Opinion

Residents eligible for new benefit

Nicholas County residents are eligible for a benefit of which a few are not aware. This is the benefit of exemption from replacing blood or paying a "responsibility fee" for blood that has been transfused to them.

The Nicholas County Blood Donor program is a member of the Central Kentucky Blood Center. By reaching and maintaining a yearly goal of blood donations, the program has achieved "Total Coverage" status. This means that all residents are eligible to receive blood on this "non-replacement" basis.

There are, however, certain steps which should be followed to guarantee that this benefit is applied, should any resident need blood.

First, there are several fees assessed to a pint of blood. The recipient, or family, should check with the hospital to see which part is considered the "responsibility" or "replacement" fee. This varies according to the hospital. Those hospitals serviced by the Central Kentucky Blood Center charge $12.50 per pint. The rest of the fees (processing, transfusion, etc.) should be handled through the individuals medical health insurance or AID plans.

Secondly, if a resident receives a billing from the hospital for the replacement or responsibility fee, they should contact Rev. Herman Kamlage or Rev. Gene White, co-chairmen for the Nicholas County Blood Donor Program. They may also contact the Central Kentucky Blood Center at 1-800-432-9528, a toll free number. They should give the patient's name, the hospital where the transfusion was received, the number of pints transfused, and the approximate date. This information will greatly speed the processing of the credits.

Thirdly, it may take up to three months for the credit to work it's way through various bookkeeping systems before being applied to the bill. Therefore, the patient should wait this amount of time before checking again, if he has followed the above procedure.

Each Nicholas County resident is now eligible for this benefit. Those who donate blood may extend this benefit to family members who may not reside in Nicholas County.

In order for the benefit to remain in affect, residents are asked to donate at least once a year. Those who cannot donate due to medical reasons are asked to find substitute donors. Blood can only be available in the amount that it is given.

A mobile blood drawing in Nicholas County was held for the employees of Blue Grass Industries yesterday. A general blood drawing for residents will be held on March 13. Anyone desiring further information about the blood program may contact Rev. Kamlage at 289-5502 or the Central Kentucky Blood Center.

Putting the question?

Would you let an animal suffer for days and weeks before finally dying of starvation or gangreene if you could do something about it? Well, the controversial and potentially explosive question of whether or not steel leghold-type traps should be used in obtaining furs is one that concerns all of us today. In fact, in several states the next trip to the polls will provide the voters a chance to adopt an amendment to the constitution outlawing the manufacture, transport, sale, and use of these traps. We feel that the abolition of the leghold-type trap would be an important step in the direction toward more responsible handling of our wildlife and just plain old good sense. These kinds of traps should be outlawed because they are cruel, unselective, and unnecessary.

There is perhaps no other form of torture that any twisted mind could conjure up that even begins to compare with the agony that an animal goes through before finally dying in a leghold trap. There have been cases reported where some large animals such as a lynx or wildcat has lived for up to three weeks in a trap without dying. When they were found their bodies were so thin and dissapated that they were barely recognizable; yet they were alive. In some instances, especially with larger animals, the trap will close late or the animal will not step directly in the middle of the trap, causing the prey to be caught by only a couple or toes or half a foot. Later in the effort to escape the appendages would be torn off with the violent twisting and jerking of the animal. In nearly every case where this happens the animal will die later because of gangreene setting in after the foot thaws out and begins to rot. There are reported cases where some animals have actually chewed off their own feet in order to escape the unbearable pain of the leghold trap. In smaller animals the destruction is even more vast. Veterinarians have noted in autopsies of animals found in leghold traps that in most cases the bone was broken and all of the underlying tissue had turned into a purple blueish gelatin-like substance that didn't even resemble the healthy tissue.

The really frightening aspect of the leghold trap is the fact that the trap does not have any control over what happens into its' grasp; it is totally unselective. In fact, statistics reveal that for every target animal obtained in a leghold trap, two trash or non-target animals are caught. There is certainly none of us that would like to see our family dog or some of our livestock wind up caught in a trap. In the past years there have even been cases reported where children have wandered into the icy steel jaws.

