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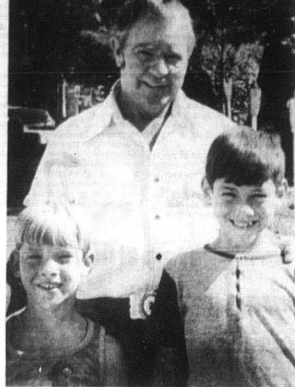
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'Last Battle' commemoration to be observed this weekend



Sheriff's Ranch
Jimmy and Frankie Hollar, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Strawder Hollar, returned recently from Sheriff's Boys Ranch near Kentucky Dam after spending the week Jimmy won red ribbons in

The laying of flowers by the general public at the mass graves of those who died in the "Last Battle of the Revolution" will be held Sunday, Aug. 14, at 1:30 p.m. at Blue Lick Battlefield State Park. Interested persons are asked to bring their own flowers for this ceremony.

The annual commemorative celebration is scheduled Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 13 and 14, sponsored by the Blue Licks Commemorative Commission, Inc. Rev. H. Dallas Sugg of Carlisle will give the invocation at 1:30 p.m. Sunday. He will also serve as master of ceremonies throughout the commemoration.

Canoe races will be held all day both days with awards being presented on Sunday at 3 p.m. Arts and crafts and foods will also be available both days.

Stoney Creek Bluegrass music is scheduled to start at noon on Saturday and last until 4 p.m. when the Buckskin Pickers and other entertainers will take over until 9 p.m.

After the laying of the flowers on the grave Sunday, various gospel singing groups will perform until 5 p.m. The battle was fought on Aug. 15, 1782. At least 50 frontiersmen, including Daniel Boone's son, Iarsel, are known to have lost their lives in this battle.

Daniel Boone himself escaped injury. The men marched to the battle of Blue Licks from Bryans Station in Lexington, arrived at Ellenville about the time the sun was waxing, according to the History of Nicholas County. They stopped for an hour or two and James Ellis, the founder of Ellenville and the owner of Ellis Station, took care of the needs of the men and horses. Ellis' Old Stone Tavern is now marked by a highway marker, installed last week, stating that Boone stopped at Ellis Station enroute to the Battle of Blue Licks.



ELLIS' OLD STONE TAVERN

Near here, Ellis Station, Boone stopped enroute to Battle of Blue Licks. House built ca. 1807 by James Ellis, Revolutionary War soldier. It was well-known point on Smith's Wagon Road and Ohio-to-Alabama mail stagecoach line. Ellenville named county seat of Nicholas Co., 1805. Across road county's first courthouse, 1806-1816. Seat moved to Carlisle.

Ellis' Old Stone Tavern on U.S. 61 is now marked with this Kentucky Historical Society Highway Marker. The marker was installed last Thursday morning. John Soper, president of the Nicholas County Historical Society

New marker erected

is pictured with Tom Strabstid the owner of the tavern. Strabstid is restoring the tavern and plans to live there with his family. The Tavern was listed on the National Register of Historic Places this year.—Jeff Smith

87 persons get assessment relief

The Nicholas County Board of Assessments Appeals lowered assessments a total \$24,000 for 87 of the 108 persons who filed appeals with them. The remaining 21 assessments were unchanged by the Board.

Mrs. Rose Brady, Property Valuation Administrator, said Monday that she feels that the state will certify the lower assessments when they are submitted by her office.

All 15 appeals in the Lake Carnico area were lowered. Another area hardest hit by the staff assessment hikes recently was Cliffway Drive. Thirteen of the 15 appeals in this area were lowered—one as much as \$2,000, others \$11,000 and \$18,000. Two residents of Cliffway were denied lower assessments by the board—one of these remained at the original \$28,000 assessment.

More homes in Kennedy Heights remained unchanged than those lowered by the Board. The six unchanged appeals on Kennedy Heights and Catherine Streets stand at \$46, \$40, \$29, \$28, \$27, and \$17,000. The four residences which were lowered by the Board, were only lowered \$2 and \$3,000 each.

The remaining appeals were scattered evenly throughout the compact residential areas in Carlisle, and adjacent to Carlisle which were reassessed recently by three State Department of Revenue employees. Most of those appealing to the Board were given reduced assessments ranging from \$2,000 to \$23,000.

The rest of the county's residential property (nine acres or less) will come under reassessment next year. According to Mrs. Brady, "The farm and commercial properties are more fairly assessed than the residential. They may even be able to get by another year."

Court meeting dates changed

Nicholas County Fiscal Court last week changed its Aug. 17 meeting to Aug. 18 at 7:30 p.m. It will also meet on Sept. 6 and Sept. 7. The latter meeting has been rescheduled from Aug. 24 to open bids for the new hospital.

Dudley, Nichols win by one stroke over second place team

Amy Dudley and Frank Nichols, Louisville, was the Carnton Country Club Member-Guest Golf Tournament, held last weekend, by one stroke over the second-place team Wayne Shumate and Al Florence, Lexington.

