

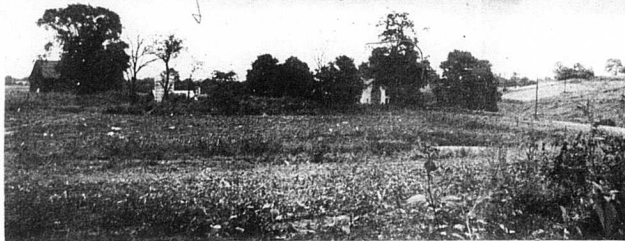
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Blue Licks meeting next Wednesday



Under the wire

Some Nicholas County tobacco growers managed to clear their fields before the remnants of Hurricane Frederic dampened the ground and darkened the skies

last week. Low-flying clouds such as this one kept the weather damp and cool until the storm system broke last Friday. —Mercury photo.

Straw honored by UK

William Thompson Straw, former Nicholas County Extension Agent, was one of 15 alumni of the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture to receive "Distinguished Alumni" awards at the seventh annual UK Ag Alumni roundup last Saturday.

The alumni were selected by their own alumni association chapters on the basis of leadership, loyalty and service to the university, the College of Agriculture, the agricultural industry and their home communities.

Presentation of awards and scholarship, food, football, and fellowship highlighted the event which drew some

1,800 persons from throughout the state, including alumni, friends and faculty. They attended the Roundup program at the E.S. Good Barn where they were served a barbecue pork luncheon, then went to Commonwealth Stadium to watch the UK Wildcats play Miami University of Ohio.

Scheduled on the first day of first home football game each fall, the event brings together members of the UK College of Agriculture Alumni Association, Inc. Ambassadors of agriculture, the alumni lend their support in many ways to the College's programs and services to improve the quality of life

for all Kentuckians.

"Distinguished Service" plaques were presented to: Manuel B. Arnett, Williamsburg; Eugene H. Conde, Hazard; Elvin E. Durham, Jr., Lancaster; Robert Franklin Goodlett, Springfield; Case T. Harding, Brooksville; William Buckner Kenney, Paris; John William Koon, Louisville; George M. Kutz, Sturgis; Glen Calvin Managasse, Monticello; John Smith Mitchell, Smith Grove; Martin Luther Rice, Sellersville; William Thompson Straw, Independence; Brent Druien Thompson, Cadiz; and H.C. Wells, Louisa.

For the third consecutive year, cash scholarships were presented to two students beginning their junior year in the UK College of Agriculture this fall: Scott Davis, Henderson, and Tracy Martin, Paducah, each received a \$300 check from the Ag Alumni Association.

The scholarships are awarded on the basis of demonstrated leadership potential and academic achievement.

Davis is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Davis. Martin is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Martin.

Davis is a senior agronomy major with a cumulative grade point average of 3.02. Martin is a junior agronomy major with a 2.94 grade point average. Top grade at UK is 4.0.

Charles E. Barnhart, Dean of the UK College of Agriculture, welcomed the alumni back to the campus, and thanked them for their support of the

College and for accepting responsibilities of leadership to Kentucky agriculture and to local communities throughout the state.

Presentations of awards and scholarships were made by Bruce Pearce, Louisville, president of the Alumni Association, and Paul Appel, Assistant to the Dean of the College of Agriculture.

A special part of the Roundup program recognized and honored the class of 1929. Commemorating their 50th anniversary, certificates were presented to eight of the 25 graduates of 1929 who were in attendance.

They are: Arnon E. Berry, LaCenzer; Samuel C. Bohannon, Lexington; James H. Evans, North Middletown; Buis T. Inman, Arlington, Va.; George C. Letton, Paris; James F. Moore, Louisa; and Trill Young, Springfield; Robert W. White, Palmouth.

William Thompson Straw, Independence (Kenton County) — Northern Kentucky Chapter did graduate work in Horticulture at the UK College of Agriculture but joined the Cooperative Extension Service staff as assistant county agricultural agent in Fleming County before getting his advanced degree. This graduate studies, however, led to a career after retirement.

Following 35 years as county agent in Gallatin, Nicholas and Kenton counties,

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A public meeting concerning future development of Blue Licks State Park will be held next Wednesday, Sept. 26 at 7:30 p.m. at the Nicholas County Courthouse.

The meeting will be chaired by Ewart Johnson, former state Parks Commissioner and chairman of the Governor's Task Force on State Parks' Development.

The meeting will be taped and a copy, along with tapes from similar meetings across the state, will be sent to the new governor by Dec. 1. The governor is expected to send his recommendations to the 1980 General Assembly for future funding of state park development projects.

