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Marriages Lead Divorces 71 Pct.; Births Top Deaths

Marriages in Nicholas county led divorces by a margin of 71 percent while life outdistanced death by 51 percent, statistics compiled from the records of John F. Sugg, county clerk, Miss Beulah Hughes, circuit court clerk, and Mrs. Maude Seamands, county registrar of vital statistics, today showed.

During the year closing December 31, 1948, a total of 53 marriage licenses were issued from the office of County Clerk Sugg. Divorces granted through the circuit court during the year totaled 16.

One hundred and twenty-one births, 62 girls and 59 boys, were recorded in the county during 1948. Of this number there were two sets of twins, one white and the other colored. Colored births totaled six, three boys and three girls.

Deaths for the year totaled 62. 35 less than 1947 mortalities of 97. Births in 1947 ties the number reported in 1948 with 121 also tabulated that year.

County School Board Renames Its Officers

Dan E. Wells was re-elected chairman of the Nicholas County Board of Education at the reorganization meeting held here Monday, Raymond J. Wesley, county school superintendent, has announced.

Mrs. Howard Irvin was re-elected vice chairman. Both Wells and Mrs. Irvin have served in these positions for the past 10 years, and have been members of the board for the same period.

Members elected to the board in November were sworn in Monday. They include Reynolds Gaunce and B. S. Stephenson, both re-elected, and Eugene Letcher, elected to his first term to replace J. W. Alexander, who was not a candidate.

Conservation Essay Judges Are Appointed

Miss Dorothy Rowe, home demonstration agent, William I. Straw, county agent, and Edward L. Sanders, soil conservationist, were appointed judges for the Soil Conservation Essay Contest sponsored by The Courier-Journal and The Louisville Times, at the monthly meeting of the supervisors of the Nicholas County Soil Conservation District.

Thirteen Nicholas county school students have entered essays in the contest. First prize will be a $25 Savings Bond. Second prize will be $10 and third prize will be $5. The last prize will be awarded by the Nicholas County Soil Conservation District.

The Supervisors made plans to sell the old tractors and to purchase two new tractors. The new tractors will be leased to R. P. and W. J. Alexander to establish soil conservation practices.

Members attending the monthly meeting held Monday were Alton Rose, Charles T. Whaley and Frank Henry.

CLYDE WATSON NAMED VIRGIL CHAPMAN'S AIDE

Clyde Watson, associate editor of the Owensboro Messenger and Inquirer, has been named administrative assistant to Senator Virgil Chapman.

The position pays $10,300.

Watson will head a staff of five persons who will handle the work in the new senator's suite.

The senator said he would retain the two secretaries who have been with him for more than 10 years, H. H. Morris and Mrs. Helen Fleming.

Watson handled Chapman's campaign publicity last summer and fall and has been identified with the state Democratic campaign organization for many years.

WINS DECEMBER CONTEST

Mrs. James F. Sadler, Myers Route 1, Locust Grove correspondent for The Carlisle Mercury, won the Best Letter-of-the-Month Contest, the judges today announced.

Mrs. Sadler is the sixth of The Mercury's correspondents to win the contest. Previous winners were: Mrs. Oral Hollar, Mrs. Perry Vice, Mrs. C. A. Hopkins, U. G. Matox and Mrs. Jewel Clark.

A cash award has been mailed to Mrs. Sadler.

ACCEPTS DEPUTY POST

Frank Reid of the East Union community has accepted a temporary position as deputy clerk in the office of County Clerk John F. Sugg. Reid will assist during the rush for automobile licenses.

Yellow Jackets Sting Musketeers 57-45

BASKETBALL DOPE

Results Tuesday
Versailles 57, Carlisle 45
Kirksville 65, NCHS 26
Game Wednesday
Williamstown vs NCHS
(No Score at Presstime)
Games Friday
CHS at North Middletown
Lexington Latin at NCHS
Games Tuesday
NCHS at Connersville
Bourbon Co. Vocational at CHS
Games Wednesday
NCHS at MMI

By Emily Asbury

The Versailles Yellow Jackets literally swarmed all over Carlisle, stinging the Musketeers 57-45 in a C.K.C. contest here Tuesday night. For the charges of Tebay Rose, it was their 5th straight setback and 7th loss of the current campaign.

