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Resignations will force local races

A rash of resignations will make necessary May and November elections this year to fill unexpired terms in several county offices — and one official who resigned post has already filed as a candidate for that office in the upcoming contests.

Lynn Bowles, who resigned last year as jailer citing the condition of the jail and two spouses, including one in which he was abducted, has filed as a candidate for that post, currently held by Charles Lentz.

Lentz has also filed for the jailer's office and told the Mercury last week he is investigating the legality of Bowles' candidacy.

Meanwhile, a bill filed in the special session of the Kentucky General Assembly may make the jailer's office an endangered species.

Senate Bill 18, relating to the closing of county jails, was amended in committee last week and sent to the entire Senate for its consideration.

Under the amended version the fiscal court in a county may petition the circuit court in the judicial circuit in which the county is located for an order closing the jail.

The bill also allows for designation of local holdover jails and for the selection of jails by the circuit court where prisoners from a closed jail may be lodged. In addition, the circuit court may order prisoners moved from an insecure jail to a more secure facility in the nearest county.

The circuit court may order a jail closed because of the financial condition of the county, physical condition of the jail, daily population of inmates and other related matters.

Nicholas Fiscal Court has been seeking grants for updating the local jail but inspectors have told the magistrates that the jail must be renovated first in order to qualify for the grants.

Other unexpired terms to be filled are the magistrate seats in Districts Two and Four, which were vacated when the elected officers resigned their posts.

Andrew Bretz was named to replace Paul Tincher in District Two and James S. Anderson was appointed in District Three to replace Jack Hand-dolph. Bretz and Anderson will serve until next January, at which time they will step aside for the newly-elected squires — unless they choose to run for the offices themselves. So far no one has filed for the posts.

Two other offices will be filled by the November election. The coroner's post, now filled by Taylor Mathers, was left vacant last year by the death of Ralph Shearer. In District One, the constable's office now held by Ronald McQuinn, will be filled in the election. No one has filed yet for either post.

The deadline for filing for the various offices is April 4. The deadline for registering to vote in this year's May primary is April 20.

The offices filled this year will have terms that will end in November of 1981 when the remainder of the county officers will be up for election.

Pap test set

A Pap Test clinic will be held at the Nicholas County Health Center Thursday, Feb. 8, from 9:11-12 a.m. and 1-5 p.m. All women are urged to have this yearly exam.

1980 census is starting

Census Bureau address compiling operations for the 1980 census have begun in Kentucky from an office located in Louisville, said Mrs. Alex DeChane, office manager.

Temporary workers are being hired now to begin putting together lists of addresses from which mailing labels will be prepared for use on the 1980 census questionnaires. They will be mailed to each of some 80 million households nationwide in late March 1980. Census Day is April 1, 1980.

Mrs. DeChane said the address-compiling phase of the census operation will take several months to complete. Also involved are checks of the lists to

make sure all area dwelling addresses are included. Census workers will drive or walk thousands of miles of streets and roads

temporarily returned by mail. Households which do not mail back a completed census form within several weeks after Census Day in 1980

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Window on the world

Bobby Anderson watches the world go by through his window on Broadway. This year's constant snow cover has kept many Nicholas County school children home with Mom for an extended holiday. — Photo by Jeff Kerr

Hospital board names officers, hears report

The board of directors of the Johnson-Mathers Health Care Inc. installed officers for the coming year at the board's annual meeting Tuesday, Jan. 23, at Johnson-Mathers Nursing Home. Officers installed were Edgar Allen Darrell, chairman; Bob Sparks, vice chairman; John Anderson, secretary and Katherine Smart, treasurer.

In addition, certificates of appreciation were presented to three previous members of the board. They were Bush Hollar, Tommy Vaughn and S. R. Barlow.

The board also heard the financial report for the previous year for both the hospital and the nursing home.

According to the income statement for the Nicholas County Hospital revenues collected during 1978 totaled \$728,825.15 while expenses were \$780,580.91 leaving a deficit of \$51,755.76. An entry marked "Other income contributions" totaled \$2,230.70, reducing the deficit to \$49,525.06.

The Johnson-Mathers Nursing Home reported revenues of \$461,141.19 and expenses of \$407,998.17 leaving a deficit of \$53,143.02.

The deficits for the two facilities totaled \$102,668.08 for the year ending Dec. 31, 1978.

A cash budget for the 1979 operating year was also distributed to the board. The hospital anticipates an income of \$868,070 and expenses totaling \$868,260, leaving a projected surplus on Dec. 31, 1979 of \$210.

