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PVAs considering assessments suit



Um, um good!

The Carlisle-Nicholas County Parks and Recreation Department held a wieners roast Monday at the recreation park on the East Union Road. For more information on upcoming recreation activities see story inside this week's Mercury. — Mercury photo.

NCHS announces '80 awards

Whitney Mathes and Grant Mathes shared valedictorian honors while Martha Wooley was named salutatorian as the honors list for the Nicholas County High School Class of 1980 was announced.

Whitney Mathes is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Mathes. She

plans to attend Berea College in the fall and major in pre-veterinary medicine. Mrs. Wilson Mathes is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Mathes. He plans to attend Mayville Community College and major in agri-business.

Martha Wooley is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Wooley. She also

plans to attend Berea College and pursue a career in law. In other awards Lynn Judge and Michelle Knappke were named winners of the Future Homemaker Scholarship. Grant Mathes received the Chamber

of Commerce scholarship. Other senior academic award winners were: Dan Good Citizenship — Deanna Darrell; Chemistry — Whitney Mathes; Physics — Mark Baker; Bookkeeping — Cathy Mitchell; Robbie Harney English Award — Kay Conley;

Eastern Kentucky University Alumni Award — Sandy McDonald; Music — Michelle Knappke and Lisa Payne;

Childcare — Jackie Clinkenbeard; NCHS Alumni Award — Michelle Knappke.

Underclassmen academic awards were presented were:

Biology — Sherry Fryer; General Science — Beth Blair; Industrial Arts — Bradley Murrell; English 9 — Jennifer Hughes; English 10 — Angie Wilson; English 11 — Marsha Mattix; Home Economics 11 — Angie Wilson; Clothing — Sandy Caswell; Conservation Essay — Jennifer Hughes, first, Beth Blair, second.

Carter, Reagan carry Nicholas

Only 583 of the 3678 registered voters in Nicholas County turned out for last Tuesday's party primary.

The ballot also included a presidential preference choice. In the only local race contested Seventh District Congressman Carl D. Perkins easily outdistanced his opponent in the Democratic primary vote.

Perkins polled 29 votes to Ray Adkins' 63. Wendell H. Ford, running for re-election to the U.S. Senate topped his Democratic opponent Flera Trepelton Stuart 67-46.

In the presidential race it was like this: Jimmy Carter 375; Edward M. Kennedy 93; Uncommitted, 28; Richard H. Kay, 9 and Cliff Finch, 5.

For the Republicans the vote went like this: Ronald Reagan, 37; George Bush, 6; John Anderson, 2; Uncommitted, 1; Benjamin Fernandez, 9; Harold Stassen, 6.

On the Republican side of the ledger for U.S. Senator Mary Louisa Poust won handily in the county over her opponent. The voting went like this:

MMI names new president

William R. Stamler, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Millersburg Military Institute, has announced the

appointment of MMI's seventh president, John H. Colbaugh of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, effective June 1.



John H. Colbaugh



Col. Alvin Hadley

Colbaugh has previously served as Headmaster of the Palm Beach Academy in Florida and also of the York County Day School in York, Pennsylvania; and as Dean, Liberal Arts and Sciences Division, of Point Park College, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He holds an All Degree in History and English from the University of Pittsburgh and an M. Litt. degree in Education from the Pitt Graduate School. He is a veteran US Army Artillery Officer (holder of the Unit Croix de Guerre), an author ("The World's First War II Victory Parade"), a former teacher of Mathematics, English and History and a former coach of basketball, soccer and tennis. He was elected to the "Leaders of Education" Fourth Edition.

Colbaugh succeeds Colonel Alvan C. Hadley, Jr., who has served an MMI's sixth president since July 1975. Colonel Hadley has been appointed as Superintendent of the New York Military Academy at Cortland-on-Hudson, N.Y. Colonel Hadley, a 1943 graduate of NYMA and graduate of the United States Military Academy in 1946, assumed his new duties on June 1.

Society dinner

reservations due

The Nicholas County Historical Society annual dinner reservations must be made by June 12. Anyone interested in local history and preservation is invited to attend. Reservations are \$4.00 each and can be mailed to the Nicholas County Historical Society, Inc., P.O. Box 222, Carlisle, 40311 or give them to any director of the society.

