# Kentucky Utilities is part of state's history

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CARLISLE — In 78 years, Kentucky Utilities has become more than a utility company, it has become a part of the state's history.

In 1905, Harry Reid stepped of a train in Versailles, Kentucky with $200 in his pocket and a hope to bring a network of generating plants to the state.

Ralph Karsner, manager of the Kentucky Utilities offices in Carlisle and Cynthiana, says the state and the electric company have grown together.

"The state and the company have grown up together. From the coal mines that grew because of electric machinery to the small towns like Carlisle that were given a chance to grow when K.U. brought electricity here, everyone in the state has benefited from K.U.

By 1914, the young company had expanded to 18 communities and offered gas and water as well as ice. By 1919, K.U. had expanded to the coalfields in the mountains of Kentucky.

After electricity was made available in the mines, Kentucky's coal production soared, placing the state as the nation's leading producer.

More than two - thirds of the company's electricity went to the coal mines.

In 1923, K.U. purchased the Kelso-Werdick Company, which provided power to Danville, Paris, and Carlisle.

Since that time, the number of people in Nicholas County with electricity has jumped ten times the original number. Both K.U. and the rural electric cooperatives are responsible for the increase.

The beginning of the rural electric cooperatives limited the company's expansion to communities, but K.U. invested its time in building dams and generating stations to expand the electricity load in hopes that the towns across the state would be able to consume more and more power.

With one of the nation's largest computer networks, K.U. is able to serve over a 400,000 consumers in more than 80 counties across the state and in Virginia with just a little over 2,000 employees. The low number of employees to consumers helps K.U. provide service at the lowest possible cost.

In Carlisle, five employees are responsible for keeping the electricity going and the billing running smoothly.

Karsner said "The Carlisle office runs very smoothly. The people we serve are very good to work with, and the staff we have is very good at what they do.

"Personally, I've found the people of Nicholas County to be very friendly. They've welcomed me to their community like I've lived here all my life, and that makes it a lot easier to serve the public."

Kentucky Utilities prides itself on its low number of complaints and low prices.

"Our company set a goal years ago: Bring the best possible electric service at the lowest possible cost to the people in our operating territory.

"I think we do a pretty good job," Karsner said.

The concerns over the environment and national resources will make the next few years a challenge for the company.

Concerns over burning coal and its effects on the environment may hamper K.U.'s efforts to build and support Kentucky's coal industry.

The power station in Ghent, in Carroll County, was just completed and is already slated to be overhauled to cut down on its coal smoke discharge.

Officials at the company hope that such changes in the electric industry can be taken without passing too great a cost on to the consumer.

Karsner is available in the Carlisle office five days a week, either in the morning or in the afternoon.

Anyone who has a suggestion is urged to call or come by the office on Main Street.

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Relatives and friends of the 1991 graduating class gathered for Class Night ceremonies as the seniors were grouped on the court to receive awards and scholarships last Thursday night at the Nicholas County High School gym.

# Passenger train to stop in Carlisle

The Kentucky Central Railway Train will be offering a train ride on June 8-9 and July 13-14 from Paris at 2 p.m. to Carlisle and leaving at 4 p.m. back to Paris.

During the stay there will be walking tours of Carlisle with one of our guides and see our characters Rebecca and Daniel Boone, Nanoye Metcalfe, and Isabella Kennart, stepping back in time to the year 1816.

There also will be buggy rides available by Dorsey Lynn Watkins leaving from the depot. Hot dogs and soft drinks will be sold during the train stops.

Make your reservations by calling Shirley Ross at 293-0807, or write Shirley Ross, Kentucky Central Railway, 1749 Bahama Road, Lexington, KY.

## NOTICE

The P.V.A. office will be closed on Friday, May 31. All employees will be in Frankfort. On Monday, June 3, the inspection period will start for 1991.

## NOTICE

The circuit clerk's office will be closed Thursday, June 6 and Friday, June7, as the staff will be attending a meeting. the office will be open Saturday, 9:00 A.M. until noon. Driver testing is cancelled for Thursday, June 6.


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The Nicholas County Property tax roll will be opened for inspection from June 3 through June 15. Under the supervison of the property valuation administrator or one of the deputies, any taxpayer may inspect the tax roll.

This is the January 1, 1991 assessment on which state, county, and school taxes for 1991 will be due in the fall of 1991.

The tax roll is in the office of the P.V.A. in the basement of the Nicholas County courthouse. The office will be open for the purpose of inspecting the tax roll from 8:30 A.M. until 4:30 P.M. weekdays, 9:00 A.M. until 12:00 noon Saturdays.

Any person who wishes to appeal a real property assessment must file a written letter of appeal of petition with the county clerk within the inspection time listed above. This letter or petition must state the reasons for appeal, identify the property in question, and state the taxpayer's estimate of actual fair cash value (K.R.S. 133.210).

Appeals of personal property assessments must be made to the Revenue Cabinet.

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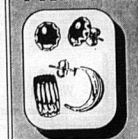

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