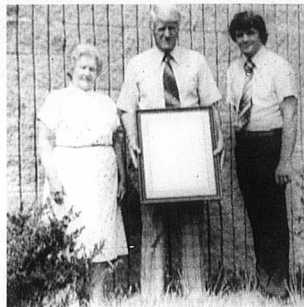


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### "The Ten Commandments"

Rev. Mark Prevo and Erna Richey, representing the Nicholas County Ministerial Association, local churches and individuals, presented to Don Elder, Superintendent of Nicholas County Schools, 25 Ten Commandment plaques to be hung in the classrooms. — Mercury photo.

### Small businesses obtain relief

Gov. John Y. Brown Jr. has been notified that the Small Business Administration has declared Bath County and adjoining counties, Nicholas, Bourbon, Montgomery, Menifee and Rowan, a disaster area because of damage from the July 27 earthquake. The administration has also opened an office in Owingville, in the Community Room of the Bath County Courthouse Annex, West Main Street, to assist people who suffered losses. The deadline for filing for physical damages is Oct. 9. Applications for economic injury will be accepted until May 8, 1981. The Small Business Administration has also scheduled a meeting for Tuesday, Aug. 26, at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room, to explain how

applications can be made. Disaster loan applications will be available from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Aug. 27-28 and Wednesday only beginning on Sept. 3. The phone number is (606) 674-0366. The administration has also opened an office in Mayville, in the Buffalo Trace Area Development District office, 227 West Second Street, phone (606) 564-4054. Beginning Sept. 21 it will be open only on Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

People who have suffered losses from physical damages to houses or businesses or in agricultural enterprises may apply for low-interest loans from the Farmers Home Administration or the Small Business Administration.

### Car accident kills one, injures two

A car accident on Route 32 claimed the life of Jeff Smith of Carlsle Thursday night. There were two other passengers in the South vehicle, David Green and Marvin Watkins, both of Carlsle.

Green was taken to the St. Joseph Hospital, Watkins was treated and released at the Nicholas County Hospital. State Trooper John Hall stated that Smith was passing another vehicle.

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### "Tobacco Cutting"

These men decided that it was time to do some work, so they did just that on Labor Day. After all their normal jobs don't call for too much physical labor. This tobacco cutting crew consisted of Don Elder, Nicholas County Schools Superintendent, not shown; Gerald Hammons, Nicholas County Elementary School principal; Billy Ray Hunter, Jeff Hammons, Jeff Elder and Charley Durham. — Mercury photo.

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## Into earthquake zones

A list which divides Kentucky counties into three earthquake zones for purposes of building code regulations was approved today by the state Board of Housing, Buildings and Construction.

The Kentucky Building Code already contained a map with contour lines dividing the state into Zone 1, 2 and 3. But the county boundaries on the map were unclear in some instances.

Under the list adopted today, counties in Zone 1, where quakes are most likely to occur, are Ballard, Carlisle, Fulton, Graves, Hickman, Livingston, Marshall and McCracken.

Zone 2 counties are Caldwell, Calloway, Crittenden, Henderson, Hopkins, Lyon, Trigg, Union and Webster. The other Kentucky counties are in Zone 1.

Two Paducah men appeared before the board and asked that McCracken County remain in Zone 3. Carl Flannery, an architect and engineer, said the county is considered in Zone 3 by federal agencies such as the Department of Defense and the Corps of Engineers and should remain so in the Kentucky Building Code.

The fault zone takes its name from New Madrid, Mo., a village which was destroyed in 1811 during the most severe earthquake in U.S. history. This zone touches southeastern Missouri, southern Illinois, western Kentucky and Tennessee, and northeastern Arkansas.

New Madrid is the most active seismic zone in North America. But that isn't necessarily a bad thing, said Terri Burnett, public information specialist with the state Disaster and Emergency Services.

Activity in the zone releases energy, therefore reducing chances of a major earthquake, she said. Of course an earthquake could happen any time but most geologists feel it is unlikely a major quake will occur until 500-1,000 years after the 1811 earthquake, said Burnett.

### Headstart program begins in county

Nicholas County Head Start Program will begin September 18. Letters are being sent out to parents informing them about the child's phase in date which follows September 15 thru 17.

The Head Start program calendar for September is:

Sept. 4 — Parents orientation night for Head Start at the Nicholas Elementary School at 7 p.m.  
Sept. 8 — Head Start instructors will report to center for intervisiting.  
Sept. 15, 16, 17 — Phasing in.

Any parent who would like to attend the orientation is welcomed by Dr. Rice and the teaching staff.

