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## SCD Fish Fry Held

by Rob Lane

"We must all want to have a spark of wanting to do better," said Charles A. McElroy, Bourbon County Soil Conservationist at the Nicholas-Robertson Soil Conservation District's Annual Fish Fry last Tuesday.

McElroy, the guest speaker, to approximately 200 people said there are four "springs" to leadership to aspire, to prosper, to transpire, and to inspire. He said there is "no substitute for hard

work" and "a good idea doesn't care who has it." McElroy concluded that "we have the task and opportunity to inspire our community and not only in agriculture." The guest speakers talk followed a summary of Nicholas-Robertson Soil Conservation District achievements this past year. They included construction of one and one-fourth miles of diversion channels, one-fourth miles of pipeline, and development of over 100 acres of new pastured land.

Charles A. McElroy guest speaker at the Nicholas-Robertson County's annual Soil Conservation Fish Fry held Tuesday, Aug. 3.

Forty years ago tobacco was being housed in some areas of Nicholas County.

## James Hamm Joins BGI Production Staff at Paris

It was announced this week by Wayne Shumate, president, that James A. Hamm has recently joined Blue Grass Industries' Production Management Staff at the Paris operation. In making the announcement, Shumate stated that Hamm's professional experience will be a fine addition to this plant's fine management team.

Mr. Hamm was born and reared in Pulaski County. He attended Lindsey Wilson Junior College, and graduated from Campbellsville College in 1962. He has done graduate work at East Carolina University in North Carolina and at the University of Kentucky.

He has nine years of teaching experience in Nicholas County and Millersburg Military Institute school systems, and was awarded the Star Teacher Award in 1971. He has served three years active duty with the United States Army. Also, he is a member of various Masonic Lodges and the Baptist Church.

Hamm resides on Clifty Drive in Carlisle with his wife, Lois, who is a teacher in the Nicholas County Elementary School. They have three daughters, Sarah Jane, 8, Margaret, 6, and Monica, 1.

## Slow Pitch Tourney Begins Saturday

The Women's Slow-Pitch Softball District Tournament will be held at the Carlisle Recreation Park, beginning Aug. 14-21.

The first game will be played Saturday, Aug. 14 at 1 o'clock. There will be 12 teams playing in this Tournament. Remember the game begins at 1 p.m. be there!

## EKU Grant

Mrs. Rita Gail Williams has received a financial grant of \$1,200 to Eastern Kentucky University. She received a \$400 work-study grant.

Mrs. Williams will enter Eastern this fall when she plans to major in Elementary Education. She is the daughter of Mrs. Emma Lenz of Route 4, Carlisle; and Mer-ton Williams of Paris.

## Extension Agents Seek Help With Important Horse Count

Nicholas County Extension agents have been asked by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to make a count of all horses in this county.

If you own a horse, pony or mule, please call or write the Nicholas County Extension office and report it so your animal will be counted.

In this important national survey, a national horse census will be made in connection with the recent outbreak in Texas of VEE (Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis, a "sleeping sickness" of horses), according to Dr. Gary Potter, horse specialist with the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture's Cooperative Extension Service. The survey is part of USDA's effort to protect horses throughout the country.

"VEE doesn't appear to be a threat in Kentucky at this time, and we want to keep it that way," Potter says. "The quarantine and vaccination of horses in Texas and surrounding states seem to have stopped the spread of this horse disease."

However, USDA wants to know how many horses would have to be vaccinated if VEE should later spread to other states. For this reason, the Cooperative Extension Service—represented in each county by county Extension agents—has been commissioned to make this count of horses in all counties of the United States.

"An exact count is important, and the county totals are needed as soon as possible," Potter em-

phasizes. "So we're asking the cooperation of anyone who has information about the horses in his county."

If you own a horse—or any animal of the other equine species, please let your county Extension agent know about it as soon as possible. And if you are concerned with the horse industry or have any information about the horses in your county, please give your Extension agent a call so he can be making this important horse count. Potter suggests.

Nicholas County's Extension office is located in the basement of the post office. The phone number is 289-2312.

## 42 Report for Grid Workout

Nicholas County football prospects are improving as 42 boys reported Aug. 4 to Coach Paul Hampton. This is the largest number ever to report for August

practice. Included in this group are 14 returning letterman from last year's team. Seniors returning are Reese Smoot, Spuddy Marshall, Denzie Watkins, Pat Conley, Owen Barnes and Ricky White, Junior lettermen are Dennis Berry, Darrell Snapp, Sidney Anderson, Bobby Hamilton, Kurt Kelly, Mitch Rice, Glenn Fryman and John Soper.

Coach Hampton was pleased with the number of boys out and the

enthusiasm and conditioning.

Coach Hampton stated, "I was most impressed by the cooperation the town's people have given me. All the people I have met in Carlisle have been very kind to me. The boys came to practice with the right attitude and most were in very good condition. They have been working extra hard this week and if they keep up the attitude and enthusiasm they have more than a lot of teams will feel the sting of the blue jackets this year. The coaching staff has been very big help to me this year and I assure they will continue to be a good job. Come out and support the blue jackets this year." Assisting Coach Hampton with preparation for Georgetown game Friday, Aug. 27 are assistant coaches: Clinton Stanford, Dave McShilen, and Mike Dotson.

