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Winners Selected At Each Of Four County Schools In 'What A New School Means To Me' Essay Contest

N.C. High School

The Value Of A New Elementary School In Nicholas County
By Barbara Kingsolver

Nicholas County High
Grade 9

The people of Nicholas County today are facing a serious problem. The children of our county are desperately in need of a new elementary school. The taxpayers will make the final decision about this school. I don't think there is any reason for aperson, If he knows all the facts, to be opposed to this issue. I would like to give these facts, along with my opinion on what the school would do for our county.

The first question many people ask is, "What's in it for me?" I think this is a very selfish attitude. If people only thought of themselves, our lives would be quite different today. Throughout history, countless people have made sacrifices for the good of mankind. Without these people, the world would hardly be a decent place to live in today. We are now having an opportunity to help our own children and many others in the future. I think everyone should take advantage of this opportunity.

The present condition of the elementary schools is worse than most people think. I know, because I went to one of them for eight years. A person would have to see this school before he would understand the joys I experienced for the first time this year. I'm talking about the joy of walking into an uncrowded room where I could hear and see the teacher in the front of the class. I'm talking about being able to go to classes in winter without having to wear my coat, and still being too cold and uncomfortable to concentrate on what was being taught. I'm talking about studying in well lighted rooms where I didn't have to strain my eyes to read and write. I was even glad to be able to walk down the hall without wondering which was going to fall first, the plaster on the ceiling, or the walls. It may sound funny, but it's not. I would be willing to pay any price to keep other kids from having to go throught what I have had to.

There are many other inconvenfences to our present elementary school system. One of the biggest ones is having three schools, scattered all over the county. The busses have to run between all of them, and it is nothing but pure chaos. I can remember my own confusion, as a first and second grader, at having to change busses twice. For those who have to change more times than that, I offer my sympathy. There are also several teachers who have to go to two or even all three of these schools, besides the high school, every day, and I sympathize with them too. But sympathy isn't enough. It isn't going to help a kid find his bus, or shorten a teacher's day. We need the support of the people who can do something about it.

The crowded conditions of the schools are unbelieveable. Children are forced to use rooms which are unfit and unsafe to be in. I, myself, know the misery of spending an entire school year in a damp, basement room, knowing what would happen to me if the school should catch on fire. Believe me, it isn't very pleasent. The hazards are frightening. If you realize how easily the whole building could go up in flames. My stister is still going to that school, and to me it's no joke.

It would take a tremendous amount of money just to bring the old schools up to the required safety standards. Still most of the problems would remain unsolved. The obvious solution is to build a new school. The transportation problem would be solved right there, if there were just one, big school to replace the three small ones. It would be safe and uncrowded. There would be good recreational facilities, which are very important for children of this age. There would be more space for more classrooms, and so there would even be the possibility of having new classes to offer. All of this adds up to one thing: the children of our county would get a better education.

In closing, I would like to say that I hope the people of Nicholas County think enough about the health and education of their children to approve this issue. Yes, it will cost a lot, but life and education are priceless. In this sense, it shouldn't matter how much it costs. We are holding the future of our children in our hands, and in my opinion, that is all that matters.

Carlisle Elementary

By Marilyn Webb
Carlisle Elementary School
Grade 8

What A New School Would Mean To My Community

Recently I attended a basketball game at Bourbon County Junior High and I could not help but envy their new school building. A large gymnasium, nicely painted walls, bright lights, and lots of locker space greated me from the entrance hall. Then I thought of my own entrance hall at Carlisle Elementary School with cracked plaster, over crowded classrooms, dim lighting and many flights of steps.

Other serious problems are; small cafeteria with crowded serving space; uneven heating system (freeze in one room and burn up in another); outdated wiring that can be easily overloaded; inadequate bathroom facilities in the basement, leaky building in constant need of repair; a library used as as study hall; a tiny gym without bathing facilities; and a bandroom that is not sound proof.

The cheerleaders are ashamed of our gymnasium. When basketball games are played at home, you should hear remarks made by the visiting teams.

I will not get to attend the new school, but my brother starts in school next year. He will benefit from a better learning situation. He will not have to change busses so many times.