### South Central refunds

South Central Bell has begun mailing refunds to 700,000 customers who had telephone service between September 1976 and July 1978.

The \$18.4 million refund was ordered earlier this year by the Utility Regulatory Commission. It involves rates charged subject to refund during '75 and '76. The refund includes 10 percent annual interest.

Mac Starnes, Bell's district manager, said individual refunds will vary widely because the phone service which people have varies. Several factors determined the amount refunded, he said, including:

- whether a person of business had phone service throughout the entire 10-month period;
- whether a phone customer had optional services, such as extensions and special phone sets and add-ons;
- the amount of federal, state and special local taxes — school taxes, for example — that were in effect in '75 and '76.

Starnes said a typical refund for a Kentucky residence telephone customer who had only a single phone and no extras would run between \$120 and \$145, with people in larger towns — where rates are slightly higher — receiving more.

"Some checks may be as small as a few pennies, though, such as when a customer had service for only a day or so during the period," Starnes said. "We've continually updated our records as people have moved their phone service to new locations, so we don't expect many problems tracking down people due refunds," he said.

Starnes asked that few people who do not receive expected refunds wait until October before contacting the telephone company.

"In a few cases it will take several days for the checks to catch up with people who have changed their names or moved to new locations," Starnes said. "But we've undertaken quite an effort to make sure the proper amount gets to everyone who is due a refund."



### Mitchell attends workshop

Harold Mitchell, above left, is shown with Bob Cobb, Kentucky Democratic Party Chairman. Mitchell recently attended a Democratic voter registration workshop at Frankfort. He will be in charge of the local voter registration canvass. The drive which began this month will continue through Oct. 9, when the registration books officially close prior to the Nov. 4 General Election. — Photo submitted.

### Ockerman appointed to FmHA

Thomas A. Ockerman has been named to a three-year term on the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) County Committee, it was announced today by William E. Burnette, FmHA State Director. He succeeds Charles T. Whaley of Carlisle, whose term expired June 30, 1980.

In making the appointment, Mr. Burnette said, "The Farmers Home County Committee is a vital link to local communities in selecting applicants who have a reasonable chance of success."

The FmHA County Committee assists the Agency in determining the eligibility of applicants for FmHA farm loans. They also act as an advisory committee on FmHA farmer program implementation. The committee is made up of three members, two of whom must be farmers deriving the principal part of their income from farming at the time of their appointment. Other members in Harrison County are Georgia E. McCaskey, Route Four, and Harry M. Marshall, Route Three, Cynthiana.

FmHA, a credit agency of the Department of Agriculture, makes

farm loans for real estate and production purposes as well as for nonfarm enterprises that supplement family income. A "credit area of last resort," the Agency has, over the years, enabled many farm families to stay on the land and succeed in farming. A special "funded resource" program provides low interest loans to young farmers and others who have farming capabilities but need extra help in getting established.

FmHA provided over \$2,500,000 in loans and grants for farm, housing, and community and business programs in

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### General Services Administration warns public of scam

Editor's Note: On July 10, 1980 The Mercury printed a story about Mr. Robert Kinney Jr., who responded to an ad. Kinney found out later that the ad was misleading. The ad did not run in The Mercury, but still it prompted us to get further information on the subject of misleading ads.

Caution employer: Let the buyer beware. Especially when somebody wants to sell you "surplus U.S. Government" items.

There is no such thing. There are lots of other surplus items, government furniture, automobiles, even buildings. But not office supplies. That's the notice being put out by the General Services Administration —

If the organization called receives the government funds in some way, this may be cited as why it is "eligible" for the "surplus" items.

A recent complaint to Congress and which sells government surplus items is to warn organizations and individuals of fraudulent schemes by persons claiming to be employees of GSA, other government agencies, or "affiliated" with the federal government.

A typical approach by such a vendor is to operate by telephone, claiming such supplies are available at "discount" prices because of a discontinued government program or agency. However, when agencies or programs are discontinued, their supplies are used elsewhere in government.

the Federal Trade Commission by a Philadelphia religious organization was typical. The caller said he was with the "National Surplus Disturbance Agency" in Washington, D.C., which he described as "federally-supported."

When the person called wanted further verification of the organization, she was put on hold and the caller never came back on the line. Pressure and threats are not unknown tactics by such vendors. GSA says anyone receiving such a call should contact the agency's nearest Business Service Center. The address for the Business Service Center in Nicholas County is: Richard B. Russell Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse, 75 Spring Street, SW, Atlanta, GA 30303. Phone 404/221-3103, 221-3022.