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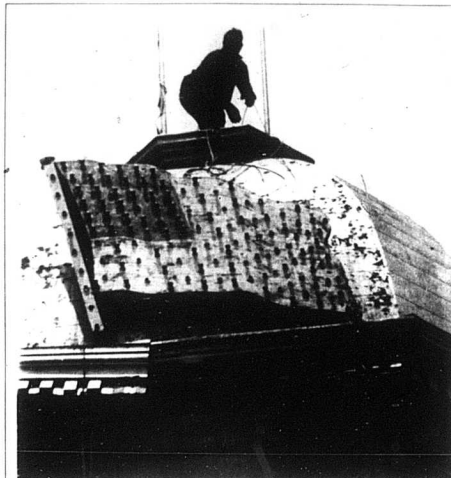
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Standing tall
Silhouette against a blazing afternoon sky, Silhouette worked on repairing the courthouse bell tower last Wednesday. Hurschal D. Spilmon worked on repairing the Mercury photo.

1981 Bluejackets

Football practice begins

While not many people around here are busy thinking about high school football the second week in July, there's at least one man who hasn't stopped thinking about it since the final moments of the final game last fall. That man is Nicholas County Football Coach and Athletic Director Ben Pumpfrey. And last week, 41 young men got a chance to see how much he'd been thinking about it, when football practice opened for the 1981 Bluejackets.

By last Thursday night the squad had already put in a substantial base of their offense, including several pass patterns. Assistant Coach Robbie Barr said that this year's team is blessed with top quality players at the skill positions, but that they are thin overall with only 17 home field varsity players.

Coch Barr stressed that the squad could not "afford even one injury." And even without injuries, some of the junior high kids may see a lot of variety.

action. Barr named Scott Ramey and Rocky Young as a couple of youngsters who are expected to get some early varsity seasoning. Coach Pumpfrey also said that although small, this year's offensive line may be one of the best he's had at NCHS. Anchored by captain Mark Taylor, the largest player on the line will be senior tackle Steve Myre at 6'7" and 290 pounds.

But not one on Nicholas County's coaching staff is hiding the fact that at a couple of the skilled positions, the Bluejackets may have some of the finest athletes in the state.

First is senior quarterback David McGuffey. McGuffey can quite literally do it all. He earned all-state honors in football last season, became state champion in the triple jump this spring, and played a leading role on the basketball team last winter.

The 5'11", 170 pound sensation should give a valuable spark to the Blue-

jackets' offense from his new position at quarterback. Coach Pumpfrey confides that with a player like McGuffey, a coach likes to let him have the ball in his hands as much as possible.

Senior tailback and co-captain Mike Boykin is another performer that is expected to be a big producer this year. He will fill the role of leader in the backfield with sophomore Eric McGuffey and junior Keith Williams expected to round out the starting side.

An unexpected surprise this year may come in the form of sophomore right end Steve Anderson. The coaching staff is looking for big things from the strapping 6'7", 185 pound pass receiver.

If many of these players sound young, that's because they are. Coach Pumpfrey said Thursday that as many as seven sophomores could find themselves in starting positions when the season opens August 21 at Fleming County.

Right now Pumpfrey says he is not sure about the definite depth chart for the season. "I wish I knew who would be starting," he said, but he added that it would all depend on the pre-season practices. Pumpfrey said it is crucial this year for all players to make every practice scheduled. He warned that if this year's team "doesn't care, we won't have a very good team."

Coach Pumpfrey feels that this year's strength may lie with youngsters on the junior high team. He is excited about the maturity of the young players, and says that this year he expects the "best junior high team we've ever had." He said that he felt as if the junior high team this year could be the foundation for a "super team."

At the end of the first week's practice Pumpfrey said that the varsity was right on schedule for this point in the season, and that the junior high squad was way ahead of schedule. The scheduled practice session tonight should provide an excellent look at this year's squad, as they are slated to run 60 offensive plays and 20 defensive plays. One week from today, the 7:30 p.m. session will have a full scale workout on offense, defense and the kicking game.

The first chance to see this year's team in action will come on August 1 in a scrimmage with Jessamine County. An earlier scrimmage with Greenup County set for July 21 had been cancelled by that Ohio Valley school.

School board increases NCHS credit requirements

After extensive debate and one failed motion, the Nicholas County School Board moved Monday night to increase the number of required credits for graduation at the high school from 18 to 20.

Under the new guidelines, the Class of 1985, this year's incoming freshmen, will need 20 credits in order to receive their diplomas. The plan will not affect any students who will graduate before the Class of 1985.

