

Obituaries

ROY L. HARDEN, 66, died Friday, June 1, 1972 at the Nicholas County Hospital after a two day illness. He was a native of Nicholas County, a member of the Stoner Creek Christian Church and retired farmer. He is survived by one daughter: Mrs. Woodford Wernall, Bourbon County, grandson, Perry Wernall, Bourbon County. Services were held Monday at the Mathers-Shearer Chapel, conducted by Rev. Allen Huffman. Burial in Carlisle Cemetery. Pallbearers: Charney Sugg, Simon Shumate, Raymond Hall, Oliver Vee, James Anderson, John Glass.

LUTHER T. RAWLINGS, 96, both county farmer and landowner, died Friday, June 1, 1972 at the Mary Chiles Hospital, Mt. Sterling after a brief illness. He was a native of Rowan county and a member of the Baptist Church. He is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Clark Rogers, Owensville, Mrs. Clarence Moore, Paducah county, and Mrs. Nathan Young, Carlisle; four sons, Wayne Rawlings, Rath county, Harold Rawlings, Hebel, Ohio, Ernie Rawlings, Marysville, Ind., and Willy Ray Rawlings, Sharpshooting; two sisters, Mrs. Laura Lyons and Mrs. Nellie Hazar, Mayfield; 19 grandchildren; one great-grandchild. Funeral services were held at the Richardson Funeral Home, Owensville, Sunday, by Rev. Howard Ruder. Burial in Longview Cemetery, Hebel. Casket bearers: Jimmie Kusick, Ewell Moore, Rex Rawlings, Ernest Rawlings and Charlie Rawlings. Honorary bearers were Bill Hunt, Walter Stewart, W. W. Shields, Frank Dickens, Albert Dickens, Farmer Stall, and Byron Hallitt.

SAM WAGNER, 65, former resident of Fleming county, died Wednesday, May 30, 1972 at his residence in Columbus, Ohio following a long illness. A veteran of World War II, he is survived by his wife, Mrs. Hazel Sturdliff, Mrs. Charles Darnall, Frankfort, and Mrs. Jimmy Todder, Nicholas county; two stepsons, Don and Jim Sturdliff, Columbus, Ohio; one brother, Dan Wagner, Fleming county; three sisters, Mrs. Edward Cummins, Mason county, Mrs. Elmer Christman, and Mrs. Owen Muse, both of Fleming county; and several grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted 2 p.m. Saturday at the Boone Funeral Home, W. Water 1st., Flemingsburg. Burial in Goddard Cemetery. Military rites were omitted at graveside.

LEWIS ROGERS, Lewis (Dude) Rogers, 87, died Tuesday, May 29, 1972 at the Nicholas County Hospital after a week illness. He was a native of Nicholas county and a retired farmer. He is survived by one niece, Mrs. Woodford Wernall, Bourbon county, one sister-in-law, Mrs. Nancy J. Evans, Carlisle; one brother-in-law, Roy Hardin, Carlisle. Services were conducted Friday at the Mathers-Shearer Chapel by Dr. S. Evans. Burial in Carlisle Cemetery. Pallbearers: Harry Daitan, John Hildner, Bill Doolan, James Anderson, Carl Abner, Mike Bronagan.

He is survived by one niece, Mrs. Woodford Wernall, Bourbon county, one sister-in-law, Mrs. Nancy J. Evans, Carlisle; one brother-in-law, Roy Hardin, Carlisle. Services were conducted Friday at the Mathers-Shearer Chapel by Dr. S. Evans. Burial in Carlisle Cemetery. Pallbearers: Harry Daitan, John Hildner, Bill Doolan, James Anderson, Carl Abner, Mike Bronagan.

"Wilderness Road" rehearsals begin

Acting, dancing, and singing rehearsals began Friday for the 1973 production of the highly praised outdoor drama, "Wilderness Road," Paul Green's musical story set during the Civil War. The upcoming summer season opens June 10 and plays through Sept. 2 at Indian Fort Theatre in Berea.

The new production of "Wilderness Road" opened last summer and received even more critical acclaim than its original production which premiered in 1950 as part of the centennial celebration of Berea College, and ran through 1968. At the time, "Wilderness Road" was the first and only outdoor historical drama in Kentucky.

George Maloney, managing producer, has announced several new plans "for the 1973 season in an effort to continually strengthen and improve the production." Already work has begun on additional new costume designs (there are more than 100 authentic Civil War reproductions), and several new musical arrangements have been added to the drama which features live music and dancers true to the period of the play. In addition, there will be new sets including a log cabin. Last year, Gordon Ivartman redesigned the playing area of Indian Fort Theatre to make them a part of the beautiful Berea College forest surrounding the theatre. That design—complete with natural hills, trees, rocks, and shrubbery—has been called one of the most dramatic ever created for an outdoor drama.

The 60 on stage performers and the 15 technicians will spend the next several weeks in daily preparations for opening night. While the performers rehearse, the technicians will complete work in the technical areas of set, lights, and sound. By June 26, the acting, singing, and dancing will be coordinated with the technical aspects to create a smooth running production ready for the public to see.

The performing company, under the direction of David Davis, is made up of people from many different states, and headed by Paul Foster who returns in the role of John Freeman, the pacifist hero around whom the plot evolves. In addition to the performers and technicians, there are production staff and theatre operations personnel who round out the full Wilderness Road company to more than 100 people.

