COMMUNITY

Willoughby Hammond to wed

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Willoughby, Carlisle, announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Lisa Jean, to Michael Lynn Hammond, son of Mrs. Jewell Hammond and stepson of William R. Bentley, Carlisle.

The wedding will be an event of August 27, 7 p.m. at the First Church of God, at Dayton's Chapel.

All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

The reception will be held immediately following the ceremony at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Willoughby.

Hammond — Willoughby

Births

BOOTH

Captain and Mrs. Damon K. Booth, Little Rock, Arkansas announce the birth of a daughter, Leigh Nonelle, July 27, 1987. She weighed six pounds three ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert McCain, Water Valley, Mississippi.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Kimbal Booth, Carlisle.

McGuffey receives scholarship

Robert McGuffey Jr. received the M. M. McGuffey scholarship award at the Kentucky Annual Conference at Kess Tabernacle, Mt. Sterling, July 10 from Aaron Baker, Jr., chairman of the M. M. McGuffey scholarship committee.

The education department of the Second Episcopal District set up the scholarship in memory of the late Reverend Marion McGuffey Jr., a native of Carlisle.

Robert received a $500 scholarship to the college of his choice. He was one of three young men to receive this award.

Metzger installed as pastor

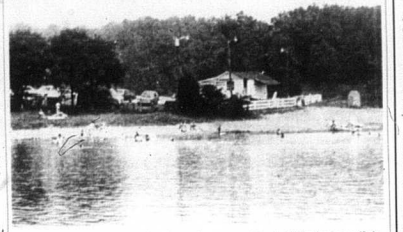
The Reverend Julie Schmitt Metzger will be installed as pastor of the First Christian Church, 100 Catherine Street, Sunday, August 9, 3 p.m.

A reception will follow immediately in the fellowship hall.

The public is invited to attend and a nursery will be provided.

Cookout given for Wilcoxson

A cookout was given August 1 honoring Annie Wilcoxson's birthday. Those attending were : Robert and Lorefa Glass, Flemingsburg; Dr. William Talley and Peter Terrio, Montreal, Quebec, Canada; Larry Talley and Charlotte Johnson, Georgetown; Howard Denham, Lexington; Margie Talley, Carlisle; Ruby and Eugene Letcher, Audrey and Josephine Earlywine, Leonard and Elizabeth Wilcoxson and Bonnie Wilcoxson, all of Nicholas County.



With temperatures reaching the high 90's last week, many people found relief by the shores of Lake Carnico. - Marsha Mattox Photo.

Kingsolvers hold family reunion

Dr. and Mrs. W. R. Kingsolver held a family reunion at their home Saturday, July 25, in honor of their children and grandchildren. Fifty people attended. Rob and Jackie Kingsolver and children, Ashley and Andrew, and Barbara and Joseph Hoffmann and daughter, Camille, were home for a visit. Ann Kingsolver has recently moved to Carlisle.

The guests included Mrs. Kingsolver's sister, Mrs. R. B. Isenhour and family, of Lexington and Louisville, her brother, John Henry and family of Florida, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Henry and Mrs. Dorothy Henry and families of Lexington and Florida, Dr. and Mrs. Gaines Huey and family of Wallon, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kingsolver of Carlisle.

The children had a pool party and treasure hunt, and dinner was served on the lawn.

Mitchell reunion held August 2

The Mitchell reunion was held at Blue Licks State Park August 2.

Those attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Mitchell, Jeffery Dale and Jennifer, Dawn Mitchell, Michelle Lee French, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Mitchell and Tammy, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Bruin, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Livingood, Sheila and Derick, Todd Hedges, Chad Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Jefferson and Chris.

Also, Brenda Gaunce, Brent and Regina, Mrs. Catherine Denton, Mrs. Paulette Bloomfield, Stephanie, Steven and Jason, Mrs. Frances Purcell, Mrs. Buddy Purcell, Albert, Becky and Frances, Genny and Susan Farris, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Joe Mitchell and Lenias Lenee, Rebecca Harding, Brandon and Joey, and Mr. and Mrs. James Bretz.

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Legion Contributions

After a successful Blackberry Festival, the American Legion Post 17 would like to take this opportunity to make the citizens of Nicholas County aware of their activities, past, present and future.

