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Suicide attempted

Violence erupts in county jail

An eruption of violence in the Nicholas County Jail Friday night ended in the attempted suicide of a 30-year-old local resident, and left the jail in a water-soaked shambles.

Nicholas County Jailor Charles Lens said that following an earlier disruption at the jail, inmate Carl Steele alerted him to a problem within the cell block. When Lens entered the cell he found Gerald Kimes Jr., Main Street, Carlisle, in the process of attempting to hang himself.

Lens said that Kimes had fastened his belt to a light fixture in his cell and that he was hanging when the jailer arrived. "He couldn't have been up for more than a minute," Lens said Tuesday afternoon.

Kimes was rushed immediately to Nicholas County Hospital (NCH) and was soon released into the custody of his father because neither the local jail or the Bourbon County Jail have facilities to look after inmates requiring close medical supervision. Kimes reportedly suffered an epileptic seizure during the ordeal.

The problems at the jail began Friday night when 34-year-old inmate Jackie Flora, Route 4, Carlisle, ripped the sink from a wall and filled the cellblock with water. After the pipes had been capped, Kimes tore them up again and then attempted to take his life.

Following the incident, the remain-

ing inmates were transported to the Bourbon County Jail to await trial in Nicholas County Circuit Court Tuesday.

At Tuesday's trial, both Kimes and Flora reversed an earlier plea, to plead guilty to charges of criminal mischief in the third degree. Flora was fined \$50 plus \$2.50 in court costs, ordered to make restitution to the county for \$50 worth of damages to the jail, and sentenced to serve 60 days in jail.

Kimes was fined \$50 plus court costs, ordered to make restitution to the county for approximately \$25 worth of damage to the jail and sentenced to 60 days in jail. Kimes was on probation at the time of the incident for a 30-day jail sentence on the condition that he not appear before the court during his probation period. His probation was revoked and he will serve a total of 90 days of jail. Kimes was also ordered to Comprehensive Care for psychological treatment.

Both Kimes and Flora were arrested and lodged in the jail on charges of public intoxication.

County awards contract for courthouse repairs

The Nicholas County Fiscal Court awarded the contract for repairing the bell tower at the courthouse to Egyptian Waterproofing, Harrisonburg, Ill., in a special called meeting last Monday night.

Herschel D. Spilmon, who owns the company, was in charge of the repair and said blasting of the courthouse in the spring of 1974. The Court was so impressed with his work that they elected to go to special lengths to have him do the current job.

A problem arose when it was noted that Mr. Spilmon's bid might cost more than the bid of another contractor, P.K. Restoration, Worthington, Oh. P.K.'s bid was \$11,247 for labor alone.

Since the cost of materials is as yet indefinite, it is possible that the total cost of the project could exceed the \$19,200 bid of P.K. The Court elected to circumvent the possibility of this causing a problem in the future by declaring the bell tower an emergency situation.

The declaration was based on the fact that several bricks have already fallen on the sidewalk from the tower, and that there is insufficient time to advertise for bids and have the work completed before the crowds drawn by the Blackberry Festival arrive the last week in June.

Spilmon's bid called for the county to provide materials and additional workers to assist him in the job. He said that he would be the only worker to leave the ground and that no county employee would have to do any of the dangerous climbing called for.

Spilmon also agreed to split all material costs above \$6,000 with the county.

Attorney to file Coy's lawsuit

Attorney Jim LeMaster told the Mercury Tuesday morning that he intends to file suit in behalf of his client, James W. Coy of Horse 1, Carlisle, in response to the lack of action taken at last week's City Council meeting.

LeMaster said that "after the action at the last council meeting, we have no other choice than to seek recourse through the courts." LeMaster was referring to the fact that council decided to take no action on the dismissal of Carlisle Patrolman Coy without reason or hearing by Mayor Power last month.

Council chose in closed session to remain uninvolved in the case since

Dairy meeting set for June 25

Mrs. Edgar Scott, Chairman of the Nicholas County Dairy Association, announced this week the program for June 25's Dairy Day Meeting.

Mrs. Scott said this year's meeting "See Dairy Meet, page 14"



Lieutenant Governor Martha Layne Collins was in town last week to address a group of local Rotary Club members at the Carnico Country Club. Listening on (left) is Senator Ed Ford, who recently won the primary in his re-election bid. — Mercury photo.

Lt. Governor addresses local Rotary

In an address to a group of local Rotarians at Carnico Country Club last Thursday night, Lieutenant Governor Martha Layne Collins said that with "cut the budget" now such a fashionable catchphrase in political circles, the role of government will undoubtedly be lessened in the future. "Government cannot be a cure-all," she said to the Annual Rotary Club Inter-City Meeting. "There are no simple solutions to very complex problems."

