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## Chamber honors industry, looks to future growth

The four manufacturing industries of Carlisle and Nicholas County were recognized last Thursday night at a special Chamber of Commerce sponsored "State to Industry" invitational dinner at Carleton Country Club.

The tribute, held in connection with a statewide focus on Kentucky's manufacturing economy during Industry Appreciation Week, honored Blue Grass Industries, Blue Grass Knitting, Carlisle Manufacturing and Special Goods Industrial partners of Fiscal Court and City Council, Area Development Committee and officers and board of the local C of C.

Chamber president Bob Hester noted that while his organization is very interested in attracting new industry here "we can never forget the accomplishments of those who are here now. We know the past and can recognize where we would be without them."

GUEST SPEAKER, John H. Wolf,

recently retired publisher of eight suburban newspapers in Cincinnati and neighboring Clermont County, pointed out the importance of manufacturing in the local economy.

ISDA's sources of personal income by place of work showed a total of \$56,962,000. First among these sources was manufacturing at \$1,383,000, followed by farming at \$1,262,000 and government at \$1,108,000.

Wolf noted that in 1982, some 566 jobs were employed by industry in Nicholas County — 345 in textile and 221 in machinery and metals and five in publishing.

In 1983, according to the latest Department of Economic Development figures, median family income stood at \$18,500. In the three year period between 1979 and 1981, total personal income jumped from \$38,448,000 to \$44,862,000.

Blue Grass Industries has spent \$1.1 billion to improve working conditions and increase production efficiency dollars since 1981, Wolf told

the audience. BCI president Don Haney reported in an interview that employment is up over 100 persons during the last year and over 800 persons are now employed at both BCI and Blue Grass Knitting.

Some 280,000 pairs of underwear are produced here each week. The weekly payroll here is approximately \$185,000, and about \$400,000 for all plants (Cynthiana, Mayfield, Mt. Sterling). The average hourly wage is \$8.48.

Haney said that in a six month period a newly purchased automatic cutting machine can cut 1,000,000 pairs of underwear. He said he hoped these constant improvements are proof of a constant commitment to the growth and future of the county.

In a tour of Blue Grass Knitting, Barry Mademann, vice-president in charge for the parent, Jockey International, told Wolf that modernization at the plant has meant that new knitting machines have been purchased each of which will replace four old ones.

Two new computerized stripe-be machines are now booked for a computer that scans the room every second and updates every three minutes. In the finishing department, BCI has its first programmed dye machine, saving 50 percent of the dye and chemicals and 20 percent in time.

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Perhaps the biggest project being undertaken is a new \$1 million waste treatment system that will allow for future expansion. A dozen new trim machines, each with a \$2,000 price tag, will bring work back here that is currently being produced by subcontractors elsewhere. Mademann's last word.

CARLISLE MANUFACTURING, under the ownership and guidance of Bob Paul, was described as "a little west coast style" in production to Canada and West Germany as well as all over the country. Started in 1968, Carlisle Manufacturing has a staff of 113 workers each of whom Paul trains himself.

As Wolf put it, "this is not a state

and bolts operation, instead it's all precision parts. It's like carriage trade versus the assembly line."

Over 800 different parts can be made by Carlisle Manufacturing. A sampling was on display at Thursday's dinner meeting.

Paul, who favors most industry and better education with more schools, is particularly proud that almost all of his payroll is spent in Carlisle.

Paul learned his skills at Brown Manufacturing and IBM. In fact IBM, one of his biggest customers, including a current order calling for over one million precision pieces representing over 100 manhours of work.

"Bob Paul is an excellent example of what the Chamber is aiming for, a fine small industry that is a credit to the community," Wolf said.

THE MERCURY, with a staff of six, including publisher Warren H. Fisher, is one of 94 industries in the state that has been in existence over 100 years. Founded in 1817, only 34 industries have been around longer than The Mercury.

Fisher was in Louisville last Wednesday to receive a plaque from Gov. Martin L. Campbell for 100 years service to Kentucky. He was also recognized by Secretary of Commerce Carroll Kinney for plant expansion over 100 manhours of work.



**Industry leaders saluted**  
Local industry leaders were recognized at Thursday night's dinner. From left: John H. Wolf, guest speaker; Don Honey, president, Blue Grass Industries; Boscom Sorrell, plant manager at Blue Grass Knitting; Warren Fisher, Chairman of The Carlisle Mercury; and Bob Paul, owner of Carlisle Manufacturing.

## City upping water supply to keep pace with need

City Council members approved the request of an application to the Kentucky Home Administration loan in the amount of \$800,000. The money will be used to upgrade the water plant and water lines in Carlisle.

The water load capacity at the plant will be increased from 75,000 gallons per minute (gpm) to 1,000,000 gallons. The increased capacity is being made due to Blue Grass Industries' need for more water, and to have an ample

water supply should a new industry or industry locate in Carlisle.

The ad valorem tax rate of 23.7 cents per personal property for 1985 was adopted by Council.

