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Ann Marshall recipient of Paris DAR award

Miss Ann Marshall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Marshall, Carlisle, is the recipient of the DAR Good Citizenship Award from Nicholas County. The awards were made by the Paris DAR.

Good citizens are selected on the basis of leadership, dependability, service and patriotism to an outstanding degree.

She has been a member of the National Honor Society for three years and is the secretary of that organization and of the Senior Class. She received the Outstanding Teenager of America Award and was named to "Who's Who in American High Schools" and to the Society of Distinguished American High School Students. She is a member of the school's Student Council, Math Club and Chess Club.

Miss Marshall has been a cheerleader for four years and is captain of the squad. She is secretary of the F.H.A., was an alternate representative to Girl's State and was a high school representative to SPOKE.

In 1975, Miss Marshall was the Chamber of Commerce Snow Queen. She also serves as secretary of her Sunday School class at the Carlisle Christian Church.

General Buntin completes National Guard course

FRANKFORT—Brigadier General Wilbur R. Buntin, deputy adjutant general of Kentucky and a native of Carlisle, recently completed a two-week course for senior Reserve and National Guard officers at the U.S. Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pa. The general also commands the XXIII Corps Artillery, the Kentucky Army National Guard's senior command.

He was among 33 officers selected to attend the orientation course to familiarize top-level officers with the latest aspects of the world-wide military situation.

Upon completion of the course, General Buntin received a certificate from Major General DeWitt C. Smith Jr., commandant of the War College.

General Buntin entered the Army in 1942 and served in the Southwest Pacific during World War II. He assumed his current Guard command in 1974.

The general and his wife, Frances, now reside at 10 Timberlawn in Frankfort.

Nicholas county to host Seventh District PTA spring conference Apr. 3

The Rev. Richard Chamberlin, Mrs. Robert Sparks and Mrs. Jimmy Shaw attended the Seventh District, Kentucky Congress of Parents and Teachers Board of Managers meeting Thursday, Feb. 12 at the Harrodsburg home of Mrs. James Keller, district corresponding secretary.

District president Mrs. W. Glenn Keightley, Harrodsburg, led the group in planning for the annual District Spring Conference, which includes 15 counties. The group decided to hold the conference on Saturday, April 3 in Nicholas county.

Chairman reports, state board reports, and nominations for second vice-president, secretary, and historian were included on the agenda.

The Rev. Richard Chamberlin is treasurer of the PTA district board.

McGuffy found guilty in theft

Robert R. McGuffey, Carlisle, was found guilty and sentenced to a year Tuesday, Feb. 10 in Nicholas County Circuit Court.

The jury found McGuffey guilty of theft by unlawful taking. The charge stemmed from the theft of merchandise from Blue Grass Industries in Carlisle.

Eighth grade class to present 'The Parade of Presidents', bicentennial play in two parts

The Nicholas County Elementary School eighth grade social studies class will present a bicentennial play in two parts, entitled "The Parade of Presidents."

The first segment will be held Tuesday, Feb. 24, at 7:30 p.m. at the school. The first 19 Presidents will be honored. The rest of the parade will be presented March 23. Wilbert Winkle, teacher, is directing the students.

The Nicholas County Historical Society will hold a short business meeting before the bicentennial play. The History of Nicholas County will be discussed.

These meetings are a continuance of the meeting in connection with the programs developed under the auspices of the National Endowment for Humanities with the co-sponsorship of the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration.

Accident hurts two persons

Allen Earlywine, Carlisle Police Chief reported that Garland C. Swartz, 59, Route 1, Carlisle was driving his car on West Main Street Monday, Feb. 16 when he lost control and hit a light pole.

He and his wife, Ester, a passenger in the car were both taken to Nicholas County Hospital. Earlywine said that Swartz was treated and released and that Mrs. Swartz was admitted to the hospital suffering from lacerations of the face and knee.

Hard-Timers CB to meet

The Hard-Timers CB Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21 in the big courtroom at the Nicholas County Courthouse. This CB club was organized to help people in need.

License tag decal sales lag badly

FRANKFORT—State and county officials are beginning to express growing concern over the slow pace at which many automobile owners are buying the new Kentucky 1976 license decals.

J. Berry Burnaw, Nicholas County Clerk, said Friday that about half of the 1976 license tag decals have been sold. 2,000 cars are yet to be licensed.

The 1975 tags will expire at midnight March 1 for cars and April 1 for trucks.

