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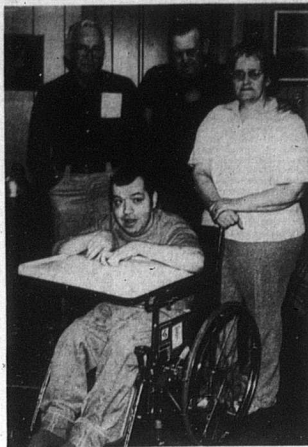
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Local firm loses cable bid



New wheels

Butch Fisher has a new wheelchair, courtesy of the Kentucky Easter Seal Society. The chair replaces one Butch received from the Easter Seal Society in 1971 and has a tray and brakes, as well as adjustable leg rests. Pictured are, from left, Joe Crouch, Nicholas Easter Seals chairman, George Fisher and Helen Fisher. — Mercury photo.

Easter Seals buys Butch a wheelchair

"It's all he's been talking about since he heard," Helen Fisher said. "He's been awful excited about this."

"That was a new wheelchair for Butch Fisher, the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Fisher of the Dog Walk Road in Nicholas County. And like the wheelchair he's been using it was supplied at no cost to the Fishers by the Kentucky Easter Seals Society.

"I tell you, I don't ever pass one of those jars up if I have some change," George Fisher said. "We know what these people can do for you."

Joe Crouch, Nicholas County Easter Seals chairman, told the Fishers that bringing the wheelchair to Butch demonstrates to him the worthiness of the Easter Seals campaign, of which he's been the local chairman since 1961.

"Something like this is what Easter Seals are all about," Crouch said. "This is money that's staying in the county and helping one of our own people."

Butch was adopted by the Fishers when he was five months old. Now 32, he's confined to his wheelchair and needs constant care, which his family supplies in loving quantities.

In fact, one of the features of the new wheelchair that Butch is expected to get the most use of is a tray, which will hold his meals, but more importantly, serve as a playing surface for the many card games he enjoys with his sisters.

Other aspects of the new chair are brakes for the wheels, leg pads and footrests. When Crouch brought the wheelchair into the Fishers' house George Fisher began walking around it and inspecting it carefully.

"What are you looking for, George?" Crouch said. "Trying to see where I could put an electric motor on this thing," he replied with a wink. "We'll get Butch going here with this new chair."

Butch's old wheelchair will be reconditioned and sent along to the state society for someone else's use. It was given to him in 1971 by the Easter Seals Society.

As Crouch was leaving Mrs. Fisher said, "Now you look in the mail 'cause Butch is going to write you. He can't write too good yet but he can scribble some and he wants to do it."

Crouch estimated the cost of the new wheelchair at \$500 but from the look on Butch's face as he sat in it you could tell he wouldn't take 10 times that for it.

Health Care Awards

Photos of Volunteer Award winners of the Nicholas County Health Care Auxiliary are on pages 6, 7 and 9 of this week's Mercury.

A local company was unsuccessful in challenging the contract held by the KLI Cable TV company in furnishing cable television to Carlisle residents at the Monday meeting of the city council but the battle may not be over yet.

"I have only one statement to make," said Russell Bell of KLI Cable. "and that is that we will turn this over to our attorneys and they'll take whatever action they see fit."

Bell and Meredith Evans, the "CP" of KLI, asked the city council in a letter dated Feb. 25 to void the contract of the KLI company and re-open the franchise for bids.

The letter also asked for all papers the city had concerning the cable franchise, which was awarded to the Winchester firm in August of 1978.

School set to dismiss on May 23

If Old Man Winter has blown his last icy breath across Nicholas County then school will dismiss for the summer holidays on May 23.

And students in the Nicholas County Elementary and High Schools will get a week-long spring vacation beginning April 7.

Superintendent Don Elder said this week that barring any more snow days school could dismiss on May 23 with the teachers returning May 24 for a professional day.

Elder said the week of May 26-30 is being held in reserve in case any more days are missed due to weather or high water.

As of March 10 (Monday) the Nicholas County system had three days to make up snow barriers were expected Monday evening but no significant precipitation was forecast.

Spring break will begin April 7 with the 8th and 9th holidays and the 11th and 12th KEA meeting days, bringing the total spring break to one week.

Other business

In other school news the Nicholas County Board of Education approved the renting of the 180 tobacco crop owned by the schools to Charles Watkins. Watkins is renting 5,970 pounds from the system.

The board also approved the purchase of EEA of appliances from the Harrison RECC. The RECC is going out of the appliance business and the Home Goods Department at the high school is buying the assorted appliances for that program.

Bids for office supplies, teacher supplies, custodial supplies and meats and groceries were accepted at the March meeting of the board. The board will also advertise for bids on bus parts, library books and supplies and athletic supplies.

Approval was given for the Nicholas County 4-H Council to use the elementary school March 28 and 29 for its annual talent show. The Nicholas County Dairy Association was also granted a request to use the elementary school cafeteria on March 26 and 27.

In personnel matters the board okayed a leave of absence for bus driver Mary Shapp and added Diane Wills and Donna Kelley to the substitute teacher list.

200 search for lost child

"It just goes to show you friends are more valuable than money," Nicholas County Sheriff J.W. Ecton was talking about the 200 people who showed up near Hartsville Saturday afternoon to search for a three-year-old child who wandered away from a house on the Johnson Road last evening when remodeling.

According to Sheriff Ecton, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lane were working on their house on the Johnson Road about 1:30 a.m. Saturday when they decided to go inside for a lunch break.

While they did their three-year-old son wandered away into the woods and started a search that involved the Nicholas County Fire and Rescue Squad, the Carlisle Volunteer Fire Department and dozens of neighbors.