Playing without the service of ace freshman Charlie Harper, the Musketeers forged ahead 3-0 in the opening minutes of play. Versailles began to retaliate, cashed in on 6 field goals and a gratis fling, holding the boys in green to 5 more points, to enjoy a comfortable 13-8 margin as the first quarter ended. Sparked by Hines and Witten, who divided 32 points evenly, the Woodford lads hit with amazing accuracy and were never on the short end of the count, thereafter.

Inconsistency at the free-throw line hampered Carlisle, sinking only 9 one-pointers out of 19 attempts.

Leading the scoring parade of both teams was Carlisle's Peters with 21 points. Stephenson abetted a losing cause, notching 12 markers.

With Booth, M. Ruddell, Flora, Pitman and Blount showing the way, Carlisle's "B" team defeated a Versailles "B" aggregation 17-10, in a preliminary game.

The Musketeers will engage the Bourbon Kings Friday night, January 7th, at North Middletown.

The Boxscore:

Carlisle		Versailles
Crockett (1)	F	Hines (16)
Stephenson (12)	F	Newton (8)
Peters (21)	C	Dozier (9)
Allison (4)	G	Witten (16)
Tolliver (5)	G	Whittaker (6)
Substitutes — Versailles: Lewis (2), Carlisle: Hardin, Myers, W. Ruddell, Flora.		

Halftime score: Versailles 29—Carlisle, 21.

FLAMES SEVERELY BURN FLEMING COUNTY CHILD

Judy Lee Dyer, five-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Dyer of the Wallingford section of Fleming county was reported in grave condition today by attendants at Hayswood hospital, Maysville where she was admitted Monday after suffering third degree burns when her clothing caught fire.

The little girl's mother said she and her daughter were in a barn at the rear of their home when Judy decided to go to the kitchen for a drink of water.

In response to screams from the kitchen a few minutes later, she ran to the house and saw that the child's clothing in flames. Mrs. Dyer wrapped the child in a coat and extinguished the blaze but not before the girl had suffered severe burns.

Mrs. Dyer said some kerosene had been spilled on the kitchen floor and expressed the belief that the child had gotten into it and ignited a match, setting her dress on fire.

COUNTY SOIL COMMITTEE TO HOLD MEETING FRIDAY

The soils and crops planning meeting will be held at 1 p. m. Friday at the office of the county agent, William T. Straw.

The soil testing laboratory, which recently was completed, was originally inspired through this group. Alton Rose is chairman of this committee.

The committee is primarily concerned with working out a program to increase soil fertility, increase yields of farm crops and introduce improved varieties of crops.

BETTER JUNIOR CLUB IS AIM OF SPORTSMEN

Plans to build a better Junior Club in Nicholas county will be discussed tonight at a meeting of the Nicholas County Fish and Game Club, notices mailed out to members announce.

Several members of the Boy Scouts will be present. Members of the adult organization are urged to bring any boy who is interested in the Junior Club to the meeting.

MARRIAGE LICENSE

Herbert Bretz, 20, and Jean McKee, 16, both of Nicholas county.

New Un Official

President Truman appointed Joseph B. Keenan, Washington attorney, to be U. S. representative on the UN Conciliation Commission for Palestine. He will serve with representatives from France and Turkey on the three-member commission. Keenan served as chief U.S. prosecutor at the war crimes trial in Japan.

Guest Is Found Dead In Bed Here Sunday

Charles Hanson Hedges, 61, was found dead in bed Sunday morning at the home of Rex Puckett on Main street where he had spent the night.

Coroner M. C. Shearer said Hedges was found at 8 a. m. and that he had been dead since about midnight. No inquest will be held, the coroner said.

Hedges, son of the late Hiram and Alice Edwards Hedges of Nicholas county, is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Cleta Ritchie, Carlisle, and Mrs. Clara Woolery, Detroit.

