

Ministers plan Thanksgiving service Nov. 24

The annual Thanksgiving service, planned by the Nicholas County Ministerial Association, will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 24 at the Carlisle Christian Church.

Rev. H. Eugene White, Rev. Herman Kamlage, and Rev. Richard Chamberlin planned the program which will begin at 7:30 p.m. The speaker for the service will be Rev. Larry Clinkenbeard. Mr. Clinkenbeard is a native of Nicholas county and graduated from the Nicholas County High School. He is also a graduate of Cincinnati Bible Seminary of Cincinnati, Ohio. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Clinkenbeard.

Rev. Clinkenbeard is the associate minister of the East Columbus Christian Church of Columbus, Ind. His duties consist of being assistant to the minister and director of youth activities. He is married to the former

Melvoent Sugg of Carlisle.

The offering this year will be a cash offering and will be divided equally between the treasury of the Nicholas County Ministerial Association and the savings account being held in escrow by the group as a contribution to the Nicholas County Hospital upon its completion.

The reason the food bank contributions are being discontinued is because of the lack of use of this facility in the last year. The association has worked out an agreement with the Community Action Program of Lexington-Fayette (CALF). The association supplies the money for persons who need it for emergency food stamps and then the CALF agency reimburses the association. This way the money in the association treasury is used repeatedly, and the need for the food bank is not as great.

Alexander and Vice represent local FFA at national meet

Jack C. Alexander, president of the Nicholas County High School FFA Chapter, and Sammy Vice, vice president, represented the local chapter at the National FFA Convention held Nov. 9-12 at Municipal Auditorium, Kansas City, Mo.

Alexander, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley C. Alexander of Nicholas county, is a senior at NCHS, having held the offices of secretary and presently president of the local chapter.

He holds the Chapter Farmer Degree and is also organizer of the Bluegrass region. He has won Chapter public speaking awards, Chapter boy proficiency awards, served on State Courts, served on State Courts, and at the National Convention served on the National Service Corps, and was recognized at the Kentucky Award Winners Breakfast as a regional officer. His present experience program

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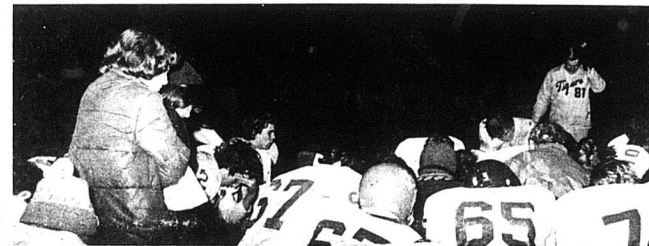
Sammy Vice and Jackie Alexander



Community pride

This sign, sponsored by the Carlisle-Nicholas County Chamber of Commerce and drawn by the Nicholas County High School art students,

expresses the community pride which engulfed the entire area last week as preparations were made to face Bellevue in the Class A regional playoffs here Friday. —Thomas photo.



"Thy Will Be Done"

The Bluejackets kneel in prayer before leaving the field Friday after losing to

Bellevue, 24-3. Additional pictures and story on pages 2, 4, and 6.—Kay Couley photo.

Weather hinders tobacco farmers; only 35% of crop stripped locally

The weather the last two weeks has hindered Nicholas county burley tobacco growers in stripping and hauling their crops to market. Only 35% of the local crop has been stripped, estimated Monte Conrad, county agricultural agent.

Because of the weather, Conrad said, only 17 crops were entered in the Nicholas County Tobacco Festival last

Thursday compared to 41 crops in last year's Festival.

In spite of the weather, area tobacco warehouses were busy this weekend weighing the leaf. Friday was the first day—10 days before the market opens Nov. 22.

The "dry atmosphere" keeping farmers from stripping is also keeping them from hauling what they have already

processed. Conrad said this probably won't pick up until the farmers have had a good rain and can handle the leaf without it shattering.

Conrad encourages the farmer to strip in three grades this year. The support price is the reason.

"There's 11 to 12 to 13 cents this year between the support on mixed and

straight grades. Last year, it was only about half that much," he said.

"It just makes sense that a farmer wants to be protected on the higher guaranteed market in case the buyer isn't interested in his crop and it goes to the pool," Conrad explained. "It could mean as much as \$300 to \$500 extra for even the small producer."

Marketing card is to be used in selling tobacco listed on it only

Most of Nicholas county tobacco producers should have already received their marketing cards for 1976. Producers are reminded that the tobacco marketing card is for use in marketing tobacco produced on the farm for which the marketing card is issued. If any entry is incorrect, the card should be returned to the ASCS office for correction. It is important that all producers know the following information in marketing their tobacco crop.

1. Pounds marketed above 100 per cent of the farm quota is subject to a marketing quota penalty and is not eligible for price support. All tobacco (sold, given away, or traded) must be recorded on producers marketing card. Any tobacco left at the warehouse is considered marketed and subject to penalty even though the producer is not paid for the tobacco.

2. Tobacco marketed above 100 per cent of the farm quota will be deducted from the farm quota for the following year. Likewise, under-marketing, up to 100 per cent of basic farm quota plus pounds leased to the farm, will be

added to the farm's quota for the following year.

3. Producers should not permit anyone to market tobacco on their card which was produced on another farm.

4. Producers must present marketing cards at the warehouse when their tobacco is weighed in. The card must remain in custody of the warehouse until payment is made or until the tobacco is removed from the warehouse (except where card is needed by owner or operator to effect a transfer of quota.)

5. The marketing card must be picked up from the warehouse at the time payment for the tobacco is received.

6. Producers should examine their marketing card and sale bills after each sale to see if the sale was correctly recorded. Report any error to the ASCS marketing recorder at the warehouse or your local county ASCS office. If an unreported error results in farmers selling above 100 per cent of his farm quota, he will be held responsible for payment of marketing quota penalties at 75 cents per pound.

7. If the marketing card is used to market tobacco produced on another farm the persons involved may be subject to prosecution under Title 18, Section 1001 of the U.S. Criminal Code which provides for a fine of not more than \$10,000 or imprisonment for not more than five years or both and the quotas on both farms can be reduced.

8. As soon as marketing is com-

pleted, producers must return their marketing card to the county ASCS office.

Library hours changed

The Nicholas County Library has changed the hours it will be open on Mondays. The new hours are 11:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Oops!!!

Because of differing reasons several unintentional mistakes crept into last week's Mercury that we would like to correct and for which we apologize:

Clark's Used Cars was one of the four businesses paying for the printing of the pennants used downtown Thursday and Friday—not Evans Used Cars. There is no such business as the latter in Nicholas county.

Tommy Darrell, recently elected president of the Tar Heels Band at the University of North Carolina was, as everyone knows, pictured on the right, not on the left as was stated under his picture.

None of the Nicholas County High School cheerleaders have cheered at the school all four years of their high school years. It was reported last week that Judy Doyle cheered all four years at NCHS. She and Cindy McDonald have cheered three years.

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