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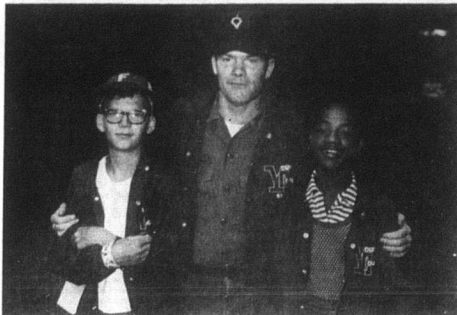
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KYSOC'ers

Marion Trussell and Tammy Young both of Carlisle recently attended Kentucky National Guard Youth Camp at Camp Kysoc near Carrollton. The camp is sponsored by the Kentucky National Guard Youth Council. Also shown is Specialist Fourth Class Ron Wilson, a conscript.—(Photo by Elzie

Four attend Bluegrass ADD

Carlisle Mayor Bill Power, Bob Paul, Gerald Watkins and Nicholas County Attorney Joseph H. (Jack) Conley attended the quarterly board meeting of Bluegrass ADD held last Wednesday, July 27 in Frankfort.

Terry McBrayer, State Commerce Commissioner, spoke on industry in Kentucky at the dinner meeting held at the Frankfort Country Club.

VET REP. TO BE HEARD
Howard R. Osborn, a veterans counselor of the Dept. of Human Resources will be at the courthouse Tuesday, Aug. 8 from 1 p.m. until 3, to assist veterans and their dependents with claims for benefits due them as a result of their military service.



Embracing root

Teddy Todder and Elsie Sloan are holding two carrots which grew in their community garden in the OETA program in Nicholas county, and the community garden is raised as part of a program for low income senior citizens.—Mercury photo

District Rotary Governor to be guest speaker Aug. 4

Frank V. Firestine, District Governor for Rotary District 674 will be the guest speaker for the regular meeting Thursday, Aug. 4 at the Carlisle Rotary Club. Mr. Firestine of Russell is a native of Pennsylvania and is the Assistant Superintendent of the Russell Independent School System. He received his B.A. degree from Transylvania University and his M.A. degree from the University of Kentucky.

Mr. Firestine has been a member of the Russell Rotary Club since 1955. He is past president of that club and has a perfect attendance record for the past 15 years. He is an elder in the Presbyterian Church, a Mason, a Shriner, a retired basketball and football official, a former information officer for the



Frank V. Firestine

U.S. Naval Academy and is active in various educational organizations. He and his wife, Mattie, are the parents of three children, Sandra, 21, Van, 21, and Jeff, 14.

Mr. Firestine's topic will be on Rotary International's theme for 1977, which is "Service for Mankind."

Second registration Aug. 9 for kindergarten students

The Nicholas County Elementary School will hold a second registration for kindergarten students on Aug. 9 at the school. Parents who plan to enroll their children are urged to do so at this time.

Some parents may be planning to wait until school begins to enroll their child. It is important that the school know the names of all prospective kindergarten students. This is necessary in order to make plans and purchase books for all children who will

School free meal policy

The Nicholas County Board of Education has announced its policy for free meals, free milk and reduced-price meals for children unable to pay the full price of meals and milk served in schools under the National School Lunch Program. Local school officials have adopted a family size and income scale for the program which may be obtained from the school.

Application forms are being sent to homes with a letter to parents. Additional forms are available at the

FRANKFORT—Gov. Julian M. Carroll has proclaimed August as "Salute the Guard Month" and noted his concern for the strength of the Kentucky National Guard.

"Whether responding to a tornado, a civil disturbance, or a flood, the Guard has always provided an effective, dedicated response," the governor said. "The people of Kentucky need a strong National Guard and I am giving this recruiting campaign my full support."

The proclamation kicks off a month-long recruiting campaign designed to bring the Army and Air Guard units to their authorized strength. Currently, the Army Guard is about 900 people short of the 4,143 authorized, while the Air Guard lacks about 70 of its 1,014 authorization.

Kentucky Adjutant General Richard L. Frymire said that units must improve their strength if they are to meet their federal and state missions adequately and warned that some cities could lose their units if they can't prove their ability to support them.

The shortage of more than 1,000 people represents a loss of federal funds coming into the state of at least \$1 million annually, since the average Guardsman earns more than \$1,000 per year.

