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Marvin Shrout Dies Of Heart Attack Wednesday In Neal's Grocery Store

Had Suffered Heart Ailment Before Death

Marvin Shrout, 69, died suddenly at 10:30 a. m. Wednesday in the Square Deal Grocery on Main street, from a heart attack.

Mr. Shrout has been suffering from a heart ailment for several years. He was a native of the Moorefield section and a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John W. Shrout.

He was a retired carpenter by trade, and a member of the Methodist church.

Besides his wife, Mrs. Bettie Durham Shrout, he is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Charles Bruce Barnett of Winchester; a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Harold Shrout, Berea; a brother, Russell Shrout, Carlisle; one sister, Mrs. Tevis Wilson, Moorefield, and two grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements have not been completed.

Carlisle P. T. A. Changes Time Of Meet To 7:30

Meeting at a new time—7:30 p. m.—the Carlisle Parent-Teachers will have a program at the school auditorium Thursday, January 14.

The fathers are in complete charge of the program with H. C. Galbraith, presiding. The title "Pa Takes Action" is the secret subject and the program should prove quite interesting.

All members and especially parents with children in school are invited to attend.

VFW AUXILIARY MEET

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliary will meet at the local club room at 7 p. m. Tuesday, January 12. All members are urged to attend.

In The Service

Spends Leave At East Union

Pfc. Kenneth Maze, returned to his station on Parris Island, S. C., Saturday, after a 12-day leave with his foster parents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Barr near East Union.

Here For The New Year

Pvt. Luther Anderson, stationed at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., spent a five day leave including New Years Day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Anderson.

Spends Holidays Here

A3/c William M. Tolliver, has returned to Sampson Air Force Base Geneva, N. Y. after spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Tolliver.

Receives Discharge

Cpl. Alvin (Jimmy) Roe has received his discharge from Ft. Knox and is at home with his mother, Mrs. Nannie Roe, Carlisle Route 2. Roe spent the past 16 months in Nurenberg, Germany.

Election Of Red Cross Officers Set For Friday

The annual meeting of the Nicholas County Chapter of the American Red Cross will be held Friday, January 8 at 2 p. m. in the Red Cross office located over Hopkins Drug store, according to Miss Stella Booth, executive secretary.

At this meeting the directors and officers for the coming year will be elected. Immediately following the election the new board of directors will meet.

The officers who served last year are William T. Straw, general chairman; Miss Booth; Ralph Shearer, blood program chairman, Mrs. Frank Henry, chairman of volunteer services. Directors—Harvey Wagoner, Robert Fisher, Cleary Fightmaster, three-year terms; Charles Cox, Mrs. Earl Letcher, Morris Whitely, two-year terms, William Straw, Mrs. Howard Irvin, Mrs. Veach Delaney, one-year term.

Retiring are the following: Mr. Straw, Mrs. Irvin and Mrs. Delaney.

According to Miss Booth one of the most beneficial programs during the year past was the Blood Program under the direction of Ralph Shearer. This program supplied blood for use by the Armed Services, the local hospital, and all residents of Nicholas county at no cost to the patient except the cost of administration.

Nicholas County Soldier Presumed To Be Dead

The name of a Nicholas county soldier, Sgt George T. Fisher, is included on a list released Tuesday by the War Department of Army personnel who have been missing in Korea for more than one year and are thus presumed dead.

The Nicholas County Selective Service Board has no record of Sgt Fisher having enlisted from this county.

Sgt. Fisher, who entered the Army in 1942, has been missing since Dec. 1, 1950.

His survivors are two sisters, Mrs. Mary Lacy, 486 Price road, and Mrs. Edna Wallace, Aspendale, and three brothers, Ernest Fisher, 545 Illinois street; Don L. Fisher, Second street, and William Sherman Fisher, Saginaw, Mich.

Convalescent Home Has New Manager

The Johnson Memorial convalescent home on Elm street opened up January 1 under the management of Mrs. Josie C. Tout of Fleming county. Mrs. Maggie Shrout, a new patient, entered Saturday. They have a total of 15 patients.

Mayor, Council Explain Actions

A very serious situation has arisen between the supply and demand for water and immediate action has been taken by the new council at their first meeting Monday night.

As of Tuesday morning all water meters were being read. Immediately after each meter is read th user will begin to pay in accordance with an ordinance passed November 17, 1953 at the rate of five dollars ($5.00) per thousand gallons of water used.

