Mercury Memories

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Ten years ago

The home of Clay Ritchie of Myers Station was totally destroyed by fire on April13, 1988.

Members of the Nicholas County High School Class of 1988 make ready for a senior trip to Florida. The seniors, along with six sponsors, left Wednesday and returned Sunday, from the Sunshine State.

Six NCHS students took awards in the 25th Northeast Regional- Science Fair at Morehead State University. They were; Deana Fryman, Gretchen Judge, Sonya D. Johnson (overall fair winner), Rhonda Smart, Josh Guthrie, and Heather Hall.

Births: To Mr. and Mrs. Joe D. Ruddell, a daughter, Lindsey Renee, April 14, 1988.

Deaths: Goebel Hammons, 88, died April 12, 1988; Katherine Elizabeth Curtis Jefferson, 67, died Tuesday, April 12, 1988; Francis Wasson, died Friday, April 15, 1988, Mrs. Natella Hillock, 88, died Thursday, April 14, 1988.

20 years ago

Fiscal Court has acknowledged that the county is willing to match funds of $9,000 for a dumpster program for the county.

Paul Ramsey was recently appointed to the Nicholas County Library Board to fill the vacancy due to the death of Ralph Shearer.

The Carlisle-Nicholas County Chamber of Commerce held their All-Kentucky City Award-dinner at Carnico Country Club. Guest speakers were: Dr. Ed Ford,- State Senator of the Senational District and Adrian Arnold, State Representative of the 74th District.

Births: Jay Carlten Humphries, April 13, 1978.

Marriages: Shirley Lyons and Joseph Wilson,III, April 15,1978.

Deaths: Toppy Bowe, 74, April 23, 1978, Mrs. Katherine Faurest Daniel, 74, April 18, 1978; Nicholas Florence, 86,April 18, 1978.

30 years ago

Ben Phumphrey wins pole vault event at the Fifth Annual Colonel relays held in Paris, Saturday. Pumphrey went over the bar in the pole vault event at 12 feet, that won a blue ribbon for him.

Falmouth was struck by a second great disaster Tuesday afternoon, April 23, when a tornado struck the city and laid low fully one-third of it, killing four people and injuring more than 100.

A total of $400.00 has been raised in the Nicholas County Easter Seal Campaign, it has been announced by Joe Creath, chairman of the local drive.

David Wagoner, International Farm Youth Delegate from Nicholas County, who spent time last year in the Philippines was recently awarded an honor certificate for his excellent work in presenting to our people his experiences of life in the Philippines.

Marriages: Brenda Carol Kilgour and Nicholas John Demetrious II, April 13, 1968.

Deaths: Mrs. Anna Hardin, 85, April, 1968

50 years ago

Mrs. William Alexander, Superintendent of Johnson Memorial Hospital for the past 14 years, has submitted her resignation effective May 15, to the hospital board it was announced.

Sale of Marshall and Gaunce Confectionary, owned by Mr. and Mrs. George Marshall, was announced. The business was purchased Saturday by J.H. Williams, formerly of Ewing, now of Detroit.

Production on shorts got underway Wednesday morning at the L. Giffen Manufacturing Company, making a total of two separate garments being made locally.

Births: Judy Allen Bromagen; Patricia Saunders; a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Mann; a son to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stone.

Marriages: Miss Mildred Gaunce and George Marshall.

Deaths: Phyllis Ann Purcell;Robert R. Ruhl, 49; Mrs. Barbee Harding Hunt, 65, April 11, 1948; Mrs. Ossie Darrell Vice, 61.

60 years ago

Miss Kathryn Hanley has been appointed temporary clerk at the local health department to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mrs. J. Clarke Leer, Jr.

At a meeting held at the Armory last Friday night, plans were practically completed for the operation of the softball league this summer.

The city of Carlisle has cleared the concrete floor of the Old Growers Warehouse on East Main Street for roller-skating

Births: Jackie Thomas Conley, April 23, 1938; a daughter to Dr. and Mrs. H. Todd Smiser, Wednesday.

Marriages: Sophia Shea and Cecil Barnett, April 2, 1938; Charme Ewalt and Eugene Smoot, April 19, 1938.

