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The winner

"Making Salt, Blue Licks Springs—1782" was the theme of the Nicholas County Historical Society's float which captured first place in the parade on opening day, Thursday, Aug. 19, of the Blue Licks Bicentennial Celebration which took place at Blue Licks State Park. Participants on the float from left are, stirring pot, Mrs. Bobby Duncan; pouring water, Michael Rawlings; child with rifle, Allen Hardin; and child seated, Jody Duncan; out of sight crouching behind a barrel is Indian Tommy Shields. The Springs falls at the rear of the float, had running water, which is not fully visible in the picture.—Smith photo

Hospital facts; first of series of articles

(Editor's note: This is the first in a series of articles written in an attempt to bring the facts to the public concerning the hospital situation. Any further questions may be directed to Taylor Mathers or Mrs. Robert Sparks, co-chairman of the Citizens for a New Hospital Committee.)

The Nicholas County Hospital will close if the Nov. 2 bond issue is turned down by the voters.
This is a fact, and here's why. Governmental regulations regarding hospitals have changed drastically since the present hospital opened its doors 26 years ago. In order to meet these regulations, a new hospital is necessary, because it would cost \$200,000 more to renovate the old one than to build a new one. All of the Lexington hospitals have faced this situation, and all have or are presently building completely new buildings.
As the following figures indicate we definitely use the hospital. For the

past five years our hospital has had a 73% occupancy average, and 10,816 have been treated in the emergency room. Through July of this year, 1,616 of us have been treated in the emergency room. Where will we go if we have no hospital?

A hospital must be licensed each year in order to qualify for Medicare, Medicaid, Blue Cross-Blue Shield and other medical insurances. Nicholas county's hospital is supported 69% by Medicare-Medicaid alone, for a total of around 98% of its income coming from insurance payments.
In August, 1977, the Nicholas County Hospital will be required to apply for its annual license again. At this time, if a new hospital is not under construction, the state will note all the deficiencies again, and give the hospital 90 days to correct them. If not corrected, de-certification regarding insurances will be necessary, and then another, and so on—the long run this approach would cost considerably more than building and there would be no insurances that are expenses would arise as they could be affixed.
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cannot be supported if it loses its insurance payments.
Should an expense of \$100,000 be necessary anytime before August, 1977, a certificate of need would be required by law and the process of closing the hospital would come earlier. Dan

The deficiencies are so numerous that the present building cannot be renovated to a passable standard even temporarily. Correcting one deficiency now may last a few months, but then another expensive correction will be necessary, and then another, and so on.
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Thus, if the Nov. 2 bond issue fails in 1978, the Nicholas County Hospital will very shortly thereafter be forced to close its doors.

Nicholas elementary enrolls 106 students in first grade

At press time, 106 students have been enrolled in the first grade (phase N) at Nicholas County Elementary School, and will report Monday, Aug. 30, to the teacher to whom they have been temporarily assigned. More permanent assignment will be made after initial testing and teacher load adjustment, as other students formally enroll.
Parents are required to furnish the school with the child's health examination record, a certificate of immunization, and the child's birth certificate. Most students who enrolled last spring have already met these requirements. Others will be expected to supply these documents on Monday.

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First grade teachers for 1976-77 are: Viola Pumpfrey (coordinator), Lucille Feack, Carol Leavelle, Joan Spickler, and Charlene Harris (readiness).

Assignments: Pumpfrey—James Ray Bretz, Anthony Shane Buswell, Kevin Wayne Campbell, Liza Denise Cobb, Eleanor Lee Columbia, Todd Thurman Chance, Robert Lewis Glass, Kimberly Sue Goldy, Kevin Ray Green, Elmer Wayne Hall, Jeffery Thomas Howard, Susan Ann Lenoax, Earl Wayne Manley, Tracy Dawn Manley, April Carol Pollard, James Kenneth Sapp, Ginger Kay Waggoner, Thelma Lorene Watkins, Henry Allen White, William Scott Zermes, Jamie Dale Watkins, Danny Mattox, David Mattox, Russell Howard.

