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**DONNA LYNN FINCH**, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Finch, Carlisle, is a member of the 1970 graduating class of Nicholas County High School. She belonged to the Pep Club, Tri-Hi-Y, Chorus, FHA, and was a member of the school staff. Miss Finch is now attending Winchester Beauty College, Winchester, Ky.



**CAROL WEDDLE**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Weddle, daughter of Nicholas County High School. Miss Weddle was a member of the Band, yearbook staff, Tri-Hi-Y, Pep Club and 4-H. Also she was a cheerleader.



**MISS BRENDA GIVV**, daughter of Mrs. Alberta Guy is a 1970 graduate of Nicholas County High School. She was a member of the Pep Club, Chorus and 4-H, while a student at Nicholas County High School.



**SYLVIA GARRETT**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Iarn Garrett, was a member of FHA, Tri-Hi-Y, Pep Club, Chorus and 4-H, while a student at Nicholas County High School.



**KAREN VICE**, daughter of Mrs. Christine Vice, is a 1970 graduate of Nicholas County High School, who participated in Pep Club, Tri-Hi-Y, and FHA.

## Five Candidates Vie For Blackberry Festival Queen Title

## Blackberry Festival Schedule Given

The schedule for the 1970 Blackberry Festival is as follows:  
Wednesday, July 1-7:30 a.m., Welcome by Carlisle Mayor, William Power and Nicholas County Judge, Floyd Clark; 8:00 p.m., parade of queen candidates and American Legion officers; 9:00 to 12:00 p.m., square and round dancing.  
Thursday, July 2-10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, children's program; Contests and prizes; 1:30 p.m., Dog show (Children only); 2:15 p.m., bicycle parade; Prizes for best decorations; 4:00 p.m., queen contest closes; 6:00 p.m., queen parade from Nicholas County High School; 8:30 p.m., coronation of queen; 9:00 p.m. to 12:00, round and square dancing.  
Friday, July 3-10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon, children contests and prizes; 8:30 p.m., float parade, Queen rides with floats; 9:00 p.m. to 12:00 dancing.  
Saturday, July 4-9:30 p.m., prize money drawing; 9:30 to 12:30 dancing and conclusion of 4th celebration; 10:45 p.m., fire works. Queen gives out prize money.

## Health Center Closed Fri.

The Nicholas County Health Center will be closed Friday, July 3, for the holiday.

## Nicholas County Seniors Attend Publications Workshop

Six Nicholas County High School seniors attended a Publications Workshop on the Ohio University

campus, Athens, Ohio, June 21 thru 27.

## Buddy Poppy Sale

The Ladies Auxiliary of the YW will hold its annual Buddy Poppy Sale on Saturday, July 4, on Main Street. Sale will start at 9:30 a.m.

Mrs. Ruth Curtis and Mrs. Robert Trussell are chairmen for the Sale.

the staff of The Nicholas Pride (school paper) are Vicki Truener, Barbara Caswell, Vicki Curran, Doris Darrell, and from the staff of The Nicholas Countian, the school's yearbook, Sue Kelley and Anita Beatty.

The 25th annual Workshop on High School Publications offered a variety of workshop sections in all phases of school newspapers and yearbooks, including editing

and preparation of offset, letterpress and mimeographed newspapers; planning, writing and editing yearbooks; business and advertising for yearbooks; business and advertising for newspapers; photography; newspaper advising and yearbook advising.

Fees for the expense of the workshop were paid by scholarships awarded by The Nicholas Pride and The Nicholas Countian, based on the 1970-71 staff.

## Fleming-Mason R. E. C. C. Meet

Flemingburg (Special)—C. J. Ross, manager of Fleming-Mason Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation, has announced that the 32nd annual meeting of the 10,400 member cooperative will be held Friday, July 17, beginning at 8 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Co-op grounds one mile west of Flemingburg on Route 37.

The theme of this year's meeting will be, "A New Decade In Rural Electrification."

Mr. Ross stated that this could be one of the most important meetings ever held by the cooperative since it was organized, and guests are expected to attend.

The business portion of the program will include the election of three Board Members, a review of the accomplishments of the past year and a look into the new decade.

Another feature of the program will be the selection of "Miss Fleming-Mason RECC of 1970" with girls from the eight county area in competition.

Last year's winner of the contest was Miss Debra Ann Ravenscraft, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Darden Ravenscraft, of Flemingburg, Route 2. Miss Ravenscraft was also winner of the Speech Award at the annual Beauty Pageant at the State Fair last summer.

Daughters of any members between the ages of 16 and 21 and unmarried, are eligible to enter the contest. Entrants in the contest may register up until the afternoon of the meeting. Each entrant will receive a token gift of silver in appreciation for entering the contest. The winner will receive a beautiful trophy, a \$150 clothing allowance for her wardrobe for the Miss Kentucky Beauty Pageant in Louisville where she will vie for the title of Miss Kentucky RECC. The winner of the state contest will represent the state in the national contest to be held in Dallas, Texas in 1971.

The business portion of the program will be given along with buckets of bulbs for each member. There will be a program of professional entertainment and some lucky boy and girl will be winners of a free bicycle.

## Relatives are scattered

By Martha Comer, Editor  
The Mayville Ledger-Independent

This is the centennial year of the death of Lewis Collins, Kentucky's illustrious historian, who compiled historical sketches of every county and its distinguished people, died Jan. 9, 1870. He was 72.

