

FEATURE AT SIX

Wright finds something right about making hobby pay

By Jeff Spindling
The Carlisle Mercury

The life of an artist can be difficult. There's the ever-present demand for creative energy, and you risk flat rejection of your work. If you get by these hurdles, there's still another factor — making a living at it.

For the young would-be artist, one painter who is a 40-year veteran of the trade, has some words of encouragement.

"Go for it," said James Wright, an accomplished artist, who has painted everything from a jade horse, his latest creation, to the Kennedy family.

"It's a tough row to hoe. You have to pay your dues, but you can make a living at it," Wright said.

He points to the demand for commercial artists, who paint such things as greeting cards and billboards, as an example of the demand for artists.

"Somebody had 'yellow it,' he said. The Lexington resident had no formal training. He was born in Pittsburg, Penn., moved to England where he was five and has travelled the world.

Wright recalls the days when he paid his dues as a painter starting out.

"I can remember if I sold a painting for \$25 I thought it was all the money in the world."

His interest in painting came as a child.

"When I was little, I went out, more crayons and colored pencils than a normal kid," Wright said.

Now, his work can be found in a variety of places. Prob-

ly, his most widely seen is the painting he created for Kentucky's 1974-76 celebration of the bicentennial. He also drew the covered bridge pictures that hang in People's Park buildings. Also among his credits are pictures of past circuit judges in the Fleming County Courthouse, a limited-edition commissioned drawing of a wall, and his portrait of the Kennedys.

Wright said that meeting the Kennedy family and drawing them was somewhat of a stroke of luck.

"It was on the right place at the right time," he said.

His most recent painting, finished just about a week ago, is called a Jade Horse. It, he said, is the last work he created in the Orient.

Wright, 62, said he has as-

ways been very individual with his paintings.

"I'm sort of a maverick."

Wright's artwork will be featured at the Lexington art library in May of this year, when about 60 of his paintings will be on display.

Wright said the show will offer "a tremendous variety" of his work for public display.

Census taker - a great part-time job

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It's billed as the best temporary job in America.

Once every 10 years, the U.S. Bureau of Census tackles the massive challenge of counting every person in the country.

To accomplish this, the bureau will hire thousands of people to work in part-time temporary positions.

Locally, the Census Bureau will be giving employment tests at the Nicholas County Courthouse in Carlisle and

at the National Guard Armory. Testing dates and times are: at the courthouse, Jan. 15, 22, 29 and Feb. 6 at 7 p.m. At the armory, tests will be given at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on January 12, 19, 26 and February 2 and 9.

Among the positions to be filled by the bureau are enumerators, crew leaders, supervisors, clerks, clerks for special place operations, payroll-personnel clerks, stock and supply assistants and data transcribers.

The Census Bureau anticipates hiring about one-half million people in temporary positions nationwide.

The jobs will pay \$5.50 per hour and workers will be reimbursed 34 cents per mile for automobile expenses.

"It's a very interesting job," said James Wright, who is recruiting in the area. "The job will last several months, and you can set your own hours," Wright said.

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Correction

A quote in last week's Feature at Six about Lou Edith Lykins was incorrect. The statement incorrectly said that Lykins received welfare support for her family after her husband died. Lykins did not receive any welfare or food stamp funds to support her family.

The statement should have read: "Social Security was not enough to sustain the family."



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Burial in Barteville Cemetery.

Several nieces and nephews, including Cleve Stone, Louis and Larry Stone, Cleveland, Ohio; and several other relatives.

Wills
Mays Marland Wills, 75, a resident of Bourbon Heights, died early Thursday, January 4, 1990 at the Carlisle United Methodist Church.

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