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Bush fire claims 75 acres

By Josh Shephard
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What began as a trash fire on a farm near Headquarters mushroomed into a full blown blaze that wiped out an area reported to be between 60-75 acres of farm land.
The Nicholas County fire department was dispatched to a brush fire near King City Highway 32, 10 miles out of Carlisle, on Hick Hardy Pike, at approximately 12:30 p.m. Sunday, about 20 minutes prior to a scheduled meeting of county firemen.
However, what was reported to be a simple brush fire was discovered to be far worse, Nicholas County Fire Chief Mark Hughes said.
According to the fire report issued by Hughes, the fire started when someone was burning trash earlier in the morning. Wind and the dry brush surrounding the trash pile eventually caused a much wider area to catch.
"When we got there, about one acre of farmland was blazing. But with the wind pushing it, it suddenly grew gigantic. A corn field got caught in the blaze and sud-

denly it was all over us and moving faster than we could get hoses to it," one volunteer fireman said. Approximately 70-100 acres of land, belonging to Johnny Clines, Dillard Wade, and Bas Hoevermale was burned.
Flames were reported to be nearly fifteen feet high and several firemen were nearly scalded inside the fire.
The Ford water hauler which was used to haul additional water resources to the firemen was also very nearly lost.
"We saw the fire was headed toward the truck, so we got in and started to back away when suddenly it was right in front of us," a fireman said.
Trees, underbrush and garbages instead of getting it picked up, I hope they wait until after a good soaking rain. If not, you can bet there's going to be a lot more of this kind of damage ahead," Hughes said.
Fire Department. Also on hand to attempt to control the blaze were several members of the Carlisle Volunteer Fire Department.
The rush of the fire began to close in on two households in

the area and firemen concentrated on stemming the blaze before it reached the homes.
Working feverishly, the combined efforts of all fire fighters finally began to take the upper hand in the battle. They were able to seize control of the flames and began the process of squelching the fire before anymore damage was done.
"When we finally got the thing under control and out all around all you could see was black. The fields hadn't been in use and had grown some dense underbrush. Right now, with the dry weather we've been having here lately, anything will set it off," Hughes said.
"If people have to burn their garbages instead of getting it picked up, I hope they wait until after a good soaking rain. If not, you can bet there's going to be a lot more of this kind of damage ahead," Hughes said.



The Carlisle Mercury/Josh Shephard Photo
gathered to pay tribute to their beloved physician. Andrew highlighted the lighter side of growing up with his older brother. Other pictured were Ann Hamon and children, Cindy, Tish, Mark, and Jan.

Four injured in accident

By Josh Shephard
of the Courier-Journal
CARLISLE — It was standing room only in the cafeteria at the Nicholas County elementary school Sunday where hundreds of well wishers gathered to pay tribute to a man whose dedication and service to Nicholas County has gone beyond the mere medical.
Dr. Allen J. Hamon was the man of the day on February 2, and, not surprisingly, hundreds gathered to express their appreciation, admiration, and respect on a day declared by Mayor Frankie Hughes and Judge-Executive Reese Snook as Allen J. Hamon day.
Hamon, who retired from his medical practice late last year due to illness, was joined by his wife Ann, and his son and daughters, upon the elementary school stage, was addressed by a large number of people and presented numerous awards including a key to the city of Carlisle by Mayor Hughes and commendation from Judge Snook, who

made a Kentucky Colonel by Governor Brereton Jones. Jones, who was invited to the proceedings, declined in the last minute to attend the funeral of the late Powell County sheriff and deputy which occurred on the same day.
Master of Ceremonies Billy Dale Crawford presented a virtual "This is Your Life" list of friends Hamon had made throughout his tenure as a Nicholas County Family Medical Physician.
But, just as his services reached out and touched more people than in Nicholas County, loyal patients from Robertson County, where Hamon served as one of the clinic doctors, were on hand to thank him for his unselfishness and kindness.

Proceedings, expected to be heavy on the emotions, were kept surprisingly on the light side, reflecting Hamon's "own brand sense of humor which has been one of his most indelible trademarks.
Nor did those attending

concentrate solely on his contributions as a doctor. His own farming endeavors raising cattle was the subject of an amusing anecdote from Cliff Vies, representing Farm Bureau.
In addition to the numerous presentations of plaques and gifts made to Hamon, the program featured music from hamon. Kingsolver said.
"Allen Hamon has all of these things. Since first accepting my proposal to come here, Hamon's career eventually mushroomed, he has never not had enough work to keep him busy.
Though we have never had a moment together where we weren't both deeply immersed in our work, I never had to wonder where he was. I could hear him in the hospital calling one of his patients the latest joke," Kingsolver said.
Hamon's brother, Dr. Andrew Hamon, a doctor specializing in obstetrics and gynecology, was among the last to stand and address Hamon and the audience.
Among his remembrances as Hamon's youngest brother, whose influence, Andrew said, was as profound and long lasting as any other's he has known, he recalled instances on their farm at play County in early 1960, said the situation in Nicholas County prior to Hamon's coming was almost critical.
"As it is with any small community, doctor's are a fairly difficult commodity to come by. For years, I had been unofficially designated as the person looking to recruit young doctors to settle and take up practice here.
"In my search, I came across a work wanted ad for a young doctor searching for a small Kentucky community in which to settle and as I invited Allen to Carlisle in order to see if our community would suit him," Kingsolver said.
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LeMaster and Ford to visit Carlisle Saturday

Kentucky State Representative Jim LeMaster and Kentucky Senator Ed Ford will be available to meet with anyone wishing to discuss legislation or concerns they may have on

Saturday, February 6, 1992, from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. at the Nicholas County Courthouse in the small courtroom.



The Nicholas County Fire Department responded to a fire at the residence of James Beecraft on Upper Sharpburg Road at 1:35 p.m. last Wednesday. The owner was burning old house next to residence. The fire got out of control setting residence on fire. The fire burnt sidings and insulation on the end of the residence according to the Nicholas County Fire Chief Mark Hughes.

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