Post 17 contributed one half of the cost of cleaning the veteran's monument and placing stones on veteran's graves that were without one. Twice a year minature flags are placed on the veteran's graves as well as flag staffs.

The many contributions that have been given are as follows: Girl Scout and Boy Scout troops, Special Olympics, AccuTran, Nicholas County High School Oratorical Club, Viet Nam Memorial, in Washington, D. C., Jaws of Life c/o Nicholas County Rescue Squad, East Union and Assembly of God Churches, also funds were given for a flag pole at Nicholas County Hospital and to help repair the flag on the Nicholas County Courthouse. The post sponsors a little league team and contributes to an American Legion State Baseball tournament.

During the Christmas season, the post helps provide candy for the local children, nursing home and hospital.

They also sponsor a Fish Fry and Ham Supper each year for members and their families.

We also conduct military funerals on a voluntary basis.

Post 17 owns and maintains their building on West Main Street, due in part to the generous contributions of past legionnaires.

The following members are current officers of Post 17.

John Price-Commander, John Ecton-First Vice Commander, Jeff Randolph-Adjutant, Billy Dixon-Membership Chairman, John Tapp-Chaplin, Wayne Hardwick-Finance Officer, Clyde Hamm-Sargent at Arms and Paul House-Historian.

We also invite all veterans to join our post to help make it possible for benefits due veterans and their families.

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BUSINESS PROFILES

Always friendly service a West End goal

By Marsha Mattox
Of The Carlisle Mercury Staff

"Friendly service . . . the people who wait on the customers have a lot to do with it."

This is the answer Freda Sparks gives when asked why she thinks West End Market is a successful business.

West End Market, located one mile west of Carlisle on KY 36, is a self-service gas station and food market.

West End Market is owned and, operated by Sparks and her husband, (Charles) Allen Sparks.

They have been in business for five years, opening April 5, 1982.

"We are also selling gas at lower prices, with our profit margin not as big," Freda explained.

"However, we still have people who come in here and say they can buy gas cheaper in Lexington," she added.

Freda explained local Shell stations have to pay the middle man to transport the product from Louisville, while Lexington companies are owned directly by Shell.

Prior to opening West End Market, Freda served as bookmobile librarian for the Nicholas County Library since the early 1970's.

"I never had a rest between jobs," Freda said.

"I worked at the library up until Saturday before opening the market on the following Tuesday.

"And this job is a 16-hour-a-day job, two days in one," Freda said of her responsibilities at West End Market.

Freda was born in Nicholas County, but moved to Bourbon County with her family when she was 6-years-old.

Freda and her husband moved back to Nicholas County in 1951, and farmed for 27 years.

"We raised 27 crops of tobacco," Freda said.

In addition, Freda began working for Giffin Manufacturing in 1963.

(Giffin Manufacturing later became Blue Grass Industries, now Jockey International.)

Working there for only a few months, Freda began working for U. S. Shoe Factory in Flemingsburg, where she worked for nine and one half years, before her tenure as bookmobile librarian.

The Sparks have two children, Allen Ray and June.

June is a nurse in Mt. Vernon, Illinois, where she helps manage a kidney dialysis center.

Allen Ray, his wife, Vicky, and their daughter, Audra, are residents of Nicholas County.

"Allen Ray is one of the reasons why we opened West End Market," Freda explained.

"He works for Coe Oil Service, and they were looking for someone new to handle distribution of gas for them," she said.

West End Market sells Shell gasoline, oil and other Shell products served by Coe Oil Service.

Dick Coe built the building in which West End Market is located, serving as headquarters for his oil service.

Jim McCormick, Coe's son-in-law, now owns Coe Oil Service.

According to Freda, there have been several occupants of the building since it was first built.

L. J. "Peanut" Allison, first used the building as a restaurant in the 1950's.

Jack Morrison and Lewis Henry each owned the restaurant for a period of time, and J. B. Laytart occupied the building with a grocery store, before Tommy Vaughn and Larry Burton once again opened a restaurant in the building.

Robert Coatney, the last occupant before the Sparks opened West End Market, owned and operated a restaurant called Bob's Drive Inn.

"We could have gone with whatever we wanted to inside the building," Freda explained.

"I think people miss this being a restaurant.

"Every once in a while we'll have someone come in here who has been away for a long time, and ask what happened to the restaurant," Freda said.

