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Parents Request School Board To Eliminate Basement Rooms

Joins Lexington Banking Staff

Charles K. Watkins, formerly vice president of the First National Bank of Carlisle, has joined the staff of Bank Management Associates, Inc., of Lexington. The announcement was made by

Al Florence, president of the management firm. Watkins will consult with the group of 12 Kincaid banks and will co-ordinate their operations with a central computer system which is to be put into operation Oct. 1, 1970.

Prior to joining the First National Bank, Watkins was with the Deposit Bank of Carlisle for seven years. A U.S. Air Force veteran of the Korean War, Watkins was born in Carlisle and attended public schools here and Phillips University in Endo, Ok.

Active in Carlisle civic affairs for many years, he is chairman of the Nicholas County Water District and past president of the Carlisle Chamber of Commerce. He also is treasurer of the Salvation Army and the Boy Scouts, lay leader of the Mayville District of the Methodist Church, vice president of the Methodist Men and chairman of the local Heart Fund.

Watkins is married to the former Roberta Booth. They have three daughters: Hope, 10, Karen, 14, and Selma, 13.

Towed Bike Rider Injured Fatally

A 12-year-old Nicholas County boy was killed Thursday afternoon, July 30, when a rope towing his bicycle behind a motorbike snapped and his bike plunged over an eight-foot embankment.

Nicholas County Coroner Ralph Shearer said Ernie M. Brown, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Brown, Route 3, died instantly of a broken neck. The coroner ruled death was accidental. The accident occurred about 3:30 p.m. on the Hill Hill Road about seven miles north of here. Ronald Abree, Route 3, was the operator of the motorbike.

In addition to the parents, Brown's survivors include his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Ellison, Carlisle; three sisters, Mrs. Vonda Smith, Nicholas County and Gwendolyn and Charlotte Brown, at home, and four brothers, William Ernest and Ollie Ray Brown of Nicholas County, Arch Lee Brown of Lexington and Denver Brown in the Army.

Services were conducted at 2 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 1, at the Christian Baptist Church, Mt. Olivet. Burial was in the Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

JAMES LANE, Lower Sharpsburg Road, inspected tobacco in his fields that are being strip-cropped. This year, most of his strips are eight rows wide, but in some fields they are 20 rows wide. Next year he may start using strips that are four rows wide. There are many advantages but the most important are larger yields and less soil erosion. Once the strips have been laid out and plowed, cultivation, spraying and harvesting are simplified. The USDA Soil Conservation Service assisted in laying out the strip-cropping system. Interest in strip-cropping is increasing all across the country.

Tetanus Immunization Suggested for Adults

"Adults as well as children should keep their immunizations up to date," says Dr. Allen Hamon, M. D., Nicholas County Health Clinician.

Citing an example of how immunization can save lives and money, Dr. Hamon said, of the eight tetanus cases recorded in Kentucky last year, five were adults.

Two of the eight cases resulted in death. The cost of hospitalization alone

for each of the eight tetanus cases averaged almost \$7,000, compared to only pennies it would have cost for prevention.

Adults should be immunized against tetanus, diphtheria, and smallpox. Once the initial series is completed "boosters" are necessary every 10 years.

"Children are required by law to be immunized against whooping cough, poliomyelitis, measles, diphtheria, tetanus and smallpox," he said.

Accident Bill Average May Reach \$2,222,000

How many accident-prone are residents of Nicholas County? Compared with people in other parts of the country, are they more likely or less likely to become involved in an accident of some kind during the course of a year?

On the basis of the latest annual figures, released by the U.S. Public Health Service after a nationwide survey, the accident rate in the local area is somewhat higher than average.

The report shows that 11 local residents lost their lives in the year as the result of accidents. Motor vehicles were the cause of eight of them.

And, it is estimated, for every fatal accident there were nearly 100 others that did not result in death but caused disabling injuries.

The figures include accidents of all sorts in which local people were affected, wherever they may have occurred. Not included, however, are non-residents injured in the local area.

Taken into account in the survey were accidents sustained while at work, in the home, while driving, swimming, boating, hunting and flying.

From the standpoint of population, Nicholas County's toll was at the rate of 171 fatalities per 100,000 people.

It was a higher rate than was reported for most other communities in the United States, the average being 57 per 100,000.

The findings are of special interest at this time because of the national concern over the mounting loss of life.

The National Safety Council's

figures for 1969 show 110,000 accidental deaths and 10,800,000 disabling injuries. The price of this holocaust is tremendous, it states. It puts the cost in the year, counting lost wages, medical charges, property damage, reduced production and the like at \$2.5 billion.

Nicholas County's share of this bill, assuming the average cost per accident applies locally, comes to nearly \$2,222,000.

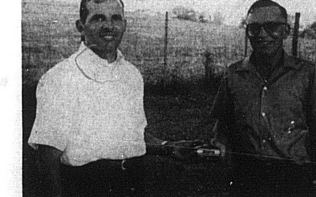
Postal Employee Crawford Retires

The postal employees of the Carlisle Post Office honored Alex Crawford with a picnic at the city lake Saturday night. Mr. Crawford is retiring after 29 years of service. Past and present employees presented him with a watch honoring his retirement.

He began his duties at the post office in 1941 and then left for a tour of duty in the armed forces after which he returned to the post office until the present time.

Mr. Crawford, who is in charge of the newly opened housing project, will start his position of mayor.

