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Accident fatal to E.H. Doyle

A one vehicle accident claimed the life of a well-known Nicholas County man Saturday, Feb. 26, at about 4:30 p.m.

According to State Trooper John Hall, a 1980 Chevrolet farm truck driven by E.H. Doyle, Windstone Road, left the road near his home, about 1.5 miles from Carlisle.

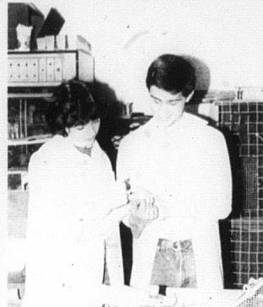
Hall said Doyle, 55, apparently lost control of the truck which traveled about 300 feet before overturning. He was pronounced dead at the scene by deputy coroner Ray Caswell.

Witnesses said Doyle was headed toward Carlisle and had just left his home when the accident occurred. It is still under investigation by state police.

Hall also reported a three vehicle, no injury accident last Friday, Feb. 24, at 2:15 p.m. on US 90, about 1.5 miles from Carlisle.

A westbound 1978 Ford driven by Woodrow Florence of Cythiana swerved into the eastbound lane striking cars driven by Edgar L. Price and Mrs. Price of Abernethy, Oll. Mrs. Price was following her husband in a 1980 Buick which received minor damage, while Price's 1981 Olds was extensively damaged.

Hall said Florence apparently fell asleep at the wheel of his 1980 Ford which was totally demolished in the accident.



Science project

Pam Sparks, senior at Nicholas County High School, is shown above administering a solution to one of 13 white mice included in her study of weight loss in mice as a result of an induced thyroid condition. Pam will enter her project in the Regional Science Fair to be held at Morehead State University on April 7. Assisting Pam with the treatment is Keith Lyons. — Photo submitted.

On tour of New Zealand, Australia They saw lots of sheep ... and ate lots of lamb

by Emily A. Wolf

Six Nicholas Countians returned Saturday from a month-long tour of New Zealand and Australia with nothing but rave notices for the two "Cloves Under" countries.

Billy and Joyce Parker, Taylor and Edna Mathers and Charles and Helen Hopkins were full of accolades for about every phase of the tour... with one possible exception: New Zealanders don't know how to fillet or fry fish.

According to Mathers, "it's like they used an ax or a back saw" when they cut it (in hanks). According to Parker, "they only know one way to cook fish and that's bake it. We wanted ours fried. They cover baked of that."

Parker, the senior spokesman for the group, Charles and Taylor had a day of trout fishing on Lake Rotoman and each caught a trout weighing from two to three pounds. The hotel where they stayed had promised to prepare their catch for dinner that night.

IT'S VERY LIKELY the trippers were ready for a meal of fish after a diet of mostly lamb. All enjoyed lamb first, Billy's favorite.

The tour included an overnight stay in a private home in each of the countries. In New Zealand, the first country visited, the Mathers and Parkers were guests of a Mr. and Mrs. Ted Parker (no relation). Their 120-acre hill farm grazed some 3,000 sheep and 300 cows. Due to the steep terrain, the pastures were reached by a four-wheeled drive vehicle or motor bike.

Incidentally, the Parkers, who plan a trip to the United States, were paid \$2.25 per head per week for grazing the cows for a local company, that translates into over \$4,000 per week, a tidy sum in any part of the world.

IN AUSTRALIA, the Hopkins were the guests of Don and Elizabeth Kerr outside of Oullahna. Their 1,000-acre spread raised 2,000 sheep, deer and kangaroos, with considerable room for

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Mackey proposes buyers pool plan to save program

KFB head tells Tobacco Institute growers are willing to negotiate

Tobacco growers may be willing to accept lower prices for their crop if buying companies would share the burden of handling periods, said Ray Mackey, Kentucky Farm Bureau President. Ray Mackey said he told the Tobacco Institute.

In an address last Friday at the group's winter meeting in Phoenix, Mackey introduced the concept of a "buyers' pool" funded by cigarette manufacturers to share and process excess leaf when support prices are from or when supplies in the existing grower-funded pool reach a certain level.

In return for this concession from buyers, Mackey said, growers "would be willing to negotiate a new price support level with a realistic growth formula. That new level would return the incentive to purchase a current year's production during that marketing season," he said.

MACKEY'S PLAN was the first by a major Kentucky farm group to acknowledge that tobacco support prices, from for the past two years, could drop further. It comes at the end of a disastrous growing and sales season for buyers' producers which saw more than half of a poor-quality and weather-shortened crop go into storage, contacted by buyers.

It also comes at a time when exports are falling and imports of cheaper foreign-grown burley are increasing rapidly.

As envisioned by Mackey, the new buyers pool would receive all burley which fails to bring support prices when stocks in the farmers cooperative pool total more than 30 million pounds. Pool stocks now total some 300 million pounds, but have averaged around 50 million pounds during most of the tobacco program's 45-year history.

Tobacco would also go to the new buyers pool when price supports are from, Mackey said.

