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Two are arrested for bank robberies

Two Nicholas County men were arrested last week and charged in connection with recent bank robberies at Ewing and Maystack.

Freddie Prather, 30, and Charles Fryman, 35, were taken into custody April 30 and May 1 and charged with robbery in the first degree of a banking institution by Kentucky State Police.

Sgt. William G. Irvin of Nicholas County, who assisted his colleagues

from the Kentucky State Police Morehead post, said the men could have been charged under federal statutes for the robberies but a decision was made by Mason County Commonwealth Attorney Woodson Wood to prosecute them on state charges.

Both robberies occurred in Mason Circuit Court jurisdiction. The case was investigated by six officers of the Kentucky State Police: five from the

Morehead post and one, Trooper John Hall of Nicholas County, from the Dry Ridge post. Both Maystack and Ewing are in the area covered by the Morehead post.

Almost \$19,000

Irvin said the total money taken in the two robberies was around \$9,100. The Ewing bank was robbed of \$5,800 on April 10 and the Maystack bank was robbed of \$2,300 on April 29.

The two men were originally charged with the Maystack robbery. During the course of the investigation, Irvin said, the officers obtained information that led them to add the Ewing robbery to the charges.

Fryman was arrested April 30 at his residence in Carlisle and Prather was apprehended May 1 at his residence.

News of the arrests spawned several rumors in Carlisle last week. However, Irvin said, when asked, that neither of two specific rumors was true.

One had it that one of the men was arrested after he pushed a car into the Licking River behind the Clay Farm. The car was allegedly supposed to join one used in the Ewing robbery that had been disappeared. Irvin termed that story "a fallacy".

The other was that the Maystack bank's camera had taken a close photo of one of the robbers and that several people had identified the suspect. Irvin said that was also not true.

State police officers conducting the investigation were Det. Wilton Harrison, who initiated the Maystack investigation and Det. Don Dillon, who spearheaded the Ewing investigation.

They were joined by Lt. Herb Bowling, Det. Ed. Shoups and Irvin, as well as Trooper John Hall.

The two men have been transferred to out-of-county jails and are being held under \$5,000 bond. Prather is currently lodged in the Mason County Jail while Fryman was taken to the Fleming County Jail.

Food stamp program may be suspended

There is a good chance the June allotment of food stamps to Kentucky recipients will be delayed, Human Resources Secretary Grady Shumbo said last week.

It is also possible families receiving food stamps will see a reduction in benefits for several months, he said.

Federal officials have said the national food stamp program will run out of money soon unless Congress appropriate additional funds. The head of the program, U.S. Agriculture Secretary Bob Bergland, said Monday he has told all governors it is unlikely Congressional action will be taken in time to forestall suspension of food stamp benefits.

"We have been in touch with the people in Washington, and we understand that if the budget appropriation isn't passed by May 15, Secretary Bergland will suspend food stamp payments on June 1. We are sending notices to our clients about the situation

with their May authorization-to-purchase cards," Shumbo said.

"Approximately 138,000 Kentucky families depend on food stamps. We are concerned that a delay in receiving food stamps will cause them hardship," he said.

Shumbo said Gov. John Y. Brown Jr.'s newly-organized Food Stamp Crisis Task Force is looking for resources to aid needy people if food stamps are delayed.

The task force is made up of state and local government officials and community groups who have dealt with the problems of hunger.

The task force met last week in the governor's office to discuss the situation.

Emergency food stamp regulations allow the Agriculture Department to reduce allotments to families if funds run short, Shumbo said. However, federal officials have not yet decided on a course of action.

Dudley becomes first state golf meet qualifier

Sam Dudley did something Monday nobody from Nicholas County has ever done before.

Dudley, a member of the NCHS golf team, fired a three-over-par 73 at the Juniper Hills Golf Course in Frankfort to qualify for the state high school golf tournament in Ft. Knox next week.

Dudley's 73 was bested in the region only by Jay Walcott's 71 over the par 70, 18-hole course.

The state tournament will be held May 12-14 at the Anderson Golf Course in Ft. Knox. Anderson is the officers' course at the army base.

Only four players from the Lexington region qualified for the state meet and only two teams were chosen.

Nicholas finished seventh out of 20 teams. There were 22 individuals playing in the region match.

Other team members' scores were Greg Haney, 85; Steve Anderson, 87; and Mark Taylor, 87. The team is coached by Bill Guthrie.

