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Brown sweeps Nicholas; Lenz, Mathers win



Brown Wins

John Y. Brown, Jr. shown here during a campaign stop in Paris with his wife, Phyllis George, won Nicholas County on Tuesday. He defeated Terry McBrayer and Harvey Sloane last Tuesday. Brown had 700 votes, McBrayer had 383 and Sloane had 216. For complete Nicholas election results, see the recapitulation sheets in this week's Mercury. Photo submitted.

Color Nicholas County Brown when remembering the 1978 Democratic primary.

John Y. Brown, Jr. swept every Nicholas County precinct on his way to capturing the nomination for governor. He will face former Governor Louie B. Nunn, who won in Nicholas with 69 total votes.

Nunn's closest competitors in the four-man Republican race was Elmer Bagley, Jr. who gathered four votes. Two other Republican hopefuls, Ray B. White and Thurman Jerome Hamlin, could only muster two votes each.

With bright sunny weather for voting, Nicholas Countians turned out about 51 percent of the registered voters in what observers have called the wildest Democratic primary in years.

The McBrayer campaign made a big pitch for Nicholas, with the candidate himself stopping in Carlisle three times before the election, the last just being a helicopter stop the day before the election.

But Democratic voters in Nicholas County and throughout the state overwhelmingly rejected McBrayer's bid, which was seen as an attempt by the Carroll faction of the Democratic Party to keep control of the governor's office.

In local races incumbent Charles "Chuck" Lenz, who re-election as Nicholas County judge, pipped Herman Bretz by 25 votes, 821-796. Lynn Bowles, who was elected to the post of judge two years ago and whose resignation forced the special election, was a distant third with 213 votes. Another candidate for the office, Carlisle City Policeman Frank Hatfield, had 67 votes.

Taylor Mathers, who was appointed Nicholas County's Covager after the death of Ralph Shearer, won re-election to that post, topping former coroner Billy Clark, 214-201.

In other county races Andrew Bretz won re-election as magistrate in District Two and Harold Mitchell won the District Four magistrate's seat. Mitchell edged incumbent James S. Anderson 22-14 to win the office. Floyd Bassell was third with 108 votes and Gary Howard was fourth with 56 votes.

Bretz won his election by a slim seven-vote margin over Vernon Craig. The three-way race was separated by only 19 votes as third-place

finisher Elmo Myers gathered 93 votes.

All the county offices filled in the election will be up for re-election in two years.

In the only other area race State Rep. Adrian Arnold of Mt. Sterling topped challenger Thomas Anderson in Nicholas by a tally of 62-24. Arnold won the district by carrying Bath 110-792 and Montgomery 2,028 to 1,044. He will face Republican opposition this November.

In other state-wide races Nicholas gave the nod for lieutenant governor to Bill Cox, who lost statewide to Martha Layne Collins. Cox gathered 244 votes locally to 408 for Mrs. Collins. Running third in that race was Jim Vernon of Corbin with 103 votes.

Brown's entry into the governor's race was aided early by the endorsement of candidate Ralph Ed Graves who dropped out of the race and threw his support to Brown shortly after the millionaire businessman announced.

A further defection from the race, that of State Auditor George Atkins, also helped Brown when Atkins endorsed him and later helped transfer the United Mine Worker's endorsement from his campaign to Brown's.

McBrayer had been endorsed by Gov. Julian Carroll for the post and had been groomed for the job through his experience as a legislator and Kentucky Commerce Commissioner. But Kentucky Democrats doubted their independence by rejecting McBrayer's bid in favor of Brown. Statewide, former Louisville mayor Harvey Sloane ran close to Brown with McBrayer finally ending third.

The former Kentucky Fried Chicken executive will meet Nunn in November in what is expected to be a free-wheeling campaign. Nunn has already mentioned that Brown should make a full financial disclosure and has accused the Democratic candidate of being a "high-stakes gambler." Nunn has also won former governor Happy Chandler's endorsement. Chandler was a longtime political foe of Brown's father, a noted Lexington criminal lawyer who ran for the U. S. Senate unsuccessfully several times.