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Harris, Steven Ingram, Melissa Carol Irvin, Tina Morris, Bridgette Ann Serton, Steven Alan Serton, Jeffery Allen Thompson, Brian Keith Thoresburg, Tina Marie Walton, John Samuel Watkins, Neal McCallife, Henry Lee Esch, Crystal Buswell, Billy Wayne Gilvin, Angela Marie Hollar, Howard W. Baker, Tracy Dotson, David Lee Myers.

Leavelle—Christopher Anderson, Steven Lane Baker, William Matthew Bealer, Troy Hirtley, Kelly Edward Brookshire, John Allen Crawford, Patricia Wayne Dale, Todd Day, Monica Hamm, Christopher Hollar, Jack Doug.

Schools here open Aug. 30

Nicholas County Schools open Monday, Aug. 30. Students will return home at 11 a.m. on Monday. All day sessions begin on Tuesday.

A record 482 students are expected to enroll at the high school, approximately 70 more than last year, making classes very difficult to schedule because of crowded conditions. But class schedules have been worked out, and "adequate" reports are being made.

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Elder promoted by tv station

J. T. Elder has been promoted to the position of Assignment Editor at a WKRC-TV, Cincinnati, effective Monday, Aug. 23. He is the son of Mrs. Warren Fisher.
Mr. Elder will be responsible for assigning reporters and photographers to Cincinnati's newscasts, for story development also, writing and assisting in the production of the early news program at 5:30 p.m.
Elder was formerly the Associate Chief News Editor and held that position for a year and a half. While in that position he was nominated in 1973 for an Emmy by the Nat'l. Acad. of Television Arts & Sciences.

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Four-day Blue Licks Bicentennial celebration termed huge success

by Joan W. Conley

Good weather, good food, good crowds and a lot of dedicated work combined to make the four-day Blue Licks Bicentennial celebration the huge success that it was starting with the parade on Thursday and ending with the last performance of Simon Kenton on Sunday night.

Nicholas county was well represented in Thursday's parade, and captured a large portion of the awards presented. First winner was the Nicholas County Historical Society. The \$100 prize will be divided among the five organizations represented on the float building committee. They are Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Cartwright, Cheryl Love and Elaine Riggs—4H; Mrs. Jimmy Conrad—PTA; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hardin—Junior Women's Club; Mrs. Bobby Duncan—Historical Society; and Eddie Ellington, Gary Sibert and W. J. Alexander—Jaycees.

Local Methodist Church, Flemingsburg, float was second and Piqua Youngsters Homemakers float was third.

Bill Guthrie's covered wagon was the Costumed Marchers award. The wagon was made by Guthrie's grandfather, Victor Hugo Kokenhofer of East Union over 50 years ago. It was pulled in the parade by Matthew and Josh Guthrie and Lynn Reynolds.

The Nicholas, under the direction of Mrs. Paul Hardin, were awarded a prize as a specialty group in Division I and the Daring Band in Division II. Other winners were Noah Reed, Mt. Oliver—Horse Drawn Vehicle and Ella Dawn Ward, Brooksville—Costumed Riders with Mount.

Of interest also in the parade were Mr. and Mrs. Billy Farmer representing Boaz and Paduch Saddle Club; and the Grand Marshal, Adam Doran, president of Morehead State University, who led the parade astride his horse.

The formal program which followed featured speeches by Lt. Gov. Thelma Stovall, Gov. and Mrs. Bert Conbe, Terry McBrayer and former Cincinnati Mayor, The Hon. Marshall A. Mathers.

Mrs. Conbe said that she was a good friend of Gov. Julian Carroll and that she had left him alone about a lodge at



Authentic, but empty

President Adron Doran of Morehead State University displays an authentic Blue Lick Bottling Company bottle he was presented as Grand Marshal of the parade. The label is a copy of the Blue Licks during the last legislature. But, she will not do so during the next one. Nor, she added would Terry McBrayer be left alone either should he decide to run for Governor next time. Billy Thompson, assistant parks commissioner, announced that the newly renovated Blue Licks Museum, opened Thursday, was the finest museum in the state. He stated that the state plans to build a 100 site campground and a country store at the park. He added that these were to be the last developments at Blue Licks.

