Board's Minutes Will Stump Experts

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CARLISLE, Ky.—Pity the poor archaeologist who digs up the minutes of the Nicholas County School Board from the ruins of Carlisle 2,000 years from now.

He may be able to translate the language, but he won't know what it says. You had to be there.

In less than two weeks the board has:

✔ Lost four of its seven members, two by ouster and two by resignation, and appointed four replacements.

✔ Rescinded its order of last May 6 ousting School Superintendent Raymond J. Wesley for his handling of school affairs.

✔ Rehired Wesley as superintendent under two contracts, one running through June 30 at $8,864 a year and another from July 1 through June 30, 1970, at $10,008 per year.

✔ Rescinded the first contract because it was approved in 1965 to take effect in 1966, which may not be legal, and because the teacher's retirement system says Wesley is now ineligible to be a superintendent since he retired last September.

✔ Created for Wesley a new job with a yard-long string of titles, paying the same salary he would have earned as superintendent if the board had not rescinded his contract, and lasting through June 30—when he will again become school superintendent.

Sound complicated? There's more.

Wesley got his job back because the Court of Appeals ruled that two of the four members who voted to oust him had vacated their offices when they had business dealings with the board while members of the board. State law forbids this. The two members were dismissed.

That gave Wesley a 3-2 majority on the board. And, with the appointment of two new members to replace the ousted pair, his majority went to 5-2. It was unchanged by the appointment of replacements for two other members who quit later the same night, Dec. 29.

But . . .

Wesley appealed his ouster to Nicholas Circuit Court, which upheld the school board. So he appealed that decision to the Court of Appeals, where his case is now pending.

Hypothetical Question Asked

Board Attorney John Anggelis, Lexington, asked the board Thursday night:

Suppose the Court of Appeals upholds the ouster and rules that Wesley is ineligible to be rehired in any capacity?

"If you vote to pay a person a salary, that becomes his money," Anggelis said. "But if you vote to make an illegal expenditure, you are personally liable," for recovery of the money so spent.

Board member Marion Sims, one of those who originally voted to oust Wesley, asked, "Where/shouls under our salary schedule do we find this salary?"

After some discussion, Wesley volunteered that "in order to make some money available, you could dismiss the attorney and use the salary for this position."

"If you think you can get a better lawyer for less money, I think you ought to be free to do so," Anggelis retorted. He said he had other clients closer to Lexington and would be happy to drop the Nicholas school board anytime it chose.

Anggelis' retainer is $150 a month. He was hired as the school board's attorney during the period when the board majority was against Wesley.

Acting Superintendent Firm

That line of conversation was dropped after Otis B. Fryman, the acting superintendent, said:

"So long as I'm acting as superintendent, I'll need some legal advice. If you decide you don't need a lawyer, then I'll request that you drop me."

Wesley told the board he is confident that his eligibility status will be clarified soon, perhaps in a matter of days. Later, however, he told a reporter he was not sure what steps he would take to be removed from the retired list.

He said he had been exhausted after the long ouster fight, had suffered two heart attacks.

The board that ousted him denied his request for disability leave last spring. Wesley said, so he applied for retirement. It became effective last Sept. 1,

but he said he had deposited all his retirement pay in an escrow account.

"I'm not going home tonight and worry about it," he said, adding that he had until June 30 if necessary to work it out.

Many Hats To Wear

Until then, under his new job, he will wear the hats of director of buildings and grounds, director of purchasing and operations, director of personnel and educational consultant "to assist the school system to qualify for such programs as may be desirable or enhance the school system."

When Anggelis questioned the broad nature of these positions, saying some might confer administrative authority which Wesley is not permitted to have until his status is cleared up, the board deleted the directorship of business affairs from the list.

"Just mark out anything you have a question on," said Wesley, who had recommended his appointment to the new job. "There's plenty to be done."

Deaths

William Hobert Jones

William Hobert Jones of Hamilton, Ohio died Dec. 27 at Fort Hamilton Hospital after an illness of three months.

He was a former resident of Nicholas County and had many friends in this area. He dairy farmed at Myers for several years then moved to Hamilton where he had been a contract mail carrier for the past ten years.

Survivors are two sons and one daughter; Billy Jones, Carlisle; Robert K. Jones, Frankfort; and Mrs. Charles Guenther, Oceanside, Calif. and 7 grandchildren.

Services were held at the Proeschel-Crawford Funeral Home, Hamilton, Ohio. Burial was in Lexington Cemetery.

Tracy Dawn Toy

Tracy Dawn Toy, 2, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Toy, Sharpsburg, died at 5 p.m. Monday, Jan. 10 at the Nicholas County Hospital after a long illness.

