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It's up to the boys...

Pumphrey's swan song may not be duck soup

Nicholas County Bluejackets, defending Class A champions of the 3rd District will open the 1984 gridiron campaign here Friday night, August 17 against Fleming County in the last year's starting backfield and offensive line, the locker, punter and defensive backfield.

These positions were formerly filled by six departed senior lettermen, namely Robert Hopkins, Steve Anderson, Eric McGuffey, Terry Ledford, Greg Robinson and Gerald Hammond. Hopkins and Ledford, in fact, have enrolled at Morehead State University and hope to make the Eagles' team as with one next week.

SO WHAT can be expected of 1984 Jacklets? Will they show up for the coming season?

"I'd be better believe we'll be there," said retiring coach Ken Pumphrey. "We have a tough schedule, though, and I have no idea if we can move the football. We may have to play the whole game on defense," he said with a twinkle in his eye.

Since this will be Pumphrey's last football game he would like to get a winner. "It's up to the boys. They know the program and have since the seventh grade when most of them started playing," he said.

EXPECTED to compose the starting backfield are senior Rocky Young, a 6 ft., 175 pound quarterback; Philip Oldiron, a 5'9", 150 pound junior wing back and Ron Blakeman, a 200 pound, 5'10" fullback who transferred here from Lexington. Blakeman is currently practicing with the starters until due to a knee injury suffered by Scott Hammy, a 175 pound, four-year veteran.

Across the front line are ends Brian Watkins, a 180 pound senior and Steve Ledford, 6'2", 180 pound sophomore; tackle David Adams and Steve Ricky, both 270 pound seniors; guards Darren Robinson, 6'2", 250 pound senior and Dewayne Baker, 5'7", 230 pounds and also a senior. Snapping the ball from center is Jody Diercks, a 6', 160 pound junior.

ELITE players are probable starters in a controlled scrimmage with Bourbon County here Friday morning, starting at 10 a.m. Coach Wilson Sears is expected to field his usual talented group of Colosseum Blue. The public is invited.

Pumphrey hasn't settled on his starting defensive unit except for the secondary which will have Young at "Sliper" back and back-up quarterback Steve Little, a 5'7", 160 pound senior at one safety.

Other backfield candidates include Pope, Oldiron, Todd Day, Chris Anderson, Chris Hollar, Keith Inwert, Terry and Perry Westbrook, Gary Dixon, Olan Villarier, Laska Farah and Joseph Joseph.

Battling for berths on the defensive line are ends Lowell Fryman, Allen Hardin, Robinson and Watkins.

The linchback corps will be selected from Hammy, David Willsonghly, Chris Knapp, Scott Allison, Deacon and Baker.

Aspiring linemen include Blakeman, Kirby, Allison, Glen Smith, Terry Hill, Jeff Cartwright, Dewayne Carran, Robert McGuffey, Greg Alexander, Kevin Hughes and Jeff Sledge.

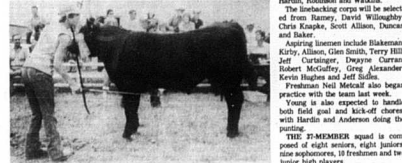
Freeman Neil Metals also began practice with the team last week.

Young is also expected to handle both field goal and kick-off chores, with Hardin and Anderson doing the punting.

THE 25-MEMBER squad is composed of eight seniors, eight juniors, nine sophomores, 10 freshmen and two junior high players.

Pumphrey is assisted by seven-year veteran Robbie Barr and Greg Leitcher, in his second year as assistant coach.

Practice begins July 29 and is held nightly at 8 o'clock.



Grand champion steer
Todd Day will show his grand champion steer "Urbie" Saturday morning during the annual Nicholas County Youth Fair. Judging will be at the farm of Dr. Allen Harmon on U.S. 68. He will also be in competition August 15 at the State Fair in Louisville.

4-Her eyes state championship for prize steer named 'Urbie'

Todd Day, a Nicholas County 4-H Club member, hopes his prize-winning steer "Urbie" is not only grand champion of this week's Youth Fair here but is good enough to "win it all" August 15 at the Kentucky State Fair in Louisville.

And with good reason. "Urbie" was named the grand champion at recent fairs in Bourbon County, Hartson County and Erling-Pennine and reserves grand champion at Woodford and Scott county shows.

Todd has been showing in competition for six years, and feels this is his best chance at winning the state championship.

