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Grand champion

Dean Hinton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Hinton displays his Grand Champion and Third-Place Ribbons he won at the recent annual Montgomery County H and PFA Tobacco Show and Sale. Hinton exhibited the Grand Champion Crop, which averaged

111.6. Tobacco crops from nine counties were entered. This was Hinton's first year to raise tobacco as a 4-H project. He tied for third place in the pigging event at the show. —Linda Conley photo

Board approves voluntary tests for blood diseases

The Nicholas County Board of Education approved a request Saturday night by the Thomas Hunt Morgan Institute to test students in the school system for blood diseases. The testing will be done free of charge and will be voluntary. Tests will be conducted for anemia, thalassemia and sickle cell anemia. In other action the board approved the request by the MMI faculty to establish a branch JROTC program at Nicholas County High School. The MMI officials have expressed hope the program could begin this school semester. A policy established by the board prohibiting posting of notices in grades was waived at the request of Supt. Elder. The waiver was granted for a NCHS student who has already been accepted at Maysville Community College for the spring semester. Coach Ben Pumphrey presented a list

of equipment that is needed by the track program. The equipment will allow NCHS to hold home track meets. Included in the request were 30 hurdles, a vaulting box for the pole vault and bags and foam rubber for the vaulting box and high jump pit. Total cost of the equipment is \$1,250. On making the recommendation Supt. Elder said Pumphrey plans to acquire additional equipment but that he will obtain this himself. The board granted the request.

In other business a letter was read from the Nicholas County Ministerial Association asking that no school functions be scheduled on Wednesday evenings. The reason for this, the letter stated, was to avoid giving students a choice between a school event and regular Wednesday prayer meetings, church services or other church functions that take place on Wednesdays.

Methodist Mission truck to make pickup locally

The truck from the Jackson based Methodist Mountain Missions will be making pickups of clothing, household furnishings, tools, etc. at the Fairview Headquarters, Moorefield and Saltwell United Methodist Churches on Tuesday, Jan. 20 according to information released by Rev. Lee Hubbard, Superintendent of the Mission. The Mission provides through its eight stores the items donated at very

low cost to people of the southeastern Kentucky area. The Mission provides employment for over 50 persons in the traveling, sorting, repair, distribution and sales of these items.

Items may be left at the Annex of the Carlisle United Methodist Church anytime before the date and if assistance is needed please call Rev. Richard Chamberlin at 285-3430 or 285-3236.

Deposit Bank stockholders meet

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Deposit Bank of Carlisle, was held on Tuesday, Jan. 13, at 10 a.m. in the bank building. It was noted that there are now 64 stockholders. There was an increase of eight new ones since the 1975 meeting.

William N. Young, president of the bank, made the annual report of the condition of the bank. The report, showing substantial progress, was unanimously approved. Paul Garrett, William Lovell Hollar, W.B. Parker, Roger C. Womack and William N. Young were named as directors for the ensuing year, with Sterling B. Blake as honorary member.

Trust officer conger named

LEXINGTON—Richard B. Conger, 26, has been named Senior Vice President and Trust Officer of Central Bank & Trust Company, according to Wayne L. Smith, Executive Vice President.

Conger comes to Central from Lima, Ohio, where he was Vice President and Trust Officer for the Metropolitan Bank. At Metropolitan Bank he was also a member of the bank's senior management committee and the marketing committee. We are fortunate to have a person of Dick's ability join us. He is experienced

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Post office to close earlier

John Anderson, Carlisle postmaster announced today that a new closing time for the local post office will be 4:45 p.m. Monday through Friday. The new hours will become effective Jan. 24.

Sen. Church KPA luncheon speaker

Sen. Frank Church (D-Idaho) will be the speaker at a Kentucky Press Association luncheon Saturday, Jan. 17. Church will speak at the closing of the association's three-day winter convention to be held at Holiday Inn/North in Lexington.

New officers and directors of KPA will be introduced at the luncheon, which follows the group's semi-annual business session.

Church, an unannounced but likely candidate for the Democratic party's presidential nomination, is chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee that has spent the last several months investigating the covert activities of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and other members of the U.S. intelligence community.

Gov. Julian Carroll is scheduled to address the press group at a luncheon Friday.

Guard Armory to be dedicated at Cynthiana

A new National Guard Armory will be dedicated in Cynthiana Saturday, Jan. 17. The structure was built by the state for around \$600,000.

It will house the new guard unit organized in May of 1974. The new unit, detachment Company D of the 201st Engineering Battalion, is based at Carlisle.

Since its founding, the new unit has surpassed its required manpower, with 80 enlisted men and two officers. The required number for the unit is 62 enlisted men.

