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Registered Demos to get mail contribution appeal

This is the week that most of the registered Democrats in Nicholas County will receive a direct mail appeal for a contribution to the Democratic Party.

According to Avery Mitchell, Nicholas County Chairman, the appeal is part of Kentucky Democrats' massive fund raising campaign. The drive is intended to broaden the party's base of support as well as provide funds to pay off Dee Huddleston's campaign debts and build a permanent State Democratic Headquarters facility.

Nicholas County Democratic Precinct Committees will meet on Saturday, Mar. 17, at 2 p.m. in the Courthouse in the fund raising campaign.

All Nicholas County Democrats are urged to respond to the letter from Wendell Ford, Dee Huddleston and J.R. Miller. It is his hope that they will interest it as an appeal to them to support their party, that it will reassure

them that Democrats do care, that ours is a political party that listens," Mitchell said.

The letter will also contain a tear-off return form and a self-addressed return envelope. To contribute, all a person need do is complete the form and place it, along with their contribution, into the return envelope and mail to the Liberty National Bank, Louisville. Checks should be made payable to the Kentucky Democratic Party. Contributions may also be charged to Master Charge or BankAmericard.

The county chairman emphasizes that, while they have tried to reach all registered Democrats, the computerized lists were often incomplete and some Nicholas County Democrats may not receive their letter.

If you did not receive a letter and want to be sure, please contact the County Chairman or your Precinct Committee Members.

Extended area phone service sought by senate candidate

Tom Ward, of Woodford County, candidate for the State Senate from the 30th Senatorial District, comprised of Bourbon, Harrison, Nicholas, Robertson, Scott, Woodford and a portion of Fayette counties, announced his plan to seek toll-free telephone service between Woodford and Fayette counties, Scott and Bourbon and between Carlisle and Millersburg exchanges. Ward said he is also concerned about the general level of telephone service in Harrison and Robertson counties and will work with the citizens of all of these counties to determine their need for improved service. Ward said that he has met with representatives of the Public Service Commission, the General Telephone Company and South Central Bell. General Telephone serves Woodford, Fayette, and Jessamine counties and South Central Bell serves the other counties mentioned above with the exception of Robertson which is served by Kentucky Telephone. Ward said that he has in his possession some preliminary studies provided by the

Public Service Commission which indicate previous interest in toll-free or extended area service between the areas mentioned above. He will be talking with individual citizens from Scott and Bourbon counties in recent weeks, but there appears to be a high level of interest in toll-free service, but that effort had been made because of the wide spread assumption that the fact of two telephone companies involved precluded the possibility of extended area service. "This assumption," Ward said, "is mistaken. I have been assured both verbally and in writing that there are many areas in the United States where extended area service exists where different companies are involved. In addition to his investigations with the local commission and the Public Service Commission, Ward stated that he also has verification from the United States Independent Telephone Association based in Washington, D.C. Quoting from a letter provided to that group, "It is not uncommon for

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City audit may cost \$1200

City Council agreed at its regular meeting Monday night to furnish box, top, copper setter and lid for each of 22 additional water meters to be installed at G.W. Sester's Trailer Court. The charge to Sester will be approximately \$30 per unit. Sester will run all the lines and perform the other labor necessary for the installations. In addition, there will be the regular \$25 sewer hook-up fee charged to Sester by the City for each unit.

A representative from a CPA firm in Lexington discussed the cost of doing the City's annual 1973 audit. He will forward a letter to the City and Council will then consider the matter again. He said his firm could not start an audit until May. The rough estimate of cost is between \$900 and \$1200.

Council also agreed to buy the following supplies from ZEP when the representative was at the meeting: Dozen kegs sewer solvent; dozen gallons of aluminum paint, six gallons red paint; and a dozen gallons of yellow paint.

The total Revenue Sharing money received by the City for 1972 amounted to \$10,728. Council will meet next week sometime to discuss one best to spend this money and to devise a budget for future money to be received. Revenue money received for 1973 and later must be spent according to budget guidelines as required by law.

Mayor Bill Power announced that the Nicholas County High School will be one of 15 schools participating in the annual RMEA Instrumental Music Festival. The following is the remaining schedule for the season:

Tuesday, March 20, 8:00 p.m. Rebels vs. Demons; 7:00 p.m. Raiders vs. Colts; 8:00 p.m. Patriots vs. Hornets.

Saturday, March 24, 8:00 p.m. Rebels vs. Hornets; 7:00 p.m. Rebels vs. Colts; 8:00 p.m. Demons vs. Patriots.

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Jaycee, LL net games played for Kelley fund

The Jaycee Little League Teams will play Butler County Friday, March 16, at 6:00 p.m. at the Nicholas County High School gym. All proceeds from these games will go to the Kort Kelley Fund.

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New FCIC insurance plan is revealed

A new and improved barley tobacco insurance plan was unveiled today by John Soper, district sales supervisor of USDA's Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC).

Based on the change-over from acreage to poundage quotas, the experimental plan will benefit 1973 barley growers in five Kentucky and two Tennessee counties.

For growers in Bourbon, Fayette, Green, Nicholas and Taylor counties in Kentucky and Greene and Hawkins in Tennessee, the new protection plan will offer a guaranteed dollar return if crops are severely damaged or destroyed.

Soper reported that the amount of insurance coverage will now be computed by multiplying the poundage quota by the FCIC percent of guarantee (60%) by the current year support price per bushel (less 3 cents warehouse charges).

"For example," Soper explains, "if a grower's quota is 10,000 pounds and price support is 75 cents a pound, he would multiply 10,000 by 60% by 75 cents, giving a guarantee of \$4,500."

"If the grower has carryover tobacco which he plans to sell under the current year's poundage quota," Soper adds, "he may reduce the quota figure used in figuring his amount of insurance coverage by the pounds of carryover to be sold. This will reduce the amount and the cost of his insurance."

Current Federal Crop Insurance policyholders in the seven counties will have a choice of converting to the new plan or continuing with the past plan for the next year. New applications will automatically be insured under the new plan.

Meredith Evans seeks election; Taylor deputy choice

Meredith Evans announced today his candidacy for election to the office of sheriff of Nicholas County. Evans stated that Ralph Taylor will be his choice for deputy sheriff.

In making his announcement Evans pointed out that he has served as magistrate of District IV and three years as deputy sheriff. Certain previous experience helps Evans to know the problems and desires of Nicholas Countyans.

The local businessman lives on Route 3 with his wife, Helen, and two daughters, Deborah and Karen.

Mann announces for Representative

Clay Mann, Nicholas County farmer and lifelong Democrat, has announced his candidacy for State Representative for the 74th District composed of Nicholas, Bath and Montgomery Counties.

Mann was born and reared in Nicholas County. During the winter he works on the Lexington tobacco market.

Booth seeks re-election

Eugene Booth has filed as a candidate for reelection as Nicholas County Magistrate from Fourth District.

Drive-in opens Friday

Bourbon Drive-In Theatre on U.S. 68 at Jackstown Road, Paris, will open on Friday and Saturday evenings beginning Mar. 16.

Dairy Queen to open

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Scores again

Country's L.G.A. was again awarded the "L.G.A. Tablette Beef King" trophy for 1972. In the annual competition held in October 1972 among L.G.A. members, Judging was on the basis of promotion and percentage of sales of increase. Country's has been the recipient of the Tablette Beef King award for several

years consecutively. Prestis Bach, vice president of W.T. Strawn, L.G.A. distributor, left presents trophy to Al Warner, meat department manager of the local store, Ben Brerly, cutter, and Bob Cratley, store owner. The presentation was made in January in Morehead.

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