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Ralph E. Shearer dies of apparent heart attack

Ralph E. Shearer, 54, Nicholas County Coroner and partner in Mathers-Shearer Funeral Home died unexpectedly Wednesday, March 1, 1978, of an apparent heart attack in his sleep.

A native of Boyle County, he recently accepted the chairmanship of the Nicholas County Hospital Board of which he had been a member for many years. He was a member of the hospital building committee, director of Carisco County Club, chairman of the Nicholas County Library Board, past president of both the Carlisle Rotary Club and the Carlisle-Nicholas County Chamber of Commerce.

A veteran of World War II, he graduated from Carlisle High School and attended Murray State University. He was a member of Dougherty Lodge No. 16 F & AM and Oletha Temple Shrine where he had been a service officer for over 30 years. He was a member of the American Legion, chairman of the local Red Cross,

Carlisle businesses and public offices were closed Friday morning until noon in recognition of this community's loss of one of its most valuable citizens, Mr. Ralph E. Shearer.

chairman of the local Kentucky Heart Fund Memorial, and past chairman of the local Salvation Army for 15 years. He received the Carlisle Jaycee Distinguished Service Award in 1972 and was given an Honorary Life membership by the local Jaycees. He was a member of the National



Selected Morticians, and was a licensed Emergency Medical Technician.

Mr. Shearer was a member and deacon of the First Baptist Church of Carlisle for over 30 years. He taught Sunday School at the church.

He is survived by his wife, Ann Clark Shearer; two daughters, Mrs. Lyle Anderson of Nicholas County, and Miss Malissa Shearer at home; one son, Ralph Edward Shearer, Jr. of Lexington; a brother, Glen Shearer, Danville; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were held 11 a.m. Friday, March 3, 1978, from the Mathers-Shearer Chapel, conducted by Rev. H. Dallas Sugg. Burial in the Carlisle Cemetery.

Fiscal Court meets

The Nicholas County Fiscal Court met in regular session March 1 and passed the following motions:

— Granted Albert Hopkins and Marion George permission to use the old Army for a Square Dance on March 4 at a charge of \$50.

— Authorized clerk to pay Maffett Electrical Contractor \$475 and Cox Mechanical Contractors, Inc. \$6006.50 on the Hospital Construction Fund. Both had been approved by Tommy Vaughn, hospital construction superior, and Ken Uriage, administrator.

— Passed motion approving Nicholas County to participate in Blue Grass Area Development Narcotic Control Project. Could cost around \$500.

— Agreed to furnish wire and steel posts for fence along the right of way of Minton Dirt Road for Mrs. Inez Watkins.

— Authorized the borrowing of \$10,000 from the First National Bank to be deposited in the General Expense Fund. Interest to be at rate of 9 percent. Note due on or before June 30, 1978.

— Approved Sheriff Reese Smoot's settlement for 1977.

— Ordered that loader at quarry be repaired by Brander's Machinery and Supply Co. at a cost of approximately \$4000, plus installation. This was declared an emergency situation after the loader engine blew up.

— Agreed that all purchases or repairs for county up to \$200 be made with approval of three of the Magistrates. Any purchases over \$200 must be approved by all five Magistrates. \$1000 limit set for purchase (outside of tires) at quarry by Magistrate Jack Handridge.

— Approved maximum compensation for county judge/executive, county clerk, sheriff, jailer, justice of peace and coroners is set at \$11,753.20 for 1978.

— Agreed to enter into a Department of Human Resources contract to employ six CETA workers (one supervisor and five laborers) to participate in a carpenter training program and to work as carpenters in Henryville.

— Authorized the clerk to redeem a \$2000 certificate of deposit on the Hospital Construction Fund. All of this amount not being needed at this time, clerk was authorized to reinvest \$2,000.

Armed escapees kidnap jailer, lock up his wife



Two men escaped Thursday morning from this bullpen pictured behind Nicholas County Jailer Lynn Bowles and Mrs. Bowles. Mr. Bowles is pointing to the box in which the lock to the bullpen is mounted. He said.

