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For Hughes

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 Over prints have been collected by the Hughes family over the years.

"Debbie Beddini with Chateau Gallery in Paris took some older prints I had that had gone a little yellow and took a lacquered black frame and totally hid the yellow to make a classic picture," Mrs. Hughes added.



Mr. and Mrs. Byron (Sooter) Hughes residence on Calcutta that began life as a barn soon after completion a metamorphosis under the hands of proud owners and local craftsmen.



Academic boosters elect officers

By Michelle Havens  
 of The Carlisle Mercury Staff  
 The Nicholas County High School Academic Boosters met Monday, May 16 to induct new officers for the 88-89 school year.  
 The meeting was opened as usual by the 87-88 president, Carolyn Dotson.  
 Minutes from the last meeting on April 18 were read by Ann Hamon, this year's secretary.  
 After old and new business had been called for and discussed, the booster members were given evaluation sheets to sign up for new committees

for the next school year.  
 The next on the agenda was the installation of the new officers for the 88-89 school year.  
 Mr. Donald Elder and Mr. Rob Lane led the installation of the new president and the president-elect about the duties they would have to perform.  
 Lane spoke to the new secretary and treasurer and informed them of some of their responsibilities.  
 After listening to the speeches prepared for them,

Other unusual touches include a "catwalk" around the house which is located in wrought iron gates (the added safety involving the Hughes two small children, a sun room leading from the master bedroom, a easy reading corner and mosaic tiles covering the tops of wooden lamp stands.  
 But additions are planned for the future.  
 "I still don't think every-

thing is completely finished, but that is what owning a house is all about, making additions and changes.  
 "We plan to make the carport into a guest or play room if the children want more privacy and other additions for more children come along in the future," said Mrs. Hughes.  
 Overall, the Hughes family is pleased with their new venture.  
 "I grew up in Rhode Island

in a large, open house so, I prefer lots of space.  
 "I like that feeling of total openness, and wanted a Great Room with lot bedrooms and I also think it looks neater," she added.  
 "I would not recommend it, however, if someone wanted a lot of privacy and a cozier atmosphere."  
 The Hughes' are also pleased with the friendliness of this community.  
 "Our neighbors, the Oni's, Hitches, and the Schandings would give the shirt off their back without you even asking them."  
 Mr. Onell broke his leg and immediately there was someone there to feed his cattle and take a dish to him, or anything else he needed.  
 "I believe this situation is a classic example of how really unique this community is, and in this day and time where in a bigger city no one even knows their neighbor, much less reaches out to someone else in need, just goes to show how special this community is," she said.

"I guess it's just that small town atmosphere that makes one feel secure, it's unusual now, but I personally think it is fantastic," she concluded.  
 The Hughes family reside with their two children, Sydney and Byron III, their dogs, pony, other wild animals that come to visit and also a member of the family adopted by the Hughes children, Mrs. Helen Fryman, permanent baby-sitter.

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Gainful Home Economics class offers experience

By Heather Moffatt  
 of The Carlisle Mercury Staff

During the course of this year, students at Nicholas County High School had the opportunity to gain experience

as parents without actually having children.  
 Those in the Gainful Class at NCHS in the Home Economics Department organized, taught and dealt with

an area children on a day to day basis in a program called Playchool.  
 Those in gainful included: Mary Trandroy, Beth Glass, Beth Snapp, Bus Willoughby, Jennifer Dale, James Brats,

Kristen Porter, Daris Cobb, Christy Fryman, Angie Ecklar, Karen Bruine and Gail Bowen.  
 The classes are sponsored and taught by Martha Taylor and Bonnie Metzelle.  
 The future "Class of 2001" graduated from Playchool last week in the Home Economics room at NCHS.

After donning graduation caps and tassels, Gainful Class members presented their diplomas and gifts and the recessional that followed was themed "Happy Together."  
 Refreshments were served to the students and guests following the recessional and



The theme for the graduation was "One Step At A Time."  
 The Activity/Play was themed "In Our Springtime Garden."  
 The group was split up into flowers, bees, birds and butterflies and recited their parts of the play with the ease befitting child actors on Broadway.  
 Costuming included wings, petals, antennas and leaves.  
 Proud parents, grandparents and friends were present to view the program.  
 One child "star" (Michael Heiter) remarked, "Why are you taking so much pictures? Is it because you love our

Model Year Closeout

All 1988 TVs must go

**Residents participate in Foster program**

Thirty-six Bluegrass area residents recently participated in a three-day discussion on issues related to their volunteer work as Kentucky foster parents.

Kentucky Families Together and Safe-Foster Parents Helping To Make A Difference, a state sponsored conference May 12-14 was held at the Capital Plaza Hotel in Frankfort.

The conference coincided with Governor Wallace G. Wilkinson's declaration of May as Foster Parent Appreciation Month in Kentucky.

In addition to the Bluegrass delegation, an estimated 200 foster parents, along with staff from the Kentucky Department for Social Services, took part in workshops on topics including helping a foster child part with separation from the natural family, the impact of Kentucky's new Juvenile Code on foster care, and state planning for the needs of foster children with AIDS.

Social Services Commissioner Larry Michaelczyk said the conference is an important part of the state's effort to have better trained foster parents.

"Child-abuse situations occur in a foster home that might never arise in a natural family setting," Michaelczyk said. "It's the nature of being a volunteer parent to a child who has been abused, neglected, or abandoned."  
 "The folks who attended the conference are now a part of our training program back on the local level, and we hope this will strengthen Kentucky's system of providing this temporary care for children in need of protection."  
 A continuing problem facing Kentucky's foster care system is a lack of sufficient numbers of foster homes for the hundreds of children placed in foster care in this state each year.  
 Nicholas Countians interested in learning more about local foster care needs may call the Social Services office in Carlisle at 589-7123.

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