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## Crop year '84: postponed by wet ground



Weighing in

Miles Hughes is finding out if his weight is within proper range for his height and frame during one of the many examinations and tests offered Wednesday, April 4, at the Bluegrass Health Fair.

Postponed by rain is a term usually associated with baseball games this time of year. Unfortunately for farmers, the same can be said of ground conditions which prevailing rains have saturated during recent weeks. Plowing and seeding of tobacco beds have been postponed until moisture can sufficiently dry the soil for working and planting. Sowing of tobacco beds here and throughout much of the state is only one-third completed, compared to about 75 percent a year ago and 82 percent on a five-year average. TOBACCO fields are about 30 percent plowed, also well behind last year. Livestock producers were hoping for an early spring because of short feed supplies. This hasn't been the case and about 90 percent of the farms still have livestock on winter feed. Statewide figures released by the Ky. Crop & Livestock Reporting Service showed hay supplies low with approximately 12 percent of the winter supply on hand. FALL SEEDING grain was reported to be in poor to good condition with variable amounts of rye-kill. Oats, barley and late seeded wheat were the most vulnerable victims of the extreme cold temperatures recorded at Christmas. Herbicide carryover also appears to have damaged small grains. Soils have been too wet to support equipment for top dressing with fertilizer. Aerial applications of fertilizer have been reported, but many fields have not been top dressed. Alfalfa and red clover also suffered winter damage, but several reporters indicated the hot, dry summer caused more damage to legumes. This was especially true for fields seeded in the spring of 1983.

Wayne Fitzgerald presiding Mrs. Holland's attorney was unable to be in attendance at the arraignment. The matter was set for a preliminary hearing April 14 at 2 p.m. in district court. A \$2,000 bond set by the trial commissioner was continued. Unable to post bond, Mrs. Holland was remanded to the Bourbon County jail where she had been held pending arraignment. The body was taken to Lexington for an autopsy and had not been released as The Mercury went to press Tuesday.

## Woman charged in shooting death

A Carlisle woman, Mrs. Bernice Holland, 31, has been charged with murder in violation of KRS 507.020 in the April 7 shooting death of her estranged husband, Dudley Mason Holland, also 31. According to State Police officer Bob Duffy, Mrs. Holland apparently shot the victim in front of her home at 613 East Main Street about 10:30 p.m. Saturday. She was arrested at home early Sunday morning by KSP officers, notified by calls from the Carlisle Police Department. A PLEA of not guilty was entered by the court here Monday, with Judge



Winning exhibits at open house

Pam Sparks and Keith Lyons were big winners at the 21st annual Regional Science Fair. Their exhibits will be on display during open house at the high school next Tuesday night.

## NCHS student's entry wins Fair's top award

Two Nicholas County High School seniors, Pamela Sparks and Keith Lyons, were top winners in the 21st Annual Northeast Regional Science Fair held at Morehead State University April 7. In order for a student to enter competition at one of the state,

See Pam Sparks, page 12



"Who said it didn't hurt?"

Oliver Vise has just had blood drawn by Judy Dunn, R.N., for chemical analysis during the Bluegrass Health Fair April 4 at the old Carlisle Armory.



BOB CHRISTIE, commander of the American Legion Post No. 17, addressed Council concerning the Legion's annual Blackberry Festival which will be held Monday, July 2, through Saturday, July 7. He and finance officer and secretary Bill Hardin requested use of city streets during week, and extra police protection for which the Legion would pay. Mayor Hughes stated that last year the extra manhours paid to city cops on the streets cost the city around \$1,000. Mayor Hughes said that the presence of state police officers would help the situation greatly. Council is in favor of granting permission to the Legion for use of the streets. A vote will be made at the regular May council meeting.

## Blackberry Festival dates requested

## City to annex Oriole, Mockingbird

Oriole Street and Mockingbird Lane and surrounding area will be annexed by the city of Carlisle. This decision was finalized Monday night at a council meeting. The annexation will be effective on the second reading of each ordinance. Ordinance No. 4 deals with two tracts. Tract No. 1, 3.38 acres on and surrounding Oriole Street, Tract No. 2, 7.5 acres south of Oriole Street. Both tracts total 10.88 acres. Ordinance No. 1 has one tract on and surrounding Mockingbird Lane containing 7.9 acres.