Other survivors are a brother, Anthony Dean Toy, at home; the paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Toy, Sharpsburg; the paternal great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Clell Toy, Sharpsburg and the maternal grandparents, Walter Bradley, Carlisle and Mrs. Ruby Bradley, Moorefield.

VA Insurance

Nearly 154,000 veterans will receive checks this week as the first payments are made in distribution of a 1966 GI insurance dividend totaling $224,200,000.

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Although the amounts due individual veterans will vary considerably, depending on the veteran's age, the amount and type of insurance in force, and other factors, the amount to be paid in 1966 averages out at $47.50 for World War II policyholders and at $73.75 for World War I policyholders.

Of the total dividend, Mr. Driver said, $209,000,000 will be paid to 4,400,000 veterans of World War II who hold National Service Life Insurance policies, and the remaining $15,200,000 will be shared by 206,000 World War I veterans who have U.S. Government Life Insurance policies.

Korean Conflict veterans hold low-cost, non-participating type policies that do not provide for payment of regular annual dividends.

The dividends represent primarily a return to the policyholders of part of their premium payments since the death rate of insured veterans continues to be lower than the mortality rate upon which premium payments are based by law.

The Veterans Administration head said the payments would be made automatically on monthly anniversary dates, and that no application is required.

The World War I and World War II veterans in Kentucky holding GI insurance policies and the dividends payable approximate 1-1/2 of the national figures, Olney B. Owen, Manager of the Veterans Administration Regional Office, Louisville, Kentucky, said.

V A Questions

Q—I read somewhere that the President has signed a bill increasing compensation payments to veterans. When will I receive my increase?

A—Such legislation is being considered but has not been enacted into law.

Q—Is it necessary to get from the Veterans Administration a Certificate of Eligibility to participate in the Housing Act of 1965?

A—No, what is necessary is a Certificate of Veterans Status obtainable at a VA office.

Q—Is there a special protection for a veteran who has been receiving a 100 per cent disability from the VA for almost 20 years? I thought that a law was passed on this matter.

A—The law to which you refer states that after a veteran has had a service-connected disability for twenty years, his disability rating cannot be reduced below the lowest rating that he has held durint that twenty year period.

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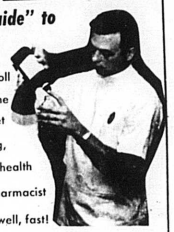

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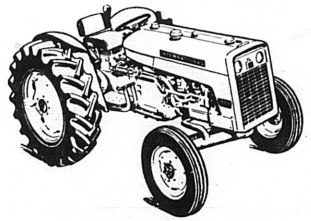

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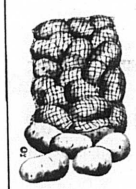

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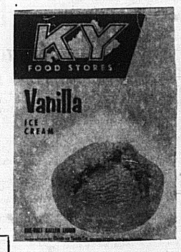

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The devotion was given by Mrs. Leonard Alexander.

The lesson on braided rugs was given by Mrs. Jack Tincher and Mrs. Leonard Alexander. The selection of colors for a braided rug was discussed, also the preparation of material to be used.

For recreation, the club all joined in singing, lead by Mrs. William Mathes and accompanied by Mrs. Ray Wagoner on the piano.

Plans were made for a small Valentine party at the February meeting, which will be at the home of Mrs. Bobby Taylor at Barterville.

Sunnyside

By Mrs. Bessie Jackson

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Minton were callers on Saturday and Sunday afternoon of Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Jackson.

Sterling Jackson was Sunday morning guest of Mr. and Mrs. Haskel King and son.

John David Wallace was home over the weekend from college the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Wallace and Carol.

Speedy recovery to Earl George who's in the Good Samaritan Hospital following his serious accident Thursday night.

Rev. and Mrs. Paul J. Ebright of Lexington the new Ky. district superintendent attended Sunday school and service Sunday at the P.H. church and was dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Grey.

CANE RUN

By Mrs. C. A. Hopkins

Mr. and Mrs. James Mincon and Judy of Washington were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hopkins one Sunday recently. Afternoon guests were Mr. and Mrs. Ira Gilley of Carlisle and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Vice of the Whetstone Road.

Janice Grey and son have been spending several days with the Albert Hopkins family. Anna Mae Feeback of Headquarters and grand son, Darrell Grey have also been visitors of the Hopkins family.

Mrs. Dorothy Ham of Carlisle spent Monday with Mrs. Marion Scott.

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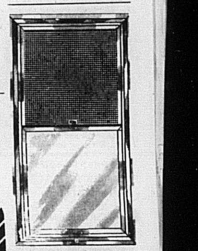

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