All who know "Alex" know that he is quite active with do-it-yourself projects, furniture refinishing and taken an active part in community affairs. He is now serving on the city council.



ACCEPTS GIFT—Alex Crawford, at right, accepts a watch from Carlisle Postmaster John R. Anderson.

A request to eliminate the basement classrooms at Carlisle Elementary, because of fire and health hazards, was presented to the Nicholas County School Board by a group of parents Saturday night.

There will be four basement classrooms in the school for the coming year since another fourth grade room has been built in the hall outside of the two present first grade rooms. Previously only three classes had been held in the basement—the two first grades and a second grade room.

A spokesman for the group suggested that the four classes be moved to the gymnasium even if the Physical Fitness program might have to be curtailed until the new elementary school is completed.

If the classes remain in the basement classrooms, over 100 small children will attend classes in the basement during the 1970-71 school year.

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Local Co-op Plans Fish Fry Monday Night

Election of local Board of Directors, Farm Home Advisory Committee members and operations reports will highlight the Southern States Cooperative's annual membership meeting for the Carlisle area, on Aug. 10, at Nicholas County High School. The meeting will be held at 8:00 p.m.

Patrons and members planning to attend the business session should contact Southern States Carlisle Cooperative for meal tickets. Cliff Vice of Carlisle will serve as chairman of the local meeting.

Local operations and services will be discussed by Darrell Scriber, manager of Southern States Carlisle Cooperative.

William F. Fine of Lexington, member of the cooperative's regional staff, will report on the over-all Southern States operations for the fiscal year, which ended June 30.

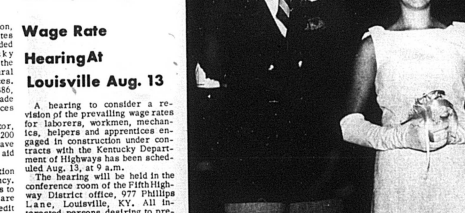
Entertainment will be provided by the 4-H Group of Carlisle. There will be a ceremony honoring new board members at which they will receive lapel pins. Retiring board members will be presented the cooperative's Leadership Award in recognition of their services.

Nominees for the local Southern States Board of Directors for the Carlisle area, are Clay Fryman, Edwige, Edgar A. Darrell, Bill Gadd, and Ewell Lyons, all of Carlisle.

Ladies nominated for the Farm Home Advisory Committee are Mrs. John Cleaver Jr., Mrs. Brock Doyle, Mrs. Hanson Hillman, and Mrs. Tom Fryman, all of Carlisle.

The delegate and alternate nominees in Election District 10 are: Paul Tischer, Cliff Vice and J. Wilton, all of Carlisle.

The following chairman will assist with the local meeting: Attendance, telephone, Mrs. Paul Judge, Carlisle; Greeting, J. S. Wilton, Moorefield; Ribbons, Mrs. Darrell Scriber, Carlisle; Decorating, Mrs. Allie C. Vice Sr., Carlisle.



NICHOLAS COUNTY FARM BUREAU KING AND QUEEN: Robert Hutton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Talmage Hutton and Martha Coburn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Coburn were elected at the Farm Bureau Fish Fry meeting, July 23. Miss Coburn and Mr. Hutton will participate in the district king and queen contest in Pendleton County, Oct. 20.

Soil Conservation Fish Fry Is Held

Three-hundred Soil Conservation District cooperators and community leaders attended the Nicholas-Robertson SCD annual meeting and fish fry Tuesday night at Blue Licks State Park.

The guest speaker was Dr. Bob Abernathy, Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, TN.

Honor Awards were presented to Charles Whaley, Essell Noffsinger, William F. Straw, G.T. Harding, Miss Oza Neal and the Kentucky Gas Transmission Corporation.

In recognition of distinguished service to the Soil Conservation District Board of Supervisors in promoting a Program of Greater Service to all citizens in conserving and using wisely the soil, water, forestry and wildlife resources entrusted to our care."

It was because of their unselfish interest and inspirational leadership in accomplishing goals far beyond the call of duty that the testimonial of honor was given.

FHA Adds Families

Farmers Home Administration, an agency of the United States Department of Agriculture, added approximately 18,000 Kentucky families in fiscal year 1970 to the ever-increasing number of rural people receiving their services.

This was done through 553,384 900 of loans and grants made through their 36 county offices serving Kentucky.

John Burritt, State Director, stated that an additional \$7,900,200 was obligated in which loans have been made. This will aid 5,961 families.

Farmers Home Administration is a supplemental credit agency. They provide supervised loans to individuals and groups who are unable to obtain commercial credit at reasonable rates and terms.

Thus, not competing with the private sector of the economy, they are able to assist many people who would not otherwise be able to own farm, houses or operate farms and businesses. In addition, many communities are now operating water and sewer systems made

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Wage Rate Hearing At Louisville Aug. 13

A hearing to consider a revision of the prevailing wage rates for laborers, workmen, mechanics, helpers and apprentices engaged in construction under contracts with the Kentucky Department of Highways has been scheduled Aug. 13, at 9 a.m.

The hearing will be held in the conference room of the Fifth Highway District office, 677 Phillips Lane, Louisville, KY. All interested persons desiring to present evidence or offer testimony are invited to attend the meeting.

Tractor Pull Saturday

The Fish and Game Club will hold a Tractor Pull on Saturday, Aug. 15, at 6 p.m.