

ARMORY.
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ments established for the armory property type because it possesses integrity of location, material, design and setting. This historic Carlisle Armory is still in its original location, in downtown Carlisle, and is recognizable as an armory on both the interior and exterior.

The historic Carlisle Armory is currently owned by Nicholas County, and the University of Kentucky Agricultural Extension Office is located in the building. On the lower level is the county ambulance service. The National Guard occupied the building until 1977, when they moved to a newer armory on the outskirts of town.

A military unit has been in the Carlisle since at least the Civil War, when the 37th Kentucky Rifles were located there. During World War II, the 103rd Anti-aircraft battalion served in

Europe, including battles in Sicily, Normandy, Northern France, the Rhineland, Central Europe, Ardennes-Alsace, and the Battle of the Bulge. The Carlisle unit was one of the few Kentucky units to serve in Europe. The unit actually left before the armory was completed, so the Home Guards were the first to occupy the building.

The National Guard did not use the building until they returned in 1945. The Carlisle unit did not see active duty in Korea or Vietnam, but some members of the unit went to Desert Storm in 1990-91.

Currently, the unit in Carlisle is Company B of the 260th Engineers, with headquarters in Richmond. Prior to that, the unit was Company B of the 201st Engineers, headquartered in Ashland.

The armory also served as an important command

center, as evidenced by an article in the Carlisle Mercury from April 8, 1943. The article reads: "In order to raise funds with which to buy new equipment, the Carlisle High School Band is sponsoring a dance to be held in the new Carlisle Armory, Friday night, April 16, hours 8 to 11. Life-long Carlisle resident Kimball Booth and Frank Mathias recall other events which occurred at the armory, such as school dances, county fairs, fall festivals, and the annual Briar Band Rabbit Dance, held between Christmas and New Year's.

The Carlisle Armory was one of eight Works Progress Administration armories built between 1941-1942, and was the first armory built in Carlisle. The Carlisle Armory was the only one-story armory

winning trophies throughout the country. Established in 1923, the ATA promotes and governs the sport of trapshooting, primarily in the United States and Canada. In 1999, 54,978 members participated in the sport, competing at over 6,218 sanctioned tournaments on the local, regional, state and national levels.

Martin's mother Peggy Moore told the Carlisle Mercury in an interview that she has been shooting with her father at just four years old.

"When I saw that he missed, I just had one pair of eyes, but I remember hitting the target. When I saw a piece go flying up, I know I had won," Martin said.

She recalls the crowd was behind her. Martin has been attending the Grand ever since she began shooting registered targets in the early 1980's. She has won numerous Grand Trophies, including six Women's Clay Target titles. She had another brush with trapshooting years when she shot off and lost the Clay Target title to Bob Munson in 1982.

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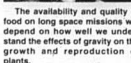
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• Never attach blowers or make modifications to heater.
• Always keep fire extinguisher and smoke detector nearby.
• Never operate at risk-setting lower than minimum risk-setting.
• Dry burn your heater after burning five or six tanks full.

• Do not operate in small or enclosed spaces.
• Keep work clean and in good condition; use only authorized replacement parts.
• Make sure flame is extinguished after turning off heater.
• Never move heater while operating.
• Never try to adjust room temperature by adjusting wick.

Protecting Our Environment

Space Research may Provide Earthly Answers

(NAPS)—America's space program is planting some new ideas about growing food. This research may ultimately lead to added conservation of our natural resources. The International Space Station (ISS)—a space-based research facility that will orbit 200 miles above the earth—will be the site of numerous experiments in the fields of physics, biology, ecology, space science and earth science. Some of the fundamental laws that govern our physical world are difficult to test on earth. It is often necessary to use space to obtain measurements of the highest possible accuracy. This is so when extremely uniform samples—free from compression because of their own weight—are required, when objects must be freely suspended in space, or when the mechanical disturbances present in earthbound laboratories must be eliminated.



Food on long space missions will depend on how well we understand the effects of gravity on the growth and reproduction of plants.

For example, in the microgravity of space, scientists are able to study unique aspects of combustion. Combustion plays a central role in heating our homes, powering our cars and producing synthetic materials. Even small improvements in combustion efficiency could help us decrease pollution while saving the United States billions of dollars annually. Scientists will also use the space-based laboratory to learn how plants and animals that evolved under the influence of terrestrial gravity respond to long-term exposure to microgravity. In doing so, we further our understanding of the role of gravity in life processes on earth.

In the future, an understanding of how plants respond to the space environment will be important as we try to control spacecraft environments and grow food for long-duration space travel. The ISS will play a critical role as the only research facility where both microgravity and partial gravity can be simulated. To learn more about the International Space Station, visit the websites at <http://station.nasa.gov> and <http://www.nasa.gov>.

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK...
We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future.
—Franklin D. Roosevelt

From The Editor
MARINA JOHANN
THE CARLISLE MERCURY

Tobacco Settlement, What to do?

