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Coronation ceremony July 7; seven young ladies seek Blackberry Festival Queen title



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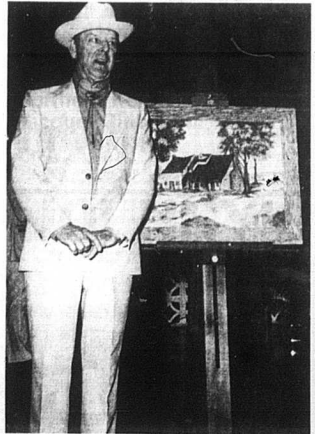


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Widdle wabbit wuns over Woody Wilson...twice!?

by Jaga W. Conley
It started out to be an ordinary Friday afternoon for Woody Wilson of North Street, Carlisle. He had just started repairing the carburetor on his car which was parked in his driveway—a chore of ordinary magnitude since he used to own an auto repair shop for many years here.
Good and greasy
Seated on the ground in front of his car, Mr. Wilson had just gotten his hands good and greasy when a critter ran across his legs, scaring him half to death.
Critter just a rabbit
He glanced in the direction of the

animal and saw it was a rabbit. He looked the other way just in time to see two dogs—one black and one grey—chasing the rabbit. The dogs veered away from him, each in opposite directions, to his great relief.
Mr. Wilson was just beginning to recover his senses and return his attention to the carburetor, when—
you guessed it—the rabbit retraced his steps, right across Mr. Wilson's lap again.
At this point, Mr. Wilson was getting sorta used to the idea! Recovering fully, he returned to his job, laughing at the incident, and wondering if anyone would believe him. We did both!



Top moneyed painting

Earl Hamm is pictured with the oil painting of the Old Tavern at Forest Retreat Farm before the tavern's renovation, painted by Miss Jaye Dennis, Cynthiana. Hamm auctioned the painting for \$135 at the Nicholas County Health Care Auxiliary's benefit dinner Friday night. Hamm auctioned the drawing of Phip-Sol by Mrs. James D. Anderson to Litcha Parsh for \$60 who will mail delivery. It is estimated. It then sold for \$14. The Old Tavern by Otis Tassery sold for \$90 and the Daniel Boone Cabin by Larry Frost was sold for \$25.—Linda Coyle photo

The seven candidates for the Blackberry Festival Queen crowns will ride in the parade at 8 p.m. Monday, July 4, which will be the official opening of the 1977 festival. The queen will be crowned on Thursday night after the Sherwin's parade. This year marks the 27th annual coronation.

Prizes of \$65, \$25 and \$10 will be awarded to the winning units in the parade. Queen candidates are:

Miss Shirley Lyons
Miss Shirley Lyons is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S.S. Lyons Jr. of Carlisle. She is a 1977 graduate of Nicholas County High School. She was a member of the Future Homemakers of America for four years and served as FFA treasurer her senior year. She was a member of the National Honor Society and served as treasurer the second year, and president the third year. She has been named to the 1977 edition of Who's Who Among American High School Students and the Society of Distinguished American High School Students.

Miss Lyons was basketball homecoming attendant her sophomore and junior years and was crowned 1977 homecoming basketball queen.
After taking the Gairfield Child Development class in high school, she says she would like to work with children in the future.

Miss Renee Allison
Miss Renee Allison is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Allison of Carlisle. She graduated this year from Nicholas County High School where she was active in FFA during her freshman year, was social chairman of the sophomore class and was a member of the chorus for two years, band for three years, and stage band for three years. She was also an office worker during her senior year.

Miss Allison was a football homecoming attendant, basketball homecoming attendant and a Snow Queen candidate during her high school years. She was voted "Most Popular" girl of the senior class.

She attends the First Baptist Church in Carlisle.
Miss Ginger Lee Myers
Miss Ginger Lee Myers is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G.O. Myers of Carlisle. A 1977 graduate of Nicholas County High School, she is a member of the Carlisle United Methodist Church where she is a member of the choir.

Her activities while a student at the high school include: a member of the Nicholas County High School band four years, stage band one year, majorette three years, French Club three years, Drama Club two years, Student Council one year and the Nicholas County annual staff her senior year.

Miss Myers says her main interest is dancing. She owns and operates her own dancing school, "Ginger's School of Dance," and has taken dance instruction the past 11 years at the Barbara Ann School in Lexington where she also teaches part time. She has studied piano 10 years under the instruction of Mrs. Sterling Blake of Carlisle.

She plans to attend the University of Kentucky.
Miss Rita Joyce Richardson
Miss Rita Joyce Richardson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emory Richardson Jr. of Nicholas county. A 1977 graduate of Nicholas County High School, she is a member of Indian Creek Christian Church in Harrison county.

