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## State report notes that jail situation is critical here

According to a report just released by the state Bureau of Corrections, Nicholas County is in critical need of either a newly constructed jail or extensive renovation of the existing facility. The report lists numerous deficiencies in the local jail such as substandard plumbing, poor lighting, and exposed electrical wires. It also found the local jail to be out of compliance with state regulations that require a specific area to be set aside for juveniles. The local jail also makes no separation in the housing of felons from misdemeanants.

The report states that the physical condition of "most" of Kentucky's jails is substandard. It even goes so far as to suggest reasons for the poor conditions. "The substandard conditions prevalent in most jails are mainly due to the fact that most reform is centered on the larger penal institutions... The availability of funds for renovation, construction and staffing are limited because of the lack of resources available within local governments," the report states. County Attorney, Joseph H. Conley, said that the County has applied for a Crime Council grant from the state but is still waiting to hear whether or not the jail will be approved. In the past such requests for state funds have been turned down because the physical condition of the jail has not met requirements for receiving the money. At the next meeting of the fiscal court, there will be a jail consultant from the state present to study the local jail situation and determine whether or not the County will be eligible for state funds for renovation.



Chapel donation made

On behalf of the Blue Grass Industries Thoresford Club, Gay Mace, president is shown presenting a check at the plant on Monday, June 19, to Rev. Mark Preys representing the Nicholas County Ministerial Association. This donation was made by the 150 member organization to be used for the new hospital chapel. — photo submitted

## Girl Scout encampment held at Blue Licks Park

Nicholas County Girl Scouts and leaders attended a weekend encampment at Blue Licks State Park the first weekend in June. The weekend encampment was the second for local Girl Scouts and sixty scouts participated. Included in this year's activities were crafts, nature hikes, team sports, swimming, singing, outdoor cooking, Miss Girl Scout Camper Contest, and visits to the Blue Licks Museum and Monument. Brownie Lesley Duncan was selected as Miss G.S. Camper for a group of other contestants consisting of Lisa Feeback, Teresa Stone, Tracy Manley, Stephanie Hamilton and Kathy Lyons. Many of the girls faced new adventures as all girls attending the camp were given the opportunity to camp the

### FIBRE TENNIS LESSONS

Free tennis lessons will be conducted by Miss Tara Bowen again this year at the Carlisle-Nicholas County Recreation Park. Stop by the park between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and sign up. There is no age limit.

### FISH FRY

The Nicholas County Fish and Game Club will hold its annual fish fry Friday, June 22, at 7:30 p.m. There will be a charge.



Hospital 'sites'

Employees of Whalen Electronics are manning this "long necked crane" as they slowly place heavy steel beams onto the construction that will be the new Nicholas County Hospital. The hospital site is located west of Carlisle on Highway 68. — Kerr Photo

## High School students receive awards; Elementary perfect attendance noted

The Nicholas County High School recently presented honor awards to students in areas of perfect attendance and studies. Those receiving perfect attendance awards included: 9th graders, Kathy Mathews, Carol Tedder, Lorna Turpin, Jeff Vaughn, Belinda Fryman, Mike Dalley, Jeff Doyle; 10th graders, Mary Ann Smith, Eugene Grant Mathen, Carol Jean Ranney, Charlene Darrell; 11th graders, Linda Wilson, Bernice Robinson, Pamela Kay Bowles, and 12th graders, Lisa Boykin, and Elizabeth Stewart. In areas of general studies and most improved the honored students were: Sandy Caswell, Home Ec I; Kay Conley, Home Ec II; Lisa Boykin, creative housing; Donna Vaughn, child development; Doug Tedder, Tammy Hales, Michelle Knopke, Jeff Smith, yearbook; Sandy McDonald, Algebra II; Jeff Smith, geometry; Vicky Herrington, higher math; Rose Brunker, Shortland; Kavana Pite, Susan Ritchie, Kathy Wade, and Vicki Herrington; office aides: Vicky Wilcoxson, most improved student in a health careers; Ron Hooser, most improved in Drama; Beitia Dampier, most improved in girl's state; May Jean Hunt, Grant Mathen, Wilbey Mathen and Jeff Smith, most improved in library. Class presentations were also announced for the next school term. Those holding the office are: 9th grade, Sandy Caswell; 10th grade, Teresa Woosley; 11th grade, Glen Sargent; and 12th grade, Elizabeth Stewart.

**PERFECT ATTENDANCE 1978**  
Of the total enrollment of 1,010 students at Nicholas County Elementary,

135 students had perfect attendance. They are: Melanie Robinson, John Tincher, Steven Tincher, Johnna Tapp. Special Education — Hattie Guy, Elizabeth Dale, Stephen Morris. First Grade — Linda Egler, Bruce King, James Todd Small, Laticia Waggoner, Kristie Carpenter, Jeff Howard, George Inman, Stephanie Ring, Mark Roberts Allison, Sarah Katherine Bloom, Mary Alcha Farah, Leslie Thomas Harbin, Gretchen Lynn Judge, Sarah Elizabeth Elmore, Frank Johnson, Rhonda Curran, Julie Clark, Joe Hatten, Tammy Morris. Second — Pat Dale, Elizabeth Goidy, Jack Leuz, Todd Day, Tina Renee Morris, Franklin Clyde Towels, Terry Brady, James Bretz, April Pullard. Third — Anita Jane Smith, Jamie Clarke Howard, Paula Lee Haman, Dalphine Goidy, Kelly Howard, Johnny Morris, James Kieckle, Lisa Buckler, Robert McGuffey, Johnny Shrout, Darrell Sargent, Tony Bean, Harvey Jolly, Stephen Kelley, Lisa Willoughby, David McCarty. Fourth — Rhonda Barker, Johnny Sibert, Lisa Sparks, Teresa Stone, Joy Beth Tolliver, Danny Keith Howard, Roy William Towles, Robert Woosley, Gary Saele, Tina Morris, Darrell McVey, Cami Clark, Dorothy Guy, Glenn Smith, Kyla Spapp. Fifth — Randall Todd Hedges, Marty Ray Setters, Gina Ann Sibert, Gregory Duane Stephens, Yeda Victoria Vaughn, Tracy Inman, Charles Jolly, Brenda Sturgeon, Brian Watkins, Billy Joe Workman, Jo Ellen Capps, Julie Wills, Michael Glenn Bowles, Tracy Lynn Capps, Dawn Curran, Robert

