

# Opinion

## \$492,000 granted by HUD

### Henryville slated for improvements

Some of the best news in reports reached our ears Friday when Rep. Carl D. Perkins' office called The Carlisle Mercury to inform us that the \$492,000 HUD pre-application for Henryville had been approved by HUD.

Then, Rep. Perkins visited the Nicholas County Courthouse in person on Saturday and called us at home to be sure that we had gotten his message. What better news! Henryville has long needed improvements. The Carlisle Jaycees started trying to demolish unoccupied buildings several years ago. They were able to obtain permission to do so on several pieces of property, and were able to tear down what once were pieces of property on the corner of Locust and Broadway as well as others in Carlisle.

## Rewarding poor work, not American tradition; logic fails as guide in our governmental processes

News items in recent days have demonstrated that logic is not yet the chief guide in our governmental processes.

The welcome news that Kentucky has reduced its infant death rate to 15.6 per 1000—the lowest in the South—was announced a few days ago by a state official. At the same time the dramatic decrease in the death rate was accompanied, as the state Department of Human Resources said this improvement would serve to keep Kentucky from qualifying for federal aid to improve health care.

Only one day later, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that prisons might give legal help to inmates seeking freedom. The Court, by a 5 to 4 vote, said prison officials must make law libraries or adequate legal help available to all inmates seeking freedom.

Spring with a general non-partisan election in the Fall has run head-on into state constitutional provisions which say only one election can be held in each year. The traditional party primary has previously been held not at an election, but at a party meeting preliminary to the Fall election—but a Circuit Court in Louisville was a non-partisan primary is an election and hence prohibited. The issue will have to be resolved by the State Supreme Court.

Meanwhile, the gubernatorial candidates continue on their active ways and the administration favorite, Terry McHenry, speaks often and widely across the state, as does Representative Carroll Hubbard.

There was a note in my desk drawer suggesting a Mother's Day tribute as a possible M.V. Well, when I sought material to spark my memory banks, seemingly every gift around here was of course the fact that only Christmas tops Mother's Day for gift sales. Of course it takes advertising to make our Mother's Day round, but this short paragraph sums up the suggestion:

Know the years are slipping by. Just Monday, a young man, a few years my senior, inquired of me as I journeyed back from the postoffice, when will you be going down there to pick-up your check? I didn't make an answer, since that would have meant telling my age. But according to John Anderson, postmaster, there's no need to be going in there to get that first of the month or the third of the month check. Your regular carrier will deliver it in his regular route. Now if you are fortunate enough to receive a postoffice box, the matter is simplified.

MOTHER'S DAY  
MAY 8

## 20 and 40 years ago

### Agree or not

Thursday, May 9, 1957  
A large transport truck, loaded with paint thinner, wrecked on U.S. 60, five miles north of Henryville Tuesday morning, spilling its contents into a branch of Brushy Creek. The driver was killed.

It has been announced this week that William Bradford, principal of Nicholas County High School, has been employed to teach at Morehead College during the 1957 summer term.

Miss Janie Robinson, Carlisle, student at Midway Junior College and Pleasanton High School will be one of the queen's attendants at "Spirit of Pleasanton High School," the annual May Day festival on May 5.

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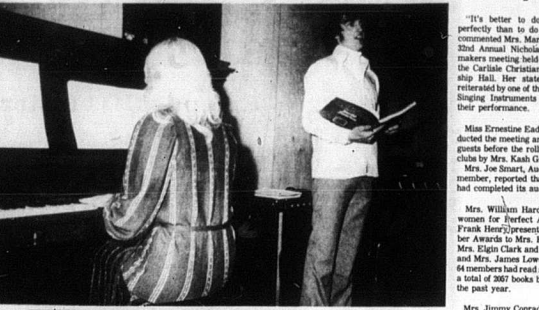
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## 'It's better to do something ...'

### Annual Homemakers banquet held Thursday



It's better to do something imperfectly than to do nothing at all," commented Mrs. Marge Wilson at the 32nd Annual Nicholas County Homemakers meeting held Thursday at the Carlisle Christian Church Fellowship Hall. Her statement was later reiterated by one of the members of the Singing Instruments of Paris during the past year.

Mrs. Ernestine Davis, president, conducted the meeting and recognized the guests before the roll call of the eight clubs by Mrs. Kath Grimes, secretary. Mrs. Joe Smart, Auditing Committee member, reported that the committee had completed its audit of the books.