Trucks are being contracted for to haul water from Licking River. This expense must be paid for, and it is up too all of us to do our part.

The reservoir or water works does not belong to any one person—it belongs to all of us, and it is our duty to share alike in its upkeep.

We wish that all of the citizens of Carlisle could see the lake as it now looks. It is at a very low level, in fact if it falls any more, insurance companies will have to raise fire rates a considerable amount due to the seriousness of the situation.

Most of us can cut down on our water usage by checking leaking faucets, pipes and etc. We urge you to help by using as little water as is possible. Of course at the advance rate, the more you use, the more it will cost you.

We know that some of you will say, "Why hasn't something been done about the water before this." We realize you are right. It should have been done and we are making surveys now in an effort to obtain a better water supply for all of us.

We also are making plans for rates concerning those who do not have water meters, so that all will share alike in the present emergency.

We, the Mayor and Council have agreed to pay our part along with everyone else. We all hope for rain soon, but until it comes, do the very best you can to save our supply.

If you have any questions—call H. C. Galbraith, chairman of the water committee.

Mayor—William Power and the City Council

Legion To Hold Blackberry Festival

Members of American Legion Post No. 17 voted last Friday night to hold their annual Blackberry Festival in July. The festival will be held for four days beginning Friday, July 2.

A chairman for the festival will be appointed at the next Legion meeting.

Other business transacted was the acceptance of the resignation of Frank Reed as adjutant.

Carlisle Plans To Haul Water

ALMOST GONE—This is how the lower lake from which Carlisle depends for its water supply looked Sunday afternoon when the above picture was taken. Width of the puddle now is estimated at 150 feet averaging 2 feet in depth with a possible 1½ to 2 acres of water left.—TCM photo

72 Interments In Local Cemetery

Cancer continued to lead in the cause of death of all persons buried in the Carlisle cemetery during the past year, records in the office of Miss Jimmie Henry, secretary-treasurer of the Carlisle Cemetery Company, show.

Heart diseases ranked second in causes of deaths.

Interments totaled 72 and of the total number of persons buried in the cemetery 66 were adults, four were children under 12 and two were infants. Permits issued last year were 19 less than in 1952 and 45 less than in 1950 when the largest number in the history of the company were issued.

A breakdown according to ages is as follows: over 90—1; 80 to 90—15; 70 to 80—22; 60 to 70—15; 50 to 60—4; 12 to 50—9 under 12—4, and still born—2.

DAIRY COWS SOLD

The sale of 15 dairy cows held last Thursday at the farm of W. E. Piper in the western suburbs brought prices ranging from $75 to $180 per head.

Mr. Piper is retiring from the dairy business because of ill health. All equipment connected with the dairy business was also sold. The sale was conducted by Earl Hamm, local auctioneer.

JOHN W. JONES ILL

Mr. John Willie Jones, North Middletown, president of the Burley Tobacco Co-Operative Association suffered a severe heart attack last Thursday in the associations offices in Lexington and was taken to the Good Samaritan hospital for treatment.

RAISE WATER RATE

At a meeting of the Nicholas county fiscal court Wednesday the water rate on the hospital line was raised to $5 per 1,000 gallons effective immediately, according to a statement by A. V. Allison, superintendent of the county water system.

Kidwell Nominated By Rival For Post

Sen. H. Stanley Blake, Carlisle, dean of the Kentucky Senate in point of continuous service, and for a time vigorously campaigning for the honor of being Senate president pro-tem, was the man who nominated Sen. Kidwell of Sparta for the post Tuesday.

Kidwell had been chosen by a majority of the Senate Democrats as the man to preside over the body whenever Lt. Gov. Emerson Beauchamp is absent, so when the session opened Tuesday it was Blake who nominated Kidwell. The Nicholas county Democrat referred to his own record of 16 years in the Senate and then, paying high tribute to Kidwell, put his name in nomination.

Mrs. William Purdy, Millersburg, daughter of Mrs. A. B. Smathers, Carlisle, was re-elected enrolling clerk of the House.

Railroads Paid 70 Times More Taxes Than Trucks

Kentucky Railroads paid the Commonwealth and within its counties $7,107,585.55, in 1952 taxes for general purposes and for schools, compared with $100,254.37 paid by common carrier trucks, figures compiled in the Department of Revenue show.

In Nicholas county, the railroads paid $3,335.11 for general taxes and $6,756.75 for school taxes, compared with truck taxes amounting to $18.91 for general purposes and $40.63 for schools.