A steel pickup truck will be purchased from Wray's Auto Repair for use by Oliver Vics at the water plant. It will be equipped with chemical bottles, water pump, and for trips to the river

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**'Enoch Doyle Memorial'**  
W.D. Doyle presents second place ribbon to Judy Thompson of Moorfield, aboard Showdown in the country pleasure class won by Perfection's Bill, July, won first in Nicholas County pleasure competition in the second annual Lion's Club Horse Show here Saturday night.

## Tax rates same as last year

County tax bills, expected to be mailed on November 1, will reflect no changes from last year in rates for fire protection, library, Board of Health and tangible property categories.

Fiscal Court, at its September 5 meeting, approved the following tax

rates per \$100 assessment as submitted by the various governing boards:

Fire district, 2.8 cents on all county property outside the City of Carlisle; library, 2.1 cents; Board of Health, 2.3 cents on real estate only, and all tangible property, 2.8 cents.

## FCIC deadline near for barley and wheat

September 30 is the last day to apply for Federal Crop Insurance for barley and wheat in Nicholas County. Crop insurance covers unavoidable loss of production resulting from adverse weather conditions, disease, insects or fire.

"Many farmers are not aware of the several changes in the Federal Crop Insurance program," says John Soper, District Director for the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC). The Federal Crop Insurance Corporation is an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

"Today's crop insurance can be tailored-made to meet production needs against adverse growing conditions for a variety of individual farmers."

"By choosing crop insurance protec-

tion, farmers may close the gap between planting and harvest by minimizing problems which prevent completion of a successful growing season," says Soper.

AD MANY area farmers remember, the wildfire crop disaster of 1982 drove home the need for greater risk protection.

New marketed through private insurance agents and companies, the wildfire crop insurance program has been renewed to be more responsive to the needs of today's farmers through the agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

For more information about the program, producers should contact an authorized crop insurance agent. To select an agent, producers should check the list of agents available at their county ASCS office.

## No arrest likely, unless... ABC agent explains role in marijuana raid here



The ABC agent, who explained his role in the marijuana raid here, is shown in a photo.

The likelihood of an arrest in the August 12 marijuana raid in Nicholas County is growing slimmer with each passing day. The Mercury has learned "it would require some citizen to come forth with physical evidence that would stand up in court before we could make an arrest."

This according to Leslie Cole, Eastern Kentucky supervisor for the state Alcoholic Beverage Control division, which conducted the investigation that led to the discovery and destruction of a large field of marijuana, with a street value of about \$1 million, according to ABC estimates.

The marijuana was discovered growing on a farm owned by Clay Fryman, five miles east of Carlisle off Scrub Grass Road, towards Myers Station. The field, under cultivation, was in a "remote, isolated valley area of the 1500 acres Mr. Fryman owns," Cole said. "It was all we could do to get back to the field in a four-wheel drive vehicle."

"When we talked with him, he (Fryman) assured us he hadn't been there there in years. He gave us no reason to doubt him," Cole added.

Cole said the field had not been leased to another party, as first thought. "If it had been leased out it would have obviously been easier to have found the guilty party."

ABC AGENTS, with cooperation from Kentucky State Police, were at the scene most of the night destroying an estimated 7,000 plants, which measured from 13 to 14 feet tall. Because the stalks were extremely large and leafy, street value was thought to be greater than the normal \$500 per plant.

Cole originally estimated the value of the destroyed marijuana at \$7 million, \$3 million less than State Police figures, which The Mercury reported in its August 22 issue.

Local law enforcement officers, who were not involved in the seizure operation, indicated both estimates might have been a little high. After stripping off the boundaries of the field, Sheriff Charles Hise's valuation calculations came to between \$3,500,000 and \$4,000,000, based on about 4,000 plants which he said were under cultivation.

Cole would not confirm several names being mentioned in connection with the raid, but he expects to say that one person involved in the investigation was also a suspect in a marijuana operation uncovered in Fleming County August 17. No arrests have been made there, he noted.

## Fire guts motor home

A 1979 Chevrolet motor home belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Kuper of Bobo, Tenn., was completely destroyed by fire about 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, on U.S. 60, five miles north of Carlisle.

According to Nicholas County fire chief Mark Hughes, the Riggs last everything, including all furnishings and money, in the fire which started under the hood of the motorized vehicle.

The retired couple had spent the night at Blue Licks State Park and were enroute to a destination in Canada. They were taken to Lexington where they rented a car and returned to Tennessee.

A 1977 Pontiac belonging to Betty Gidde was destroyed by fire about 10:30 p.m. Friday at the farm of Ernest Gray in Myers Road. Cause was unknown, Hughes said.



**Gutter grown cushaw**  
The gathering on the home of Mrs. Louise McCoy on West Main provided viewers "ground support" for this large cushaw, denoted by arrows. The seed, expected to produce a small melon, was given Mrs. McCoy by her brother-in-law, the late Oscar Hughes. The mix-up remains a mystery.