Mrs. William Hardin recognized 30 women for Perfect Attendance. Mrs. Frank Henry presented 20 Year Member Awards to Mrs. Hanson Ellington, Mrs. Elsie Clark and Mrs. Joe Smart; and Mrs. James Lowe announced that 64 members had read six books each for a total of 384 books being read during the past year.

Mrs. Jimmy Conrad and Mrs. Rusty Lawrence read the list of the charter members. The local Homemakers Club was organized in 1946.

The new officers, Mrs. William Halycomb, vice president, and Miss Larina McFarland, treasurer, were installed by Mrs. Joe Smart.

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## Performing

Kim Smart accompanies Oscar Lee Kim as he sings during the Nicholas County Homemakers 32nd Annual Dinner Meeting held Thursday. The Singing Instruments from Paris has performed for the group.—Duncan photo.

## Local Extension Homemakers plan May jaunt to UK

After a winter of coping with all sorts of crises, Nicholas County Extension Homemakers will take a little vacation from their families and the usual home and/or office routine. They'll be heading for the UK campus in Lexington on May 11, there to engage in some "country style conversations" with other women from around the state and to hear from guest speakers at their association's annual meeting.

Speakers with top-billing for this year's KETA (Kentucky Extension Homemakers Association) conference will include the following, according to Mrs. Marge H. Wilson, Nicholas County Extension officer for home economics.

Mrs. Gordon White, a Mississippi legislator for 12 years, current chairman (USA) of the International Country Women's Council, and also chairman of the Southern Region of Farm Bureau.

Crady Nutt, nationally known humorist, a Baptist minister now residing in Louisville. Perhaps he is best known for his unique brand of down-home humor, which he skillfully extracts from everyday life.

Dr. C. Othell Hand of Columbus, Ga., vice president of the American Family Life Assurance Company. Also an ordained minister, he is author of the book, "It's Easier to Win," which deals with narrowing the gap between what a

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## Not a person, it's a pot

BALD KNOB—has a belly, shoulders, a foot, a neck and a lip, but it's not a pot. It's a pot—in this instance, a pot made by Adrian Swain who demonstrates his talents in pottery making to children in Franklin county's elementary schools. He and 18 other individuals are part of the Kentucky Art Commission's Artists in the Schools Program.

Talking to third graders at Collins Lane Elementary School recently, Adrian explained that the parts of a clay pot are named for the parts of the human body from the upper chest down to the midsection, called the belly, to the base, or foot.

Adrian, 29, who took pottery classes at the University of Kentucky, Lexington, also learned his craft from watching others at the University of the past five years. He lives in Field Knob, a small community outside of Frankfort, and is based at Franklin County's Heart Elementary School. He has spent time in each of the county's elementary schools, demonstrating—often as four times a day—the art of making pots.

"I make pots that mean I'm a potter," said Adrian in his slightly English drawl, a carry-over from his childhood in England, but the 29 or so youngsters gathered around didn't seem to mind the accent, and by the end of the 30-minute class, they were enthralled with the work of Adrian Swain.

A soft chorus of "oh" and "ah" could be heard as Adrian molded and created one symmetrical clay piece after another. Some asked, "How will you ever get all that clay off your hands?" And one youngster pleaded, "Won't you make a cola bottle!"

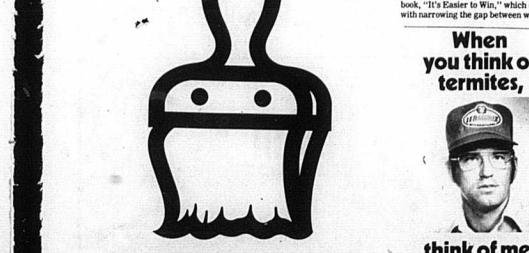
Adrian talked about the properties of clay, where it can be found, how it is "worked" before being used by a regular, and how it is fired and glazed to give it a shiny finish.

As the third graders watched, he magically turned mounds of gray clay into a flower pot, a jar, a lid for the jar and a plate. But, he didn't quite leave them from the finance company that they are coming after my car.



New officers installed

Mrs. Wilmer Halycomb and Miss Larina McFarland were installed as new officers Thursday held at the Carlisle Christian Church Fellowship Hall, the Nicholas County Home.—Duncan photo



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