

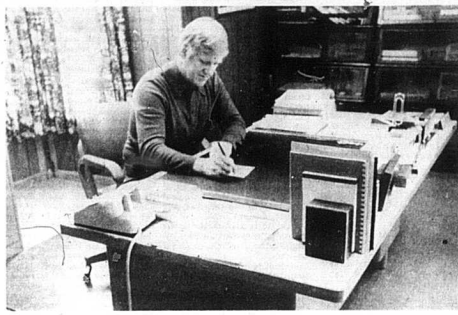
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Nominated

Nicholas County Supt. of Schools Donald G. Elder has been nominated by the Nicholas County Education Association for the 1979 F. L. Dupree Award for creative school administration. The award will be presented on March 5 at the Kentucky School Board's annual convention in Louisville—Mercury photo.

NCEA nominates Elder for award

Nicholas County Superintendent of Schools Donald G. Elder has been nominated for the prestigious F. L. Dupree Award for Creative Education Administration. The nomination was made by the Nicholas County Education Association, and announced by NCEA president Mrs. Ben Plunphey.

The Dupree Award is presented annually to the Kentucky school superintendent judged to have displayed the highest level of creativity in school district administration. It is awarded by the Kentucky School Boards Association at its annual meeting through the wishes of the family of the late F. L. Dupree, Sr. This year's award will be presented at the convention in Louisville March 5.

Nominations are accompanied by documented material showing the nominee's achievements in seven areas of school administration. The selection committee is composed of officials of various statewide organizations.

Elder, 45, has been Supt. of Schools in Nicholas County since 1974. He is married to the former Wanda Owens of Fleming County. They have three children: Joann, 22, Jennifer, 21 and Jeffrey, 18, and one grandchild, Jeremy, 2.

A native of Louisville, Elder received his elementary education in the Jefferson County schools and graduated from Jeffersonville (Ind.) High School.

Elder graduated from Morehead State University in 1959 with an A. B. degree. He received his M. A. degree from Morehead in 1961 and attained Rank I from Eastern Kentucky University. In addition, he has done graduate work at the University of Kentucky.

He began his teaching career in Highland County, Ohio where he taught

and coached basketball one year. He served as an elementary principal and teacher for three years in Fleming County before coming to Nicholas County High School as a general supervisor. He served in that capacity for one year and then was principal of Nicholas County High School for three years.

His first superintendency was in Gallatin County. For a three-year period in his career he worked as a textbook salesman for the L. W. Singer Co. Elder was recently awarded a four-year renewal on his contract as superintendent of Nicholas County schools.

Farm census starts soon

Final preparations are underway for the next Census of Agriculture which will begin in January. Cliff Vice, Chairman of the Nicholas County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation (ASC) committee, has reported.

The Bureau of the Census, U. S. Department of Commerce, will canvass farm and ranch activities across the Nation for calendar year 1978. "Every household which conducts agricultural operations will receive a form in the mail at the turn of the year." Despite careful screening of the mailing lists used, some persons not engaged in agricultural activities in 1978 will receive report forms. "These persons should return the form with that fact noted, so that additional mailings can be avoided."

Practically reduced from the 22 pages of the last farm census, report forms for the new census consist of four or five pages. According to Vice, each farmer or rancher will need answer only questions that apply to his or her operation. "The form is designed so that individual questions or sections

dealing with crops and livestock not produced can be skipped."

The Census Bureau obtained the advice of farmers, representatives of farm suppliers, agricultural universities, Congress, State and Federal program agencies in developing the report form.

Respondents will be asked the amount of farm acreage by type of ownership; land use; acreage, production and sales of crops; inventory, number sold, and sales value of livestock and poultry; selected characteristics of farm operators and farm management.

About 20 per cent of the farmers and ranchers will receive an additional page for information on the value of land and buildings; selected production expenses; selected farm equipment; hired farm labor; fertilizer and pesticide use; grain storage capacity; and petroleum fuel usage and storage capacity.

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Layout, design commended

Mercury wins 4 awards

The Kentucky Press Association announced at its winter convention last week in Lexington that The Carlisle Mercury was the winner of four awards in individual competition just completed.

Mercury publisher Warren Fisher garnered two of the awards, a third place in local news pictures for a view of Main Street during last winter's blizzard and an honorable mention in local column, variety of subjects for his column "Mercury Vapors" that appears on the Mercury's editorial page. The other awards went to Jimmy Smith and former Mercury editor Joan

Cusley. Smith's story on the property tax assessment dispute on July 21, 1977 won second place in best investigative story. Mrs. Cusley's editorial in March of 1978 on voter registration and re-districting won third best editorial.

The Mercury competes in the weekly division, Class I in the KPA awards contest.

In other events at the convention, headquartered at the Hyatt Regency, an issue of the Mercury was singled out by a visiting speaker as an example of good design and layout on the front page.

