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Nicholas Elementary Schools House Numerous Fire Safety Deficiencies Southworth Says

All three Nicholas elementary schools have numerous fire safety deficiencies according to Warren Southworth, State Department of Public Safety.

In a letter to the School Superintendent there are 14 deficiencies listed at Nicholas County Elementary; 16 at Moorfield Elementary; 16 at Carlisle Elementary; 5 at Carlisle Elementary Gymnasium; and at the Special Education Building. All of these improvements are necessary to bring the schools into compliance with the minimum Fire Safety Regulations. Among the corrections needed in all three schools are enclosure of open stairways with partitions and doors having a minimum one-hour fire resistant rating; separation of each cafeteria from the rest of the building by partitions, ceilings and doors having one-hour fire resistant materials, and provisions for another exit in all cases where there is only one now.

Southworth's listing also demanded that third floor classrooms be discontinued at Carlisle Elementary or that two means of exit be provided as a safety precaution. He stated that a one-hour fire resistant ceiling was needed throughout the basement. Several classrooms are now located in the basement area.

In addition to the items mentioned above, Nicholas County Elementary needs to install an approved type fire alarm system

throughout the building; replace plain glass inserts in classroom doors with wire glass; separate gym from building at both ends of passageway; and fireproof numerous areas throughout the building.

Besides the above, Moorfield Elementary must extend fire alarm systems to boiler room, kitchen and large storage room, and provide an outside exit. It also must provide a one-hour fire ceiling in the boiler room, coal storage room and large storage room. Also, it needs to provide for outside combustion air in the furnace room. These minimum improvements required for fire safety, which are estimated to cost a large sum of money, are being postponed in view of the possibility of obtaining a new school. D.P. Farley, Superintendent, stated that it was senseless to spend this amount of money when a new school would alleviate the fire hazards.

The School Board is asking voters to approve a 20 cents increase per \$100 of assessed valuation at the Special Election on Mar. 26. For example, this would cost a person owning property valued at \$10,000 an increase of \$200 each year, or \$30 more a year for property valued at \$15,000. The tax would be imposed for 20 years.

Anyone wishing to read the fire safety report in its entirety may do so at the Superintendent's office.

School Building Meeting Tonight

There will be a meeting to discuss possibilities of getting a new elementary school for Nicholas County on Thursday, Mar. 5, at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium of Carlisle Elementary School.

A representative of Luckett and Farley of Louisville will be present

to discuss the proposed school. He is the architect who is designing the school. School Superintendent D.P. Farley will also be present to answer any questions. All interested persons are asked to attend the meeting to learn the facts regarding the new school.

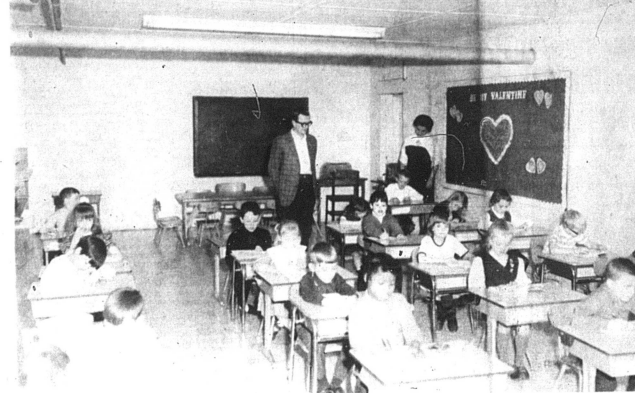
Nicholas Drug Education Leaders Attend Seminar

Three members of the Nicholas County Drug Education Committee attended the Drug Education Leaders Seminar held recently in Lexington.

Sara Swango, 4-H Extension Agent, Carol Vaughn, R.N. Health Department, and Hazel Swartz, Educational Supervisor received training from personnel of the Bureau of Narcotics and Drug Education, Kentucky Department

Mental Health. These trained leaders will organize county committees to assess drug education needs and develop and implement programs to meet those needs on the county level.

The drug education program was formed as a coordinated effort to eradicate drug abuse in Kentucky. Using the "information and human relations" for a coordinated effort. See Nicholas Drug Page 10



"AS A PARENT, with a child in this room every day, I worry since there is only one means of exit out of this room through one door leading up a wooden stairway. It is such a hazardous escape in case of any emergency," stated Mrs. Luther Anderson when asked how she felt about her daughter's being assigned to Mrs. Hamm's first grade room, located in the basement at Carlisle Elementary.

