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Eyes have it

The first cast for all ages and derby hounds in the 67th annual Kentucky State Foxhunters' Association, Inc. field trials began Tuesday at 7:30 a.m. with more dogs turned loose than one would see in Mt. Sterling on Court Day. The event concludes today with the final cast scheduled for daybreak. — Photo by Jeff Kerr

Ellis tavern grant recipient

A \$20,000 matching grant has been approved for the James Ellis Tavern Rehabilitation Project by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service of the U.S. Department of the Interior. U.S. Rep. Carl D. Perkins announced this week. The grant includes \$10,000 in federal funds and \$10,000 through a Kentucky Preservation Grant awarded by the Kentucky Heritage Commission. The 1907 era stone tavern is significant as being built by James Ellis, one of the early residents of Elizaville, the one-time county seat of Nicholas County from 1804-1810; and also as a well-known stagecoach stop along the Lexington-Limestone (Mayeville) Pike, one of Kentucky's earliest road systems from the Bluegrass region to the Ohio River. The preservation objective of Phase I of the project is through rehabilitation to make the second floor habitable as a residence by providing new thermal and moisture protection systems. Funds for the project on the federal level are made possible by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, which provides monies for the protection and restoration of America's cultural, historical and architectural heritage. Owners of the Elizaville Tavern are Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Strubelick.

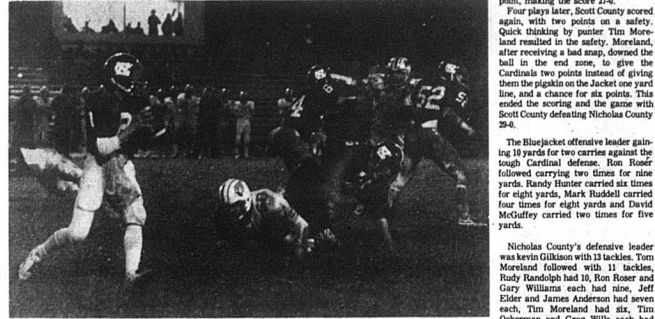
Blood program needs donors

A new year for the Nicholas County Blood Donor Program began Oct. 1. The quota for the coming year is 389 pints of blood (including Blue Grass Industries), 50 pints more than last year. If this quota is fulfilled every person in Nicholas County will be eligible to receive Free Blood, if needed next year. The quota was reached last year so every Nicholas County is eligible for Free Blood through September 1979. For details call Rev. Herman H. Kamlage, 289-8007, or Rev. Mark Prevo, 289-7200. But there is a problem: there are only 415 people registered in the Blood Donor Program. At any given Bloodmobile visit 30 to 40 per cent of those willing to donate are deferred temporarily for medical reasons. That means of the possible 152 persons that can be processed at one blood drawing (eight persons per each 15 minutes appointment time) between 50 to 75 will be rejected because of colds, etc. Also, another tremendous drawback is that each appointment time is never filled. Hence the chance of meeting this year's quota of 389 pints is not very encouraging. What is do? New donors are needed. Anyone between the ages of 18 and 66 are eligible. 17-year-olds can give with written parental consent. Persons 66 or older may give with written doctor's permission. Anyone wishing to become a member of the Nicholas County Blood Donor Program may do so by calling the Rev. Mark Prevo, 289-7200, by Friday, Oct. 20, and set up an appointment. Regular donors and people currently belonging to the Blood Donor Plan will be called to set up an appointment to donate. The Central Kentucky Blood Center bloodmobile unit will be in Carlisle, Oct. 20, at the Carlisle United Methodist Church from 14:15 and 14:15 p.m. The Blood Donor Program is sponsored by the Nicholas County Ministerial Association. Questions concerning the donation of blood or medical eligibility are to be directed to the Central Kentucky Blood Center. The toll free phone number is 1-800-627-6028.