A new school will encourage industry to come to Nicholas County. Our young people can remain here instead of moving to other counties to find work.

The building problems can be corrected by voting the bond issue March 26, 1970. The tax increase will be twenty (20) cents per hundred (100) dollars. All Nicholas Countians registered by March 14, 1970 can vote.

Young People! Let us all urge our parents to get out and vote for a new school.

Headquarters

Margaret Hardwick
Nicholas Co. Elementary School
Grade 6

How A New Elementary School Would Benefit Nicholas County

Nicholas County needs a new school badly because if the plaster should fall on someone and kill them the school would be responsible. If we had a new school we wouldn't have to worry about it. In Mrs. Grimes' room the plaster fails in the cloak room and in the back of the room and in all the other rooms the plaster is cracked and about ready to fall any day. They have repaired it many times before, but it still comes down.

When it rains Mrs. Wilson's room leaks right over her desk. Every weekend she has to move something off her desk so it won't get wet and ruin. In Mrs. Rain's room she has to set buckets all around the wall so it can catch the water with buckets. When it hits the can it makes a lot of noise and disturbs her Math class. We have to talk real loud to get the teacher and children to hear you. And when it rains the ceiling leaks and water is all over the floor.

The blackboards are very dim and worn down. When we go to the board to do a problem it is hard to write because chalks are knocked out and you can hardly see it after you write it. In the other rooms the chalk trays are off the boards.

The bath is hardly fit to go in. The floors are old and the sinks are so stained you can't tell if they are dirty or what. The commodes overflow on the floor and smells up the whole school building. The commodes hardly every work. There is one that is always out of order. The boy's bathroom is very unsanitary.

The lunch room is too small. One grade always has to wait until some other grade gets finished eating. In the kitchen we need new equipment and a better place to cook. The heating pipes look like they are going to fall when the children are in the gym. The library has plenty of interesting books in it, but the plaster in it is also getting ready to fall. We have to give our librarian credit because she has kept the library up to shape.

The heat is also bad. In the morning when we go in the winter we hear usually they're working and that puts us behind on our work.

The wiring is also bad. When we have notes the lights always go off and someone goes in and

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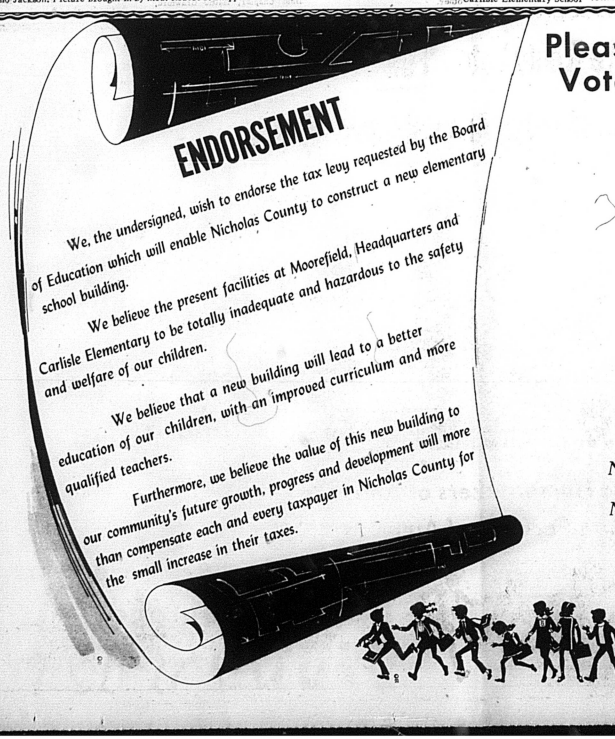
BALD HILL SCHOOL, 1932-33--Mrs. Laura Ogden Dotson, Teacher. Back Row, from left: Minnie D. Guthrie, Sallie Ann Jackson, Oranna Guthrie, Pauline McVey, Lester Green. Middle Row: Louise McVey, Wanda Ritchie, Anita Ritchie, Anna Mae Snapp, Norma Ritchie, Robert Snapp. Bottom Row: Raymond Jackson, Austin Green, Clyde Miller, Elmo Jackson. Picture brought in by Mrs. Robert S. Snapp.



