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BLUEJACKETS vs CARDINALS

Scrimmage game Aug. 9

The Clark County High School Cardinals will be the guests of the Nicholas County High School Bluejackets for a football scrimmage Saturday, Aug. 9, at 7 p.m. There will be no admission charge.

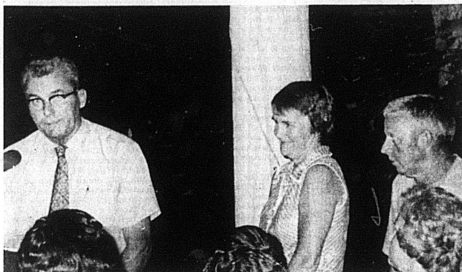
It is desired that scouts from other schools regard this as a practice and that only those who stoop to scouting practices will make in and scout the two teams preparing for the coming season, Coach Ben Pumphrey said. However, this scrimmage is wide open to Bluejacket and Cardinal fans and it is our desire that all of them possible come and enjoy it to the fullest, he said.

"We do not play each other during the season and we are in different classes in the playoff system. The purpose of the scrimmage is to help both teams develop the most potential possible for the coming season," Coach Pumphrey stated.

This is a controlled scrimmage. Each series will start at the 40 yard line and the team with the ball will run ten plays. If a touchdown is scored, the ball will be returned to the 40 for the next play. If a fumble or interception occurs,

the team that lost the ball will put the ball into play at the 40 on the next play unless the turnover occurred on the 10th play of the series. The variety squads of both teams will each have the ball for 40 plays and reserve squads will have the ball for 20 plays each. There will be no practice of the kicking game at this time.

There will be booths set up for people to join the patrons or boosters at the scrimmage. After the scrimmage, there will be a social hour for the teams with soft drinks and cookies. The boosters are welcome to attend.



Honor award

Lovell Hollar (left) presents another Honor Award to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Whaley. Mrs. Whaley is resigning as Nicholas County's Conservation Secretary after 13 years of service. She has

accepted a position in the office of the Property Valuation Administrator Bobby Anderson. Additional pictures of the Nicholas-Robertson County Soil Conservation meeting may be found on page 18.—Mercury photo



Presents petition

Dr. Jasper Shannon, Paris, presented a petition to the group attending the Conservation Districts annual fish fry Thursday night at Blue Lick. It called for state and federal government to make serious study of the economic plight of farmers. The petition was passed by the group.—Mercury photo

Track meet for all boys and girls at local track Saturday at 9 a.m.

Pair named to head Arthritis Campaign

Mrs. Tom Metcalfe and Mrs. Ralph Taylor have been named 1975 Arthritis Campaign Co-Chairmen for Nicholas county. The appointment was made by the Executive Committee of the Arthritis Foundation. The State Campaign is scheduled for the month of September with a goal of \$25,018.

The Arthritis Foundation is the only voluntary agency working in the field of arthritis which affects over 21,000 Kentuckians. Arthritis, the country's number one crippling disease, actually is a variety of diseases. The cruelest, most severe type is Rheumatoid Arthritis, which afflicts some five million people.

The campaign in Nicholas county will have the active support of the Nicholas County High School Future Homemakers of America Chapter.

A track meet will be held for all boys and girls who wish to attend on Saturday, Aug. 9, at 9 a.m. at the local track.

There will be four events contested: 20 yard dash, 300 yard dash, long jump, and 100 yard dash. In this meet, children will compete against their own sex and age. The groupings will be eight years old and under, nine and 10, 11 and 12, 13 and 14, 15 and 16, and 17 and over.

Medal prizes will be awarded for the first three finishers in each division. However, each child will be limited to the first two medals he or she can win.

After winning two medals, a contestant is through the competition for the day. Therefore, they should make a choice of which events to try to play in. There will be no participation fee.

Any child who shows up may participate within the rules set up. The age of a contestant will be determined by the age he has attained as of May 1, 1975; this is standard in the AAU. The meet should be over by 11 a.m.

PVA Anderson asks Education Board to consider lowering general tax rate

Property Valuation Administrator Bobby Anderson appeared before the Nicholas County Board of Education Saturday night and requested that the board consider lowering the general tax rate this year to compensate for the rise in the total county assessment.

The general tax rate is figured by the Department of Education in Frankfort based on the total assessment of the county. The Department of Education sends its compiled tax rate to the local board of education which

takes action on it and then sends it to the fiscal court for its action.

Anderson said an additional \$50,000 would be collected under the new assessment at the present rate and asked that the board consider lowering the rate to compensate for it. The board took no action (a special meeting was called for Tuesday night to discuss the rate) but Sept. Elder told Anderson and the board that the local effort required in taxes this year is \$30,000 more than last year. Elder said this means that the Minimum Foundation

program, from where state funds for local school districts originate, will be paying Nicholas county approximately \$30,000 less than last year.

In other business the board approved a Title I budget of \$60,000 and employed Alice Harris as Title I teacher and Cordelia Smith and Sally Jones as Title I aides.

The resignation of Jimmy Chadwell as math teacher was accepted and the following teachers were employed: Carl McIntosh, junior high math; Debbie Tackett, junior high math and Maria Meredith, EMU.

A substitute bus drivers' list was also approved. They are Elaine Hardwick, Robbie Lane, Betty Conrad, Everett Flora, Billy Anderson, Don Elder, Dennis Waggoner, Billy Ray Hunter and Charles Wilson.

