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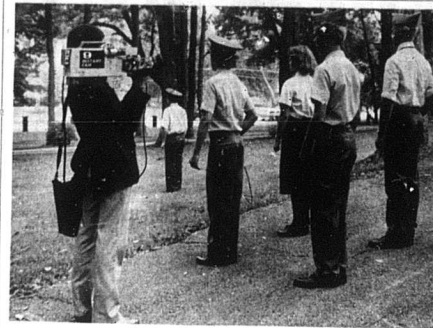
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On camera

A news team from Cincinnati's WCPO-TV, Channel 5, was in Millersburg Monday morning to do a feature story on Millersburg Military Institute. In the photograph above, cameraman Mike Williams filmed a group

Cadets in drill formation. The report was filed Tuesday evening on the 6 o'clock news. — Mercury photo.

Petition circulated to place ambulance question on ballot

In response to action taken at a joint meeting of the Carlisle City Council and the Nicholas County Fiscal Court Monday night, a petition has been drafted to place the question of an ambulance tax on the November ballot. The petition is available in the office of County Judge Executive Hecce Sneed, and 100 signatures must be obtained before the Court and Council get together again next Wednesday night at 7:00. That meeting will fall on the September 2 deadline for sub-

mitting resolutions to be voted on in the November general election. The petition would ask the Fiscal Court to adopt a resolution submitting the following question on the November ballot: "Are you in favor of establishing an emergency ambulance service district for Nicholas County, Kentucky, which shall have the authority to impose a special ad valorem tax of ten cents (\$10.00) on each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) worth of property assessed for local taxation in the

district for the maintenance and operation of the Nicholas County, Kentucky, emergency ambulance service district? That 10 cents tax is expected to generate somewhere in the neighborhood of \$50,000 for the ambulance service. The decision to collect the signatures came after the Court refused to impose the tax themselves, or even to put the issue on the ballot, and after con-

* See Ambulance, page 3

Nicholas blasts Fleming 21-6 in season's opening game

The Nicholas County Bluejacket football team opened the 1981 football season in grand fashion with a big 21-6 win over Fleming County Friday night.

With Senior Quarterback David McGuffey rushing for one touchdown and throwing for another, the Jackets rolled up 281 yards offensively, while

defensive end led by Mark Taylor's 15 tackles held the homecoming Panthers to only 90 yards of total offense.



Bluejacket running back Eric McGuffey headed around right end for a 13-yard gain that helped set up a fourth quarter touchdown in

Nicholas County's 21-6 season opening win over Fleming County Friday night. — Mercury photo.

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Blue Grass lay-off hits local workers

Between 55 and 75 local Blue Grass employees found themselves without jobs Monday, as an indefinite lay-off from both Hosiery and Knitting went into effect. The exact number laid-off at BGI was not available at press time, because BGI President Donald Haney would not comment on the lay-off. Haney's secretary, Sally Allison, said that he would make a statement later this week. Estimates on the number laid-off at the sewing factory range from 30 to 50.

The number laid-off at Knitting is 25, according to BGI Plant Manager Henry Peters. Peters added that for Blue Grass Knitting, which produces nearly 75 percent of Jockey International's hosiery production, this is the first lay-off in history. BGI employees were informed of the move last Tuesday in a speech by Barry Mademann, Director of Textile Operations for Jockey International. Mademann said that the lay-off was due to "an inventory in excess of anticipated future demands in today's slow economy."

Mademann further said that management had "tried to balance the inventory problem with four-day work weeks, but concluded that it could take a year or more before levels returned to normal."

He said that the lay-off was the "fairest thing to do," in order that the "majority of our employees will have the opportunity to work five days per week."

Peters said that the inventory problem has cropped up because Jockey's retailers aren't keeping a large inventory as they once were because of the cost of money.

The inventory problem is primarily

in T-shirt production according to Peters, and those T-shirts are produced mainly in Carlisle and Mt. Sterling. The extent of the lay-off in Mt. Sterling is also expected to be outlined in Haney's statement later this week. The lay-off Monday utilized a procedure established by an employee task

force earlier this year. That task force consisted of Peters, Mademann and eight workers from various departments in the factory. Those persons got together and formulated several policies, including an absentee policy and a priority list in the event of a lay-off. — See Blue Grass, page 12



Henry Peters takes a phone call, while explaining the recent lay-off at Blue Grass Knitting. — Mercury photo.

Hospital board issue splits fiscal court vote

Only after lengthy discussion of the matter in which nominees are sent to the Court for appointment, did the Nicholas County Fiscal Court finally move to accept the nominations for the Board of Directors at the local hospital

during last Wednesday's court meeting. The controversy was carried over from the last court meeting where the court could not reach a decision on a matter and decided it should be tabled. The problem springs mainly from the Court's request to the hospital board that the board submit at least two names for each vacancy on the board of directors. This year the board only sent one name for each seat.

Magistrate Bus Atkinson said that at one time the bylaws of the hospital board required them to submit two names for each position, but that those bylaws were changed over the years. The Court has gone on record as requesting that the board repropose that policy into its bylaws. The board has not complied with the court's wishes.

County Attorney Joseph H. Conley told the Court that the board had no legal requirement to comply with the Court's wishes. The only major control the Court has on the hospital board lies in the right to appoint the members to the board of directors.

Magistrate Melvin Fryman joined Atkinson in objecting to the current nominating procedure. Said Fryman, "If there's only one nominated, then they're the one's doing the appointing."

The County Attorney then told the Court that it had the right to reject the recommendations and appoint their own nominees. The Court declined that measure.

Conley further informed the court that the reason for the switch to only one nominee sprang from the fact that problems arose under the old system. He said that when two people were nominated, the one who was not appointed often became upset. He added that the board could very seldom get that same person to consider a place on the board again.

Conley also told the Court to get together with the board sometime in the future and "iron this out."

Following a motion to accept the nominations by Harold Mitchell, they were approved by only a 4-3 vote with Magistrates Fryman and Atkinson dissenting.

Magistrate Atkinson stressed that he had no problems with the persons nominated, but rather with the nominating process.

Those appointed to the board were Margaret Hunter, Herbert Duncan, Sue Woodall and Charles Cox. Emergency repair sparks controversy. Another conflict arose at Wednesday's Court meeting when a proposal was submitted that an emergency certificate be authorized for repairs on a leader at the county rock quarry.

Magistrate Harold Mitchell objected strongly to the fact that the money had been spent on the leader without any action from the court. The bill for the leader's motor repair was set at \$1,000 plus labor.

County Road Superintendent John Ector said that the leader had gone out on August 10, and that he had talked to a couple of Court members and they had given their consent to the repairs. The repairs were being completed on the 19th.

Magistrate Mitchell was upset because only a few of the Court members had been consulted, and that those few could spend \$1,000 without the full court's knowledge. "I don't think anyone's got that much authority," said Mitchell. "That's a decision for the Court to make."

* See Court, page 3

Councilman wants those interested in becoming EMT volunteers

Councilman Frankie Hughes is conducting a survey of the county to determine the number of persons who would be interested in serving as volunteer Emergency Medical Technicians.

The volunteer EMTs, as proposed by Hughes, would have their training paid for at the expense of the Council and the Fiscal Court and would receive a fee for each run much like the volunteer fire department.

If anyone would be interested in becoming certified as an EMT and serving as a volunteer for Nicholas County, please contact: Hughes at his residence at 264 Elm Street, or phone 288-3188.