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Miss Sandy Caswell



Mr. Thomas R. Biddle

Caswell, Biddle top class of '81

The Valetictorian and Salutatorian for Nicholas County High School's Class of 1981 were announced last Friday at Class Night services at NCHS.

This year's Valetictorian is Sandy Caswell, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Clay Caswell. Miss Caswell is an active member of the Carlisle Christian Church, the Future Homemakers of America, the Nicholas County High School Band and the NCHS Stage Band. She has been a member of the National Honor Society for the past two years and has also served on the student council. In addition, Miss Caswell has been an outstanding member of 4-H and was named Miss Nicholas County in this year's 4-H Style Reveal.

Miss Caswell will be one of the candidates for this year's Blackberry Festival Queen title, and has formerly been a Snow Queen candidate.

This year's Salutatorian is Thomas R. Biddle. Mr. Biddle is the son of Mrs. Pauline Biddle and the late Thomas Biddle. He is an active member of the First Baptist Church where he is a member of the Choir.

Mr. Biddle was a member of the NCHS football team for four years and was chosen as its captain his senior year. He also has been a member of the National Honor Society for the past two years and was recently listed in Who's Who Among American High School Seniors.

Additionally, Mr. Biddle has served on the Student Council for two years and is this year's Senior Class President.

Both students received several other awards during Class Night proceedings. A complete list of those awards can be found inside this week's Mercury.

News briefly

Deputy reports accidents

According to Deputy Sheriff Ralph Brookshire, there was only one accident in the county during the past week. The mishap occurred when an automobile driven by Martha A. Emser, Mt. Sterling, went out of control on

Jacktown Road Sunday night. The car reportedly rolled over and landed on its top with Mrs. Emser and passengers Sherri and Lisa Dunn inside, but there were no injuries and the car was not described as "totaled".

KU wants bigger increase

Kentucky Utilities Company is asking the Kentucky Public Service Commission to reconsider its May 1 order granting the company an interim rate increase in its current Kentucky retail rate case. The order granted a \$13 million interim annual increase to

revenues, equal to approximately \$1.08 million monthly, and is presently being added to customers' bills as a surcharge pending a final decision in the case, which is expected in mid-September.

East Union gets new culvert

The state Department of Transportation recently announced that it will replace a culvert on KY 126, East Union Road, four miles north of KY 21. The project will cost \$7,782 and work will be done by Bureau of Highways personnel.

Work on the project should be

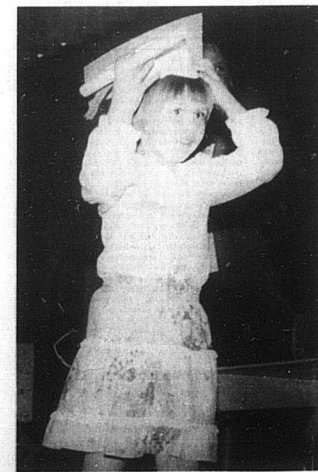
completed by mid-summer of 1982. The project is part of the state's rural secondary road program for Nicholas County. A portion of the motor fuel tax is set aside for maintenance and improvements on state-maintained farm-to-market roads.

Memorial service set for veterans

The American Legion Post 17 and the V.F.W. Lloyd George Post #666 will decorate the cemetery with flags for

veterans' graves Friday, May 22 at 5 p.m.

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Kindergarten graduation

Regina Gounce may have made it through Kindergarten, but it looked for a moment like her cap wasn't going to make it through graduation exercises Monday night. Regina is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gounce. —Mercury photo.

Registration looks good for primary

Voter registration for next week's primary election in Nicholas County is running nearly 12 percent ahead of the 1980 general election. County Clerk Rose Scott reported Monday that there were 6,296 persons registered to vote in the primary. That is an increase of 445 from the 3,791 who registered to vote in last November's election.

The Democratic Party easily had the largest increase in registered voters,

with an increase of 438. That brings the total number of registered Democrats in the county to 3,666.

The Republicans on the other hand, dropped a couple of registered voters as the figures fell from 225 to 223.

There was a slight increase in Nicholas Countians who held no preference for either of the two main parties. That figure is up from 38 in the 1980 general election, to 47 this May.

Statewide, Frances Jones Mills, the chairman of the State Board of Elections said that voter registration is nearing the two million mark at 1,926,106 — a record high.

