

# 4-H Style Revue is 'Circus Affair'

The 4-H Style Revue entitled "Circus Affair" was held May 3 at the Nicholas County Elementary School. All girls and boys modeling garments they made as a part of the 4-H Clothing project, and 40 girls participated in model and make-up training as a part of BellCharm School held before the Fashion Revue. Andy Judge served as master of ceremonies.

Those participating in the revue were:

Unit 1 — Tina Walton, Tammy Buckler, Crystal Bowles, Tammy Moore, Linda George, Donna McLeod, Mary Alcha Farah, Gladys Torley, Gretchen Judge, Melanie Crawford, Pat Traylor, Tina Lambert, Nikki Baker, Cindy Miller, Rachel Herrington, Mary Susan Dotson, Rebekah Jones, Rebecca Stewart, Dana Caskey, Charles Dale and Stacey Johnson.

Unit II — Ronde Smirer, Tracy Shaw, Rhonda Barker, Lisa Moss, Jessica Jones and Tracy Dotson.

Fast Knocks Unit — Tracey Hillcock, Melissa Hunter, Melissa Jones and Lisa Hillcock.

Casual Clothes — Carol Pettit and Julie Wills.

Match-Mates — Mary Ann Hollar and Michelle Mae.

Intermediate Dress — Susanne Jones.

Mix-Match — Jane Ellen Dampier and Phyllis Dale.

Special Occasion — Barbara Dale.

Osterwear — Sandy Caswell.



Junior Style Revue winners

Winners in the Junior Division of the 4-H Style Revue which was held May 2 at the elementary school are from left, Gretchen Judge (SF and Unit), Get Ready, Set, Sew, Lisa Moss (SF and Unit), Quick Clothes, Mary Alcha Farah, (BF and Unit), Get Ready, Set and Sew, Tracy Shaw (BF), Quick Clothes, — Mercur photo.

The heads assisting @ 4-H Clothing this year were Miss Lavina McFarland, Mrs. Charles Judge, Mrs. Teddy Dotson, Mrs. Bill Clark, Mrs. William Dampier, Miss Beula Dampier, Mrs. Arthur Buzzard, Mrs. Junior Lambert, Mrs. Eliza Hollar, Mrs. William May Hunter, Mrs. Randall George, Mrs. David Moss, Mrs. Ronald Smirer, Mrs. David Zachary, Miss Susanne Jones and Mrs. Ronald Hinton.

The girls selected to attend the Bluegrass Fair Fashion Revue were Mary Alcha Farah, Tracy Shaw, Tracey Hillcock, Carol Pettit, Mary Ann Hollar, Susanne Jones, Phyllis Dale, Barbara Dale and Sandy Caswell. The following girls were selected to exhibit their garments at the State Fair: Gretchen Judge, Lisa Moss, Melissa



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## VA statistics

A recently published Veterans Administration research bulletin discloses that the agency pays over \$11 billion annually, nearly one-half of the VA yearly budget, to five million veterans and survivors under the agency's various compensation and pension programs.

Some of the facts highlighting this statistical report include:

- Over 40 percent of the recipients live in six states: California, Florida, New York, Texas, Pennsylvania and Ohio.
- 23 million veterans receive compensation totaling over one billion dollars for service connected disabilities.
- Of those veterans receiving compensation, 24 percent were disabled during the Vietnam Era, while 33 percent were disabled in World War II.
- Female veterans comprise one percent of the total receiving compensation from all wars.
- Eighty-four percent of the veteran population receiving compensation is under 65 years of age.
- Over 220,000 veterans receive a non-service connected disability pension. In this group, 40 percent are 65 years of age or older.
- VA pays monthly survivor benefits to approximately 1.8 million surviving spouses, children and dependent parents.
- Survivor benefits amount for \$2.7 billion in annual expenditures for compensation and pension.

## Candidate

State Senatorial candidate John Swinford of Pineville relates some of his ten years' experience in the House of Representatives to Curtis Farris.



## Senators Ford and Huddleston ask for farm drought aid

Senators Wendell Ford and Walter (Doc) Huddleston (D-Ky.) have asked President Reagan to come to the aid of hundreds of Kentucky farmers who stand to lose promised emergency Federal assistance for drought-related losses due to a recent change in program regulations.

