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**The winner**  
Cathy Mitchell, right, receives the traditional bouquet of roses from last year's queen, Tammy Hales, after being crowned 1980 Blackberry Festival Queen last Thursday night. In the center, seated, is Susan Diane Ritchie, one of the contestants and partially visible at left is Mary Ann Smith, another contestant.—Mercury photo.

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## This information is too expensive

If you've been thinking you might answer the above ad and buy a jeep for less than \$200, forget it. All you'll have after you answer the ad is two little booklets that give you information you could get at the local library and your pocketbook will be \$23.90 lighter.

That's what one Nicholas Countyman found out. And his complaint has prompted the Mercury to ask the

Kentucky Press Association to investigate the company placing the ad. Mercury publisher Warren Fisher has also killed the ad, which was scheduled to run indefinitely on an every-other-week schedule.

The central Kentucky office of the Better Business Bureau and the Kentucky Attorney General's office may get into the act.

"It is virtually impossible to screen

all ads that are submitted to the Mercury," Fisher said. "But when we receive a complaint about an ad and it appears to be false and misleading, we immediately remove it from the paper and check with our press association to see if other people have registered complaints."

Robert Kenney Jr. of Route One, Carlisle, thought his vocational educational training in auto mechanics was a good background for restoring a used jeep. The word "government" in the ad led him to believe that it was legitimate.

However, it appears that the only connection the firm that placed the ad has with the federal government is that it pays taxes like the rest of us — if it does.

Kenney placed a call to the firm and was told he would be sent some literature or that a representative of the firm would call on him.

He was sent literature, all right. One day while no one was home a COD package with a price tag of \$23.90 was delivered to his house and signed for by a neighbor.

"If I'd been there I certainly wouldn't have said for it," Kenney's mother said. "But our neighbor thought we had ordered it and upped the same price."

## Tornado warnings follow late storm

Hot, muggy weather turned into powerful thunderstorms last Wednesday night as Nicholas County was placed under a tornado warning. High winds and falling trees knocked out power in several sections and lightning caused at least one barn fire.

Nicholas County was placed under the tornado warning about 10:30 p.m. and the warning was not lifted until after 11 p.m. When it was, it was replaced by a severe thunderstorm warning.

Rainfall in the different sections of the county averaged more than three inches as several days of intense heat and humidity broke up under the advance of a cold front that spawned tornadoes in other areas of Kentucky including Bowling Green, Owensboro, Grayson County and Georgetown.

Several funnel clouds were reported sighted in the central Kentucky area throughout the night near Danville, Versailles and Lexington. The bulk of the storm in Nicholas County passed through a line south of Carlisle. The Moorefield-Sharpshurg-Bethel area received the brunt of the storm in Nicholas but high winds were reported throughout the county.

Here's a rundown on damage reported:

**Kentucky Utilities**  
John Burke, Carlisle KU manager, said power was lost to the Carlisle service area Wednesday at 1:21 p.m. when lightning knocked out a transmis-

sion line that runs from Paris to Millersburg to Cynthiana.

Local KU workers switched power to a feed coming in from East Kentucky Power Cooperative in Winchester at 10:45 p.m., after an outage of 54 minutes.

"We were a lot luckier than Paris or Cynthiana," Burke said. "They don't have that extra feed coming in and didn't have service restored until after midnight."

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Burke said about 2,000 KU customers in the Carlisle service area were affected. That area includes Carlisle and the immediate vicinity, Moorefield, Sharpshurg and Bethel.

Most of the damage to KU lines occurred in the western section of the county near the Bath County line. Burke reported several trees down in the road in that area and a transformer in Bethel was knocked out by lightning.

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some advice for KU customers who lose power during a storm.

"During a major storm, such as last night, when power is lost in large areas, it will take some time to restore it. However, if after several hours, power is restored to your neighbors and you are still out then it would be best to call the KU office at the emergency numbers listed in the phone book," he said.

Burke said calls were being received as late as 11 a.m. Thursday from people with outages. "Nine times out of ten they'll have a tapline fuse or a transformer fuse out," he said, "but it might be in an area where we've already been several times during the night."

"I'd advise people to check with their neighbors to see if they have power. If they do, and you're still out, call the office or the emergency numbers so we can take care of it."

**Harrison RECC**  
A spokesman for Harrison RECC said lines were down and power was out throughout the cooperative's several county service areas.

Sections of Nicholas County served by Harrison RECC that were affected by power outages Wednesday night included Barterville, Headquarters, Lake Carnico and the Jackson area.

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## Business wasn't good

If you think attendance was down at this year's Blackberry Festival you're probably right.

Although there are no concrete figures a good indication of the attendance is the guest register at the Nicholas County Jail.

This year only seven people were arrested during the six-day festival and most of them were nabbed for public drunk or disorderly conduct, according to Nicholas County Jailor Charles (Chic) Lenz.

That number included three juveniles, all arrested on Monday night. Monday was the biggest night at the jail with a total of five prisoners lodged there at the evening's end.

Asked how this year's attendance at the jail compared with last year's, Lenz said, "Lord, there's no comparison.

Last year we had 13 during the week and one of those went on to the pen for that cutting."

Prisoners jailed for public intoxication are usually kept overnight and then released, Lenz said.

Last week's prisoners may have been surprised at the appearance of the jail. After a recent grand jury report called for several improvements to the facility the Nicholas Fiscal Court okayed the purchase of paint and plaster. Three inmates at the jail spent a week recently patching cracks in the plaster and painting the walls.

Other improvements made to the jail recently include a new entrance from the outside. This eliminates the need for bringing a prisoner through the residence area in the jail, where Lenz and his family live.

## Spruced up

Nicholas County Jailor Charles (Chic) Lenz inspects some of the painting done by Larry White, left and David Watkins. The jail has been getting a sprucing up following a grand jury visit and report that listed several recommendations.—Mercury photo.



## Taylor takes business trip—to China

Bill S. Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Taylor, got a promotion recently and had to take a business trip—to Peking, China.

Taylor, who has been with the Roberts and Schaefer Company since his graduation from the University of Kentucky in 1961, was recently named head of the Operations Department with the title of Senior Vice President. Operations and reports directly to the president and executive vice president of the company.

The Operations Department was created during a 1978 streamlining of the company and includes the former Preparations, Operations, Start-Up and Construction departments.

What took Taylor to Peking or Beijing, China as it's now called? His company plans and constructs coal cleaning plants and China is in the midst of industrial expansion. More coal is needed and plants are needed to clean the coal so Taylor is in China now to iron out the details.

His parents, of 213 North Street in Carlisle, have received several postcards from their son since he left Chicago, where his company is based, for Tokyo, Japan en route to Beijing.

One, from the Palace Hotel in Tokyo, wished Mr. Taylor a happy Father's Day then noted it was 12 hours non-stop from Chicago to Japan and ten more hours to Beijing.

The Taylors received two postcards with scenic views of the Lijiang River dated June 22. One gave their son's mailing address and the other described the weather as hot and clear, the business prospects good, the meetings frequent and the questions many.

"Looks like I'm going to be here several weeks," the card said.

Taylor wrote his parents, "If you have questions about China write them in a letter and I'll try to get answers."

Mrs. Taylor described the project her son was working on as being in the \$5 million neighborhood. Taylor has worked for Roberts and Schaefer in Pennsylvania, West Virginia and, for a year, India before moving to the home offices in Chicago.



China visit

Bill S. Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Taylor, is currently in Beijing, China on a business trip. Taylor is shown at right in a photograph and his interpreter at a recent dinner in Chicago. Above is a postcard view of the Lijiang River sent by Taylor to his parents.