Burnaw said that he sees no indication that Governor Carroll will extend the deadline this year.

Last minute lines

"The last minute lines of the past will be nothing compared to what we may see this March if sales don't pick up soon," said State Transportation Secretary John C. Roberts.

Midnight, March 1 is the deadline for buying the decals which are to serve in lieu of issuing new metal tags for 1976. The decal is to be displayed on the lower, right-hand corner of the old 1975 plate. According to Roberts, "there currently is no plan to extend the deadline for getting those decals."

Roberts said he believed that the lagging decal sales could be explained, at least partly by public forgetfulness.

"In years past, we all were reminded that it was time to get our plates simply by seeing the new colored plate on other cars around us. This year, however, the old, blue (1975) plate is not being changed. The only difference is that small, silver decal in the lower, right-hand corner of the 1975 plate," he said.

Kentucky formerly alternated blue-on-white, white-on-blue color schemes from year to year on the metal license tags.

Insurance meet

The Cooperative Extension Service is sponsoring an educational meeting on Life and Property Insurance, Tuesday, Feb. 24, 1:30 p.m. in the Little Courtroom.

Helen Stevens, Specialist in Family Economics and Dr. Steve Allen, Economics, University of Kentucky, will be the guest speakers.

Local participants are Custer Blair, property insurance; Don Hughes, life insurance; and Cliff Vice, automobile insurance.

For local taxpayers, $2,690 in deductions

NEW YORK—How much did the average taxpayer in Nicholas county contribute to charity during the past year? How much did he pay in local taxes? What did his medical and dental expenses amount to?

These are some of the expense figures that local residents are putting together these days in preparation for their upcoming encounter with Uncle Sam.

Taxpayers in the area who itemize their deductible expenditures would like to know how their deductions compare with the amounts taken by other people who have incomes similar to their own.

Some guidance, in answer to these questions, comes from the Commerce Clearing House, an authority on tax matters, using data recently released by the Internal Revenue Service.

In its findings it shows just how much taxpayers in each income category have been deducting on average for contributions, interest charges, local taxes and medical costs.

Among families throughout the country with incomes equal to the Nicholas county average, approximately $2,690, equivalent to 26 percent of adjusted gross income, is the normal total deduction.

For those with incomes that are larger than this average, the amounts deducted are generally bigger but they represent a smaller percentage of their total earnings.

Conversely, the deductions among families with lower incomes, although smaller in amount, are bigger percentage-wise. The range is from 18 percent to 43 percent, according to the IRS figures.

Local families in the $9,000 to $10,000 bracket, for example, will have deductions of about $2,580 if they match the norm. Those at the $15,000 to $20,000 level will be listing close to $3,450.

A breakdown of the $2,690 in deductions that is usual at the average income level prevailing in Nicholas county shows that $342 is for contributions, $980 is for interest on loans and other obligations, $944 for state and local taxes and $424 for medical and dental expenses.

The Commerce Clearing House points out that in some instances a family's deductions may run well above the average and be acceptable. In all cases, taxpayers must be able to substantiate their figures with proper records.

Former governor heads statewide Seal campaign

LOUISVILLE—The Kentucky Easter Seal Society has named a former governor of Kentucky to serve as chairman of its 1976 statewide Easter Seal campaign.

He is Bert T. Combs who was governor from 1959 to December 1963.

The 1976 Easter Seal campaign will run from March 1 to April 18, Easter Sunday. As chairman, Combs will spearhead the many activities of thousands of volunteer workers in Kentucky's 120 counties who will participate in the fund raising appeal.

Contributions to the annual Easter Seal drive will be used to help finance the society's program of therapies, medical and hospital care, hearing and speech services, recreation and resident camping for children and adults crippled by many causes.

The society owns and operates seven Easter Seal facilities. These centers are in Lexington, Paducah, Louisville, Covington, Carrollton, Ashland and at McDaniels, in Breckinridge county.

A Louisville attorney, Combs has served as a judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the sixth circuit and was a judge on the Kentucky Court of Appeals.

A graduate of the University of Kentucky College of Law, he also attended Cumberland College at Williamsburg, Ky.

In 1963 Combs received the Joseph P. Kennedy International Award for outstanding contribution to and leadership in the field of mental retardation. He is a member of several professional, civic and fraternal organizations including the Order of the Coif. In 1964, he was named Kentucky's outstanding attorney for his service to the legal profession.