One of the most important criteria for funding will be local citizen input and interest in the projects and hearings. Citizens from all counties adjoining Blue Licks are being asked to attend Wednesday's meeting to give their views.

Resolutions and letters supporting future development at Blue Licks, including the construction of a lodge at the park, are being submitted to the Task Force by the Nicholas Fiscal Court, Carlisle City Council, Carlisle-Nicholas County Chamber of Commerce, the Nicholas County Historical Society and the Carlisle Community Women's Club.

Other Nicholas County organizations are urged to send letters expressing

their views to the Task Force or bring them to the meeting where they will be handed over to Johnson.

Five Nicholas Countyans are currently serving on the state parks Task Force: Mrs. Courtney Gum, Mrs. John Soper, Charles Crawford, Jock Conley and Mrs. Margaret Hildreth.

Another group has been studying the feasibility of further development at Blue Licks since January of this year.

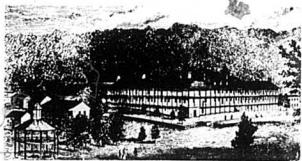
The Blue Licks Development Study Commission, headed by State Rep. Pele Worthington of Ewing, is the only group of its kind in the state. The commission was appointed by Gov. Julian Carroll in December.

Its report will be submitted to the next governor at the same time the Task Force report is due.

A preliminary copy of the report has been drafted and the essence of the report will be discussed at the Task Force meeting next Wednesday for the first time in public.

Mrs. Jock Conley is representing Nicholas County on the Blue Licks commission.

So far, Task Force meetings have been held in Owensville and Boonesborough in this area. Both cities are seeking further development in their areas, including the creation of a new state park in each county near Cave Run Lake. The Boonesborough group is attempting to lobby for a lodge to be built at that state park on the Kentucky River.



Rebuilt...?

One of the recommendations to be submitted to the new governor this December by a special study group composed of area residents is a suggestion to rebuild the old Arlington Hotel to provide overnight accommodations for park visitors. This woodcut, taken from the History of Nicholas County, shows the hotel as it appeared in 1845, shortly after it was built.

Hospital auxiliary dinner Sept. 28 at Forest Retreat

The Nicholas County Health Care Auxiliary will hold its annual Hospital Benefit Dinner at Forest Retreat Farm on Friday evening, Sept. 28 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

A harvest theme will be carried out in the table decorations. Music will be donated by the Traditions. There will be an auction of harvest and rustic antiques. A fried chicken

dinner and homemade puddings will be served.

In case of inclement weather, the dinner will be held in the Blue Grass Industries dining room.

Tickets may be purchased at the Hospital Gift Shop or from any Auxiliary member — \$6 for adults and \$3.50 for children under 12. All proceeds will go for the benefit of the Nicholas County Hospital and Nursing Home complex.

Nicholas historical site survey scheduled

The Kentucky Heritage Commission will begin a survey of historic sites in Nicholas County on Sept. 24.

According to Bob Polsgrove, survey coordinator for the commission, the project will take six to eight weeks, depending on weather conditions and the number of historic sites which remain in the county.

The field work will be done by Camille Wells, an architectural historian with three years experience in survey work for the commission. Ms. Wells will survey buildings in Carlisle before beginning a systematic examination of the standing buildings in the countryside.

Ms. Wells indicated that, based on her experience in survey projects in adjoining Fleming County and Millersburg, she expects to find a high concentration of sites associated with early settlement and transportation routes in Kentucky. "We hope to find a high concentration of sites on U.S. 68 corridor as well as the early overland trails leading from Upper and Lower Blue Licks. In addition, the plan and the buildings on the Courthouse Square in Carlisle are very interesting and may qualify as a historic district," she said.

The Kentucky Heritage Commission is a state agency with responsibility for the protection and preservation of historic sites significant in national, state, and local history, architecture, and archaeology. The intensive

survey project allows the commission to document the majority of historic sites which are worthy of preservation and to work with the local community to develop plans and projects which will preserve a wide range of historic buildings.

Polsgrove pointed out that 21 sites in Nicholas County have been documented by local volunteers and Heritage Commission staff since 1970. The sites, which have also been listed in the National Register of Historic Places, are Forest Retreat Farm and Tavern, U.S. 68; the James Ellis Stone Tavern, Ellisville; the Henry Thompson Stone House, Arthur Pike; and the L & N Passenger Depot in Carlisle.

Forest Retreat Tavern and the Ellis Tavern have both received matching grant assistance from the Heritage Commission.

In addition to studying the individual sites, commission staff will study the available written History of Nicholas County and interview owners of historic properties and local historians. Staff may be contacted during the project by calling the Nicholas County Memorial Library at 289-5598. Library staff will take a message and Ms. Wells will return the call within a few days.

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