

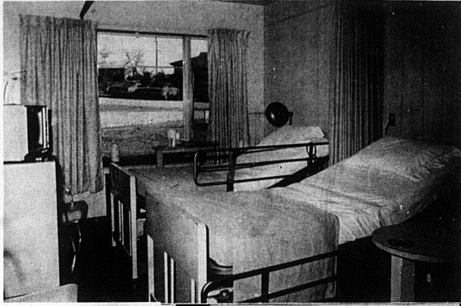
TOLLEBRO'S TOSHBROOK EJECTED FROM GAME FOR FIGHTING

Jackets make comeback 70-64

In a ferociously intense game at Tolleboro last Friday night, Nicholas County exploded in a sudden fourth quarter charge to overcome a lead that Tolleboro had been holding all night long and sent the Wildcats back to the dressing room on the underside of a 70-64 score. A little bit of everything was displayed during the game, from the Jackets leading by eight, to the Jackets losing the inside and board match, to the Jackets winning in a fight that broke out in the third quarter. Tolleboro jumped out to an early 40

lead but a quick three point play by Ricky Hicks brought the Jackets back to within one. Tolleboro continued to take it to the Jackets inside and the Jackets managed only one early lead that resulted from a Greg Letcher assist to Gary Gray. That lead didn't last for long and by the end of the first quarter Tolleboro led, 14-12. In the second quarter Tolleboro and Nicholas County put on a basket swapping exhibition with Tolleboro still commanding both the offensive and defensive boards. The first half ended with Nicholas trailing 28-27. The fight that occurred in the third

quarter may have been more important than most people realize, the main reason being that Tolleboro's big center, Toshbroke, was ejected from the game following the incident. Toshbroke had been a dominant figure in the middle all night. At the end of the third period Tolleboro lead the Jackets, 42-27. The Jackets came out blazing in the fourth quarter with Gerald Thompson taking command of the entire floor. He made key rebounds, spectacular assists and summed up points of his own efforts leading the Jackets to a come from behind victory, 70-64.



All but three of the rooms at the Nicholas County Hospital have been painted and paneled like this one above. Individuals and businesses donated money for the materials at Clarence Cord's request and he did the work during the last year. Plaques in each room give credit to those who made the donations for that room. Lloyd Duncan obtained donations for draperies in each room from residents of Nicholas and surrounding counties. The employees cafeteria [right] was also refurbished this year. Hospital Administrator Ken Urhage said Monday that new paint, paneling and draperies go a long way in hiding the deficiencies which remain at the local hospital.—Duncan photo

**SALTWELL** by Mrs. Fred Holler

Those who contributed money for materials to be used to paint and panel the Nicholas County Hospital rooms were announced by Clarence Cord, chairman, Monday. They are: Neal's Square Dept Grocery, Carlisle Manufacturing Company, Mrs. Betty Barber, Adeline and Woody Wilson, Reid & Vee, Deposit Bank, Mr. and Mrs. Clay Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. Meredith Evans, Methodist Church, Mrs. Christine P. Carter. Mrs. Evelyn Riggs, Mr. and Mrs. William Harry Duncan, First National Bank, National Guards, Mr. and Mrs. Emory Clark Sr., Hallist Bros., Baptist Church, Christian Church, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Jones.

Mrs. Tracey Walden and family of Bullitt county were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Ida Hall and family. Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Kenney of Paris, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Nichols, Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Kenney and family and Joe Kenney of Lexington spent the past Sunday with Mrs. Mae Kenney and Lowell. Miss Frances Barlow spent Friday with Mrs. Best Morris and Clyde of Bowling. Spears Collins returned home on Friday from St. Joseph Hospital.

Lexington where he had major surgery several days earlier. The Barterville Church will have their Christmas program this Sunday night, Dec. 14 at 7:30. The public is invited to attend. Our community extends sympathy to the family of Harold Hillcock, whose funeral and burial were in Carlisle on Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Gladys Kenney spent the past week with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kenney and sons of Covington. Bob accompanied her home on Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Holler spent Saturday with Mrs. Woodrow Gaunce in Carlisle. Jamie Kenney is spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Kenney of Paris. Mrs. Evelyn Osborne of Helena visited Mrs. Thomas Gaunce on Tuesday. Mrs. Walter Hill of Oynahana also spent the day on Tuesday with Mrs. Gaunce. Mrs. Jim Wilson and Mrs. Woodrow Gaunce were Saturday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Holler. Mrs. J.R. Kenney entered University Hospital in Lexington on Sunday for possible surgery on Monday. Miss Hagena Mattox, student at MSU, Morehead spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Chester Mattox and Jeff. Mrs. Thomas Gaunce visited Mrs. Gene Kenney in Carlisle on Saturday. Mrs. Stanley W. Carroll of Carlisle spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. H.A. Gaunce and Norma. Mr. and Mrs. Kenney W. Gaunce also visited the Gaunces on Sunday evening. Mrs. H.A. Gaunce has been ill the past week. Mrs. Chester Mattox and Hagena visited Mrs. Homer Ward in Paris on Sunday. Mrs. Ward spent a week recently with Mr. and Mrs. Mattox and family. Mr. and Mrs. Allen Rule spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. June Allison and Diane in Carlisle. Scott Kenney is spending the week with Mrs. Mae Kenney and Lowell.

