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## State wants 20 percent assessment hike

Unless the Department of Revenue yields from its firm stand of 100 percent valuation in each county, Nicholas Countians, who own residential or commercial property face a 20 percent across-the-board increase in their 1980 assessments.

Nicholas County Property Valuation Administrator Howie Brady said Monday that the preliminary assessments rendered by her office to the Kentucky Department of Revenue were rejected last week.

Mrs. Brady said that Department of Revenue officials told her commercial property in Nicholas is valued at 78.58 percent of market value and residential property is valued at 80.61 percent of market value.

In order for her assessments to be accepted in Frankfort, she said, both residential and commercial property totals must be at least 95 percent of market value.

Farm assessments were 96.8 percent of market value, Mrs. Brady said. All farm assessments were reduced this year, she said, but residential and commercial weren't.

**Problem not just local**  
According to Mrs. Brady, the problem is not a localized one. The counties around us are in the same shape," she said. "Boonville is just a point or so higher (16 percent) but they still sent theirs back."

"The only county around that I know of that had its assessment certified is Woodford County," she said. "(Woodford County is adjacent to Fayette County and is known, among other things, for having the lowest unemployment rate in the state each month.)"

Mrs. Brady said the state Property Valuation Administrators' association is currently meeting with Department of Revenue officials to see if a compromise can be worked out. Even if it is, Nicholas Countians will still face

delayed tax bills, which have plagued the city, county and school district governments since 1977.

"Even if we go by the book and make the raise they want us to we're still behind at least a month," Mrs. Brady said.

**What's market value?**  
Part of the problem, Mrs. Brady feels, is in the formulas the state department uses to determine each county's assessment.

"The Revenue Department is a year behind on market values," she said. "The market is off this year and we tried to take that into consideration."

Another point that with a blanket increase some persons will be over-assessed. This is another point Mrs. Brady thinks the PVA's will have on their side in a court battle.

"There's just no way to go back and reassess all the residential and commercial property now," she said. And that's what the PVA's are counting on.

If a local PVA would refuse to make a reassessment then the state would send in a team to make an emergency reassessment. That would be feasible for a handful of counties but if 100 or more PVA's refused to make reassessments the Revenue Dept. could be strapped for time and manpower.

"I think the problem is that the new administration wants to make up a lot of ground at once," Mrs. Brady said. "When Mr. Alphin (Robert Alphin, Revenue Dept. Commissioner) took over they sent a letter out saying: everything should be done strictly by the book and if it wasn't they would stop our pay."

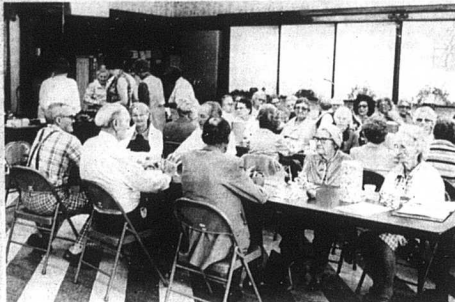
(Although PVA's are elected locally they are considered state employees and are paid through Frankfort instead of the county level.)

"In the past some county assessments were accepted under what they should have been," Mrs. Brady said. "I realize that was a problem but I don't think you can make up four years in one."

**Battle looming?**  
At this point it's unclear what's next. But if the PVA association doesn't reach a compromise with the Revenue Dept. then a lawsuit could conceivably follow.

And this suit would be a little different. Mrs. Brady also said she thinks if the state's PVA's go to court over the

**Publish assessments?**  
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### Senior Citizens Open House

The Nicholas County Senior Citizens Center is having an open house today (Thursday) from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Center on Locust Street. A joint venture between the City of Carlisle and the Nicholas Fiscal Court the Senior Citizens Center provides a place to gather, crafts lessons, musical entertainment and hot meals three days a week. Currently between 50 and 60 Nicholas Countians attend the center's activities. May is Older Americans Month in Kentucky and Senior Citizens Center is celebrating its third birthday this month. See a story inside this week's Mercury for a calendar of activities during Older Americans Month. — Mercury photo.



### Perkins honored

Mr. Pat Hardin, president of the Kentucky School Counselors' Association, presents a plaque from the American School Counselors' Association to Rep. Carl D. Perkins of the Kentucky Seventh Congressional District naming him "Legislator of the Year". Mrs. Hardin is a school counselor at Maxwell Elementary in Lexington. She is the wife of James E. (Doot) Hardin, formerly of Carlisle. — Photo submitted.

### Counselors recognize Perkins

The American School Counselors' Association has presented Kentucky Rep. Carl D. Perkins with a plaque naming him "Legislator of the Year". Perkins, who represents the Seventh Kentucky Congressional District, which includes Nicholas County, is a 16-term representative known for his championing of education.

In 1979 Perkins introduced the Elementary School Guidance and Counseling Incentive Act. In 1965 he sponsored the landmark Elementary and Secondary Education Act. He also sponsored and brought to a successful vote the Vocational Education Act of 1963 and in 1961 he wrote and sponsored the Adult Basic Education Act.

Perkins is also the author of the Vocational Education Student Work Study Program and he actively participated in the writing of the National Defense Education Act. In 1978 he engineered passage of the Middle Income Student Assistance Act, which for the first time, extended federal assistance benefits for education to middle income families.

