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Nicholas school board sets tax rate at 71.0

The Nicholas County School Board set the tax rate for the 1976-77 school year at 71.7 cents for general purpose and 11.3 cents for special voted school building fund at a called meeting Monday night.

In other business the board:

- Rehired the following athletic personnel: Ben Pumphrey, head football and track coach; Robert Jenkins, assistant football and track coach; Billy K. Anderson, head basketball and baseball coach; Bill Guthrie, tennis coach; Mike Kenney, junior high school basketball coach.

- Employed Mrs. Linda Herrington as an elementary school teacher.
- Employed Ed Jefferson to build a fence at the recreation park.
- Employed Wayne Weaver to do some painting at the high school.
- Employed Perry Price to drive school bus No. 24.

- Approved the Title I project application with Chester Brels for the 1976-77 school year.
- Gave permission to Southern States to hold their annual fish fry at the high school grounds on Monday evening, Aug. 2.

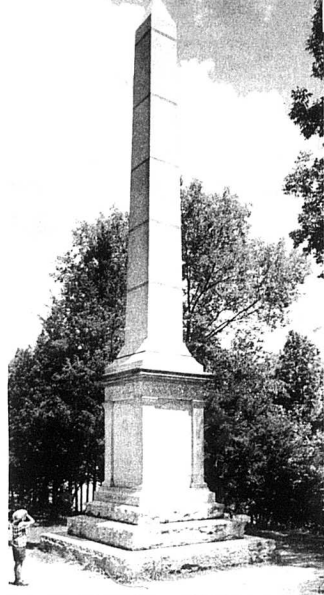


Safety award presented county crew

Department of Transportation Safety Administrator, Guy Schoellfeld, is shown here presenting a merit award for safety to Jim Brown, District Engineer and Nicholas County Foreman, Ronnie Lawson. This safety award was presented to the Nicholas County crew for their outstanding

record of no reportable injuries in 1975. The crew was one in only seven crews in the state to receive this award. Pictured here are: Row 1, Guy Schoellfeld, [State Safety Administrator]; Jim Brown, [District Engineer]; Ronnie Lawson, [Nicholas County Foreman]; Calvin Cooper and W.C. Fry-

man, Row 2, D.L. Snapp, R.L. Cox, Gary Verne, [District Safety Officer], C.W. Snapp, E.H. Tost, J.L. Marshall, L. Bowles, M. Flora, J. Earlywine, Row 3, C. Whitaker, [Assistant Foreman], W.H. Tolliver, G.E. Sexton, W.E. Myers, B. Ledford, R.G. Boyd, A. Flora, S.L. Myers—Smith photo



State's only battle site

The monument at Blue Lick Battlefield State Park dedicated to those pioneers who died here during the last major battle of the Revolutionary War. The celebration being scheduled here Aug. 19-22.

Escapee recaptured within a few hours

A breakout from the Nicholas County jail, Thursday, didn't accomplish much for the escapee, Stanley Warmouth, escaped from the Nicholas County jail between 9:30 and 11:00 Thursday morning but was apprehended just a

few short hours later in Fleming county jail, Thursday, at 4:30 the same afternoon. Nicholas County Jailor, Mrs. Albert Booth, stated that the prisoner pushed out a bar from his cell window and made off.

Two trucks collide; drivers unharmed

A collision between two coal trucks in the west end of the morning on Thursday caused considerable damage to the two trucks but left both drivers unharmed, according to Nicholas County Sheriff, Reese Smoot, the accident occurred about 9:30 a.m. Thursday, on U.S. 58 when a truck

heading east collided with a truck heading west. The impact of the crash sent one truck barreling on to the Curran go course, while the other truck was tipped over.

Warren Fisher hospitalized

Warren R. Fisher, Publisher of The Carlisle Mercury was admitted to St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington on Tuesday morning, July 20 for tests and observation.

Alverson named director of Standardbred Fund

LEXINGTON—J.M. Alverson of Paris, has been named director of the Kentucky Standardbred Development Fund, according to an announcement by Marvin Musick, chairman of the Kentucky Harness Racing Commission.

A native of Scott county, Alverson is a former newspaper publisher. He was editor and publisher of the Paris Daily Enterprise from 1942 to 1974 and also owned a radio station in Paris. He served as manager of the Harlan Daily Enterprise from 1934 to 1936, moving to Paris in 1939.

Alverson has served as a member of the University of Kentucky Board of Trustees and at one time was director of the Division of Securities of the Kentucky Department of Banking and Securities.

His appointment to the Harness Racing Commission post was made after House Bill 699 became law as of July 1. The bill, passed by the 1976 Legislature and signed into law by Gov. Julian M. Carroll, is an act relating to standardized horse racing and creates a trust and revolving fund for the Kentucky Harness Racing Commission.