The trucks paid for such purposes less than 5½ percent as much taxes as the railroads . . . which means the railroads paid 70 times more than did the trucks.

The railroads paid in all purposes in all counties $2,452,724.38 in general taxes, compared with $36,374.55 paid by the trucks, and the railroads paid $363,536.15 in general taxes to the State, while the trucks paid only $6,993.17.

In school taxes, the railroads paid $3,893,529.59 in all counties and $397,794.43 to the Commonwealth, while the trucks paid $49,234.21 in the counties and $7,652.44 to the State.

International Pact Saves Fur Seals In Northern Pacific; Agreement In 1911

The United States, Russia, Canada and Japan once negotiated in amity one of history's most successful conservation measures, the North Pacific Sealing Convention of 1911.

By banning hunting at sea, the pact saved the Pacific fur seal (Callorhinus ursinus) from extinction, says the National Georgaphic Society.

Fur seals spend the winter scattered down through the North Pacific Ocean, then come north in summer to bear their single pups and breed anew. The largest rookeries are on the American-owned Pribilof Islands in the Bering Sea, 215 miles north of the Aleutians.

Sold With Alaska

When Russia sold the island to the United States along with Alaska in 1867, the Pribilof seals probably numbered close to 4,000,000 individuals. By 1911, the year the nations agreed, they were down to 150,000, and pelagic hunting—hunting at sea—was overwhelmingly responsible for the decline.

Two square-rigger mates, the brothers Alex and Dan McLean, reputedly started the grim slaughter in the cold Pacific mists around 1870. Leaving the Bluenose ships that brought them to the West Coast of America, they bought a small schooner in which they successfully pursued the Pribilof seals during their remarkable 5,000-mile migrations from the bleak Bering to Southern California latitudes.

Schooner after schooner followed the heartless business of slaughtering seals trustfully sleeping on the long ocean swells. By 1892 there were 122 sealing vessels, each carrying between 15 and 50 sailors and hunters equipped with rifles and shotguns.

Not all the shooting was at seals. Jack London produced a historical novel, not fiction, when he wrote "The Sea-Wolf." Sealers truly murdered each other for the precious pelts. Men died by the guns of government cutters, and coast guards fighting off brazen raids on the shore rookeries.

Destroyed Broodstock

But the guards might well have saved their fire, for protection ashore meant nothing to seals that never arrived. Little caring that they were destroying the broodstock, the foundation of their prosperity, the schooner crews killed pups, breeding bulls and heavid cows alike until diplomats of four nations called a halt with the treaty.

Immediately after 1911, the Pribilof herd started to rebound. Today the government keeps its numbers at a constant, scientifi-

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Can You Identify This Mystery Farm Photo?

Last weeks "mystery farm" picture was recognized as the farm of Mr. and Mrs. James Crouch, Carlisle Route 2, and is located about one mile from Sharpsburg.

The residence was built some 75 years ago for a Mr. Bradshaw and the farm is known as the Bradshaw farm. It consists of 232 acres.

According to Mrs. Crouch the basement is honeycombed with secret passages and trap doors which have been boarded up.

The farm has been in Mrs. Crouch's family for two generations and she heired the property from her father, the late T. L. Clark. Mr. and Mrs. Crouch have resided on the farm for the past three years.

Those who called in identifications were Miss Ernestine Eads, James Eads, Paul Stone, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Feeback, Mrs. T. L. Clark, Mrs. G. C. Grover, Barbara Vice, Earl Clay, Glenn Clay and Patty Clark.

Officials For Two Years Are Chosen At Council Meeting Monday Night

Mayor William Power and the six members of the Carlisle City Council chosen in November assumed their posts Monday night and elected other officers for two year terms.

Mayor Power was sworn in by retiring Mayor W. C. Talbert and he in turn swore in council members and city officers with the exception of Councilman William H. Frey, who was absent.

Members of the council are Woodrow Wilson, Charles Shrout, William Harper, William Frey, H. C. Galbraith and Eugene Neal.

Salaries of all the appointive city officers for the coming year were set and the following officers were elected:

Will J. Greene, city clerk and treasurer, succeeding Arthur Mullikin, who resigned. Roger Womack was named city attorney.

Brooks Henson, selected a superintendent of gas and water systems. Oliver Vice was placed in charge of the local reservoir and filtering plant, and Police Judge Joe Clay was asked to continue with the collection of monies from parking meters and to handle their repair.

