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Girl Scout Cookie Chairman Named

Mrs. Joseph H. Conley has been named Girl Scout Cookie Sale chairman for Nicholas County. The over-all date for the sale area March 11-April 3.

As in past years, the Scouts will sell five kinds of cookies—Butter shorties, chocolate mint, peanut butter sandwich, assorted sand which and peacocks. The cookies will sell for 75 cents a box.

According to Mrs. Graydon A. Long, Lexington, Council president, the Girl Scout board of directors felt this increase necessary because of increased costs of the cookies themselves and the increased costs of providing services to Girl Scouts.

Ten per cent of the price of a box of cookies is retained by individual troops. The remainder—which last year made up 24 per cent of the Council budget—is used to the outdoor program in the Wilderness Road area.



At left, Conrad Felmer.

4-H Council Area Award

The Nicholas County 4-H Council was presented the 1970 Area 4-H Council Award by Conrad Felmer, State Assistant Extension Director for 4-H, at the Annual 4-H Member and Leader Awards Program. Mr. Felmer spoke to the audience of 68 on "4-H Cares About You" the theme of the 1969-70 Awards program held on Feb. 22 at Blue Grass Industries, G. L. Cursinger, president of the County 4-H Council, received the award.

Following the award, the County 4-H Council met with seven Blue Grass Area counties the Nicholas County 4-H Council was commended for their yearly calendar of 4-H events and excellent financial support of the county 4-H program. Their quality leadership for many 4-H events was evident from their attendance at all Area 4-H Council meetings, State 4-H Leaders Forum, Junior 4-H Week, State 4-H Council Officers Workshop, Conservation Camp and Senior 4-H Camp.

Cursinger, one of the two state 4-H council delegates representing Blue Grass Area was runner-up for the 1970 Good Year Award presented to the outstanding state council delegate.

Road Contract Let

The Department of Highways, Frankfort, Division of Contract Procurement has announced the following award project.

RS Group 16 (1971) Nicholas County, Bituminous Concrete Surface Class I on various roads, a total distance of 2,919 miles. The low bid was submitted by Hinkle Construction Corp., Paris in the amount of \$26,175.00.

Local Consumer Spending Rises

To get an idea of just how much the Nicholas County economy has grown in recent years, it is necessary to look back beyond 1970 and note the changes that have taken place.

The extent of that growth, since the beginning of 1965, is brought out vividly in figures released by Sales Management.

They show that retail business in the local area, a major indicator, went up 39 percent in the five-year period since 1965. The gain was made despite consumer feelings over the war in Vietnam and despite domestic problems and higher taxes, which led them to be more conservative in their spending during the last year or two than they would have been otherwise.

The amount of business done by retail stores in the Nicholas County area, rose from \$4,121,000 to \$5,727,000 in the five-year period

according to the findings. Part of the increase was due, of course, to inflation. The local increase of 39 percent was relatively high. It compares favorably with the gains made at the retail level in many parts of the country.

Throughout the United States the rise was 33 percent and, in the East South Central States, 34 percent.

The growth in retail activity in the local area is attributed to several factors.

A principal one was the marked rise in disposable income per family since 1965, notwithstanding price hikes, higher taxes and the larger deductions for social security.

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\$3,694 Franchise Payment Given To City by KU

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Shumate Named to '101 Committee'

Louisville--Wayne Shumate, Carlisle, has been named to a "Committee of 101 for Combs and Carroll". It was announced today by Robert Matthews, State Campaign Chairman for the Combs-Carroll campaign.

Matthews said that W. Terry McBrayer, campaign co-manager would serve as a liaison between the "Committee of 101" and the Combs-Carroll campaign.

McBrayer said the group would meet several times before the May Primary to advise the candidates on issues.

McBrayer added that the "Committee of 101" represents leading people from across Kentucky who want Bert Combs and Julian Carroll to lead Kentucky during the next four years. It is certainly a "blue ribbon" group and the Combs-Carroll campaign is very proud to have these people join us.

Stephenson Attends Appraisers Meeting

Everette S. Stephenson, Appraiser for U.S. Corps of Engineers attended the Annual Meeting of the Kentucky Association of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers held at Lexington on Feb. 19-20.

The Kentucky Association is a

Reasons Given for Absence of 'Small Farm' Provision

The 1971 feed grain set-aside program was designed to give all participants several options while at the same time providing them with farm income protection, thereby eliminating the need for a special small farm provision, according to a local farm program official. Some inquiries have been received, he said, about the absence of a small farm provision in the new feed grain program.

"If farmers keep in mind that this year price-support payments will be based on set-aside acreage, some inquiries have been received, then they can see one big reason why the small farm provision was not included," said Harvey Waggoner who is Chairman of the Nicholas County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation

in earlier feed grain programs, he explains that participating farmers were required to plant feed grains in order to receive price-support payments. Since many farmers who had bases of 25 acres or less seldom found it worthwhile to plant any grain, they did not qualify for these payments. To compensate, payment was made to them for required diversion. This was the "small farm" special provi-

son. For diversion in addition to their required acreage diversion, they were paid at the same rate as large farms. However, under the 1971 feed grain set-aside program, the set-aside payment will be made for required diversion and this payment will be made to every participant, even if he plants no crop on his land. "It is highly probable that the set-aside payment will be as large or larger than the payment for required diversion which the producer with the small feed grain base received last year," Mr. Waggoner said.

The ASC Committee chairman also explained that under the 1971 feed grain program no additional diversion will be authorized beyond the required set-aside acreage.

This, he said, is due to the possibility of a feed grain supply substantially less than is needed to feed the nation's livestock and to maintain U.S. export markets. Therefore, no participant in the 1971 feed grain program will receive payment for additional diversion. A participant in the program will set aside a required percentage of his feed grain base and will maintain his farm's conserving

Conley Named Action Corps Chairman

Joseph H. Conley, 33, will serve as the Nicholas County Chairman of the Combs-Carroll Action Corps. It was announced today by Robert Matthews, State Campaign Chairman for Bert Combs and Julian Carroll.

The Action Corps is a statewide organization of young Kentuckians working in support of the Combs-Carroll ticket in the May Primary of the Democratic Party.

Conley, Carlisle City attorney, is president of the Carlisle Jaycees and a member of the board of the Carlisle-Nicholas County Chamber of Commerce. He and his wife, Joanne, have three children.

In accepting the appointment Conley said, "Kentucky needs experienced leadership in the next four years and Bert Combs and Julian Carroll are the best qualified candidates to provide it. They have records of performance and accomplishment for the people of this state and they can best provide the direction and the solutions to solving our most pressing problems."

Organizational Meeting March 9

There will be an organizational meeting of the Nicholas County Action Corps for Combs and Carroll on Tuesday, March 9, at 7:30 p.m. in the small court room on the first floor of the Nicholas County Courthouse.

All young people between the ages of 18 and 36 are invited to attend.

'71 Feed Grain, Wheat Program

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