Courthouse news

NICHOLAS DISTRICT COURT
Monday, October 14, 1 p.m.
Honorable Wayne Fitzgerald, Judge
Arnold C. Holder, non-support. Continued 10/21/85.
William H. Farrow, non-support. Agreed order entered.
Gary Jolly, contempt of court. Restitution has been made, fine $10 plus costs.
Gary Jolly, theft by deception. Restitution has been made, fine $10 plus costs.
Gary Jolly, theft by deception (over $100). Dismissed.
Paul Hatton, no operators license. Dismissed.
Patty Warner Hatton, failure to maintain insurance on motor vehicle-produced proof of insurance, dismissed; permitting an unlicensed operator to operate a motor vehicle, dismissed.
Paula Frances Morris, complicity in committing burglary in third degree. Not guilty plea entered, public defender appointed, trial set for 10/21/85 at 1 p.m., remanded to Bourbon County Jail.
Willie Watkins, criminal mischief in third degree. Enters not guilty plea, $500 unsecured bond posted, trial date 10/21/85 at 1 p.m.
Bobby Gene McDonald, (1) expired motor vehicle tags and (2) no insurance. Non-owner of vehicle, dismissed.
Eugene R. Snapp vs David Masters and Jo Lynn Masters, eviction hearing. Forcible detainer sustained.
Cynthia L. Clark vs Brenda S. Buckler and Edgar D. Buckler, motion. Pass.

Commonwealth of Kentucky ex rel. Brenda Sturgeon Fryman vs William Preston Feeback Jr., agreed order. Order entered.
In re the estate of Joe Timberlake, order of discharge. Approved order entered.
In re the estate of Lillian R. Downing, order of discharge. Approved order entered.
In re the estate of John S. Frederick, order of discharge. Approved order entered.
In re the estate of Alice Plummie Hamilton, order of discharge. Approved order entered.
Lowe's Low Payment Plan vs Jackson L. Jones, motion. Defendant not before court, overruled.

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Surprise, surprise!

Kelly Dellinger expresses obvious surprise when 4-H Council president Gerald Watkins, left, presented her with this engraved silver bon bon dish as a parting gift on behalf of the 4-H Council and Fair Board. Kelly, who retired last week as Nicholas County Extension Agent for 4-H, also received a gold cross and necklace from the 4-H Teen Club at the annual hayride and picnic Oct. 10. At right is Roger Roe, her fiance. Following their wedding they will move to Whitesburg.

GRADED CHAROLAIS SALE
Tues., Oct. 22, 7 P.M.
• Calves to be received from 7 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.
GRADED LIMOUSIN SALE
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— NOTICE —

The Nicholas County Board of Elections will examine the voting machines for use in the November General Election to be held Tuesday, November 5, 1985 on Tuesday, October 22, 1985 at 9:00 A.M. to see if the requirements of KRS 117.155 have been met. Any candidate and one representative of each political party having candidates to be voted for at the election and representatives of the news media may be present when the examination of the machines is made.

Nicholas County Board of Elections

PUBLIC AUCTION
Saturday, Oct. 19, 10 A.M.

107 Dorsey Avenue

Mrs. Claudie Tincher has authorized us to sell her house and lot and some personal property, as she has moved to Millersburg, Ky.

6 room house and bath. *Personal Property:* washer & dryer, cooking stove, heating stove, refrigerator, 2 couches. Several other items too numerous to mention.

TERMS: 10% down day of sale. Balance on or before Nov. 15. Personal Property, Cash.

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Danny Booth, Broker — Tim Moreland, Salesman
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Main St. - Carlisle - Phone 289-5624

Liquor interests appeal closure

The state Alcoholic Beverage Control Board has notified Carlisle and Nicholas County alcoholic beverage licenseholders that they will have to shut down their operations effective November 20.

In all, 21 operators in Nicholas and Magoffin counties are affected by the order to close down. Letters were received here last Thursday, according to Jimmy Shaw, owner of J&J Liquors.

Attorneys for beer and liquor interests announced they intend to file suit in U.S. District Court in Lexington, seeking a restraining order to prevent enforcement of the closure order.

Shaw is represented by attorney Mark Fitzgerald. Clay Fryman, owner of Valley View Liquors on Myers Road, has Jim Walters as his legal counsel.

FITZGERALD filed an appeal with the State Court of Appeals in Frankfort last month, following Circuit Court Judge Jack Arnold's order that voided the wet-dry elections of April 16, 1982 in four city precincts.

Arnold's order followed the state Supreme Court's decision in July of this year that wet-dry elections in Nicholas and Magoffin were illegal. The court ruled, 5-2, that any precincts, magisterial district or other political subdivision of a wet county can vote itself dry, but, that no part of a dry county, except a city of the first four classes, can vote itself wet.