School bus driver training held Tuesday and Wednesday

A school bus driver training school was held Tuesday and Wednesday this week at Nicholas County Elementary School, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Approximately 110 bus drivers from Bath, Bourbon, Bracken, Clark, Fleming, Harrison, Mason, Menifee, Montgomery, Nicholas, Robertson, Augusta Independent, Maysville Independent and Paris Independent school districts attended the school sponsored by the state Department of Education, division of pupil trans-

portation.

Superintendent of Nicholas County Schools, Don Elder, said the Kentucky State Police assisted with the training sessions, which included reports on state law on pupil transportation, emergency driving techniques, first aid, defensive driving, pupil discipline, transporting exceptional children.

Seven Nicholas county bus drivers were among those who attended. They served as hosts and hostesses during the two-day session.

The board also hired the following as bus drivers: Chester Brett, Allen How, Addie Jefferson and Katy Doyle.

The following were hired as substitute teachers: Pamela Dolins, Glenn Reynolds, Carolyn Dobson, Pam Anderson, Bernice Smoot, Lillie Hardin, Louise Zachary, Rachel Haman, Phyllis Guthrie, Sherry Howard, Madeline Hunt, Bonnie Grimes, Naomi Dale, Larry Willis and Pops Mattias.

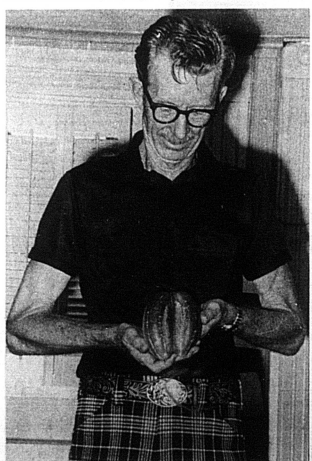
Fleet insurance covering all vehicles owned and operated by the board of education was awarded to Motorists' Mutual by bid.

The board also accepted a bid from Paul Cunningham, Cynthiana, to buy Bus No. 10.

Permission was given the East Union graduates to use the elementary school Aug. 30 for a reunion.

193rd Anniversary of the Last Battle of Revolutionary War to be commemorated Aug. 19 starting at 10 a.m.

The 193rd Anniversary of the Last Battle of the Revolutionary War, fought at Blue Lick Battlefield State Park on Aug. 19, 1781, will be commemorated on



Siamese cuke

H.D. Barton, East Union Road, is and measured five inches long, shows holding the double cucumber half as long as the other cucumbers in which he grew. It grew from one stem patch, all normal.—Staff photo

Thursday, Aug. 19, starting at 10 a.m.

Eleven bands from 8 counties, including Nicholas County High School, have been invited to participate in the band concert in the morning.

Bill Thompson, executive assistant to the Commissioner of Parks, will represent Commissioner of Parks Bruce Montgomery at the ceremonies. G.A. Famularo, county attorney of Robertson county will be the Master of Ceremonies. He will give the welcome at 12:30 p.m. following the basket lunch at noon. Mt. Olivet Mayor Earl Mac Linnville will lead "My Old Kentucky Home" after the invocation is given.

A poem, "The Heritage of Blue Licks," written for the first celebration in 1927 by a Prof. Now, will be read by Major W.J. Hanson, Brooksville. Major Hanson is a former headmaster at Millersburg Military Institute.

Mrs. Andrew Duke Mayesville, will represent the Daughters of the American Revolution.

County speakers and their subjects are:

Robertson—T. Ross Moore, History Blue Licks;

Nicholas—Joseph F. Conley, Establishment of Paris;

Mason—Lewis Browning, Kentucky Heritage Commission;

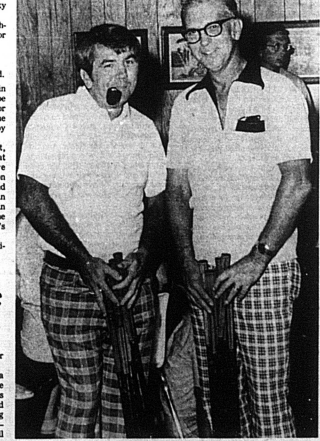
Harrison—John Steinford, His father's part in obtaining funds for monument;

Bracken—Mrs. John Parker; Fleming—Kenneth Fern; Bourbon—Speaker to be announced.

Descendants of those who fought in the Battle of Blue Licks will be recognized in the audience. Mayor Linnville will close by leading the singing of "America", followed by benediction.

James Craycraft, Mt. Olivet, chairman of the event, said that commemorative celebrations were held from 1927-1940. This celebration will be the first since 1960, and celebrations are planned annually in preparation for the 200th anniversary in 1981. "We expect to improve the celebration each year until the Battle's bicentennial," Craycraft said.

The program will end at approximately 4 p.m.



Golf champs

David Wilhoite, Cynthiana, and Sam a 187 for the 36 hole tournament. David Curtis was first place in the Member-Guest Golf Tournament announced, can be seen in the background. Other tournament pictures may be seen Saturday and Sunday. The pair scored on page 4.—Smith photo

The circus is coming! magic words arouse the young

Magic words that bring back memories to the elders and the thrill of anticipation to the real young at heart. Every kid began saving his pennies and when that magic day arrived, Dad did not need to rouse out of bed because the boys were already at the circus grounds; and the biggest, strongest boys may have been awarded a job that brought the coveted pass to the Main Top.

In this age of "Adults Only" movies and TV shows, the circus is the only form of entertainment left that is devoted solely to the family; every care has been taken in selecting the program

"family acts" that have come down for generations.

For the 27th successive year, Orlita Shrine is presenting the famous Clyde Brothers array of breathtaking feats on the ground and in the sky: wild animals, daring aerialists, thrilling acrobats, mind boggling clowning, amazing acts of all description that will thrill the hearts of young and old alike.

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