Funeral services were held at the Mathers-Shearer chapel at 2 p. m. Tuesday, conducted by the Rev. C. A. Sweazy, superintendent of the Methodist Home at Versailles and former Carlisle Methodist church pastor. Burial was in the Barterville cemetery. Pallbearers were Leslie and Harvey Hedges, Julian and Ray Caswell and Stewart and W. D. Harvey.

Former Local Pastor Is Good Cattleman

The Rev. Clyde Sweazy, superintendent of the Methodist Home of Kentucky, near Versailles, formerly pastor of the Carlisle Methodist church and later District Superintendent of the Carlisle District, Kentucky Methodist Conference, has sold 15 cattle that made an average daily gain of 2.15 pounds each since April 1.

This gain is said to be better than that made by most 4-H club members when they full-feed cattle six to nine months.

The cattle had on the pasture and silage 30 days. Bluegrass pasture was the only feed after that period, until the past 52 days, when the steers got a grain and silage ration.

The cattle weighed an average of 667 pounds on April 1 and 1,160 pounds when sold.

The experience of Mr. Sweazy, who is considered one of Woodford county's best cattlemen, is said to demonstrate the value of bluegrass pasture in producing rapid and economical gains.

LIBRARY RECEIVES GIFTS

The Nicholas County Memorial Library has received a donation of books from R. B. Sadler, former resident of Nicholas county, a second donation of approximately 45 volumes from Mrs. Willard H. Cooper, Middletown, Ind., an aunt of Mrs. Charles M. Cox, and a year's subscription to Hygeia magazine from Dr. and Mrs. I. E. Edwards, Lancaster, parents of Mrs. Tommy Johnson.

CARLISLE DEPOSIT BANK FILES YEAR END REPORT

The report of the condition of the Carlisle Deposit Bank at the close of business December 31, 1948, is published today. It shows assets of $2,200,946.24 and total deposits of $2,032,376.99. The bank has $50,000 in its surplus and undivided profits of $60,569.25.

TWO MORE ANCIENT COINS

Mrs. John Letcher, Ewing, Route 1, has in her possession a large copper cent which is 132-years-old. The penny was dated in 1817.

Another old coin, a Spanish piece, minted in 1796, just four years after Kentucky was admitted as a State of the Union, also has been brought to The Mercury office. The last coin is over a century and a half old.

Johnson Hospital Files Annual Report

Patient days at Johnson Memorial hospital during the year ending December 31 totaled 1,737, a report filed Wednesday with the Nicholas county fiscal court showed.

The average number of patients per day was five.

A total of 250 patients were admitted and remained in the hospital. This figure is 10 less than the 1947 total which was 260.

Other items included in the report follow:

Minor operations, eight; medical and observation, 136; accidents, 10; fractures, 14; obstetrical cases, 82; births, 74; deaths at birth, three; deaths, seven; county patients, 20; outpatients, 149; X-rays, 30.

Total receipts from the county, Mathers fund and donations totaled $9,010.76. Partial tabulations of the receipts follow:

May 1-Tag Day receipts, $38.20; Thanksgiving donation from church, $88. Total which $8.50 was in cash and food donations made up the remainder of the amount, from county $519.50, Mathers fund, $2,250.

School On Dairying Slated Here Monday

A dairy feeding and management school will be held Monday at the Nicholas county courthouse, William T. Straw, county agent, has announced. The meeting will begin at 9:15 a. m. and will be concluded at 3 p. m.

The following representatives of the extension staff of the University of Kentucky, Lexington, will assist with the program: John W. Lasley, dairy field agent; Dr. Durward Olds, dairy veterinarian, and Eddie Daniels, field agent in farm management.

During the morning session 30-minute talks will be given on the following subjects:

Calf and Heifer Management, The Dollar Importance of Dairy Milk Production, and Grading Up Your Dairy Herd.