ADDED LUTHER ANDERSON, "How would you like to spend a day in a classroom without a window? Because of inadequate ventilation, there are such terrible hazardous odors. Under certain weather conditions, the water pipes which run the length of the room, 'leak' and drip on the children, their desks, and the floor. Both parents are pictured visiting the first grade room Monday.

Street Maintenance Ordinance Passes

City Council unanimously passed an ordinance Monday night to use the auto sticker revenue for the purpose of maintaining streets and alleys. (See Ordinance on Page 8).

Previously, this revenue has been used to pay for the fire truck, which is now paid for. Meeting in the new meeting room in the new City Office Building, Council passed a motion 3-2 to advertise the Old Police Station for sale. Councilman Gene Kelley voted "no" because he wanted to leave the structure alone on the corner of Main and Locust. Councilman Charles Wilson also voted against the motion. He wanted to move it out to the County Barn. And Councilman Alex Crawford did not vote. Councilman Waugh, Booth, and Hunted voted "yes" on the motion.

The Police Department and Public Court have been moved to the old City office quarters. In discussing new furniture needed at both buildings, several Councilmen were asked to get price lists.

Jaycee Little League Net Tournament

The first game of the Jaycee Little League Basketball Tournament will begin Thursday, Mar. 5, at the Carlisle Elementary School Gym. The first round of play is between the Tigers and Raiders beginning at 7:00, and the Maroons and Demons at 8:15.

The second round of play, Friday, Mar. 6, at 7:00, will be the All-Stars taking on the winner of the Tiger-Raider game. The Hornets will face the victor of the Maroon-Demon game at 8:15.

Saturday, Mar. 7, at 7:00 there will be a consolation game between the losers of the games played Mar. 6. Then at 8:15 the game for the tournament champs will be played.

Immediately following the championship game trophies for the season and tournament winners will be presented and the 1969-70 All-Stars announced. The high scholastic trophy will also be awarded at this time.

There will be a small admission charge for these games and the trophies are on display at the C.C. Cole Clothing Store.

BLUEJACKETS POST Best Season Mark Since 1959

By Larry Allison
The Nicholas County Bluejackets defeated Mt. Olive Deming, 46-35, Tuesday, Feb. 24, for their 14th win of the season. The victory marked the most wins by the school since 1959.

Dennis Allison led the winners

attack with 23 points. Jimmy Parker and Steve Kimberling collected 15 and 11 points respectively. Nicholas County trailed by nine points at intermission but outscored their opponents 19 to 0 at the start of the second half to take a 10 point lead after 3 quarters had elapsed.

Friday, Feb. 27, the Bracken County Polar Bears handed Nicholas County their 11th loss of the season, 82-67 on the basketball court.

Nicholas County placed all five starters in double figures but it was not enough to offset the hot shooting visitors. Bracken County connected on 34 of 68 shots for 50% while Nicholas could only manage 30 of 83 shots for 36%.

Steve Kimberling led the scoring attack with 19 points while Rodney Hutton grabbed 18 rebounds. The visitors who finished the regular season with a 14-11 record take on Paris in the 37th district tournament Wednesday, Mar. 4 at Bourbon County.

Game time is to be 7:30.
Box Scores
Deming, 35--Robertson 26, Houchins 9, England 6, Benson 8, Price 2, Johnson 4.
Nicholas County, 66--Hutton 9, Boyd 1, Kimberling 11, Parker 15, Allison 24, Lane 2, Smoot 2.

Nicholas County, 67--Hutton 14, Boyd 12, Kimberling 19, Parker 10, Allison 24, Lane 2, Smoot 2.
Bracken County, 82--Pickrell 18, Cummings 24, Haise 5, Youngman 23, Kain 10, McElfresh 2.
Bracken 19 42 34 87
Nicholas 18 32 43 87

Trap Shoot Scheduled

There will be a Federation Shoot off Sunday, Mar. 8, at the Fish and Game Club. The League of Ky. Sportsmen members of the 3th District will participate.

There will be five such shoot offs held within the 8th District and the best of the five will represent the district at the League of Ky. Sportsmen's annual convention to be held in Owensboro in June.

There would be allowed by ordinance, but once one left, it could not, is the opinion of the City Engineer.

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