in eight area churches and has given piano lessons to 88 children. "A lot play at weddings and churches today. Tamara Tipton - she can play anything," Mrs. Hollar lovingly boasted adding her own daughter, Ramona, plays piano very well.

Some favorite memories are of the times she got together with Shirley Collins, Phyllis Brady and the late Jessica Thacker and played music with H. A. Gaunce, the late Woodrow Gaunce and husband, Fred. An album, "Songs From The Heart," recorded in the 1960s, sold 500 copies at $5 apiece. The selections include a couple of favorites - The Nail Scarred Hand," and "I'm Nearer Home."

A later recording, this time by The Hollar Family, with Fred, Ramona and Lelia, is still available on cassette tape. It

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Singing and playing precious gospel music has been a lifong joy for Lelia Hollar. Here, she plays piano, far left, as, from left, Shirley Collins, the late Jessica Thacker, Phyllis Brady, H. A. Gaunce,Lelia Hollar's husband, Fred Hollar, and the late Woodrow Gaunce, sing.

Fred and Lelia Hollar were married in 1934 and celebrated their 50th anniversary in 1984. Here they are at Carter Caves June 12 when they celebrated their 61st year of marriage last year.

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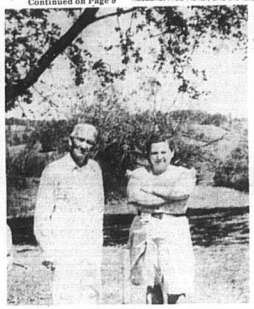

Mrs. Lelia Hollar, right, took over the Saltwell column after her father, the late U. G. Mattox could no longer provide the weekly feature. He began the family writing tradition in 1913 and continued for more than 35 years. He once won an award for "Best Precinct Writer."

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Lelia and Fred Hollar's children are the highlight of their lives. Top row, from left, is the oldest son, Sterling Hollar, with Layne Hollar. Ramona Hollar George and youngest son, Gary Hollar, completed the family. "My children always said if everyone had parents like they had the world would be a different place," Lelia Hollar says proudly today.

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This photo, cherished by Mrs. Fred Hollar, is Headquarters United Methodist Board, possibly taken in the late 1960s or early 1970s. The photo was taken by Billy Gudgell, a Carlisle photographer. Bottom row (l-r): Lelia Hollar, Mrs. Ann Carter, Phyllis Brady, David Earlywine, Jesse T. Earlywine, Verena Earlywine, Shirley Collins, Louise Delaney, Reynolds Gaunce, Gladys Kenney, Ruth Snapp, and Gladys Gaunce. Second row (l-r): Veach Delaney, Billy Woosley, Everett Snapp, Martha Kennedy, Fred Hollar, Richard Calk, Frank Sparks, Daley Kennedy. In back (l-r): Tommy Fryman and Woodrow Gaunce.

Mrs. Fred Hollar managed to keep track of "who's who" in this photograph of the Saltwell School Group, taken in 1923. She wrote the names in order on the back of the photo. First row (l-r): Charlotte Sosby Kenney, Howard Gaunce, Bob Morris, Mac Gaunce, Eddie D. Morris, Eugene Earlywine and Woodrow Gaunce. Second row (l-r): Vaughn Mattox, Hisel Hollar, H. A. Gaunce, Arnold Mattox, Sue Barlow Rule, Mrs. Jessica Davis (teacher), Jessie Earlywine, Julian Gaunce, Allen Rule, Virginia Allison (Fryman), and Lelia Mattox (Hollar). Third row (l-r): Georgia Allison (Feeback), Marie Gaunce (Hinkston) (Dykes), Catherine Allison Hollar, Tempa Gaunce (Endicott), Anna D. Allison (Ritchie), Hensel Gaunce (Grey), Reynolds Feeback (Gaunce), Hazel Earlywine (Gaunce), Fern Allison (Alexander), Nellie Ritchie (Gaunce), Margaret Snapp (Kendall) and Homer D. Morris.

