

**To feed or not to feed?**

This is the question, should we continue this costly habit just to please our aesthetic tastes? According to Carlisle Keys, assistant commissioner of the Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, artificial feeding creates more problems than it solves. See Kentucky

Field column on page 8. These grubbeak are really little scorpions, from the two stop the feeder to those making love at lower left, they really go for the sunflower seed. — Mercury photo

## BGADD meeting held in Lexington

County Judges, Mayors, and local citizens from the 17 central Kentucky counties in the Bluegrass met with members of General Assembly and State and Federal officials last weekend to discuss common governmental problems, future economic development potentials and Federal and State programs. The occasion was the Annual Meeting of the Bluegrass Area Development District (BGADD) held Friday and Saturday, Feb. 3 & 4 at the Hyatt Regency in Lexington.

Nicholas Countyans attend Mayor Bill Power, County Judge Executive and Mrs. Hense Smoot, and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Watkins represented Nicholas County at the meeting. Calvin Grayson, Secretary of the Kentucky Department of Transportation, addressed the BGADD officials Saturday morning concerning regional

transportation activities and local highway programs. One area of prime concern to the city and county officials that was discussed was the mutual areas of state and local responsibilities and the relationship between the Department of Transportation and Kentucky's Area Development Districts. See, *Hodgkinson lunches speaker*

U. S. Senator Walter D. Hodgkinson was the featured luncheon speaker at the Saturday session of the Bluegrass Area Development District (BGADD) Board. Expected to be discussed during Sen. Hodgkinson's luncheon address will be a variety of topics including the upcoming Federal budget.

Other officials attended In addition to the citizens and local officials that comprise the Board of the 17 county BGADD, General Assembly members from central Kentucky also attended.

Blair, Carter appointed to Heart Drive

Two additional appointments to the 1978 Nicholas County Heart Fund drive have been announced by Kentucky Campaign chairman, Attorney General Robert F. Stephens. Both of Carlisle, they are: M. C. Blair, to serve as County Business Gifts Chairman, and James A. Carter, County Business Gifts Co-Chairman.

Mr. Stephens pointed out that, through his association with Heart, he has come to know first-hand of the "almost miraculous progress" science has made in the fight against heart and blood vessel diseases. The statewide Heart Fund appeal began with Coffee Day, Feb. 2, and continues through the month with the annual door-to-door solicitation on Heart Sunday, Feb. 26.

Recreation suggested for Armory use

County Judge/Executive Reese Smoot said Monday that most of the over 20 persons attending the public meeting Thursday would the old Armory used for recreation. The meeting was held in the Courthouse.

He added that the Senior Citizens would like to move their activities to the Armory also. The Fiscal Court will discuss the matter at its regular meeting on Feb. 15.

Judge Smoot said that the Nicholas County Road Department is already using the basement for storage of some of its equipment.

## Mrs. Rigg an invalid carried from her burning home by companion

Mrs. W. W. (Evelyn) Rigg, an invalid, was carried from her burning home on the Moorfield Road and across the highway to the residence of Mrs. George Smoot Sunday evening by her companion, Mrs. Imogene Johnson.

Nicholas County Fire Chief Woody Wilson said his department was called about 9:15 p.m. and fought the blaze which started in the dining room, for two hours. He surmised a gas heater in an upstairs room ignited not in the chimney where it was vented and the

soot dropped down to the first floor where it caught fire. It caught a wall and dished cabinet and destroyed the dining room and all its contents. Chief Wilson estimated water, fire and smoke damage to the house at approximately \$6,000. He said he could not give a figure for damages to contents of the house since most of the furnishings were antiques.

The residence badly damaged The residence of Hense Wayne Smoot on the Concord Road suffered about

\$4,000 smoke damage last Tuesday, Jan. 31 also as a result of soot igniting and burning in a chimney, Fire Chief Wilson said. No one was at home at the time of the fire which was reported to the fire department at about 3:45 p.m., he said. The home was the property of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Buntin Jr., according to Chief Wilson.

The Smoot family is staying at the home of his parents, County Judge and Mrs. Hense Smoot.

Travel trailer destroyed by fire A travel trailer located at the Lee Dog Food Company on Persimmon Ridge Road was completely destroyed by fire on Feb. 1, Chief Wilson said. The cause of the 11:50 p.m. blaze is unknown, according to the fire department. Damages were reported to be about \$1,000.

Smoldering insulation removed A heating cable wire caused the surrounding insulation to smolder for the second time in the attic of the M. C. Blair home on Cliffway Drive Tuesday. The smoldering insulation awakened Mr. Blair around 6:30 a.m. The Carlisle Fire Department answered the call and no serious damage was reported. However, the same thing occurred at the Blair home about two years ago.

Legislators to be at Courthouse Saturday 2 p.m.

State Rep. Adrian Arnold and State Sen. Ed Ford will hold a public meeting in Carlisle on Saturday, Feb. 11, at 2 p.m. at the Nicholas County Courthouse.

Any citizen who would like to discuss any matter before the Legislature or any other matter with their state representatives, may do so at that time.

Optimists to hold charter banquet

The new Optimist Club of Carlisle will hold its charter presentation banquet on Thursday, Feb. 16, at 7 p.m. at Carnico Country Club. The club will receive its banner, gavel, and charter from its sponsoring club in Cynthia.