Dudley, a senior at NCHS, plans to attend Morehead State University after graduation and play on the golf team.



Sam Dudley
His brother Tim, a freshman at MSU, is currently a member of that college's golf team. The Dudleys are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Dudley of Carlisle.

Historic sites survey meeting next Tuesday

Two public meetings scheduled for next Tuesday will give Nicholas County the first glimpse of the results of the Nicholas County Historical Survey which began last fall.

Camille Wells, architectural historian with the Kentucky Heritage Commission, will conduct the meetings and show slides of the houses and buildings in Carlisle and Nicholas County which were surveyed.

The meetings are scheduled for 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. in the basement of the Nicholas County Public Library. The purpose of having two meetings is to allow those that cannot attend one a chance to attend the other.

Miss Wells has been surveying and photographing buildings in Nicholas

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Picture perfect

Jackie Wells shows classic form as he slashes a Bourbon County pitch in Monday's district tournament. The Bluejackets won 16-11 and were scheduled to play Harrison County Wednesday. — Photo by Jeff Kerr.



Dahling!

Margaret Columbia mimed the "Torch Song" with some fuzzy friends at the variety show held at the Nicholas County Elementary PTO meeting Monday. Behind the scenes were Betty Conrad and Marium Williams. — Mercury photo.

BGI to honor 30 on Thorobred Day

Thirty employees of the Carlisle Blue Grass Industries plant will be honored for 15 years of service Friday, May 9 and will be initiated into the Blue Grass Industries Thorobred Club.

BGI's annual Personnel Appreciation Day will include a free lunch for all employees at the company cafeteria and the presentation of service awards by Donald Haney, president.

Those being honored from the Carlisle plant are:

Rosemary Compton, Patsy Jane Marshall, Mary Alice Bowles, Geraldine W. Livingston, Anna M. Stoker, Mary L. Ramsey, Hazel M. Berry, Patricia H. Plank.

Agnes O. Lovell, Florence Wilson, Connie Marie Manley, Irene Martin, Virgilene Ginter, Linda B. Himes, Frances Berry, Ruth Dunn, Edna Mitchell.

Faye Benard, Ira Couyers, Sandi Tumesy, Martha Hays Paul, Carol S. Eckler, Jeannette McGuffey, Alva Whites, Cartnell Lester, Walter T. Mitchell, Bernice Morris and Don Hamman.

In separate ceremonies 27 other new members of the Thorobred Club will be initiated at Mt. Sterling, Paris, Oynthiana and Mayville.

In addition nine Thorobred Club members will receive a service award in recognition of completing 20 years of service, as well as three other members of this group from Mt. Sterling and Paris. These honorees are: Wanda Benlee, Mildred H. Howard, Carolyn Smart, Geneva Steele, Patricia Markland, Anna Lee Ring, Justice Cox, Virginia D. Crump and Debrae Caswell. Mr. and Mrs. L.J. (Peanuts) Allison, honorary member of the Thorobred Club, will also be recognized for 20 years service.

Eight members will be honored who have been with the company 25 years, as well as three other members of this group from Mt. Sterling and Oynthiana. They are: Benah Gates, Julia Boyd, Lillie Koehn, Margaret Hold, Lena Mitchell, Estle Ruth Burden and Louise McCarly.

Recognition will also be given four Thorobred members who will be celebrating their 50th anniversary with Blue Grass on that day. They are: Jessie Raliff, Dean Watkins, Alma Curtis and Anna Lee Lawson.

Health center to have free tests

In connection with May Blood Pressure Month the Nicholas County Health Center is offering screenings at the following places:

May 12, Nicholas County High School; May 14, Nicholas County Health Center, 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. and May 16, Blue Grass Industries.

In addition the health center is offering a free Pap smear clinic Thursday (today) at the center from 8:11 a.m. and 1:4 p.m.

Members of the 20, 25 and 30 year groups will tour all six Blue Grass operations that day.

On Saturday evening, May 10, the 25-member Thorobred Club will hold its annual banquet and business meeting at the Hyatt Conference Center, Hyatt Regency Hotel in Lexington.



4-H Talent winners

Jane Ellen Dampier and Margaret Duncan (top) and Heather Mathes and Steve Sexton (bottom) at a program Wednesday in Lexington that will be seen on Channel 18 this Saturday. The four are local winners in the 4-H Talent Show contest. — Mercury photos.



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