Following lunch, 30-minute talks will be given on the following topics:

Feeding and Breeding of Dairy Cattle, The Business Side of Dairy Farming and Cattle Diseases, including Bangs and Mastitis. Following the presentation of each topic, 10 minutes time will be allotted for questions.

Leaf Production Hike Foreseen If Demand Continues To Spiral

If current world demand for United States tobacco continues, domestic producers will have to boost their production to bolster depleted stocks, the Agriculture Department at Washington said.

Department officials said that although the world's overall tobacco production is in approximate balance with demand, it is becoming increasingly apparent that world stocks of United States leaf are dangerously low.

Overall world production for the 12 months ending June 1949, has been forecast at over seven billion pounds.

Barnard Gibbs, a government tobacco expert, said potential consumption demand for leaf in most countries is well above prewar.

He added that if conditions in the next few years permit consumption to approximate potential demand and stock rebuilding to what they were in prewar years in relation to consumption, "substantially higher leaf production would be required."

"If importers are able to choose the leaf they desire," Gibbs continued, "the movement of United States leaf in world trade might represent a larger proportion of total international trade in tobacco than in prewar years."

Gibbs and two other high Agriculture department officials left by plane for Europe Tuesday to discuss the tobacco situation with British officials and officials of other countries.

REALTY TRANSACTIONS

Arlie L. Mitchell and wife to William S. Mitchell one-third interest in 77 acres at Milltown. Stamps $3.30.

W. W. Rigg and wife to Mrs. Nora B. Thompson 81½ acres on State Highway 36. Stamps $9.90.

Mrs. Nora B. Thompson to Charles M. Ross and wife one-fourth acre on State Highway 36. Stamps 55 cents.

Mason Swartz has purchased from Leo Mitchell a pool room business located on South Broadway. The transaction was handled by Dayton and Shrout Real Estate Agency.

Magazine To Feature Nicholas County's President For A Day

Kentucky's official publication, "In Kentucky" magazine, is scheduled to be off the press January 10. The winter issue of the 52 page magazine carries a story of Kentucky's vice-presidents and the Kentucky born president-for-a-day, former Nicholas county resident.

There is also a story of Kentucky's "first" and "most" attractions.

"In Kentucky" brings to light the fact that the ancestors of President Harry S Truman and President Abraham Lincoln lived on adjoining farms near the Shelby-Jefferson county line.

The cover carries a color picture of the hunter reclining in front of an open fireplace after the day's hunt.

In addition to the stories already mentioned, there are 18 other highly interesting stories and features. "In Kentucky" launches a new feature entitled "Speaking Of Kentucky" which is printed on the inside front page of the magazine, a feature of the magazine in recent months, the other being the Kentucky Picture Quiz.

The story of how the bodies of the entrapped miners at Fourmile, Ky., were recovered is also told.

The magazine has nearly 100 pictures between its covers.

Blizzard Maroons 8,000 In Northwest

An estimated 8,000 persons were marooned Tuesday night by a raging mid-continent blizzard.

The blizzard highlighted a national weather picture that included tornadoes in the South, and killing freezes in the California and Arizona citrus belts.

Midwest headquarters of the American Red Cross estimated that 8,000 were stranded by snow in Southern Wyoming, Northeastern Colorado, and Western Nebraska.

An Army troop train was snowbound at Seneca, Neb., and its commander reported to Town's field at Denver that he had sufficient food to last until Wednesday night.

At least 59 were killed and more than 300 injured in tornadoes that ripped across sections of Louisiana and Arkansas late Monday. A blizzard stopped all major trains in two states and smothered highways travel in parts of Nebraska, South Dakota, Wyoming and Kansas.

The California freeze—worst in 35 years—threatened the rich orange and lemon crop with heavy damage. The coldest weather in 12 years in Arizona brought a ban against citrus picking in that state until freeze damage is determined.

The blizzard, whipped by winds of gale velocity, also killed livestock and halted some industrial operations. Old timers in South Dakota called it the "worst storm" they ever saw.

Blizzard conditions also continued for the third day in parts of Colorado. Schools closed in many Wyoming and Colorado communities.

