

Early dismissal policy in effect for high school

A new policy toward early dismissal was to be in effect this year at the Nicholas County High School with the Board of Education.

Under the new program, a student must follow one of the following three procedures in order to obtain permission to leave school before the close of the regularly scheduled day.

The first method is for parents who wish to write notes for their children. These parents must first come to the office at the high school and sign a signature sheet. And a student submits a note for early dismissal to the future, the signature will be checked against the master signature sheet.

The second method will allow parents to request early dismissal over the telephone. In order to accomplish this, the parent may call the office between 7:45 and 8:30 a.m.

The other option open to parents is that they come to the office in person during their child's dismissal hour.

Another aspect of this new policy is that the daily absentee list will be leaving school early and it will indicate whether or not they are considered excused or not. They will be in order for the absence to be excused. The student must show the reason relative to personal illness, an illness in the family, the death of a relative, a medical or dental appointment, the observation of a religious holiday, taking the state driver's license examination, or special circumstances to be approved at the discretion of the Board of Education.

The usual 10 days of harvesting tobacco will be considered excused again this year.

If a student fails to meet the above criteria for having an early dismissal excused, he or she will not be allowed to make up the classwork missed in the absence. In addition, there will be a deduction of two points from their grade average.

Lexington Surgery Center scheduled to open Monday

The opening of the new "Lexington Surgery Center" at 172 Harshbough Road in Lexington, has been scheduled for Monday, August 31, by Dr. J. Nighthart, President of Lexington Surgery, Inc., announced.

The facility in the Central and Eastern Kentucky areas first "free-standing" ambulatory surgery facility for "in-and-out-the-same-day" surgery.

According to Dr. Nighthart, "there are more than 100 minor surgical procedures that can be performed on an outpatient basis in a free-standing facility just as safely as in the hospital setting." On the morning of the patient's surgery, he or she will be taken to the operating room and the surgeon will perform the surgery or check out.

That afternoon, the patient will be discharged and will be able to return home. The facility is a very successful and economical method of health care as has been shown in free-standing as well as hospital based surgery centers around the country.

Lexington Surgery, Inc., which is headed by Dr. Nighthart, is the General Partner in Lexington Surgery, Inc., a local limited partnership which owns and operates the business.

The Surgery Center contains four fully-equipped operating rooms with another room available should demand so warrant it, and will be capable of handling at least 20 minor surgical procedures per day. The patients will have the surgeon of their choice to perform the surgery. Typical procedures to be performed in the Center include minor eye surgery, plastic surgery, cataract removal, ear and hearing surgery on children, knee and other orthopedic procedures, diagnostic D. & C., tubal ligations and other currently accepted procedures. Patient safety and convenience is the utmost concern in our facility," said Dr. Nighthart, "and the patient's personal surgeon will be making the choice of whether the particular patient and his or her surgical needs are suitable for treatment in the Surgery Center."

Funds approved

The Nicholas County School District has received written approval of the district's ESEA, Part B provisions for Funds. Funds authorized under ESEA, Part B are for providing services to children not already receiving needed services and the identification, location, and evaluation of handicapped children. Funds are also used for providing educational programs to newly identified handicapped children. All procedural safeguards for handicapped children and their parents in decisions regarding educational programs and identification of those of those children identified as handicapped will continue to be instituted.

The approved application will be on file in the Office of the Superintendent of the Nicholas County School District for any interested persons.

Hospital notes

August 16-20, 1981

ADMISSIONS: Kavanna Sorrell, Lillie Jolly, Bobby Simon, Janette Giddell, Urs Hutton, Kristine Eads, Eddie Price, Willie Whitaker, Walter Kendall, Joe Crawford, Darlene Hicks, Clyde Carter, George Bowles, Celia Capps, Carlisle, Hallie Phillips, Maylick, Gertrude Laville, Thomas Collins, M. Olive, Lorena Glass, Fleming, Virginia Stanley Ham, Zwing, Alan Vire, Atlanta.

DISCHARGES: Frances Bell, Mary Ramsey, Virginia Coatsy, Willie Hogg, Bobby Simon, Kavanna Sorrell, Eddie Price, Celia Capps, Willie Whitaker, Estelle Wasson, Lillie Jolly, John Spencer, Joe Crawford, Evelyn Bishop, Matt Motok, Alvina Delaney, Alia McCannan, Kavanna Sorrell, Carlisle, Marcella White, Georgetown, Perry Price, Ewing, Hallie Phillips, Maylick, Carolyn Vire, Atlanta.

All Star Team players named

It has been announced that the 1981 Nicholas County nine and 10-year old All Star Baseball team was comprised of the following players:

Junior Gill, Jeff Glass, Andy Anderson, Robby Hedges, William Stead, Johnny Wagner, Chad Mitchell, Perry Fetback, Joe Hutton, Jamie George, Chris Kuepke and Jay Ecton.

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Strange devil

The strange looking insect was brought in to the office last week by Mrs. Meredith Marshall. Mrs. Marshall found it on a lily bush in her yard near Lake Coe. The same critter was found on a perimion tree in Lincoln Heights by Danny and Billy Clay. The Clays have named their "George". Officials at the University of Kentucky have informed us that the creature is called a Hickory-Horned Devil. It usually travels around from hickory tree to hickory tree. It will eventually turn into a large moth. — Mercury photo.

Lexington Surgery Center

Judge Famularo attends program

Dr. J. Nighthart, President of Lexington Surgery, Inc., announced.

