



Ranked
tops

Cheerleaders win first; team defeats Mt. Sterling for third place in tourney

The Nicholas County Eighth Grade cheerleaders brought home their second first place trophy and the Junior High basketball squad won their second third place trophy Saturday night, Feb. 21 at the Bluegrass Junior High Conference Basketball Tournament held in Winchester.

The two squads were competing against the following conference schools: Bourbon County, Conkright, Mt. Sterling, Paris, Belmont, Montgomery County and Scott County.

The basketball team beat Paris in the tournament 56 to 46, lost to Scott County (last years conference champions) 42 to

first place trophy and the basketball team a third place trophy in January at the Fleming County Kiwanis Club Invitational Tournament held at Flemingsburg. That tournament included seven teams besides Nicholas County, so the local cheerleaders are rated tops over 14 area schools.

Conkright beat Scott County to win the first place conference basketball trophy 41 and then beat Mt. Sterling 54 to 51 to capture third place. The team finished the 1975-76 season with 12 wins and five losses. The cheerleaders previously won a

front, Deanna Darrell, Cindy Clark and Charlene Williams. Back, Dana Howard and Mary Jane Harper—Mercury photo

Obituaries

WESLEY DAVID SAPP
Wesley David Sapp, 70, Lexington, died Thursday, Feb. 19, 1978. He was born in Nicholas county, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sapp. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Reece Hopper Sapp; a sister, Mrs. Alene Gilpin, Hardinsburg.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 21 at Kerr Brothers Funeral Home, Lexington, with Rev. James R. West officiating. Burial in Hillcrest Memorial Park.

Palbearers were Vernon Lee Clemens Jr., Larry Haley, Charles Pelford, Donna Adams, Bobby Pollard and Jack McInnis.

HERSHEL C. HARDIN
Hershel C. Hardin, 77, Route 2, Sharpsburg, died Tuesday, Feb. 17, 1978 in Venice, Fla., after a short illness.

He was a native of Nicholas county, a retired farmer and construction worker and member of the Bethel Christian Church. He was the son of the late Robert and Mila McCowan Hardin.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Clarine Leggett Hardin; four brothers, Hubbard Hardin and Glen Hardin, both of Nicholas county; Houston Hardin, LaRue, Ind.; Robert Hardin, Bracken county; three sisters, Mrs. Nellie Robertson, Nicholas county; Mrs. Lena Henry, Omaha, Neb.; Mrs. Geneva Stevenson, Lexington.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 21 at the Easton-Richey Funeral Home, Mt. Sterling, with Rev. Randy Martin and Rev. David DeBow officiating. Burial in the Long View Cemetery, DeBow.

LORA C. GAUNCE
Lora C. Gaunce, 84, Nicholas county, died Friday, Feb. 20, 1978 at the St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington.

She was a member of the Carlisle Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Naomi R. Gaunce; four sons, Preston Gene Gaunce, Lexington; Henry E. (Pete) Gaunce and Freddie Gaunce, both of Nicholas county; Garnett Gaunce, Paris; one daughter, Mrs. Mary Martine, Moyhill; two step-sons, Charles Jones, Georgetown, Ohio; Dorsey Jones, Cynthiana; 11 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; five step-grandchildren; three step-great grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 23 at the Mathers-Shearer Chapel, by Rev. H. Dallas Sturg and Rev. Howard Livingood. Burial in the Carlisle Cemetery.

Palbearers: Cleary Fightmaster, Emmett Darrell, Edgar Darrell, Frank Terrell, Clyde Miller, Edward O'Neal.

JAMES C. GILL
James C. Gill, 65, Calpepper Drive, Mt. Sterling, died Friday, Feb. 20, 1978 at the Mary Chiles Hospital after a long illness.

He was a native of Ohio, a son of the late Gus and Fannie Gill. He was a former Nicholas county resident, a retired furniture dealer and a member of the Macedonia Lodge.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Mary Gill; one daughter, Miss Mary L. Gill, Kansas City, Mo.; two sons, James C. Gill Jr., Carson City, Calif.; James S. Gill, Mt. Sterling; five brothers, Gordon Gill, Lexington; Gus Gill Jr., Dayton, Ohio; Hansel Gill, Evansville, Ind.; William Gill, Pekin, Ill.; Paul Gill, Tampa, Fla.; five grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 23 at the Easton-Richey Funeral Home, Mt. Sterling, with Rev. Ray Wyant officiating. Burial in Mt. Sterling Cemetery.