She has been an active member in vocational PHLA for two years, of which she held the office of president. She has also been a member of FFA for two years and an active member of the Student Council for two years, of which she was president. She also held the office of vice president of her junior class.

Miss Richardson plans to continue her education at Kentucky Business College in Lexington and to pursue her chosen vocation as a legal secretary.

Rep. Perkins against mail service cut

Rep. Carl D. Perkins has sharply criticized the proposed cut in mail delivery and has sponsored legislation to prevent the Postal Service from going ahead with the proposed cut.

"The Postal Service is supposed to be just what the name implies—a service which helps the people and it does not help anyone to cut Saturday mail deliveries," he said.

"Important mail, such as letters or funds or medicine, could be delayed from Friday through Monday if Saturday mail delivery is eliminated," Congressman Perkins said. "He also pointed out that in small and medium-sized communities, many people receive newspapers by mail, and



Miss Cindy McDonald

Miss Cindy McDonald, daughter of Mrs. Mary McDonald and Rodney McDonald, is a 1977 graduate of Nicholas County High School where she was a member of the National Honor Society, Drama Club, Student Council and vice president of the French Club. She was a Variety cheerleader and also a member of the tennis team. Miss McDonald attended Girls State in her junior year and was named to the Society of Distinguished High School Americans in her senior year. She plans to attend Eastern Kentucky University this fall.



Miss Elizabeth Ann Fuller

Miss Elizabeth Ann Fuller is the daughter of Mrs. Ermine S. Fuller Sr. and the late Mr. Fuller. A 1977 graduate of Nicholas County High School, she was active in the Library Club and Photography Club while a student there.

She plans to attend Eastern Kentucky University this fall. Miss Fuller is a member of the United Methodist Church.



Miss Tammy Hunter

Miss Tammy Hunter, a 1977 graduate of Nicholas County High School, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Hunter of Blue Licks.

During her school years she was a member of Student Council, Pep Club, FFA, and the Library Club. She plans to attend Central Vocational School in Lexington this fall.

EARLY COPY NEEDED
The July 4 holiday falls on Monday this year. The Mercury staff will very much appreciate early copy for its July issue. We are asking that copy be in no later than Thursday, June 30.

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Miss Kathy Thucher (left), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Thucher, was crowned the 1977 Nicholas County Dairy Princess Thursday night during the annual Dairy Day held at Blue Grass Industries Cafeteria. Miss Sandy Caswell is also pictured.

Winter damages application submitted by Supt. Elder

Nicholas County School Superintendent, Don Elder, said last week that he had submitted an application to the State Department of Education for the reimbursement of money spent on damages to school property caused by this year's extremely severe winter weather.

The money, in the amount of \$1500 was necessary to repair the roof of the elementary school building that had been damaged by the unusually harsh winter.

Governor Julian Carroll has requested that direct federal grants be made available to every school system in Kentucky, including Nicholas, that has experienced over \$1000 worth of weather related damages. In a letter sent to Dr. Ernest Boyer, Commissioner of the United States Office of Education, Gov. Carroll stated that \$1,415 (referring to certain major and "important" disasters). Kentucky should qualify for federal assistance in repairing all school buildings and grounds that were damaged because of the severe winter.

Total winter storm damages to public school facilities in the state of Kentucky is estimated to be over \$100 million.

Important information would be destroyed if the Postal Service were terminated on Saturday deliveries on Saturday. The Postal Service is no longer under the direct control of Congress, as it used to be, but Congressman Perkins said he would do everything possible to continue six-day mail service.

School Board to advertise for bids

At a special called meeting Saturday night, the Nicholas County Board of Education voted to advertise for bids on the following: bread, milk, tires, oil, gasoline, antifreeze, and property and fleet insurance.

In other action the board:

- Employed as teachers Lpda Sizemore, Beverly Murphy, Laura Grey, Margaret Columba.
- Placed Lois Martin on the substitute teacher's list.
- Placed coaches Ben Pumphrey, Bob Jenkins and Bill Anderson on extended employment.
- Hired all non-instructional personnel.
- Initiated a policy whereby all non-instructional personnel must be rehired upon reaching their 60th birthday, effective July 1, 1978.
- Accepted the resignation of Brenda Lawrence.
- Voted to have hand instruments repaired at a cost of \$70.
- Voted to grant an assessment to the City of Carlisle for purposes of running a new 4" gas line to the new hospital.
- Postponed the school board meeting scheduled for Saturday, July 2 to a later date which will be announced later.



Miss Sandy Caswell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Caswell, and an eighth grade student at Nicholas County Elementary School, won this year's DAR award.

This award was given to Miss Caswell for her outstanding citizenship, leadership, and for co-operating fully with the staff and her fellow students.
The DAR award, given each year to an outstanding student, is sponsored by the local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.