REG FISHER of Cynthiana, a representative of New York Life Insurance Company, requested permission of Council to talk to city employees about his company's group life insurance plan. Three or more employees must sign up to benefit from a discount rate. Permission was granted. Fisher informed members that Eddie Price, a Nicholas County native who is also an agent with the company, would be moving back to Carlisle in the near future, thereby emphasizing the availability of a home town agent to answer questions and settle claims. IN OTHER BUSINESS, Gayle Vandinsingham informed Council that the sidewalk in front of Mrs. Della White's house in Henryville will be repaired by city employees to prevent water from standing on the sidewalk and to her yard. A representative from the Farmington office of the State Department of Highways has inspected the site and informed Vandinsingham that it would be the city's responsibility to make the changes. The city must request a permit from the state to work on the sidewalk. The city will declare May 12 as "Jim Miller Day" in Carlisle. Miller, in his 90s, is a 75-year graduate of Millersburg Military Institute, and a resident of Johnson-Mathers Nursing Home here.

## News Briefs

### Library book overdue? Return now, no penalty

Nicholas County Library has a special promotion in connection with National Library Week, April 8-14. Persons with overdue books may take advantage of a free book drop at the library, accessible to librarian Justin Anderson, no charges (fines) will be assessed on books bearing an overdue date if turned in by Saturday. "We just want them returned, no matter how long overdue," she said. Persons in the county who want the book back to use by their home may call the library, 289-2206.

### NCHS open house next Tuesday night

Nicholas County High School will hold its annual open house Tuesday, April 17 from 7:30 p.m. at the high school. The public is invited, especially parents of eighth grade students who will enter high school next fall. In making the announcement, Principal David McMillan noted that the open house has become one of the more popular events at the school, attracting from 200-300 people last year.

### Blood chemistry registration

Mrs. Taylor Smelling and Mrs. Ralph Bowen, right, are registering a participant for a "blood letting" Wednesday at the Bluegrass Health Fair. Two hundred twenty-eight persons registered for the examinations and tests that were offered.



Honored at UK

Miss Kay Conley of Carlisle was named "Outstanding Greek Woman of the Year" at ceremonies Saturday night at the University of Kentucky. See story, page 6.

## Fiscal court approves grading for ball fields

An area to accommodate two ball fields will be leveled by the Kentucky National Guard in a Domestic Action Program agreement authorized by Fiscal Court here last Wednesday. Approximately two feet (2,000 cubic yards) of dirt will be moved from high points to low spots in the grading, being done in connection with the county's role in the development of the new West End Park on county-owned property near the KMG Army on Highway 30. IN OTHER action, the court also authorized the widening to 30 feet an existing county road known as Chap Hillier dirt road, upon obtaining the necessary easements from adjoining property owners.

Court had been petitioned to widen the road at its March 23 meeting and had approved the measure, subject to clarification by the county attorney as to the legal width limitation affecting existing roads. New road construction calls for a 30-foot right-of-way. Chap Hillier runs between Howe Hill and Bald Hill roads. In the petition, property owners agreed to any fence replacement at their own expense. THE COURT also approved payment of \$84,712 to the State Treasurer for the Nicholas County Veterans Affairs which is headquartered at Boone National Guard Center in Frankfort. With the governor, Lt. Gov. Tom Lisle, operations director, DES, Wilbur R. Burton Jr., executive director, DES, and Adjutant Gen. Billy G. Wellman, Burton is a Carlisle native.



Tornado alert exercise

Gov. Martha Layne Collins is shown receiving an update on the tornado alert exercises held April 2 by state Disaster and Emergency Services, which is headquartered at Boone National Guard Center in Frankfort. With the governor, Lt. Gov. Tom Lisle, operations director, DES, Wilbur R. Burton Jr., executive director, DES, and Adjutant Gen. Billy G. Wellman, Burton is a Carlisle native.