BUSINESS PROFILES

Toe and Joyce Wallace happy with decision

By Marsha Livingood
Of The Mercury Staff

Fourteen years ago Carroll "Toe" Wallace drove away from Georgetown, Kentucky one afternoon searching for the ideal place to open a variety store, and he decided on Carlisle.

Wallace had worked at Ben Franklin for 18 years when the business was moved to a shopping center from downtown Georgetown.

Wallace decided that working nights and weekends did not appeal to him, so he left his position with Ben Franklin to open his own dime store in Carlisle.

Located at 132 East Main Street, between Lermar Brothers and Carlisle Drug, Carlisle 5 & 10 has been serving Carlisle and Nicholas County since April 3, 1973.

Leasing the building from Licha Farrah, Toe and his wife, Joyce, began work in January of 1973 remodeling the building to prepare for his dime store.

According to Toe, the remodeling consisted of new sub-flooring, new floor-tile, plastering walls, adding a new lighting system, air-conditioning and heating system, and constructing a double-door entrance, along with four months of cleaning.

Joyce's parents, Omer and Gladys Humphrey, contributed considerably to the renovation of the building.

Toe joined the United States Air Force in 1951, serving four years.

Toe and Joyce, both natives of Georgetown, were married in September, 1952.

Their only son, Richard, was born in Hampton, Virginia, in 1953.

After his stint in the U. S. Air Force, Toe brought his family home to Georgetown, starting work for Ben Franklin in 1956.

Joyce worked as a secretary for an insurance company in Georgetown.

Richard is now working for Professional Banking Services in Louisville.

When the Wallaces moved to Carlisle in 1973, they lived in Clay Manor Apartments for one year, before moving to the old Charlie Ross place on Moorefield Road.

The Wallaces are members of the First Christian Church, where Toe is a deacon and Joyce is a member of the choir.

"The people of Carlisle welcomed us immediately," Toe said.

"We have had a good life here."

One feature Carlisle 5 & 10 is known for is its line of antique reproduction furniture, which Toe has offered since 1984.

The Wallaces travel to Greensburg, Indiana, twice monthly to a wholesale supplier, which is their main source for supplying the antique reproductions.

The Wallaces also do a lot of outside buying.

According to Toe, he and his wife go on buying trips four times a year to shows in Indiana, Ohio, and Louisville Fairgrounds, to name a few.

"Wherever they have a good show, we go," Toe said.

Over 200 or more suppliers set up booths at these gift shows, and the Wallaces purchase some of their furniture from these suppliers.

Spring flowers and bedding plants are also popular items for sale at Carlisle 5 & 10 this time of year.

Beginning April 15, Toe starts hauling his full line of bedding plants, and special occasion flowers, such as Memorial Day, Mother's Day, and Easter flowers, displaying them in front of his store.

Toe remembers one year when it snowed on Easter, and he had to throw 40 pots of mums into the creek because no one buys flowers for planting when it's snowing.

"I donated as many of them as I could to the nursing home and the hospital," Toe said.

The Wallaces make a contract one year in advance for their line of plants and flowers, to insure the best selection.

"It's scary when you don't know what the weather will do at planting time," Toe said, "because I have had these plants ordered for a year."

"Sometimes you get the bear and sometimes the bear gets you."

For a large selection of specialty items at holiday time, Carlisle 5 & 10 is a good place to shop.

Toe stocks a full line of gift ideas for the entire family at Christmas, along with everything needed for wrapping presents, decorating the tree, and decorating the home.

Now that it is spring, Carlisle 5 & 10 is decorated with Easter baskets everywhere, and artificial flower arrangements for Memorial Day.

The store also has a complete line of yarn and craft materials, school supplies, housewares, American Greeting cards, small hardware, plus much more.

"People come in here and are surprised that we still carry mendets," Toe said.

Mendets are used to repair holes in pots and pans, and have been around at least 50 years, according to Toe.

Last but not least, at Carlisle 5 & 10 phone bills can be paid.

Carlisle 5 & 10 has been collecting telephone bills for South Central Bell for 10 years.

"This is a valuable service to the some of the older people," Toe said, "because they do not have a checking account, and they don't want to send cash through the mail."

Tracy Hunt, daughter of Larry and Linda Woosley, works part-time for the Wallaces.

Another part-time worker, Janet Kay Smoot, helps out during the Christmas holidays.

Joyce's parents have managed the store for the Wallaces while they were away on vacation or buying trips, until the recent illness of Omer Humphrey.

"They have been a big help running the store," Toe said.

"In fact, we haven't had a day off since he got sick."

Toe feels that convincing the residents of Carlisle of what his store offers is a hard thing to do.

"I had a woman come into my store last week who had bought 10 window shades from a large discount store, but they wouldn't cut them for her.

"I cut them for her, but what she didn't realize is that the discount store would not have cut shades that she had bought from my store.

"I provide both the materials and the service."

Toe & Joyce Wallace

Opening Carlisle 5&10

State unemployment shows gain

Employment gains in education, services and agriculture were offset by seasonal losses in manufacturing, construction and trade, pushing up Kentucky's unemployment rate from January to February.

The state's jobless rate increased from a revised 10.8 percent in January to a preliminary 11.4 percent in February, the same rate posted a year earlier, according to figures released today by the Cabinet for Human Resources.

The federal estimate of Kentuckians working was 9,000 higher than the figure recorded a year earlier, but those without jobs also increased, by 1,300, keeping the rate at the same level.

Nationally, unemployment inched downward from 7.3 percent in January to 7.2 percent in February. The comparable state and national rates are not seasonally adjusted.

"We've noticed a trend dating back to 1976 showing Kentucky's unemployment rate for February usually is one of the highest, if not the highest, recorded during the year," said state labor market analyst Ed Blackwell.

