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### OLD STONE TAVERN

## Listed on National Register of Historic Places

The Old Stone Tavern at Ellsville was listed on the National Register of Historic Places on Mar. 16. U.S. Congressman Carl D. Perkins made the announcement last week.

The James Ellis Stone Tavern, built in 1807, is located in Nicholas county on historic U.S. 60, approximately eight miles from Carlisle. It is presently owned by John E. Soper.

The following information concerning the Old Stone Tavern is taken from the History of Nicholas County which will be published July 4 of this year by the Nicholas County Historical Society.

Inc. It was written by Mrs. John E. Soper (Linda), who also submitted the application for the Tavern's inclusion on the National Register.

THE OLD STONE TAVERN  
Two miles south of Blue Licks on U.S. 60, the Old Stone Tavern stands as a landmark in Nicholas County. James Ellis built it around 1807, sitting on the side of the hill, close by the very important well, probably at the sight of his earlier log tavern. Ellis began planning and developing the town which in 1805 had been designated county seat of Nicholas County. Across

the road from the tavern, he sold land to the County for the cow house and jail. On his 200-acre farm, he laid out streets and sold building lots to future home builders.

But in 1816 the county seat was moved to Carlisle, the courthouse and jail with Ellis' town vanished. The streets were forgotten and the acre lots of the city dwellers lost. The only remaining evidence of this hoped for bustling community is James Ellis' stone tavern.

There has been little change in the tavern since 1807, when the leading

citizens gathered around the massive fireplace to solve the problems of Nicholas County. It was built of local materials: ash and poplar logs, and abundant limestone. Perhaps it was also built in haste, as the undressed hugh ash beams were left with their bark. Small attention was paid to elegance of detail. But the limestone walls, 30 inches thick, are still true, and the poplar logs so distasteful to termites, are strong and supporting today.

The main structure is a large stone

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A different view

This picture gives a different view of Old Stone Tavern and was produced from a color positive made in the winter of 1974.—Mercury photo

## No lodge for Blue Licks Park, report shows market insufficient

A lodge will not be built at Blue Licks according to the Department of Parks after receiving the findings of a study of the Park.

There is presently insufficient traffic and tourist market to justify the building of a lodge and restaurant, stated the memorandum to Regre-

### County tax levies

Nicholas county's receipts from 1975 tax levies amounted to \$92,000, according to a report from the State Office for Local Government, J. Gerry Burnaw, Nicholas County Clerk. Miscellaneous estimated receipts, the major portion derived from the rock quarries, are \$41,096. Total estimated receipts from the Road Fund amounted to \$222,650.

servative Adrian Arnold from Billy S. Thompson, executive assistant, Department of Parks.

The report recommended that the state build a 10-site full-service campground. Thompson said that this will be done with some additions. They are complete new shower and toilet facilities, and a country store facility. One roadblock which was pointed out in the report is that the site is in an important archaeological area. Thompson said as soon as the requirements under archaeological statutes are fulfilled, the project will proceed to final development.

The report also recommended that the state buy adjoining land in Nicholas county to add to the park. Thompson did not mention this recommendation.

The report stated that the lodge situation should be re-evaluated in one year.

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Trophies presented

"Service Above Self" trophies were presented Thursday, April 1, at the held at Carnation Athletic Banquet Reynolds in her absence, was presented the award for girls' basketball.—Mercury photo

(left) for football and Greg Letcher for basketball. Carla Pryor, whose trophy was accepted by Coach James W. Nicholas County High School students. Dr. Robert Sparks, local dentist, awarded the trophies to Cliff Shanam-

## No (HUD) funds for Henryville

### C of C meets tonight at Library

The Carlisle-Nicholas County Chamber of Commerce will meet in regular session Thursday, April 8, at 7:30 p.m. at the Nicholas County Library.

Members are invited to attend to discuss their views on the upcoming "Do Business At Home" campaign in the planning stage. Chamber directors are soliciting ideas from interested members in order to make this campaign a success for the business community.

One idea has already been suggested by a Chamber member, according to a director—an auction at which donated merchandise may be purchased with paper money obtained by making purchases or spending money in Carlisle-Nicholas county during the campaign. If successful, a series of such auctions could be planned, the director stated.

Henryville was not among the 22 communities approved last week by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to receive \$10.4 million in federal funds.

Carlisle and Nicholas county had applied for some of the grant money, listing Henryville as first priority.

There were 126 communities which applied for the money allocated to Kentucky under the title of "non-metro, discretionary funds."

Interestingly enough, most of the money may be going to Republican Tim Lee Carter's Fifth District. This district is primarily Republican.

HUD officials in Louisville will determine which communities get these federal funds, deny that the decisions were based on politics.

Steve Burns, Bluegrass Area Development District, worked with local officials in making the application.

## Millersburg Military Institute Day

Governor Julian M. Carroll, in a salute to the Commonwealth of Kentucky's last remaining military school, has proclaimed Thursday, April 15, 1976 as Millersburg Military Institute Day "in order to recognize the invaluable contribution made to education in Kentucky."

