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School Board Fills Vacancies, Re-Hires Ousted Superintendent For Two Terms; Second Term Salary Set At \$10,008

With well-oiled precision the Nicholas County Board of Education rammed through their motions Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 29, at which time several new members were elected to fill vacancies on the board, ousted superintendent Raymond J. Wesley, was hired, 1) to serve from Dec. 29, 1965 through June 30, 1966 at a contracted salary of \$8864 per year payable monthly, 2) that he also be hired for a term of four years beginning July 1, 1966 and extending through June 30, 1970 at the contract stipulation of \$10,008 per year an increase of \$1144 on the year; elected Eugene Letcher as vice chairman; accepted the resignation of Russell Willis and passed motion to appoint his wife, Mrs. Nora Willis to the board; accepted resignation of Woodrow Gaunce, placing Howard Livingood as chairman of the board.

The board meeting called for 1:30 p.m. opened some five minutes late, not that a quorum was not in the building, with board members Willis, Letcher, Gaunce and Dean Auxier present. It was not attended by Martin Sims, who was at work.

By court order, Vernon Craig and Robert Coatney, had vacated their positions as board members, effective Dec. 28.

Also present were Raymond J. Wesley and John Angellis, Lexington attorney by the board.

Chairman Gaunce called for a moment of silent prayer (his last as chairman), then asked for a motion to fill the Coatney vacancy. Motion by Letcher, second by Willis elected Stanley Rose carried on a voice vote as follows: Auxier, no; Willis, yes; Letcher, no; Gaunce, yes.

Letcher again moved that Mrs. Patricia Fryman Smoot (Mrs. Resse Smoot) be nominated to fill the vacancy created by Craig's removal. Second was by Willis, motion carried. Dismissing vote by Auxier.

Oath of office and eligibility form was administered both candidates by Mrs. Fay Campbell, a notary public, who also witnessed their signatures to the latter form.

A point-of-law was raised by the board's attorney, Angellis, before the motion to appoint Rose was voted upon. His contention being that the board was to be composed of five members and not seven. Gaunce

held that two vacancies existed until the terms expired.

Gaunce then called for a review of the ouster against Mr. Wesley. Letcher moved, second by Willis. Mr. Angellis pointed out that the board could not nullify the ouster as passed on by the court and a review could only be made by one of the majority who had originally voted for the ouster (namely Sims or Auxier). Mr. Gaunce stated he was not familiar with the law and called for a 10 minute recess. Gaunce and Wesley retired out of ear-shot for a private confab with Willis and Letcher, then called Mrs. Smoot and Mr. Rose. Needless to say Mr. Auxier was not included. Following their return to the board-room, the motion carried, Auxier, no; Rose, Willis, Letcher, Gaunce, yes. Motion was declared carried by Gaunce. Gaunce then realized he had forgotten to ask Mrs. Smoot her wishes in the matter. Her vote was also yes.

Mr. Angellis stated at this time that if the above motion was legal, then Mr. Wesley's contract stood as before the court action upholding the ouster. Mr. Gaunce stated that the

board was hiring Mr. Wesley as of today (Dec. 29, 1965), and called for another recess, sans Auxier.

Upon their return, motion to hire Wesley as superintendent, was made by Mrs. Smoot as to length of term was made and answered by Gaunce as being the period from Dec. 29, 1965 through June 30, 1966. Voice vote: Auxier, no; Rose, Willis, Letcher, Gaunce and Smoot, yes.

Contract papers were signed by Mr. Wesley.

Then the board with Wesley as its superintendent and advisor proceeded upon the motion of Rose, seconded by Willis to hire the superintendent for a four-year term beginning July 1, 1966 at an annual salary of \$10,008. Vote: Auxier, no; Rose, Willis, Letcher, Smoot, Gaunce, yes. Mr. Wesley signs second contract.

Mr. Gaunce then calls for another 10 minute recess. Mr. Rose, Mrs. Smoot and Mr. Auxier were excluded from this private conversation, although Howard Livingood was admitted to meet with Mr. Wesley, and the other board members.

Meeting resumed, Willis moving

that Letcher be elected as Vice chairman, second by Rose. Motion carried. Auxier did not vote.

Mr. Willis then submitted his resignation. Mr. Letcher moved that Mrs. Nora Willis be appointed. Motion carried. Auxier and Willis not voting.

Mr. Gaunce submitted his resignation, followed by Letcher's motion that Howard Livingood, District 1, be appointed to the board. Motion carried. A slight bit of confusion existed for a moment when it was noted by the vice chairman that Auxier had voted yes along with the others.

Mrs. Campbell again administered the necessary oaths to the new board members.

Mrs. Smoot nominated Mr. Livingood as chairman, second came from Rose. Motion carried. Auxier and Livingood not voting.

Motion by Rose to adjourn meeting carried.

A meeting of the Nicholas County School Board has been called for tonight, January 6, at 7:30, at board's offices.