Deaths: Harry Talbert, 70, April 20, 1938; William Ray Anderson, 43.

Owning and operating a vehicle expenses show increase from last year

The cost of owning and operating a new vehicle this year is 46.1 cents per mile, up 1.3 cents from 1997, according to AAA.

AAA's annual Your Driving Cost Survey reports that the average motorist driving 15,000 miles per year will pay $6,908 in auto-related expenses, $185 more than in 1997.

The increase is due primarily to higher costs for insurance, depreciation, taxes, license and registration. Variable operating costs, including gasoline, oil, maintenance and tires, fell slightly, dropping by .1 cent per mile to 10.7 cents.

"Although the average motorist probably isn't going to be counting the cost of operating their vehicle on a day to day basis, this guide is a valuable tool for car shoppers looking for the most cost efficient models," said Dan Dickson, Public Relations Manager for AAA Blue Grass/Kentucky.

AAA's cost estimates are based on computations made by Runzheimer International for Rochester, Wisconsin, a management consulting firm specializing in transportation, travel and living costs.

AAA's cost figures are based on a composite national average of three American-made 1998 cars- a subcompact Chevrolet Cavalier LS, a mid-size Ford Taurus SE and a full-size Mercury Grand Marquis GS.

These similarly equipped vehicles include air conditioning, automatic transmission, power steering, AM-FM stereo, driver and passenger side air bags, anti-lock brakes, cruise control, tilt steering wheel, tinted glass and a rear window defogger. The cost estimated are based on a four year/60,000 mile ownership period.

The study also included a list of driving costs associated with typical sport utility vehicles and minivans. AAA says the cost of driving a 1998 Chevrolet Blazer is 53.3 cents per mile, up 1.1 cents from last year and 7.2 cents more than the composite figure for passenger cars. The driving cost for a Dodge Caravan SE is 48.8 cents per mile, up 1.1 cent from a year ago and 2.7 cents more than the composite for passenger cars.

Information on the Blazer and Caravan is not part of the composite national average but is included in the report to help drivers estimate driving costs for these vehicles.

The booklet, "Your Driving Costs", is available free from AAA. To obtain one, call AAA Blue Grass/Kentucky in Lexington at 233-1111 (Elsewhere 800-568-5222) or by writing to : AAA Blue Grass/Kentucky, 155 North M.L. King Blvd., Lexington, KY, 40507.

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SALTWELL NEWS By Mrs. Fred Hollar

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By: Mrs. Fred Hollar

Mrs. Brenda Howard of Harrison County brought lunch on Tuesday and dined with Mrs. Gladys Kenney and visited with Mrs. A.R. "Pat" Fisher on Tuesday evening.

Mr. John Ellis of Louisville spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Mattox and children.

Miss Amanda Mattox spent Saturday night with Miss Melody Herrington of Hooktown.

The Methodist Men and Women of The Headquarters Church on Wednesday night at 7:00 will have a supper. Followed by Mr. Nessner Cook of Millersburg presenting a program of music. Ramona George will be program leader for the ladies.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Allison and John Lee visited Mr. and Mrs. Gary Allison on Saturday afternoon. Chris Hollar also spent the day.

John Lee also spent Friday night and Saturday with the Hollars.

Miss Melanie Caswell and Melody Herrington spent one day the past week with Amanda Mattox, Anna Marie and Jessica.

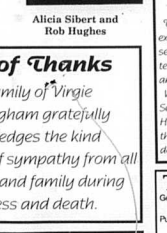
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hollar and Bryan and Steve Kirby and son visited some neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Randy Hutchison and family at the Saltwell Parsonage on Thursday night.

Sibert-Hughes to wed

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Sibert are proud to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Alicia Lee to Robert B. Hughes, son of Mr. Jerry Hughes of Carlisle and Ms. Gail Sullins of Kingsport, Tennessee.

Miss Sibert is a 1994 graduate of Nicholas County High School and will graduate from Morehead State University in May. Mr. Hughes is a 1994 graduate of Nicholas County High School is currently serving with United States Army at Ft. Campbell, Kentucky.