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initially sold 400 copies. Gospel music lovers will appreciate "Calling My Children Home," "Jesus Paid It All," and "Jesus Opened Up The Way."

Just up the road in front of the house near Saltwell Church, Fred can be seen riding the tractor, with a couple of friendly, but loud, dogs in tow. Mrs. Hollar said her husband still has some beef cattle and "he gardens a little but he doesn't do much - he's 86!"

Seated in the living room of the eight-room home her parents reared her in, Mrs. Hollar commented, "When we married we lived 20 years in a home we bought from my uncle, George Gaunce on Johnson Road in Saltwell. But when mom and dad passed on, we moved back to the old home place."

The Hollars' will celebrate their 62nd wedding anniversary on June 12.

All four children were born in Nicholas County, all four delivered by Dr. B. F. Reynolds of Carlisle. The good doctor still holds a place in this mother's heart. "He only charged $20 for delivery and times were hard sometimes - we paid only $10 and gave him a turkey. I don't think there's ever been a better doctor. Of course, that's been many years ago."

Child support agency discusses driver's license revocation

In an effort to enforce child support obligations, we (the Division of Child Support Enforcement) will be focusing on those deliquent parents which meet the criteria for denial or suspension of drivers' licenses. That is, those noncustodial parents who have accrued a year or more of the past-due support since January 1, 1994. In the Fleming area, which includes the counties of Bracken, , Fleming, Harrison, Lewis, Mason, Montgomery, Nicholas, Pendleton and Robertson, we have identified 263 individuals meeting this criteria. These individuals represent a total of $2,124,455.43 in past-due child support. We are issuing courtesy notices advising those individuals that they meet the criteria to have their licenses denied or suspended. The notice affords the parent an opportunity to take necessary action to avoid being subject to having his or her driving privilege revoked. It is our hope that by utilizing this enforcement tool we will be able to collect child support for those children who are currently being neglected. our goal is that we would not have to revoke anyone's driving privilege and that everyone receiving a notice takes steps to correct the delinquency. A big misconception that people have is the thought if we suspend someon's driver's license, we will take away their ability to get to work. On the contrary, if a noncustodial parent is employed and not paying child support, we will complete wage withholding. You see, the ultimate goal of using enforcement tools is that support is collected on behalf of the child. Drivers' license suspension serves to enforce those obligations in which we have been unsuccessful in enforcing through other methods. Our concern is what is in the best interest of the child.

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Estate of: Allie P. Berryman
Mary A. Berryman. Event: Probate Hearing. Order Entered.

Crystal D. Flora vs. Charles A. Fryman. Event: Review. Comp Care Appointment set for 1-8-97. Report Due.

Commonwealth vs. Bruce Buckler. Replacement Bond $5000. Surety by Donna Buckler. Authorized Erica Bach and Mike Purvis released as surety.

Commonwealth vs. David Crawford. Show Cause 4-7-97 9:00 a.m. To pay balance.

Commonwealth vs.Jacqueline Smith. License to be in possession-on presentation of valid License. D/M/O/C.

Commonwealth vs. William D. Crain DOB 07-16-75. Event: Review. Show Cause by Sheriff at 9:00 a.m. Valid license presented D/M/O/C.

Commonwealth vs. Jennifer Dowden DOB 08-19-74. Event: Show Cause Hearing. To show proof of insurance. Charge 2: No Insurance. On proof filed D/M/O/C, w/o pay. Show Cause 4-7-97 at 9 a.m.

Commonwealth vs. Michael L. Frederick DOB 8-12-80. Event: Show Cause Hearing. To do 20 hours of Comm. Service. Charge 2 Reckless Driving. Community Services Complete D/M/O/C.

Commonwealth vs. William H. Fryman Jr. DOB 7-11-47. Event: Show Cause Hearing. S/C/O 4-14-97 9 a.m.

