

## Brodhead school takes fight against drugs to streets, Friday

The first annual walk against drugs was held last Friday afternoon by the student body at Brodhead Elementary School.

Many parents joined their children in the "Just Say No" activities. The parade was led by a police cruiser, two fire engines and principal Tom Payne in William Bentley's antique truck. The School's Special Olympics team were the first walking unit and carried the "Just Say No" banner.

Following the athletes were the cheerleaders who led the group in chanting "Just Say No" throughout the parade route.

Each class had created banners and most of the student body plus faculty and parents wore their plus-shirts with the official "Just Say No" logo. Many area residents and local business people lined the parade route to show their support of the school's efforts.

Once downtown, the group assembled on the parking lot adjacent to Citizens Bank for a short rally. Mrs. Sue Hamm, chairman for the school's guidance committee introduced speakers and thanked parents, teachers and businesses for their support throughout the year.

Guest speakers were Dr. Charles Hedrick who serves on the Governor's drug council, Judge Dan Venters, and Don Girdler, Somerset.

Girdler serves on the staff of U.S. Rep. Harold Rogers. Those in attendance were reminded by Hedrick that 1 in every 3 students in public schools have tried drugs so it is not something the public can ignore. Venters told the students they were to be commended for their efforts and their lives would be richer if they remembered to say "no" to drugs and alcohol. Girdler expressed his admiration to the student body for the tremendous turnout and the fact they were not reluctant to face the problem and that they were receiving support from teachers, parents and the community.

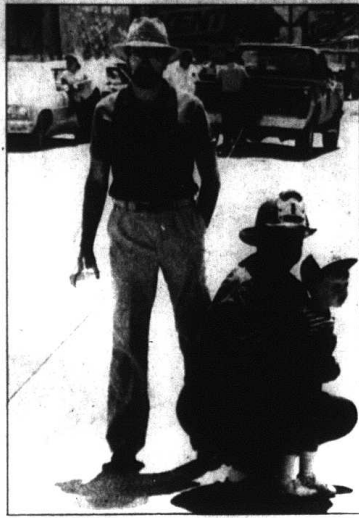
He mentioned Somerset will be holding a similar rally May 16, but stated it would be hard to top Brodhead's enthusiasm.

Other activities included the official presentation of the school's "Just Say No" flag to Payne and the entire group reciting the "Just Say No" pledge led by Ms. Molly Hamm. Mrs. Burton's sixth grade presented a special song for the occasion and the cheerleaders did a cheer to culminate the activities.

On Thursday the students were urged to wear red to signify putting a stop to the abuse of drugs. During the week four students served as principal for one hour each. This was the prize for designing the best poster for the event.

Those holding the office were Jamaica Bradshaw - primary level, Jon Eric Martin - intermediate, Stephanie Pope - junior high and Thomas Shafer - resource room.

Shafer stated the most fun was "just getting out of class". Pope took her job more seriously, however. "I replaced some of the



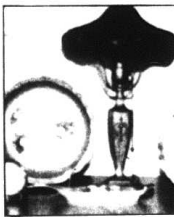
In the above photo, Brodhead volunteer fireman David Cash holds his grandson, Jason, as they watch the "Just Say No to Drugs" parade Friday. Also in the photo is Jason's dad, Roger Reynolds. In the bottom photo, Brodhead kindergarten teacher Linda Firth waves at the crowd during the parade.

teachers in the primary grades with junior high students for fifteen minutes and had to talk to some younger students who were acting up." When asked if she would like to be principal she replied, "no, but I do want to be a

teacher." The faculty of Brodhead school would like to extend a very special thanks to the fire departments of Brodhead and Mt. Vernon and to all the community for their support during the event.



Brodhead guidance counselor Sue Hamm welcomes the crowd to the first annual "Just Say No To Drugs" parade, sponsored by Brodhead Elementary School. Also in the photo are, from left: Dr. Charles Hedrick, local coordinator for the state's drug abuse program, Don Girdler, field rep. for Cong. Hal Rogers, Circuit Judge Dan Venters, Molly Hamm and Tom Payne, BES principal.



## Rare lamp brings \$1,850 at auction

This rare lamp was sold at public auction Saturday, May 2, at Pittsburg, Ky. The lamp was a Pair Point lamp patented July 9, 1867. It was sold for \$1,850 to Ed Malakoff of River Edge, New Jersey. Malakoff said this brought his collection to over 100 of fine lamps. Malakoff flew from New Jersey to the auction specifically to buy the lamp. The previous owners of the lamp were Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Adams of Pittsburg.

Mrs. Adams has collected and dealt in antiques for over 20 years and she said this was the first Pair Point lamp she had seen. She purchased the lamp out of someone's smokehouse a few years ago for \$12.50.

This was one of the highlights of the auction conducted for Mr. and Mrs. Adams which lasted for over 10 hours of non-stop selling.

