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## 4-H Awards program, March 2

The Nicholas County 4-H Leader and Member Awards Program will be held at Blue Grass Industries on Thursday, March 2 at 7:00 p.m. The guest speaker will be Garland Baeth, Extension Program specialist in 4-H. The 1971 Kentucky 4-H Older Youth Conference delegates, Rachel Booth, Fatty Doyle, and Roxanne Bow will give a slide presentation on their Washington trip. "4-H Bridges the Gap" will be

the theme of this year's program where 4-H members and leaders will be recognized for outstanding 1970-71 achievements. Presentation awards will be given to County 4-H project champions, county model winners, and Outstanding 4-H project award, Danforth and award of excellence winners. The top four APES Youth Scholars, County Talent Show, Raily Day and Style Revue winners will be recognized and

members will receive completion certificates. Nicholas County 4-H leaders will be presented certificates and leader pins designating years of service in the 4-H Club program. Outstanding 4-H sherril will receive recognition and a special 4-H Council award will be presented. Serving as host for the program, Blue Grass Industries will provide refreshments.

## Jaycees purchase school property

The Carlisle Jaycees have purchased the old Headquarters Elementary School property in Nicholas County and will convert it into a meeting place and civic and recreation center. The Jaycees paid \$7,000 for the building and three and one-half acres of land, which was sold recently because this property and two other elementary school properties had been replicated last year with the new consolidated Nicholas County Elementary School. The Jaycees plan to use the gymnasium, stage, cafeteria and other facilities for their many functions.

'Jaycee of the Month' the Carlisle Jaycees recently selected Bobby Curtis as their "Jaycee of the Month" for the month of January. For his efforts as chairman of this year's midgeet basketball program, Curtis is employed by I.B.M. in Lexington and resides with his wife, Yoko and two sons on Sycamore Hill.

thrift in the past have necessarily been held in various other places. Future plans for the property include the installation of a horse show arena and related facilities for purpose of holding the annual Jaycee Horse Show. The property will also be available for use by other organizations. The Jaycees plan to start work on the property as soon as possession has been obtained.

## CRIPPLED CHILDREN', ADULTS Seal campaign begins Monday

The 1972 Easter Seal Campaign will begin Feb. 28 and continue through Easter Sunday, April 2.

It was announced today by Tommy Bell, Lexington, state Easter Seal Campaign chairman. Contributions to the annual appeal, sponsored by the Kentucky Easter Seal Society for Crippled Children and Adults, help support a statewide program of services including medical care and hospitalization, therapies, special schooling, resident camping and transportation.

## Red Heads win net battle

Another blow for women's liberation was struck Monday night when the All American Red Heads defeated the Nicholas County Heats (81-75). The entertainment, held at the Nicholas County High School gym was sponsored by the Rotary Club for the benefit of the Nicholas County Recreation park. See picture on page seven.

More than 350,000 letters containing Easter Seals will be mailed to residents in every county in the state. In addition to the mail appeal, volunteer workers will participate in other fund-raising events. The Kentucky Easter Seal Society owns and operates treatment centers in Louisville, Lexington, Paducah, Carrollton, Covington, Owensboro, Morehead and Ashland. In 1971, its 48th year of service, the society helped more than 500 physically handicapped Kentuckians.

## Regional speech festival at MSU

Speakers from 10 high schools and six junior high schools are participating Friday and Saturday, Feb. 25 and 26 in a regional speech festival at Morehead State University.

The festival, which includes 17 speech events, is sponsored by the Kentucky High School Speech League. Winners will advance to the state finals. High schools participating include Ashland Paul Blazer, Boyd County, Nicholas County, Deming, Fleming County, Mayville, Montgomery County, Morgan County, Rowan County and St. Patrick's of Mayville. Registration for the two-day event begins Friday at 9 a.m. in MSU's Burton Auditorium. The five junior-high events and high school level discussion, debate and duo-acting competition are scheduled for Friday. The junior-high events are debate, interpretation of prose, public speaking and story telling. High school speakers will participate Saturday in broadcast announcing, analysis and public address, interpretation of humorous and serious dramatic literature, extemporaneous speaking, original oratory, interpretation of poetry and prose and story telling.

