



## Farm census returns sought in round-up

A drive to round up reports that have not yet been returned from farm households in the 1978 Census of Agriculture was launched today by the Bureau of the Census. Bureau officials called the drive a "special effort to provide statistical results to the Nation's farmers and other users of census data as early as possible."

Most farm operators first received report forms last January, and most have, by now, completed and returned them. Although the rate at which reports have been returned has exceeded the pace of the last farm census, some farmers and ranchers have not sent in their reports.

"The completeness and accuracy of this important agricultural census depend upon each individual filling out the report form received," said Orvin Whitte, Chief of the Bureau's Agriculture Division. "I am sure that farmers and agricultural leaders want their county and State totals to be as accurate and useful as possible."

The farm census is the only government or private method for gathering and reporting agriculture information on a county-by-county basis for the entire Nation, Whitte noted.

Important decisions will be made by farmer organizations, marketing associations and co-ops on the basis of information in the farm census, he said. Census figures also are widely used by many other organizations, both public and private, in making decisions for services, supplies, and equipment.

Operators who neglect to fill out and return their reports, Whitte said, are doing themselves and all other operators a disservice. They impair the accuracy of the statistics for their area and may even reduce their county's share of funds allocated for research and other agricultural purposes, Whitte said.

A few landlords and others may have received more than one form, each addressed differently, Whitte explained as follows:

"Each report that the Bureau mailed was assigned its own census file number (CFN). We need a response for each CFN so that the record can be cleared. Anyone who did not farm in 1978, for whatever reason, and anyone who received extra reports with different file numbers should note these facts on the forms and return them so that additional followups can be avoided."

The Bureau realizes that some farmers and ranchers need reassurance that their report is confidential. "By law," Whitte said, "the report may be seen only by sworn census employees, and used only to tabulate totals for your county, State and the Nation."

If "To Err is Human," the newspaper trade is very human — particularly when it comes to headlines. Here's one from the Philadelphia Bulletin: GIRLS SEEK BIRTHS ON U.S. TRUCK TEAM.

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The Nicholas County property tax roll will be opened for inspection from June 4 through June 8, 1979. Under the supervision of the property valuation administrator or one of her deputies, any property owner may inspect the tax roll to check the assessment of his property and compare it with the assessment of comparable property to determine whether it is equitably assessed. The tax roll may not be inspected for any other purpose.

This is the January 1, 1979 assessment on which state, county, and school taxes for 1979 will be due.

The tax roll is in the office of the property valuation administrator in the county courthouse and may be inspected between the hours 8:30 A.M. and 4:30 P.M.

**Rose Brady,**  
Property Valuation Administrator  
**Nicholas County**

## NCHS Office Practice students get on-the-job training locally

Students enrolled in the Office Practice class at NCHS have been serving an internship with several local offices and agencies for the past nine weeks. The purpose of the program was to give the students practical experiences related to office work. The program is offered in the Business Education Department under the supervision of teachers Mrs. Jimmie Barton and Mrs. Pat Massey. The girls enrolled are:



Donna Hughes and Delma Livingood of the Nicholas County Extension Office.



Pam Bowles and Nicholas County Attorney Joseph H. Conley.



Kathy Mitchell, Blue Grass Industries.



Sharon Fisher, Nicholas County Board of Education.

(Mercury photos)

## Never too late!

A Nicholas County student at Lindsay Wilson College in Columbia, Ky., finished the fall semester with a 3.2 average, will attend summer school and will also serve as a dorm mother during the summer session.

What is so unusual about that? This student returned to college 40 years after she finished high school.

Miriam Curry of Moorefield entered Lindsay Wilson last fall to continue her education and posted grades of A, B, B, B, B. Writing to the Mercury to have her address changed she said: "Put this in your society column if you think it's important." We think it's better than important and wish Mrs. Curry well in her renewed college career.

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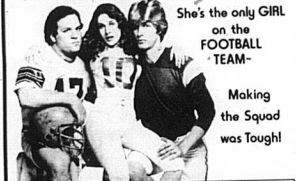
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Two members of the Nicholas County Board of Elections held on to a voting machine for support after the long task of checking the list of candidates for Tuesday's primary election. Sheriff J. W. Ecton Jr. and Russell Bell, along with County Clerk Ross Scott make up the board. In the background is Charles Hopkins who is in charge of making sure the machines work properly. —Mercury photo

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