

Straw discovers new cultivar

Over a cup of coffee about a year ago, Bill Straw, retired county extension agent, related how he had discovered a new ornamental shade tree and that when the story broke nationally he'd see it in the Mercury was notified.

Friday's mail did just that. Enclosed in a fat envelope were descriptive details, articles from the Cincinnati Post and the Bill, his wife, and a four-year specimen of the new named tree.

As most people around here know, Straw maintained a small nursery here and one of his independent growers is the Carlisle Nursery. Having planted a row of imported Akana pear trees only to have them develop wicked thorns, Straw decided to cut them down. While in this

process he came across one that had no thorns.

From this seedling in 1969 Straw developed through grafting and budding the Aristocrat Pear. He says, "We have now propagated about 20,000 grafts and buds from the original tree. My over-enthusiasm since January 1972 is about three inches thick. Letters have come from coast-to-coast and four foreign countries. I am so busy that retirement seems distant. I just changed jobs. It is fun."

Several thousands of these plants have been grown in outstanding quantities from coast-to-coast and the reception of this new cultivar has been pleasing and rewarding.

Aristocrat Pear (*Pyrus calleryana*

selected seedling] U.S. plant patent number 3193 will be on the market next spring.

Aristocrat Pear has masses of white bloom in early spring, waxy foliage in summer, spectacular and long lasting fall color of purplered-orange.

The new tree is suitable as a street tree or general shade tree because of an excellent up swing of the branches and its moderate size. Estimated ultimate height will be 40 to 60 feet and width 40 feet.

As a young tree the form will be pyramidal with naturally a rounded top will dominate.

Straw's address is: William T. Straw, 47 McCullum Road, Independence, Ky. 41051.



Mr. and Mrs. William T. Straw pose before a four-year specimen of the newly patented ornamental shade tree.



Commemorating National Library Week, Nicholas County librarians, past and present, were honored Monday night, April 23, at the Community Woman's Club meeting held in the Nicholas County Library. From left, Mrs. Marjorie Montgomery, (1968-1972) and Mrs. Lewis Robbins, (1968-1969) past librarians of Nicholas County Library. Miss Truman Richey, present librarian at Nicholas County High School, Mrs. Taylor Seidling, present librarian at Nicholas County Library, Mrs. Eddie Day, assistant elementary school librarian, Mrs. Clyde Shelton, substitute for Mrs. Seidling, Mrs. Annette Huber, bookmobile librarian, Mrs. John Hamilton, elementary school librarian, and Miss Mary Lois Campbell were absent when picture was made. -Merryn photo

Blue Grass Industries Personnel Appreciation Day to be held May 10

Thursday, May 10, has been designated as Personnel Appreciation Day at the Blue Grass Industries and Knitting plants in Carlisle. That day, all personnel will enjoy a free lunch in the company dining room, as well as receive a personal appreciation gift.

Five to receive degrees from EKU

A total of 142 candidates will receive degrees Sunday, May 13, at Eastern Kentucky University's 66th spring commencement.

Dr. Robert R. Martin, EKU president, will confer the degrees during the program, beginning at 4 p.m., in Alumni Coliseum.

He will present honorary doctor of law degrees to Governor Wendell Ford, the commencement speaker, Colonel Harold Sanders, Shelbyville, and Dr. Pauline Park Wilson Knapp, who retired in 1971 as Eastern's distinguished professor of home economics.

Receiving degrees from Carlisle will be Miss Donna Raye Waugh, College of Arts and Sciences, Bachelor of Arts Degree; Billy Clifton House, College of Business, Bachelor of Business Administration; Ann House, Terry Lee Ritchie and Laura Jane Sparks, Associate of Arts Degree.

The commencement weekend activities will include the baccalaureate address at 11 a.m. (Sunday, May 13) in Alumni Coliseum by Monsignor Ralph J. Beltinger, pastor of St. Williams Parish, Lancaster, and a senior luncheon Friday.

On the same day, special recognition will be given to 97 people in the Carlisle and Knitting plants who have been with the company for 15 years or more. In appreciation of reaching this service milestone, Wayne Shumate, President, and Harry H. Wolf Jr., Treasurer, will present a beautiful wrist watch, club blazer, and other mementos of the occasion to six new members at a plant-wide program that afternoon. They are: Lucille Waugh, Anna Lee Finch, Helen C. Soudil, Edith Conrad, Wilma McClanahan, and Louise Wade.

