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Nicholas Countians Asked To Help Hurricane Victims

Americans are being asked to contribute to a \$15 million nationwide emergency campaign by the American Red Cross. Nicholas Countians are being asked for \$257 as their part, to help provide millions of dollars necessary to provide relief and recovery assistance for the thousands of victims of Hurricane Camille.

Local donations may be mailed to Sterling Blake.

Paul Moore, manager of Red Cross Southeastern Area Headquarters, Atlanta, Ga., added, "I know the people of this country will respond warmly to the needs of the victims just as they have so many times in the past."

Camille left a trail of destruction across western Florida, coastal Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana. More than 100 Red Cross disaster experts are in the area assessing damage and helping the displaced.

"Many thousands of the families

in these affected areas have no means of returning to normal living except through the generosity of the American people as expressed through Red Cross," stated Mr. Moore.

A preliminary survey of coastal Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana revealed that more than 7,000 homes were destroyed and more than 4,000 residences received major or minor damage, said Red Cross officials. They said the figures are expected to increase as additional reports from the area are received and compiled at the Southeastern Area Headquarters.

"There has never been a time in our history when we failed to heed the call of our neighbors in disaster. I am confident that the funds needed to relieve the suffering and misery of those victimized by this furios storm will be generously over-subscribed."

Local ASC Chairman Wagoner Invites Public To Meetings

Regular meetings of the Nicholas County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee are always open to the public, according to County ASC Committee Chairman Harvey Wagoner. These meetings are held every Thursday at the local office.

"Discussion and debate on farm programs and problems by both farmers and non-farmers seems to be increasing," he said. "We would welcome visitors interested in observing the administration of farm programs on the local level and would certainly do our best to answer any questions they may have."

Chairman Wagoner said.

The Nicholas County ASC Committee is largely involved in the administration of the Agricultural Conservation Program, Wheat allotment, and Wool Program. These programs are set up under laws passed by Congress to help stabilize farm production and farm income.

Members of the local county committee, other than Chairman Wagoner,

are Vice-Chairman Roy E. Snapp and Member Ed. Vico. First and second alternates are R. H. Hildner Jr. and Jesse Smoot. One county committee is elected annually by farmers to serve a three-year term. The two alternates are also elected annually.

Every eligible voter is urged to participate in the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation (ASC) committee. Chairman Harvey Wagoner said today.

ASC committee elections will be held the third week in September, and slips of nominees now are being compiled at the ASC County Office.

"This year it seems to be especially important that farm owners, operators, tenants, and sharecroppers not only vote but also nominate and work for candidates of their choice," said Chairman Wagoner.

"The ASC committee system is the

County's Economy Moved Forward

Nicholas County's economy continued moving forward during the past year, according to a report on the nation's markets, just released.

Significant gains were chalked up in the local trading area as consumers, with more money at their command, indulged in large-scale spending.

The amount that they spent in the area, and what it meant for local retail merchants, are brought out in Sales Management's new "Survey of Buying Power."

The compiled report presents data on income and spending for a very large section of the country.

It shows that Nicholas County residents had net spendable earnings in the year after payment of their personal income taxes, of \$12,294,000, an upward trend from the previous year's \$11,431,000.

But how much this represented on a per-family basis, was determined by dividing the total income by the number of local households. It amounted, on average, to \$4,147 an increase over the prior year's \$3,726.

The rise, 14 percent, was greater than elsewhere in the United States, 6.4 percent, and the State of Kentucky's 4.5 percent.

What did local residents do with their bigger incomes? The figures show that they spent more for furniture, bought more air conditioners, refrigerators and washing machines, purchased fancier foods and, in general, moved from one category to another.

retail, treated themselves more luxuriously.

Neither the surtax nor the higher cost of goods and services deterred them to a noticeable degree.

As a result, retail business in the area was good. Local merchants accounted for gross sales of \$4,378,000, bettering the previous year's \$4,274,000.

Each community is rated in the survey on the basis of the amount of retail business actually done, as compared with its estimated full capacity.