MMI, located in Millersburg in Bourbon county, has been providing quality education to young men for 85 years. Comprising both a high and a middle school, the small nonprofit, nonsectarian military school has been a sports contender in football, baseball, basketball, wrestling and tennis for many years despite its small enrollment. Supported by its small alumni, MMI has been able to maintain its high standards.

Graduates and friends throughout the world will celebrate MMI Day on April 15 in their own areas in addition to open house commemorative activities which will be held on the MMI campus on this date.

### APRIL 9 DOCTOR'S DAY

## Dr. Davis presented Teague Award

Dr. W.E. Davis was presented the Russell E. Teague Award Friday, April 1, the award was made by the Kentucky Public Health Association at its annual meeting.

Dr. Davis is the health officer of the

Wedco District Health Department which comprises Bourbon, Harrison, Scott and Nicholas counties. Born in Milton, Ore., Dr. Davis earned his medical degree at Northwestern University in Chicago. His educational pursuits continued at

the University of London, England where he received the degree of Bachelor of Tropical Medicine. In 1931 and 1937 he did post-graduate work at Columbia University. For 23 years Dr. Davis continued his general medical practice in North Middletown. From 1950 until 1974 he was the Health Officer for Bourbon, Nicholas, and Harrison counties. In October, 1974 the Wedco District Health Department was formed and Dr. Davis continued as the Health Officer for the district.

Last December he completed a course in Spanish at the University of Kentucky and scored 196 out of 200. He spent 10 years as a missionary in the Congo.

The award consisted of a plaque and a monetary award. It is made to recognize exceptionally meritorious achievements leading directly to improve health for the people of Kentucky; to honor creative work of particular effectiveness for the betterment of community health as exemplified in the accomplishments of Dr. Teague through his many years as a public servant.

Nicholas County Judge Mildred Clark has proclaimed Friday, April 9, as Dr. W.E. Davis Day in Nicholas county.



DR. W.E. DAVIS

### A reminder

Since this is prime tornado season, here is a reminder of what to listen for in the way of tornadoes. Perhaps parents will want to drill their children on this.

A Tornado Watch means that weather conditions are such that a tornado could evolve from them—it is not cause for immediate alarm.

A Tornado Warning means that a tornado has been sighted and to take cover immediately.

The tornado warning for the City of Carlisle is five blasts continuously from the fire station. The all clear signal is one short and one long blast.

People who cannot hear the signal from Carlisle are advised to tune their radio to a station with reliable weather coverage such as WLAP Lexington AM channel 630, WHAS Louisville, AM channel 140 or WCYN Cynthiana, AM channel 140.

## Millersburg Rotary club sale May 8

The Millersburg Rotary Club will hold its annual White Elephant Sale on Saturday, May 8, at 10 a.m.

Donations will be picked up every Saturday, starting April 10, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Any persons desiring to donate items or articles may do so by contacting Bruce Spring, 484-3301; Dick Letton, 285-274; or Col. Jim Billy Lee, 684-2620.

Proceeds will be used to sponsor community events.

### 7TH DISTRICT PTA

## Spring Conference

The Nicholas County Elementary School PTA hosted the Seventh District PTA Spring Conference Saturday, April 3 at Carnation County Club.

The 70 delegates from 15 counties were presented ceramic name tags upon registration. These name tags were handcrafted by Mrs. Robert Sparks, who, along with Mrs. Jimmy Shaw and Rev. Richard Chamberlin were in charge of arrangements for the conference.

Mrs. W. Glenn Keightley of

Harrisburg, Seventh District president, presided over the meeting. A color guard from the Nicholas County Girl Scouts led the group in the pledge to the flag and in singing a patriotic song.

The invocation was given by Rev. Howard Lavinwood, pastor of Moorefield Methodist Church. A welcome speech was given by Don Elder, Superintendent of Nicholas County Schools. Mrs. James Anderson, president, Nicholas County Elementary

PTA gave a short message of greetings to the 70 delegates and eight or 10 guests.

Dr. James Graham, Bowling Green, State Superintendent of Public Instruction spoke about the American public school system. He said that schools from kindergarten through grade 12 should be totally free. That children in this country should be able



Dedication ceremonies in memory of Miss Lida E. Garnder, founder of Kentucky PTA, were held Saturday afternoon, April 4. Rev. Richard Chamberlin is shown, shovel in hand, completing the planting of an oak tree. Others who played a big part in the

day's events are left to right, Mrs. Lida E. Garnder, Mrs. Gloria Denton, Mrs. Jimmy Shaw, Mrs. James Anderson, Mrs. W. Glenn Keightley, Harrisburg District PTA President; behind her Mrs. Tommy Johnson, Miss Lynn Chaney, great-great niece of Miss

Lida, Mrs. John K. Chaney, Miss Lida's great niece, Miss Cathy Chaney, another great-great niece and John K. Chaney, all of Lexington.—Linda Cooley photo