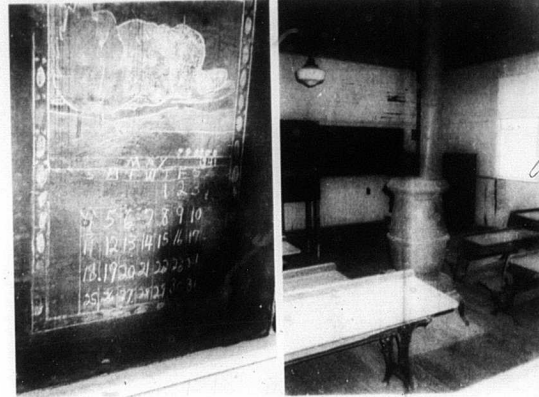


Hutchinson-Smith team wins Shumate Classic

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MAY, 1941 CALENDAR on blackboard marks last class year. -Mercury photo. POTBELLY STOVE was the lone source of heat.



HILDRETH SCHOOL, as it appears today, was built about 1895.

Hildreth School being prepared for tour guests

Members of the Nicholas County Historical Society are busily preparing for Hildreth School open house August 18 and 19, when the one room school house will be showcased to the public during the weekend celebration at nearby Blue Licks State Park. A work crew will be on hand this Sunday to mow, clean and oil the floor. Steps are yet to be repaired but will be in time for the open house, Bob Lane, society spokesman told The Mercury this week.

The original bell which hung atop the building will also be included in the program, says spokesman. Windows have been replaced and weatherboarding installed where needed.

AN AMERICAN flag with 48 stars is still being sought for display in the classroom.

Painting of the exterior has been postponed until after the filming "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" is completed this fall. Film producers who plan to shoot several sequences at the school have requested the delay so that the building will look much the same as it did before the turn of the century.

The narrow lane leading to the school from Abner's Mill Road has been cleared and gravelled by the Nicholas County Road Department for easier access by car. Approximately 2,000 feet of roadway is involved, Lane said.

AFTERNOON TOURS in the school from Blue Licks Christian Church parking lot will begin at 1 p.m. Historical society members will furnish road-side transportation at \$1 for adults, with children free.

"We are hoping that most people will use our transportation since the one-lane road is very narrow and parking space is limited," Lane said, adding that "people can stay all afternoon or just a few minutes. Shuttle service will provide frequent trips to and from the site, depending on the demand, up until 5 p.m."

Hildreth, one of only a few remaining one room school houses in good repair, was deeded by the county in 1895. It was closed in 1941 and consolidated with Ellettsville. The property was purchased in 1942 by Mrs. Louise Lantier, a former Hildreth teacher and mother of Arthur Lantier of Lexington, its present owner.

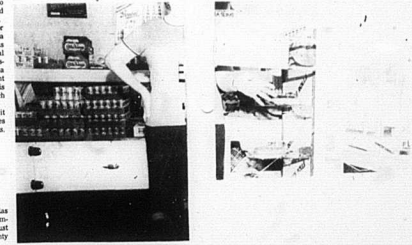
The restoration, being undertaken by the local historical society, is receiving area-wide acclaim and will be the subject of a feature article in a forthcoming issue of The Lexington Herald.

Barterville remains 'dry'

"Dry" voters in the Barterville precinct outnumbered the "wet" by almost 3:1 margin in last Tuesday's local option election.

The official tabulation showed 131 votes against allowing the sale of alcoholic beverages to 79 for the measure.

A total of 210 votes were cast but nine were spoiled in the voting machine, Rose Scott, county clerk, noted.



Break in at Jones' Market. A person or persons broke into Jones' Market on West Main sometime Thursday night. Dave Jones, owner, found this glass knocked out of the front door at 6:30 a.m. when he opened up the store. A burglar alarm inside the store did not go off. He called the city police, and after an investigation, found nothing missing from the store. -Mercury photo.

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Basic Skills test scores show improvement in most areas

by Bill Gault

Nicholas County School officials were notified this week of the system's performance on the Spring 1984 State-wide Testing Program. This testing program is a requirement of the Educational Improvement Act.

According to Supt. Donald G. Elder, "Based on our performance on the 1983 Statewide Testing Program, we are very pleased with the results of this year's test. We have shown what we consider significant improvement in our rankings in the state. Each of the mandated grades (1, 3, 7 and 10) increased their rank in the state based on the total battery score. There are still areas of concern which we will address this year but overall we are pleased with the results."

A comparison between the local district's performance on the 1983 test and the 1984 test shows the following:

Grade	1983	1984	Per. Change +/-
1	1475	1228	+25.8
3	1815	1649	+16.5
7	1293	1215	+47.0
10	983	735	+24.8

The numbers above are the district's rank in the state for each of the years based on the total battery score of the Comprehensive Test of Basic Skills given as a part of the Educational Improvement Act. The State Department of Education ranks each school system in the state based on the results of this test.

Schools are ranked from 1 to 10 (top score in the state) to 100 (bottom score in the state).

The above results were added emphasis on the basic skills, teacher in-service on administering standardized tests, increased student and parent awareness of the importance of doing well on this test, and changes in the test administration procedure.

"In the past," Elder noted, "we had the elementary counselor administer the test to all the students in each elementary grade. The test was administered in the science room instead of in the student homerooms. This placed the students in an unfamiliar setting."

"This year, we had each elementary teacher administer the test to her/his class in their own classroom. This placed the students in a more familiar setting and made them more at ease with the test. Testing specialists tell us the test was the same as it did before the turn of the century."

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100 donors needed for August blood drive

Share your good health and donate blood. Central Kentucky Blood Center and the Nicholas County blood committee have scheduled the second blood drive of 1984 in Carlisle for Monday, Aug. 27, 14 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church. At least 100 donors are needed at this drive to maintain a safe and adequate blood supply for patients in area hospitals.

During the summer the need for blood transfusions does not take a vacation yet donors often do. It was pointed out. All blood donors are vital to the patients undergoing a kidney transplant, therapy for leukemia or a massive trauma victim. The amount of blood available for transfusions is directly related to the amount which has recently been donated.

Some donor groups do not find it convenient to schedule blood drives during the warm weather months.

Democrats call meeting Saturday

A called meeting of the Nicholas County Democratic Executive Committee will be held Saturday, August 11, at 8 p.m. at the Nicholas County Courthouse.

To be nominated are five candidates for the Democratic County Election Commissioner, who will then be appointed by the State Board of Election.

W. J. Clark is the current commissioner.

NICHOLAS COUNTY SCHOOLS
Spring 1984 Test Results
(Local score top row, state ranking second row)

	Grade 1	Grade 3	Grade 7	Grade 10
Reading	242	215	318	619
Language	1335	865	710	800
	279	639	360	500
Math	1300	560	340	485
	614	602	265	485
Obtained Battery	610	285	113	160
	269	648	252	328
Spelling	1220	582	309	511
	260	512	309	511
Ref. Skills	199	90	60	79
	503	325	284	209
Obtained Total Battery	28	20	20	20
	444	408	360	464
Anticipated Battery	460	100	60	100
	144	14	14	14
Anticipated Total Battery	460	100	60	100

Note: Top row indicates local scoring, bottom row reflects the state ranking in that area based on a 1 to 10 (top to 100, the lowest.)

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