Todd, 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Day, spends three hours a day, seven days a week tending his prize 1,285 pound steer. "Urbie" was born April 23, 1983 on Windstone Farm and is an Angus/Ontario cross breed.

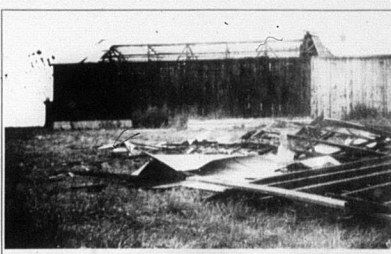
This year's Youth Fair got underway August 1 at the New National Guard Armory, where exhibits are on display daily. A track and field event will take place tonight at the high school athletic field beginning at 6 o'clock. The best cattle show is set for 10 a.m. Saturday at the farm of Dr. Allen Harmon on U.S. 68. A garden tractor pull is also set for Saturday at the Recreation Park.

Fair exhibitors include Nicholas County 4-H Club, Future Homemakers of America, Future Farmers of America and an adult department.

The fair is under the auspices of the Nicholas Fair Board which includes the following persons and organizations:



Hildreth's last class in 1941
Members of the last class to attend Hildreth School pose outside the one-room building in the spring of 1941. They fall students attended school at Hildreth. From row 1: Helen Linville, Judy Barton, Earl Shingleton, James Spaulford, J.A. K. Linville and Guy Deweyell. Back row: Horley Linville, George Campbell, William Hickman, Deweyell, Mrs. Louise Spaulford Linville, Ruth Deweyell, Mrs. Louise Spaulford and other Deweyell family members.



High winds play havoc with barn
Debris from the roof of a new barn belonging to Windstone Farm on Pleasant Springs Road was scattered 800 feet away following the knockdown of what was described as a tiny tornado late last Thursday afternoon. More storm damage was reported in the Millersburg and Russell Mills areas. At night a new barn inside the "open-air" barn. Accompanying rains brought temporary relief to drought conditions here and neighboring counties.

Hildreth School one location of 'Huck Finn' movie filming

The one room Hildreth School near Blue Licks will be used in the filming of "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn," a forthcoming three-hour production for PBS and eventual showing on cable television. The Mercury has learned.

Permission for use of the school-house was granted by owner Arthur Linville of Lexington after consulting with members of the Nicholas County Historical Society which is currently renovating the building.

According to NCHS spokesman Rob Lane, the film company, Great Arrow Productions of New York, has asked that any painting be postponed until after the filming, scheduled later this fall.

"They want it to look as authentic as possible. The historical society had planned to have the painting completed prior to the Blue Licks celebration August 18, 20. We agreed to hold off that part of the restoration but other work has already been completed," he said.

THAT WORK includes repairing and replacement of windows and weatherboarding where needed. Lane indicated that the film company could accommodate any area which had already received a facelift.

Hildreth School will be open to the public during the park celebration commemorating the Battle of Blue Licks, the last battle of the Revolutionary War.

There are scheduled from 10 p.m. both days, with frequent shuttle service from Blue Licks Christian Church near the entrance to the park. Ample parking is available on the church lot. Cost this year is \$1 for adults, with children under five admitted free. An old-fashioned homemade stand will have cold drinks for sale.

News brief

Three persons file for ed board seats
Three persons have filed as candidates for the Nicholas County Board of Education, subject to the action of voters in the Nov. 6 General Election.

Mrs. Louise Zachary of Carlisle has filed for the board from District 3. The seat is currently held by William T. Chandler.

Mrs. Rose Marie Farah of Carpenter Road and John Cleever Jr. of Route 1 seek the seat of retiring Charles H. Martin in District 1.

At present Tuesday Dampier had not filed for re-election, according to Rose Scott, county clerk.

Terms of three members expire this year. Only William E. (Bully) Hunter of District 4 has filed to retain his seat. Deadline is August 28.



Congressman is VFW guest
U.S. Congressman Larry Hawkins was guest of the VFW Post Saturday night at the post's annual fish fry at the city lake for members and their families. Over 200 persons heard Hawkins discuss his opposition to the Fiftyninth Term and support of the tobacco program. He's shown here with VFW commander Frank Terrell.

Blood drive here Aug. 27

Central Kentucky Blood Center and the Nicholas County blood committee have scheduled the second blood drive of 1984 in Nicholas County for Monday, August 27 at the First United Methodist Church from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. At least 100 donors are needed at this drive.

Call Phil Hastings at 289-7662 for more information about donating or to make an appointment.