Please Vote 'FOR' On Mar. 26

Carlisle Elementary PTA
Carlisle City Council
Chamber of Commerce
Community Woman's Club
Jaycees
Jr. Woman's Club
Moorefield Elementary PTA
Nicholas County Band Boosters
Nicholas County High School PTA
Nicholas County Ministerial Assoc.
Rotary Club

Winners Selected

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tells Mrs. Ruth the lights are off and this takes up time.

We also have water problems. During the summer we always run out of water and we have to have cups to get our water. One of the faucets is always out of order. They have to haul their water to the kitchen so the cooks can fix dinner.

So if we get a new school we are going to have to take care of it. It would be safer, and our town's name would be built up. People from other states would think we care about our community. So let's do all we can to get a better school.

Moorefield Elementary

What A New School
Would Mean To Me
By Lisa Earlywine
Moorefield Elementary School
Grade 5

I would like very much to have a new school. The library at Moorefield is small and it is in same room with the office. We would have a large selection of books to read and a better place to do reference work and study.

The lunchroom at Moorefield is downstairs and isn't very well lighted. When it rains very hard water comes in some places, and floods the floor, which isn't very sanitary. We also have to use the lunchroom to hold any kind of program and to have music. If we had a new school we would have a modern, up-to-date lunchroom.

Another important advantage would be having a gym. When it rains we have to stay inside in our room and this makes the children restless and bad and this in turn makes another problem for teachers. The gym could be used for lots of school activities, such as basketball games, school plays, P.T.A. programs, and etc.

A new school would also mean larger, more modern equipped bathrooms and better drinking fountains.

The classroom would be improved a lot if they build a new school.

Hooktown

By Daisy Ritchie

Mrs. Janie Lawrence spent last week with her sister, Mrs. Caley Smith and Mr. Smith near Leesburg.

Mrs. Christine McClahan of Cynthiana spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Riley and daughter. Afternoon guests were Mr. and Mrs. Junior Hopkins and two boys and Daisy Ritchie and some friends from Ohio.

Mrs. Gladys Riley spent a few hours Monday with Daisy Ritchie.

Mr. and Mrs. Junior Hopkins and two sons Randy Jo and Thomas spent one afternoon last week with Daisy Ritchie.

Mr. and Mrs. Junior Hopkins and two boys and Daisy Ritchie visited Pat Heflin for a few hours one day recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Moore have been on the sick list with the flu.

Daisy Ritchie is improving slowly from two broken bones in her wrist, which she received in a fall winter.

Saltwell

By Mrs. Fred Hollar

Sgt. and Mrs. Dickie Cain and children of Ft. Campbell spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Lewis M. Snapp and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cain and family.

Miss Norma Jean Gaunce spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. David Gaunce and Tammy Hayes of Carlisle.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Gaunce and children of near Paris visited Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Gaunce on Friday night.

Mrs. H.A. Gaunce who has been a patient at Nicholas County Hospital and St. Joseph Hospital for two weeks returned home on Sunday. Her condition is good.

Miss Ginger Snapp spent one night last week with Kimberly and Kyla Snapp of Carlisle.

Mrs. Alma Withrow of Paris and Mrs. Richard Cain left on Saturday for a few days visit with Sgt. and Mrs. J.C. Matox and children of Cherry Point, N.C.

Mrs. Lawrence Gillispie of Hinton spent Monday night with Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Ritchie and baby.

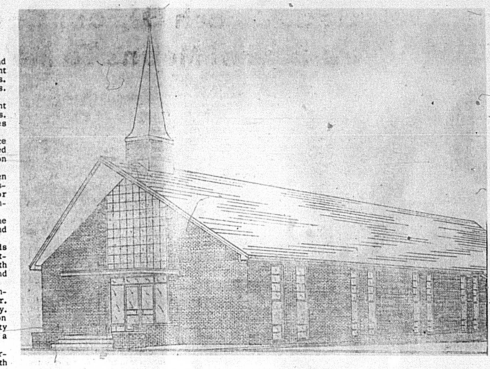
Frank Sparks returned home on Saturday from Bourbon County Hospital where he had been a patient for 10 days.

