

TORNADO SEASON

Red Cross offers pointers for your personal safety

The heaviest tornado season for our state is nearing, and the Kentucky Division American Red Cross gives pointers on what to do to save yourself in case one threatens.

Ronald Taylor, Red Cross Disaster Director, urged that Kentuckians everywhere pay close attention to the tornado warnings of the National Weather Service and be guided by them, especially in the months of greatest tornado frequency April, May and June.

Mr. Taylor explained that the term "tornado watch" means tornadoes may be expected to develop. "Tornado warning" means a tornado has actually been sighted. When the Weather Service has issued a tornado warning, persons close to the danger area should take cover immediately, he said. Those farther away should take cover if threatening conditions occur.

First track meet termed a success

Nicholas County entertained Henry Clay in the first track meet ever held on the new track complex at the high school.

While Henry Clay won both the boys and girls meets by decisive scores, the Nicholas County athletes performed very well. The big difference in score was due to Henry Clay's experience and depth in quality athletes.

The boys won six of 16 events with Please turn to page 14

To host 7th District PTA

The Nicholas County Elementary Parent Teacher Association will host the Seventh District PTA Spring Conference consisting of 15 counties.

The conference will start at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, April 3 at Carnico Country Club where lunch will be served.

Dr. James Graham, State Superintendent of Public Instruction in Kentucky will be the featured speaker. Reservations should be mailed along with a check for \$2.50 per person to Mrs. Robert Sparks, Route 1, Cliffway Drive, Carlisle, Ky. 40311. Mrs. Sparks should have the reservations by Thursday, April 1 in order to complete the luncheon plans.

Artist sketches available locally

Otis Tussey, a Lake Carnico resident, has drawn an ink sketch of Forest Retreat Tavern. Prints are available at the Carlisle 5610 on Main Street.

The Tavern, on U.S. 60's Forest Retreat Farm, is presently being restored. The sketch was made before restoration started.

The local artist is married and has two children. He and his wife, Shirley, own Tussey Furniture Store in Cynthia.

Rep. Perkins hopes to aid constituents

Rep. Carl D. Perkins of Kentucky has presented testimony on behalf of his legislation which would help protect the families of farmers and small businessmen against losing their estates because of high inheritance taxes.

Rep. Perkins said there has been no change in the exemption from inheritance taxes since 1942, when it was set at \$50,000, so many families are losing their farms or small businesses, because when the parent owning the farm or business dies, half of the value of the property is subject to federal taxes.

"Farmers and small business people have been needing to have the exemption raised, so their children can carry on after them," Rep. Perkins said. "Therefore, the exemption should be raised, and last April—almost a year ago—I introduced a bill raising the exemption to \$100,000," he said.

Other members of Congress have proposed different figures, including an exemption of \$25,000, and Rep. Perkins said he would support that level also.

"I do not want to see our farm families have to sell out, or businesses close down, because it hurts our communities," Rep. Perkins said.

The first precaution against an approaching tornado is to seek shelter at once, Mr. Taylor said—preferably in a storm cellar, underground excavation, or steel-framed or reinforced concrete building.

In an office building, go to an interior hallway on the lowest floor or to a designated shelter area. "Workers in a factory should move quickly to the first section of the plant offering the greatest protection."

In the home, the basement offers the greatest safety, Mr. Taylor continued. In homes without basements, seek cover in the center part of the house on the lowest floor in a small space such as a bathroom or closet, or under sturdy furniture. Keep some windows open on the side away from the expected twister, but stay away from them, he went on.

"Mobile homes are particularly vulnerable to destructive winds," he said. "Secure tie-downs will help to prevent overturning and lessen danger in times of danger from tornadoes, a

warden should be appointed in mobile home parks to watch the skies and listen for radio warnings. A hand siren should be kept at the mobile home park to alert residents."

The best thing is to get out of a mobile home when a twister threatens, Mr. Taylor emphasized. "Endangered residents should seek refuge in a nearby sturdy building or, as a last resort, in a ditch, culvert or ravine. In any case, do not remain in the mobile home."

