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Dedication

Some of the speakers who addressed the crowd during dedication services Sunday are (l. to r. former Gov. A. H. "Happy" Chandler, Dr. Eslie Ashby and his son, Dr. Taylor Ashby, master of ceremonies—Mercury photo.



Shannon picture used

for the Forest Retreat Tavern Sunday afternoon. The photo used on the front of the historical monograph of the Tavern and collection of Nicholas County historical photographs. Over 200 people attended the dedication services.—Mercury photo



Black and white sketch

Inside view of some of the authentic areas at the restored Tavern. Over the fireplace is Otis Tussey's black and white sketch of Forest Retreat Tavern before it was restored.—Mercury photo

Restored Tavern dedicated

by Joan W. Conley
The restored Forest Retreat Tavern was dedicated under beautiful autumn skies Sunday afternoon. The principal speaker was former Gov. A. H. "Happy" Chandler of Versailles who ended his speech by singing his famous "Gold Mine in the Sky." He and "Mama" then led the singing of "My Old Kentucky Home."
Dr. Taylor Ashby, Cincinnati, was master of ceremonies. Other speakers were Dr. Eslie Ashby, owner of Forest Retreat Farm; Mrs. Eldred Melton, executive director of the Kentucky Heritage Commission; Lewis Browning, chairman of Mason County Historical Society and board member of the Kentucky Heritage Commission; Mrs. Lawrence Brewer of Lexington and Mrs. Andrew Duke of Maysville, Heritage Commission members, were also recognized by Dr. Ashby.

The formal dedication at the Tavern followed a private luncheon for about 120 persons at the Forest Retreat home of the 10th Governor of Kentucky Thomas Metcalf who built the house, Tavern and the post barn across the road. Governor Metcalf died in 1855 of cholera, and he and his wife are buried at the cemetery on the farm.

Another stagecoach stop in Nicholas county on the famous Buffalo Trace—the Old Stone Tavern—has been bought by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Strohefeldt of Orient, Ohio. The young couple who bought the Stone Tavern from Mr. and Mrs. John Soper recently plans to find a temporary place to live in Carlisle while they work at restoring this famous historical site for their heirs. The Strohefeldts, who have two small children, have already begun restoration on week-ends. Strohefeldt restores period furniture and sporting arms in Orient.

Donald Haney addresses the group attending the 12th annual Blue Grass Day last week in Maysville. L. to r., Edgar Allison, Roger Hess, R.J. "Buck" Rogers, Wayne Shumate,

Shumate announces opening of Blue Grass Industries plant in Brussels, Belgium

Wayne Shumate, chairman of the board, announced Thursday that Blue Grass Industries has opened a plant in Brussels, Belgium, which employs over 100 personnel.
Shumate made the announcement at a company-wide fish fry held at the Maysville plant location on Thursday, Sept. 30, marking the 12th annual Blue Grass Day.
Over 200 personnel came from the other five plants located in Carlisle, Mt. Sterling, Paris, and Cynthia.
Tours plant.
After lunch and a tour of the plant, Donald Haney, president, announced a number of personnel benefits including the addition of a paid holiday, along with an eight percent wage increase which was effective on Oct. 4. Haney noted that over the past seven years, Blue Grass wages have increased 53.4 percent. He also commended the personnel for professional workman-ship which shows in the quality garments they manufacture for some of the top apparel companies in the world.
Shumate and Harry H. Wolf Jr., chief financial officer, also spoke to the group praising them for the outstanding performance of this past year, and the pride that shows in the products produced.
Other officers visiting with the personnel on this occasion were Larry Shumate, corporate secretary; Clifford Shumate, executive vice president; Alma Curtis, vice president of manufacturing; Edgar Allison, treasurer; and Scott Souther, vice president of research and development. Special guests included Roger Hess, vice president-general sales manager; R.J. "Buck" Rogers, senior vice president-sales, both of Jockey International, Inc., Kentucky, Miss.

Hospital bond question as it will appear on vote machines in Nicholas

Nicholas county will have the opportunity to decide the above question if they vote "yes," a new hospital will be built in combination with the present Johnson-Mathers Nursing Home. Plans are for the new hospital to open in the summer of 1978.
If they vote "no," the present hospital will be forced to close its doors within an estimated year and one half, or possibly earlier.
State regulations have drastically changed since the Nicholas County Hospital was built 26 years ago. All of

Hilander injured as cycle collides with auto; other accidents reported

William H. Hilander, Mulberry St. was admitted to the Nicholas County Hospital at about 8 p.m. Sunday evening with a broken nose and cracked pelvis after the motorcycle he was riding collided with a car, according to Deputy Sheriff J.W. Ecton.
Ecton said that a car driven by Thomas Groves of Carlisle was heading toward Millersburg and turned left into the lot of Taylor's Market, that Groves told him it was dark and the motorcycle which had no lights, was heading toward Carlisle, when Groves turned he hit the cycle.
The motorcycle was "totaled," Ecton stated, and Groves' auto suffered damages to the left hood, bumper and grill amounting to about \$300.
Sheriff Heese Smoot investigated a non-injury accident last Wednesday, Sept. 29 involving a car being driven by Lloyd Gilvin of Route 4 and a pickup truck driven by Mary Battiff of Mt. Sterling. Little damage was done to either vehicle, he said, when they met head-on about 5:30 p.m. on the bridge on the Moorefield Road near the Nicholas County Hospital.
Joseph F. Gaunce and Benny Morris Jr., both of Saltwell, escaped serious injury Monday morning when the cars they were driving collided head-on near the Headquarters Methodist Church.
According to J.W. Ecton, Nicholas County Deputy Sheriff who investigated the accident, Gaunce suffered a cut on his head but refused medical treatment, saying he was okay.
Ecton stated that both cars suffered "considerable" damage.

Bloodmobile Oct. 21

The Bloodmobile will be at the First Baptist Church on Thursday, Oct. 21, from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.
100 units of blood must be obtained at this time in order for Nicholas county to be covered, according to Rev. H. Dallas Sugg, county chairman.

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Next week's Mercury will explain the facts regarding the blood situation as far as Nicholas county is concerned.

Kiker speaks to Kentucky Group Banks' Forum luncheon Tuesday

LEXINGTON—Douglas Kiker, Washington correspondent for NBC News, spoke at noon, Oct. 5, at the Lexington Hilton Inn to the Kentucky Group Banks' Forum luncheon.
Attending from Nicholas county were Joe Crouch, Stanley Galbraith, R.P.

Deeds recorded

Willie Lee Tabor and wife, land on Locust Grove Road to Earl E. McIntosh and wife.
Jessie L. Soaby and wife, one acre at Hooktown to Billy D. Herrington and wife.
R.P. Alexander and wife, house and lot Mocking Bird Street to James Major and wife.

Dixon, Morris given nine months in jail by Circuit Court juries

Donald Ray Dixon and Leonard Morris Jr. were given nine months in the county jail by Circuit Court juries this week. Both are scheduled to appear in Circuit Court on Oct. 14 for formal sentencing or probation, according to Deputy Sheriff Ecton.
Dixon, who was earlier found guilty in Nicholas County Court and given the maximum sentencing of a fine and one year in jail for trafficking in marijuana, was found guilty Monday on his appeal and sentenced to the nine months with no fine.
Morris, charged with wanton endangerment, pleaded guilty Tuesday and was meted a nine-month sentence in county jail by the jury.