Lieutenant Governor Collins further stated that as the role of government declines, "more and more responsibility will fall on the shoulders of the concerned citizen." She then urged the Rotarians to continue their concerted efforts and she charged them and all other civic organizations to shoulder the impending burden with more commitment and more dedication. She said that this felt more teamwork was needed between elements of state and local governments and civic

groups in what she called a "neighbor to neighbor approach." The Lieutenant Governor said that the voice of concerned citizens is badly needed in government today. There is "no one person with all the answers," she said, "we live in a complex world that is getting more complex every day. We need each individual's views." The Rotary Inter-City Meeting is a yearly event featuring the gathering of the Falmouth, Cynthiana, Carlisle and Millersburg Rotary Clubs.

Accident leaves two hospitalized

A three car accident in Carlisle Monday night left three local residents injured, two of them hospitalized in the Nicholas County Hospital.

The accident occurred at 7:30 p.m. on Route 26 in front of Gostey's Gas, as Matt Hughes, Carlisle, was waiting in the northbound lane to turn into the gas station and an automobile driven by Sarah Terrell, Route 1, Carlisle, topped

the hill in the oncoming lane and went into a skid. Her auto slid into Hughes' truck and then flipped over pinning her and passenger Mary Frances Terrell inside the car.

The impact knocked Hughes' truck backward and into an automobile driven by Janis Deik of Hot Springs, Ark. No one in her car was injured and the auto received only minor damage

according to Patrolman Billy Mac Gause who investigated at the scene. Hughes was taken to Nicholas County Hospital and later released suffering from minor cuts and contusions. Both Mary and Sarah Terrell were taken to the hospital, and as of 1:30 Tuesday afternoon both were still hospitalized with lacerations and contusions.

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33rd annual Blackberry Festival

Queen candidates announced



Brenda Thieler
Brenda is the daughter of Marvella Thieler and Guiberie Thieler of Carlisle.

A 1981 graduate of Nicholas County High School, she was a four year member of the Future Homemakers of America, served on the Student Council, a member of the National Honor Society, named to Who's Who Among American High School Students. She received the Student Library Aide award, the Office Aide award, the General Business award and the Eastern Kentucky University Achievement award at Class Night.

She has served the Hospital Auxiliary as a Junior volunteer and has been employed by the Nicholas County Hospital on the weekends. She plans to attend Eastern Kentucky University to obtain her Bachelor's Degree in Nursing.

Sandy Caswell
Sandy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H.C. Caswell, Nicholas County.

A 1981 graduate of Nicholas County High School, she was a Volunteer member of the Band, Stage Band, 4-H, Future Homemakers of America, National Honor Society, member of the Officer and listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students.

She was Miss Nicholas County in 4-H Style Review, Girls State, Delegate, American Private Enterprise System (APES) delegate and Nicholas County Farm Bureau Queen.

She is a member of the Carlisle Christian Church and is planning to attend Kentucky Junior College, Lexington.

Her hobbies are sewing, crafts and playing the piano.

Kathy Mathes
Kathy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Mathes of Carlisle.

A 1981 graduate of Nicholas County High School, she was a four year member of the Future Homemakers of America, a two year member of the National Honor Society, member of the Drama Club, listed among Who's Who in American High School Students, the 1980 Football Homecoming Queen, one of the two FFA Sweethearts, and an American Private Enterprise System (APES) delegate.

She is a member of the Carlisle Christian Church and her hobbies are playing the piano and swimming.

She is employed by Crockett and Gause.

Debbie Kay Fryman
Debbie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clay Fryman, Route 1, Bowling.

A 1981 graduate of Nicholas County High School, she was a member of the Future Homemakers of America, a Sweetheart of Future Farmers of America, listed in Who's Who Among American High School students, member of the National Honor Society, member of the Student Council and attended Kentucky Girls' State in Morehead.

She is a member of the Pleasant Valley Church of God and her hobbies include swimming, horseback riding, cooking and playing the piano.

She plans to attend Eastern Kentucky University and obtain an Associate Degree in surgical nursing.

Belinda Lynn Fryman
Belinda is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Thomas Fryman, Route 2, Horse Hill Road, Carlisle.

A 1981 graduate of Nicholas County High School, she was a member of the National Honor Society, the Zookoo Club, attended the American Private Enterprise System (APES) conference, attended the Spoke Conference at Transylvania University.

She is a member of the Blue Licks Christian Church and her hobbies are quilting, needlepoint, cooking and camping. She plans to make a career in the area of child care.