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## More cheese for county

Agriculture Commissioner Allen W. Barkley II has announced that another million pounds of commodity cheese will arrive in Kentucky during July for distribution to the needy.

Barkley said that the cheese will again be distributed in cooperation with the Department for Human Resources, following the same procedures as have been used previously.

"I have talked to DHR Secretary Shunkle, and we are agreed that this cooperative approach best serves the Commonwealth," Barkley said. Working together in the past has enabled us to distribute the cheese very efficiently and we want to continue in that way.

Twenty-five percent of the cheese will be sent to the Bowling Green warehouse and 75 percent to the Lexington warehouse, Barkley said. Barkley said that the cheese will arrive on July 1 and the other 500,000 pounds will arrive on July 15.

## Blue Links Auditions held

Auditions for the Blue Links Pageant will be held Saturday, June 15, at 7:30 p.m. at the Belmont American Legion and Jessie Conley of Carlisle. They will be held at the Blue Links State Park, "Halls of Blue Links: A Reflection by Private Benjamin A. Cooper," in the title of the pageant to be held Saturday night during the August 19-20 Bicentennial at Blue Links State Park.

Scott Robinson of Frankfort, the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Robinson of Mt. Olivet, is writing and directing the musical pageant. It will be shown free to the public Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. nightly.

Actors wanted are a dozen Indian warriors, a dozen pioneer women and six little pioneer girls, 11 male settlers, four British officers and two hound dogs.

Robinson estimated that there would be only about 15-20 spectators.

The Bicentennial celebration will open with a parade on Thursday, Aug. 15, at 1 p.m. Horse-drawn vehicles, rather than mechanized floats, are being sought for the parade.

## Gas grant review team visits here

The Community Development Block Grant Project review team was scheduled to visit Carlisle at 2 p.m. Wednesday.

The visit was termed significant by the Blount Area Development District, since it is the only visit announced for the Blount area.

The city has asked for a \$250,000 block grant for the Natural Gas System Restriction Project. In addition, the city of Carlisle, which declared a state of emergency on the escaping gas problem earlier this month, intends to borrow \$250,000 and has also pledged \$50,000 in cash to complete the restriction.

An 11.6 percent rate on natural gas escaping from gas lines in the city was measured during the 12 month period ending March 21.



Memorial Day flags

The Cub Scouts were on Flag Detail Memorial Day morning in downtown Carlisle, probably while many of you were still in bed. At 7 a.m., they placed flags in many of the holders in Carlisle in memory of those who have passed away. — Mercury photo.

## Tales of Bigfoot Try one of these at the country store

If you spot a Bigfoot these days, you might want to call the Bigfoot Hotline at 206-2626. But be advised that people have been reporting odd creatures for a long time, and sometimes the telling is more fanciful than the creature.

Folklore has been delighted for years by the tall tales told by the American lumberjack, for example, back in the days when woodsmen had to amuse themselves without a TV set or portable stereo.

In 1910 William T. Cox, who was Minnesota's first state forester and later its first conservation commissioner, collected the tales of the lumberjacks in a tongue-in-cheek volume entitled "Fearsome Creatures of the Lumberwoods."

Walker D. Wyman, a historian at the University of Wisconsin, River Falls, reprinted Cox's book as an appendix to his own book, "Mythical Creatures of the North Country," published in 1969. Among Cox's army were:

- The appler, which lives in a hollow tree, snags off dead branches and hauls them with unerring accuracy at any unfortunate lumberjack who happens to pass by.
- The tripod, which has two telescoping legs and a tall like a kangaroo; it can elevate itself to see over the brush and spot a potential meal 12 rods away.
- The gumbore, a hungry creature that can devour a horse at one sitting, and which has a hide so impervious that any bullet striking it will bounce back and kill the hunter.
- The toad, a slow, hairless and intelligent creature whose natural food is the porcupine, which it traps by sprouting a tree and letting it fall on him.

## Nicholas County graduates 68 seniors

The Nicholas County High School senior class, numbering 68 graduates Sunday night in ceremonies held in the high school gymnasium.

Named Co-Valedictorians for the class were Barbara Lynn Edwards, daughter of Mrs. Barbara Edwards and the late Oran Edwards, and Peggy Dee Stewart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will Stewart of Millersburg.

Miss Edwards was a member of FFA for four years where she received her Junior, Chapter and State FFA degrees. She was listed in Who's Who of American High School Students, is a member of the National Home Society and Student Council.