## 71-72 Grid Schedule

- Aug. 27 Georgetown
- Sept. 3 Fleming Co.
- Sept. 10 Morgan Co.
- Sept. 17 Boone Co.
- Sept. 24 Paris
- Oct. 1 Bath Co.
- Oct. 8 Montgomery
- Oct. 15 Boone Co.
- Oct. 22 M.M.I.
- Nov. 5 South Co.

## Three Students Honored at UK

Three students from Carlisle have been named to the dean's list in the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Kentucky for the 1971 spring semester.

Named in the undergraduate sophomore English major; Paul Hardin, senior Music Education major and Thomas Hardin, senior Music Education major. Students honored by the arts and sciences dean must attain a 3.0 or better based on a 4.0 grading system.

## Carlisle Defeats Richmond

Carlisle Blue-Grass Industries baseball team advanced to the finals of the Blue Grass League playoffs by defeating Richmond 5 to 1. Richmond scored first by picking up a run in the first inning on a single, a double and a sacrifice fly. Carlisle tallied two runs in the fourth inning on an error by the shortstop, both runners came across the plate when Cox, the Richmond shortstop, made a bad throw to the first base on a ground ball hit by Marlon Harrio.

Carlisle added an insurance run in the eighth on a single by Billy Anderson, a double by Harold Jamieson, and a single by Billy Martin. Carlisle had three runs on four hits while Richmond had one run on seven hits. Billy Anderson picked up the win and ran

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Coach Hampton



Returning Letterman for the Nicholas County Blue Jackets are shown with head coach Paul Hampton, Kurt Kelly, John Soper, Sidney Anderson, second row, Bobby Harrington, Darrell Snapp, Dennis Berry, Pat Conley; back row, Ricky White, Spuddy Marshall, Reese Smoot, Denzie Watkins, Owen Barnes, Mitch Rice was absent when picture was made.

LONG CUCUMBERS, whoever grew these, grew them long. The reason the party was because it was his name and the picture (taken of him didn't reproduce...Mercury pic

## Open-Concept Teaching

## Elementary Students to Succeed in Studies, Supt. Parsley Says

By Rob Lane

Each of the approximately 1,000 students at Nicholas County Elementary School will be a success in his studies this year, says School Superintendent D. P. Parsley. "We will get them (the children) where they can accomplish something and we will forget about where they are supposed to belong."

In a nutshell this is the theory behind the "open concept" method of teaching soon to be employed in Nicholas County's new elementary school when it opens August 30 (during any complications in building construction, says Mr. Parsley).

The concept has received wide recognition in both state and national educational circles, but has received criticism from many

local people, possibly because they do not understand what such a program involves. "Educational leaders say a child will respond better to a learning situation in conditions that are more relaxed than the rigid enclosed classroom, common in most schools. He is able to observe other classes in operation and if he is ahead of his group he can learn from other grades or if he is behind he can learn more simple material from lower grades."

Many feel the absence of walls between classrooms in the new school will foster unrelaxing or a general disturbance to all classes.

But Mr. Parsley says that other schools the administrators and coordinators visited, disciplinary measures were at a minimum stim-

ply because there were no disciplinary problems. Children were allowed to work at their own pace and were constantly busy working on something that was equal to their capabilities. In short, they had little time for mischief. Even visitors who came to the school didn't seem to disturb the children, he says. In addition, soundproof qualities of the walls, ceilings, and carpeting will keep one class from disturbing another.

The design of these school itself, aside from being ideal for the open concept is made the way it is for three reasons.

First, the building is designed so it can be used in many ways. For example, when the teachers face a certain experimental lesson should be taught to a whole grade,

they need only to move dividers that separate the classes. This would be an impossible feat in the classroom with walls. The building is also designed for any changes you may want an educational situation in the future may call for," says Mr. Parsley.

When the building will make children want to come to school, rather than being forced to go or the teacher officer, bright colored panels in orange, green and yellow catch the eye and make the school bright and cheery, quite unlike the drab, dark colors typical in other schools. "We want to make the school attractive to children. Children who want to come to school can help solve much of our delin-

quency problem," says Mr. Parsley. He added that in many instances

the school will be nicer than their own homes. "Lastly, the school has been designed for economy. Walls cost money and the fewer the walls, the less expense there is. The building's openness will also provide better ventilation."

The building itself is built on three levels, much like a split level home. The first level will house grades one through four. The level is divided into areas and

## To See Reds Play

Members of the Nicholas County League team will go to Cincinnati Monday night, Aug. 16 for the 105 game between the Reds and the St. Louis, according to Postmaster John R. Anderson.

each area has a central "hub" for supplies. The classes will be centered around these hubs. Each area has additional storage cabinets and a sink.

The second or middle level contains a library area, a lunch commons, a kitchen, personnel office, the gymnasium, a band room, chorus room, art room, locker rooms, and special education classrooms.

This area has a stage which can be utilized by the gymnasium commons by use of folding curtains.

The third level will house grades four through eight. This area has the same features as the first level with an additional room for science, math and specialty home

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