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1985 Homecoming Queen

Alison Knapp, escorted by Dudley Holland, won crowned 1985 Homecoming Queen at halftime ceremonies of Friday night's football game at Nicholas County High School. Principal Gregg Reid

and last year's queen, Doree Conkey officiated at the coronation. The band and flag corps also performed before a large crowd. The Bluejackets lost to Woodford 42-0.

Council backs plan to aid BGK plant

By Jack H. Dumas

City council learned Monday night that the Blue Grass Knitting plant (BGK) situation is still in a holding pattern, with no new releases coming from either party.

According to Mayor Frankie Hughes, no announcements are expected until after the Oct. 30 deadline for comments on a permit modification for BGK, issued by the Division of Water in Frankfort several weeks ago.

Mayor Hughes also stated that in order for the city to show its good faith and intention toward being part of a workable solution in the effluent

wastewater problem of BGK, if the city will provide labor for the laying of a water line from BGK to the city water treatment plant.

The state is furnishing approximately 2,261 feet of eight-inch pipe which will carry BGK's wastewater directly to the discharge basin at the city's sewage treatment plant in order to dilute its (BGK) effluent.

There will be no use of city water in this proposed project, as wastewater from the plant is all that will be involved. It was pointed out that the labor cost to the city would be approximately \$20,000, according to

City Superintendent Gayle VanDyke.

The commitment by the city was made by Mayor Hughes at the Oct. 16 meeting in attendance of members and Jockey International officials.

THE BASKET NIGHT, Oct. 18, has been declared "trick or treat" night in Carlisle. Children are invited to come to the school playground at 7 p.m., accompanied by their parents.

They will be allowed to trick or treat from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Children invited to assist in five-year Solid Waste Management Plan presentation in conjunction with Nicholas Fiscal Court. This is a five-year plan which the state requires of city and county governments to insure a continuing solid waste disposal program in Kentucky.

The city has agreed to pay half (\$70) of the \$130 cost of the state required proposal for Nicholas County. Council limits its financial obligations to \$70.

SUGGESTED objectives of the city within the plan are to encourage city residents to recycle waste material, evaluate success of the recommended plan, encourage citizens to adhere to litter laws, and to report litter after three days.

At the request of Bobby Shuffert, owner of Footdown, Inc., "No Parking Anytime" signs will be erected on the 717 property near a fire hydrant, at corner of South Broadway and West Street.

Crop marketing strategy topics at Oct. 29 meet

A dinner meeting, open to all farmers and their wives, to discuss marketing strategies of alternative crops which can be grown successfully in Nicholas County will be held Tuesday, October 29 at 7 p.m. at the 4-H Camp dining hall on Lake Road.

Five speakers, including Mike Phillips, county agent for agriculture, will take part in this county-wide effort to explore other marketable produce.

"We know we can produce it, we just need to know about available markets which would be the easiest to get into," said Steve Hinton, Carlisle Southern States manager, who will introduce the guest speakers.

They include Dr. Harold Love, University of Kentucky, College of Agriculture, who will discuss the economics of Fruit and Vegetable Crop Marketing; Forest Register, also from the UK College of Agriculture who will explain "Entering the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Market"; Chris Crain, Kentucky Department of Agriculture, Commissioner's Office in Frankfort, who will speak on Kentucky's Efforts in Commercial Horticulture Markets; and Mark Collins, Southern States marketing division in Winchester, who tells of "Southern States' Role in Grain Marketing."

Phillips will speak on the need for diversification of crops, and conduct a general wrap-up of the session.

THE FREE dinner is being underwritten by the County Extension office, Southern States, Deposit

Bank, First National Bank, Farm Credit Services and the Chamber of Commerce.

It is hoped that enough interest will be generated to form a task force for future discussions as farmers look to alternative means of income from their farm land.

Gov. Martha Layton Collins has announced the likelihood that a program of support for increased vegetable and fresh produce activity in the state will be built around a system of regional cooperatives. It is hoped that various state bought will have a plan formulated by early

December to assist farmers who want to enter commercial production during the next growing season.

HOMERODE CHILI and sandwiches will be served. Persons planning to attend should contact the extension office (389-2311), Southern States (389-7181), or Mark Mattias (389-3729).

"We'd like to think every farmer in Nicholas County will join us," Phillips said, indicating that the speakers plan to have plenty of food available for the 7 p.m. serving. Tables will follow immediately.



