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Citizens for Nicholas County Hospitals make recommendations

Since July 29 the special committee appointed by the Johnson-Mathers Home, Inc. board chairman, Herman Kamlage, has interviewed and discussed preliminary observations with five different architectural firms.

Each firm was represented by at least one person who had looked at the physical facilities of the present hospital. Each architect was asked to meet with as many members of the committee as possible. Thus each firm was able to present input into the matters which pertained to the special committee's work.

The Johnson-Mathers Home, Inc. Board asked the Citizens Committee to interview these firms and list them in accordance with the desirability of their presentation as it relates to local needs.

The committee, after having heard all of the presentations, selected three of the persons on the committee felt would be the best people to offer consultation with either one or all three of the following groups: the Citizens Committee, the Johnson-Mathers Home, Inc. Board, or the Nicholas County Fiscal Court. This was accomplished at the meeting Friday, Aug. 9.

The names of these three companies have been sent to the Johnson-Mathers Home, Inc. Board with the suggestion and recommendation that the Board make a selection of one of these. It was further recommended that the Board employ a professional person from one of these firms who would do a feasibility study from a professional standpoint.

This feasibility study would include recommendations from the architect in three areas. The first area would be to ascertain whether the present facility

could be renovated, remodeled, and a new facility added on. The second area would be to investigate the possibility of locating a new hospital, if this becomes necessary, at the present site. The third area would be to investigate the

possibility of connecting a new hospital and the Johnson-Mathers Nursing Home, thus having one health care unit. More information should be forthcoming after the Johnson-Mathers Home, Inc. Board meets on Aug. 12.

Board sets school tax rate at 70¢ per \$100 valuation

The Nicholas County Board of Education set the school tax rate at 70.9 cents per \$100 valuation at a called meeting Aug. 5—making the total 1975 tax rate 95.0 for Nicholas countians.

Comparisons between the 1974 and 1975 county tax rates follow:

1974	1975	
3.2	County Fire Dept.	3.2
70.9	School	70.9
2.5	Health Department	2.5
2.1	Library	2.1
14.6	Operation of County	14.6
1.5	State	1.5
94.3	Total	95.0

City of Carlisle residents do not pay the 3.2 cents for the County Fire Department. The total assessment increase is \$9,146,852, according to Property Valuation Administrator Bobby Anderson. He requested at the Aug. 2 School Board meeting that the general tax rate be lowered to compensate for this rise. However, the Board voted on Aug. 5 to accept the Department of Education's rate of 51.6 and to lower the voted 20 cents referendum to 19.2 cents for this year. This action set the school tax rate the same as last year.

The Fiscal Court raised the county

rate 2 cents per \$100 increasing the total tax rate by that amount for this year. This year's taxes will cost a Nicholas county real estate owner \$9.90 per \$1,000 of assessment.

Pickup strikes pole; two persons injured

A Dodge pickup, driven by Jackie Flora, hit a light pole and came to rest against the porch of the home of Virgie Smoot on East Main Street Monday around 7:30 p.m.

Fires and a passenger, Linda Dinuff, were injured when they were thrown from the truck. Carlisle Police answered the call. The two were taken to Nicholas County Hospital for emergency treatment. The truck was traveling east on Main Street.

V.F.W. fish fry

The VFW fish fry will be held on Friday, Aug. 15, at 7:30 p.m. at the City Lake.

Mrs. Bert Combs to speak at Anniversary Celebration Tuesday at Blue Licks Park

Mrs. Bert Combs will be one of the speakers at the 193rd Anniversary Celebration of the Last Battle of the Revolutionary War on Tuesday, Aug. 19, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Blue Licks Battlefield State Park.

James Cracraft, celebration chairman, Mt. Olivet, said Monday that he expects Gov. Julian Carroll to make an appearance at the celebration sometime during the day Tuesday.

Cracraft also stated that Eastern Kentucky University President Dr. Robert Martin will speak on the Kentucky Historical Society.

Mrs. Combs, a Robertson county

native, will discuss the possibility of obtaining a lodge at Blue Licks, according to Cracraft. Cracraft will give the Welcome at 1:30 p.m.

The Nicholas County High School Band will participate in the band concerts starting at 10 a.m. Ten other bands from seven other counties have been invited to participate in the concerts in the morning.

Persons who will be at the park at lunch time are asked to bring well-filled picnic baskets for an old-fashioned basket luncheon from 12 noon to 1:30 p.m.

County speakers and their topics will be: Robertson—T. Ross Moore, History Blue Licks; Nicholas—Joseph F. Conley, Establishment of Park; Mason—Lewis Browning, Kentucky Heritage Commission; Harrison—John Swinford, His Father's part in obtaining funds for monument; Bracken—Mrs. John Parker; Fleming—Joe McCarty, Land of Covered Bridges in Relation to Park; Bourbon—Speaker to be announced.