Roger Womack, local attorney, is the guest speaker for the dinner, scheduled for Thursday, June 17 at Garnett Country Club. His topic will be "Myths of History."

Also on the agenda will be a discussion of the local Oral History Project by Harry Galbraith, president of the society.

So far this year Mr. Galbraith has interviewed on tape Lucian Robinson, Luther Clay, John and Andy Holland and Alan Simpson. The tapes are available for listening at the Nicholas County Public Library.

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that some deeds include equipment or personal property on a parcel of land but that is not reflected in the deed, lending the land an inflated value.

"They are not required by law to use any specific system to determine their assessments," Mrs. Brady said. "We happened to think the way they're doing it now is not accurate."

Meeting degenerates
The delegation from the PVA meeting that met with Commissioner Alphin last week was not exactly optimistic of their chances or pleased with the way the meeting went.

According to reports in the Lexington Herald and the Louisville Courier Journal, Alphin refused to compromise to a 90 percent of market value figure and told the PVAs he had to be at least 95.

Alphin also told the group he knew of at least seven PVAs in the state who were making more money than allowed under state law and repeated that if the PVAs refused to assess the property at 90 percent or more he could suspend their pay.

PVAs are elected locally but are considered state employees, and are paid through Frankfort, not local fiscal courts.

It was after the meeting with Alphin that the PVAs decided to investigate the possibility of filing suit.

Meanwhile, the assessments in 96 percent of the state's counties, including Nicholas, are being delayed. That also means the 1980 tax bills will be delayed.

"It's a bad situation, especially here," Mrs. Brady said. "We've just about gotten caught up from the last suit in 1977 and now we're back where we started."

"I don't know what to tell the people," she said. "It may be three weeks to a month before we (the PVAs) can meet again to decide about the suit."

One suggestion that Mrs. Brady said is being considered is an injunction that would allow taxpayers to pay on the disputed assessments and settle the rest later.

If that doesn't materialize and if the

dispute isn't settled then many cities and fiscal courts across the state will have to borrow money eventually to keep the governments running while the suit is being heard. This happened in Nicholas County and Carlisle when

the 1977 taxes were delayed by a suit from a group called the Fair Tax Committee. That suit was just settled last year and Nicholas County taxpayers have been paying catch up ever since.



Honored

Judge G.A. Famularo of the 18th Judicial District, which includes Nicholas County, was honored at three times recently — once by his colleagues and once by the Kentucky Bar Association. Judge Famularo resides in Mt. Olivet and hears court in Nicholas, Robertson, Pendleton and Harrison Counties. — Mercury photo.

Judge Famularo receives honors

Judge G.A. Famularo of the 18th Judicial District, which includes Nicholas County, was the recent recipient of honors awarded him by his fellow judges and also by the local bar.

During the meeting several national authorities spoke on the relationship between the bench and the bar, the judicial impact, judicial stress and the relationship between the judiciary and the media.

Among the speakers were Chief Justice Robert F. Utter of the Washington State Supreme Court, A. J. Baskin of the National News Council and State Representative Bobby Richardson.

Judge Famularo was also presented with The Continuing Legal Education Recognition Award by the Kentucky Bar Association recently. This certification is a minimum of 60 hours in continuing legal education courses approved by the association within a three year period.

The award from his fellow judges was

Acres reports due

Farmers across the state have begun reporting a set of certifying acreage planted to various crops. As explained by Eugene Letcher, chairperson of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation (ASC) Committee for Nicholas County, certification is the procedure by which farmers report their acreage planted to wheat, feed grain, and soybeans. This method, several years ago, replaced a procedure where field reporters visited each farm. "The certification method is less costly," Letcher said.

As soon as farmers finish planting their crops, they can start reporting and certifying the acreage at the Nicholas County ASCS Office.

"Acreage certification is very important," Letcher said. "In order to be eligible for program benefits," Farmers participating in the farm programs and planting wheat, corn, grain sorghum and soybeans and who want to be eligible for price support loans and disaster or deficiency payments, if applicable, must report acreage planted.

"If acres have been certified, ASCS personnel make spot checks of farms selected at random. Crops certified and measured are compared with certification made by the farmer," Letcher said. "June 1 is the final date for reporting acres planted to the full seeding crops. July 1 is the final date for reporting acres planted to all other crops," Letcher said.