Commonwealth vs. Gary W. Gammon DOB 3-11-75. Event: Show Cause Hearing. Review on Community Services. 29 hrs. credit for $ 145, also community Services of 50 hrs. done for Co. Show Cause 4-14-97 9 a.m. To pay balance of costs.

Commonwealth vs. Charles R. Jolly DOB 8-20-75. Event: Show Cause Hearing. To pay $30 per week. S/C/O by sheriff 4-7-97 9 a.m.

Commonwealth vs. Dunnie R. Mitchell. Event: Pretrial Conference. $10 Nicholas County Sheriff Fee. Charge 1: Theft by deception.

Commonwealth vs. Billie J. Reed DOB 2-25-76. Event:Show Cause Hearing. To bring proof of insurance and Reg. Receipt. Charge : No Insurance. B.W. $100, F.T.A.

Commonwealth vs. Michael D. Ross DOB 11-21-72. Event: Show Cause Hearing. S/C/O by Sheriff 4-14-97 9 a.m.

Commonwealth vs. Darrell Shepherd DOB 5-21-72. Event: Show Cause Hearing. S/C/O by Sheriff 4-14-97 9 a.m.

Commonwealth vs. Heather Buckler DOB 5-30-76. Event: Arraignment. $10 Nicholas County Sheriff Fee. Charge 1: Criminal Trespassing- 3rd Degree. Attorney: Dawn Letcher, N/G/P, , P/C 4-14-97 at 9 a.m. Charge 2: Menancing.

Commonwealth vs. John E. Butler DOB 4-10-52 . Event: Review. Community Services Authorized (min. 49 hrs. in 2 wks). S/C/O 4-7-97 9 a.m.

Butler DOB 4-10-97. Event: Show Cause Hearing. S/C/O 4-7-97 9 a.m.

Commonwealth vs. John E. Butler. Theft by deception. Cold Checks. N/G/P, P/C 4-7-97 9 a.m.

Commonwealth vs. Tony Campbell DOB 8-6-76. Event: Arraignment. Continued from 3-10-97. Charge 1: Theft by Deception. M/O/C, S/C/O Sheriff 4-7-97 9 a.m.

Commonwealth vs. Sean D. Carson DOB 6-7-78. Event Arraignment. Charge 1: Alcohol Intoxication 1st/2nd. G.P. $25 plus costs. S/C/O 4-14-97 9 a.m. Charge 2: Resisting Arrest. N/G/P, P/C 4-14-97 1 p.m. Clerk to S/C/O by Mail.

Commonwealth vs. Robert T. Christie DOB 2-2-38. Event: Arraignment. Fail to render aid/assistance N/G/P, P/C 4-7-97 1 p.m. Charge 2: OMV und intox bev -1st off.

Commonwealth vs. Jessie T. Earlywine DOB 4-23-77. Event: Arraignment. Reckless Driving. Will hire attorney, N/G/P, P/C 4-14-97 1 p.m. Charge 2: Failure to wear seatbelts. Charge 3: License to be in possession. Charge 4: OMV Und Inf Intox Bev -1st off Blood test, Results pending.

Commonwealth vs. John Farrow DOB 5-6-77. Event: Arraignment. Possession of Marijuana. G.P. Sentencing 4-7-97 9:30 a.m. w/record check. Charge 2: Poss of alcohol by a minor. N/G/P, P/C 4-7-97 9:30 a.m.

Commonwealth vs. Jason A. House DOB 8-2-78. Event: Arraignment. Charge 1: Alcohol Intoxication 1st/2nd. G.P. Sentencing w/record check 4-7-97 9 a.m. Charge 2: Possession of Marijuana. G.P. Charge 3: Carrying a Concealed Weapon. N/G/P, P/C 4-7-97 9 a.m.

Commonwealth vs. Martin L. Kendall DOB 6-8-75. Event:

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