THE FARMER POOL would remain intact until when its level of stored tobacco falls below 50 million pounds, and would continue to receive the leaf until total holdings equal 10 percent of the basic burley quota. This

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ROOTH/ARRIVES IN PHILIPPINES

Air Force 2nd Lt. Damon E. Booth, son of Kimball and Jane E. Booth of 218 Chestnut Street, Carlisle, has arrived for duty at Clark Air Base, Philippines.

Booth, a pilot with the 3rd Tactical Fighter Wing, was previously assigned at Columbus Air Force Base, Miss. He is a 1982 graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.

News Briefs

Mercury story prompts early 4-H donations

If early response is any indication, a goodly amount of memorabilia and records dealing with bygone days of local 4-H activities will be available for exhibition in the near future.

An article in last week's Mercury asking for donations of such material prompted several quick replies.

Sharon Wilson, County Extension Agent who is collecting articles and data to be used in a 4-H review later on this year, reports the following contributions had been volunteered as of last Friday afternoon:

A unique old pin from Mrs. Elizabeth Cuywood, commemorating

her terms as 4-H leader at Carlisle High School in 1930.

A dress, a linen towel she had hemmed and a potholder — all about 60 years old — from Fret Allison.

A 40-year-old record book, dress and ribbon won by Anna Lee Lawrence at the Kentucky State Fair in the early 1940's.

An apron and potholder, circa 1927 made by "Libby" Moss "when I was a little thing."

Several items from Naomi Dale, who remembers that her leadership in 4-H before dropping out of school was worth free tuition when she returned to

graduate in 1942. She recalls that Mrs. E.E. Flannery, wife of the then superintendent, was her first leader back about 1928.

Wilson hopes to determine the actual date of the first 4-H chapter established here; names of early members, the oldest living members, records, clippings, clothing over 10 years old

made in 4-H projects and other items of interest.

Persons with articles for display, in connection with the 75th birthday celebration of 4-H in Kentucky, are asked to call Wilson at 289-2211 or Nancy Judge at 283-5672.

As the saying goes, "Let's keep the ball rolling."

C.T. McFarland heads new sportsmen's club

The Nicholas County Wildlife Club Inc. held its first meeting at the library on Feb. 7. The club is made up of local sportsmen who are interested in the preservation of game laws and the conservation of the wildlife in Nicholas County.

Low Korman of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife and Richard Hines, manager of the Clay Management Area, presented the program.

The local club will become a member of the League of Kentucky Sportsmen Inc. which sponsors conservation and sportsmen awards and represents all Kentucky sportsmen around the

state.

Officers elected for the coming year are: C.T. McFarland, president; Eugene Sibert, vice-president; Ricky Brooker, secretary-treasurer.

The board of directors consists of Brooker, Terry Fritchback, Jerry Hart and W.J. Alexander.

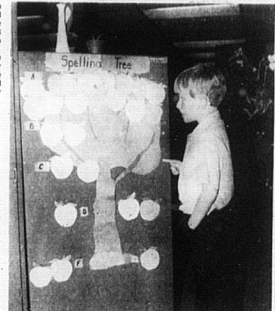
Meeting dates are scheduled for the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. The next meeting will be March 8 at the Nicholas County Library, Dr. Burns, the wildlife biologist at M.S.U. will present the program.

For more information concerning the club, contact McFarland at 283-2656 after 4 p.m.

Girl Scout cookie drive March 7

Nicholas County Girl Scouts will begin the annual sale of Girl Scout cookies Wed., March 7, marking the 50th anniversary of the National Girl Scout cookie sale.

The local Scouts hope to sell over 4,000 boxes before the sale ends March 23. Those people who would like to buy cookies and have not had a Girl Scout call on them should contact Mrs. Sam Reynolds, Girl Scout Cookie chairman.



Spelling Tree

Allen Berry, student in Mrs. Spiekler's first grade class, examines the spelling tree. Students who do well in spelling classwork have their names placed at the top of the tree as encouragement. (See Focus on Schools, page 8.) — Photo submitted.

Little League baseball tryouts begin March 4

Tryouts for the 1984 Little League baseball program will be held March 4, 10 and 11 at 5 p.m. at the Nicholas County Elementary School ballfield.

Each youngster will be required to attend only one of the three tryout sessions. Three dates were selected with the player in mind, since one time might be more convenient than another.

Boys 12 and under are eligible to try out. Only a glove and suitable footwear are required.

Five teams are scheduled to see action this summer. Team and coaching assignments will be made following the final (March 11) tryout. No one will be added to the roster for any reason after March 11. It was pointed out that the season will begin in early May

and continue through June when all-star teams are picked for tournaments play during July.

Marshall Stone is president of the Little League program, Dennis Allison is vice-president, and Marlon Sims Jr. is secretary-treasurer.

Snow closes schools

Early morning snow and sleet forced the cancellation of Nicholas County schools Monday. Classes resumed Tuesday morning despite a threat of snow.

The local area escaped the heavy snowfall which blanketed the midwest Monday. Six inches of blowing snow closed schools in Louisville and western Kentucky.

High school annuals go on sale

Mary Truesdell, annual staff sponsor at Nicholas County High School, announced this week that orders are being taken for 1983-84 annuals. The annuals may be ordered at the high school. Annual staff member Dawn Leitcher takes senior David Hopkins' deposit for an annual. — Photo submitted.