Students and school personnel should follow prearranged plans to go to an interior hallway on the lowest floor for safety. They should stay out of auditoriums, gymnasiums, or other structures with wide, free-span roofs. If a building is not of reinforced construction, go quickly to a nearby reinforced building, or to a ravine or open ditch and lie flat.

"If you are in open country and there is no time to find suitable shelter, lie face down in the nearest depression and protect your head with your arms," he

Blue Grass Knitting damaged, but plant working on schedule

by Joan W. Conley

A five minute severe wind storm, thought to be a baby tornado, struck Nicholas county at 10:30 p.m. Saturday night causing extensive damage throughout the county. Luckily no one was injured.

Electricity was off in many areas of the county until around 11:22 p.m. Jim Mitchell's CB antenna was blown onto a 4,000 volt Kentucky Utilities power line or the Moorefield Road causing a blackout of that area. Two uprooted

trees, on Eastern Ave. knocked out the breakers at the city substation causing an electrical outage. And, on Dorsey Ave. tin was blown across KUI lines. Workers were on the job immediately and service was restored after one hour and 19 minutes.

Blue Grass Knitting's front wall was buckled as the roof was peeled back. Water was deposited throughout the building when the sprinkler system was activated. Don Haney, president of



Large hole is visible as roof and wall damage at BGK Knitting.—Mercury photo



Garrett Gray's house at Pleasant Valley was meted extensive damages. The front porch was torn off, blown over the house, and set down in the back yard of the house. The columns to the porch were left in front. The spot where one of the three destroyed chimneys was located can be seen on the roof.—Mercury photo



White Tornado

Remains of the front porch at the Garrett Gray home at Pleasant Valley are shown in picture in the right. The scene at left above is the rest of the front porch at the rear of the residence after its flight over the house.—Mercury photos

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IN CITY AND NICHOLAS COUNTY Freakish storm plays hopscotch



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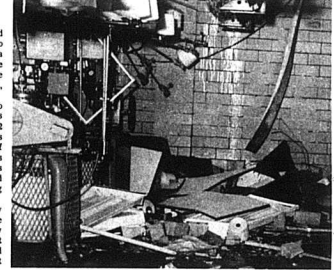
Blue Grass Knitting was damaged Saturday night when a portion of its roof was peeled back, causing part of the front wall to buckle.—Mercury

Blue Grass Industries, Inc., said Monday that business was back to normal in spite of the damage. Only a couple of knitting machines were inactive because of water damage. The entire office area will require repairs, he said.

Shepherd's Dairy was first thought to be completely inoperable. But, it was able to resume milking operations at 2 p.m. on Sunday. The holding pen sides caved-in Saturday night and the roof then fell. The top of the big silo was severely damaged. However, it was soon learned, Mrs. Walter Shepherd said Monday, that the milking machines were okay.

Mrs. Garrett Gray at Pleasant Valley told us Monday that tornadoes are white. She saw it through her window before it struck. The Grays' home at Pleasant Valley suffered an estimated \$8,000 or \$9,000 damage as the front porch was removed from the house, thrown over the house and into the back yard. Windows were blown out upstairs and down, three chimneys were removed, and a to lower was knocked down. Water damaged the carpets and furniture and Mrs. Gray told us that they have about 40 leaks in the house. They were in the house at the time it was struck.

Home Hardware and Harper's Garage suffered damage to the back part of the roofs on each building. Water that came through the ceiling meted considerable damage to merchandise, according to Mayor Bill Power of Home Hardware. Mayor



Power said that after working all day Sunday, with about 14 volunteers helping, the store was able to open for business on Monday.

At least two trailers were completely demolished. One, unoccupied and on wheels to be moved, was torn to bits at Sexton's Trailer Court and deposited on a car owned by Kenneth Lyman. As far as can be determined before the trailer is removed from the car, it looks like the car received only a scratch or two.



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