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## Cleaver wins coin toss for ed board seat

After weeks of campaigning that ended in a deadlock at the polls, a simple coin toss Thursday in the County Clerk's office decided the outcome in the school board race in District 1.

Steve Mark's Parish, called "heads," John Cleaver Jr. had "tails."

Herbert McClinton, a member of the Board of Education, tossed the quarter high in the air.

As both candidates looked on, the coin hit the ceiling and fell to the floor.

"Tails," called Sheriff Charles King, making Cleaver a winner and Parish the loser in the runoff, as required by law and confirmed by phone with the Attorney General's office in Frankfort.

Both candidates polled 164 votes in last Tuesday's General Election, the first time anyone remembers a tie vote in Nicholas County history. A third candidate, Lindsay Schenck, polled 67 votes.

A thorough recount of three voting machines and all absentee ballots — and witnessed by both candidates, the press, members of the election board (W.J. Clark, King, Scott and McClanahan) and candidate representatives, Mrs. Judy Judge and John Cleaver Sr. — had failed to alter the original vote-totals.

The winner, obviously relieved after a heated campaign, flashed a nervous smile before leaving the room.

The loser, obviously disappointed, was philosophical: "I am a firm believer that everything turns out for the best."

McClinton showed that of 267 percent voting in Headquarters precinct, only 118 voted in the school board race.

Hartsville, 101 of 223 total voters picked a lever for a school board candidate. No comparative breakdown was available in the portion of City Building precinct voting in the District race.

A requested recount by Mark's Sims

Jr. in District 4 was held Monday afternoon but failed to change the outcome. Sims lost in his bid to unseat school board incumbent William F. Hillyer (R) by a 23-vote margin, 199-176.

In other races there were few surprises, with the exception of the senatorial contest. Democratic incumbent Hue Holaday carried Nicholas County by a 1487-814 count over apparent overall winner Mitch McConnell of Louisville. Holaday carried the race by a 1487-814 count over apparent overall winner Mitch McConnell of Louisville. Holaday carried the race by a 1487-814 count over apparent overall winner Mitch McConnell of Louisville.

McClinton had told The Mercury that the fact that his opponent was currently serving as judge coupled with Dear's better financial position might be hard to overcome.

President Ronald Reagan faced much better news in 1980 when President Jimmy Carter carried Nicholas County.

A constitutional amendment which allows sheriffs to succeed themselves in office was approved here 98-41, to the delight of Sheriff Charles King, who plans to seek re-election next year.

All told, 2,189 voters went to the polls here last Tuesday, representing a 67 percent turnout of the 3,316 registered voters.

Sheriff Charles King, right, and John Cleaver Jr., center, at the coin toss. Parish, left, is the loser in the runoff. Parish, left, is the loser in the runoff. Parish, left, is the loser in the runoff.



'I solemnly swear...' Eugene R. Snapp, left, is sworn in as Carlisle postmaster by Bill Long of Lexington.

## Town forum set tonight at NCES

Rev. Philip Hastings of the Carlisle Presbyterian Church will serve as discussion leader at the Town Forum on Education to be held tonight, Thursday, at 7:30 o'clock at Nicholas County Elementary School.

Sponsored by the Pritchard Committee on Academic Excellence, similar town forums on education are being held simultaneously in most school districts throughout the state. Public participation in the event locally is expected to be widespread and enthusiastic.

The forum will ask individuals to address themselves to the question: "What should we public schools be doing?" The purpose of the meeting will be to identify those issues facing our schools that local citizens feel are most important.

The meeting will be divided into three parts. The first part, scheduled to last 15 minutes, will be used to allow individuals to state their response to the forum question, and to have these recorded.

The second part, to take 20 minutes, will be used to raise the importance of such of the stated concerns. The last part of the meeting will be spent discussing the steps for future forums in Nicholas County.

Because the meeting will be only an initial attempt in improving Kentucky education, the scope of the forum will necessarily be limited. Although responses from as many people as possible will be heard, no question will be answered or solutions to issues arrived at.

In order to hear all possible opinions, the forum will follow these guidelines:

1. Each speaker is to limit his or her comments to no more than two minutes, and refrain from further comment until all other speakers have been heard.
2. Although areas of concern are welcomed, individuals are asked to make their comments in the form of positive constructive statements.
3. Individuals are to refrain from naming specific persons.