The battle was fought Aug. 19, 1782. Commemorative celebrations were held from 1927-1940. This is the first celebration since 1940. Cracraft stated that celebrations are planned annually in preparation for the 200th anniversary of the battle in 1982.

Rev. Allen Milligan, Mt. Olivet United Methodist Church will give the Invocation. Rev. H. Dallas Sugg, Carlisle First Baptist Church, will give the Benediction.



Oath administered

Mrs. Fred Whaley was sworn in Friday morning as the new Deputy Property Valuation Administrator, by County Clerk J. Berry Burnam. Mrs. Whaley will be assisting Bobby Anderson, PVA, fulltime and replaces Mrs. Anna Lee Finch, who recently resigned her position.—Duncan photo

Child drowns during flash flood at Morning Glory, Bobtown Creeks

A three-year-old child drowned Sunday about 4:30 p.m. as the car in which he was riding left the road during a flash flood at the fork of Morning Glory and Bobtown Creeks, close to the Harrison county line.

The boy, Bobby Gene Bretz, his mother, Mrs. Maggie Bretz and his one-year-old brother, Billy Joe, all of Paris, were riding along the creek in a car driven by Kent Harney, a former Paris policeman. They had been visiting Harney's brother, Bob Harney.

Harney said it began storming and he saw lightning strike a barn.

He started back to his brother's home to report the fire. On the return trip, the car traveled through several inches of water—already collecting on the roadway—and the engine began missing.

Harney said he had just started over a wooden bridge when the water quickly rose to his brother's waist. As he began to cross the bridge the engine of his car died and it stalled. He got out of the car and went to a nearby residence to call for help.

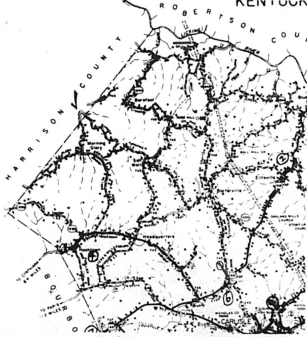
He started back to the stalled vehicle, but before he could reach it, water had risen to the edge of the windows of the car. He then asked residents of a nearby house to supply a tractor to pull the car out of the water, but when he returned the second time the water was so deep and swift he tried to use his weight to hold the car on the bridge. The car went into the creek with Mrs. Bretz and the two children still in it.

By that time Robert Harney and his son, Frank, had arrived on the scene and Frank dove into the flood waters and went to the car.

At the same time Kent Harney grabbed the oldest boy, while Frank Harney pulled the mother and the smallest boy out of the car.

The current swept the older boy out of Kent's grasp, but Frank managed to get the younger boy to the stalled vehicle. The mother was swept away by the water, but grabbed a limb of a tree on the bank. Trooper Hayes said the limb broke and she was swept further down the bank. Trooper Hayes said she grabbed on to another tree and held on.

Nicholas County Sheriff Reesa Smoot said Monday that the car was found



about one-half mile down the road from where it fell. It. The three-year-old boy was found about one mile from where the car had washed into the creeks, he said.

Mrs. Bretz and Billy Joe Bretz were treated at the Nicholas County Hospital and released.

Rescue squads from Nicholas, Paris and Cynthiana responded to the call for help. The Nicholas County Fire Department also answered the call.

Four inches of rain were measured in a short time by an area resident, Bruner Harney.

Funeral services for the child were conducted at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 12, 1975 at the Lusk Funeral Home, Paris, with burial in the Paris Cemetery.

Health clinics, skin tests set

Immunization Clinics will be held at the Nicholas County health center on Aug. 19, 20, and 21. Clinic hours are 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Tuberculin skin testing for all school personnel will be done at the Nicholas County Health Center on Aug. 25. Hours for testing will be 10 a.m. to 11 noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Funeral services for the child were conducted at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 12, 1975 at the Lusk Funeral Home, Paris, with burial in the Paris Cemetery.

In addition to his mother and brother, the little boy is survived by his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ramul Gambill of Peppin, Ohio.



The winners

First-place winners in the first Ladies Golf Tournament held at Carlisle Country Club Thursday are Mrs. Robert Sparks, Mrs. Tommy Johnson, and Mrs. Wayne Shumate. Miss Paige Shumate, not pictured, was also a member of the winning team. Only one stroke separated the six teams who vied for the honors—with a tie for second. Scores were 47—48—49—50 and 51.—Duncan photo



Earn second place trophies

Robbison, Mrs. David Zachary, Mrs. Bobby Curtis and Mrs. Marlene Sims Jr. The team was the second-place playoff after finishing for second for nine holes.

Third-place honors went to Mrs. Joe Frank, Conley, Mrs. Kinball Booth, Mrs. Larry Allison, Mrs. Don Elder and Mrs. Henry Peters.—Duncan photo

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