During World War II, he attained the rank of Captain and served in the South Pacific on General Douglas MacArthur's staff.

Crouch named Easter Seal chairman

Joe Crouch of Carlisle has again been named chairman of the 1976 Easter Seal Campaign for Nicholas county, according to Bert Combs, Louisville, state campaign chairman. Mr. Crouch has served in this capacity since 1961.

Appeal begins March 1

The annual appeal will begin March 1 and continue through Easter Sunday, April 18.

Contributions to the annual campaign will be used by the Kentucky Easter Seal Society for Crippled Children and Adults to provide care and treatment for physically handicapped Kentuckians throughout the state.

Easter Seal centers operated by the Kentucky Easter Seal Society include: Cardinal Hill Convalescent Hospital, Lexington; the West Kentucky Easter Seal Center, Paducah; Northern Kentucky Easter Seal Center, Covington; Camp Kysoc, Carrollton; Hearing and Speech Center, Louisville; and Camp Green Shores, at McDaniels.

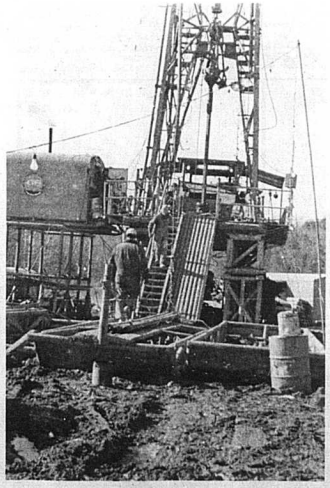
Statewide program

The statewide program of the society includes physical and occupational therapies, medical care and hospitalization, special schooling, recreation and resident camping, transportation and hearing and speech services.

The Kentucky Easter Seal Society also supports the National Easter Seal Research Foundation, according to Combs. More than 350 grants have been made by the foundation for research investigating the causes and means of preventing crippling and for improving rehabilitation techniques.

"The handicapped Kentuckians helped by the Kentucky Easter Seal Society have many types of crippling conditions," Combs pointed out, "but they all have one characteristic in common—courage."

"I feel sure that all Kentuckians will respond generously to the 1976 Easter Seal Campaign," he added.



Dry hole?

The C.W. Sitton Drilling Company of Evansville, Ind., contracter for The Union Light, Heat and Power Company of Covington has been drilling for gas and oil since the first of February on the farm of James Mynear on Crayton Creek Road in Nicholas county. At the time this picture was taken, Thursday, Feb. 12 at 10:30 a.m. the depth was 2,492 feet, of the 3,000 feet the drilling company planned to go before capping the well if gas or oil were not found. The depth was reached with no results, and Sunday, Feb. 15 the rig and equipment were moved off the Mynear property. It took three days to set up drilling equipment, which was brought in from Fairfield, Ill. According to Hubert Fanietti, representative of the power company, Mr. Mynear readily agreed to drilling procedures on his farm. It was agreed that his land would be restored to its original condition, or to suit the wishes of Mr. Mynear.—Duncan photo

Senator Ward admits being an alcoholic

State Senator Tom Ward, 41-year-old Democrat from Versailles held an impromptu news conference in Frankfort on Wednesday, Feb. 11 and admitted that he has been an alcoholic for the past two years.

He had told the Paris Rotary Club earlier in the day that he had been arrested for an alcohol-related traffic offense in Frankfort on Tuesday night, Feb. 10.

Ward said he had his attorney plead guilty, was fined $212 in city police court, but did not lose his license because the judge noted his record was clean. He did not appear personally in court as he had to speak at the Bourbon County Rotary Club in Paris.

Ward, serving his first four-year term, ran a strong losing race for lieutenant governor in the 1975 primary.

Debts accumulated—one estimate is more than $100,000—and he said "I suppose the pressures of politics, unpaid campaign bills, had some influence" on his slide into alcoholism.

But the first impetus was physical, he indicated.

"I began having problems when I was in the hospital with severe back pains during the (1974) General Assembly," he said.

Ward acknowledged he might have legally fought the drunk driving charge on a technicality—there is a little-known state law that seems to exempt legislators from arrest going to or from Frankfort.

"I just felt I wanted to face this so I could live with myself better," he said, "to let people know what I was and wasn't."

Asked about his political future, the senator commented:

"I hope that would depend on how I conduct myself in the future. I intend to do my job as state senator."

"I ask forgiveness of the people who have placed confidence in me," he said.