Mayor Power announced the appointment of standing committees for the year as follows, the first named being chairman of the committee: Police — Wilson, Shrout, Harper; Streets and Alleys—Shrout, Frey, Wilson; Finance—Galbraith, Neal; Water, Sewers and Gas—Galbraith, Neal, Wilson; Building and Lighting—Harper, Galbraith, Shrout; Supplies—Neal, Harper, Frey.

Other business to come before the council was a motion to retain the present police force as is for a period of one month in order to work out an agreable working schedule for those concerned.

Motion made and passed to have police officers patrol school crossings. Also to enforce parking meter regulations.

City Attorney Womack was instructed to have the books audited as soon as possible.

Helved that the city clerk's office will be open were set as follows: 9-12 a. m. and 1-5 p. m. week days with the exception of Friday afternoon when the office will be closed.

Committee on streets and alleys instructed to purchase and have stop signs erected at street crossings.

Council discussed a proposal of H. C. Caswell and Paul Guthrie in reference to the development of a street, sewer and water line on property lying West of Sycamore known as the Grimes property. This matter was referred to committee for further study.

To remove the parking meter in front of the Nicholas Locker Plant for the period of one month and declare same a loading zone during this period.

Water committee asked to contact companies that can supply water meters so that 25 flat rate taps may be metered. Same committee to investigate costs of a better source of water supply.

Motion passed instructing Mr. Henson and Mr. Vice to read the water meters beginning Tuesday morning.

Motion voted to enforce ordinance of November 17, 1953, in regard to water rate during the emergency. The ordinance is as follows:

"Be it ordinaned by the city council of the city of Carlisle, Kentucky that an emergency rate of $5.00 per 1,000 gallons to all consumers be established, and the same to become effective with the publication of this ordinance and to remain in effect for the duration of the said water shortage.

"This ordinance adopted by the city council of the city of Carlisle, Kentucky, at an emergency called session of same held on November 17, 1953, in the city council chambers. Attest: Arthur Mullikin, city clerk; W. C. Talbert, mayor city of Carlisle, Ky."

Water committee instructed to contract for water to be hauled from Licking River.

Council voted to change meeting date subject to approval of the attorney general. The night selected was the first Tuesday of every month.

The council voted as a whole to have an adjourned meeting tonight (Thursday) for the discussion of other city business. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p. m.

Wildlife Official Given Top Honors

Edward Adams, educational director of the State Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, will receive an award of $500 in Washington, D. C., today for outstanding work in conservation.

The award, to be made by the Nash Motor Company, is in recognition of Adams' work with Junior Conservation Clubs. He is one of 10 national winners named by a panel of conservation writers in various conservation fields. Through his selection Adams was recognized as the top man nationally in thework he has been doing.

The awards committee said he was cited because of work in teaching "the principles of sound conservation to citizens of Kentucky, especially through introducing conservation education into school curricula, establishing more than 500 Junior Conservation clubs with a membership of over 25,000 boys and settink up a program under which 4,000 boys attend conservation camps each year."

Adams has been with the department since the organization of junior clubs in Kentucky nine years ago. The club program in Kentucky is recognized as one of the nation's best.

Fish, Game Officer Arrests Six In County

Conservation officers in the eighth district, which includes Nicholas county, made 80 arrests during the month of November, the Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources reported today. Seventy-eight of the arrests resulted in convictions.

Arrested by Conservation Officer Harry Duncan in Nicholas county and subsequently convicted were: Woodie Mynear, Carlisle, trapping out of season; John Earlywine, Carlisle, hunting out of season; Mrs. Robert Lawrence, Cincinnati, hunting without license; Mrs. Harry Getz, Cincinnati, hunting without license; Bill Snapp, Carlisle, hunting out of season; Jas. W. Dailey, Rowan Co., illegal possession of game.

Conservation Officer Duncan checked a total of 787 licenses in Nicholas county during the month.

Woman Fractures Hip In Fall On Street

Mrs. Hettie Small of near Bartonville, fell on the street here Monday spraining her ankle. She was taken to the local hospital where an x-ray picture revealed a fracture of the hip.

SALE DATE CHANGED

The Scott-Kendall Sales Co., announced this week that the sale of the estate of Ira Green which was recently canceled due to bad weather will be held Friday, January 15.

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If you meant to send in your dollar for Christmas seals, but have failed to do so—the Nicholas County Tuberculosis Association requests that you return your remittance in the envelope that was provided.