



## White Collar Jobs Gain In Nicholas

To what extent has the employment picture in Nicholas County changed in recent years? How much job shifting has there been, due to automation?

What proportion of working people in the local area are now in white collar occupations and what proportion in blue collar?

National surveys by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, combined with data from the Department of Commerce, shed some light on the subject.

They indicate that locally, as in most other areas, there have been many adjustments in the employment situation since 1960.

Of the 2,395 men and women who were employed locally at that time, 429 were in white collar jobs, the figures show. The rest were in blue collar or service occupations or were employed on farms.

Most noticeable, in Nicholas County, has been the substantial increase since then in the proportion of white collar jobs. This rise, in the 10-year period, is estimated at 16.7 percent.

This was in line with the grow-

ing demand for clerical, management, professional, technical and sales personnel. These white collar occupations have created opportunities for a large majority of the newcomers in the local labor force.

Classified as blue collar in the government's reports are machinists, craftsmen, construction workers, factory operatives, transportation workers and the like.

Nicholas County, due to the adjustments that have taken place it is estimated that white collar workers now constitute approximately 21 percent of the local labor force.

The finding is that the pay scale for the average unionized blue collar worker has been rising much faster lately than that of the white collar worker.

As a result, the big difference in spending potential and living standards that once distinguished these two labor groups is less evident. Blue collar workers, however, are more susceptible to layoffs than white collar.

## USDA Asking Farmers Planting Intentions

The U.S. Department of Agriculture started conducting a special survey about Jan. 1 to help determine farmers' planting intentions for the 1971 growing season for seven major crops.

USDA's Crop and Livestock Reporting Service will conduct survey operations in 35 States, including Kentucky. Mail questionnaires will be sent to more than 11,100 farmers here, and about 475,000 nationally. The survey will ask about 1971 acreage plans for corn, spring wheat, soybeans, sorghum, soybeans, and cotton. Estimates for these crops by State will be issued Jan. 25, at 3:00 p.m.

Jim Koepfer, statistician in

charge of the Kentucky office stated this special survey would not replace the annual planting intentions report issued in March. He said the January survey is scheduled to help farmers get an early season view of prospective acreages in light of new farm legislation. The survey findings will also be used by program planners in adjusting to the effects of the new provisions.

Koepfer urges all farmers reviewing the special planting intentions survey questionnaires to read it thoroughly and answer all questions carefully. The postage-free questionnaires should be returned quickly. He points out the greater the response, the more reliable the estimates.

## Former Drug Addict Reveals His Thoughts

Art Cook, a former drug addict, was one of the seven panelists who spoke at the Governor's Special Session on Drug Abuse held in Louisville on Dec. 3.

Cook is 32 years old. He attended Sue Bennett Junior College in London and Ohio University in Athens, Ohio before dropping out of college during his third year. He started taking drugs in the summer of 1968, and became addicted a year later. He is presently a member of Matrix House in Louisville.

after three years, I smoked some grass with a couple of friends of mine. It wasn't until the third time I tried grass that I ever got really stoned. But I loved the high that I got from grass. To me, being stoned on grass was the greatest thing that had ever happened to me. It felt great. I had done some drinking before, of course, but I didn't like the effect of alcohol; the sickness and the hangover. With grass, I could stay stoned as much and as long as I liked and not be sick from it or have a hangover the next day.

Curiosity about some of the other drugs that I'd heard about led me to try LSD. I was really stoned the first time I tripped, but I liked that even better than smoking grass. Then I tried snorting speed, then snorting speed (sometimes taking acid and smoking grass and snorting speed altogether) to get super wiped out, and one night I tried heroin because there was no speed around. Little by little, I used heroin more and more until I quit a good job I had, and started selling drugs to get the money to buy the dope. I was arrested and given a breath (probation), if I came to Lexington. In Lexington, I joined Matrix House, and from there, it's a long way back up to being a human being again.

2. IS THERE A WAY A PERSON CAN KEEP DRUGS FROM OUR YOUTH?

I don't believe that law enforcement alone will ever stop the drug problem. All of the dealers will never be caught. Since you can't keep the drugs away from youth, you will have to want to stay away from drugs. Maybe some talks by people like me relating their experiences to young people will help a few, but if the kids aren't grown up in the home, it probably won't do a lot of good. People grow up in Matrix House because we refuse to accept a person for what he is; he can be accepted for what he is, and is nothing less. Growing up had to be done in the home for people today. Once a guy is running around the streets using drugs, it's too late for the family or friends to do anything to help

him grow up. From there, it's got to be something like Matrix.

3. WHAT CAN ONE DO TO KEEP FROM GETTING HOOKED?

If someone tells me they are thinking about trying a drug, usually grass or acid, "just messing around" with it, I tell them to think about what happens to me. Nobody who smokes grass ever thinks that he will wind up a speed freak or a dope fiend. Many times I told myself that I wasn't going to use any other drugs except grass, or whatever drug I was using at the time. It's so easy to say, "well okay, I'll try it once." But I didn't

## Ambulance Service May Be Subsidized



### Fast Retrieval System

The newest equipment purchased at the Nicholas County Hospital is a microfilm reader-filler which will be used in the Medical Records Department. This equipment will be used to process patient medical records which have been filmed. There will also be a reading unit placed at the nurses station for the convenience of the physicians. By having the records on film it will help both the physician and the hospital staff provide faster service to the patient at the time of admission and will make retrieval of the record easier. The equipment was purchased from a Cincinnati firm, shown as Mrs. Lois Gates, ART and her assistant Mrs. Betty Holpennette.