The Senators urged the President to immediately order a revision in the new Small Business Assistance disaster loan guidelines and seek a supplemental budget request of \$30 million so that the agency will have the necessary funds to meet these and other disaster needs.

If the changes are not forthcoming, the Senators pointed out that farmers in Kentucky and elsewhere who had been declared eligible for SBA assistance — and who have applications now pending — will not be able to get crop-planted and livestock replaced in time for this production period.

"In Kentucky alone over 270 disaster loans are still pending involving a total of more than \$14 million dollars," the Senators said. "To date, 22 loans totaling \$1.2 million have been turned down by the Small Business Administration because of a change in regulations on March 19.

"It is expected that many more of these loans will not be approved or will have the requested loan amount substantially reduced. Processing is taking weeks due to the backlog."

The March 19 change in regulations impose a "credit elsewhere" test on applicants and also place a limitation of 60 percent of the actual loss on the amount an applicant can receive.

Neither of these requirements were in existence when various states were declared drought-stricken disaster areas last year or when farmers submitted their loan applications.

"If SBA continues to operate under the present regulations and thereby perpetuates the unfairness imposed on drought victims, bankruptcy and financial failures are eminent," the Senators said in the letter to the President. "No one has questioned the authenticity of the need for Federal

help to the drought-stricken farmers."

Fifty-five Kentucky counties, primarily in the central and western parts of the state, were declared eligible for SBA disaster loans based on last summer's drought.

Last year, Congress enacted legislation that transferred most farm disaster lending authority from SBA to the Farmers Home Administration. However, the changes do not apply to disasters which occurred on or before July 5, 1980, and the drought which plagued much of the county last year started prior to that time.

Joining Ford and Huddleston in sending the letter to the President were Edward Zorkey (D-Ind.), David Pryor (D-Ark.), Dale Bumpers (D-Ark.) and Howell Heflin (D-Ala.).

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## Mountain Laurel Festival to open Thursday, May 28

The Rev. Grady Nutt, sociable Anita Madden and sports commentator Cawood Ledford are expected to host the annual celebration which marks the blooming of the pink and white bushes sprouting the mountains in southeastern Kentucky: the 1981 Kentucky Mountain Laurel Festival at Pine Mountain.

This year's festival will be held May 28-31, and "the 'How'?" minister of music, Grady Nutt, will officially open the festival Thursday, May 28, at 8 p.m. at the Laurel Cove Amphitheater at the Pine Mountain State Resort Park. Nutt will deliver his pulpit humor and introduce the candidates for the Kentucky Mountain Laurel Festival Queen. Admission for the evening's entertainment will be \$3 for adults and children under 12 will be admitted for \$1.50.

Festival activities begin again Friday, May 29, at 11 a.m. at the Pine Public Library with an art and crafts exhibition. Admission is free.

Also that morning, qualifying rounds will be played for the 16th annual Mountain Laurel Golf Classic at Pine Mountain State Resort Park.

At 2 p.m. Friday there will be an open reception for queen candidates, their escorts and festival directors at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Talmage Hays. The reception is free and the public is invited.

Friday night's highlight will be the festival Princes Coronation and Ball for the 1981 festival princesses at Pineville High School Gymnasium. Admission is \$10 per couple or stag and \$2 for spectators.

Saturday morning festival goes can watch a parade through downtown Pineville, which will include floats, marching bands, festival queen candidates, clowns and clowns. The parade will begin at 10 a.m. and is free to the public.

A festival luncheon will be held at noon at the Herndon J. Evans Lodge at Pine Mountain State Resort Park. The luncheon is open to the public and tickets can be purchased for \$9.

At 1:30 p.m. a band concert will be held at the amphitheater and will be followed by the coronation of the festival queen at 3 p.m. "The Voice of the Kentucky Wildcats," Cawood Ledford, will be master of ceremonies. Admission for the concert and coronation is \$4 for adults and \$1 for children under 12 years of age.

The 1981 Mountain Laurel Festival Queen will be honored that evening at the Grand Ball as Lexington sociable Anita Madden serves as mistress of



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