J. M. Alverson

The seventh park in Kentucky

History of Blue Lick Battlefield State Park, Kentucky's only Revolutionary War battle site

By Jimmy Smith

The fortune of the Blue Lick Battlefield into a state park is truly a great example of what public sentiment and persistence can accomplish if the will and determination of the people is strong enough. Before the summer of 1936 the Blue Lick Battlefield—the only Revolutionary War battle site in Kentucky—was merely an untamed piece of land lying near the famous Blue Lick Springs. Through millions of people from all over the world came to the area during the height of the spring's productivity to bathe in the waters of the famous health spa, few ventured the very short distance into the wilderness to gaze upon the bloody ground where the last major battle of the American Revolution was fought.

Now I'm not saying that there was any great discovery in 1936, or that the people of earlier years were less appreciative of their heritage; of course almost everyone knew that the battlefield was of historical significance. But in the same way that most people know that, let us say, their grandfather ran the first still in a particular area, or that their great-

grand-uncle was involved in an affair with Thomas Jefferson. The knowledge was commonplace, but the burning desire for commemorative action was lacking.

There were, however, a few individuals who thought that there should be some form of honoring monument to the battlefield for the many brave patriots who gave their lives on this field, only to become statistics of war. Those few individuals began to approach various government officials with a proposition of getting a monument placed at the battlefield to commemorate the event and to honor the men who died there fighting for our country.

Finally the perseverance of the citizens paid off. On July 15, 1936 the State Legislature appropriated \$10,000 for the purpose of building a monument at the Blue Lick Battlefield. An article published in The Carlisle Mercury two months later on the battle by Harry Ogden soon aroused the enthusiasm of many Kentuckians all around the state. Now people everywhere were concerned about the lack of attention that had been given to the area. They began

to pressure public officials to put facilities at the battlefield so that it might be able to be visited by people and rightly appreciated.

In January of 1927 Kentucky Governor W. J. Fields appointed a Memorial Commission to solicit funds for the improvement of the site. Later that year, in July, this appointed commission announced that they had plans to make the Blue Lick Battlefield into a state park. A month later, on Aug. 19, 1928, there was a celebration at the battle site to dedicate the cornerstone of the monument that was to be placed there. People from all around the country came to the celebration to see the place being talked about so much recently.

Then in September, the commission kicked off a fund raising campaign in order to raise enough money to make Blue Lick Battlefield a state park. This effort became an overwhelming success with everyone around now interested in seeing the battlefield receive the honor that it deserved. The State Park Commission then took the park into consideration at this time. They carefully added up the historical

significances of this spot; site of the last major battle of the American Revolution, the famous Blue Lick Springs, and the prehistoric bones found there from the animals used to come to the park in the spring, only to be hung up in the mud to die lonely deaths. After considering all of the facts, on Dec. 4, 1927 the State Park Commission accepted Blue Lick Battlefield as the seventh authorized state park.

Eight months later, on Aug. 19, 1928 the monument was unveiled and dedicated in a gala and festive occasion that drew thousands of people. The people were not disappointed when they gazed there at the battle that culminated our war for freedom and liberty. There were those who thought that \$10,000 was not a large enough amount of money to build a monument of large enough stature to be relative to the importance of the event which occurred on the battlefield. But after looking at the monument, all were satisfied that their efforts had not been in vain.

On July 9, 1931 work began on

clearing roadways and building a museum at the park. When these ventures were completed many ventured to see the monument and to tour through what is now the pioneer room of the museum. Later additions of pavilions and shelter houses, a camp area, picnic area, and swimming and adjoining playground added to the attractions at the park. Just this year the museum is undergoing a complete renovation which, when completed, will better preserve the prehistoric artifacts and pioneer relics contained therein.

Since the park was founded many interested people have worked hard and long hours to make improvements there to develop the park to the utmost of its capacity. Interested groups such as the Blue Lick Commemorative Commission have striven to see the park attain the above mentioned goals. Among their main objective is to have a lodge built at the park and more recreational facilities added. The commission succeeded in getting the state to make a feasibility study to see if the lodge question could

be solved. The study could not justify the building of a lodge, but it did recommend that the state build a 100-site full service campground, complete new toilet and shower facilities, and add a county store facility. It also recommended that the state acquire the old hotel and springs site which are not now part of the park.

On Aug. 19, 1976 a four-day celebration will be kicked off celebrating our nation's bicentennial and the 194th anniversary of the Battle of Blue Lick. The park will be filled with everything from a dramatic production of Simon Kenton and a re-enactment of the Battle to the beat of the rock concert given by 'Exile'. Perhaps with this celebration there will be a new sense of awareness and pride in our heritage born and loosed among the people who attend the event and perhaps this new spirit will awaken many to the needs of the park to continue to improve so that even more people might be able to enjoy and appreciate this place where our forefathers gave their lives that we might all have the freedoms that we enjoy today.