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Rep. Watts Introduces Bill To Help Small Towns

Washington, D.C.—Rep. John C. Watts of Kentucky has introduced a bill (H.R. 16813) which would again enable Farmers Home Administration to make insured loans for water and sewer systems to small towns.

Because of a Treasury Department ruling, FHA has not been able to provide insured loans to rural public bodies since 1967. As a result, the agency has not been able to fund more than a small fraction of the loan applications from small towns.

In introducing his bill, Representative Watts said that "it would remove a roadblock that virtually cuts off thousands of small towns from obtaining financing for critically needed community facilities without which they cannot hope to grow or prosper."

"The legislation is essential to developing the kinds of rural communities which people wish to remain in and to which new residents will be attracted," he said. "Moreover, it is closely related to another matter of national agency-pollution control. Lack of adequate waste disposal facilities is widespread in rural communities in a serious source of pollution of the nation's water resources."

"The need for assistance is dramatically emphasized by the statistics which show nearly 30,000 towns under 5,500 population lack adequate water systems, and about 44,000 lack waste disposal facilities," the Congressman said.

Funds from insured FHA loans are raised on the private market. FHA purchases tax-exempt bonds issued by the small towns, when another purchaser cannot be found, and resells them to private investors financing payment of the interest and principal.

Representative Watts explained that he has designed to remove the Treasury Department objection by permitting FHA to sell the tax-exempt bonds to purchasers who would agree to pay income tax on interest received from FHA. "The measure would in no way reduce the authority of municipalities or

other public bodies to issue tax-exempt bonds."

"The effect, it is a technical measure to correct a problem that was not foreseen in 1965 when Congress authorized FHA to make water and sewer loans to small towns. Nevertheless, its significance to the welfare of small towns is major," he said.

"It is unrealistic to expect rural people will stop migrating to the big cities or that urban residents will come to live in rural communities if such basic necessities as water and sewer facilities are unavailable."

"The towns needing the help have no other source of financing than Farmers Home Administration," he said. "And until this corrective legislation is passed, FHA cannot provide more than token assistance by way of a few million a year in direct loans."

"Unlike insured loans, direct loans come from the Treasury, not from the private market. As such, they are very limited because of the tight budget situation," he said.

4-H Talent Show Is A Big Success

On with the Show! Nicholas County 4-H'ers provided an audience of 475 members, leaders and parents with a fun-filled evening of entertainment at the 4-H Talent Show, held recently at the Carlisle City School.

Over 150 4-H Club members representing Morehead, Nicholas County Elementary and Carlisle City Schools, participated in the talent program. This 4-H activity gives a large number of club members the opportunity to gain poise and confidence while performing before a group of people.

Three acts selected from the solo and small group divisions will represent Nicholas County on the "T.V. Youth Showcase" program, sponsored by the Blue Grass Fair, shown on Channel 18, WLEX-TV. These three acts selected by qualified judges were: Hugh Wilson giving a "Hallelujah" song; "Hallelujah" Soliloquy; Ginger Myers, Tap Dance, and Song, "Stayaway to Success," and a vocal

group, "The Red, White and Blue" starring Bobbie Wade, Penny Howard, Betty Isham, Vicky Mitchell, Gary Hamilton and Harold Massey. Mrs. Anna Belle Burden accompanied this group on the piano. The alternate act selected was a vocal trio consisting of Betty Coldiron, Elizabeth Davis and Linda Clinkensbeard singing "Downhome" and "Pollution."

The county Champion Club act chosen was "The Groovy Show," representing Mrs. Russell Wagner's sixth grade club at Carlisle City School. The members of this pantomime group were William Bean, John Peters, Mike Finch, Mike Pryor, John Hunt, Given Harper and Larry Young. This club act will appear at the Blue Grass Fair in competition with club acts from twenty participating counties during a special 4-H talent night.

The alternate singing club act from Russell Wagner's fifth grade club at Carlisle Elementary School.

Pictures of the talent show may be found through this issue.

