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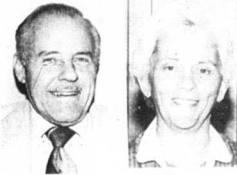
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### Carlisle elects new mayor!

Carlisle businessman Lee G. Benth was elected Mayor of Carlisle in Tuesday's General Election, defeating one-term mayor Frankie Hughes, Democrat Ross Scott, opposed by Republican Jack Wells, won another four-year term as County Clerk. Other results and precinct by precinct breakdown appear on page 8.

### '85 Yule parade is November 30

The 1985 Christmas Parade, sponsored by the Carlisle/Nicholas County Chamber of Commerce, will be the crown jewel of the approaching season's kickoff event.

### No risk of AIDS to donors

With the bloodmobile coming to Carlisle on Nov. 18 questions have been raised about the relationship between AIDS and blood transfusions. According to W.R. Kingsolver, M.D., "recent publicity on this subject unfortunately has frightened some potential blood donors at a time when we need for blood is steadily increasing."

In fact there is absolutely no risk of AIDS infection to the person giving blood," he said. Modern blood bank techniques, such as its use in the program here, use disposable tubes, needles and equipment, which are discarded after each use so there is no possibility of infected material contacting the donor and so risk of infection to the donor, he pointed out.

"As to the concern about a person receiving blood becoming infected with AIDS virus, great strides have been taken to protect the recipient. A new screening test which is carried out on all blood before it is used is quite effective in weeding out possibly contaminated blood. Therefore, we need to continue to support our bloodbank programs to keep the supply of this vital medical necessity adequate," Kingsolver said.



### Apple for the teacher

Nicholas County Elementary School kindergarten teacher Ann Boyd shows the proper technique for apple bobbing during the class Halloween party last Friday.

## Farmers should develop sound management skills



Nicholas County farmers heard last Tuesday night what they had known all along: There are no overnight success stories to farm-related problems. Some 115 persons were on hand at the special dinner meeting, underwritten by the local Chamber of Commerce, banks, Southern States, County Extension office and Farm Credit Services.

They heard specialists in horticulture and grain crops address marketing strategies relating to local conditions and farm land, as growers look for alternative means of income to offset expected losses from labor.

Mike Phillips, county extension agent for agriculture, summarized the meeting by telling his audience that each farm must be judged on its own merits. Land, available capital, labor and management ability, fitting in those requirements like pieces in a puzzle.

Phillips stressed the importance of a good record keeping system to produce and analyze. The use of one or two often means a farmer can't keep track of his own farm. Larry Swetman, substituting for the county's second extension agent, said his farm where he has worked all of his life. He has also served as an election officer there for the last 22 years.

Mr. Swetman, who was born October 13, 1968 on the Gravel Road near Morehead, was honored with a birthday dinner last Thursday at the Carlin Christian Church, given by the Men's Bible Class and prepared and served by Handy Hannah Circle. He hasn't missed attending Sunday School in the past 22 years and still drives himself to church each Sunday, except in extreme bad weather.

### Simmental calf sale Friday at WindStone

The NW lighted, rustic sales barn, located just last week, is 167 x 40' and includes the sales arena and rousing ring and stock pens. It is located on Carpenter Road, one-fourth of a mile from Lower Jacksonville Road and 2 1/2 miles from U.S. 44.

### Halloween long night for firemen

Members of the Nicholas County Fire Department spent a long Halloween night fighting fires apparently by accident.

### One less coyote

Darrell McVey, right, shown with his brother Harold McVey Jr., killed this female coyote on Walnut Grove Road Monday night, October 28. The animal ran from the rear of Dr. Allen Hancock's farm property and was shot by Darrell when it became cockeyed by headlights. See Here Above, page 7.

Mr. Swetman moved to a trailer home in Carlisle in 1962 but still owns the family homestead as well as his farm at East Union. Now retired, he still takes an active interest in sports and spends his days at the courthouse taking to friends about football and baseball games during the summer and fall months.

### Stephenson family portrait

Members of last week's dinner honoring Mr. Graves Stephenson's 79th birthday anniversary are his daughter, Mrs. Louise Stearn, son Lloyd Stephenson of Independence, the honoree and son Thomas Stephenson of Lexington.

### E.G. Stephenson votes in record 76th election

Nicholas County's oldest voter to cast the polls has done so for the 76th time during his life span of 97 years.

Mr. Stephenson, who may claim to be the county's second oldest living citizen, cast his General Election ballot at East Union where he has voted all of his life. He has also served as an election officer there for the last 22 years.

Mr. Stephenson, who was born October 13, 1888 on the Gravel Road near Morehead, was honored with a birthday dinner last Thursday at the Carlin Christian Church, given by the Men's Bible Class and prepared and served by Handy Hannah Circle. He hasn't missed attending Sunday School in the past 22 years and still drives himself to church each Sunday, except in extreme bad weather.

He attributes being a hard worker on the farm and taking care of himself for his continued good health. "I didn't run around much like the young people do today," Mr. Stephenson said. "I stayed pretty much at home."

He eats most anything he wants but admits to not being a big eater. He smoked at one time but quit 30 or 40 years ago. "When I quit smoking I quit coughing."

ALSO IN attendance at last Thursday's birthday celebration were three of the Stephenson's four children — Mr. and Mrs. Harlan (Lester) Stearn of Carlisle, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Stephenson of Lexington and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Stephenson of Independence. Another son, Everett, died in November, 1975.

His wife, the former Edith Moore whom he married in 1913, died 22 years ago.

The son of the late J.P. and Annetta Stephenson, E.G. Stephenson is regarded as one of the county's most outstanding citizens.