She received a National Science Merit Award and plans to attend Eastern Kentucky University where she received a Presidential Scholarship.

Miss Stewart has been a cheerleader for three years, recipient of FFA junior chapter and state degrees, was 1981 Homecoming Queen, Girls State representative, was also listed in the Who's Who Among American High School Students, is a member of the National Honor Society and school staff sports editor.

She plans to attend Mayville Community College next year where she has received a Licking Valley Scholarship.

The full graduated senior class includes:

Lois Abo-Khail, Malinda Susan Beatty, Michaela Brinkley, Jane Ann Bradley, Gerald Thompson Brinson, Martha Priscilla Busell, Troy Davis Busell, Colina Carl Coppe, Anna Beth Cramer, Tammy Jo Cronan, Catherine Curtwright, Melissa Lee Daley, Forrest Deane Demark, Barbara Lynn Edwards, Mindy Earlene Flegg, Charlotte Fryman Dale, Robyn Fryman, Tracey Louisa Fry-



Barbara Edwards and Peggy Stewart

man, Lisa Glass, Darin Green, Galen Hunter, William Wiloughby, Charles Coy, Richard Hamilton, Stephanie Sampson, Everett Smith, Karen Smith, Johnny Smart, Robert L. Sudy, Peggy Stewart, Mark Wayne Taylor, Angela Tedler, Edna Truesell, Beth Vaughn, Randall Warner, Kimberly Watkins, Michael West, Deana Waddie, Paula Williams, Angela Wilson, Branda Wilson, James Wood, Michael Woolley, Bridgette Young, Stacy Young.

## Frank Weaver passes away

Long time Morefield merchant Frank A. Weaver died Friday afternoon, at the home of his son in Morefield, of an apparent heart attack. He was 79.

Mr. Weaver, of Fossil 1, Morefield, operated a small grocery store and service station for about 40 years. He also served as postmaster in More-



Hedge roses in bloom

Along the fence rows on the Old Paris Pike these days, the hedge roses are in full bloom. It makes for a scenic drive out to U.S. 58 these days as do many other country lanes in Nicholas County. Some with the blackberry blooms looked as good, however. Hedge roses are not quite as tasty! — Mercury photo.

## Circuit Clerk to close June 11, 12

The Nicholas County Circuit Clerk's Office will be closed Friday, June 11, and Saturday, June 12, so that the staff may attend the Circuit Clerk's Conference to be held in Louisville.

In order to accommodate persons who work out of town, the Clerk's office will remain open until 6 p.m. on Wednesday, June 9.

## Nicholas to get new radio rain gauge system



Plans for the expansion area of the Kentucky Radio Reporting Rain Gauge Program have been finalized to include 22 additional counties including Nicholas. When completed, the system will encompass 27 Eastern Kentucky counties, increasing flash-flood warning capabilities in that flood-prone area of the state.

The basis of the system is 20 rain gauges placed at strategic locations along creeks and streams throughout Eastern Kentucky. These rain gauges are linked to a county computer terminal which, in turn, is connected to a network of computers feeding into the central terminal in the Frankfort Emergency Operations Center, Tennessee.

Services have placed additional emphasis on the development of the program, which began in 1978 in conjunction with the National Weather Service, including the hiring of two full-time technicians who help develop rain-gauge sites and install equipment. During the last two years, automated rain-gauge equipment has been placed in five pilot counties: Pike, Martin, Johnson, Magoffin and Floyd. Presently, 38 of the 29 rain gauges in the pilot area have been installed.

Also a part of the system is a micro-wave radio voice link which is interfaced with the Kentucky Emergency Warning System (KEWS). Each county in the program, as well as the state DDES office, has voice link capabilities which provide telephone-like communication between offices.

The voice link already has proven helpful in storm tracking efforts.

The voice link system in March, voice-link communications through the DDES (Integrated Flood Observing and Warning System) helped track the storm's movement, providing a one-

hour-to-60-minute lead time for West Virginia officials on the storm's path. Such lead time offers response personnel an opportunity to take precautionary measures, including the timing of warnings and evacuations.

Upon request, the computer system can provide quick access to rainfall information from a single rain gauge, from one county's gauge or from all the rain gauges located in a several-county area.

In the past, flash floods have been difficult to anticipate. The Radio Reporting Rain Gauge Program's capability for speedy reporting of information could make a significant difference in the amount of time required to issue flash-flood warnings.

Work is now gearing up to identify sites and equipment needed in the 22 expansion counties.

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