**CONGRESSMAN TO HOST NINE NEWS CONFERENCES**  
WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Congressman Carroll Hubbard of Mayfield will host nine news conferences across Kentucky July 6 and 7. Hubbard will meet with media reporters July 6 at Covington, Lexington, Louisville, Owensboro and Paducah. The First District Congressman will then visit Bowling Green, Williamsburg, Prestonsburg and Ashland the following day.

## LRC appoints Rep. Arnold to committee

Rep. Adrian Arnold, D-Mt. Sterling, has been appointed by the Legislative Research Commission (LRC) to serve on the new Program Review Committee. The Committee was brought into being by House Bill 392 which was passed by the 1978 General Assembly. The Committee will have the power to make performance reviews of state agency operations to reduce inaccuracies, waste, extravagance, unauthorized or unintended activities and other deficiencies. The Committee will also have the power to subpoena and examine witnesses under oath. Other members of the Committee serving two-year terms are: Representatives Buty Adams, D-Bowling Green; James Allen, D-Martin; James

## Down with the old... what will the future hold?

by Jim Smith  
Today it is just an ordinary rating project at the intersection of Market and Walnut streets; a dilapidated old building, a dangerous firetrap, an eyesore. But just flip the calendar back to the turn of the century and the spot is now buzzing with activity. It is bobbing with motion, a harrison of agricultural flowing rivers of grain and the heavy clanking of machinery. It is the Carlisle Roller Mill.  
We can best slip back into the pages of history by picking up a newspaper of the day. This article in an early Mercury describes the mill in a most unique and nostalgic manner: "Among the more prominent industrial representations of Carlisle, the Carlisle Roller Mill occupies a paramount position, being the foremost manufacturing concern of the city. The mill is the property of W. J. Kennedy & Son, who personally conduct its management. The great array of fine machinery that constitutes its full completeness, is contained in a fine four-story brick building, designed especially for the purpose it serves. The mill was erected in the year of 1888, the finest machinery known to the milling world then being installed. The mill was

built by W. J. Kennedy and M. V. Bostain. Mr. Bostain being the practical man, Mr. Kennedy the means. Prior to his induction to the milling business, Mr. Kennedy was largely engaged in business in the county, conducted a representative mercantile house, an extensive dealer in lumber, and gave considerable attention to agricultural pursuits. The partnership of Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Bostain was dissolved some time ago. Mr. Kennedy purchasing the entire interest of the plant. Soon thereafter E. H. Kennedy (a son) was admitted to firm membership, forming the firm name of W. J. Kennedy & Son. The mill is what in a figurative way is termed a modern industrial capacity plant, augmented by a hominy mill and burn corn meal grinder. The machinery of the firm has not only been made flour and meal as good as others, but to excel, and that patrons believe that the Acres of perfection has been reached in their attempt, is well illustrated in the fact that but few sacks of any other flour or meal find sale in our local markets. A happy condition associated with this mill is, that home grown cereal used entire, therefore, the hard well matured grain such as Nicholas County is famous in growing,

is remarked in local exchange and trade. A commodious storage room for flour is in close proximity to the grist mill room, as is also the well appointed office. The L. and N. R. R. side tracts connect the plant with the very best of shipping facilities. Produce can be received and loaded at the mill door without any inconvenience. Coal for the motive departments can be unloaded direct from the car to the storage bins, adjacent to the furnace rooms. On the fourth floor of the mill a tank reservoir is kept constantly filled with water, and hose attachments are found on every floor and about the premises. These are fire precautions which with the brick and sheet steel building, makes the plant very nearly secure from conflagration, the fate of which rendered obsolete the old barn mill, on the site of which this plant phoenix like has arisen. "Mr. John Laird of this city, fills the position of head miller and to him the efficiency one only has to call to mind the familiar brand of flour — "White Rose," "Town Talk" and "Carlisle Fancy Family." The proprietors of the mill are among the most progressive and worthy citizens, and well merit all the good that goes their way. In social circles, the business, each stands high. The senior partner, W. J. Kennedy, is Mayor of the city and a member of the Masonic order, while the son, E. H. Kennedy, takes active interest in the order of the 49, and is a member of the Democratic County Committee. That Carlisle highly appreciates the association of such a meritable enterprise goes without saying." In 1927 W. R. Knight took over ownership and operation of the mill and it became known as the Carlisle Mill & Supply Company. Mr. Knight operated the mill until poor health forced him into selling out in 1959. Since that time the building has had a variety of owners and seen just as many uses. It has been used as everything from the headquarters for a tractor sales company to a storage facility. The current owner, Held and Vice, Inc., a local builders supply company, is having the building torn down because of the "unstable conditions" existing in a now deteriorated building. A landmark turned a liability. As we prune another old withered tree in order to make room for the more important business of the day, we cannot help but prune away part of ourselves; a physical reminder of our past and our roots. A landmark showing us where we've been and how far we've come. As Mark Twain once said, "Soap and education are not as sudden as a massacre, but they are more deadly in the long run." So this is the way we pay for progress.

Silent tracks of old Roller mill