Miss Kimberly Snapp of Carlisle spent one night last week with Miss Gina Snapp.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley W. Caswell of Paris spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. H.A. Gaunce and family.

Mrs. Phyllis McDonald spent Sunday with Mrs. John Fryman of Harrison County.

Rev. and Mrs. Tommy Fryman were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Snapp and Miss Ethel Matox.



Church To Build

This is an architect's drawing of what the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will look like after it is completed in August. Plans call for a 40 feet by 78 feet brick building with community facilities and Sunday School rooms in the basement. The sanctuary will have a total seating capacity of about 200.

East Union

By Mrs. Worth Scott

Mrs. Clarine Lyman and Miss Ruth House spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Clarence Buntin.

Kelly Buntin of Lexington visited Mrs. Ida Mae Buntin one day this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Worth Scott visited Mrs. Kate House and sons on Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. W.B. Bramblett had as her guests this past Sunday afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. James Stephenson of Lexington.

Mrs. Frances Dotson and daughter were also guests of Mrs. Bramblett.

Jim Scott visited Worth Scott Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Allie Scott visited Mrs. W.B. Bramblett Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Pansy Robinson and Mrs. Bob Haton visited her daughter, Mrs. Emme Baker and family.

Mrs. Pansy Robinson was in Mt. Sterling Sunday afternoon.

Elmer Turner Named To Hereford Assoc.

Elmer Turner, Carlisle has been named to membership in the American Hereford Association, the world's largest purebred registry organization, with headquarters in Kansas City, Mo.

Seventy-three Hereford breeders were placed on the Association's official roster in Feb.

The History Of The Future Homemakers Of America In Nicholas County

By Vicky G. Brunker

The Future Homemakers of America better known as F.H.A. was incorporated June 11, 1945 as a non-profit organization supported by membership dues. F.H.A. is designed to develope individual and group initiative in planning and carrying out activities in homemaking. Each girl in the organization grows through new experiences, new views, and new friends.

The U.S. office of Education in the Division of Vocational and Technical Education through its Home Economics Association is co-sponsor. Cooperating groups are the home economics sections of the National Educational Association and the American Vocational Association.

F.H.A. operates on National, State and local levels. Each has an executive council of youth officers to direct activities of their level. Each level has its adult advisors.

Some of the things F.H.A. members believe about the ways they work are: Every individual member counts; that she has a special contribution to make to the chapter; through group cooperation the chapter can achieve many goals that an individual cannot; teenage members and adults can work together, each gaining from the other.

Nicholas Counth has had a local chapter of F.H.A ever since the incorporation of the club. Our chapter has always been very active and performs many services to the community. F.H.A. has participated in many of the fund drives and other charities besides working to make favors for hospital and Nursing Home.

Several girls from Carlisle and Nicholas County Chapters have been elected to state and district offices in the past. Some of these were: Emma Lou George, state secretary, Carlisle Chapter; Sue Irvin, 1st vice-president, NCHS Chapter; Carolyn Trapp, reporter, NCHS Chapter.

District office holders were: Wanda Lawrence, treasurer, Carlisle Chapter; Hattie Crawford, president, Carlisle Chapter; Ann Smith, 1st vice-president, NCHS Chapter; Emma Lou George, 2nd vice-president, Carlisle Chapter; Peggy Tincher, recreational leader, NCHS Chapter; Jane Talbert, recreational leader, NCHS Chapter.

The Future Homemakers of America also gives scholarships to worthy girls going to college and majoring in Home Economics. Chapters all over the state contribute to the fund and girls from all chapters may apply for the scholarship. Many girls from Nicholas County have applied. Two girls who have received this are Carolyn Trapp and Jane Talbert.

Nicholas Countys local chapter has a record to be proud of. The chapter has sent out many fine

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"If More Of Us Were 18, We Would Vote 'FOR' The School Bond Issue For Our Children And Our Community"

Bluejacket Band
French Club
National Honor Society
N.C.H.S. Chorus
The Nicholas Countian
The Nicholas Pride

Pep Club
Quill and Scroll
Speech Club
Student Council
Tri-Hi-Y

Future Homemakers of America
Future Farmers of America