Awarding the plaque to Rep. Perkins was Mrs. Pat Hardin, wife of James E. (Doot) Hardin, formerly of Carlisle. Mrs. Hardin is president of the Kentucky School Counselors' Association and is a guidance counselor at Maxwell Elementary School in Lexington.

### Moo Moo contest begins



It's time once again for the annual Nicholas County Dairy Association Moo Moo contest. Each week from now until June 19 a different clue to the identity of this year's Moo Moo will be published in the Mercury. The person who guesses the identity of the Moo Moo first receives \$25 in cash and second place is a silver tray. Anyone is eligible to enter.

To record your entry send your guess with your name on it to: County Extension Office, Courthouse, Carlisle, Ky., 40311, and put "Moo Moo" on the lower left corner of the envelope. The correct entry with the earliest postmark is the winner.

This year's Moo Moo is a Granddaughter Moo Moo. The first clue is printed below. Winners will be announced at the NCDA June Dairy Month meeting June 26 at Nicholas County Elementary School. You do not have to be present to win.

**Moo Moo Clue One**  
On a comparatively straight highway  
An energetic little person lives  
She sings, laughs and skips all day  
Because she drinks milk "ole Boony" gives  
She goes to school and church too  
Who is this darling granddaughter Moo Moo?

## School board hires '80-81 personnel

Teachers for the 1980-81 school year were hired at the May meeting of the Nicholas County Board of Education and despite cuts in funds and dropping enrollment Supt. Donald Elder said after the meeting that no cutbacks in teacher positions are expected.

Although we do have a dropping enrollment we don't foresee having to let anybody go," Elder said. He added that retirement and the relocating of some teachers elsewhere enabled the district to make some cutbacks without affecting personnel.

The board also voted to send a letter to all classified personnel employed by the system. The letter will contain "a reasonable assurance of employment" according to Elder.

These teachers and other personnel employed at the May meeting include:  
Cheryl Herrin, Delbert Newman, Kathy Green, Linda Herrington, Harry Spiecker, Joan Spiecker, Victoria McConnell.  
Anne Baird, Carol Hammond, Robbie Barr, Sharon Hatton, Julie Berryman, Kacie Hunt, Autumn Rivers, Joel Judd, Bonnie Casdill, Jacqueline Jones, Edna Cobb, Brenda Lawrence, Margaret Columbia, Lois Martin, Pam Crowell, Maureen Miller, Mary Davis, Mary Truesdell, Sandra Barbara, Dana Lane.  
James Simons, Kathleen Young, Jerome Barton, Michelle Siddmore, Bill Anderson, Brenda Anderson, Thea Tucker, Kathy Martin, Geraldine McMillen, Bonnie Metcalfe, Annabel Burden, Lottie O'Hannon, Charles Campop, Ben Pumphrey, Catherine Campop, Viola Pumphrey, Jerylyn Clark.  
Foylis Ramey, Baaba Clay, Lynn Simons, Betty Corrad, Danny Tackitt, Suz Duntin, Martin Taylor, Wilma Donathan, Mabel Turner, Betty Dudley, Kay Wills, Marguerite Ecton, Wilbert Winkle, Jr., Charly Griffith, Charlene Harris, Bill Guisline, Wanda Tr e t d, Lois Hamm, Debbie Tackitt, Judy Hogge, Patricia Masnie, Barbara Kenney, Doris Tipton, Mike Kenney, Jane Tackitt, Sue Kirby, James R. Lane.  
Secretaries  
Faye Robinson, Betty Hlander, Shirley Collins, Karen Cartmill, Dorothy Woolley, Sybil Adams.  
Aides  
Fury Duccion, Betty Jones, Jenny Campop, Ben Pumphrey, Catherine Campop, Sharon Hodges, Brenda Day, Louise Curran, Sharon Compton, Libby Clark, Helen Barton.  
Bus Drivers  
Addie Jefferson, Wanda Short, Lewis Snapp, Terry Smith, Carl Mattox, Faye Mathen, W.C. Jefferson, Annette Flora, Billy Mae Gaunce, Sue Doyle.  
Mollie Bonot, Mary Snapp, Louise Coburn, Billy Ray Hunter, Wilbert Winkle, Jr., Charles Campop, Grover Snapp, Elaine Hardwick.  
High School  
Elizabeth Brady, manager, Clarine Shankland, principal.  
Elementary Cooks  
Elizabeth Coyers, manager, Nancy Hays, Rita Willis, Sylvia Lemas, Virginia Guy, Virginia Hertz, Geneva Jennings, Blanche Tapp, Linda Tisdor, Cristelinda and Madeline W.G. Flora, Edna Flora, Raymond Robinson, William Sidles, Merrill Vice, Calvin Munday.  
Contractual Service  
Chester Brett, Billy Hopkins, Jess Bach.  
Also employed were NCHS principal David McMillen, Nicholas County Elementary principal Gerald Hammond and Marium Williams, assistant principal at the elementary school.

### Fryman escapes — for a while

Charles Fryman, the Nicholas County native charged in a two recent bank robberies, escaped from the Fleming County Jail Saturday and remained at large until Monday when he was caught on Ky. 36 between Owingville and Sharpburg.

Fleming County Deputy Jailer Eddie Evans said Fryman had darkened his hair ("it's pitch-black now") and was wearing sunglasses in an attempt to disguise his identity. He was taken back on Ky. 36 between Owingville and Sharpburg.

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