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Hole to freedom

Nicholas County Jailer Lynn Bowles is holding the spoon and a broken broom handle that were used by Roy William Powell to dig a hole in the rear wall of the building during the jail break that occurred at the Nicholas County jail

Man spoons way to freedom in jail break night of May 17

Roy William Powell, 27, of Bath County, who faced charges in Bath and Morgan Counties escaped from the Nicholas County jail Wednesday night by using a broken broom handle and a spoon.

Mr. Powell was brought to Carlisle from Clark County, where he was being held for safe keeping, after James

DeCraff reported his estranged wife, Mrs. Betty DeCraff and Powell had stolen his car.

James Anderson replaces Randolph as Magistrate

James Anderson has been appointed by Gov. Julian Carroll as Nicholas County Magistrate to fill the position vacated by the resignation of Magistrate Jack Randolph. Mr. Randolph resigned from the Fiscal Court post to avoid a possible conflict of interest.

Magistrate Anderson served his first session of Fiscal Court at its regular meeting Wednesday night, May 17. Additional funds for SCP if City can up its share.

The local Senior Citizens program, which feeds persons over 60 meals three days a week, was discussed relative to its funding for the fiscal year beginning July 1. The county had already committed \$4,200 and the city \$1,447. However, the requested budget totals \$8,230, with matching federal funds amounting to approximately \$21,000, a Bluegrass Area Development District (BGADD) spokesman said.

The court voted unanimously to meet the budget request if the City can donate \$1,000 more. The program has 182 active participants, according to Mrs. Jeanne Clay, director.

The request was also made that the

Fiscal Court take over the administration of the program from the Community Action Lexington Fayette (CALF). The Court agreed to do this with the understanding that a part-time secretary would be provided to help with the book work.

Seek recreation director

Fred Hammonds and Calvin Willis, representing the Recreation Council, reported that they hoped to hire a recreation director very soon at a salary of \$12,000. The director would oversee activities at the park and at the armory, and would be responsible for fund raising. The Court has donated \$20,000 to the Recreation Council.

Orylle Atkinson was appointed to represent the Court on the Recreation Council.

Jail condition discussed

The bad condition of the Nicholas County Jail was discussed by Jailer Lynn Bowles. He stated that something must be done to improve the jail or he will be forced to resign. The second jail break this year occurred early May 17 when Roy William Powell escaped by digging an 18-inch hole through the wall

with a teaspoon and a foot-long broom handle. Mr. Bowles said the walls are so bad that one can kick a hole through the four-layer brick walls.

Conditions too bad for grant money

Lining the walls with steel and lowering the ceilings, or moving the bull pen to the basement were possible solutions discussed. County Attorney Joseph H. Conley was asked if he knew of any grant money available for jails. He said the only one he knew was a \$5,000 grant available through the Kentucky Crime Council. But, he stated, that he had asked about it for Nicholas County several times and was each time told that the jail was in too bad condition to be awarded this grant. He agreed to ask the Council again. He said if the jail inspector would upgrade the classification of the local jail it could become eligible for this grant.

The Court agreed to inspect the jail on Tuesday evening of this week before meeting with the Hospital Board at 8 p.m.

Nicholas County Road Supervisor Joe Smart informed the Court that the rock crusher has broken down.

The 1 & N Railroad witnesses who

are seeking abandonment of the branch testified that the railroad was losing money due to the lack of traffic employed by the train. In contrast, witnesses presented by the "Save the Paris to Maysville" Branch Committee, including local city and county officials, testified that the lack of traffic was due to poor business practices of L & N, lack of maintenance, and general lack of interest. The committee also emphasized the need for a railroad to receive the expected increase in coal truck traffic and in attracting new industry.

Spokesman for the Trans-Kentucky Transportation Railroad Company, Inc. (TTI) also testified at the hearings. Chairman of TTI, William Ferguson presented a written statement of the company's formal offer to buy the branch. Ferguson said TTI planned to upgrade the local services of the railroad and haul coal. Mr. William Hughes, president of TTI also presented the results of his engineering studies on the line.

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New principal at NCHS for upcoming year



Outside view

This is an outside view of the hole made in the rear wall of the jail. Jailer Lynn Bowles surmises that Powell used the electric motor to step on in his descent to the ground.

David McMillan was named as the new principal for the Nicholas County High School for the upcoming 1978-79 school year. McMillan was chosen by the school board after it interviewed him and three other applicants Wednesday night.

McMillan, currently serving in his second year as headmaster at Millersburg Military Institute, had previously worked six years in the Nicholas County school system. In addition, he held a position for two years at the Pinecrest Children's Home in Morehead.