The motion passed only after a slightly stricter version of the plan died because of a 3-2 deadlock vote. The earlier plan, as recommended by Principal David McMillen and Superintendent Donald Elder, would have required that this year's sophomores also be slightly phased-in to the program by making them earn 19

credits to graduate. Elder read the Board a recommendation from McMillen that said the move to a 20 credit requirement could be accomplished with no changes in scheduling, no hiring of additional teachers, and no extra funding. He also recommended that this year's sophomores be required to earn 19 credits.

McMillen said this would not present any problems to the Class of 1984, because freshmen students last year were required to take six courses. That requirement resulted from the state's imposition of a new civics course on the freshman's course load. Inclusion of the sophomores would bring out the results of the program one year earlier. However, Board member Herbert Duncan felt the inclusion of the sophomores under the new plan was

unfair. He was in favor of the 20 credits, but he said that the freshmen would know about the requirement from the beginning, while slipping it on the sophomores could cause problems. Elder said each sophomore would still have seven possible electives before graduation, and he said he could foresee no problems with including the sophomores under the plan.

Board member William Dampier was against the whole idea of increasing the credit requirements. He said he felt it would add to the dropout rate. He also objected to the fact that the freshmen were required to take six classes in their first year of high school. "I can't see a purpose in them having a class every period," he said. "Looks to me like five would be

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City Council says

Parking meters sacked

Parking meters in downtown Carlisle may be a thing of the past after the first of August.

Council also voted to grant request of the Senior Citizens Center (now located in the Parah building on Main Street) to reserve one parking space at side of building on Locust Street for the Center's van to haul and unload its residents.

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Nursing home red tape catches local woman

Another Nicholas County Senior Citizen is embroiled in a now content with the amount of regulations that cover our nursing homes. The victim is Mrs. Emma Bowles, a 75-year-old lifelong resident of the county.

Mrs. Bowles, a diabetic who can barely feed herself, has very limited mobility, and frequently requires oxygen, was recently diagnosed by a KHV representative as having improved in health.

As reported earlier in the case of Mr. Andy Holland, that improvement meant that her classification was changed as to what type of care the state would pay for. She was switched from a skilled care patient to an intermediate care patient. But, just as in the case with Mr. Andy, the problems were just beginning.

The local nursing home didn't have an intermediate care bed available. It had beds, but not "intermediate care beds." So, Mrs. Bowles' family received a letter a few days ago informing them that they had 10 days to find another nursing home for her. It had to be a nursing home with an available intermediate care bed.

Mrs. Bowles, a woman with children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren living in the county, was on her way out. The Department for Human Resources informed the local nursing home and the family last week that they had discovered an intermediate bed in Winchester. Since Winchester is within a 30-mile radius, Mrs. Bowles had no choice. She had to move. Either mother would be unable to pay her bills.

But then, the most ironic thing happened. Mrs. Bowles' diabetes apparently flared up over the weekend. Now, by becoming more ill, she will be staying at home for a while at least, awaiting another classification inspection by the KHV's folks.

Mr. Andy's situation is similarly saved "for the moment." He had to be admitted to the hospital for testing his blood sugar, irregularities significant enough to get him switched back into the nursing home under a skilled care rating. He has improved recently and is now back where he started several months ago in an intermediate care bed.



Nicholas County's senior quarterback David McGuffey should prove to be one of the top performers in the state this year. The returning all-stater is pictured above during a pre-season workout last Thursday. - Mercury photo.

Deposit Bank is among state's most profitable

Kentucky's small banks make big profits in comparison with their city cousins.

And among those small banks with a high degree of profitability is the Deposit Bank of Carlisle. In a special bank profitability survey conducted by Kentucky Business Ledger, the Deposit Bank was ranked as the 21st most profitable bank in the state.

The survey reported that the Deposit Bank, ranked 20th in 1980, had assets of \$2.2 percent.

Results of the survey disclosed last week in the July issue of the monthly business news publication show that the state's fourth smallest bank generated more than four times as much profit in relation to its assets in 1980 than did Kentucky's largest bank.

That institution is Carlin's Deposit Bank. Its 1980 net income totaled \$62,000. Its assets at the close of 1980 totaled \$2.7 million, making it Kentucky's 21st in size among 344 banks in the state. The City Grant County bank's 1980

profits totaled 371 percent of its average assets. First National Bank of Louisville, the state's largest, generated 190 percent, exceeding \$17 million, but that figured out to a return of just .87 of one percent of its average assets.

Kentucky's smaller banks generally use funds generated from individual savings accounts as their lending source. They pay savers substantially less than they charge borrowers. Larger banks rely more heavily on high-interest money markets than their lending source, and thus have less room for profit between the rate at which they borrow and the rate at which they loan. They also are in urban areas where banking competition is fierce.

Twenty-four of Kentucky's 25 most profitable banks have assets of less than \$100 million, the survey showed. The only larger bank in the top 25 is Farmers Bank and Trust of Frankfort, the traditional depository of state government funds.

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