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## Chairmen appointed for Nicholas county Heart Fund drive

Four appointments for leadership positions in the 1975 Nicholas County Heart Fund drive have been announced by the state campaign chairman, poet laureate Jesse Stuart of Greenup. All of Carlsle, they are: Rev. H. Dallas Sugg, County Heart Fund chairman; Mrs. Jayne Whitley, County Heart Sunday chairman; M.C. Blatz, County Business Gifts chairman and James A. Carter, County Business Gifts co-chairman.

The month-long Heart Fund appeal will be launched Tuesday, Feb. 4 with Coffee Day. The house-to-house solicitation will be conducted on Heart

Sunday, Feb. 23. Jesse Stuart, himself a heart attack victim, urged full support of the 1975 Appeal, noting that 485,000 Kentuckians suffer from heart disease and that 58 percent of all known causes of death in the Commonwealth are due to heart and blood vessel diseases. He also announced that Ralph Swoyer, Carlsle, will continue to serve as the year-round Memorial Gifts chairman for Heart in Nicholas county. A new high total of \$600,000 was contributed last year to the Heart Fund in Kentucky, Stuart said.

## Former Nicholas county state trooper honored

Kenneth B. DeBoard, 34, who lives at Theima in Johnson county, is the state's "most outstanding" trooper for his overall record as a police officer during 1974.

The Trooper of the Year program is sponsored by the Kentucky Petroleum Council and Bluegrass Lincoln-Mercury in cooperation with the Kentucky State Police.

First runner-up in the program is Trooper Detective Rodney Maggard, 36, Hazard, assigned to the organized crime section of the Kentucky State Police. DeBoard is assigned to post #9 at Pheville in southern Kentucky. He is a 1965 graduate of the Kentucky State Police Academy and Maggard is a 1967 graduate.

DeBoard has been assigned to Johnson county for seven of the 10 years with the KSP. His first assignment was Nicholas county, then Menasha county. DeBoard is a native of Van Lear. He grew up in a coal mining camp at Davis, and is a 1960 graduate of Prestonsburg High School. He served in

the U.S. Army from 1964. He is married to the former Billah Campbell of Hippo in Floyd county. They have two children, a daughter, 6, and a son, 5.

## Snow closes schools again

Nicholas County Schools were again closed Monday because of the snow which fell Sunday night.

This adds up to a total of seven snow days missed, all of which will have to be made up later—probably at the end of the 1974-75 school year, according to Superintendent Don Elder. The state requires 175 actual school days which is the number included in the local calendar. Superintendent Elder said calmly days any more. Thus, it is necessary that the number of days missed be made up later.

## Gov. Julian Carroll to deliver 'state-of-the-commonwealth' address at KPA meeting Friday

Gov. Julian Carroll will deliver his first "state-of-the-commonwealth" address Friday when he appears at the 196th annual mid-winter convention of the Kentucky Press Association at the Galt House in Louisville.

Governor Carroll will speak at a luncheon session before more than 200 Kentucky newspaper publishers, staff members and guests.

He will be following a precedent set by Kentucky chief executives some years ago which calls for the governor's annual address to be delivered at the KPA convention in the years in which the General Assembly is not in session.

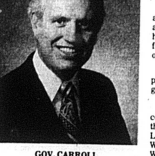
Mr. Carroll, who was elected as lieutenant governor in 1971, moved into the governor's post Dec. 23 after Wendell Ford resigned to fill the U.S. Senate seat to which he was elected last November.

Also scheduled to address the newspaper group at their convention which opens with a reception Thursday night and runs through noon Saturday is William B. Arthur, a former Kentucky newspaperman and former editor of Look magazine, who now serves as executive director of the National News Council.

Arthur, a graduate of the University of Kentucky, has received a number of honors from his alma mater, including an honorary Doctor of Laws degree given in 1967.

The convention program Friday will deal with newspaper production during the current economic crisis and the outlook for the future of the industry. Panelists will include a number of outstanding Kentucky newspapermen as well as news and advertising people from outside the state, such as William Mullin, general counsel for the National Newspaper Association; Charles Monro, public relations manager for the Southern Railway and John Colburn, vice president for corporate development, Landmark Communications, Inc., Norfolk, Va.

## Gov. Julian Carroll



GOV. CARROLL

At the monthly board meeting of the Johnson-Mathers Home, Inc., sponsor of the Nicholas County Hospital, Jan. 14, the Reverend Herman B. Kamlage, Chairman, on behalf of the Board members accepted the resignation effective Jan. 27 of John J. Morris, administrator of the hospital and nursing home.

Father Kamlage stated that the search for a new administrator has begun and that anyone interested in the job is to send him a resume of qualifications and job experience as soon as possible. Mrs. Alma Cloyd has accepted the position of interim administrator, a position she has held twice before.