The following officers will be installed: Ben Pumphrey, presiding; Andy Dudley and Rev. Mark Prevo, vice-presidents; Russell Bell, secretary-treasurer; and Robin Vaughn, David Zachary and G. C. Myers, directors. Don Mills, district governor of Optimist Club, of Richmond, will be the guest speaker.

Record low set

A record low for Tuesday was recorded at 7 below between 5 and 6 a.m. in Lexington. The low broke the previous record of 1 below for Feb. 7. Carlisle thermometers recorded 8 below to 10 below Tuesday morning.

## School officials attend meeting

School board members and school administrators from across Kentucky gathered in Louisville despite bad roads, to hear speakers on the future of public education, lay control and parental involvement, and the status of education legislation in the 1978 General Assembly. Five Nicholas Countyans attended the Tuesday night session at which Gov. Julian Carroll spoke. They are Superintendent Don Elder, board

members William Hunter, Chester Mattox and Herbert Cecil Duncan, and board attorney Billy Hopkins.

Over 500 board members, administrators and legislators attended the closing banquet session Tuesday night and heard Governor Carroll outline the process by which the education allocations contained in his proposed executive budget were determined.

## School board meets Saturday

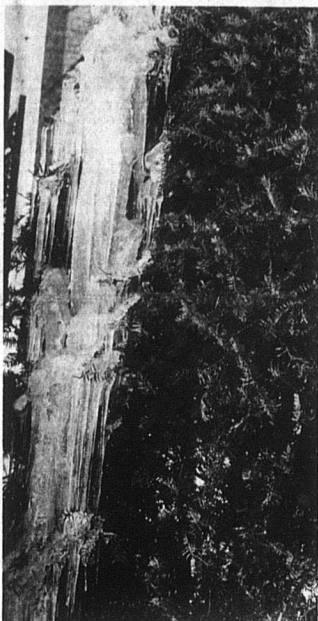
The regular monthly meeting of the Nicholas County Board of Education was held in the Piper Building Saturday. Present were Supt. Don Elder, Treasurer Poye Robinson, Attorney Billy Hopkins, Board members Billy Hunter, Chairman, Chester Mattox, Herbert Cecil Duncan and William Dargatzis. The meeting began at 7 p.m. and ended about 10 p.m.

- Motion passed are:
  - To employ Bill Guthrie as assistant high school principal under the interim plan to be compensated at \$100 each month for the five months remaining in the current school year.
  - To change the school calendar to show Jan. 2 as holiday and Feb. 20 as a regular school day.
  - Raise mileage allowance from 14 cents to 16 cents for school board employees.
  - To approve treasurer's reports:

	Title I	Migratory	4B	Regular
Reg. of month	2,048.28	8,661.00	0	4,148.00
Receipt	8,264.00	0	0	9,214.87
Disbursements	8,232.01	1,768.47	0	109,081.86
In Bank-BOM	1,459.80	6,900.11	4,148.00	516,154.13

above equals actual balance

- To amend Paragraph 3 of contract with Jess Back for balance of school year.
  - To record contract with Blue Grass West Comprehensive speech therapist at a cost of \$2,500.00 for entire school year, which includes eight hours each week with up to 30 students at the Elementary School.
  - Approve minutes of meetings held Jan. 7, at regular meeting, and Jan. 16 and 21, both closed meetings.
- Several items of major interest were discussed: lack of tax monies; utility bills for both schools, with a comparison of last year and this year; basketball make-up games; the use of chains on buses and days missed. As of Tuesday, there are 22 days to make up, with a possibility of ten calendar days being subtracted from that total.



Ice decorations

Nope, it is not a water fall, but icicles on an upright tassel yew. — Mercury photo

## Paul H. Ockerman assumes Iowa City Westinghouse post

Paul H. Ockerman, 51, assumed new duties as general manager of Westinghouse Learning Corporation's Iowa City-based Management Research Center on Jan. 3. He replaces Burdette P. Hanson who has gone into the private consulting business.

Mr. Ockerman, a Carlisle native, is responsible for managing and directing all aspects of the Iowa City plant's operation in addition to that of six data center operations throughout the United States.

He earned a bachelor's degree in physics and mathematics from Morehead State College in Morehead in 1960. He joined Westinghouse Electric Corp. in 1965, and has held numerous supervisory and management positions since 1967.

Prior to his appointment to the Iowa operation, he headed the program Research and Development Center near Pittsburgh, Pa.

Before that, he was general manager of heavy construction and international

consumer products for the entire Westinghouse conglomerate.

"I was probably the only Westinghouse employee who suffered a chronic case of jet lag," he says. "I flew to Spain 17 times in 12 months, Italy six times."

Mr. Ockerman says his appointment to head the Iowa City facility is not the beginning of a massive change in the local facility's operations.

But he concedes there has been a significant turnover of management and professional employees within the past few months.

"We envision expanding our work force in Iowa City by about five per cent in the next six months," he said. The facility currently employs approximately 200 fulltime workers and typically adds another 100 in the spring increase.

"We are going to be re-evaluating several areas of our program," he says. "We are basically a service operation now," he added, "and we're going to be looking at our manufacturing and marketing programs to see if we should

increase or decrease our foreign equipment sales."

"We are also going to be examining the viability of our regional data centers."

"Test scoring isn't a growth industry at this time," he said. "That's primarily because the birth rate is so low that there are fewer students in the schools to be tested."

"We're going to be examining other applications for testing technology such as the federal civil service and defense departments."



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