

BUSINESS PROFILES

A furniture tradition for 35 years

By Marsha Livingston
of the Carlisle Mercury Staff

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"We like for them to come in and know whether they're buying or not," she added.

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Some members of staff at Garrett's Furniture are: Lily, Everett Ritchie, Norman Feaback, Jo Lynn Garrett, Lily Garrett, Doug Garrett.

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COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Raising quail a love for Murrell

By Janis Danson
of the Carlisle Mercury Staff

"He loves it," Kevin Murrell said about his grandfather, Ed Murrell. Kevin was talking about raising quail, which the senior Murrell raised 500.

The Wildlife Club members asked Murrell to name the club last May. They did checks were supplied by the Kentucky Fish & Wildlife Department, assisted by the department's land enforcement officer, Herbert Booth.

According to Booth, the department likes to deliver the quail chicks in the spring, as they will be ready to turn loose in the fall. He also said that the quail population down here considerably during the two severe winters we had in the late 1970s.

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There has been a quail stocking program in the county ever since Booth has been the law enforcement officer in Nicholas County which has been 12 years. He said the program was in existence prior to that but he was not sure just how long.

Murrell fed the young quail mashed boiled eggs at first. Mrs. Murrell gave her husband the idea to look about four doors for the 500 chicks in the spring, as they will be ready to turn loose in the fall. He also said that the quail population down here considerably during the two severe winters we had in the late 1970s.

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It is only to raise quail, but again he doesn't mind. "Nothing goes hungry where I'm at," he declares with pride as he goes at the birds running around the pen he built behind the barn on the farm.

He says he usually feeds in Paris, but he isn't getting locally. It costs \$1.50 for a 50 pound bag and also \$1.50 for a 25 pound bag and \$1.50 for a 10 pound bag. They are also fed a feed that costs between \$30 and \$40 for 50 pounds, but it lasts six weeks. They also eat crumblers, wheat, wildcat feed, and game bird starter.

Last year he turned out about 250 quail on the farm in the county. 10 to 15 farms have benefited from his efforts. Six farmers have come to pick up the birds, he has delivered the rest. He has about 600 ready to turn out.

Murrell, 75, raises an acre garden, and a strawberry patch. The garden is at his son, James' house on Lake Road. The strawberry patch is near the barn on Decker farm.

The produce from the two are more than he and Mrs. Murrell can use, as they will the balance, which consists of tomatoes, broccoli, cauliflower, peppers, green beans, corn, beets, carrots, and squash, and probably a few more vegetables they forget.

At their home at Oakland Mills on US 46, Murrell has 25 to 30 live hens. He had 60 at one time, but pesticides being sprayed have diminished the number.

When asked if the wild the honey, he exclaimed, "I can hardly keep in it!"

It'll be lit good one. Nicholas County is lucky to have wildlife buffs like Murrell, Booth, Allen, Brothers and Anderson who care enough to support their love of wildlife not only with their time and efforts, but financially, in order for quail once again to flourish in our county.



Ed Murrell enjoys feeding his quail. Helping him are, seated, his grandson, Kevin Murrell and great grandson, Brandon Murrell. Kevin is holding great grand daughter Heather. -Janis Danson

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