Cardinals fly over Jackets

by Kay Conley

The AAA power Scott County Cardinals trounced Nicholas County 29-4 Saturday night at Georgetown. The game was postponed from Friday night due to heavy rains. The muddy field and chilling weather served to work against the Jackets, as Scott County crossed the goal line for a 21-yard score early in the first quarter. The touchdown came after Tim Moreland laked a punt and handed off to Greg Willis, who failed to gain the yardage needed. The extra point kick proved good, ending the quarter with the Cardinals leading 7-0. Scott County scored again in the second quarter. The kick again was good to end the half, with Scott County still on top, 14-0. The Cardinals didn't get up in the second half. The few mistakes that Nicholas County made were taken advantage of by Scott County as they went to score again, towards the end of the third quarter. Wilmer Halcomb blocked the extra point kick attempt, to end the quarter with the score 20-0. In the fourth quarter, Scott County intercepted a Nicholas County pass and ran 50 yards for another six points. The Cardinals tackled up another extra point, making the score 27-0. Four plays later, Scott County scored again, with two points on a safety. Quick thinking by punter Tim Moreland resulted in the safety. Moreland, after receiving a bad snap, downed the ball in the end zone, to give the Cardinals two points instead of giving them the pylon on the Jacket one yard line, and a chance for six points. This ended the scoring and the game with Scott County defeating Nicholas County 29-0.



Seeking a target

Quarterback Mike Sowell [11] looks downfield for a receiver as Tim Moreland [6] and Rudy Handolph [5] block. The Bluejackets dropped a 34-0 decision to Class AAA for Scott County in Georgetown Saturday night in a game postponed from Friday. Nicholas County hosts Rensselaer in a key district game this Friday at 6 p.m. — Mercury photo.

The Bluejacket offensive leader gaining 10 yards for two carries against the tough Cardinal defense. Ron Rose followed carrying two times for nine yards. Handy Hunter carried six times for eight yards, Mark Ruddell carried four times for eight yards and David McGuffey carried two times for five yards.

Nicholas County's defensive leader was Kevin Gilkison with 13 tackles. Tom Moreland followed with 11 tackles, Rudy Handolph had 10, Ron Rose and Gary Williams each had nine, Jeff Elder and James Anderson had seven each, Tim Moreland had six, Tim Ockerman and Greg Willis each had five, and Handy Hunter, Todd Allison, Mike Boykin, each had one.

The Bluejackets will host Rensselaer in an important district game here, Friday night at 8 p.m.

America facing energy crisis

Professor predicts possible catastrophe

Dr. John J. McKetta, a noted expert in the energy field, told a gathering of Kentucky newsmen last week that America is facing an energy crisis of such severe proportions in the next decade that unless drastic measures to meet it are taken the country may see widespread social unrest and possibly revolution. Dr. McKetta, professor of chemical engineering at the University of Texas in Austin, was one of two featured speakers at an energy conference sponsored by Kentucky Utilities, Kentucky Power, Louisville Gas and Electric and Union Light, Heat and Power. The four companies serve a combined total of more than 85,000 customers in Kentucky. The other speaker, an economist recognized as an expert in utility financing, Eugene Meyer, told the group that America's answer so far to the problem of a staggering balance of trade deficit with oil-producing countries has been to print more money. This, Meyer said, is the chief cause of inflation in the country today, since the money printed does not have reserves to back it up and reduces the value of all American money in circulation. McKetta scored the media at the beginning of his remarks saying that the nation's press had an opportunity 10 years ago to warn the country of the coming energy crisis but failed to do so. "The situation is bad," McKetta said, "and it's not going to get better, it's going to get worse. Politicians mislead you and say it's not as bad as it seems but the price of energy is not going down. I see no way that we can have self-sufficiency in energy in our lifetime — or in our children's." McKetta also pointed out that America's oil imports increased from \$5.9 billion in 1973 to \$47 billion in 1977. During that same period, he said, the electricity per day by 1985 but that this figure represents less than 1 per cent of America's total energy use per day. America's hope, he said, is coal but again environmental restrictions have made the cost of mining coal so high that South Africa underbids West Virginia recently to supply the city of Jacksonville, Fla. for 10 years. It is also, he pointed out, cheaper to transport and buy coal from Australia to Texas than it is to ship that coal to Texas from Kentucky. "There are," McKetta said, "no bright spots on the horizon unless Congress goes home for five years." [In the weeks to come the Mercury will present additional information from Dr. McKetta's and Mr. Meyer's remarks on America's energy problem.]



Dr. John J. McKetta, E. P. Schoch professor of chemical engineering at the University of Texas in Austin, is under the glare of the television camera lastweek after he addressed Kentucky newsmen on the United States energy problem. Dr. McKetta, and economist Eugene Meyer were the featured speakers at a seminar sponsored by four Kentucky utility companies. — Mercury photo.

Media attention