On the local scene seats on the Carlisle City Council will be up for election this fall, along with the rest of the statewide ballot.

New hospital occupied; phone number is 289-7181

On Monday evening around 6 p.m. the staff of the Nicholas County Hospital was just ending a long day of moving equipment to the new hospital building adjoining the Johnson-Mathers Nursing Home.

Although the old hospital would be emptied the next morning, administrator Robert Hester said that the emergency and obstetric rooms were left operating "just in case."

It was a good thing they were because shortly after 4 p.m. Donna Earlywine, wife of Clarence Earlywine, Jr. entered the old hospital to give birth to the last baby born there — and the last patient to be admitted there.

By Tuesday at noon the job of moving

was complete and the new Nicholas County Hospital settled down to business with a new phone number — 289-7181, which connects callers with the main switchboard at the health care complex — and several patients, including Mrs. Earlywine and daughter, Frank Weaver and W.M. Wheeler, who was the first patient transferred from the old hospital to the new.

Shortly after 10 a.m. Dr. Allen Hamon dropped by the new hospital and entered his first patient and the first new admission to the hospital, Roy Gaucan. Along the same time Dr. W.R. Kingsolver also dropped by to see the new facility although he had no admissions at that time.

Occupation of the new building marks a new era in Nicholas County health care as well as in the state of Kentucky.

For the first time in the state four levels of health patient care are available under the same roof.

A key factor in the success of the new hospital will be patient occupancy, which must be kept at a rate high enough to justify costs.

Patient occupancy in turn is tied to the number of physicians in the community who use the hospital to admit and care for their patients.

There are presently three physicians and a surgeon who use the hospital and a fourth will be coming to Carlisle later this summer.



Time Out

Sharing a smile between their lines during the Nicholas County Elementary Kindergarten graduation exercises last Friday were Todd Quinn, left, and Steven Moseley. — Mercury photo

Moo Moo Clues

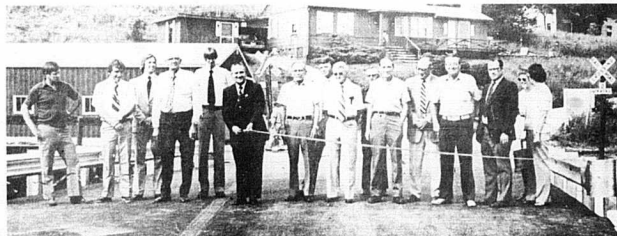
In last week's Grandpa Moo Moo clue the wrong date was printed in the first line. The entire clue is reprinted along with this week's clue below. The winner of the Grandpa Moo Moo contest will be announced at the June Dairy Month dinner June 21 at Nicholas County Elementary School.

Clue Two

In 1763 his grandpa of five generations back
Left our "Mother State" in quite a hurry
Because he thought he killed a man
On whom he had vented his fury.

Clue Three

His early summers were conventional
Watermelon escapades were intentional
He rode the Greyhound to attend GHS
The class of algebra was not his best.



First bridge

The new two-lane bridge over Brushy Fork at the intersection of Elm Street and the Upper Jackstown Road is the first bridge to be built in Kentucky under the Emergency Municipal Aid to Bridges program, the program, administered by the state, is designed to replace and repair bridges throughout the state. The Brushy Fork bridge was completed in about three months by the N.H. Stone Co. of Sharpshurg, who received the bid on Jan. 22. The bridge was dedicated last Saturday with a ribbon-

cutting. Those present were, from left, Gail Turner of N.H. Stone, Bill Bridges, unidentified, Wilburn Clark, unidentified, Mayor Bill Power, Alice Crawford (council member), Gayle Vandandingham, Julian Green (council member), Oliver Vice, Frankie Hughes (council member), J. M. Crawford, Gene Armbrige, Jim Brown, Carol Sparks (council member), Margaret Wade. Not present when the picture was taken but arriving shortly after was council member Charles Fay. — Mercury photo.

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