He is a graduate of Paul Blazer High School in Ashland, Kentucky and holds Master's Degrees in Sociology, English, and Secondary Education from Morehead State University. He is presently completing the requirements for a Rank One certification in administration.

McMillan stated Tuesday morning, "I have really enjoyed my time and MMI and have gained valuable experience from it. I am looking forward to returning to Nicholas County High School with great optimism."

McMillan feels that because of his previous experience in the Nicholas County school system and his familiarity with most of the faculty, he has a very good concept of the expectations and problems that he will face. He stated that he will be a "high communication" style principal and lists among his top priorities the publishing of a student handbook which will set a uniform code for student conduct, graduation requirements, absenteeism, etc.

His wife, Geraldine, is a teacher at the Nicholas County Elementary school. They have one daughter, Emily, who is five years old and will be entering the first grade at NCHS this fall.

McMillan will begin his duties on July 1.

Pumphrey is named athletic director

Ben H. Pumphrey was named as Athletic Director for the Nicholas County High School by the school board Wednesday night.

In addition to his current duties as

head track and football coach, Pumphrey will take on the responsibilities of coordinating the entire athletic program for the school.



Call meeting fails tie up Council matters

Mayor Bill Power called a city council meeting Monday night in order to tie up a few matters that the council had failed to reach a decision on at previous meetings. Council members Cord and Sparks were absent.

The council agreed to accept all previous natural gas contracts as last year including those of Blue Grass Knitting, the Nicholas County Courthouse, Dutch Maid Laundry, Lee's Laundry and Small's Greenhouse.

The members also agreed to send

contracts to all places using over 1,000,000 cubic feet of gas. At present, the old armory and the high school are the only places.

Again the council failed to reach a decision on donating money to the Senior Citizens Program or to the recreation department, preferring to wait until there was a full council.

In other activity, Mayor Power presented a check to the fire department for \$700 to be used for equipment and updating the department's.

L&N hearing decision expected in 30 days

Hearings being conducted last week at the Flemingsburg Courthouse over the proposed abandonment of the L & N Paris to Maysville branch railroad concluded Friday. Lawyers at the trial were given 45 days to submit written briefs and a decision is expected about 30 days afterward.

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New SS manager is Nicholas County native

Bruce Barnes, a native Nicholas County man, has taken over the duties of manager of the local Southern States Cooperative.

The former manager of the Southern States Cooperative in Clarkburg, W. Va., Mr. Barnes and his wife Regina have two children ages two and one-half and five months. They are now residing on Dixie Highway near the Buzzard Root area at Nicholas County.

Mr. Barnes is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Barnes at Nicholas County. He is a graduate of Nicholas County High School and Morehead State University.

Moo clue 2

She is at a tender age But old enough to know The merits of Grade A milk That keeps her cheeks a glow.

WEDCO MEETS
WEDCO District Board of Health met Monday, May 22, at 7:30 p.m.

BURLY TOBACCO GROWERS REMINDED

Burley tobacco growers are reminded that tobacco treated with Endrin, Toxaphene, DDT and TDE after being transplanted will not be eligible for price support. Prior to the issuance of marketing cards, you will be asked to certify whether or not any of these chemicals were used on the tobacco. Action to withhold price support on tobacco treated with these chemicals was made necessary because use threatens the export market for tobacco.

Several countries that are large buyers of U. S. tobacco have set very narrow pesticide tolerances on tobacco. The county extension service office can furnish information about acceptable pesticides which are effective in controlling plant pests.

Nuclear preparedness team to inspect local buildings

Frankfort — A team of architectural and engineering students trained in analyzing structures for protection against various war-time hazards will work in 16 northern Kentucky counties this summer, according to Charles Bogart, head of Nuclear Civil Preparedness for the state Division of Disaster and Emergency Services.

The counties are Bracken, Carroll, Fleming, Gallatin, Grant, Harrison, Mason, Nicholas, Owen, Pendleton, Robertson, Scott, Franklin, Boone, Kenton, and Campbell.

Three staff in Thomsville, Ga., will begin working this week. The survey is being made in conjunction with the state's crisis relocation plan and will identify structures suitable as protection from nuclear blast, fire, and radioactive fallout. Buildings that might be used as mass shelters will also be identified by the team.

Delorenzo said that he will work with local DES, civil defense, and other emergency preparedness officials in the program. He noted that government buildings, schools, and industrial structures are most frequently considered as possible shelters.

The team will also use data gathered to update existing shelter information.

BARTLEVILLE MEMORIAL DAY TO BE OBSERVED MAY 25

According to Robert Soapp, the Bartleville Memorial Day Service will be held Sunday, May 28. Everyone is invited to visit that day.