Mrs. Christopher Giff of Carlisle, an Australian native, gave greetings from the British; Rachel Crouse, a full-blooded Apache of Fudoch, formerly from Oklahoma, gave Indian greetings; and Michelle Kieber, Paris, France, greeted the crowd for the French.

Andrew Duke, Mayville, and House Speaker Bill Kenton, Lexington, placed the wreath on the mass grave with a 19cm salute by M.M.I. Friday was Youth Day and games were conducted throughout the day. A rock concert was held at 4 p.m., followed by Indian Dancers at 7 p.m.

Canoe races, by the Kentucky Canoe Association and band concerts were held on Saturday, highlighted by the re-enactment of the Battle at 3 p.m. Nicky Hughes, Frankfort, Curator of the 18 county area, who worked so hard directed the battle exactly "194 years and three days" after it was fought at Blue Licks—the Last Battle of the American Revolution. Speaker Kenton hosted a Commonwealth Barbecue from 5-7 p.m. Saturday for legislators and the public.

Original label: The bottles and labels are still being sold by the Blue Licks Bicentennial Commission.—Smith photo

Ficmas, canoe races, and vesper services were held on Sunday. Simon Kenton was well performed nightly to sell-out crowds some nights. Marion Waggoner deserves a lot of credit for directing the outdoor drama he wrote for the second time it has been presented. The first performance was held in 1974 as Nicholas county held its largest Bicentennial Celebration.

The food, a special item in each booth, was superb. It included fish, and chicken fried to perfection on the spot, homemade ice cream and pies, beans and cornbread, and much more. The Carlisle Community Woman's Club took in over \$1,000 selling lemonade, tea and coffee during the four days and nights of the celebration. All profits were kept by the civic organization selling it. The only other Nicholas county group selling food was the V.F.W. Auxiliary at the canoe races.

Arts and crafts were sold throughout the celebration. Mrs. Clay Hunt and Mrs. Larry Hunt sold ceramics and paintings. William J. Stacy, Mobile, Ala., Mrs. Paul Hardin's father, an accomplished glass blower, displayed his wares and showed how it was done throughout the celebration. Other artists and craftsmen were from various other places.

The representatives of the Blue Licks Bicentennial Commission from the 18 county area, who worked so hard planning and executing the celebration can be justly proud of their accomplishments. It took months of dedicated work on their part but the state's Bicentennial Celebration at Blue Licks was a huge success because of them.

The speaker for the evening will be Larry Willis who is the Youth Director for First Baptist Church, Willis is the son of Malcolm Willis and the late Mrs. Joanna Willis. He is married to the former Diana Mann and they are the parents of a son, Jarrod Ashley.

Terrell youth attends camp

Charles Terrell, 9, son of Mrs. Henry Pollard of Nicholas county, is the first Nicholas county youth to attend the Kentucky Sheriff's Boys Camp. The camp, sponsored by the Kentucky Sheriff's Association, is located at Kentucky Ham Village in Gilbertsville.

This is the first summer that the camp has been in operation according to Nicholas County Sheriff Reese Snodgrass and approximately 600 underprivileged boys ages nine through 14 have attended.

Snodgrass said that 41 boys attended the camp through Aug. 14. Sunday, Aug. 22 at 9 a.m. Youth Terrell was there. He said that next year he hopes to take at least two more boys to the camp and will start calling on businesses in the next few weeks for their support in the project.

Community Worship Service at Lake Carnico Aug. 29

The regular fifth Sunday worship service will take the form of a Vesper Service at Lake Carnico at 7 p.m. on Sunday evening, Aug. 29. The service will be held at the public picnic area just past the Lake Carnico Country Club.

The service will be conducted by the youth of any age are welcomed, but especially the youth who will be in junior high school, high school and college age are encouraged to be present. If the response is large enough, a Youth Chorus for the county may be formed.

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