Try-Outs Apr. 18

Try-outs for the Nicholas County Little League baseball Club will be held Saturday, April 18, 2 p.m. at the recreation field on the East Union Road.

To be eligible to play Little League baseball, a boy must be 9 years of age before Aug. 1, and not attain an age of thirteen after Aug. 1.

Mercury VAPOURS

We're not "apple polishing" the picture in the top center of our front page is legitimate news. We do make mistakes, but we'll not let a certain party doesn't even know what was lost is out in a statement of some length published in a recent issue, and the camera doesn't lie.

While we are on the subject of mistakes, a friend, local service station owner, was filling my tank the gasoline tank, was gony so that Kay and I might journey to Owensboro for the Western Kentucky Press Association meeting and the Kentucky Press Association executive board meeting. He says, when you continue a story on page 10, why not put it there, I spent quite a bit of time looking for that story. Our reply was, we like to do those things, it gives our advertisers better exposure and gives our readers something to do. In fact, just think how pleasurable it was to find us in error.

--MV--
We got kicked off page two this issue, maybe we can find our way back there next week.

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A new newspaper started in Kentucky three or four weeks ago—the Martin Mercury. Working for Martin County. There are only two Mercurys in Kentucky that we know of, and not too many in other states. A former columnist of this Mercury, John Kirk and his wife, Loyce, are doing a creditable job.

Maybe we should tell this, but we used to get a newspaper addressed Carlisle Mercury, 252 East Street, Carlisle, Kentucky. They stopped publication before they corrected the address.

FHA Members Attend Mercer Meet

Members of the Nicholas County F.H.A. attended the Spring District Meeting at Mercer County High School in Harrodsburg, Saturday, April 11. Nicholas County was privileged to have two men also elected as District officers.

A girl from Nicholas County was also selected to run for State officer representing the Lexington District.

The congregation of the church joins the pastor in extending an invitation to all persons to join them for these special services.

Babe Ruth League

Babe Ruth League baseball try-outs will be held Sunday, April 19, at 2 p.m. at the Carlisle Recreation field.

All boys interested between the age of 13 and 15 are urged to be thriners to meet

Nicholas County Chapter No. 41, will meet Saturday, April 19, at the Masonic Hall. Degree work will be in the Royal Arch.



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He urges that all citizens of the commonwealth exert effort and care to order that Kentucky may always be a clean and beautiful state for those who live and work here, as well as for visitors from other states and countries.

Revival Planned at Baptist Church

April 22-29 is the time scheduled for the revival at Baptist Church. The services will be each evening at 7:30 p.m. The morning worship services begin at 10:40 a.m. Sunday.

The evangelist will be Rev. Fred T. Moffatt Jr., pastor of the First Baptist Church, Shelbyville. Mr. Moffatt has pastored the Shelbyville Church since 1963. He formerly served First Baptist Church, Paris. Mr. Moffatt's father was for many years pastor of First Baptist Church, Frankfort. Like his father, Mr. Moffatt has been in demand as a revival speaker throughout the state.

Mr. Moffatt received his Bachelor's Degree from Washington and Lee University. He received the Bachelor of Divinity Degree from Southern Baptist Seminary. At the University of Kentucky, Mr. Moffatt earned his Master's Degree in the field of history.

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SYCAMORE HILL

Apartment Project Nears Completion

The Carlisle-Nicholas County Housing Commission has set June 1 as the target date for completion and occupation of the Sycamore Hill apartments, the name chosen for the Federal Housing Administration's Rent Supplement Housing Project being built on the southeast corner of Sycamore and Second Streets in Carlisle.

The apartment complex, costing \$356,000, consists of four two-story brick and frame buildings and will provide 30 units of new housing for the people of Carlisle and Nicholas County. Included are six-one bedroom, 16-two bedroom and eight-three bedroom apartments, arranged in such a way that some will be one floor units, while others will have both first and second floor rooms. Each apartment will include a gas range, refrigerator and outlets for laundry and cold water. The walls of the apartments will be painted, the floors tiled and the bath rooms will have ceramic tile. Parking for one car per apartment will also be provided. In addition, since the City of Carlisle has assumed the site, all city services will be available.