Also, on May 9, nine Thousand Club members will be awarded a gold blazer in recognition of completing 20 years of service in 1973 and they will tour all five Blue Grass Operations with four other members of this group that day. These

honorees are: Harry H. Wolf Jr., Harry H. Wolf Sr., Betty June Shull, Myrtle Ledford, Lonnie Waggoner, Margaret Cameron, Minnie Rawlings, Aileen Samples, and Clarine Finch. In addition, six people will be honored who have been with the company since its founding 25 years ago. They are: Carrie Shumate, Clifford Shumate, James Wells, Mable Shroust, Juanita Scott, and Edith Saunders.

In separate ceremonies during the week, two other new members of the Thousand Service Club will be welcomed at Mt. Sterling and Cynthiana. On Thursday evening, the 128 member service organization will hold its annual business meeting following the banquet at the Stoner Creek Country Club in Paris.



Elementary PTA program Nicholas County Elementary students practicing for the program to be presented Monday night at the P.T.A. meeting starting at 7:30.

Industrial site brochure distributed

An Industrial Site Brochure for Carlisle has been prepared by the Kentucky Utilities Company, with the cooperation of the Industrial Corporation. This brochure has been distributed to people who work directly with industry seeking new locations.

Included in this brochure are: topographic map of the area, sites available for industry, and other data of interest to "prospective industries. According to Merrin Whiteley, this information has recently been brought up to date, keeping Carlisle in a competitive position for new industry.

Mayer William Pover has personally written a letter, which is included in this booklet, expressing the willingness of Carlisle to cooperate with anyone interested in Carlisle as a location for new industry.

The Industrial Development Departments of the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, Kentucky Department of Commerce, railroads and utility companies serving the area, have received copies of this booklet for their use in contacting prospects for industry.

Ben Pumphrey hired as Bath County coach

Ben Pumphrey, a veteran of twenty years experience in coaching football and track teams has been employed by the Bath County School system as Football and Track Coach and also Math teacher. The decision of the Bath County School Board to employ Pumphrey was made during a call meeting held last week after a number of applicants for the spot had been interviewed. Decision on the matter was unanimous.

Pumphrey's vast experience includes coaching, chess at MMI, where he stayed for a period of eight years and a six year stint at the Paris High School where he coached an undefeated team. In addition he also coached at Dunbar High School in Lexington for one year



Little League speakers Little League Basketball banquet speaker Rick Brewster, University of Kentucky variety forward and center, top left, and Glenn Sims, a U.K. coach, top right, and Little League members, bottom, are pictured with three award winners: Mike Hatton, Patriots, Free Throw award; Timmy Ockerman, Rebels, Scholar award; and Kurt Mattox, Raiders, Scholastic recipient. The banquet was held Friday night, April 27, at Blue Grass Industries-Mercury photo

4-H talent to appear on Youth Showcase

Watch your Nicholas County 4-H Talent Show winners perform on the "TV Youth Showcase", Sunday, May 2 at 12:30 noon.

Three local solo and small group acts will appear on the program which will be televised over WLEX-TV, Channel 18. Performing will be William Bean, singer; "He Ain't Heavy," vocal duet, "Lean On Me," Ginger Luu Myers and Sheila Jones; and Vicky Herrington singing "He Touched Me." Bob Hansen, William Bean, and Rev. Charlotte Gendler will be serving as piano accompanists.

Anderson County 4-H Talent acts will also be appearing on the program which will be hosted by Jimmy Young, Blue Grass Fair over WLEX-TV.

The winner from each county will not be selected until the end of this year, a team of judges will choose the winning act from each county which will participate in the Blue Grass Fair 4-H Talent finals in July.

Master Sgt. Mac C. Shroust receives Bronze Star

\$261,000 loan approved for Harrison RECC

WANNERS ROBINS, Ga.—U.S. Air Force Master Sergeant Mac C. Shroust, son of Raymond R. Shroust, Route 4, Carlisle, has received the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service while engaged in military operations.

Sergeant Shroust earned the medal while serving as a weather observer at Ubon Royal Thai Airfield, Thailand.

He was honored in ceremonies at Robins AFB, Ga., where he serves with a unit of the Air Weather Service. He is a 1956 graduate of Carlisle High School.

Sergeant Shroust's wife is the former Isabel M. Walker.

The Washington office of Senator Marlow Cook announced Wednesday the approval by the U.S. Rural Electrification Administration of a \$261,000 loan to the Harrison County Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation, at Dysthaman, for various system improvements including 17 miles of new distribution lines.

The Cooperative serves Bourdon, Bracken, Grant, Harrison, Nicholas, Pendleton, Robertson and Scott Counties.

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