The real tragedy of the whole situation is that leghold traps are to ally unnecessary. Famous trapper Frank Conibear has devised a trap which is much more humane in that it will cause instantaneous death in an animal that it catches. This trap has become so popular in anti-leghold circles that there are several locations where you can trade, absolutely even, a leghold trap for a Conibear trap. But trapping isn't the only means of supplying the current fur market. Actually, fur farms supply the majority of furs to clothiers in the United States today. On these farms the animals are raised for the sole purpose of obtaining furs and they are killed in an orderly humane manner. On an altogether different line of thought, synthetic furs have many advantages over natural ones. Man-made furs can be made to be indistinguishable from the real thing and they won't cause any irritation to those whose allergic make-up might not take kindly to the animal hair. Also synthetic furs will last longer and don't require as much care.

Taking into account the graphic picture of pain and suffering that is drawn by the leghold trap, and add to it the alternative ways of obtaining the needed furs that we have mentioned and you must side with us in urging that the use of these needless instruments of suffering be outlawed. We ask you to write to our legislators, both on the state and national level, and prompt them into action that Kentucky will be among the first states to take this needed step toward better fully accepting our roles as conservationists of our fellow inhabitants of this planet and deliver our wildlife, (and potentially our pets and livestock), from the gloomy threat of a slow and horrible death in the closest thing on earth to literal "jaws of hell".

Article in defense of driver education

If people under 18 years of age were not allowed to swim, their chances of drowning obviously would be slim.

Barring young people from water certainly isn't fair, nor is it practical. Therefore, most parents would probably agree that swimming lessons and instructions on how to deal with related emergencies are the next best precautions for their children.

That's simple logic, perhaps, but the Blue Grass Automobile Club believes the analogy applies to driver education for the under-18 age group.

Many Americans under 18 depend on cars for getting to school, work, and social events and for carrying out family business. And requiring that such a person undergo driver education before taking hold of the wheel of a car only makes good sense.

Believe it or not, though, a recent report, "Driver Education and Fatal Crash Involvement of Teenage Drivers," issued by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS), contends that driver education only contributes to the highway death toll because it allows many 16- and 17-year-olds to obtain drivers' licenses.

"If the age of licensure were raised to age 18," the report says, "the adverse effects of driver education would be removed."

We assume that "adverse" refers to involvement in accidents.

Obviously, the denial of a driver's license to anyone under 18 would reduce the number of fatalities attributed to licensed 16- and 17-year-olds. But the principle applies to any age group and just about any type of operating license.

To follow the IIHS logic a step further would suggest a call for laws banning driving altogether prior to age 25. Evidence has demonstrated that 18- to 20-year-olds have a poorer record based on the percentage of drivers involved in collisions than 16- to 18-year-olds. And, those age 21 through 24 have an even more dismal record, notwithstanding many variables including exposure to traffic density, the time of day and reasons for driving.

Granted, driver education cannot guarantee an accident-free driving record for anyone, regardless of age. And although there's no conclusive proof as to comparative efficacy of present driver education systems, there's even less proof of the value of alternatives.

The report criticizes all levels of driver education systems. AAA agrees that no organization — including itself — would place a seal of approval on all programs offered in any one state, let alone all of the 27 the IIHS report cited.

Bread now 10¢ a loaf, that is 40 years ago

January 16, 1958

Ned Jennings, a graduate of Nicholas County High School, where he rewrote the record books as a member of last year's Bluejacket team, has been described by Adolph Rupp, UK basketball coach, as "one of the best prospects we have ever had at center". Ned is currently a member of the University of Kentucky Freshman team.

The Nicholas County Health Department this week asks the help of everyone to combat the spread of rabies. It is feared that this dreaded disease may reach a drastic stage if measures are not taken immediately to stop it. There continues to be a number of calls received concerning suspicious animals.

Woodrow Wilson, owner of Woody's Auto Repair and Body Shop, announced this week the installation of a DynaVision electronic engine checker. The device makes possible the checking of all key parts of a modern engine without removing them for bench testing.

BORN — To Mr. and Mrs. Paul Smith, a daughter, Kimberly Ann, on January 12.

MARRIED — Miss Evelyn Clarise Adamson to Mr. Waverly Jolly, Saturday.

DIED — Mrs. Cara B. Turner, of Lexington, Wednesday. — Robert Stewart, 90, in Jacksonville, Fla. — Mrs. Margaret George Steins, 60, Thursday. — Hansford T. Stephenson, 71, Thursday night.

Thursday, January 20, 1938

A reduction in the price of the 1¼ pound family size loaf of white bread was put into effect Tuesday by three bakeries which make deliveries in Carlisle. The bread is now 10 cents per loaf instead of 11 cents.