School board candidate Rose Marie Foush, center, and John Cleaver Jr., second from right, listen as County Clerk Rose Scott explains a point of Thursday's record. Election board members Herbert McClinton, left, and Sheriff Charles King, right, watch proceedings. Partly hidden behind Cleaver is his father, John Sr., and Mrs. Judy Judge.

## It's a Snapp! Veteran postal employee takes over as postmaster

Eugene R. Snapp, who joined the U.S. Postal Service as a casual laborer at Carlisle in August 1969, was sworn in as Carlisle Postmaster at Friday, November 9. He has been Superintendent, Postal Operations here since January 1984.

The appointment was announced by John D. Miller, SAC, Manager/Postmaster at Lexington.

Installation ceremonies took place here Friday morning with Bill Long, Postal District Examiner of Lexington, administering the oath of office.

Snapp succeeds John R. Anderson, who retired on August 28, 1984. In the interim, Harvey T. Winklebush headed the Carlisle Post Office as district chief. Snapp will retain his regular position as Superintendent of Postal Operations in Georgetown.

Snapp, a resident of the Upper Jacklows Road, takes over an operation which has 13 employees and delivers mail over city, one auxiliary, and four rural delivery routes.

Postmasters are selected on merit and appointed by Postmaster General William F. Bolger.

## Parade changed to December 7

Due to a scheduling conflict, the annual Christmas Parade will be held Friday, Dec. 7 at 7 p.m. instead of Saturday, Dec. 1, as previously announced.

The earlier date would have been at the same time as the Bluejackets home

opening basketball game. The parade forms in the school parking area and would have created problems for persons attending the game as well as parade participants, according to Bob Heister, president of the sponsoring Chamber of Commerce.

## County weighs options on new/renovated jail

To comply with federal and state mandated standards, out-dated the old Nicholas County jail would be in the neighborhood of \$100,000.

That's the estimate of James W. Woodrum, a jail specialist for the Corrections Cabinet, who presented his findings at the Nov. 11 meeting of fiscal court. The figure is about double that of a great available to Nicholas County to renovate the present structure as a 15-hour holdover facility or build a new one.

Most of the cost would be in fire proofing the entire structure which Woodrum said would be necessary even though only two or three rooms would actually be needed for an eight-man holding tank (identification and detention cells). Prisoners needing confinement for more than 12 hours would be transported to jails in Mason or Bourbon counties, as is currently being done.

Woodrum was sent to inspect the jail due to the illness of Edgar Estes. Estes has now been replaced in the Corrections Cabinet, Office of Community Service, by Kay Siler, Judge/Executive Irene Smith said will be assigned to this area of Kentucky.

MEANWHILE, fiscal court is exploring the idea of converting an old elementary building as a possible holdover operation site.

Smith and members of fiscal court also plan a trip to Louisa in Lawrence County to study a planned jail; new holdover there. Construction is scheduled to get underway soon, Smith was told.

Smith is currently preparing a "when and how" jail cost study to help determine the future course of action. The county has one year to contract or renovate the jail and the agreement is signed to accept the \$50,000 grant money.

Total jail-related expenditures for the first 10 months of 1984, from January through October, are \$1,000.00.

## Early deadline

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday Thursday, Nov. 22, next week's Mercury will be delivered on Wednesday.

To comply with the earlier printing schedule, contributors of news and advertising are asked to meet items no later than 3:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 19.



New sign marks the spot & Wildlife. Shown at the site are C.T. McFarland, left, club president, and Richard Howe, supervisor at Nicholas County Wildlife Club by the State Dept. of Fish & Game.

public hearing on the matter will be held in the next two weeks.

IN MONEY MATTERS, fiscal court ordered payment of \$10,000 to the state treasurer on voted hospital bond issue due Dec. 1. Authorized a budget appropriation of \$3,000 to be paid the Social Citizen's Program from the Revenue Sharing Fund. Authorized a \$120 check on payment of bond bill for two county road department employees attending a landfill school training in Frankfort. Authorized the

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Watkins appointed to library board & Academic team bowls over Maysville The Nicholas County High School Academic Bowl Team — L-r, Joe Johnson, Matthew Collins, Mark Conley and John White (father) — traveled to Lexington on Nov. 7 to take an appearance on "In The Know," an academic game show aired by WLEX. MCET, coached by Rob Lewis, secured defeated Maysville High School 230 to 90. The program will be shown on Channel 18 this Saturday, Nov. 17, at 11 a.m. in the next round Nicholas County faces Bourbon County. It will be taped on Jan. 23 for airing in February.