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## YOUTHHELP LEADERS

Working on the Nicholas County Youthhelp Recruitment Committee are Mrs. Bobby Webb, Carvey L. Cartwright, and Area Extension Agent in Youth, Mrs. Carney Olfert. Also serving on the committee are Mrs. Dickie Grimes, Mrs. Trienza Vice, Mrs. James Simons, and the Rev. Dallas Sugg.

## ASC Committee Election Boundaries Are Selected

Roy E. Snapp, Acting Chairman, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation County Committee, today designated the boundaries of each community within the county where elections of A.S.C. community committees will be held by mail Sept. 17, is the final date for return of ballots by the farmers. Sept. 23 is the final date for tabulating ballots. Boundaries of the various communities where elections will be held appear on committee-election posters which are displayed at various public locations throughout the county. A listing of boundaries is also available at the ASCS county office.

The chairman reminds farmers that the elections will choose three committeemen and two alternates for each community. The chairman, vice chairman, and third regular member of the elected ASC committee will also serve as delegates to the county convention to be held soon thereafter, where farmers will be elected to fill vacancies of the ASC county committee. The alternate committeemen will serve as alternate delegates to the convention.

Farmers eligible to cast ballots in the community committee election will be all those who are eligible to participate in one or more localities. The farmer may be an owner, tenant, or absentee. Persons not of legal voting age who are in charge of the farming operations on an entire farm

are also eligible to vote in the elections. Eligibility to vote—on a ballot office as a commitment-man is not restricted by reason of sex, race, color, religion, or national origin.

Election notices will be sent to all eligible voters on records for public inspection in the ASCS County Office.

Major activities available in 1967 under the supervision of the ASC committee in Nicholas County include: Agricultural Conservation Program, Feed Grants (Average Diversion and Price Support Payments), Wheat Certificate Program, Wool Program, and Burley Tobacco allotments and Marketing Quotas.

Mary Galbraith, Linda Cartwright and Karlyn Oatney have returned home after a month at Danville where they attended the Supplementary Education Project at Pioneer Playhouse. The students received a full \$300 scholarship for the month of July. They were selected from a 21 county area. Classroom studies and practical experience in art, dance, music and drama was offered. They received one high school credit.

**Laura Sparks Awarded Morehead Scholarship**

Laura June Sparks, a 1968 graduate of Nicholas County High School and a Bluejacket band alumna, was recently notified that she has been granted a full music scholarship and a workshop in music at Morehead State University, Morehead.

June recently was notified that she has been accepted as a member of the university marching band of Morehead, one of the finest in the nation.



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Friday night was 4-H talent show night and Roxanne bow represented Nicholas County with her piano solo "I've Got a Feeling".

All of these 4-H'ers enjoyed their days at the fair and have been very educational they did a fine job representing Nicholas County.

**Stockholders Meeting**

There will be a meeting of the stockholders of the Nicholas County Development Corporation on Sunday, August 11 at 2 p.m. in the picnic area of Lake Carlisle.

## Youthhelp Week Leadership Picked

Nicholas County has 644 young people who can benefit from 4-H membership. But they need your help as a leader. Join 4-H Youthhelp, a program that offers you the opportunity to learn valuable skills in youth leadership. Through 4-H Youthhelp, you'll gain the satisfaction of helping our youth become responsible citizens by working with them as a 4-H leader.

August 14-16 is Youthhelp week in Nicholas County. The county chairman is Mrs. Dickie Grimes and committee members working to recruit you as a 4-H leader are: Rev. Dallas Sugg, Mrs. James Simons, Mrs. Bobby Webb, Carvey L. Cartwright and Mrs. Trienza Vice. These people are working together to insure that the Nicholas County 4-H Clubs have the leaders they need to lead and help them.

In Nicholas County, we have eleven 4-H Clubs, and serve thousands of possible boys and girls in the county as members, and active leaders. Since the goal of the 4-H Youthhelp Program is to reach and enlist the largest number of both boys and girls, and to provide adequate leadership then we are not doing a thorough job unless we can encourage more young people to join our 4-H program.

## Blue Licks Shut-Down By Fire; Controversy Stirred, Maysville Daily Independent Reports

### Blue Licks State Park Swim Pool Damaged

The Blue Licks State Park swimming pool filtration plant located 12 miles north of Carlisle was destroyed by fire Monday night, some eight hours after a container of powdered chlorine ignited about 8:30 a.m.

The Nicholas County Volunteer Fire Department was called at about 8:40 Monday to the plant. Due to the poisonous nature of chlorine it was unable to get close enough to the building to extinguish the blaze. A second call from the plant was received at 1:42 p.m.

The area was evacuated and Robertson County Sheriff Gene Hughes, State Police and state fire marshals officials stood guard at the scene until about 4:30 p.m. when several chlorine gas tanks in the filtration plant exploded, causing the building to collapse for the most part.