Greg Reid, new principal at Nicholas County High School.

'Good to be home'

New principal believes in common sense

Greg Reid believes in a well-rounded education.

The new principal at Nicholas County High School, here just over six weeks, believes in preparing students for the working world by encouraging participation in extracurricular activities while providing the best education environment possible.

Academics rate number one, Reid is quick to point out, but feels students also need humanistic skills to cope with life after high school. He is a firm believer in common sense.

Reid brings to his position a philosophy of being frank, fair, con-

sistent and communicative with his students, teachers and parents. He openly invites anyone with a complaint to work him out.

HE'S FORTUNE "did good things" at Nicholas County High School and plans no overnight changes. Any change will come over a period of time, he told The Mercury last week.

Reid may be in a hurry to implement new ideas, but he's a warden little time is coming for him as he has professional life. A 1974 graduate of NCHS, he holds a Bachelor's Degree from Morehead State University and earned his Master's at Louisiana State University.

He taught Vocational Agriculture at French Settlement High School in Louisiana and was assistant principal there prior to coming to NCHS in late August. Reid succeeded David McMillen, who resigned to become assistant principal at Bourbon County High.

No school Monday

Monday, October 21 is an in-service day for teachers at Nicholas County schools.

No school will be held that day. Classes resume at regularly scheduled times on Tuesday, Oct. 22.

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HEAP applications accepted Oct. 21, 22

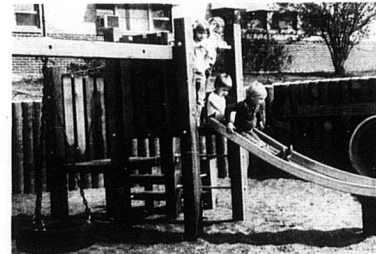
As a convenience to participants in the 1985-86 Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP), the Kentucky Department for Social Insurance will operate temporary HEAP application sites in 55 counties, including Nicholas.

Carlisle Christian Church will serve as the temporary site Oct. 21 and 22 and again Nov. 18-20, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Social Insurance Commissioner Jack Wadell said the additional sites will be used during the heating assistance application periods handled by the department. These requests are for low-income households with elderly or disabled family members (Oct. 21-22) and for all other eligible households (Nov. 18-20).

The temporary sites will be used during the final HEAP application period (Jan. 8-April 30, 1986).

Structured learning experience offered at Day Care Center



And away we go!

The preschoolers at Community Action's Nicholas County Day Care Center took advantage of a beautiful October day to try out some of the new playground facilities being installed on grounds on the west side of the old hospital building on

Scroggins Road. Enjoying the slide is John Hamilton III, whose father's company is constructing the play area. Waiting their turn are Dustin Hill, Sarah Clay and Jonelle Rife.

Community Action's Nicholas County Day Care Center uses the county's most important, though less publicized, facilities.

Far more than the "babysitting service" many perceive it to be, the center offers a unique, structured learning experience that is available to every one of Nicholas County's two, three and four-year-old preschool children.

Center supervisor, Mrs. Mary Crawford, says she sees the program as one that places every child in a "world of creative learning." In this creative world, teachers follow a year-long plan that

focuses on a special topic each week. A weekly program, including daily lesson plans, is made available to parents to read upon request.

CHILDREN learn about such things as nutrition, self-image, seasons of the year, holidays and other special days, planting and harvesting, and community helpers such as police officers, firefighters and doctors.

The first field trip of the year is scheduled next week when the staff and youngsters board a bus bound for Browning's Apple Orchard on Fleming County, as part of a study dealing with the harvest season.

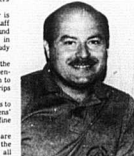
A visit to a grocery store, the library, courthouse and Hillenroy's Nursery near Lexington to meet Santa are among other trips the children look forward to.

The program stresses activities to develop and increase the children's social skills and their gross and fine motor skills.

Music, stories and finger plays are also important elements of the program, and are parts that all children seem to find enjoyable.

IN ADDITION to the daily "world of creative learning" program, the center offers child care for students and toddlers. There is also an activity-oriented after-school program for children up to 12 years of age.

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Halloween plans

Som Devine, Blue Licks State Park manager, plans a Trick or Treat Weekend. He sponsors Oct. 25, 26, a food enjoy palace for children up to 12 years of age.

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