President Roosevelt named Solicitor General Stanley Reed, Maysville, to be an associate justice on the Supreme Court.

The residence of Gilbert Reid was considerably damaged by fire Thursday morning.

Two Bourbon County farmers were killed Saturday night when the motorcycle on which they were riding crashed head-on into an automobile near Carlisle.

BORN — To Mr. and Mrs. Earl Letcher, a son, on Sunday morning. — To Mr. and Mrs. William Gilley, a son, on January 18.

MARRIED — Miss Ethel Price and Mr. Everett Miller, Saturday. — Miss Mamie Shea and Mr. John William Rankin, Thursday.

DIED — Mrs. Nannie Thomas McClintock, Saturday. — George Stout, Tuesday. — Helen Ruth Cox, 8, Sunday.

Two veteran senators stripped of committee chairmanships

by S. C. Van Curon

FRANKFORT — Two veteran senators were stripped of committee chairmanships by the powerful Committee on Committees at the organization meeting the first day of the 1978 session.

Senator Tom Easterly, D-Frankfort, was stripped of his chairmanship of the Business Organizations and Professions. He also lost his post as vice chairman of the powerful Appropriations and Revenue Committee.

He was assigned as vice chairman of the Elections and Constitutional Amendments Committee and named as a member of Highway and Safety Committee.

Senator Delbert Murphy was removed as chairman of Appropriations and Revenue, but there are better things in store for the veteran Democrat from Owensboro. Sen. Murphy has been seeking a leadership position which automatically would make him a member of the Legislative Research Commission, the working arm for the legislature. LRC members and members of the leadership get $65 per day while in sessions and $65 per diem when attending committee meetings between sessions while others receive only $50.

The Democrat leadership in the Senate is considering increasing the leadership and naming Sen. Murphy to the new post. This will take some legislation, but it will be no trouble for the 30 Democrat members of the Senate to pass such a bill to favor Sen. Murphy.

Senator Pat McQuiston, D-Pembroke, who is assistant president pro-tem of the Senate, said such a move is in the works to accommodate Sen. Murphy.

Sen. Murphy would have liked to stay on as chairman of Appropriations and Revenue, but the other members of the leadership thought this would be working him too much since he is on three other committees and vice-chairman of one. This will automatically make him a member of the powerful Committee on Committees and a member of the Rules Committee.

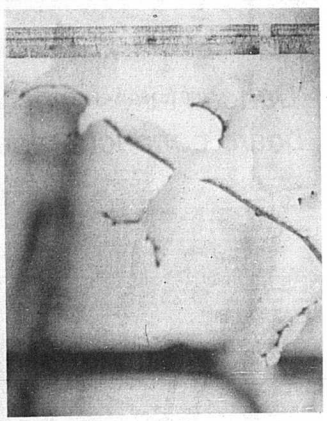
The Rules Committee is the most powerful following Committee on Committees since Rules handles all of the bills that make their way to the floor of the Senate for action.

The Committee on Committees assigns all bills to other committees for study and then they must return to Rules before going to the floor. Rules can send the bill back to the Committee on Committees which in turn can reassign it to another committee. A bill can be sent on the road to oblivion through this process.

Sen. Murphy's committee assignments are Public Utilities and Transportation, Highways and Traffic Safety, and is vice-chairman of Counties and Special Districts.

Senator Don Johnson, of Newport, changed his registration from Republican to Democrat after last November's election and was named chairman of Business Organizations and Professions.

No Republican is ever made chairman of a committee in the Democrat-controlled Senate. Johnson gave this as one of his reasons for switching party affiliations.



Close-up... this picture of a tree branch is really on its side, but this is the only way it would fit the space.

—Mercury photo

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by Warren R. Fisher
...well that's what happened to MV!

Jackets win second in row

by Doug Tedder

Nicholas County won its second game of the new year Friday night by stinging Millersburg Military Institute 88-55. The Jackets dominated the upset-minded Cadets all through the game.

The first quarter saw MMI take an early 2-0 lead, but Nicholas reeled off 11 unanswered points as the Jackets jumped out to a 21-9 lead in the first frame.