Neither local-option elections were countywide. A petition requesting a countywide election reportedly has been filed in Magoffin County.

Shaw told The Mercury that a petition will be circulated here, if necessary, depending on the outcome of his appeal and the decision of the U.S. District Court.

"WE GOT the notice to close but we don't think it affects us. That's what we've been told but we don't know for sure. It violates the laws of our Constitution."

As a city of the fourth class, Shaw said an election could be held in Carlisle as early as April 16, 1986. He added, however, that he understands that as long as the matter is in litigation he will be allowed to continue to operate his business. "Then again, we just don't know."

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Attorney's office handling child support collections

A child support collection division has been recently added to the Nicholas County Attorney's Office to improve the child support services provided by that office.

County Attorney Joseph H. Conley says the new system makes it possible to identify delinquent child support payments and do something about them earlier.

Non-payment of child support is an epidemic problem in this country, according to the Census Bureau. Almost five million women are entitled to support payments, but less than half receive the full amount they are owed and almost a quarter of them never get anything at all.

Before our collection division was set up, welfare repayments were sent directly to Frankfort and it could be months and more months before our office knew they were delinquent. Same thing with non-welfare payments, we wouldn't know of a delinquency until a client called to tell us," Conley said.

"OUR GOAL is to see that an absent parent — father or mother — pays for the support of their child. If the child is receiving welfare from the state, we want the absent parent to repay the state. If the child is not receiving welfare, we still want the absent parent to pay his or her fair share of support. We also establish paternity whenever we can.

"The time is past when an absent parent could ignore this most important responsibility. New laws — both federal and state — give us better tools to place this responsibility where it belongs, on the absent parent, rather than the taxpayer," he stated.

Gov. Martha Layne Collins has declared October as Child Support Awareness Month in Kentucky.

Ambulance runs

October 3 through Oct. 13

Oct. 9, 11 a.m., transported Ruby Wells from Johnson-Mathers Health Care to home.

Oct. 9, 11:50 p.m., transported Kevin Kattle from Nicholas County Hospital to St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington.

Oct. 13, 8:08 a.m., transported Mary Clay Blount from home to Nicholas County Hospital.

October named Cooperative Month

Judge/Executive Reese Smoot has proclaimed October as "Cooperative Month" in Nicholas County, joining the national and state recognition effort.

The proclamation, saluting all cooperative enterprises in Nicholas County, was announced by Monte Conrad, branch manager of Carlisle Farm Credit Services (formerly Federal Landbank and Production Credit Association), one of several local cooperatives serving the area.

The proclamation noted that "these cooperatives have provided worthy employment for constituents, employees and suppliers, and contribute to the growth, development and progress" in the community.

Fire originates in heat tape

Fire thought to have originated in a heat tape underneath the store and residence of Julian McKee at Jacksntown on Oct. 2 at 1:35 a.m. caused minor damage to the property.

Fire chief Mark Hughes reported that the fire was confined to the kitchen walls and floor and underneath the premises.

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Public Auction - Sat., Oct. 19, 10 A.M.

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FOR SALE: Nice sofa and chair in good condition. Call 289-2468. 10-10-2p

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FOR SALE: House with aluminum siding, five rooms with bath and utility, gas heat, fireplace. Approximately two acres, close to town. 289-6062 after 4 or 965-828-3227 collect. 10-17-3p

HOUSE FOR SALE: Two bedroom, equity and assume 8% loan if qualified available. Any reasonable offer will be considered. 10 Emmett Drive. 289-2388 after 5 p.m. 9-12-tf

FOR SALE: Set of slide-in racks (metal) for pickup truck, 10 ft. Also wanted bushhogging and mowing to do. David Swartz, Lower Jacksntown Road. 10-10-3p

YARD SALE

YARD AND BAKE SALE: Saturday, 9-5, Main Street, Sharpsburg, home of Gary and Bonnie Crawford. Proceeds go to charity. Eastern Star Marie Chapter 256. Cancel if rain. 10-17-1p

YARD SALE: Oct. 18 and 19. Four families, U.S. 68 near Oakland Mills. Used tires, clothing, baby through adult sizes, crafts, curtains, two Christmas trees, furniture, much more. 10-17-1p

YARD SALE: Saturday, 9-4. Crafts, baked items, furniture, etc. 410 Dorsey Avenue, Grimes-Carter. 10-17-1p

GARAGE SALE: Friday, Saturday, Sunday on Route 68 near Oakland Mills. Antiques and miscellaneous. 10-17-1p

YARD SALE: Friday and Saturday, 9-? Set of tires, tractor radio, 10-speed bike, clothing/miscellaneous items. J.W. Crump, three miles on Moorefield Road. Cancel if rain. 10-17-1p

NOTICE

NOTICE: Will do babysitting. Elizabeth Barbee, phone 289-5506. 10-10-3p

NOTICE: Will do babysitting in my house. Also would like tobacco to strip by the hundred. Call 289-7328 for more information. 10-17-1p

MISSING: Black, white-face steer, 450 lb. from Fred Walker farm, East Union Road. Call 289-5668 or 289-6460 if seen. 10-17-2p

NOTICE: Buy a bundle of old newspapers for 10 cents at the Mercury office.

