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Christmas dinner guests

Several of Nicholas County's senior citizens enjoyed Christmas dinner at Nicholas County Elementary School on December 19. In the picture above, eighth grade student Cassie Coullin serves Christmas dinner. Below, Jamie George serves Evelyn George.



Prominent Millersburg man, Jim Miller, dies at age 92

James W. Miller, 92, a well-known Millersburg resident, died Tuesday, December 18, 1984, at Nicholas County Hospital in Corbin after a long illness. He had farmed in nearby Nicholas County for many years, was the oldest living graduate of Millersburg Military Institute, a member of the board of directors of Farmers Exchange Bank of Millersburg and had been affiliated with Farmers Tobacco Warehouse of Paris. He was a member of the Millersburg United Methodist Church and the men's club of the church, was a Mason and had been a member of Millersburg Rotary Club. He was a Nicholas County native and a lieutenant in the Army during World War I. Survivors are a son, Charles Law of Millersburg; a brother-in-law, Howard B. Miller, of New Haven; a great-grandchild, a great-granddaughter; a great-grandson; and a great-granddaughter. Services were Friday, December 21 at Pruitt Funeral Home, Millersburg.

Thornburgs plan to close Ken-Dar Center, court told

Ken-Dar Entertainment Center, located in the grip of the old arena building on East Main, is closing its doors January 5. Owners Kenny and Darlene Thornburg told members of Planning Court last Wednesday that lack of business is forcing them to shut down all Ken-Dar operations, including roller skating which had its final session December 23.

Termination of the lease in February 1. The January rent payment will be exchanged for building repair work (including the arena roof) done by Thornburg.

The Thornburgs, who had often complained that the presence of city police made the premises unattractive to members and their guests, plan to convert the arena to a night, January 5. It will be free to members and their guests. Plans will be shared, they said.

NEW EFFORTS will be made to replace the amusement ride of the management. The signs, to be installed in Liberty Heights, Arnold Heights, Baker's Acres and Shepherd Hill, will be mounted on taller poles, under the direction of John

Etchen, county road supervisor. IN OTHER BUSINESS: The county signed a Memorandum of Agreement with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet, Department for Environmental Protection, Division of Waste Management concerning preparation of a 10-year solid waste management plan as now required by law.

Under the agreement, the EPA would reimburse the county one-half the cost of the plan up to the maximum amount of \$120. The plan cost is an estimated \$120. The county is working with the State Development District on the contract, in coordination with the City of Carlisle as the plan is being developed.

COURT AGREED to rent the basement of the old building to Rev. Ernest Hoppert on a long-term lease. Rev. Hoppert will pay \$25 per month and maintain the electric and road department supplies. John Hoppert will be installed in Liberty Heights during the winter months. He will be reinstated in the spring. Court will meet on Wednesday, January 3, instead of January 1.

Jurors report Jan. 3; two persons indicted

Jurors who will report for duty January 3, 1985 are as follows: Joyce Sander, Emerson Baker, Diane Barlow, Carolyn W. Hasty, Vickie Davis, Carolyn Foy, Gordon Thompson, Conaway, Dock E. Carter, Teddy Carter, James M. Carter, John E. Chandler, Emory O. Clark, Virginia Caudrey, Josephine Chasing, Maggie Davis, Calvin Denton, Clarence Griffith, Josephine Eastburn, Sterling L. Evans, Gile Clifton Fife, Billy Geason, James H. Goe, Sam Johnston, T. Hamilton Jr., Aln, David H. Harlin, Irvin L. Harlow, Harold, Linda Harlow, Fred Hopkins, James Howard Jr., Jerry Hoad, Leonard J. J. Jr., Tyrin H. Jolly, Mike Kenner, Faye Letcher, Gregory Scott Letcher, Jane H. Lewisberg, Joe Lovell, Kenneth Lyons, Dorothy H. Marshall, Taylor T. Matthews, Charles T. McCallin, Bonnie Mitchell, Larry D. Mitchell, Hubert P. Morris, Debrae Murrell, Jennette McCaffrey, Helen McVey, John C. Pugh.

Also indicted was Ricky Moore, for the September 24 theft of three trags, valued at more than \$100, from the residence of Cassie Pugh.

THE FALL TERM of the grand jury ended December 23 with two indictments handed down. Justice B. Kington was charged with possession of stolen property amounting to a check made out to M.J. Kington, after having stolen the check from Dr. residence of James Kington. The incident took place on June 22 of this year. Also indicted was Ricky Moore, for the September 24 theft of three trags, valued at more than \$100, from the residence of Cassie Pugh.

School Hall Book. Two Historical Society members have already donated \$100 each to help with this expense. They are Owen Collins of Richmond and Emory Clark Sr. of Carlisle. (A microfilm reader has been donated by John Wolf of Carlisle. It will open in handy for reference and genealogy research.) However, James often has books are being sought for the museum - items which would have some contact with hockey, any antique chair, if you have an item you think might be suitable for the museum. Space is limited but a number of interesting items to be sought.

The Historical Society hopes to be able to open the museum one afternoon a week, with volunteer help, before too much longer. If you are interested in sponsoring an occasional afternoon helping at the museum, contact Mrs. Haddock. This museum will be opened at other times upon request.

A barter alarm system has been installed in the building.

CLARENCE EARL JUDGE NATIONAL FOR BIRTH Sam Chamberlain of Wales and L.L. Chamberlain of Carlisle have returned home after attending the United States Open For Birth in Dallas, Tex. Both men were invited to serve as judges at the last held December 19-24.

CIRCUIT CLERK'S OFFICE CLOSED The Nicholas County Circuit Clerk's office will be closed Monday, Dec. 31 and Tuesday, Jan. 1. It will open at 8 a.m. Jan. 2.



That's BIG tobacco!

Genald Homan raised this very large leaf of burley on the Harvey Crouch farm near East Union. It measured 16 inches wide and 29 1/2 inches from top to bottom.

Committee on education plans Jan. 31 meeting

The planning committee of the Nicholas County School-Community Relations Committee met December 22 to lay the groundwork for a second year meeting on education. The meeting, tentatively scheduled for Thursday, January 31 at 10 p.m. at the Nicholas County Elementary School, is being held in response to interest expressed at the November 17 Town Forum on education. At that time 29 statements were collected in response to the question, "What should our schools be doing?"

At the January meeting, the public will be given the opportunity to hear a panel of representatives from Nicholas County schools address those concerns. Rev. Philip Hastings will again serve as the meeting moderator.

"These meetings are intended to give everyone in the community opportunities to learn more about what our schools are doing and to suggest what more needs to be done to improve the quality of our local educational system," said Dr. Timothy Scott, committee chairman. "Over 120 people attended the first meeting, and it is hoped that many more will attend the second. Greater public involvement is essential to local as well as statewide efforts to begin meeting Kentucky's serious educational needs."

Members of the planning committee for the January meeting include Dianne Murrell, Betty Cramer, Cheryl Sood, Dana Wills and Dr. Scott.

Board member retires School Superintendent Donald Eber presents Chester Mathis a plaque in recognition of 11 years service on the Nicholas County Board of Education. Mathis retired, effective this month. New members of the board, Louise Zachary and John Cleaver Jr., will be installed at the January 14 meeting.

Mercury holiday deadline News and advertising deadlines for the New Year's issue of the Mercury is as follows: For the issue of Jan. 3, deadline for all copy is noon Friday, Dec. 28, with delivery on Monday, Dec. 31. All contributors are asked to submit items as far in advance as possible.