



Egg baskets woven by Gladys Shreve during membership day open house at Southern States Craft Cooperative. — Mercury photo.

Basket weaving

Preserving a mountain tradition

by Emily A. Wolf

Got an itch to start a hobby or business? Want to preserve a dying craft? Gladys (Chickadee) Shreve, 60, the urge on both counts and is currently turning out reproduction of old-time egg baskets as fast as she can make them.

With a little help and a lot of encouragement from husband Cecil, the Carlisle residents have made some 20 baskets in the last few months, and have orders for 12 more.

Gladys, an avid reader of Country Living magazine, had seen an article concerning the disappearing interest in weaving, as in Appalachian mountain crafts in general and egg baskets in particular.

While in Taylorville last summer with Cecil, who was working on a large construction there for Judy Construction Co. of Cynthiana, Gladys visited a flannel shop where Cecil had spotted several of these baskets hanging in the window.

The owner, Mrs. Joyce Stevens, agreed to give Gladys a thorough, day-long lesson in basket-making. She got a business (capital, short for the Shreve's first names) was born.

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Six Scouts advance at Court of Honor

Boy Scout Troop #66 of Carlisle held a Court of Honor at the First Baptist Church on Feb. 28. A Court of Honor is a ceremony held four times each year to honor those Scouts who have advanced in rank or earned merit badges or skill awards.

In the award ceremony, Scouts Eddie Ashery, Darrell Gales, David Gales, Brent Gause, Neal Metcalfe and Joe Hutton were honored for having completed the requirements for the Scout Badge. This is the first rank in Scouting and is awarded upon learning the Scout promise, law, handbook, motto, songs and symbols.

These Scouts are now ready to advance to the "Venturer" class in Scouting. Scout Ashery also received the First Aid and Citizenship skill awards. Gause received the First Aid skill award. Matthew Gales received the Hiking merit badge and Joe Hutton received the Home Repair merit badge.

Following the award ceremony, the Scouts entertained with demonstrations of first aid skills and skills.

Senior Patrol Leader Matthew Gause discussed the recent activities of the troop and Assistant Scoutmaster Bill Galt reviewed the calendar and discussed upcoming events including participation in Expo 64 with the parents.

The Court of Honor closed with refreshments.

Troop #66 is sponsored by the First Baptist Church of Carlisle. Wilbert Wiske Jr. is scoutmaster.

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Deaths

FRED M. THOMPSON JR., 36, Lexington, died Sunday, March 4, 1964. He was a native of Fayette County and the son of Fred and Melvina Horne Thompson Sr.

Other survivors are his wife, Barbara Mansfield Thompson; one son, Fred M. Thompson III, one daughter, Lori Thompson, Winchester; three brothers, Charlie Thompson, Iowa, Ronken and Tenny Thompson, both of Lexington; five sisters, Allie Hicks, Manchester; Gracie Nepler, Nicholasville; Melvin Nepler, Lexington; Anna Lail, Carlisle; and Betty Taylor, Lexington; one step-son, Robert Fain; one step-daughter, Pamela Stangor, both of Lexington; several nieces and nephews.

Services were Wednesday, March 7, at Kerr Brothers Funeral Home, Burial at Lexington Cemetery.