The project was initiated some three years ago by the Rev. John Vickers, the then pastor of the First Christian Church, Mrs. R.L. Talbert and W.R. Buntin Jr., when it became evident that the city and county had inadequate housing facilities. After a thorough feasibility study, which was beset with innumerable obstacles, blind alleys and heartaches, these three concerned citizens presented their plan to the F.H.A. in Louisville.

The need for a housing development was recognized and the preliminary plans approved, provided a sponsor for the project could be found.

Thus it was that a year and a half ago the Carlisle-Nicholas County Housing Commission was born under the auspices of the various churches of the area. Thanks to the united efforts of our churches and the hard work and dedication of the commission church representatives the Sycamore Hill Apartments have become a reality. This joint effort on the part of so many various church denominations is unique, according to Raymond C. Fleming, F.H.A. Director, who praised our community for its spirit of Christian awareness and cooperation.

Churches sponsoring the Carlisle-Nicholas County Housing Commission and their representatives are: First Christian Church, Stanley Blake, Carlisle United Methodist Church, W.B. Parker, Carlisle Presbyterian Church, A.V. Allison, and Henryville A.M.E. Methodist Church, Aretious Williams.

The apartment complex was designed by Harold Hahn of Goodstein and Hahn Architect of Knoxville, Tenn. The project is being built by the Charles Kimball Construction Company of Dry Ridge, Ky.

Information regarding the application for and eligibility for renting the apartments will be forthcoming. Until such time no applications will be taken nor information given in keeping with F.H.A. regulations.

Dedication ceremonies and open house will also be announced later.

Jaycees To Sell Honey Thru Friday

The Carlisle Jaycees will continue to sell honey through Friday, April 18. Proceeds will be used for Mental Health-Mental Rehabilitation.

Honey can be obtained at C.C. Cole Co., Hopkins Drive Co., Cooney's I.C.A., and other places of business in Carlisle.

Federal Land Bank Holds Annual Meet

The need for better marketing practices was stressed last night by Law Davis, of Louisville, public relations director of the Farm Credit Banks of the Louisville Federal Land Bank Association at the stockholders' meeting of the Federal Land Bank Association of Mayville.

Lawrence S. Rogers, was re-elected president of the Mayville association and was also elected to the directorate. Also chosen to serve again as director was Dorsey Watkins of Carlisle.

More than 1300 persons were on hand in the cafeteria of the Mason County High School. Mr. Fritz stated as of Dec. 31, 1969, the Mayville office had 359 loan-outstanding in the amount of \$3,700,000.

Mr. Fritz also gave a progress report on the new office building being erected on West Second Street and to which they were to move in early May. This Mayville office serves six counties—Mason, Fleming, Brecken, Lewis, Nicholas and Robertson.

The director was served by the Future Homemakers of America of Mason County High School.

Church, George R. Carter, secretary-treasurer, Carlisle Baptist Church, Stanley Blake, Carlisle United Methodist Church, W.B. Parker, Carlisle Presbyterian Church, A.V. Allison, and Henryville A.M.E. Methodist Church, Aretious Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Edward Ring and their son Clark of Carlisle, Route 1, suffered minor injuries when their car was sideswiped by a car driven by Harold Wayne Franker of Bourbon County, Saturday, April 11, at 7:15 p.m.

Deputy Sheriff Hiram Satterthwaite Ring, as saying when he topped the hill on the Jacksboro Road, the southbound car driven by Franker was in the middle of the road and sideswiped his car.

The accident occurred on open house will also be announced later.

INFORMATION—Edgar Allen Darrell, (left), Chairman of the Nicholas County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors, and Rev. Dallas Sugg, Minister of the Carlisle Baptist Church, greeted Miss Mary Lou Brooks, guest speaker, at the Ministerial-Nicholas and Robertson SWCD Supervisors dinner meeting at Cymbiana last week. The meeting helped to create interest and promote Soil Conservation Week, 2-10.