Ministerial Association to hold county-wide singspiration on Sunday at Wesley Chapel

One of the Psalms says, "Sing unto the Lord a new song." Although the songs that will be sung on Sunday, Feb. 26 at 7:30 p.m. at the Wesley Chapel CME Church may not be new, at least the group will be singing unto the Lord. This is the idea that the Nicholas County Ministerial Association had in the plans made for a county wide singspiration at this unusual service. It is unusual because there will be no preaching. Only the reading of Psalms and singing of the songs that are loved

by all Christians alike. Each church is requested to prepare one special number in song to be presented after the reading of a psalm by the minister. Then the congregation will be allowed to choose the hymns that will be sung. An offering will be received and the first \$100 will go to the Wesley Chapel CME Church Building Fund. This meeting is open to all of those who either like to sing or who would like to hear both ensemble and congregational singing.

Grand Jury report

Betty Lynn Conrad, foreman of the Grand Jury for the Nicholas Circuit Court, February Term, 1978, submits this final report.

We, the Grand Jury duly empaneled for this term of the Nicholas Circuit

Court, do hereby make our final report as follows:

We have made careful investigation into all violations of the penal laws of this state in this jurisdiction of which we have any knowledge or have received information, and have returned indictments in all cases in which the evidence in our opinion justified trial by petit jury. We have been in session two days, have returned one indictment, and have failed to return indictments on no charges referred to us for investigation.

We have inspected the public jails in the county and other public buildings, and make the following observations and recommendations:

We have inspected the Nicholas County Courthouse, Nicholas County Public Library, Nicholas County Jail, Nicholas County Elementary School and Nicholas County High School. We found all buildings to be in excellent condition. We do recommend that a "No Exit" sign be placed on both sides of the chained lock gymnasium door at the high school. We especially commended the recent improvements to the Courthouse and the basement of the Library. We thank the Court and other officials for their consideration and assistance to us in carrying out our duties.

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historian J. Winston Coleman of Lexington.

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Captures
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The Nicholas County Junior High basketball team is pictured with their third place trophy on the right and the cheerleaders first place trophy on the left from the Junior High Bluegrass Conference Tournament. They are: left of center post, front row, Mark Baker, Jamie Davis, Mark Vice; second row,

Jerry Edwards, Dean Hinton; top row, David Young, Mike Mattox. Right of center post: first row, Pat Letcher, Jackie Wells, C.J. Murray; second row, John Doyle, Steve Hamilton, Grant Mathes; top row, Mike Hinton, Tommy Shields—Mercury photo

Compose

NEAL'S KEY

SQUARE DEAL GROCERY FOOD STORES

ARMOUR VERIBEST PORK CHOPS
1st Cuts
\$1.29
Lb.

(Center Cut Lb. 1.69)

1/4 Pork Loin Sliced Free lb. \$1.39

Armour Hot Dogs 12 oz. pkg. 79¢

Swift Ham In The Round 21 oz. can \$2.19

Webbers Sausage (2 lbs. \$2.77) lb. \$1.39

Coke, Tab, Sprite 8 pk., 16 oz. \$1.09

Banquet Dinners 55¢

Nabisco Premium Saltines 16 oz. 59¢

Pet Dry Milk (Makes 12 Qtz.) \$2.89

Mr. Coffee Filters 50 Cr. 49¢

Gorton Fish Sticks 2 lbs. \$1.69

Ballard Buttermilk Biscuits 6/79¢

Bes-Pak Garbage Bags 25 Ct. \$1.59

ROUND WHITE POTATOES

20 lb. bag **\$1.89**

White Florida Seedless Grapefruit 5 lb. bag 79¢

Carrots lb. cello pkg. 2/27¢

Red Cross

ELBOW MACARONI

16 oz. **43¢**

BUSH'S KRAUT

Chopped, Shredded 303 can

4/89¢

16 oz.

Bama Grape Jam or Jelly 59¢

(2) 8 oz. pkgs.

Diet Parkway Margarine 49¢