The annual tournament was closely contested from about the 14th hole. However, the winners maintained their one-stroke lead to the end, finishing with a score of 21 under par for a 144. They each received a set of First Flight Irons, donated by Blue Grass Industries. Shumate and Florence received Hot 7 golf bags, donated by Waggoner & Wilson.

Twenty-six teams were awarded prizes. Individual awards were won by the following: Steele Dudley, Winchester, was the tournament Medalist with his low gross of 89; Johnny Duval, Paris, was a silver tray on Saturday for the longest drive—292 yards; Duval, Sam Curtis and David Wilcox, Georgetown; Ralph Shaver and Alex Miller, Millersburg. Fourth-place teams are Joe Crouch and Roddy Wiley; Bob Paul and Don Wilcox, Georgetown, and Jimmy Shaw and Del Armstrong, Lebanon, Tenn.

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A prize of \$5,000 had been offered to anyone making a hole-in-one. Nobody won the money. However, two balls hit the stick during play.

Three teams tied for third and fourth places each. Third-place winners are C.H. Entz and C.M. Eola, Middleboro; Tom Curtis and David Wilcox, Georgetown; Ralph Shaver and Alex Miller, Millersburg. Fourth-place teams are Joe Crouch and Roddy Wiley; Bob Paul and Don Wilcox, Georgetown, and Jimmy Shaw and Del Armstrong, Lebanon, Tenn.

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BGI to pay one-third new gas line cost

A letter was read at the regular City Council meeting Monday night from Don Hasey, president of Blue Grass Industries stating that BGI will pay one-third of the cost of the new gas line being run to the nursing home-hospital factory area. The City and Nicholas County Fiscal Court each will also pay one-third of the cost of the four-inch line.

A document for new industries or new businesses was drawn up stating that any customers other than a single residence needing to hook on to the new line running from Nicholas County Superintendent's office building let to the Blue Grass Industries must apply for hook-up at City office. Gas must be available, and before a hook-up can be made, the City will discuss with the

It's been less than three months since an explosion and early morning fire at the Carlisle Water Plant threatened this city's water supply and forced schools and local industries to close.

Yet already, the chances of that happening again, have been substantially reduced because of immediate action taken by Carlisle Mayor William Power, the City Council and the Bluegrass Area Development District (BGADD), a federally funded regional planning and development agency.

After it was determined that a malfunctioning valve caused the explosion on May 23, a water plant maintenance worker was hired to inspect the plant during the eight evening hours to be on hand should another malfunction occur.

Why didn't the water plant have a much-needed night inspector before the explosion? Simple—the City of Carlisle couldn't afford him.

By the same token, the city and county had not been able to afford the workers to do the gas and water repairs being made on East Chestnut Street, or the new secretary at City Hall who is helping the 106 residents of Henryville with Community Development programs.

The reason people of Nicholas County are now benefiting from the services of five new employees is a federally funded project known as Public Service Employment (PSE). PSE is designed to provide jobs and, at the same time, address local public needs such as gas/water line installation, water service maintenance, and community development.

The Bluegrass ADD initiated the

project in May 1977 when they told Mayor Power that the city and county were eligible for federal monies.

Larry Conner, a manpower planner for the ADD's Human Resources Division, helped the Mayor and his staff develop a work program and write the necessary grant.

"I couldn't believe we got the grant so quickly. It only took about two and one-half months," the Mayor said. Grants usually require about one year for approval and funding can take as long as three.

Conner explained that it was "just one of those times when the money, as well as the need for it was there."

He said that the \$27,000 project was funded through the government's Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA) and will last until June 30, 1978.

"At that time," Conner said, "it is the intent of the government that the workers be placed into permanent full-time unsubsidized employment." By next summer then, it is anticipated that the city, county or the private

sector will be able to bear the cost of paying the additional employee.

The City Council has guaranteed 80 per cent placements to those CETA participants who have satisfactory work records.

Conner added that the PSE project is geared toward low income heads of households, minorities, veterans and older workers.

Mayor Power said the new personnel have worked out "great and the project is coming along perfectly."

He went on to say that he didn't think the city and county would be able to upgrade the existing gas and water system or provide aid to Henryville without CETA funds and workers.

"I thank the ADD for that. They were very instrumental in getting our grant." Planned development in Henryville includes the following: sewer extension, land acquisition, demolition of 21 dilapidated units with temporary relocation and moving; governmental subsidies; sidewalk installation; curb and gutter installation and street lighting.



Rest break
CETA street maintenance workers and gas superintendent Gayle Vansanding (right). The workers (in front) are, from left to right: Bill Mitchell, Ernest Compton and David Gallagher. They with Mayor Power (center) and Bluegrass ADD planner Larry Conner East Chestnut Street.

Dove season opens Sept. 1

FRANKFORT—The first segment of Kentucky's 1977 dove hunting season opens Sept. 1 and continues through Oct. 31. Fish and Wildlife Commissioner Arnold Mitchell said recently, with the second part of the hunt season scheduled to open Dec. 10 and run through Dec. 15. The City Hall building and 24 in possession after two or more days of hunting—remain unchanged from last year.

Other migratory bird seasons announced recently by the commissioner are woodcock, Oct. 8-Dec. 2 and Dec. 20-22.