## Fire alarm

Members of the Carlisle Volunteer Fire Department and Chief Charles Fay answered an alarm Monday about 9 a.m. to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Payne, 314 Dorsey Avenue.

## Observed

Bird feeders provide a nice way to pass the time on a cold or snowy day. The only difficulty, a small feeder keeps one hoping to keep it filled. A sunny little chickadee poses momentarily at left, while a female Cardinal perches on the feed bag. Mercury picture



## Contract signed

Gov. Wendell H. Ford, along with Nicholas County officials, signed a contract providing funds for the development of a three-acre park and recreation area in Carlisle, observing the ceremony, from left to right, are Nicholas County Judge Floyd Clark, Earl Noffinger of the University of Kentucky's Com-

## Vaughn sentenced to 21 years

Roger Vaughn, 29, was sentenced to 21 years in prison Friday of conviction of involuntary manslaughter. The conviction and sentence

## Pesticides conference

The State Department of Health's Pesticides Program, in cooperation with the Environmental Protection Agency, will sponsor a special training conference on pesticide usage and safety March 7 and 8 at the Phoenix Hotel, Lexington.

## Fish, Game club

The Fish and Game Club will have an Oyster Supper on Friday, Feb. 24, at 7:30 p.m. at the club house. Election of officers will be held immediately after the supper.



## County population getting younger

The figures are all in and the story can now be told. The Nicholas County population is getting younger. It is younger today than it was 10 years ago.

According to the latest Census Bureau findings, the median age in the local area is now 32.3 years, which means that for every person who is older than that there is one who is younger.

Back in 1960, when the previous census was taken, the median age in the area was 33.5 years. It has been moving downward since then.

For the American population as a whole, the reports show a median age of 27.9. For the State of Kentucky, it is 27.5.

Chiefly responsible for the shift in the age level is the growing preponderance of young people. Nearly one out of every five persons is now in the 15 to 24 age bracket.

The dramatic increase in this group is indicated by the figures. Since 1960, when they numbered 27,136,000, they have grown to 39,768,000, a whopping 47 percent jump.

By way of comparison, an increase of only eight percent was recorded in the 10 years for all age groups.

In Nicholas County, the number of people between ages 15 and 24 is now 973, as compared with the 1960 total of 800.

The surge in the youth population is the result of the sharp increase in birth rates in the years following the last World War.

And, although the birth rate has been dropping in recent years in most parts of the country, it has remained sufficiently high to produce a big crop in the younger age groups.

The general trend at the present time is to smaller families, according to the latest studies, reflecting the concern people have with modern-day problems and costs in the rearing of children.

This is indicated in the Census Bureau's so-called "fertility ratio", which refers to the number of children under age five per 1,000 women of child-bearing age.

In Nicholas County, in 1960, this ratio was 433. It is now 391. The local figure, although considerably lower than before, is still well above the ratio in many sections of the country. In the United States, it is 352 and, in the East South Central States, 363.

Author to speak at Presbyterian Church Sunday A covered dish supper will be held at the Presbyterian Church on Sunday, Feb. 27, at 6 p.m. Immediately after the dinner, at 7 p.m. the Rev. Jack E. Weiler of Hazard will speak in the sanctuary. Weiler is the author of Yesterday's People—Life in Contemporary Appalachia, and is a native of New York and a graduate of Union Theological Seminary there. Before coming to Kentucky, where he is currently minister at-large for the Presbyterian Church in the West, he served in the Presbyterian ministry in Kentucky.

Veterans contact Howard R. Osborn, contact representative of the Bureau of Veterans Affairs, will be at the courthouse, Feb. 25, from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m., to assist veterans and their dependents with claims for benefits due them as a result of their military service.

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