### Sgt. Meadows New Army Recruiter

SFC Huey V. Meadows is the new Army Recruiter for this area. He is residing in Cynthiana and will be available in Carlisle from 9:00 to 12:00 each Wednesday, at the Selective Service Office.

Sgt. Meadows' office is located in the basement of the City Building at 800 Pleasant Street, Paris. He may be contacted by phoning collector 987-6817.

The regular meeting of Dougherty Lodge No. 65, F&M will be held Friday, Jan. 8, at 7:30 p.m.

Local ambulance service may be subsidized by both City and County governments. It was announced at City Council meeting Monday night. Discussion of the matter has been under way for several months by both groups.

One way of subsidizing would be for both governments to pay \$100 per capita. Mayor Power announced that the population of the City, according to the latest census, is 6506. Fiscal Court will meet regarding the subject on Wednesday night, and a final decision will be made by the City after that meeting.

Three bids were opened for the purchase of a gas leak detector. The Operator's Manager, Oliver Viter, was given permission to purchase it from Hall Survey and Repair of Louisville for \$2705. If Tuesday morning's demonstration proved to be satisfactory, the vote was 4-2 with Clifton Wagon voting against.

Russell Alexander appeared before Council to discuss the sewer line buildup on West Main Street. The City has run into numerous problems in running the line which have delayed it for quite some time. The consensus of opinion from Council was that a workable

solution must be found before next meeting, so that the City may lay the line to the edge of the newly annexed section, as it has promised to do.

Bill Ruddle called Council for a job as Traffic Officer. Council voted to accept applications for such a position until Jan. 15. Also applications will be accepted for a policeman's position.

Council voted 3-1. Wilson voting against, to sell parking permits for \$35 each this year. Only 230 City Auto Stickers have been sold to date.

Bill Hunter, representing the Nicholas County Fire Department, and Bobby Crockett of Foodtown Grocery requested the City do something about the huge water deposits on their properties. The Streets and Alleya Committee was asked to check the situation and to report to Council regarding the matter.

Police Report: Total arrests, 16—Driving on Revoked License, 1; Drunk Driving, 2; Assault and Battery, 2; Speeding, 3; Taking Groceries from Parked Car, 1; Public Drunk, 5; Disorderly Conduct, 1; No Operator's License, 1. Total Fines \$656.50, Motor Vehicle \$305.44, totaling \$1021.94 collected.

## New Grower Tobacco Allotment Applications Now Being Taken

Applications for 1971 new Burley tobacco allotments are now being accepted in the Nicholas County ASCS office according to an announcement made by Harvey Wagener, chairman of the ASCS County Committee.

Wagener pointed out that in order to qualify for a new grower tobacco allotment, all of the following requirements must be met: the applicant must:

1. Have had at least two years experience in the last five years in producing, harvesting, and marketing the type of tobacco requested in the application as sharecropper, tenant, or farm operator. Tobacco produced on a farm that had no acreage allotment will not be considered for experience.
2. Own the farm.
3. Own, or otherwise have readily available, adequate equipment necessary to the successful production of the kind of tobacco requested on the farm.

1. Expect to obtain, during 1971, more than 50 percent of his income from the production of agricultural commodities or products from the farm for which the new farm allotment application is filed.

2. Own or operate no other allotment in established.

3. Not have been approved for a new farm allotment during the preceding three years. Any person who can meet all of these requirements should request an application from the Nicholas County ASCS Office, if he wishes to apply for an allotment. Applications must be filed with the ASCS County committee by not later than Feb. 15, 1971.

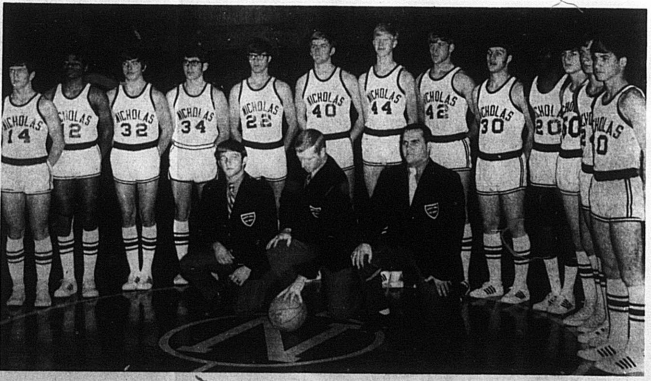
## Dougherty Lodge Installs Officers

Dougherty Lodge No. 65, F&M held its annual oyster supper and installed officers for the coming year on Saturday night, Dec. 26, at 6:30 p.m.

Officers installed were: James Barnes, Master; Raymond Bruce, Senior Warden; James Wells, Junior Warden; James Mann, Senior Deacon; Dwayne Ritchie, Junior Deacon; Bobby Fryman, Secretary; Raymond Flora, Treasurer.

## Net Game Friday At Owingsville

The Nicholas County Bluejacket basketball team will meet fifth County at Owingsville Friday night, Jan. 8.



THE NICHOLAS COUNTY BASKETBALL Team members are from left to right: Larry Timber, Gene Compton, Jimmy Farmer, Job Soper, Rodney Hatton, Steve Kimberling, Owen Barnes, Reese Collier, Billy Ed Hunter, Billy Keen Anderson and Billy Ray Hunter. Pic by Bobby Kinsolver

Gary Stone, Rex Boyd, Kurt Kelley, Gerald Hatton, Kurt Frey, Front Row; Billy Ed Hunter, Billy Keen Anderson and Billy Ray Hunter. Pic by Bobby Kinsolver

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