



Keeping in touch
 State Senator Tom Ward was in Carlsle Monday visiting with Nicholas County officials. County Judge Floyd Clark, County Attorney Jack Conley, and Kimball Booth, Ward's campaign chairman for Nicholas county, Ward stated his visit was in keeping with a campaign promise to visit the citizens of his district once every three months.—Janie Duncan photo



Change in command
 Col. Wilbur Bastin, right, receives the colors from Col. Edward Milburn, outgoing commander of the XXIII Corps Artillery, headquartered in Louisville. Bastin has become the new commander and Milburn is the new United States Property and Fiscal officer. He will be located in Frankfort.



Danford award
 G.L. Carlsinger, 4-H leader, presents the Danforth "I Dare You" Award in blue. James Lowe and Mrs. William D. Dampier, are presented to these senior girls for demonstrating qualities of dependability and leadership.—Janie Duncan photo



Alumni awards
 Presentation was made by Mrs. Sara Elmer, Nicholas County 4-H Coordinator, Friday night at the annual awards program.—Janie Duncan photo

Farmers may sign up for '74 wheat, grain program by mail

Farmers who want to sign up for the 1974 wheat or feed grain programs will be able to do it by mail this year, according to Paul E. Hall, Executive Director for the Nicholas County ASCS Office.

In the past, farmers had to go to the county ASCS Office to sign up in person. Bad weather often prevented farmers from getting to the county office and consequently, sign-up sometimes had to be extended.

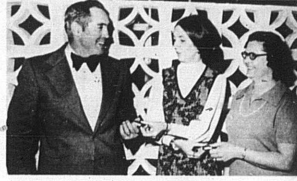
Another new feature this year, Mr. Hall said, is that sign-up will be combined with certification. "The procedure is very simple," he said. Farmers wishing to participate in a program should call, write, or visit the county office as soon as possible after planting, for sign-up and certification. After filling out and signing the forms, the farmer leaves them at the county office or mails them in as he prefers. Sign-up begins with certification; that is, when the farmer certifies the

Comprehensive Care Center moves to new Locust street office

The Nicholas County Comprehensive Care Center has moved to offices from the third floor of the Court House to 208 Locust Street. The Locust Street offices are in the same building as the State Department of Human Resources.

The Center provides psychiatric, psychological, and speech diagnoses, evaluations, and therapy; alcohol and drug education and counseling; family and children counseling and health and mental retardation services.

Dr. John Parks, Psychiatrist, James Batts, Psychologist, Margaret Campbell, Speech Pathologist, Steve Brevel, Alcohol and Drug Counselor, Newell Martin, Family Counselor, Betty Daugherty, Children Counselor, Ron Ward, Education Counselor, and



Postal increase
 Postage increases to go into effect Friday, March 1. First class postage will be 19 cents, postpaid, 9 cents. Postmaster John Anderson said Tuesday there were also increases in other postal rates.

Blue Grass Industries donates \$3000 to county Bicentennial

Blue Grass Industries has kicked-off to contribute to the drive and, individual donations are also being sought by the committee. A list of donors and amounts donated will be published periodically in The Carlsle Mercury.

A goal of \$2,000.00 has been set by the local committee. The money will be used mainly for the production of an outdoor historical drama depicting the early history of Nicholas County as we celebrate the county's 175th anniversary this year. It will also be used for purchasing commemorative items to be sold during the celebration, June 23-30, and for all other necessary expenses connected with putting on the Bicentennial Week.

First National Bank promotes Donovan, Burnaw and House

Bill Donovan has been promoted to vice-president. The First National Bank, Andy Dudley, president, announced.

Joining First National in 1970, Donovan has held positions of teller, loan officer, and assistant vice-president. His current responsibility is for the installment loan department.

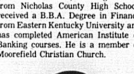
A Carlsle native, Donovan graduated from Nicholas County High School; attended Eastern Kentucky University and Pagan Business College, and has completed several American Institute of Banking Courses.



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Mrs. Burnaw, who was recognized recently for 25 years' services with First National Bank, has held positions of bookkeeper, teller, vault teller and receptionist. Her present responsibility is as cashier.



Billy C. House, promoted to assistant vice-president, vault teller and Certificates of Deposits.

Bicentennial drama underway in county

Initial plans were made Thursday night for an original outdoor historical drama to be presented here in Nicholas county during the Bicentennial-175th Celebration in June. The drama dates will be June 26, 27 and 28, starting at 8:30 p.m. each evening. This will be the first outdoor drama ever presented in Nicholas county.

All profits made during the celebration week and all donation money still remaining will then be used to publish the "History of Carlsle-Nicholas County." Even though the research and writing of the history are being donated, the cost of publishing this history by a reputable publishing house is expected to be astronomical. What is the lasting memorial of the

Marion Waggoner, a Nicholas county resident, was given the go-ahead by the Bicentennial Committee to write a script for the drama depicting early Nicholas county history including the last battle of the Revolutionary War, fought at Blue Licks. Waggoner and Mrs. Charles Canupp have agreed to direct the drama.

Waggoner was also given approval to hire three professional actors for the outdoor drama. Tentative plans call for three other lead parts to be filled by local talent. An additional 30 to 40 local persons will be needed as supporting actors to round out the cast.



Runner-up and net conference champs
 Nicholas County's Junior High Eighth Grade basketball team proudly displays the tournament runner-up trophy received in the Blue Grass League Tournament played Feb. 9, 11, 14, 15, 16. The team was also presented the conference championship trophy, which was won after a 5-0 season. Team members are: front row, Sam Dudley, manager, Clifford Thompson, Thasakul, Mike's A and A, Dwayne Williams, Jeff Masten and

Auditions for the drama will be held around the first of May. The drama seeks combinations of talent including acting, singing, folk dancing and performing musicians who can play drums, guitar, banjo, fiddle, harmonica or dulcimer. If necessary, the music will all or partially be taped for the performance. Waggoner stated, "The cast, including the professional actors, will be responsible for set construction, costumes, in a k & a program. Waggoner stated that he feels he can borrow lighting equipment, and Bill

Telephone service

A meeting to discuss telephone service between counties will be held Monday, March 4, at 1 p.m. in Frankfort.

State Senator Tom Ward scheduled the meeting with the Public Service Commission, representatives of South Central Bell, and local county representatives. It will be held in the Capitol Plaza offices of the Public Service Commission. Representatives from Nicholas, Scott, Bourbon and Harrison counties have been invited.



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