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Spelling Bee contestants

Wednesday, Jan. 25 the KEA Presidential Spelling Bee contest was held at Nicholas County Elementary School. The coordinators for the contests are Mrs. Viola Pumphrey and Miss Wilma Dowdhan. Winners from grades four through eight were the participants. Tracy Dotson was the contest winner. Mrs. Pumphrey, right, is shown presenting a silver charm to each girl. From left are Jill Hardin, fourth grade; Kim Hardwick, fifth grade; Tracy Dotson, eighth grade and winner; Heather Hall, sixth grade; Sarah Blount, seventh grade and runner-up. —Mercury photo

## Tracy Dotson wins Spelling Bee

Tracy Dotson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dotson, will represent the Nicholas County school system at the Kentucky Educational Association Presidential Spelling Bee in Winchester on March 11 in district competition. Final competition on the local level was held Jan. 25 at Nicholas County Elementary School.

Grade level winners who participated were: fourth grade, Jill Hardin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hardin; fifth grade, Kim Hardwick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Hardwick; sixth grade, Heather Hall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hall; and seventh grade, Sarah Blount, daughter of Mrs. Mary Hammy, who was runner to eighth grade Tracy Dotson.

Each speller was presented silver charms by the Nicholas County Teachers Association. Mrs. Iren Pumphrey and Miss Wilma Dowdhan coordinated the contests which were conducted orally with elimination on a "miss and out" basis in the traditional spelling bee manner.

Words were pronounced by Mrs. David Hatcher. Judges were Mrs. Warren Fisher, Rev. Phil Hastings, and Doug Garrett.

A state spelling champion will be determined at state finals which will be held April 12 during the KEA convention at the Executive West Motor Hotel in Louisville. Three top winners will receive a set of World Book Encyclopedias and the runner-up will receive a two-volume World Book Dictionary by World Book Children's International.

Kentucky Educational Television will tape the finals for showing later on the network.



Serve as pages

These Nicholas County students were in Frankfurt on Jan. 25 to serve as pages in the Legislature. Left to right are: Licha Farah, Allen Hardin, Rev. Ron Hornwood who accompanied the students, Cynthia Fryman, Gretchen Judge, Rhonda Barker, Joshua Guthrie, Jennifer Hardin and Cindy Miller. —Photo submitted



See page eight for Focus on Schools

The in-service meeting allowed school officials to include the day in the school calendar. —Photo submitted

## Learn income tax filing

### NCHS to have seminar Feb. 8

## Forestry service offers low-cost seedlings

The Division of Forestry, Department for Natural Resources and Environmental Protection, Commonwealth of Kentucky, is again offering low-cost forest-tree seedlings to landowners. Seedlings may be used for reforestation of land used for timber production, erosion control, windbreaks, noise barriers, covering of landfill dumps, enhancing wildlife habitat and beautification.

For further details contact: Wesley Wild, County Ranger, 688-264, or Greg Barnes, County Ranger, 688-266, of the Kentucky Division of Forestry, 70 West First Street, Morehead, Ky. 40351, phone 688-734-7304.

## 4,000 acres of land slated for strip mining in Bath and Montgomery

Gibbs and Hill Inc., a subsidiary of one of the project's sponsors, Draver Constructors and Engineers, say there will be continuous monitoring of sulphur dioxide, particulate and noise emission from all phases of the development.

Three meteorological-air quality monitoring sites will be established near the parameters of the project. In addition, 26 wells will be completed to monitor water quality in aquifers. Other wells within the project area will be identified and tested during mining operations.

Hank Frenz, Gibbs and Hill project director, said 18 different surface water monitoring locations have been established. Some are in the tributaries of Slate Creek, some in Slate Creek itself. —See 4,000 acres, page 11



Scores two more

Senior forward, Steve Anderson, scores a lay-up last Tuesday in the Jackets' 83-57 win over Millersburg Military Institute. —Photo submitted