"It does this through an "index of buying power," which takes into account income, population and state.

Nicholas County's index rating is 1001, indicating that it is capable of producing that percent of the nation's retail business.

Since it accounted for less than that last year, 1014 percent, the conclusion is that some of the local purchasing potential is yet to be achieved.

Voters' Registration Deadline is Sept. 6

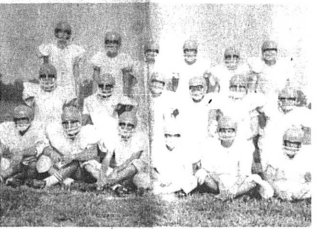
September 6 is the last day to register to vote in this year's General Election to be held in November.

Persons already registered to vote do not have to re-register unless they have changed their name by marriage, moved from one precinct to another, or moved from one county to another.

Nicholas Students Total 1,374

D. P. Parlay, superintendent of Nicholas County schools announced Tuesday an enrollment of 1,374 students as of Aug. 26 in the school system.

The enrollment includes one Carlisle, 530; Morehead, 152; Nicholas County High School, 739; Nicholas County High School, 364.



Open Grid Season Friday Night

THE NICHOLAS COUNTY BLUE JACKETS will open their season Friday night against Georgetown, 7:30 p.m. at the gymnasium. Make us off to see there and boost your home team at its opening game.

Malcolm Hardwick Injured Critically

Malcolm Hardwick was critically injured at 11:45 a.m. Monday when the pickup truck he was driving went off the highway nine miles east of Paris in the Jackson County and rushed into a tree.

Sharon County Sheriff Hubert Amsparter, said Hardwick, 39, Carlisle,

Santa Gertrudis Cattle Feature Of Forest Retreat Field Day

Forest Retreat Cattle Co. Santa Gertrudis cattle will be featured at the Forest Retreat Field Day, August 13, 1966.

86 Attend Alumni Dinner; Waugh Named President

Eighty-six alumni of the Nicholas County Normal School gathered for a dinner at the Nicholas County Hotel, Monday, August 8, 1966. The dinner was held in honor of the school's 50th anniversary.

Mr. J. L. Waugh, former principal of the school, was named president of the alumni association.

Lift Machine Operator Hurt

A lift machine operator was injured Monday when the machine he was operating tipped over at the Nicholas County Hotel. The operator was taken to the hospital and is expected to recover.

Labor Day

Monday will be Labor Day. All pictures, news items and correspondence must be in the Mercury office by noon Friday, Aug. 29. The Editors.

Wide Participation Sought In ASC Sept. Elections

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John Soper To Head Bluejacket Boosters

At meetings held Sunday and Tuesday, the Nicholas County Blue Jacket Boosters were formed to support the high school athletic program. Officers elected were John Soper, president; Mrs. James Anderson, vice-president; Mrs. James Marshall, treasurer. Representatives from various community organizations were named to serve on the board of directors. Immediate plans of the organization are to solicit booster membership, promote attendance at football game, encourage greater student participation in the football program, and assist in the formation of a new football team. Boosters increased in becoming a Blue Jacket Booster is asked to contact one of the above officers.

Poppy Sale Saturday

The American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 17, will hold their annual Poppy Sale on Saturday, Aug. 30 starting at 9 a.m. at the Legion building.

Mrs. Yvonne Shawie Poppy Sale chairman and Mrs. Frank King, Auxiliary president, asked all members to meet at the Legion building at 9 a.m. to assist in the selling of poppies.

Deer Hunt Dates At Army Depot Are Announced

Deer hunting at the Lexington Blue Grass Army Depot this year will be allowed on Saturdays during October.

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DAVID ZACHARY, center, accepts a check for \$84 for the Nicholas County Recreational Center from Mrs. Bill Clark, treasurer of the Carlisle Jr. Home's Club, and Bascom Strickland, Jr., treasurer of the Carlisle Jaycees. The money represents the proceeds received from the auction which the two civic clubs sponsored recently. The money is to be used for improvements at the Recreational Field.