The nursing home anticipates revenues of \$476,045 and expenses of \$460,444, leaving a projected surplus on Dec. 31, 1979 of \$15,601 for a total surplus of \$15,771.

The income statements for the hospital and nursing also showed a total entry for "bad debts and contractual allowances" of \$197,803.84 for the two facilities.

After the meeting members of the board toured the new Nicholas County Hospital. Architects for the hospital told Nicholas Fiscal Court recently that the facility was 90 per cent completed but no date was given when the building would be ready for occupancy.

(Johnson-Mathers Health Care, Inc. administrator Ken Urilage has scheduled an interview with the Mercury this week on the facility's income statements and proposed budget.)

News briefly

Heart Fund Drive begins

Three appointments to leadership positions in the 1979 Nicholas County Heart Fund drive have been announced by the state campaign chairman, Attorney General Robert F. Stephens of Frankfort, All of Carlisle, they are: Pat Allison, County Heart Fund chairman;

M. C. Blair, County Business Gifts Chairman and John Allison, County Heart Fund Treasurer.

Jimmy Carter will assist Blair as City and County Business Gift co-chairman. The Carlisle Community

Women's Club will handle the door-to-door drive on Heart Sunday, Feb. 25. Mrs. Edna Darrell and Mrs. Lester Snapp are co-chairmen of that drive.

Stephens urged full support of the 1979 Appeal, noting that 650,000 Kentuckians suffer from heart disease and that 54 per cent of all known causes of death in the Commonwealth are due to heart and blood vessel diseases.

A total of \$116,543.26 was contributed last year to the Heart Fund in Kentucky, Stephens said.

Optimist auction a success

The Carlisle-Nicholas County Optimist Club's second annual Charity Auction held last Friday at the Old Army meted a little more than \$1,000, according to club president Andy Dudley.

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CALF is waiting to help someone

by Jeff Kerr



New wheels

Elzie Sloan, bus driver for the Carlisle CALF Center, shows off the new bus the center recently received after a two-year wait. The bus, funded in part by city and county monies, will be used to transport sick and elderly Nicholas County residents to and from the grocery store and doctor's office. — Mercury photo.

The door to 116 South Locust Street in Carlisle opens to an organization that helps Nicholas Countyans in many ways.

The Carlisle-Nicholas County Center of Community Action Lexington-Fayette (CALF) offers assistance to local residents in areas such as transportation, clothing, counseling, housing, filing out government forms or just providing someone to talk with.

More often than not that someone is center coordinator Maudie Toddler and Medicaid, among others.

"During bad weather we call people whom we know are sick or elderly or can't get out and ask them if there is anything they need or that we can do for them," Mrs. Toddler said in a recent interview. "A lot of times they'll just call us because they're lonely or need someone to talk to."

Most of the time the local CALF chapter is busy with transportation work. The center has a 1979 Dodge Mustang that can seat 15 passengers and it keeps on the road picking up passengers and taking them to the grocery store, doctor, drugstore or wherever they need to go. During bouts

of bad weather the bus and driver, Elzie Sloan, are usually busy delivering food and medicine to shut-ins who can't get out because of the weather.

It's not only the elderly that are helped through the local center. The poor, the handicapped and the sick are all concerns of CALF and their program is geared to offer services to many different types of individuals.

For example, the center offers employment counseling and will also fill out forms for Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid, among others.

There is the Clothing Bank program in which used clothing is brought to the center and then re-distributed to needy families. Last year the center distributed clothes to more than 1,300 families.

Other services offered are help in finding housing, counseling and referral for those with mental or drug problems and aid in handling large utility bills that would normally strangle someone's finances without assistance.

Last year more than \$10,000 was distributed in that program, called Crisis Intervention.

The center is under the direction of the Lexington group, although it had been affiliated with the Lexington Valley Area Development District. It receives help from both the city and county in different forms.

City, county help

For example, the county puts up 20 per cent of the cost of the new bus under a state program and the city is paying for the operating expenses of the vehicle for one year. In addition, the driver, Elzie Sloan, is paid through the county under the CRTA program.

The bus, which was on order for two years, also has a wheelchair lift that Mrs. Toddler hopes to replace with a ramp.

"We don't have that many people in wheelchairs and the ramp would give some room for more passengers," she said.

Rules for use

Mrs. Toddler also released a list of guidelines for use of the bus for county residents.

— regular pickup for shopping and personal services will be made on Thursdays.

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