Two armed Nicholas County Jail escapees have been charged on four counts after kidnaping Jailer Lynn Bowles, locking Mrs. Bowles in jail, driving Mr. Bowles in his own car to Morgan County, and robbing him of \$60 before releasing him and his car Thursday morning, March 7, in Morgan County.

Elwood White, 32, of Morgan County, and Clarence Tester, 28, Route 1, Sharpburg, are charged with escape in the first degree, kidnaping in the first degree, theft by substantial taking, and robbing in the first degree. Bond has been set at \$20,000 each.

State Trooper John Hall said Friday that the State Police have reason to believe the two are still in the Morgan County area. Membered state troopers are searching for the two men.

Mr. Bowles said he unlocked the bullpen around 7 a.m. Thursday, as he usually does, to let the men out into the other jail area for the day, when he was jumped by one of the men. The other produced a gun which had been smuggled into the jail by an unknown party.

The men forced Mr. Bowles to call his wife, Dorothy, who was cooking breakfast. They locked her in the bullpen and forced Mr. Bowles to go with them in his car. Before leaving, they took Mr. Bowles 38 calibre colt, and permitted him to turn off the kitchen stove at Mrs. Bowles' request.

Asked if he was afraid, Mr. Bowles said only twice. Once when the two men got out of the car with the motor running, and told Mr. Bowles, who was on the back seat floor, to keep down. But, he raised his head and looked to the back. Then he didn't hear anymore talking until the men returned to the car. He was afraid they might be discussing shooting him.

Another time was right before the two men left Mr. Bowles in his car. One put the gun to his head and asked for his money. "They had no reason to leave me alive, and no reason to kill me," he said. "I was afraid he'd shoot."

Mrs. Bowles was released by local authorities when Mr. Bowles was able to call home around 9:45 a.m. He told officials where the jail key had been thrown in the bedroom. Mr. Bowles drove his car back to Carlisle arriving around 11:45 a.m.

Mr. Bowles said he had four other warrants issued Feb. 23 from Morgan County charging the two with forgery in the second degree.

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'Tecumseh!' drama to audition at Maysville Community College

The outdoor drama "TECUMSEH!" located in Chillicothe, Ohio, has announced that auditions for the 1978 production will be held at Maysville Community College Friday, March 10 from 10 a.m. through 4 p.m. in the Main Auditorium.

Marion Waggoner, Associate Producer/General Manager for "TECUMSEH!" and a former student of M.C.C. recently announced that the company will be seeking approximately 80 actors and 25 technical personnel for the summer season which begins June 17 and runs through Sept. 3.

Prospective applicants will be judged and selected on their acting, technical abilities as well as past experience in college and professional theatre. Due to the nature of the play, special skills in the areas of archery, horsemanship riding and the use of hand and shoulder

weapons are highly considered by the auditioning staff but are not prerequisites for employment. All positions with the company are salaried.

Technical personnel for the drama should be available from May 22 through Sept. 3. Actors will report May 28 and must contract through Sept. 3.

Audition pieces of two minutes should be prepared for the session and will take place in the afternoon. For information concerning the auditions, interested parties should call "TECUMSEH!" (614) 775-4100 or Maysville Community College (606) 759-7141 Extension 16.

President invokes Taft-Hartley

President Jimmy Carter invoked the Taft-Hartley Act Monday morning in an attempt to return the striking coal miners to work.

Many of the miners have been quoted "Please turn to page 12"

Local bank elects officers

Stockholders in the First National Bank of Carlisle met in regular session recently and elected officers and directors for 1978, according to Andy Dudley, president.

Directors elected for a one-year term include Al Florence, Andy Dudley, Emerson Baker, W. J. Clark, Edgar Allen Darrell, Clay Dayton, Cleary Fighnmaster, George E. Giffin, Harold R. Letton, and Wayne Shumate. Frank A. Weaver was designated director emeritus.