The child was found about 7 p.m. on a ridge about one-half mile from his parents' house. He was on a ridge off the road watching some horses belonging to Bill Higdon (under whom he was found) by members of his family.

"They found him just about dark and it was a good thing they did," Ecton said. "I know if we didn't it would be a mess."

Paul supports Bell and Evans were supported by council member Bob Paul who said he had opinions from three attorneys that the bond on the franchise expired Jan. 1 making the contract void.

In dispute were dates on which the bond premium was renewed as well as the length of the contract with KLI, which, with the adoption of the minutes of the Feb. 25 special meeting, has been renewed twice for six-month terms since the work began in August of 1978.

The contract, which was upheld by the adoption of the minutes, gives the firm a six-month extension, retroactive to Jan. 1, 1980 with all customers wanting look-ups on the system by July 1 or the firm will pay a \$50 per week penalty.

KLI is in the process of selling the Carlisle franchise to another cable

group from Stanton and Clay City. A spokesman for the firm detailed the troubles that have put the cable company a year behind on its contract.

Blamed for the delay was the truck strike, the moving of electric and phone lines, difficulty with getting parts and amplifiers and the incorrect placement of a building to house the equipment, which the spokesman said put his firm two months behind schedule.

New usage

The cable has been in operation in some parts of Carlisle (and some outside the city limits) since November of 1979. Some hookups have been made along Main Street, up Rycamore to North Street and in Kennedy Heights and Mockingbird Lane.

The motion at the called meeting to extend the contract was made by

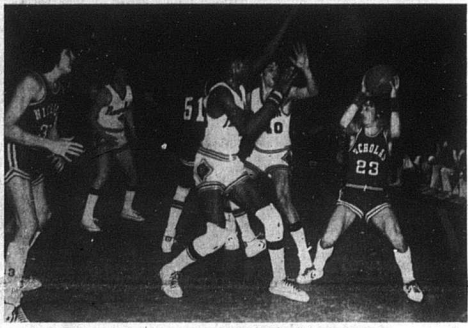
council member Frankie Hughes. The vote was three for the motion and three abstaining. With the adoption of the minutes Monday the extension is in effect.

But Bell indicated that he may resort to legal action to clear up the matter.

Take bids

In other action the council took bids for used equipment owned by the city. W.C. Jefferson bid \$10 for a backhoe bucket and Ed Jefferson bid \$800 for a 1962 Ford tractor and \$200 for a scraping blade.

Dr. Elmer Fuller was appointed to the Carlisle Independent Planning and Zoning Commission for a four-year term beginning March 23, 1980.



Two Bourbon County Colonels, Mark Walls (40) and Ricky Wilson, put the defensive pressure on Mark Vice in last week's 37th District game at Bourbon County. Others pictured, from left, are Donald Markland (33), Bourbon's Marci Taulbee and Jerry Edwards (51). — Mercury photo.

Colonels' height dashes Jackets' title hopes

By Kay Conley

In the end one team had to lose. The Nicholas County Bluejackets felt the agony of defeat last Wednesday night when they fell 65-58 to the Bourbon County Colonels in 37th District.

The loss upset any hopes the Jackets had of advancing in district play, and it ended their season with a 21-5 record.

The defeat was not the only sad impact of the game, as five seniors bowed out from further Nicholas County line-ups.

Under the leadership of Mike Hutton, Mark Vice, Pat Letcher and Steve Hamilton (senior John Doyle was unable to play because of illness) and with the support of an overflowing number of Nicholas County fans, the Bluejacket team fought a rough battle in the first quarter.

A turnover by the Colonels gave Vice an opportunity to tie the game at four all. A bucket by Hutton following a handoff from Vice lessened Bourbon County's lead, 12-8.

An offensive rebound and bucket by Vice marked the score 14-10 at the quarter's end.

Lead out

The tense nerves of both teams were felt in the second quarter. A shot by David McGuffey from Hutton proved good following the opening jump ball, and squeaked the Colonels lead to a slim 14-12.

A lay-up by Jerry Edwards, with the aid of Hutton's pass, tied the game 16-16. Hutton stepped to the stripe and hit two free throws to give Nicholas their first lead, 22-20, of the game.

A goal by Donald Markland, with Mike Sowell's help, sent the Jackets out front 24-21.

Ricky Wilson of Bourbon regained the Colonels lead, 25-24, with a bucket towards the end of the half. An outside jumper by Hutton with the clock reading three, made the score 27-26 in Bourbon's favor at halftime.

Nicholas County began to feel the surge of the Colonels' height in the third quarter. With three strikers over six feet, Bourbon began to use their height versus the Jackets' quickness. A theft by Markland and fast-break to the hoop was good for a 30-29 Nicholas lead.

Hutton ties

An outside jump shot by Hutton tied the game at 34-all midway through the quarter.

The Colonels sunk a free throw with seven seconds remaining to take a 42-37 lead at the end of the quarter.

Without the assistance and leadership of starter Hutton in the fourth quarter, due to too many fouls, the Bluejackets' sting was more called upon. McGuffey dumped one free throw to move the score up 44-38, still in Bourbon's favor.

Sowell went to the line and tossed in two to knock-up the score 49-42. With 4:35 left in the game, Bourbon had attained an eight point, 53-45, advantage.

As time lapsed and the fighting ceased, Bourbon had edged out a 65-58 victory and Nicholas was forced to go home with the heartbreaking loss.

Mike Hutton was high-point man with 16. Mark Vice followed with 10 points, Jerry Edwards and Donald Markland had eight each, David McGuffey seven, Steve Hamilton four, and Barry Bretz, two.