There was a total of over 1000 items sold. The auction was conducted by the Ford, Stealy & Auction Company of Mt. Vernon and Somerset.

## Kentucky Housing Corp. offering low-interest loans

Homebuyers stunned by the recent steep climb in interest rates may have a reprieve from the Kentucky Housing Corporation (KHC).

KHC announced Friday that it will make available approximately \$80 million dollars to KHC qualified homebuyers.

The money has some very attractive features, according to L. Lynn Eason, executive director of KHC. First, the rate is a 9.8 percent which is very attractive in light of what is happening in the market. Second, the loans are fixed rate for twenty five years and lenders can charge only 1 percent for originating the loans.

Eason added that 1,000 homes could be financed with the available funds.

KHC financing is available through local participating lenders for homebuyers whose annual income does not exceed KHC guidelines.

Maximum income limits are as follows: One person, \$25,000; Married couple, \$29,500; Person couple with one child, \$28,000; Person couple with two children, \$29,500; Person couple with three children, \$31,000.

An additional \$1,500 can be added to the income for those who are purchasing in the following Eastern Kentucky counties: Boone, Breathitt, Carter, Clay, Clinton, Cumberland, Elliott, Floyd, Harlan, Jackson, Johnson, Knott, Knox, Laurel, Lawrence, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Magoffin, Martin, McCreary, Menifee, Morgan, Owsley, Perry, Pike, Powell, Put-

land, Rockcastle, Warren, Whitley and Wolfe. Interested homebuyers can call the toll-free Home Line 1-800-633-8896 for more information.

## Nominated for state employee award

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## Agnew works on display at Bank of Mt. Vernon

Beginning this week the paintings of John Agnew are on exhibit at the Bank of Mt. Vernon. Mr. Agnew comes to Rockcastle County after extensive experience with various museums and zoos in the eastern United States. He is a self described naturalist, becoming interested in this area due to his hobby of speleology, or exploring and studying caves. He and his wife, Patricia, purchased land in the Lanesco section of the county and built his studio. It is a "really beautiful place, which is the main reason we came. It's a great place for me to work because of the inspiration in my backyard."

It is no surprise that Mr. Agnew became an artist, since both his parents are artists. With a college background in not only painting, but biology, geology, paleontology, and archeology as well, he began his career as a curator at the Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia. He had a position at the University of

search of Mayan Ruins. These travels are reflected in some of his current works.

His project with the Cincinnati Zoo was a series of 17 murals for the zoo's multi-million dollar house for the Big Coia. It provides an artificial environment for live cats reproduced to look like their native habitat. This project was done in collaboration with his mother. Mr. Agnew has also done work for the St. Louis Zoo and has two murals in the Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia depicting dinosaurs in their natural habitat.

His current project is with the new Cincinnati Museum of natural history. He will design his 8000 square foot artificial cave which will be complete with waterfalls, underground streams, stalagmites and even live bats. Mr. Agnew will act as consultant to the actual construction of this three year project. He has the distinction of being among only about a dozen in America that can design and

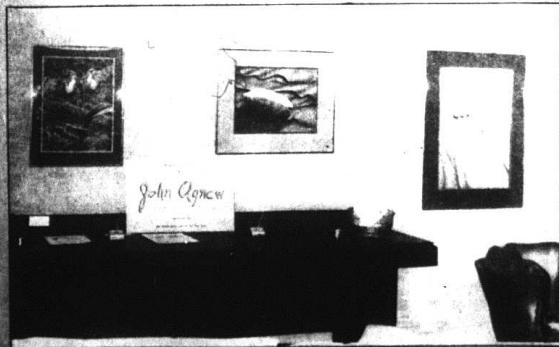
work. He was chosen for his experience in exhibit design and because he is a "caver".

Until this begins Mr. Agnew is busy painting. He uses acrylics mainly, because of the convenience it affords. He does some drawing and sculpting as well.

In terms of his subject matter, Mr. Agnew says, "I'm very much the scientist in the sense that my work is very liberal, very exact and realistic, and that's how I like to portray things." He is described by Sandy Speagle, close friend and colleague as "Outstanding... Among the 3 or 4 best in this particular type of work."

And, "I hope the public is invited to view samples of his work in the lobby of the Bank of Mt. Vernon. Several acrylic paintings are displayed as well as some very precisely detailed shell drawings. Among the paintings is a particularly lovely Rockcastle River scene and some of his Mayan inspired painting too. A reception in Mr. Agnew's honor will be held Thursday, May 14 at 7:30 p.m. at the Bank of Mt. Vernon. This exhibit and reception is sponsored by The Rockcastle Council For the Arts and The Bank of Mt. Vernon.

## Paintings at B.M.V.....



A part of John Agnew's display at the Bank of Mt. Vernon.