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## Blue Grass rocked by management change

### Haney names new chairman of the board

Donald Haney, President of Blue Grass Industries, announced Friday that Doran Wolf Steigerwald has assumed the position of Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer. Mrs. Steigerwald became Chairman of Jockey International, Inc. about three years ago. Haney said, "Blue Grass Industries and Jockey have been doing business together for many years. This change will bring us closer together and improve the long term security of our people."

Blue Grass Industries operates factories in Carlisle, Cynthia and Mt. Sterling. The Paris plant has been sold to a partnership of Wayne Shumate and Speedo Holdings Limited of Australia. Shumate has resigned his position with Blue Grass Industries.

Haney also announced a 9% percent wage increase for all hourly employees of Blue Grass effective Oct. 5, 1981.

## Shumate moves to Paris plant

A Paris manufacturing plant has become the focal point for a partnership between Wayne Shumate, immediate past chairman of the board of Blue Grass Industries, and Speedo Holdings, Ltd. of Sydney, Australia. Kentucky Textiles, the company's new name, officially came into existence on October 1 when the 200 employee plant underwent a major change in ownership, management and direction.

The announcement was made Wednesday, Oct. 7 at a Lexington news conference. Shumate, previously a principal stockholder in Blue Grass Industries, said he reached an agreement with the company's other majority share owners to remove himself from the corporation in order to develop a partnership with Speedo. He then acquired the Paris manufacturing facility in a stock and cash exchange with Blue Grass Industries.

Shumate surrendered his holdings in Blue Grass operations at his Carlisle, Cynthia and Mt. Sterling plants and gained their Paris facility along with other considerations.

Blue Grass Industries is headquartered in Carlisle, Shumate's home, and now is operating under the management of Jockey International of Kentucky, Wis.

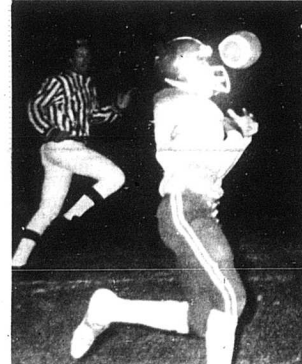
Kentucky Textiles will manufacture all Speedo swimwear - the industry's leader in competitive swimwear - for north American distribution, which includes the U.S., Canada, the Caribbean and eventually Mexico. In addition to Speedo swimwear, Kentucky Textiles employees will produce Jockey underwear, Nike-La sportswear and assemble first aid kits for Johnson & Johnson.

Shumate said he expects to add at least 100 new employees before the end of this year because of production



Blue Grass Industries' Carlisle plant

## City, Mayor file response to patrolman's lawsuit



A pass from Nicholas County quarterback David McGuffey drops over the shoulder of his younger brother, Eric, as time expires in the first half of the Bath County game Friday night. (See story, page four.) - Mercury photo.

Attorney Stockton Wood, in behalf of the City of Carlisle and Mayor William Power, has filed a response in Nicholas County Circuit Court to the suit brought by former Patrolman James W. Coy. Coy and his lawyers are calling for a \$125,000 settlement in the suit which stems from Coy's dismissal from the Carlisle Police Department in May by Mayor Power.

In the response, the defendants deny "each and every" allegation contained in the suit, excepting an agreement on paragraph 2 "as alleged the passage of an Ordinance by the City Council" which would forbid the Mayor of firing a policeman without majority vote of the Council.

The response stated that the defendants feel that the Ordinance "was not valid, did not apply to the plaintiff, and was of no legal effect."

If the ordinance was valid, claim the Mayor and City, Coy "has never been discharged, but has failed to report to the place of his employment since the 20th day of May, 1981."

The response once again repeats the claim of Mayor Power and the City's attorney that the Mayor has the statutory authority to fire policemen. "Under KRS 83A.060," says the res-

ponse, "the Mayor of the City of Carlisle has the authority to remove non-elected city officers at will, and said removal is not subject to judicial review."

Stockton Wood said Tuesday that he still feels the City and Mayor have a "very good" case for their defense. "Based on all the defenses," said the Maysville attorney, "the city has a very good chance."

Wood said the next step in the case would probably be the taking of depositions by each side, and that then someone would have to request that a hearing date be set. And "no one has any idea at to when that will be set."

Coy's lawsuit charges that he was fired from his job as a police officer "without due cause and in an arbitrary and unreasonable manner, and thereby deprived of his property without due process of law in derogation of his rights granted him by the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments."

The litigation stems from Coy's firing on May 29 of this year without official reason or formal hearing. And the suit charges plainly that Coy "was dismissed from his job as a police officer, by reason of a personal vendetta the Mayor had against the plaintiff." In making the dismissal, the suit charges that "the Mayor abused the authority of his office."