The Board elected officers of the bank, including Mr. Florence, chairman of the board; Mr. Dudley, president; Mr. Baker, executive vice president; Frank Stone, vice president; William Donovan, vice president; Larry Hutchinson, cashier; Marjory M. Burnay, assistant vice president; Dorothy Kimberling, assistant cashier, and Malinda Haney, assistant cashier.

Mayor Power home

Mayor William Power returned home last week from St. Joseph Hospital. He is recuperating at home after submitting to major surgery on Feb. 17.

School Board decides on answer to snow days

The Nicholas County School Board decided at its regular meeting Saturday night how the remaining 20 snow days missed locally will be made up.

- Their decision is as follows:
1. Request approval of ten calamity days from the state;
 2. Attend five school days during Spring Vacation, provided KZA will agree to meet on the weekend;
 3. Extend each school day 30 minutes so that one day can be earned each Tuesday morning's four to six inches of snow brought the school day total to be made up to 20. Inclement weather could add to this total later in the week.

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The day is already 42 minutes longer than the required six hour minimum. The longer days will start March 20 if possible.

4. Add the remaining days to the end of the school calendar. The total of these days is undetermined at this time.

The next regular meeting of the school board has been changed from April 11 to April 8 at 7 p.m. in other business, the board:

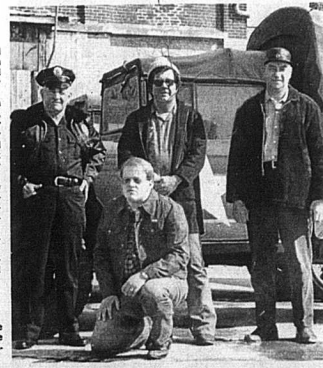
— Contracted with Comprehensive Care to provide psychological testing for special education students at \$35 each.

— Hired Eddie Asbury, a tenant on the farm of Hanson Judge, to transport his two children to the Main Road for \$1 per day to catch the school bus, because the county road is impossible to drive the school bus on. The bus got stuck every time it attempts to go down the road.

— Authorized the superintendent to cash a \$40,000 certificate of deposit if needed for the general fund.

Mrs. Bill Conley has resigned

Mrs. William (Linda) Conley of Millersburg has resigned this position at The Carlisle Mercury in order to spend more time on their monument business. Mr. and Mrs. Conley own the Conley Monument Company.



One man's poison, another man's meat

Monday, Woodrow Wilson, Nicholas County Fire Chief, left; Russell Bell, County Civil Defense Director, and Rubel Williams, Secretary-Treasurer County Fire Department, left Carlisle at 5:30 a.m. for Fort Knox where they picked up two Army surplus trucks. Kneeling is Eddie Shearer, County fireman. The trucks will be fitted with 100-gallon tanks and pumps and located at strategic points in the County. — Mercury photos.

Give blood March 13

The Bloodmobile will be at the Carlisle United Methodist Church on Monday, March 13, from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. and from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The goal for this Bloodmobile visit is 100 pints. To reach this goal eight donors are needed every 15 minutes. If you are willing to donate blood, and have not made an appointment as yet, call Rev. Herman Kamlage, 289-5505 or Rev. Eugene White 289-5600 to make an appointment. The Nicholas County Ministerial Assoc. is sponsoring this Bloodmobile.

D & A to open second store

D & A Grocery is opening a second store on the Old Paris Pike (where Mark X used to be). The second store will open around the end of March.

Both stores will be owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. Donald Rigg.

The original D & A Grocery will remain at the W. Main location.

Church activities needed by Friday

The Carlisle Mercury plans to publish Holy Week church activities for the week of March 19-25. All Nicholas County churches are invited to send us a listing of their Holy Week activities for our March 16 issue.

Cong. Perkins is City visitor

U. S. Representative Carl D. Perkins was a visitor in Carlisle on Saturday, March 4.