Prof. Jack D. Sissors of the Media School of Journalism at Northwestern University selected the Nov. 2, 1978 issue of the Mercury as an example of good layout and design along with other Kentucky newspapers. A copy of the page was projected onto a screen during a seminar while Prof. Sissors commented on it.

Mercury publisher Fisher also attended a KPA board meeting and KPA business meetings during the convention. Fisher is a member of the KPA's board of directors, serving as representative from KPA's District Seven.

County repays loan, renews bank note

A motion was made to pay \$60,000 toward the notes the county holds at the First National Bank at last Wednesday's fiscal court meeting. The money will be applied in this manner:

—\$40,000 will be used to pay money borrowed July 1, 1978 and due Dec. 31, 1978.

—\$20,000 will be used to repay money borrowed during the 1977 fiscal year.

This brings the total amount owed by the county to the First National at \$75,000 on Jan. 18. The note was renewed for \$60,000 giving the county a \$15,000 line of credit.

In addition, there was \$3,684.68 interest paid on the \$15,000 owed before the meeting and also \$121.50 in interest from Dec. 31 to Jan. 18 on the \$40,000 borrowed July 1, 1978.

The county was forced to borrow money when the 1977 tax assessment suit threw that year's taxes into litigation. As a result the taxes could not be collected until the suit was resolved, which has not happened yet.

Last word on the suit came from the attorney for the Fair Tax Committee, Joseph Leary of Frankfort, who said in December he had asked for a rehearing before the Kentucky Court of Appeals.

Leary said at that time the rehearing would not be held until sometime this month.

The Court of Appeals struck down some 1977 assessments in an October decision but he others stand. The ruling found that the Dept. of Revenue was in violation of Kentucky statutes by not notifying property owners who received raises in assessments.

Another suit was threatened over the 1978 assessments but did not become reality. The 1978 assessments were approved except for those property owners who filed appeals with the Kentucky Board of Tax Appeals.

As a result the county began collecting taxes last fall for the first time since 1975. Some of this revenue made it possible for the magistrates to vote funds toward repayment of the money borrowed in the time between the 1978 and the 1979 taxes were collected.

Anderson named Billy Keen Anderson was named to replace Fred Hammonds on the Carlisle-Nicholas County Recreation and Parks Department Board by the fiscal court.

Hammonds resigned his seat and Anderson was appointed in his stead. He will serve until June 30, 1982.

Hospital closed down In other business the court board from Reno Runck, a member of

Sullivan-Rode-Burck and Associates, Inc., architects for the new hospital. Runck told the court the facility was 90 per cent completed at this time. No date was mentioned as to final completion of the structure.

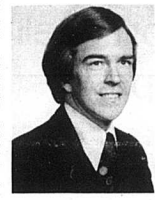
In other hospital-related business the hospital board related its wishes to the court that names of the fiscal court members and hospital board members

serving at the time the project was started be included on the plaque in the new facility. The court took no action on this matter.

Also, James T. Vaughn asked the court if some token of appreciation could be given to S. R. Barlow for his assistance on the project. The court took no action on this matter also.

Mann honored in Danville

Nicholas County native Kent Mann has been chosen Danville and Boyle County's Outstanding Young Man from a field of 23 nominees and will compete in the state contest to be held during the Kentucky Jaycees' winter board meeting.



Kent Mann

Mann is a 1966 graduate of Nicholas County High School and was graduated from Eastern Kentucky University in 1975 with a degree in agriculture and business. He received his M. A. degree from Eastern in 1976 in the field of Education as an Adult Basic Education teacher and teaches three night classes for the Danville Board of Education on sign language and other deaf-related subjects.

He began his teaching career at Kentucky School for the Deaf in 1971, serving two years as a classroom teacher. In 1972 he was appointed upper

school supervising teacher and athletic director.

In 1974 he was named middle-school supervising teacher, the post he now holds. In that position Mann is responsible for 16 teachers, two classroom aides, a communication skills teacher and 113 students.

He is a member of the Lexington Avenue Baptist Church where he is an associate deacon, Sunday School teacher and serves on the pre-school education board.

Mann is also a member of the Kentucky Registry of Interpreters of the Deaf and serves as treasurer of that group, Blue Licks Lodge 465, Danville Kiwanis Club (of which he is treasurer), Danville Chapter of the Council for Exceptional Children (serving as treasurer of that group also), Conference of American Instructors for the Deaf, National Registry of Interpreters of the Deaf, Kentucky Association of the Deaf, Kentucky Faculty Association of the Deaf (past president), State Advisory Board for Handicapped Children, and is president of the National Supervising Teacher's Organization.

He also serves as a volunteer with the Danville-Boyle County Senior Citizens Program. During his career at KSD he has served as Key Club sponsor, Student Council Sponsor and Sign Language Chair sponsor. He also works with the Kentucky Department of Education as an Adult Basic Education teacher and teaches three night classes for the Danville Board of Education on sign language and other deaf-related subjects.

Mann was nominated for the honor by four different groups including a group of parents of deaf children who tied

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