Another major task before the Board is that of securing Liability Insurance for the hospital. Nicholas County Hospital was one of the 23 hospitals in the State which had its Liability Insurance terminated by the Appointed Insurance Company effective Feb. 1. Father Kamlage stated that, although the problem is very serious, the Nicholas State Insurance Commission and the Kentucky Hospital Association are working with these hospitals to secure the needed insurance and to



Heart Fund poster girl

Gov. Julian Carroll launched the 1975 state Heart Fund campaign this week during a ceremony in his office at Frankfort. In the governor's arms is state Heart Fund poster girl, five-year-old Maria J. Shumfrest of Winchester. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Othel Shumfrest, attending

## Jurors summoned for Court term

The following prospective jurors have been summoned for service for the February term of the Nicholas Circuit Court which commences Monday, Feb. 3, with Judge John Lair presiding. They are: Danny Booth, Bobby Duncan, Dorothy Neal, Neil Griffin, Mac Nichols, Stanley Galbreath, Mrs. Alberta Boote, Mrs. Sarah Bell, Mrs. Charne Smoot, Mrs. Della White, Mary Lois Campbell, Jackie Cheek, Marjorie Busell, Stanley Wade, Glenn Hardin, Frank Terrell, Charles Whaley, Allen Sparks, Cliff Vee Jr., J.W. Alexander, Mrs. Edith Brent, Faye Cursinger, Clay Sapp, Harold Massey, John Allison, James D. Shroat,

## Gov. Carroll allocates \$3997 to Nicholas county for emergency employment

Nicholas county has been allocated \$3,997 to provide emergency employment for the jobless. Gov. Julian Carroll has announced. The allocation is part of more than \$9 million which has been channeled into Kentucky through the recent enactment of the Emergency Jobs and Unemployment Assistance Act to provide approximately 1,200 jobs in the state.

The emergency program is temporary with the contract expiring Feb. 15, 1976. Salaries may range from a minimum of \$2.10 per hour to a maximum of \$10,000 annually, depending upon the skill required, according to C. Leslie Dawson, Secretary of the Department for Human Resources, DHR, in administering the funds to 89

counties which are under the prime sponsorship of the Governor. In most cases, the highest county official will administer the program—determining the jobs to be filled and setting the salary. To qualify, a person must have been unemployed for 30 days or more and reside in an eligible county. Priority will be given to those who have exhausted their unemployment insurance benefits; who have been judged ineligible for unemployment insurance; or who have been unemployed for 15 weeks or more. In addition to the funds administered under the Governor's sponsorship, more than \$2 million has been allocated to the remaining 31 counties in the state.



Contributions recognized

Congressman Carl D. Perkins (right) of Kentucky's Seventh District was recently presented a plaque of appreciation by the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, made the presentation.

## Homestead exemption increased to \$7700

Persons 65 and older, or who will reach that age this year, have one opportunity to keep up with inflation. House Bill 66, which provided for the homestead exemption, specified the amount as \$6,500, but further stipulated that "this exemption in terms of the purchasing power of the dollar in 1972." It also provided for adjustment every two years thereafter. "If the cost of living index of the United States Department of Labor has changed as much as one per cent, the maximum exemption shall be adjusted accordingly."

This has made possible the raising of the exemption by \$1,200 as a result of an 18 per cent increase. Under terms of the Homestead Exemption Amendment to the Constitution of Kentucky, ratified in the general election, Nov. 10, 1970, this is an important measure and all members are urged to attend.

## Game club supper

Fish and Game Club will hold a potluck supper Friday, Jan. 24, at 7:30 p.m. at the club house. This is an important meeting and all members are urged to attend.

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## Hospital board accepts administrators resignation; insurance, financial and other problems are aired

arrange extended coverage until March 31 so that new insurance can be obtained. Two other items of business acted upon by the Board were: One, to increase the pay of all employees of the hospital and nursing home. This is the new federal regulation requiring a minimum wage of \$2.00 per hour for all employees. The Board members did not effect by this regulation the increase in pay for employees who were not affected by this regulation. The Board members also voted to increase the rate of insurance for the hospital and nursing home.

Two, to accept the new rate increase for patient care at the hospital. The Board members voted to increase the rate of insurance for the hospital and nursing home. The Board members also voted to increase the rate of insurance for the hospital and nursing home.

These rate increases had been proposed by Morris at a previous meeting and studied by the Finance Committee. No action had been previously awaiting the approval of the Board without which a rate increase cannot be made. The rate increases were deemed necessary by the Board to defray the rising cost of patient care to the

inflation and the outstanding debts incurred by the hospital during the past year. The enormous rate increase of the Board was not to be increased because of the fact that the patients treated in the emergency room do not pay their bills. The financial status of the Nicholas County Hospital for the month of December was: Income, \$10,000.00; Payroll Expenditures, \$10,412.14; General Expenditures, \$10,412.14; Total Expenditures, \$20,824.28; Debits Incurred, \$10,412.14; Cash on Hand, \$17,396.20.

The financial status of the Johnson-Mathers Nursing Home for the month of December was: Income, \$36,208.89; Payroll Expenditures, \$14,691.95; General Expenditures, \$11,063.57; Total Expenditures, \$25,755.92; Accounts Receivable, \$71,986.42; Debits Incurred, \$124,913.85; Cash on Hand, \$17,396.20.

Because of the financial standing of the nursing home Morris proposed a rate increase for the Board's consideration. The Finance Committee of the board was asked to consider the matter. Although the problems at the hospital and nursing home seem formidable, Father Kamlage stated he is sure that they can be met and overcome given enough time and patience. However he stated that it will take the concern and interest of the community as a whole to help the Board during this crucial period. Father Kamlage also stated that if any person or group would like to be of service to the Board or either institution such help would be most welcome. Should any group be interested in more information concerning the hospital or nursing home, the Board is anxious to have a program to the nursing home continue to operate if it cannot support itself. The financial status of the Johnson-Mathers Nursing Home for the month of December was: Income, \$36,208.89; Payroll Expenditures, \$14,691.95; General Expenditures, \$11,063.57; Total Expenditures, \$25,755.92; Accounts Receivable, \$71,986.42; Debits Incurred, \$124,913.85; Cash on Hand, \$17,396.20.