There was an increase of 101,837 registered voters (76,548 Democrats and 26,227 Republicans) in Kentucky since the 1980 election, with a slight decrease in the "no preference" registrations.

Mrs. Mills said that she feels this "large registration coupled with a record number of candidates should make for many hotly contested races and a record vote."

Athletic clinic dates announced for this summer

Nicholas County Athletic Director Ben Pumpfrey announced last week the schedule for this year's Summer Athletic Clinic at the high school track. The clinic will be open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from June 1 to August 1 at 8 a.m. each day. The only exception to this schedule will be during the weeks of July 4 (break) and July 27 (Thursday, Friday, Saturday clinics).

During the course of the clinic, Coach Mike Kenney will teach basketball skills; Coach Robbie Barr, football skills and weight training; and Coach Pumpfrey, track and field skills.

The highlight of the Summer Clinic will be the Hershey's track and field program, in which the youngsters will complete the last week in June and the second week in July. Those attending the clinic will also compete in the 4-H Track Meet the first week in August.

Coach Pumpfrey said that children of all ages are welcome, and he particularly urged all high school athletes to attend the summer clinic.

UK gets check from local man

A \$500 check has been presented to Joseph V. Swintzsky, Dean of the University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy, from the Burroughs Wellcome Pharmacy Education Program.

The money is intended to establish a revolving loan fund for deserving pharmacy students in the name of Philip C. Loach, a pharmacist for the Johnson-Mathers Health Care Center in Carlisle. Loach was one of 156 winners in the 1980 program. Thirty-two thousand pharmacists entered from all 50 states plus the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

In a letter of appreciation to Mr. Loach, Dean Swintzsky said, "I deeply appreciate your continuing support of the College."

Fish and game supper Friday

The Nicholas County Fish and Game Club will have a potluck supper Friday, May 22, 7:30 p.m. at the club. All members are urged to attend.



NCHS commencement

Carlotta Anderson changes from student to graduate with one easy motion, as she moves the tassel on her cap at commencement exercises Sunday night. —Mercury photo.

Qualified in 11 events

Track team headed for state competition

After capturing seven regional track championships in six years, Coach Ben Pumpfrey's NCHS Track team controlled the sectional meet at Clay County Saturday from start to finish, and assured themselves of a shot at the state championship this weekend.

The previous victory in the regional meet was kept alive again last week, as

the Boys team qualified in seven events for the state meet and the Girls team qualified in four. Although the team scores weren't officially published for the sectional, the Nicholas County Boys Team racked up 40 points. Paintsville was next in line with 27, and the following two teams had 19 each.

Coach Pumpfrey said that the

reason for not publishing the team results was still unclear, although he did comment that under the newly organized qualification system for the state meet, "the sectional is really like the first day of the state meet." Sectional competition cuts the field from 22 to 8 in each event.

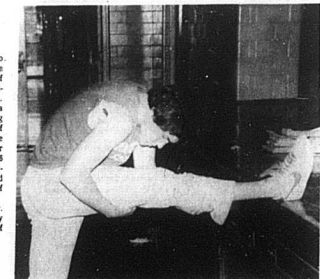
Going into the state competition Pumpfrey said he feels that Trigg County may be the team to beat, but he was quick to add, "It's really wide open." He also stated that he felt Bellevue, Paris and Somerset would be particularly strong.

The events in which Nicholas County qualified for the State Track and Field Meet are:

- Girls
- 100 Meter Hurdles: Tammy Young
- Long Jump: Tammy Young
- 800 Meter Relay: Stacy Young, Dawn Curran, Wanda Wilson and Tammy Young
- 1000 Meter Relay: Dawn Curran, Wanda Wilson, Rhonda Vaughn and Leslie Ishward

- Boys
- Triple Jump: David McCaffrey
- Long Jump: Donald Markland
- Shot Put: Jimmy Dale
- 110 Meter High Hurdles: Donald Markland
- 400 Meter Dash: Paul Quinn
- 800 Meter Hurdles: Donald Markland
- 1600 Meter Relay: Barry Bretz, Keith Williams, David McCaffrey and Paul Quinn

The State Track and Field Meet will be held Saturday at the University of Kentucky track in Lexington.



Barry Bretz, a member of Nicholas County's 1600 meter relay team, is pictured during a workout last week preparing for the sectional track and field meet. —Mercury photo.

State qualifier