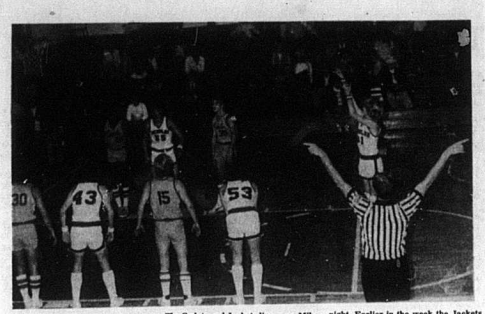
In the second quarter, a fired-up Cadet squad cut the Jacket lead to six points at 23-17 with 5:39 left in the half. But then the Bluejackets regrouped and outscored the Cadets 18-6 to remain ahead 41-23 at the half.

MMI never got any closer to Nicholas County in the second half, as the Bluejackets had many offensive spurts which went unanswered by the Cadets. Nicholas shot 50% from the field to lead 69-40 at the end of the third quarter.

The Jackets opened the fourth quarter with ten more unanswered points, and with 3:49 left, Nicholas County had its largest advantage of the night at 85-44. The Cadets outscored the Bluejackets 11-3 in the closing minutes, but to no avail as the Jackets won 88-55.

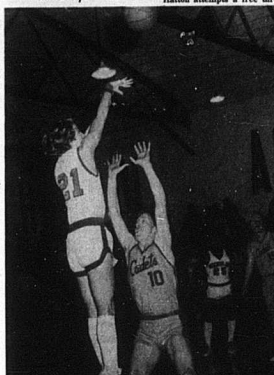
Joe Ruddell led the Nicholas County squad with 24 points. Mike Hatton had 14 and Dwaine Williams added 11. Mark Ruddell, Clifford Thompson, and James Anderson had ten tallies apiece. Tim Dudley had five, Bobby Tincher had three and Mike Mattox had one point. MMI was led by Linnor with 22, followed by Franklin with 16. Nicholas raised its record to 4-4 while MMI dropped to 1-4.

Also Friday night, the Bluejacket "B" team beat MMI 68-27. In Tuesday night's tilt, the varsity beat Lexington Sayre 86-48. Guard Mike Hatton led Nicholas with 22 points.



Line-up

The Cadets and Jackets line up as Mike Hatton attempts a free throw Friday night. Earlier in the week the Jackets also defeated Sayre 86-48.



← ← ← Scores two

Mark Ruddell scores two as the Jackets sting the MMI Cadets Friday night 88-55. The "B" team also defeated the Cadets 68-27. — Jeff Smith photos.

High School Tourney tickets on sale Feb. 1

The 1978 State High School Girls' and Boys' Basketball Tournaments will be held at Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, on March 15-18, and Freedom Hall, Louisville, on March 23-25, respectively. The first session of the tournament is scheduled for Wednesday afternoon.

On or after February 1, K.H.S. Boys' State Tournament, P. O. box 7502, Lexington, Kentucky 40502, will accept mail orders for complete sets of tickets for the tournament. The orders for the boys' tournament will be filled after the schools have received the tickets allotted to them under the plan of distribution set up by the K.H.S.A.A. Board of Control. The orders from the 300 member schools will take all the box seats on the sides, all the chair seats below the boxes and chair seats in the center chair section.

The prices of tickets per set (8 sessions) for the girls' tournament are as follows: side chair seats are $32.00; all bleacher seats are $24.00. Only complete sets of tickets may be ordered by mail. Checks or money orders should be made payable to Girls' State Tournament Ticket Sales. Mail orders will be accepted on or after February 1. Tickets for individual sessions may be purchased at the tournament site any time during the tournament.

The prices of tickets per set (8 sessions) for the boys' tournament are as follows: End box seats, $32.00; side balcony chair seats, $32.00; end balcony chair seats, $24.00. Each order must include a remittance of $1.00 for postage and insurance on the tickets, and checks should be made payable to K.H.S. Boys' State Tournament. Orders for individual session tickets will be accepted during the February 6-28 period, and should not be included with orders for complete sets of tickets mailed prior to that time. Tickets available for individual session tickets will be side balcony chair seats at $4.00 a session and end balcony chair seats at $3.00. All seats in Freedom Hall are chairs. An over-the-counter sale will begin at Freedom Hall on March 10 and continue through the tournament.

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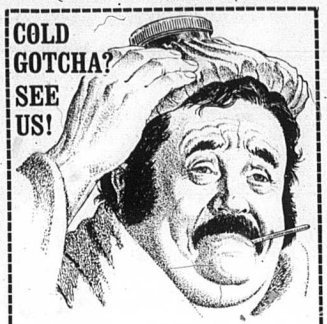

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