The wedding will take place on May 30, 1998 at 6:30 p.m. at Forest Retreat Inn with a reception immediately following the ceremony.



Alicia Sibert and Rob Hughes

Hart, White to wed

Mr. Bobby Gene Hart and Mrs. Judy Neal of Owingsville would like to announce the engagement and forth coming marriage of their daughter, Tammy Jo Hart to Steven Ray White, son of Anita White and the late Earl White of Carlisle.

Tammy is a 1994 graduate of Bath County High School and the 1997 graduate of Nu-Tek Academy of Beauty. She is currently employed at Mealpins Hair and Nail Salon.

Steven is a 1994 graduate of Nicholas County High School and is currently employed at Wal-Mart Tire and Lube Express.

The wedding will take place on May 9, 1998, at Reynoldsville Christian Church at 3:30 P.M.

All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

Tammy Jo Hart and Steven Ray White

Clarification

Last week's report on the City Council budget hearing should have stated that Carol Galbraith was a guest instead of Carol Hollar.

France is the most popular destination for tourists.

Bretz named to Dean's List

Larry K. Bretz, a life long resident of Carlisle, Kentucky has been named to the Dean's List for the Winter 1998 quarter. Students making the Dean's List have a grade-point average of 3.4 or higher on a 4.0 scale. Larry K. Bretz is an Elem.- Education Major at Southern Utah University, while having a double major in History and Psychology. On completion of his education he plans to return to his home state of Kentucky. Larry is a graduate of Nicholas Co. High School and a former employee of Jockey International in Carlisle.

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"The family of Wilson "Bus" Clark would like to express our sincere thanks to the many friends who sent cards, visited and cared for us in the hospital, telephoned and remembered us in their thoughts and prayers.

We especially thank Rev. Howard Livingood, Rev. Sean Sinroll, the staff of Mathers-Gaunce Funeral Home, Dr. Ana Rinaldini, and the Nurses' Registry for their compassion and concern during his illness and death.

Card of Thanks

The family of Virgie Valandingham gratefully acknowledges the kind expression of sympathy from all her friends and family during her illness and death.

Card of Thanks

I want to say "Thank You" to all the people who gave me permission to put my campaign signs on their property. Also, "Thanks" to the people who have offered to let me put up campaign signs.

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Obituaries

Christine Elizabeth Booth

Christine Elizabeth Booth, 93, of 360 West Main Street, Carlisle, widow of Albert Booth died Sunday April 19, 1998 at her residence.

She was born in Nicholas County to the late Ed and Nannie Gillespie Myers, was a former Nicholas County Jailer, and a member of the Flemingsburg First Baptist Church.

Survivors: a son, Kenneth (Sue) Booth, Marietta, Georgia; a daughter, Mrs. Randall (Nancy) Ritchie, Carlisle; nine grandchildren, Danny Booth, Terry Ritchie, Linda (Dave) Johnson, Antony (Denise) Ritchie, Mark (Cindy) Ritchie, Kennetha Withrow, Chris Booth, Dinah Hardeman, and Mandy Kreigh.

Eighteen great-great grandchildren, Keith, Steven, and Danita Booth, Justin, Austin, Nathan, Matthew, Derrick, and Nikie Ritchie, Christy Smart, Eric Fryman, Jeremy, Stephen, Christopher, and Erin Booth, Jason Jackson, Tori Hardeman, and Sydney Kreigh. Four great-great grandchildren, Ashley Kay, Bryan Keith, Thomas, and Trevor Booth.

She was preceded in death by a son Edward Thomas Booth and a grandson Shawn Booth.

Services 2:00 P.M. Wednesday, April 22, 1998 at Mathers-Gaunce Funeral Home by Rev. Howard Livingood and Rev. Kevin Thomas. Burial in Carlisle Cemetery.

Casketbearers: Kimball Booth, Jock Conley, Wayne Gum, Howard Keith Hurst, Joe Metcalfe, and Joe Wilson.

Contributions are suggested to Hospice of the Bluegrass.

Virgie Bussell Valandingham

Virgie Bussell Vanlandingham, 70, of 493 Lower Jackstown Road, wife of Scott Vanlandingham, died Thursday, April 16,1998 at her residence.