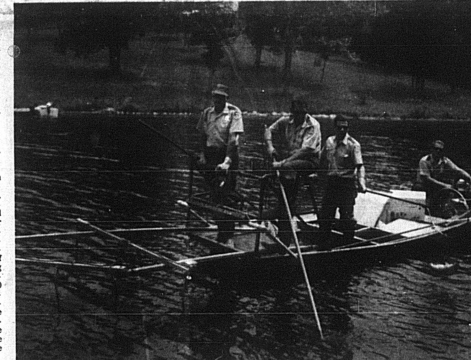
Lewis Collins was born on Christmas Day in Fayette County in 1797 at a time when Kentucky had been a state only five years and Mayville a settlement for only 10 years.

Collins was a printer at 16 with the Paris Citizen; he became editor and publisher of the Mayville Eagle at age 23 and before he was 30 he was the author of his history. In 1851 he became the first judge of the Mason County

Court, with this occurring less than three years after the death resulting in the transfer in 1848 of the county seat from Washington to Mayville.

When Lewis Collins died at Lexington in 1870, he was buried in the Mayville Cemetery. Such was the state-wide esteem in which he was held that the General Assembly passed a resolution in respect signed by Governor Stevenson on the date of March 21, 1870.

WAS AN ORPHAN.  
Orphaned in early boyhood, Collins died a man of some substance. His will showed that he owned property both in the city of Chicago and near the Mayville estate in Iowa. The settlement of his estate, on file at the courthouse here, shows that his estate paid city taxes that year



"AS GOOD A LAKE AS WE'VE CHECKED THIS YEAR"—Dass all sizes were found with the use of an electric seine June 25 at Lake Carnico, Carnico is considered a well "balanced" lake by Dan Brewer, chief biologist. From left are: Harry Duncan, local conservation officer, Charles Gorman, Brewer, and Bill Dobbs. The picture was made by Bill Threlkeld standing on Henry Bailey's dock. In the background is R.P. Alexander's home. Duncan stated the largest of the fish brought to the surface was five pounds while the one in the lower right was estimated at 2 1/2 to 3 lbs. There was no end to 12-13 and 14 inch bass, and plenty of bluegill were found on the nest.

## It was a century ago that Lewis Collins died

of \$166.25 and county taxes of \$28.01.

His wife, Mary Eleanor Peers Collins, inherited his estate and his executors were his son, Richard H. Collins, who later updated his father's history; his son-in-law, George W. Blatterman and Thomas A. Ross. The settlement lists whitewash for the printing of the Bulletin and it is assumed that the son-in-law Ross is the same who became the early publisher of The Bulletin.

When Collins walked the streets of Mayville, his place of publication for The Eagle was what is now the law offices of Attorney Philip Hargett on Stanley Reed Court.

Collins was the third son of Richard Collins, a soldier of the Virginia Army of the Revolution. He came to Mason County in 1814,

Mercury Editor's Note: Richard Collins, soldier of the 16th Regiment Virginia in Revolutionary War, moved from Culpeper, Va. to Grants Station near Lexington about 1795. The Mercury editor does not wish to make an issue of dates, etc., but Richard Collins had five sons, Thomas, James, Richard, Lewis and Ben Allen; two daughters, Mary and Catherine.

accompanying his old friend and teacher, David V. Rannels. They went to Washington where he assisted Rannels in publishing The Washington Union. A copy of this early paper may be seen at the Johnson Shrine.

IN BUSINESS.  
Lewis Collins also operated a book business here. On April 21, 1825, he was married to Mary

Eleanor Peers. She was the daughter of Major Valentine Peers, an officer of the Virginia Army who was with General Washington at Valley Forge. It was Major Peers who brought the first family carriage to Mayville in 1803.

There is more a matter that Mrs. Collins' brother, Benjamin Orr Peers, is the real author of Collins' history and indeed Lewis Collins in his preface gives him credit for much help in assembling material. This could be one of the ironies of history.

Judge Collins distinguished himself. He served many years as president of one of the turnpike companies which recalls to the writer, how disappointed he must have been when Andrew Jackson vetoed in 1828 the bill donating

## Danny Minton Hits Homerun

Mrs. Mable Letcher

On Thursday night, June 25, the Dodgers were defeated by the Flyers by a score of 19-2. Ricky Bussell did the pitching for the Flyers and Harold Musie pitched for the Dodgers.

In the second game, the Cubs won over the Athletics 10-4. Danny Minton hit a homerun for the Athletics and Cliff Thompson was the pitcher for the Cubs and Allen Dale pitched for the Athletics.

In Monday night's Little League action, the Dodgers captured their first victory for the year. The Dodgers scored 14 runs to defeat the Athletics who scored five runs. Homeruns were hit by Clifford Thompson for the Athletics and by the Dodgers pitcher, Darrell Liville. Pitching for the Athletics were Tony Bussell and Edward Earlywine.

In the last game, Monday night, the Redlegs were the winner over the Blue Jays 9-3. Marshall Fryman was the winning pitcher and Joe McCarty, who knocked two homeruns, was the pitcher for the Blue Jays.

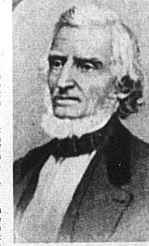
The Little League standings so far this season are:

Cubs won 8, lost 0; Red Legs won 6, lost 3; Blue Jays won 4, lost 5; Athletics won 2, lost 7; Flyers won 0, lost 3; Dodgers won 1, lost 9.

## Health Council Meets July 16

The next meeting of the Bluegrass Regional Health Planning Council has been scheduled for Thursday evening, July 16. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. promptly and will be held at the Lexington Federal Savings and Loan Association assembly room, 2020 Nicholasville Road.

The agenda for this meeting will include: SCHEP; Manual of Operations; Proposed budget for Fiscal Year 1971; Amendments to Articles of Incorporation; Membership review.



LEWIS COLLINS...As he looked at the time his book was first published in 1841.

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