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We'll miss our friends

by Janie Duncan
Fifty years of working side-by-side in the grocery store business came to a close Monday for Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Sexton, owners of Sexton's Cash Grocery located on West Main Street.
In March of 1923, three years after they were married, Mr. and Mrs. Sexton opened Sexton's Cash Grocery in the building where Neal's Kentucky Food Store is presently located. It was a general store and grocery. Mrs. Sexton stated that during the Christmas seasons as many as 20 clerks would be employed to accommodate their trade.
After about 20 years at that location they moved their business to the corner of the same building where Spencer Taylor recently had a grain store. It was known as the Chapel building. They started a ten cent store in addition to the grocery.
Upon deciding to operate strictly a grocery, the Sextons moved Aug. 7, 1947 to the present location.
After contemplating retirement, Mrs. Sexton stated what they would miss most is seeing their many friends everyday.
The Sextons have two children, Charles Sexton, a life insurance salesman in



Fifty years—a long time!

Lexington, and Dr. William E. Sexton, Dean of Applied Arts and Technology at Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, and Mrs. Ronald Huggs have purchased Sexton's Grocery and they assumed its operation Monday.

Council voids tax rate, passes new lower rate

City Council in a called meeting Monday night voided the previous 1973 tax rate of 28.8 cents per \$100 valuation, and passed a new, lower rate of 24.2 cents.
This correction was necessary because of an error in figuring the Homestead exemptions. The \$208,300 figure previously used was the 1973 Homestead exemption total. The figure that should have been used was \$58,000—the difference between the 1973 figure and the 1972 figure for Homestead exemptions.
The latest rate is only 2 cents higher than the 24 cent tax rate charged in 1972.
Most of the meeting was taken up with council discussions with Donald Gravett, of Tuttle, Batzel and Morris Auditors of Lexington. The firm has just completed the city audit for this year.

Band Boosters to meet

The Nicholas County Band Boosters will meet Tuesday, Sept. 4 at 7:30 p.m. All members and anyone interested in the Band Boosters are urged to attend. The meeting will be at the Nicholas County High School.

Welcome Wagon hostess named

Mrs. Ruth Ishmael has just completed a course of training in Falmouth preparing her for the position of Carlisle-Nicholas county's Welcome Wagon hostess.
Mrs. Ishmael resides at Route 4, Carlisle and is one of 8,000 Welcome Wagon hostesses who make more than a million calls annually on families in more than 4,000 cities throughout the United States, Canada, Puerto Rico, and the United Kingdom.
With her "Most famous basket in the world," Mrs. Ishmael will warmly greet the families upon whom she calls the hand of friendship and helpfulness for which Welcome Wagon has been known for more than four decades.
Mrs. Ishmael is interested in promoting the welfare and progress of Carlisle and Nicholas county and is looking forward to serving the community in her new position.
On behalf of more than 100,000 business sponsors, Welcome Wagon calls on

families on such important occasions as when they move into a new home, when there is a new baby, and when an engagement is announced. Welcome Wagon also participates in special events such as golden wedding anniversaries, installation of new civic and governmental officials, visiting dignitaries, and other occasions especially important to the family or the community.
Often referred to as the "service" in the business of building "friendships," Welcome Wagon's basic policy is service—to the family, and to the community. A most important part of the Welcome Wagon call deals with civic and religious information especially designed to be of help to the family.
Indicative of Welcome Wagon's volunteer services and civic achievements are citations from organizations such as the American Red Cross, the American Heart Association, the United States Postal Department and the United States Treasury Department.

McDonald completes pond

Dennis McDonald on the East Union Road recently completed his farm pond. He had started the pond some time ago but due to weather had been unable to finish the pond. He fenced the pond to keep livestock out and to protect the vegetation. He installed a 300 gallon watering tank below the pond for livestock watering facility with an

automatic water control device. The pond would supply stock water for the whole farm if there were no other available water. The pond will have other benefits for wildlife and recreation. The Soil Conservation Service gave technical help in design and construction of the pond.



Otis Williams, employee of Soil Conservation Service, overlooking construction of McDonald pond on East Union Road.

20 Days Remain

to re-register to vote. ALL Kentucky voters must re-register by Sept. 24. Nicholas County Clerk's office is open six days a week from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Nicholas county 1973-74 school calendar

- August 24 to Service Conference
- August 25 Nicholas County Elementary School First Day of Classes
- September 1 Labor Day Holiday
- October 1 CREA
- November 22 Thanksgiving Holiday
- November 23 School Closed
- December 24 School Closed for Holiday Vacation
- January 1 New Year's Holiday
- January 2 School Resumes Classes
- March 11, 14, 15 School Closed - Tournament
- April 11, 12 Pre-School Registration
- April 18, 19 KEA Conference - School Closed
- May 24 Professional Development
- May 27 School Year Ends

Three county youths hurt in car wreck

Three Nicholas county youths were injured Saturday night around midnight when the car in which they were riding, left the Moorefield Road and struck a tree in the yard of Luther Gray. Davey Watkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Houston Watkins, Route 2, was the most seriously injured according to Deputy Sheriff Reese Smoot. He was taken to Nicholas County Hospital and later transferred to St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington where he remains a patient.
The driver, Mike Marshall, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Marshall, received a nose injury. He was treated at the local hospital and released.
A third passenger, Jackie Flora, son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Flora, Route 4, was treated at the Nicholas County Hospital for a broken ankle.
The car was totaled.