She was born in Nicholas County to the late Thomas and Mamie Ishmael Bussell, was a retired employee of Jockey International, and a member of the Mt. Zion Christian Church.

Other survivors: a daughter, Susan Adkins, Lexington, a brother, Estill Bussell, Nicholas County; two sisters, Hilda Earlywine, Nicholas County, and Marie Carpenter, Bath County.

Services were 10:00A.M. Saturday, April 18 at Mathers-Gaunce Funeral Home by Rev. Kevin Thomas. Burial in Carlisle Cemetery.

Casketbearers were Troy Clifton, Paul Mann, and Billy Gayle, Jerry, and Ron Vanlandingham.

National Volunteer Week spotlights volunteers across Kentucky

The Honorable Governor Paul E. Patton is recognizing the efforts of volunteers throughout the Commonwealth by signing a Proclamation in celebration of National Volunteer Week April 19-25.

"Volunteer! Get Connected!" is the national theme inspiring individuals, Volunteer Centers, businesses, community based agencies, and national service organizations to renew the volunteer spirit across the nation.

"Volunteers are the backbone of our society and must be recognized for their efforts. National Volunteer Week provides opportunities for everyone in the Commonwealth to rejuvenate our creativity in getting things done and reflect on our service to others in an effort to make Kentucky a better place for all of us," says Dawn Chester, Executive Director of the Kentucky Commission on Community Volunteerism and Service (KCCVS).

The KCCVS is the bi-partisan, twenty-five member, governor appointed body charged with promoting an ethic of national and community service throughout Kentucky.

The KCCVS is seeking descriptions of volunteer initiatives held during National Volunteer Week.

After projects are completed, you can tell the KCCVS about your success stories.

Fax a brief, one-page description of the project, the number of people involved, the outcomes and the number of people impacted, to (502) 573-5201.

Volunteer of the Week

By Amy Rankin
Managing Editor

The Carlisle Mercury will be offering a new feature to the paper to spotlight special volunteers who devote so much of their time and energy to help the community.

This section is called Volunteer of the Week.

Wanda Earlywine, a volunteer at Johnson-Mathers Health Care Center, has been chosen as this week's Volunteer of the Week.

Wanda has been volunteering her time in the hospital gift shop every Wednesday since March of this year.

However, volunteering is nothing new to her.

Although a native of Nicholas County, Wanda was a resident of Morehead for nearly 30 years, where she resided with her husband.

While living in Morehead, Wanda worked as a volunteer for the Rowan County Jail center and a local hospital in Rowan County.

Wanda returned to Carlisle a little over two years ago, after her husband's death, and now resides at Shepherd Place.

When not devoting her time to the hospital, Wanda enjoys spending time at the home of Bonnie Carter, her only daughter.

Sam, Wanda's close companion and friend, is "a little house dog" that also occupies her spare time.

Everyone at JMHC would like to thank Wanda for her devotion and hard work as we salute her by naming her Volunteer of the Week.

If your business, organization or community center has a special volunteer you would like to nominate, call Amy at *The Carlisle Mercury*, (606) 289-2464.

Wanda Earlywine

Pastor's Pen

PASTOR'S COLUMN
BY: REV. JAMES DOUGHTON
CARLISLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

As we think of Easter and many of the post resurrection accounts of Jesus appearances, we find some very moving expressions of God's love in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself. For instance, we find Peter mired in his own guilt for denying knowing Jesus. Jesus appears to Peter!

Peter experiences Jesus' love in that He shows Peter what he built do for Christ and His Kingdom. Peter Jesus asked, "Do you love me? Yes Jesus! Feed my sheep." Three times Jesus asked Peter and three times Peter responds about his deeper and deeper conviction. Forgiveness and reconciliation flows from Jesus to Peter.

Then there is Thomas' encounter with the reality of Jesus resurrection. Thomas, in stating his resolve never to believe unless he touches the wounds of Jesus, finds his doubts melting into assurance that it is true as Jesus stood before him.

Mary Magdalene had an experience in seeing Jesus immediately after His resurrection in the garden. He had not yet gone to His Father in heaven. Go tell my disciples in Galilee. Jesus commanded.