Farmers expecting low yield should notify ASCS

"Nicholas County farmers who think they will be eligible to receive low yield payments on their wheat and feed grain crops should contact our office as soon as possible," Eugene Lecher, chairman of the county Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation committee, said last week.

The ASCS disaster payment program covers crops affected by natural disasters such as strong winds, hail, heavy rains, or drought. To be eligible for disaster benefits, however, farmers must have filed an accurate acreage report and the county ASCS committee must determine that the production loss was caused by the natural disaster. Payments are authorized for a farmer whose crop yield is less than 60 percent of the established yield for wheat and feed grain.

Farmers who store all or a part of their harvested crop on the farm must have this production measured by ASCS before it is put to another use or commingled with production from another farm, he said. "Farmers who sell their production should identify their crop or what sales slips, by farm, for proven yields of proven production, and turn in their slips when harvest is over," the ASCS official said.

If the crop is so poor that it will not be harvested for grain or feed, ASCS must appraise the crop before its destruction or substitute use. Disaster claims must be filed within 15 days after harvest.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jennings Mattox and Mrs. Mary Farris have visited the mobile home of Kenneth Gaunce and moved there the past week. We welcome them to our community.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Ellington of London spent Wednesday night with Mr. and Mrs. Donald Riggs.

Very nice crowds attended the Hymn Sing at the Saltwell Church on Friday and Saturday nights and was enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Hazel Snapp and Frankie Fetback visited Mrs. Mable Stockdale at Fleming County Nursing Home on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jones accompanied Mrs. Charley Jones to Walton on Friday to undergo eye surgery. She is recovering nicely and recuperating at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jones, Walton.

Tracy Hill spent a few days the past week with Denise Stone and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Galbraith and daughter, Carlisle.

Large crowds attended visitation and funeral of James Brady of Mathers-Gaunce Funeral Chapel on Thursday night and Friday afternoon. Mr. Brady had many friends in this community who regret his passing and extend sympathy to his family.

Mrs. Dorothy Gaunce and Greg, Lexington, were Wednesday dinner guests of Mrs. Andrew Grey, Carlisle.

Mrs. and Mrs. Donald Stone and Denise, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Galbraith and Andrew, Carlisle, Mrs. Rodney Smith and Shellie, Houston, Texas, were Sunday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Hill and children, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Giles and son Jason, Lexington, and Miss Gayle Wagner were also afternoon guests of the Hollars.

Mrs. Hazel Snapp spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Keith McCard and sons, Chascan.

A large group of friends and relatives attended the funeral services for Robert W. Bell at Bartwell's Cemetery on Sunday afternoon. Funeral was held earlier at Woodland Funeral Home, Palmouth.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Goodman and children Angie and Paula of Grand Rapids, Michigan, spent from Saturday to Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Tappay, Mr. and Mrs. Roy J.

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Land use.

Those have been fighting words to a number of people in past years, notably farmers and others with agricultural interests at the State Fair in Louisville.

And in recent months, land use issues have drawn even more public attention in Kentucky as a result of a series of public meetings held throughout the state. The first meetings were held by the Kentucky Agricultural Lands Study and Policy Committee, appointed by Gov. John Y. Brown Jr. in response to the national Agricultural Lands Study released in January by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Council on Environmental Quality.

If those meetings give a true indication of citizen reaction to the bleak picture described by the AG Lands study, the issue of conversion of prime farmland to other uses may become to the likes what coal stripmining was to the 1960s.

The issue encompasses not only the conversion of farmland into sites for homes, businesses and industry — which affects future food supply — but also government controls over such conversion. Overriding the dispute are taxation concerns over such conversion. The issue also encompasses the fact that prime farmland is being taken out of food production and arguments that such conversion is creating windfall profits from land taxed at farm rates that later sold for high-tech development.

At the first of the statewide meetings, held in Hopkinsville in July, a group of real estate developers and landowners almost turned the meeting into a shouting contest.

The atmosphere was much calmer at a second statewide meeting in July in Paducah, where most participants expressed their concerns about the future of agriculture and the role government should play in private industry. Hardin County, where Ellington is located, is considering a land-use-permitting system that would be the first of its kind in Kentucky; land would not be used but changes in land use would be approved by local government.

A current issue in the debate over siting that system is Ellington's goal of siting a gas line to the city over the next five years. Such action, according to the Hardin County Planning Commission, would increase the city's boundaries by almost 50 percent and would take in approximately 5,000 acres of agricultural land.

At a meeting in Henderson, a prime concern was the impact of projected synef plants on the western Kentucky grainbelt. About 10,000 acres of farmland would be purchased for those synef plants, according to estimates, and while not all of that would necessarily be taken out of production, one person who testified at the meeting said the plants would take about 6,000 acres for buildings and work areas.

"I think it is impossible to situate coal and build subdivisions and roads to take care of all the people who will work in the proposed synef plants, without inevitably causing a conflict in the use of the land," said Henderson resident Horace Dodson, member of the Kentucky Aukland Council. Environmental groups expressed similar concerns about other areas of Kentucky at the statewide meetings, which concluded with sessions in Morehead and Somerset.

Meanwhile, land use issues have been the subject of debate at even more forums throughout Kentucky. In rural Logan County, for example, Anderson's decision to build a \$400 million plant there spurred a series of countywide meetings in July and August. County officials scheduled the meetings to discuss potential land use regulations to deal with the influx of new residents through Appalachia and other new industries.

The conflict between agriculture and industry has seemed inevitable.

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