



Miss Burden's chorus calls Mr. Wilson

This is your life

Nicholas County Elementary principal Charles Edward Wilson wanted to end his 29-year teaching career as quietly and as efficiently as he had conducted it but his friends and family had a few surprises in store for him.

Mr. Wilson had let it be known this was his last year as principal and he would be taking his retirement at the end of the 1978-79 school year, ending a career that had begun in 1950.

His successor, Gerald Hammons, had worked with him for a year as assistant principal and was familiar with the school's operations. So Mr. Wilson figured he would quietly slip out of school.

That didn't last long and last week the Nicholas County Elementary PTA gave him their goodbye in the form of a "This is Your Life" presentation.

It was said he suspected something, especially when he wasn't allowed to enter the gym of go backstage in the school he had watched over since it was built, but he let the PTA run the meeting as usual.

The first talking of any change in the routine came when Miss Anabel Burden and her children's chorus directed their attention to the rear where Wilson was standing with Supt. Don Elder and Hammons. Their song told him to step forward and when he was a little hesitant he was escorted by two young ladies.

The curtains flew open and a chair was revealed, in the middle of the stage, and a banner that read "This is Your

Life, Mr. Wilson," as Carolyn Dotson, PTA president and emcee, began the story of his life. The atmosphere alternated between laughter and nostalgia.

Wilson's parents and most of his family were there, waiting in the wings. As they stepped to the microphone that he couldn't see and began speaking, the surprise began to register on his face.

His days as his native Pulaski County were recalled, along with his schooling and his coming to Nicholas County, Kimball Booth and his daughter, Sara Ellen, were selected to represent Wilson's first and last class in an emotion-filled moment.

There were the lighter moments, the presentation of a "Super Principal" tee shirt, the free lunch ticket, the rubber chicken and the "device" for any upcoming back problems were copped by the brief appearance of "Dolly Parton" and the guest of honor had as many laughs as anyone.

But when he spoke, after all the students he had taught and who were present had risen, all was quiet.

Mr. Wilson spoke of retirement as something all of must do but he equated it with a moving on, rather than a quitting. Nobody should be afraid of moving or leaving a job or retire, he said because it is something we all must do at one time.

A portrait of the popular principal was also presented to the school. Wilson has been principal of the elementary school since it was opened in 1970.

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Mr. Wilson's parents were there



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Visits

Carroll Hubbard, center, Democratic candidate for governor in the May 29 primary, visited Carlisle last Tuesday. Hubbard, currently Kentucky First District Congressman, is one of six major candidates seeking the Democratic nomination for governor. From left are Tommy Mize of Ovingville, Hubbard, Lindsey Pasty of Winchester and Avery Mitchell of Carlisle—Mercury photo



Election officers named

Election officers for the May 29 primary were announced last week. They are:

District One, Headquarters — Clerk, Earl V. Delaney (D); Judges, Frances Harney (D) and Dale M. Kennedy (R); Sheriff, Martha P. Kennedy (R).

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District Five, Mathias — Clerk, Pauline Earlywine (R); Judges, Eiza R. Bailey (R) and Hazel K. Henry (D); Sheriff, Alma Atkinson (D).

District Six, City Building — Clerk, Ruth C. Hollar (D); Judges, James Neal Wood (D) and Eva Donovan (R); Sheriff, Naomi R. Dale (R).

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