NOTICE

Pursuant to KRS 350.9-504, on Feb. 1, 1982 Denver Brown executed a Security Agreement assigned for value to First National Bank of Carlisle, Kentucky. Default having been made on this agreement, First National Bank shall offer for sale to the highest bidder, for cash, on Oct. 25, 1985 at 10:30 a.m. on bank parking lot, a 1975 Datsun, Ser. #HLB21054788, 1978 Olds, Ser. #2N87Q6X128617, 1977 Ford ½ T.P.U. 4x4, Ser. #F14HRY00600, 1960 Ford Tractor, Ser. #KN260347, 1950 Chev. 2T. Truck. 10-10-3p

NOTICE

Pursuant to KRS 350.9-504, on April 13, 1984 Milton W. and Martha Flora executed a Security Agreement assigned for value to the First National Bank of Carlisle, Kentucky. Default having been made on this agreement, First National Bank shall offer for sale to the highest bidder, for cash, on Oct. 25, 1985 at 10:30 a.m. on bank parking lot a 1977 Chev. Scottsdale 10, 4x4 Ser. #CKL147F225310, 1978 GMC Sierra, 4x4, Ser. #TK12J687F07490, 1965 Farmall Super A Tractor, Ser. #3G105784. 10-10-3p

NOTICE

Pursuant to KRS 350.9-504, on May 22, 1985 Marian Leonard executed a Security Agreement assigned for value to the First National Bank of Carlisle, Ky. Default having been made on this agreement, First National Bank shall offer for sale to the highest bidder, for cash, on Oct. 25, 1985 at 10:30 a.m. on bank parking lot a 1985 Chevrolet pickup truck S-10, serial #1GCBS14E3F2134773. 10-10-3p

IN MEMORY OF HERMAN BRETZ
Your time has passed since God called our loved one home. We don't understand why He picked our rose among the thorns. Our hearts were saddened, we miss him so. He was a devoted husband and father that we truly miss. As each day passed by, we let each other know how we loved one another so. He was our pride and joy — on him we did depend. God called him home to prepare a place for us so we could be together again. Wife and sons.

FOR RENT

FOR RENT: Two-bedroom apartment in duplex on High Street. Available Nov. 1. Phone 289-2036. 10-17-tf

FOR RENT: House in Carlisle. References required. Call 234-6067 day or night. 10-17-tf

FOR RENT: Second house on Gravel Road outside of Moorefield. $150 month. References required. Phone 289-2664. 10-10-tf

WANTED

WANTED: Farm hand to help strip tobacco. House furnished. Walter Hovermale, 289-7472. 10-17-tf

WANTED: Housekeeper. Free board, rent and clothes. W.M. Sturgeon, 2250 Sugar Creek Road.

HELP WANTED: Someone to strip tobacco by the hundred; also general farm help. Both must be reliable and sober. Jacksntown area, 383-4266.

WANTED: Part-time interviewers for the University of Michigan Survey Research Center to conduct household interviews at specific addresses in Nicholas County. Must be available at least 20 hours a week during projects. Must have own car and flexible a.m., p.m. and weekend hours. We pay time and mileage. A five-day training session is required. A non-discriminatory, affirmative-action employer. Send replies to Mrs. Evelyn C. Palmer, Regional Supervisor, 2364 Middlesex Drive, Toledo, Ohio 43606. 10-10-2t

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All persons are hereby notified not to trespass, fish, hunt, trap or shoot upon the land of the undersigned. Any person caught trespassing in violation of this notice will be reported to the sheriff and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. It is necessary that we take this step to protect our property and wildlife.

Anne Mae Gillespie farm on Mint Road.

Lillian B. Hamilton Farms, East Union Road. 7-31-tf

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Kentucky Afield

Poachers beware!

A new radio system which became operational Oct. 1 will enable conservation officers and other field personnel of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources to communicate with one another and the Central Office in Frankfort on statewide basis 24 hours a day.

The radio system, which operates on three transmission and three receiving frequencies, links a dispatcher with mobile units, base stations and walkie-talkies.

The state-of-the-art system should have an immediate impact on law enforcement efforts, although all divisions within the department will realize a more efficient use of time and manpower as a result of the increased ease of communication.

ITS PRIMARY value as a tool in the enforcement of fish and game laws will be that conservation officers in the field will be able to receive information about violations as soon as they are reported. Therefore, the reaction time to reports of poaching and other violations in progress will be greatly improved.