The fire apparently started while a tank employed in sipping powdered chlorine from a container in mix in front of the pool.

It was reported that the employee said he turned away from the container and when he next looked at it, it was ablaze. He could not explain how the fire started.

The plant and its contents were a total loss.

The Blue Licks Pool opened for business in June, 1963.

## Head Start Reports

On Wednesday, July 31 the Nicholas County Head Start staff and parents met at the Buffalo Trace Regional Library with Miss Mary Lou Camp, bell presiding at the meeting. She told of all the many services of the library. The group browsed through the books and checked out the ones of their liking.

Mrs. Taylor's Spelling escorted a group of interested parents through the Book Mobile. The Head Start staff appreciated Miss Campbell taking her time to present this program for the parents.

We are indeed fortunate to have this library in our own for everyone and benefited. The teachers have taken each group of children in the library and they have checked out picture books and books.

On Wednesday, Aug. 4, the Head Start children will go to the Shrine Circus at Lexington. The bus will pick the children up at 10:30 a.m. Lunch will not be served at the school that day. We certainly hope these children will see that his child grows in the circus as this is a real treat.

**Worship Services**

The morning worship service of the First Christian Church, John Vickers pastor, will be held in the sanctuary of the Christian Presbyterian Church, Sunday, August 11 at 11 a.m.

## 1963 View of Blue Licks Pool



Flames destroyed the pump house near the swimming pool at Blue Licks State Park Monday after a chemical reaction ignited a 100 pound tub of granulated dry chlorine. The blaze was discovered at 8:30 a.m. and firefighters surrounding the fire have entered a mild controversy.

Mrs. Donald King, who replaced Mrs. Marjorie Montgomery as park manager on April 1, told The Independent that it was impossible for the firemen to get too close because of the intensity of the flames due to the chlorine gas, the intender that the fire has "to burn itself out."

Robertson County Sheriff Gene Hughes was in sharp disagreement with the firemen about the cause of the fire and said that the whole day of operation "will advise" the cause.

Sheriff Hughes said that he arrived at the park at 8:30 a.m. and that fire departments from Nicholas County and from Mt. Vernon arrived shortly thereafter. "The fire," he said Mr. Hughes, "was not major out of control when first detected but firemen were unsure of what procedures to use because of the gas."

He continued, "I put in a call to the Ordnance Department in Richmond and was advised that firemen should use protective clothing, oxygen masks, and use water to put out the fire."

At approximately 10 a.m., a member of state officials from what was thought to have been the health department and other unidentified agencies, arrived at the scene. They elected not to use water and—according to Sheriff Hughes—spent all day "on the telephone" putting in long distance calls trying to find out what to do.

Meanwhile, the pump house and its contents of pumps, motors, and filters was destroyed.

The Nicholas fire unit was at the site for nearly seven hours, used no water, and went home about 3 p.m. Sheriff Hughes remained at the park all day and had grave doubts about the pool being in operation the rest of the summer.

Blue Licks Park was closed yesterday for the day and Mrs. King said that another pump was available to supply some water needed by the park.

Mrs. King also expects repairs to be made quickly but declined to make a statement as to how many days, if any, the park would be closed.

There were five men working around the pool area and one of the maintenance men, Larry Simms of Mt. Vernon, heard the slight explosion that triggered the fire. He sent in the alarm.

Miss Sara Vice, one of the four lifeguards at the pool, reported that the fire erupted before the pool was opened.

Mrs. King also told The Independent that about 30 campers in the park were evacuated for safety reasons and that they proved most cooperative.

**Band Boosters To Meet Monthly**

The Nicholas County Band Boosters will hold their first meeting of the 1968-69 school year Monday, August 19, at 7:30 p.m. in the high school band room. All parents of band members are urged to attend.

The meeting will be concerned with organization and the possibility of obtaining new band uniforms this year.



## Experience in Art, Dance, Music, Drama

### Shriners Sponsor Free Circus Trip

Any parent who would like for their child, up to the age of 16, to attend the Shrine Circus Wednesday, Aug. 14, please contact Dr. Robert Sparks at Dr. Leon Riggs at their office to fill in the application.

This circus is being sponsored by the Omega Temple of Lexington and the Shriners of this area. Transportation will be furnished. Admission and rides will be FREE.

## 4 H'ers Attend Fair

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## NCHS Band Training

Twenty-six members of the Nicholas County High School Bluejacket Band are scheduled to depart Sunday, Aug. 11, for six days of training at Levi Jackson State Park, London.

This will be the first time in several years that the Bluejacket Band has attended a summer camp. Charles F. Cannupp, band director, said, "We are expecting 45 band members this year and I am disappointed that we will not have every member in camp, but, having the 26 should help our band immensely."

The band will work intensively on marching fundamentals and half-time shows in preparation for the fall marching season.

The Bluejacket Band will be attending camp with the Williamson-Demon Band from Williamson.