An estimated 2,000 motorists, bus passengers and others were stranded in various parts of the two states.

Trains operating north and east of Denver and east and west of Cheyenne, Wyo., were ordered to remain in yards or on sidetracks.

Trains stalled in Nebraska and Wyoming. Passengers remained on several of the trains but in some cases were put in hotels or depots. The North Western Railroad said it would cancel some West Coast trains and combine others.

The blizzard also extended to North Dakota and Northwest Minnesota. At Rapid City, S. D., where winds up to 65 miles an hour piled up huge snow drifts, newspaper delivery was out of the question. The Rapid City Journal did not publish Tuesday.

Rotarians Will View Educational Movie

A public health film "The Right To Hear" will be presented at tonight's meeting of the Carlisle Rotary Club.

The film is being presented before the clubmen to better acquaint the organization with a hearing program planned in the county by the city and county Parent-Teacher Associations.

To explain the needs and aims of the forthcoming hearing tests, the film, which Rotarians will view tonight, is scheduled to be shown at every school throughout the county. The showings will begin today at the East Union school and will be concluded January 11 at Parks school.

Dr. M. E. Johnson is in charge of the Rotary program.

Out for New One

Capt. Bill Odom, record-breaking flyer, will attempt a non-stop flight from Honolulu to New York, 5010 miles, in a 125-horsepower, single-engine plane. If successful, he will more than double the existing distance record for light airplanes, now held by two Russians who flew 2061.7 miles in 1937.

Soldier From Myers Receives Promotion

Sgt. First Class Raymond J. Conyers, of Myers, has recently been promoted to his present grade at his station in Germany, after having successfully completed the Lead Service Test given under the Army's new Career Guidance Program.

Sgt. Conyers, who has been in the European Theatre since April 1946, is presently assigned as Mess Steward with the 774th Military Police Railway Security Group, located at Behra, Germany.

A combat veteran of six campaigns during World War II, Sgt. Conyers served in Northern Ireland, England, North Africa, Sicily, France, Belgium and Czechoslovakia.

Sgt. Conyers' home in the States is Route 1, Myers.

State Polio Chapter Funds Nearly Gone

Figures just released by Neil Dalton, chairman Kentucky Chapter National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis show the Chapter's funds almost exhausted in the first 7 months of the present fiscal year.

The Chapter started the fiscal year June 1, 1948, with total funds of $131,350.05. The receipts show that since then $68,804.47 has been spent for hospitalization of polio patients. Another $29,538.35 was used to pay doctor fees, nurses services, physical therapists and orthopedic appliances. Transportation of patients, personnel, equipment for hospitals, clinics and the operation of treatment clinics cost $4,157.29. Cost of training, education and information program and administration added $7,901.14 leaving the Chapter only $20,948.60 to operate the polio program in Kentucky for the next five months. The Chapter has no reserve and the funds from the 1949 March of Dimes do not become available for use until the beginning of the next fiscal year.

The present financial crisis of the Chapter has been building up over a period of years. Infantile paralysis is not an ordinary disease. Polio victims in many instances require years of specialized treatment and care. Kentucky has had 3,281 cases of polio since 1927, 206 cases in 1948. At present there are 243 awaiting surgery. The steady increase of the backlog of those requiring treatment together with this last year's heavy load of new cases and mounting cost of services are responsible for the present financial crisis in the Chapter's operation.

The facilities of 20 hospitals were used in these first seven months in treating polio patients. Clinics are operated in Ashland, Covington, Lexington, Louisville and Owensboro.

The Kentucky Chapter operates in a highly specialized field necessitated by the treatment required for polio. Its work is not duplicated by any other agency in Kentucky.

Funds for the work of the Chapter come entirely from the annual March of Dimes Campaign and it is obvious that if the Chapter is to continue its program for polio victims in Kentucky the 1949 March of Dimes Campaign, January 14 to 31, must produce sufficient funds to do the job.

Grover Wade, Carlisle Route 2, was admitted to the Johnson Memorial Hospital Wednesday morning suffering with pneumonia.