Accidents take life, injure three

"I wish it had been someone else," was the remark of a telephone serviceman when he heard the resounding smack caused by a 30-year-old highway employee running into the path of a truck in a freak fatality last Thursday, Aug. 23.
Albert Gray, Owingsville, Route 1, a fireware employee of the State Highway Department, was reportedly pulling up signs along U.S. 68 near Rock Haven Restaurant. When he pulled on one of the posts a swarm of wasps came out of it and attacked him.
Witnesses told State Police that Gray turned to escape the wasps and ran into

the path of an oncoming truck driven by Orene Mers, 60, Maysville.
Gray was taken to the Nicholas County Hospital where he was pronounced dead on arrival at 11 a.m.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Aileen Williams Gray, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dayton Gray, and two brothers, Kenneth and Leo Gray, Owingsville.
Services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Keel Funeral Home, Owingsville, burial in the Lovings Cemetery, Hetchel.



Column can be seen the buckled steel of the fire-wreck. See story elsewhere—Mercury picture.

Air conditioners needed

It has been brought to our attention that there are several rooms at the Nicholas County Hospital that are not air-conditioned.
You could make some patients more comfortable.

Health department closed week Sept. 10

The Nicholas County Health Department will be closed the week of Sept. 10, Monday through Friday. It is necessary that the department be closed in order for the personnel to have time to get their 1974 program plans to the State Department of Health.

Employment representative to be at PA office

The Kentucky State Employment office will have a representative to give job information to applicants who are seeking work in this area.
Ruth James, of Lexington, will be at the Public Assistance Office on Chestnut Street on the second and fourth Fridays of each month from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Employers may call 289-5335 for assistance in finding persons to fill job vacancies.

Lodge meeting Sept. 1

'Orient Lodge 500 will have September meeting, Saturday, Sept. 1, at 8:00 p.m. at Headquarters Lodge Hall. All members are urged to attend.

Attend vocational education meeting

Mrs. Ralph Taylor and Mrs. Tom Metcalfe, Consumer and Homemaking Education teachers at Nicholas County High School attended the Fourth Kentucky Conference on Vocational Education, Aug. 6-8 on the Eastern Kentucky University campus at Richmond. The theme of the conference was "Relevance of Vocational Education to Career Education."

Dr. Leon N. Lessinger, Dean of the College of Education, University of South Carolina, Columbia, S.C., in his keynote address stressed the purpose of education as competence, confidence and caring. He challenged each educator to provide relevant education experiences for each student.

Bertha G. King, Education Specialist, U.S. Office of Education, Washington, D.C. addressed the first session of the Kentucky Association of Home Economics Teachers Monday evening. She emphasized the importance of serving all people in both homemaking and career education.

Other highlights of the conference for home economics educators were Dr. Varley Wiseman, Associate Professor of Biology, University of Louisville who spoke on "Family Planning, a Basic Human Right and Responsibility"; "Role of Home Economics in Career Education" given by Jewell Deane Ellis, Director of Home Economics Education, Department of Education, Frankfort, Ky.; and author and home economics teacher Helen Gum Westlake of Elmhurst, Ill. whose topics were "Trends in Family Living—Do You Approve or Not" and "Teaching Personal and Family Development Involvement."



Campers

Nicholas County 4-Hers attending camp at nearby North Central 4-H Center are shown here with the electric instructor, Judy Hetterman (striped shirt), standing behind a display board used in the classes she taught at Kentucky Utilities Company 4-H center. The campers are (from left, seated) Danny Howard, Deanna Darrell and Dana Howard, and (standing) Tony Howard and Keith Beckley. The varied camp program of fun and instruction also included boating, casting, riflery, swimming, archery, nature study and crafts.

Two escape injury

Two youths escaped injury last Thursday when a car driven by Turner Keith Johnson, 20, of Bonham, Texas, collided with another car in a curve on Morning Glory Road. Johnson was on the wrong side of the road, according to Nicholas County Deputy Sheriff Reese Smoot.
The driver of the second car was J.B. Ritchie, 16, of Route 4, Cynthiana.

Totaled



Deputy Sheriff Reese Smoot called this one of the worst wrecked cars he had ever seen. On the upper picture of the car's interior at the right of the steering column can be seen the buckled steel of the fire-wreck. See story elsewhere—Mercury picture.

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