"Wilderness Road" is the story of a community of people caught in the conflicts of the Civil War, and its death and rebirth against brother. The drama plays nightly (8:30 p.m. EDT) except Sundays, June 26 through Sept. 2. The Box Office officially opens June 14, but reservations can be made now. For information and reservations write: CPO Box 2553, Berea, Ky. 40003.

Federal Court ruling is hailed landmark victory for teachers

A federal court ruling hailed by the Kentucky Education Association (KEA) as a landmark victory for teacher rights has ordered the Russell County Board of Education to reinstate three principals and a teacher who charged they were demoted or fired because of their support for the state-wide teachers' strike.

U.S. District Judge Charles M. Allen also ordered R. Brooks Bates, who was Russell County superintendent in 1970, and four men—Clifton Grider, Farris Hall, Bust Stephens, and Osborn Roberts—were members of the board of education at that time, to pay \$998 to \$212 as well as court costs for the four plaintiffs.

Allen's judgment orders reinstatement of Daise as principal of Russell Springs Elementary School, a position he held 11 years; of Garner as principal at Union Chapel Elementary School, a position he had held 10 years, and of Aubrey Johnson as principal of Jamestown Elementary School, a position he had held four years. All three had been reassigned to lower-paying positions as classroom teachers.

Johnston, who now heads the KEA Uniserv office with headquarters at Jamestown, was president of the Kentucky Education Association (KEA) in the time of the school-board Daise and Garner were KEA delegates.

Reinstatement also ordered for Ernest Brock, a non-tenure teacher at Russell County High School, who had been elected to succeed Johnson in 1970-71 as president of the Russell County Education Association. Brock had made radio broadcasts giving KEA and RCEA views on the strike.

In all four cases the reinstatements are contingent upon the plaintiffs providing written notice on or before June 15 that they wish to be reinstated. Upon reinstatement all four men will receive the rate of pay equivalent to what they would have received had they remained in the school system in their 1970 positions plus any pay increases that have accrued to those positions since then.

Another plaintiff, Kelly Burton, a non-tenure teacher and strike supporter dismissed from his assignment at Salem Elementary School, will be given a due process hearing by the Russell County Board of Education on or before June 15, under Judge Allen's ruling, if Burton so desires.

Judge Allen left Burton's case open for further court proceedings. Burton's notice from the school board that he would not be rehired gave no reason for his firing, but in July 1970, according to Judge Allen's findings of fact, Burton went before the board and was told the reason was "the relationship between himself and a girl student." The court document continues, "explained to

the board that the child was from a very poor family and that he and his wife had befriended her."

"There was no hearing held with the right given to Burton to have written notice of the charges against him, and to cross-examine witnesses who might be produced by the board," wrote Judge Allen. "The recitation of these facts suffices to show that Burton's due process rights were deprived."

During the strike, for which the KEA voted support, the three principals and Burton stayed on the job in their schools.

Of Brock and the three principals, Judge Allen wrote, "It appears to the Court that Brock was singled out, along with the three principals, for punishment in return for their involvement with the walkout, and that such conduct is, of course, constitutionally impermissible."

The Supreme Court, said Allen's ruling, "has jealously protected the First Amendment rights of teachers to speak out on matters of public importance. This Court is of the firm opinion that the support by a teacher of a strike which has subsequently been declared civilly illegal is not such conduct as warrants the right of a school board to dismiss him or

denote him. . . Teachers are free to invoke their First Amendment rights, even to the point of advocating conduct which might prove to be civilly illegal, as long as such conduct is not in connection with subversion or violence, or is criminal in nature."

Judge Allen dismissed charges brought by two other non-tenure teachers in the case. He concluded that the firing of William Winloth, biology and physical education teacher and football coach at Russell County High School, and Mrs. Brenda Hill, special education teacher in the system, arose for reasons unrelated to their support of the strike.

The court-ordered payments to Garner and Daise will compensate them for transportation to their lower-paying assignments at greater distances from their former schools. Such payments were not ordered for Johnson and Brock because they took higher-paying positions outside the Russell County school system.

Dr. J.M. Dodson, KEA executive secretary, said the ruling is a landmark in the battle for teacher rights in Kentucky. The plaintiffs' case was financed by KEA and the National Education Association's DeBane Fund.

Perkins working on education legislation

Representative Carl D. Perkins has begun moving the major piece of education legislation the Congress will handle this year, and has called for an all-out effort to secure speedy passage.

The legislation extends the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, which is the nation's most important program of support for elementary and secondary schools.

"We're going to get a good bill through Congress, because a lot of people in Kentucky and everywhere else in the country are working for it," Perkins said.

"School children need and deserve a good education to get them started as productive citizens, and the parents need some support and help with the costs of education," he said.

Perkins pointed out that the program was passed in 1965, "and it has made a tremendous contribution towards improving education since then," he said.

"Now, we have to improve the Act where improvements are needed—such as in the families who are covered," he said.

"The coverage should be broader," Perkins said.

"We are getting reports from Eastern Kentucky and from all over the country about schools losing special teachers and other personnel that were helping so many young people," he said.

"That's because the Administration is cutting back on education funds," Perkins said.

He is the Chairman of the House Education and Labor Committee, which began working on the bill May 25 in preparation for a vote on the House floor. The House General Education Subcommittee, which Perkins also heads, recently completed its hearings on the bill.

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