How Mary must have felt to have a personal encounter of her own with Jesus that gave her unconditional acceptance. What a life changing experience!

There are also other encounters that Jesus made after His resurrection. But there is one that is so powerful that it is worth while to look at, this being the walk by two men to Emmaus. They were talking to each other about the life of Jesus and their hopes and dreams of Jesus being the promised Messiah. The day was going by very quickly. A stranger came along and walked with them. They did not know him. For the scripture says their eyes were blinded so they did not recognize him. He asked what they were talking about.

As they continued walking along Jesus began to open up the scriptures and expound about the prophecies concerning the death of Christ and how he should rise again on the third day. They heard the accounts of a resurrection but did not believe it. As they came to their home, this stranger made as if he would go on further. They invited him in to spend the night.

He went in and sat at the table to break bread. When he blessed the bread and gave to them they recognized him. It was Jesus! He is Risen! They did not wait till morning but ran back to Jerusalem to tell the other disciples of Jesus, He is risen indeed! What boldness was given them even that night as they ran back to the holy city to be witnesses of God's resurrection power!

How we need these experiences today! We need to encounter Jesus risen afresh and anew! We need to know his forgiveness and reconciliation. We need to live in his love and power! How we need that life witness of his life changing grace! May we see Jesus as He is.

Local doctor to sponsor free stop smoking program

Quitting smoking is probably one of the most difficult things an individual can attempt.

Alone, a smoker has little encouragement and no one to share the struggle.

However, beginning Monday, May 25, at 7:00 P.M, smokers wanting to be non-smokers no longer are alone.

Dr. Ana Rinaldini, in association with the Nicholas County-Hospital Respiratory Therapy department, will sponsor the Cooper-Clayton "stop smoking" program.

This program will be available free to anyone who wants to quit smoking.

The Cooper-Clayton program is a group process.

It is people helping each other to stop smoking.

Dr. Ana, herself a former smoker, felt this program offered a positive way to help people who truly want to quit smoking.

"The Cooper-Clayton method has a good success rate (approximately 40-45 percent after one year) compared to other stop smoking programs. The key to the program's success, however, depends on the group and on a person's desire to quit. Participants must want to quit their addiction," commented Dr Rinaldini.

The Cooper-Clayton program can be especially effective for heavy smokers.

The program was designed originally by a heavy smoker who successfully ended a 30-cigarette a day habit.

It assumes that nicotine is an addictive drug and helps people rid themselves of the habit slowly, step-by-step.

According to Dr. Ana, it is most important that the participant does not expect immediate sudden success.

Breaking a drug addiction requires significant effort on the part of the smoker.

The Cooper-Clayton method makes the transition from smoker to non-smoker easier than going cold turkey.

The program brings people together to share the same experience and help each other through it.

For more information on how to register for the Cooper-Clayton stop smoking program, contact Dr. Ana's office at 289-2282 or Jon Sullivan, R.T. (Respiratory Therapist at Nicholas County Hospital) at

APRIL - MAY 1998 SPECIALTY SERVICES

NICHOLAS COUNTY HOSPITAL

APRIL 20TH - 24TH
Friday
Regina Raab, M.D. - Neurology - 8:30 am

APRIL 27TH - MAY 1ST
Tuesday
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MAY 11TH - 15TH
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Friday
John Tuttle, M.D. - Urology - 8 am

MAY 18TH - 22ND
Wednesday
John Wolford, M.D. - Gastroenterology - 1 pm

Thursday
Marc Pawsat, D.P.M. - Podiatry - 1 pm

MAY 25TH - 29TH
Tuesday
Pam Combs, M.D. - Cardiology - 2 pm

Friday
Regina Raab, M.D. - Neurology - 8:30 am

Historical Corner

In a continuing effort to report historical facts to the community, Charles Gates has submitted the following information concerning the first known post offices in Nicholas County.

The following article is about the forty Post Offices of Nicholas County from it's beginning on June 1, 1800 until the present date of April, 1998.

The following information gives all the establishment and closure dates of all the Post Offices.

The first Post Office of Lower Blue Licks could not be established due to the Law of 1809 being the first Act by the U.S. Government requiring yearly reports of all U.S. Post Offices.