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**Dr. Shannon says two-party system worth preserving**

(Editor's note: The following article appeared in a recent issue of the *Cynthiana Democrat*. Dr. Jasper Shannon lives in Paris. He is presently writing a chapter for the *History of Nicholas County*. Dr. Jasper Shannon, noted political historian and Harrison county native, told a Nov. 18 meeting of the American Historical Society that America's two-party system is worth preserving, even while admitting that the system has plummeted to new depths of apathy.

Shannon traced the development of political parties in Kentucky and the nation as a whole, saying that both the Democratic and Republican parties are steeped in tradition and should be revived unless Americans want to hand over control to some "demagogue." Shannon said one indication of the decline in political parties is the fact that young people and some minority groups aren't voting in the numbers which were promised when they were given the right to vote.

"Perhaps we've been too busy entraining people under the argument that if you're old enough to be the right color to fight, then you should also be old enough to be 'righting and voting aren't' the same thing, however."

Shannon said another factor leading to the political system's recent demise is that American society has become more pluralistic with many groups and interests. At one time, politicians simply had to appeal to the masses at one time comprised over 55 per cent of the voting population. Less than two percent of the voters today are farmers with no one group dominating.

Shannon, who had historical society president Lloyd Rogers as a student at the University of Kentucky, said the turmoil of the 1960's, marked by what he said were counterproductive and divisive demonstrations, rampant crime and the whole Watergate episode are other symptoms and causes of the ailing political system.

To help heal the wounds, Shannon said that politicians and citizens need to learn to respect and trust each other and rationally discuss issues. He suggested as a possible forum for discussion some sort of town meeting as a means of keeping public officials and the people in touch. Going back into history, Shannon pointed out that the political parties in America were never mentioned in any state constitution but apparently were covered under the press and speech freedom provisions in the Bill of Rights. Formation of the political parties was "inevitable," he said, because the nation's early politicians saw the only way to get their views made law was to band together to gain majorities in legislatures.

He said the strength of the Democratic Party in Kentucky dates back to the Louisiana Purchase in 1803, which opened Kentucky to the Mississippi River and apparently included Kentuckians to Jefferson, who supposedly is the founder of the Democratic Party.

Harrison county's voting record as a strongly Democratic as any Kentucky county with only a handful of defections to candidates of other parties. The county voted for Whigs in 1824 and 1840 and a Republican (Nixon) in 1960, 1968 and 1972.

Kentucky's party has produced a number of prominent names in national politics, including Allen Barkley and A.J. "Happy" Chandler, but none is as widely known as Abe Lincoln, a Whig-turned-Republican, and Henry Clay of Whig. Lincoln's election ushered in an unparalleled era of one-party domination in the White House with Grover Cleveland and Woodrow Wilson the only non-Republican presidential candidates to be elected from 1869-1921, he said.

The founding of the Democratic Party according to Shannon, was the slavery issue. Slaveholders apparently controlled the party. He said that of the 2,821 eligible voters in Kentucky in 1815, only 25 per cent were slaveholders but they run the party.

He contended that the constitutional provision in Kentucky's constitution allowing slavery was perhaps the single most important factor preventing the Civil War. He based that conclusion on the fact that, as a free state, Kentucky would have kept any talk of war unrealistic, avoiding what turned out to be an ugly brother vs. brother quarrel war.

No state felt the Civil War more than Kentucky, he added. Kentucky's position as a border state was different from states either to the north or south where one side was the clear favorite and loyalties weren't so sharply divided.

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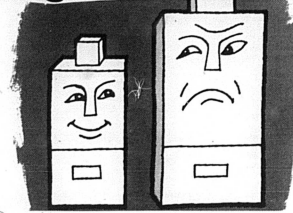
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