Parking Meter Collections Total $65 During First Five Days Of Operation

Parking meters in Carlisle during the first five days of operation collected a total $65.68, a report filed with city council Monday night showed.

Each of the 125 meters averaged 52½ cents for the period or 10½ cents daily. The meters are not used upon legally designated holidays. Saturday, being New Year's, was not a collection day.

Council approved the nomination of Joe Clay, superintendent of streets and waterworks, as the collection agent on the meters.

Johnny Shields, Mt. Olivet, a police officer at Brooksville for four years, has been named Chief of Police, George Guffin, chairman of the city's police committee, announced Tuesday. Shields will succeed Acting Police Chief Clyde Owings, whose resignation becomes effective today.

Shields will be assisted in his duties by Clarence Sugg.

Council accepted the bid of Russell, Moore and Burkholder on $25,000 City of Carlisle 3¼ percent Waterworks Revenue bonds. The bid of the Lexington bonding firm was $1,040 per $1,000 principal amount of bonds.

The funds derived from the bonds will be used to stop the leaks in the lower lake of the city reservoir and to defray expenses incurred during the extreme drought of last summer.

Other matters before council Monday night included:

Issuance of a taxi license to James Eads and approval of a pool room license to Swartz.

A total of $265 was collected in fines during the month of December, a report filed with council by Police Judge Herdy Myers showed.

PTA Revises Schedule Of Film On Hearing

Presentation of the film "The Right To Hear", scheduled to be seen Wednesday in the Nicholas county schools, has been delayed a single day as a result of its late arrival.

The film, an educational movie, illustrating the value of hearing as an adjunct to learning, is being presented in the county through the co-operation of the Parent-Teacher Associations with the Nicholas County Health Department.

Hearing tests will be conducted in all the schools following presentation of the film. The revised schedule of the picture, which all parents of school children are urged to attend, follows:

Friday—1 p. m. East Union school.

Today—6:30 p. m. Carlisle Rotary Club.

Friday—10 a. m. Ellisville school.

Friday—1 p. m. Moorefield school.

Friday—7 p. m. Booker T. Washington school, Henryville.

Monday—1 p. m. Myers school.

Monday—7:30 p. m. Carlisle school.

Tuesday—10 a. m. Nicholas County High School.

Tuesday—1 p. m. Parks school.

Federal Jury List Includes Local Men

Petit field resident, and four Bath county residents are included on a list of 68 persons to be summoned for jury duty at the January term of U. S. District Court which will begin Monday in Lexington.

The list released Tuesday by Clerk A. B. Rouse includes:

Albert Hamilton, George Gaffin, C. C. Shrout, Joe Prather and Emery Clark, Carlisle; Hanson Judge, Moorefield; Alex Stone, Willie Honaker and Robert Boots, Sharpsburg; James Hickey, Bethel.

Three women also are included on the jury list. They are: Mrs. Welch H. Cassity, Nicholasville; Mrs. Adeline Hill, Lexington; Mrs. Hugh White, Danville.

TURKEY SHOOT WINNERS

Among the local winners at the Turkey Shoot Thursday were:

Buster Clark, ham and turkey; Berry Wilson, ham; Throckmorton, turkey; Dr. Perry Overby, Mt. Olivet, turkey.

Despite unfavorable weather, approximately 35 sportsmen participated in the event.

McCLURE IS GUEST SPEAKER

Dr. M. P. McClure, superintendent of the Carlisle District, Kentucky Methodist Conference was guest speaker at a noon luncheon meeting Monday of the Blue Grass Methodist Ministerial Association at Park Methodist church, Lexington. Dr. McClure's subject was "World Hot Spots."

15-YEAR-OLD BRIDE WAS YOUNGEST IN '48

The youngest person recorded for a marriage license during the year ending December 31 was a 15-year-old bride, records in the office of County Clerk John F. Sugg today showed.

A 17-year-old bridegroom also is shown by the records.

The oldest bride was 54 years old and the oldest bridegroom was 57.

In 1934 a half-ton sturgeon was caught in the North Sea.