William Williams, in 1809 filed the first Nicholas County yearly report.

Just when he was appointed the Post Master at the Lower Blue Licks is unknown due to no required accountability of the Post Office actions until 1809.

Some of the old newsprint of 1800 by the *Kentucky Gazette* carried printed lists of who had mail at the Bedinger's Inn at the Licks.

Some type of postal system existed prior to 1809, but, due to no records, it may never be known for sure just when Nicholas County had it's first Post Office or when William Williams was appointed as the Post Master.

The following are the Post Offices that existed in Nicholas County from June 1, 1800 up to present dates.

There were a total of 40, with four Post Offices being repeats that were started and stopped over the years.

Only two of the 40 remain in operation as of February, 1998 and these two are the second and third Post Offices established.

They are Carlisle, established in 1817, and Moorefield, established in 1818.

The names and dates of establishment and closure are listed alphabetically as follows: Abner, established 06/14/1888, closed 09/30/1903; Barefoot, established 05/23/1881, closed 11/30/1936; Barterville, established 03/27/1879, closed 02/23/1973; Black Hawk, established 03/25/1854, closed 05/20/1856; Blue Licks Spring, established 10/01/1809*, closed 05/31/1919; Bramblett, established 06/03/1889, closed 05/14/1904; Buffalo Trace, established 10/20/1873, closed 01/01/1876; Buzzard Roost**, established 03/12/1852, closed 11/02/1861; Carlisle, established 01/28/1817; Carter's Store, established 02/25/1828, closed 07/21/1857; Chapel, established 02/25/1841, closed 12/08/1881; Crayton, established 03/02/1882, closed 01/15/1924; Davidson, established 06/15/1881, closed 08/31/1907; East Union, established 03/25/1854, closed 08/25/1857; Ellisville, established 04/11/1879, closed 07/31/1906; Flora, established 03/01/1892, closed 08/31/1928; Forrest Retreat, established 12/15/1832, closed 07/27/1861; Griffiths, established 09/08/1843, closed 07/11/1854; Headquarters, established 01/12/1848, closed 04/30/1906; Hinkston, established 08/22/1854, closed 01/29/1857; Hinkston, established 09/15/1902, closed 03/31/1904; Hooktown, established 02/26/1867, closed 09/17/1874; Hooktown, established 07/03/1888, closed 06/15/1904; Irvinville, established 07/09/1851, closed 12/15/1863; Licking, established 07/30/1888, closed 12/15/1904; Marengo, established 02/18/1862, closed 03/25/1865; Marengo, established 12/09/1875, closed07/05/1876; Miranda, established 02/19/1891, closed 06/14/1906; Moorefield, established 01/29/1818; Morningtory established 06/22/1875, closed 12/31/1921; Myers, established 06/13/1872, closed 04/28/1961;

Myersville, established 12/11/1871, closed 01/15/1883; Oakland Mills, established 06/14/1860, closed 08/15/1906; Paynter, established 11/16/1893, closed 02/06/1899; Pleasant Valley, established 02/03/1848, closed 04/07/1874; Pleasant Valley, established 11/21/1876, closed 12/15/1943; Salt Well, established 06/28/1878, closed 04/07/1879; Saltwell, established 05/21/1886, closed 04/30/1907; Sprout, established 07/07/1882, closed 08/15/1907, and finally, Weston, established 01/20/1853, closed 09/28/1875.

*The first recorded yearly report of Post Offices was in 1809.

William Williams, the Post Master at Lower Blue Licks filed the first report in October, 1809.

It is a known fact that a Post Office of sorts existed at the Lower Blue Licks as early as December, 1800.

Just who was Postmaster etc is lost due to no records required at that early date.

There are ads printed in the *Lexington Gazette* stating Mail drop at the Bedinger Inn.

**The area of Buzzard Roost was covered by three different Post Offices, these being Buzzard Roost; Sprout and Marengo (1) and (2).

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- M.T. Mathers & M.C. Shearer - *1948*
- M.T. Mathers & Ralph E. Shearer - *1949*
- Taylor T. Mathers & Ralph E. Shearer - *1966*
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