

FEATURE AT SIX

Huddleson remembers one room teaching

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CARLISLE, May 17—The Nicholas County school system has not, for very long, been arranged as it is in its present form. One room school houses and the like were not merely figures of the old west, but continued to exist well into the first quarter of the twentieth century.

Few have seen the way education has changed in the last 50 years, fewer still have lived to watch the transition from an open system that had

to exist because of the size of facility and number of faculty to the installation of an entire school reform system in Kentucky that mandated the open system.

The more things change, the more they stay the same, said one who has noticed and followed these changes before and since her retirement.

Louella Huddleson's experience as a teacher spans 48 years and follows the changing process of education from her days teaching at a small one room schoolhouse on Walnut Grove Road to the in-

corporated county school district installed in the mid-1960s.

In 1924, more than 60 schools existed throughout Nicholas County teaching all grades at pretty much the same time, she said. Because no wide ranging transportation plan was reasonably feasible during that period, the one room schoolhouses served small communities, which at that time were akin to microcosms of the county.

Most, Huddleson said, offered education from grades

1-8 with bigger schools located in Headquarters, Carlisle, East Union, Moorefield and a few others offering secondary education, she said.

But secondary education was not considered an anti-requirement then, she said. Students did not merely pass on to the upper grades but, instead, a test was administered which would allow those students with ability and desire to continue their education to go on, she said.

Thus early grades concentrated every effort on establishing in the minds of students the basics of education, she said. Reading, writing, Kentucky and United States history, and mathematics comprised the majority of the necessities the schools felt students needed, she said.

Huddleson began teaching right out of high school. Superintendent Taylor said she had a school open for Huddleson to teach and asked would she take a qualifying teacher's examination, a test which would qualify her for primary level education and forgo college level educational training, another member

of the staff.

Fastening the seam, Huddleson, freshly graduated from the East Union school, began teaching at Walnut Grove, a new experience for her in many ways than merely one in educating.

Every morning she walked to the small country school at one end of Nicholas County to admit students of all ages for their daily exercises.

The only similarity these schools had to the system existing today was its overall control by one superintendent, she said.

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assistance in advanced math applications, she said.

Teaching at the Walnut Grove school for two years, Huddleson left to attend the University of Kentucky and receive her teaching certificate.

She substituted for awhile in most schools across the county, settling for awhile at the East Union school, she said.

She moved to the old Carlisle School, a move that transportation-wise, was easier for her living only a few blocks away.

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Nursing Home Week, this week

Kentucky nursing homes, which employ more than 20,000 health care workers and provide care for more than 30,000 elderly, will join May 13-19, 1990 to celebrate Kentucky Nursing Home Week (KNHW).

The Kentucky Association of Health Care Facilities (KAHCF) sponsors KNHW.

KAHCF is the trade association which represents 258 licensed proprietary and non-proprietary nursing homes in the Commonwealth.

Cornelia Abertus Serpell is named the 1990 KNHW Chairman. She is a strong advocate for the care of Kentucky's elderly.

Serpell is best known for her work in establishing a separate Department of Mental Health in Frankfurt, instead of placing the care of the mentally ill under the Department of Hygiene in the Department of Welfare.

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Jockey International Inc., celebrated employees day Saturday, May 5. The theme for this special day was Fun Day.

Donna Wolf Steigerwald, chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Jockey International, Inc., presented the "Jockey Distinguished Service Award" to Shirley Routh of the Carlisle Sewing Plant on Wednesday May 9, and to Arthur Buzzard of the Knitting Plant, on Friday, May 11.

Other Jockey International staff on hand during this presentation included William Steigerwald, Ron Chisenhall, regional vice president, Don Haney, vice president of Kentucky sewing operations, and Bascom Sorrell, plant manager of the Knitting Plant.

The "Jockey Distinguished Service Award" is the most prestigious award an company employee may receive. This award is given in recognition for an individual's significant contribution in perpetuating the "Jockey" ideal reflecting the best in a person—a commitment to loyalty, integrity and service and the dedication with which one conducts his or her daily life.

All employees, salaried and hourly (not including division vice presidents) are eligible for this award. Employees in each location nominated candidates for this year's recipients.

A plaque recognizing the recipients will be placed in a prominent area in each plant. A personalized certificate is presented to each individual receiving this award. The golden Jockey statue with the individual's name inscribed thereon is also presented along with a check for \$250 net in cash.

An additional contribution from Jockey in the amount of \$250 will also be made to that person's church or favorite charity. A total of 10 awards are given each year.

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Congratulations!

Shirley Routh, a 26 year employee of Jockey Sewing, who works in the Woven Department, received the Distinguished Service Award, during ceremonies, May 9. This year's recipient is a very dependable and cooperative employee who is liked by her co-workers. She is willing to help anyone in a time of need. When there is a family illness in either her or her husband's family, she is always there to lend a helping hand.

She serves on the Board of Directors of the Jockey Credit Union. She is an active and dedicated member of Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church. She also serves on the church's Board of Directors.

She and her husband, Kenneth, have two children—Melissa, a former Jockey Employee, and Doug, who is a mechanic on the second shift. They are the proud grandparents of four wonderful grandchildren.

Shirley Routh, left, receives her award from chairman of the board and chief executive officer Donna Wolf Steigerwald as Florence Wilson former DSA winner and Don Haney look on.



Arthur Buzzard who has been with Jockey for 23 years, was named recipient of the Distinguished Service Award for Jockey Knitting, in ceremonies held May 11. He is an active member of Rose Hill United Methodist Church where he teaches Sunday School for Class Ages 11-17, and also serves on the church's board of directors.

He will often visit hospitals and nursing homes to visit with the sick and elderly. He enjoys hunting and fishing and attending high school basketball games.

He is a volunteer member of the Carlisle Fire Department and the Jockey Throughbred Club. He and his family are members of the Gospel Travelers singing group, that sings Christian Music all around the state of Kentucky.

He and his wife Patsy have been married 25 years and they have one son. He has a knitting machine fixer on first shift.

At left, Buzzard (center) is showing receiving his DSA Award from, Bascom Sorrell, Knitting Plant Manager, and Ronald L. Chisenhall, regional vice president of manufacturing.

Fun Day was a special day for Jockey employees and their families, where the old and young alike had a special day even though the weather did not cooperate much for the festivities, May 5.