The suit names both the City and the Mayor. And Power is named individually as well as in his official capacity as Mayor.

The suit demands that the City of Carlisle and Mayor Power be forced to pay \$25,000 and an additional \$100,000 in "exemplary and punitive damages."

## Support price up 12.2 percent

Some good news for barley farmers came last week when it was announced that support prices for tobacco will be 12.2 percent higher than last year's level. The support levels for the 1981-82 marketing season were officially set, according to Everett Hank, executive vice-president of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Commodity Credit Corporation in Washington.

The coming season's support prices, which will range from \$1.08 a pound to \$1.81 a pound, are based on an average price of \$1.65 per pound, Hank said.

The average support price last season was \$1.69 a pound, and the extremes in support-price levels were 56 cents a pound and \$1.42.

At the same rate of increase, the average support price for barley tobacco in 1981 would be \$1.636 a pound, and prices for individual grades would range from \$1.21 a pound to \$2.01 a pound.

Support prices are loans advanced to tobacco producers by the government's Commodity Credit Corporation when a particular grade of leaf fails to receive a bid above support price.

The "bonus" tobacco is processed and stored by two cooperative associa-

See Leaf Price, page 14.

## Dr. Doran remembers The Bald Hill Church is revisited

**Editor's note:** The following is the first in a series of two articles written by Dr. Adren Doran following his recent trip to the old Bald Hill Church where he preached his first gospel meeting. In this article he recalls that 1929 meeting. Next week he will look at the decline and fall of that church in the county.

A former speaker of the Kentucky House of Representatives, Dr. Doran holds five doctorate degrees and served as President of Morehead State University for 23 years. He retired from that position in 1976, and is currently the evangelist at the Nicholasville Church of Christ.

The articles are taken from a story by Dr. Doran which first appeared in the August 1981 edition of *The World Evangelist*.

By Adren Doran, Evangelist, Nicholasville Church of Christ, President Emeritus, Morehead State University.

Some time ago I revisited the Bald Hill meetinghouse located in Nicholas County near Carlisle where I preached in my first gospel meeting in August 1929. The building was abandoned in 1965 and reverted to the original owners of the land. It is now being used as a hay barn. The return visit not only

aroused disturbance within my mind about the status of the church of Christ in that historical area but it brought back fond memories of the experiences of my first "big meeting," 52 years ago. When the Bald Hill Church of Christ dissolved it meant that the only such congregation on record in the county has ceased to exist and none has been established since.

Two letters

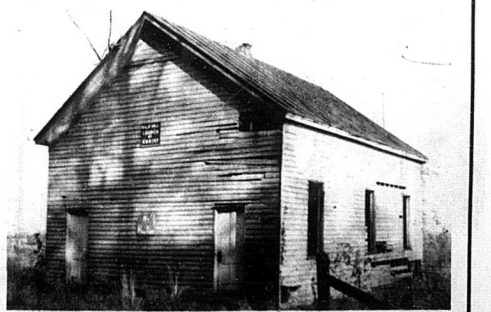
The second year of my study at First-Hardeman College had begun when I received a letter from Brother A.P. Ogden inviting me to come to Bald Hill and conduct a revival meeting. Having been reared in far western Kentucky I had never even heard of Bald Hill though we had learned the name of the county in grade school. The map of Kentucky showed that Carlisle was far away and beyond Louisville and Lexington. I had never had an opportunity to travel that far east in the state. The letter of invitation was written by brothers Ogden in response to a statement by brother Alozo Williams, who had baptized me two years before, which appeared in *The Gospel Advocate*, requesting congregations to write me about leading singing or preaching in meetings.

The year before brother Ogden's letter came, I had preached my first sermon at Webb's Chapel near Arlington while singing for a meeting with brother W.O. Davis doing the preaching. Other congregations had given me an opportunity to preach during the fall and winter but these churches were composed of neighbors and family friends. No thought had been given to preaching in an 11-day meeting among strangers so far away from home.

My 19th birthday had just passed when brother Ogden's letter came to me. I was agitant and filled with doubt, so much that his letter went unanswered. After a few weeks he wrote again thinking his letter had gone astray and landed in the dead letter office. Really it had not been missed but had been filed in my wastepaper basket!

When the second letter from Ogden came I looked at the invitation more responsibly than the first. I took the letter to brother N.B. Hardeman for him to read and advise me. After he read the letter he told me that indeed I should accept the invitation and go for the meeting.

See Bald Hill, page 4.



The old Bald Hill Church as it looks today in a state of disrepair on the Bald Hill Road in Nicholas County. - Mercury photo.