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Sales, Production Manager Added To Seed Firm

Glen Clay, general manager and founder of Clay's Seed, announces the appointment of a sales manager and a production manager, both positions effective January 1.



As sales manager of an eight-state burley belt, is Henry Clay Caswell, a native of Nicholas County, who attended the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture. For the past 10 years Mr. Caswell has been field representative of the Farm Loan Division of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. Previous to this position he was employed by the First National Bank of Carisle.



Mrs. Frey Named Drive Chairman

Mrs. Bily Frey of 216 Chestnut Street has been named Nicholas County Chairman of the Annual Girl Scout Fund Drive. Mrs. Lonnie Giffin was named co-chairman. The purpose of the drive is to raise urgently needed funds to support the Girl Scout Program in Nicholas County, which is a member of Wilderness Road Girl Scout Council and the day to day operation of the council is to provide professionally trained staff; to train adults to act as leaders for troops; to extend the girl membership and to improve the five council-owned camp properties, located in Morgan, Floyd, Harlan, Clark and Jessamine Counties.

All residents and business firms will be contacted by a volunteer.

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Final Touches, Tedious Job As Sharp Develops Skill

Putting the final touches on this red fox was a very tedious job for John Sharp, son of Mrs. Aline Sharp, Lower Jacktown Road.

For several months now John has been developing his skill as a taxidermist. He has mounted many types of birds, fish and animals. Taxidermy is only one interest for him in his long recovery

Fightmaster Buys Bank Building

Richard Jordan, executive vice president of the First National Bank reported Monday that the Board of Directors at their November meeting voted to sell the present First National Bank building to Cleary Fightmaster. Possession was given Jan. 1. Mr. Fightmaster plans to completely remodel the building when the banking facilities move into their new building located at the corner of Main and Elm Street.

Watkins Named Nicholas Heart Fund Chairman

The appointment of Charles Watkins, Liberty Heights, Carisle, as chairman for Nicholas County in the forthcoming 1966 Heart Fund drive has been announced by Kentucky campaign chairman, J. D. Matlock, of Frankfort, State commissioner of natural resources. The drive begins on February 1 and continues through the month.

Mr. Watkins is serving his fourth year as Nicholas County Heart Fund Chairman.

Mr. Matlock, himself a recovered heart attack victim, pointed out he has come to know first-hand of the "almost miraculous progress" science has made against heart and blood vessel diseases, and of how the Kentucky Heart Association "by its effective use of Heart Fund dollars in the State's communities, hospitals and medical research laboratories has vitally furthered this progress." He announced that the annual door-to-door Heart Sunday solicitation would be conducted this year on February 20.

Brothers Receive Hero Certificates

Brothers Stevie and Dennis Minton are proud owners of certificates for heroism given by the National Police Officer's Association. Their citation said that on Nov. 19, Stevie, 12, and Dennis, 14, were passing the home of an elderly Carisle resident, Nancy Kennedy, when a kerosene heater in her kitchen exploded. The boys smothered the flames which caught in Mrs. Kennedy's hair and clothing, it said. They carried her to safety and were given the citations of the fire until firemen arrived. The boys are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Trap Minton.

TRAP SHOOT SUNDAY

There will be a Trap Shoot Sunday, Jan. 9 at 2 p.m. at the Nicholas County Fish and Game Club.

Robert T. Fisher Retires; Sells Interest To Carter

After 47 years in the men's clothing business, namely The C. C. Cole Co., Robert T. Fisher has decided to take a well-earned rest.

Mr. Fisher began with the company in 1918, two years later he was joined by Russell Shroed and they as partners operated the business until 1959. At this time Mr. Shroed retired from the business, selling his interest to Mr. Fisher, who in turn sold a part to Jimmy Carter.

Mr. Carter has been with the firm for 12 years. He took over control of the business on January 1, 1966. Larry Anderson, will be salesman, associated with Mr. Carter.

Mr. Fisher's plans for the future are indefinite, except for a long vacation in Florida.

Mr. Carter pledges with the help of Mr. Anderson to continue to strive to serve the company's customers in the future, in the manner in which they were accustomed in the past.



Robert T. Fisher



Jimmy Carter

NC Invitational Basketball Tournament At Gym Jan. 8

M. M. L.	FAIRINGS
9:30 A. M.	Consolation
pass	2:00 P. M.
Bath Co.	Championship
11:00 A. M.	Nicholas Co.
	3:30 P. M.

The second annual Nicholas County Junior High Invitational Basketball Tournament will be held at the Nicholas Co. High School gym Saturday, Jan. 8.

Teams participating will be Bath Co., Paris, M. M. L. and Lost Nicholas Co. M. M. L. and Paris will get things underway in the first game at 9:30 a.m. The second game will begin at 11:00 a.m. with Nicholas Co. playing Bath Co. The consolation game will begin at 2:00 p.m. and the Championship game getting underway at 3:30 p.m.

TAX COMMISSIONERS OFFICE IS MOVED

The Nicholas County Tax Commissioners have moved from its present location to the Old Age Assistance Office in the Courthouse.