He pointed out that in spite of month-to-month losses, employment is up over last year's figures in most job categories.

Education, agriculture and services accounted for 8,100 more jobs between January and February.

"Education jobs increased by 4,600 after registering a temporary loss in January because schools and colleges were closed for semester break," Blackwell said. "Mild temperatures help produce 2,600 more agriculture jobs, which traditionally start to rebound with warmer weather. And service jobs increased by 900, now numbering 10,000 more than in February 1986."

Trade jobs declined by 2,100, mostly in tobacco buying and marketing, department stores and furniture stores. However, 10,400 more people were working in trade jobs in February than a year earlier.

"The decrease of 1,900 manufacturing jobs reflected labor disputes at Eaton Corporation in Bowling Green and General Electric in Owensboro," Blackwell said. "With the strike settlement and return to work at Eaton Corporation, these jobs will be shown in the plus column in our March estimates.

However, the call-back at General Electric will not show up a jobs gained until April figures are tabulated.

"We also had manufacturing declines in tobacco and textiles. But the February report shows 1,900 more jobs than last year's figure."

Construction industries reported 1,700 fewer jobs in February, but 8,500 more workers than in February 1986.

Figures compiled by the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics show an estimated 1,484,700 Kentuckians working in February, down from 1,497,500 in January, but an improvement over the 1,475,700 figure recorded in February 1986.

In the unemployment column, there were an estimated 191,300 Kentuckians, up from 181,800 in January and 190,000 in February 1986.

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GENERAL NEWS

KY AFIELD

By Norm Minch

Charles McKay Freeman of Amesbury, Massachusetts, was selected as the winner of the 1988 Kentucky Trout Stamp Competition March 22 in Frankfort.

Over 50 entries of original artwork were submitted from across the country to a panel of six judges.

Freeman's still life shows three trout, a fly rod, hoop net, three trout lures and a snapshot of an angler with a trophy catch.

His artwork calls to mind both today's ideas on trout fishing and the memories of catching some big fish or having a particularly special fishing experience.

This year's entries can be viewed in the Old State Capitol Annex in Frankfort from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. through April 26.

Freeman's work will be used as Kentucky's trout stamp, which is required of trout anglers before fishing for this species.

The judges for the contest included an ichthyologist, a wildlife artist, two art marketing executives, an avid trout fisherman and a printer specializing in color separations.

The judges awarded first runner-up to Mark A. Susinno, of Rockville, Maryland, and second runner-up to Al Dernisch, of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Previous winners of the contest are P. P. "Tony" Bennett, Harlingen, Texas, in 1984, Heiner Hertling of West Bloomfield, Michigan, in 1985, and Rick Hill of Pinchville, Kentucky, in 1986.

Before 1984, Kentucky's trout stamps featured a line-drawing design of a jumping rainbow trout, which was not changed from year to year.

April is one of the better times to trout fish in Kentucky because that is when many of our cold water streams and lakes receive their annual quota of trout.

The Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources is currently stocking 30 streams, 17 lakes and 11 tailwaters with trout each year.

The U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service also stocks several streams in the Daniel Boone National Forest with rainbow trout.

Anglers purchasing a Kentucky Trout Stamp for $3.50 are helping to support their sport as the revenue from stamp sales offsets costs of fuel, manpower and transportation of trout across the state.

Trout stamps are available from county clerk offices or other outlets where fishing licenses are sold. The 1-1/2 x 2-1/4 stamp must be signed and affixed to your fishing or combination hunting and fishing license to be valid.

For a free brochure which lists all the streams, lakes and tailwaters that are stocked with trout by the department write: Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, Division of Public Relations, #1 Game Farm Road, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, or phone (502) 564-4336. Ask for the brochure "Kentucky Trout Waters 1987."

This publication also includes the months each body of water is stocked. However, since trout stocking is dependent both on weather conditions and the availability of fish from federal hatcheries, specific stocking dates are not included.

Trout fishermen interested in catching a trophy should visit Lake Cumberland and its tailwaters. The state records for rainbow, brown and lake trout were taken from the Lake Cumberland tailwaters. Laurel River Lake is also noted for good trout fishing, especially during autumn.

Blue Licks.....

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the planning stage, Devine emphasized.

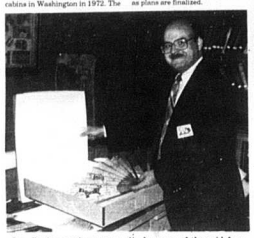
Devine is on the Old Washington, Inc. board in Washington, Kentucky. He represents the state as a park manager. Also on the board is Mrs. Andrew Duke from Maysville who was one of the guests at the Thursday luncheon.

The state purchased two log cabins in Washington in 1972. The cabins are leased to Old Washington, Inc.

One is the "Simon Kenton's Trading Store". The other is the Cane Brake Cabin, which is the Washington visitor center.

A park-like setting has been arranged around the cabins.

Further information on upcoming events and special features of the park be will published as plans are finalized.



Sam Devine, park manager, displays one of the acid free boxes used to store cards containing artifacts information, and some articles themselves. - Josie Duncan Photo

G. Wayne Buckler, Robertson County Judge/Executive, left, presents a proclamation on Blue Licks State Park Week to park manager, Sam Devine, center, last Thursday. Ed Henson, right, state director of Historic Sites and Recreational Parks, looks on. - Josie Duncan Photo

Shirley Vice, director of the Senior Citizens Center accepts checks from members of the Carlisle Christian Church to help the center defray costs. Evelyn Booth, giving a $50 check on behalf of the Handy Hannah Council. Mrs. Virginia Flora, right, gives a $50 check on behalf of the Twilight Council. - Josie Duncan Photo

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