Frymire explained that several factors have contributed to recruiting problems in recent years. He cited the end of the military draft and a relatively low unemployment rate as prime considerations.

"For the past couple of years we've been losing many of the people who joined the Guard during the Vietnam era to avoid the draft," he said, "and we're working to replace those people with individuals who have a genuine desire to serve while learning a skill and contributing to society. We have a lot to offer any young man or woman."

Lt. Col. Armando J. Alfaro, the state recruiting and retention officer, explained that an extensive public awareness campaign will complement the recruiting effort.

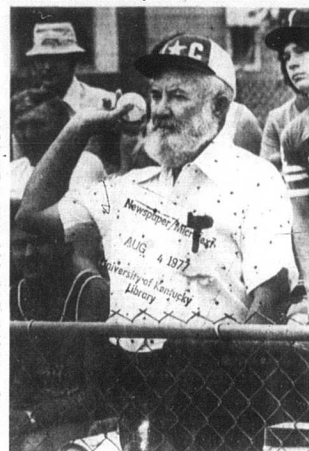
"We have many benefits to offer," Alfaro said, "and as we make people aware of our training and financial benefits, our recruiting naturally picks up."

Membership in the Kentucky Guard is open to both men and women and both to individuals who have served on actively with any branch of the military and to those with no service. Those with prior service require no additional basic training.

Benefits include up to 50 per cent tuition for students at state-supported universities, technical and vocational schools; state license plates for a one-time \$25 fee; and good pay for one weekend per month and two weeks during the summer.

Guard officials said that complete information is available at all armories around the state and at the Air Guard headquarters at Louisville's Standiford Field.

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Gets game underway

Clifton Waugh tosses the official ball to get District 7 Babe Ruth Baseball tournament underway at Greengrass July 19-27. Waugh, president of Nicholas County Babe Ruth for the past 12 years and longest reigning Babe Ruth president in Kentucky, was the honored guest of the seventh district. The games were played at the Greengrass Fair Grounds.—photo submitted

Blue Grass Industries Board Chairman names Wells VP of Purchasing

Wayne Shumate, Chairman of the Board of the Grass Industries, Inc., announced Monday that James Wells has been named Vice President of Purchasing at a recent meeting of the Board.

Wells has been with the company since its inception in 1948. The first few



years he worked in various production areas including duties as a sewing machine mechanic, shipping clerk, line supervisor, and building custodian. In 1956, he was advanced to the position of Buyer. Since 1964, he has served as a company-wide Director of Purchasing and Traffic, and during the past 13 years his responsibilities have increased greatly as the firm has added three new plants.

Active in civic affairs, he is Past President of the Carlisle Rotary Club; Past Master of Doughtery Lodge, AAFM; Past Worthy Patron, Marie Chapter, No. 209, OES; and an Ambassador of the Oletha Sherie Temple. He has served as a Director of the Carlisle-Nicholas County Chamber of Commerce, and was recently elected a Director of the Deposit Bank of Carlisle.

A native of Bourbon county, he and his wife, Polly, make their home in Carlisle, where they are active members of the Carlisle Baptist Church. He has one son, James G. Wells, who resides in Lexington.

Fiscal Court to open and review bids for hospital construction

The Nicholas County Fiscal Court, at its July 21 meeting, set 1 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 24, as the time to open bids for the hospital construction project. The court will review the bids at 1 p.m. the same day. Other action taken by the court includes:

—Reappointed Catherine Smart, Herman Kinnage and Ralph Shearer to four year terms on the Board of Directors of Johnson-Mathers Health Care, Inc. effective in January of 1978.

Their terms will expire in January, 1981. Other members now serving on the board and the expiration dates of their terms are as follows: Mrs. Ruth C. Hollar, Charles M. Cox, Edgar Allen Darrell and Mrs. Sue Woodall whose

terms will expire in January, 1979; S.R. Barlow, John Anderson and Dorsey L. Watkins, terms expiring in January, 1980.

Approved a motion of Mrs. Christine Booth, Nicholas County Jailor that Lynn Bowles be appointed as deputy jailor and Mrs. Bowles as matron at the jail. The Bowles will move to the jail sometime in August but will receive no compensation for the remainder of 1977.

Approved and ordered recorded the financial statement of Mrs. Ruth K. Lambert, Nicholas County Treasurer for the fiscal year July 1, 1976 through June 30, 1977.

DARK PICTURE