When asked why she and her husband chose to open a gas station and food market, rather than a restaurant, Freda said they had no experience in the restaurant business.

"But then we had no experience in this type of business either," she said, laughing.

"We took it week by week. We started with a small stock and added gradually," she explained.

"It's a different experience, having never done this type of work.

"A first venture into business is scary," Freda said.

In addition to selling gasoline and other Shell products, West End Market offers groceries, sundries, hot sandwiches and pizzas.

There are three other employees at West End Market, in addition to the Sparks family.

Jane Ellen Grimes has been employed at West End Market for five years.

She is assistant manager, and her general duties are clerk, cashier, bookkeeping and daily deposits.

Hester Allison has worked as a clerk at West End Market since March, 1986, with general duties as cashier, cleaning, and making stock orders.

Allison's granddaughter, Paula Hamm, also works at West End Market, beginning in August, 1986, with the same responsibilities as her grandmother.

"Even though Allen and I own the business, it is a family operation, with Allen Ray, Vicky and Audra.

"We couldn't have opened the store without Allen Ray's help," Freda added.

"We are well pleased with running this business, and surprised at the honesty of the people in Nicholas County," Freda said.

"There is only a small percentage of our customers who are dishonest," she added.

Freda praised the younger generation from Nicholas County, Schools who do business at West End Market.

"The kids come in here and I never hear a sass word from any of them.

"I must compliment the parents and the school system on this bunch of well-behaved children," she said.

Business hours are 6 a.m. to 10 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Sunday.

The Sparks' goal in business at West End Market is to be able to serve the people of Carlisle and Nicholas County with fast and courteous service.

"And we will continue to change with the times," Freda concluded.

Freda and Charles Allen Sparks

New corporation for HCA

The new company being formed through Hospital Corporation of America's restructuring has been officially named HealthTrust, Inc.- The Hospital Company.

The new company, to be based in Nashville, Tennessee, will acquire 104 of HCA's owned acute-care hospitals through an Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP). Meadowview Regional Hospital in Maysville will become a part of HealthTrust.

Formation of the new company is expected to take place in the third quarter of this year. Clayton McWhorter, who will be Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of HealthTrust, Inc., said the company's new name was one of several that had be considered.

"We selected the name HealthTrust, Inc., based upon the fact that we are in the business of delivering quality health care," explained McWhorter.

One of the most important factors in making health care decisions is the element of trust. We believe, based on the quality of our health care service, people will have good reason to rely on HealthTrust," he said.

We feel that HealthTrust will be a very positive change for Meadowview and the people we serve," said Gary Herbek, Administrator. "Because most of the hospitals in the new company are approximately the same size and located in similar service areas, the management should be more sensitive to our needs. However, becoming a part of HealthTrust will not change Meadowview's commitment to provide quality health care to the people we serve."

Social Security Update

Q. I was in the hospital for several weeks. Since I live alone, my doctor wants me to spend a couple of months in a nursing home before returning home. Will Medicare pay for this?

A. Medicare does not pay for care in a nursing home. Medicare may help pay for skilled nursing facility care if you are transferred to a skilled nursing facility after a hospital stay of at least 3 days because you need and actually get skilled nursing or rehabilitation services for a condition which was treated in the hospital. If your stay in a skilled nursing facility is covered by Medicare, your hospital insurance will help pay for all covered services for the first 20 days and for all but $61.50 a day for the 21st through the 100th day in each benefit period.

Q. My wife and I never had a wedding ceremony, but we have raised a family and lived together for over 30 years. Now that I am getting ready to retire, I want to know if my wife will be able to get Social Security benefits on my record?

A. A common law marriage may not be created in Kentucky. However, in Ohio, a valid marriage may be created without a formal ceremony if the man and woman are free to marry, consider themselves to be husband and wife, and meet any other State requirements. These marriages are called common law marriages. If you and your wife have lived in a state that recognizes common law marriages, the Social Security Administration will also recognize your marriage and pay benefits to your wife as long as she meets all other requirements.

Q. My 15-year old brother has been blind since birth. I think he should apply for SSI, but my parents think that because he's a minor, they're responsible for him and he won't qualify. Is that right?

A. Not entirely. To qualify for SSI, a person must meet certain income and resources limits. Some of your parents' income and resources will be counted as your brother's in determining if he meets those limits. Tell your parents they should check at any Social Security office to see if your brother can get SSI payments.

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