As I have read several articles over the past couple of weeks referring to the almost \$3.45 billion dollars that the state will receive from the Tobacco Settlement money, I have heard several different opinions.

The solution that I have heard of has been to give the money back to the farmers. I feel that this money does need to be given back to the farmers for they have lost a lot of income from tobacco sales in the past several years, not to mention the terrible season this year.

I think that the state should refund the tobacco farmers for any losses that they have accrued. But spend some of the money on training farmers on how to raise other crops and use the money it takes to get up for a different type of crop.

With as much grief that the tobacco industry is receiving today, I see the tobacco industry heading nowhere but down. I feel that tobacco will one day be illegal or too expensive for the average man to afford. This is due mainly because of health concerns that are associated with smoking, or chewing tobacco.

We need farmers, but do we necessarily need tobacco farmers? Most farmers who raise tobacco today, have inherited the tobacco fields that they raise. They have been helping in the tobacco fields, more they ever started attending school.

For many students who help out in the summer, it is much needed income, for summer jobs are scarce in some communities like Carlisle, and Nicholas County.

I have never worked in a tobacco field, but my mother and father helped out for their uncles when they were young, and my husband helped his mother and father raise a crop for almost 15 years.

As their five children turned into adults, went to college and moved away, his family finally sold their tobacco crop, for the income that was brought in after sales, was barely enough to pay the additional help that was needed. But my husband did, that while he was growing up it did provide food and clothing.

Many people really enjoy the outdoors, and farming. These people should be provided with a way of doing what they love, and making their living at it. To this day I have just been able to raise a small garden, just for me and my family. Everything I plant dies. So I am thankful for the farmers who grow tomatoes, squash, lettuce, cabbage, and all the other food that I eat.

In today's schools more emphasis is put on technology than agriculture. We need to bring back programs like Future Farmers of America. So maybe some of the money could be spent on the education of future farmers.

And if a farmer is looking for a way out of the tobacco industry, but does not have the income to go back to college to learn another trade, then the government should fund the farmer an education to learn a new trade.

These are just my two cents worth, but with ever its worth.

Faces of The Week
THE CARLISLE MERCURY'S SPOTLIGHT ON NICHOLAS COUNTY.

Q: What do you think Frankfort should do with the Tobacco Settlement Money?



"Give it back to the farmers."
Brad Buswell, 22
Calloway Creek

"The entire Phase 2 Settlement should go to the growers. We are the ones being hurt."
Marvin Vio, 61
Scrubb Grass

"Give it back to the farmers."
Richard Frederick, 26
Calloway Creek

NEXT WEEK'S QUESTION IS?
WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE BOOK AS A CHILD, AND DO CHILDREN TODAY THINK READING IS IMPORTANT.
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"Give it back to the farmers because they are all so broke."
Mary Lou Frazer, 78
Saltwell

"Give it to the farmers."
Tammy Warner, 29
Lower Sharpshurg Road

"Give it to the farmers, we who raise the tobacco."
April Fryman, 29
Pleasant Valley

Letters To The Editor

To The Editor,
The following letter has been sent to our Governor, Senators, and Representatives. I would appreciate it very much if you would print this letter. I would like to ask you if you are aware of a law that says that an eye sight test should be required each time a driver's license is renewed to contact our State lawmakers and let them know your thoughts on this issue.

Hello,
It is the early morning hours, two days before Christmas, as I begin this letter. Although this is a joyous season, it brings an occasional tear drop to the eyes of my wife and I.

There is a vacancy at our home. Our son will not be here to celebrate Jesus Christ's birth with us. Instead, we made a trip to his burial site and placed a Christmas wreath on his grave.

Stephen J. Poole's death on Mother's Day, May 14, 1989 turned our world upside down. His sister suffered an emotional breakdown and all three of our lives has a void forever.

An oncoming driver making a left turn drove into our son's lane of traffic, hitting his car at the tip of the drivers side front fender and was in the driver's seat when he got through. In a short time, death occurred.

The driver said, and the accident report states, "I did not see the car." Indeed, this driver could't see to properly move a truck, much less operate a motor vehicle. However, he had a valid driver's license.

This took place one year to the day after Larry Mahoney, a drunk driver, caused the death of 27 people in a church bus. If you or your son were facing death in an auto accident and the cause was to be a drunk driver or a driver that couldn't see, which would you choose? A crazy question worth thought of an answer??

Your actions as a Kentucky Legislator are going to speak for you on this question in this legislative session. The legislature has made drunk driving a crime, however, driving without eye sight that meets the standard required of a newly licensed driver in reality is encouraged. Most drivers never again have to pass an eye sight test after securing their license. Therefore Kentucky's highways have many drivers with substandard eye sight.

I beg you to use your influence to enact legislation requiring that drivers nearing license renewal or first issue be required to pass an eye sight test.

If you do so, you will have said neither to that crazy question I asked earlier, and kept tear drops from the eyes of many people during future Christmas seasons. I will be willing to furnish more information or assist in any way.

Sincerely,
Stephen W. Poole
Benton, KY 42025

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