Staff Sgt. John Puller, Carlisle, explained that the amount of equipment allotted to the unit currently does not begin to fill the shoes and the equipment he added, however, that its appearance will take on a completely different look the weekend of the dedication ceremonies—the regularly scheduled drill meet is planned that weekend.

Elder nominated for Dupree award

Don Elder, Nicholas County School Superintendent, has been nominated by District 7 of the Kentucky Congress of Parents and Teachers Association to receive the 1976 F.L. Dupree Award. Nominees for the award have to have demonstrated a high level of creativity in the areas of innovative educational programs, school finance, student, staff and community relations, leadership and other practices of school administration.

The winner of the award will be announced at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 20 at the 1976 Kentucky School Board Association banquet at the Ramada Inn, Louisville.

Ward and Arnold receive assignments

FRANKFORT—State Senator Thomas M. Ward and State Representative Adria Arnold (D-Mt. Sterling) received their committee assignments on the opening day of the 1976 session last Tuesday, Jan. 6.

Sen. Ward was appointed chairman of the Cities committee. He was also named to serve as vice chairman of the Education committee and as a member of the Health and Welfare committee. Rep. Arnold was named as a member of the Agriculture and Natural Resources committee and a member of the Counties committee.

The committees are set up to review and study proposed legislation and recommended action to the senate and legislature.

Local men receive awards

The Eastern Kentucky District Office located in the Federal Building, Paris, was the scene Tuesday, Jan. 6 of a distinguished Honor Award given to

John E. Soper Jr., Sales Specialist for the Federal Building, Paris, and a native of Nicholas county, and his most outstanding employees, two of whom

are also Nicholas county natives, for an excellent job well done and for service rendered beyond the call of duty.

In addition to the award presented to Soper for his outstanding achievement, five of his employees who were also recognized for their extensive contributions to the success of Federal Crop Insurance through their extensive personal contact work in the field are: Stanley Cashcraft and Edward Hatten, Nicholas county; Leon Shewmaker, Washington county; Kelly Nichols, Shelby county; and Jesse Miller, Madison county.

Federal Crop Insurance is a relative unknown program to most people with the exception of bankers and farmers—each of which are familiar with the sound financial security which it offers to cover the perilous risk of providing barley tobacco with its inherent problems with too little or too much rain, disease, drought, tornadoes and wind, mud, hail, and fire.

Benjamin Franklin developed the idea of mutual insurance supported by the insured with the federal government acting as administrator of the system. It was not until 1838 under the Roosevelt administration that it became a reality.

Acceptance has been fantastic over the years and yet it was not until 1957 that a real need for the insurance developed when a severe drought engulfed a significant portion of the county.

Soper became sales supervisor with a new type of insurance that was entirely different from what farmers had been accustomed to—a program that offered financial security in terms of guaranteed dollars was hard to understand. With dedication to the cause he believed in he began the massive undertaking of selling the Franklin idea to the Bluegrass farmers.

When the tobacco control program changed from an average program to a poundage program, Soper was the first to realize that Federal Crop Insurance would have to be changed and redesigned to meet the current needs of the farmers.

After months of study and evaluation he designed the present program and after many meetings with government officials from Washington his plan was approved and adopted on a trial basis for a few counties in Kentucky and Tennessee. The program was proven, adopted and in 1976 all Burley

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John Soper Jr. (right), Federal Crop Insurance sales specialist for Eastern Kentucky was recognized last Tuesday, Jan. 6 for his work in promoting federal

crop insurance. Murrell Williams (left), regional director of the Federal Crop Insurance program, presented Soper with the award.

Three persons appointed to local Heart Fund drive

Three appointments to leadership positions in the 1976 Nicholas County Heart Fund drive have been announced by the state campaign chairman, post-nominee Jesse Stuart of Greensop. They are Rev. H. Dallas Sugg, County Heart Fund Chairman; James A.

Head Start parents to meet tonight

The Nicholas County Head Start parents will meet at the Center on Thursday, Jan. 15 at 7 p.m. Michael Tolson and Joe Winston Crouch will give a lesson on First Aid in the home. Any person in the community interested in this lesson is invited to attend.

Linda Tedder, chairman, will preside the meeting.



Place first

This Eighth Grade Junior High Cheerleading Squad from Nicholas County Elementary was the first place cheerleading trophy during the annual Fleming County Kiwanis Club Basketball Tournament held at Pleasant County High School last week. Cheerleaders are Gladys Clark, Mary Jane Harper, Dina Howard, Deanna

Darrell, and Charita Williams. Nicholas County's Junior High team captured third-place during the tournament. Other teams participating in the tournament were Powell County, Pendleton County, Carter County, Bechtel, Rich County and two teams from Fleming County.—Linda Conley photo

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