When the dispatcher at the central office in Frankfort receives a telephone call about a fish and game violation he will be able to relay pertinent details like descriptions of vehicles, auto license numbers and exact locations of offenses to officers in the field in a matter of minutes. Dispatchers will work around the clock on eight-hour shifts.

Radio transmissions from the dispatcher will travel clockwise around the state via a system of signal repeaters located on communication towers. Return communications will go from repeater to repeater in a counter-clockwise direction. Transmissions from the dispatcher's console will be patched into the Kentucky Early Warning System (KEWS), a communications network which is maintained for civil defense purposes and use during disasters or similar emergencies.

OTHER inter-departmental applications for the radio system include reporting fish kills, deer road kills, collecting information for the weekly fishing report, coordinating fish stocking efforts and other activities related to fish and wildlife management research, engineering projects, public relations functions and conservation education programs in schools or at summer camp.

Because a dispatcher will now be on call 24 hours a day, persons who telephone the 1-800-25 ALERT toll-free line to report fish and game law violations will not have to leave their message on a recorder. They will be able to talk directly to the dispatcher; callers are reminded that all information will be kept confidential, and persons telephoning in the reports need not give their names or addresses.

The 1-800-25 ALERT toll-free line is reserved for reports of fish and game law violations, road kills and fish kills only. It is not to be used for queries about hunting season dates, tag limits or other general information.

For general information visit or telephone the Central Office of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, located on the Game Farm on US-60, two miles west of Frankfort. The department office is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., phone (502) 564-3400.

Alvin Ailey dancers in series opener

The 10th season of the "Great Performances" award-winning "Dance in America" series begins with "Three by Three," a 60-minute special featuring the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, airing Monday, Oct. 21 at 8 p.m. on KET.

Thanksgiving favorite holiday

Senior Shawna French, left, and math teacher Peter Chamness dress to represent their favorite holiday — Thanksgiving — in Homecoming Week activities at Nicholas County High School. Students and faculty were encouraged to dress in keeping with a daily theme throughout the week culminating in Blue and White Day on Friday. — Staff photo

Dropout's future bleak

A tragedy multiplied

by Alice McDonald
Supt. of Public Instruction

Late on a golden fall afternoon, a telephone call came to the Department of Education from a local school district. The question the caller asked was this:

What are the lifetime earnings of a high school dropout compared with those of a high school graduate?

The answer was contained in a publication produced in 1979 by the U.S. Census Bureau. Adjusted for inflation, the figures would be even higher now.

A male with less than 12 years of school can expect to earn $601,000 in a lifetime of steady work. A high school graduate can earn $861,000 — a difference of $260,000. A man with one to three years of college can earn $957,000, while a college graduate can earn $1,190,000.

THE STORY told by the caller was a simple one, maybe even a frequent one. A 16-year-old boy wants to drop out of school. His father is ill and needs his help on the farm. His mother is begging him to stay in school until he graduates. The boy himself is not a brilliant student, but he is not a poor one either. He is passing all his courses with a C plus average.

Because the boy is 16, attendance is no longer compulsory. Since the 1984 General Assembly approved a bill designed to reduce dropouts, however, dropping out is not automatic. A parent's written consent is required. Through another bill approved in the 1980 special session, a school is obligated to make every effort to dissuade the student from so drastic a decision.

At one time $260,000 was a fortune. It is still a tidy inheritance.

And yet, picture the family's dilemma. The head of the household has successfully provided for his family without having a high school diploma himself. He has no fear that in asking his son to quit school, he is demanding an undue sacrifice. The mother has worked hard all her life, too. She pleads for the boy's future, all the while afraid that her faith in education will not be as powerful an influence as the father's actual experience.

THE BOY himself is torn. He feels a man's pride in being needed. He loves his parents and wants to help out. But deep down, he guesses he might be more interested in the excitement and enjoyment of high school than in the learning. If the classes don't really interest him, he wonders, is it selfish of him to want to stay? Is it cowardly of him to hesitate to take on an adult's role?

The school's counselors and staff know the boy is making a mistake. They go out of their way to help him see the consequences. Yet, in the end, they will be powerless to stop the boy's withdrawal if he insists and his parents consent.

Late on a golden fall afternoon, after offices in Frankfort and in the schoolhouse are closed for the day, information is exchanged over the telephone, and officials pause a moment longer at their desks to contemplate a human tragedy in the making.

ALICE MCDONALD

IN THE SCALE of a state's statistics, one youth's decision to drop out does not shift the numbers by so much as one one-thousandth of one percent.

But take $260,000 per youth. Multiply it by the 17,000 young people who began ninth grade three years ago but who will quit before they graduate. The total loss in their combined lifetime earnings is $4.6 billion.

Go one step further. Multiply the $260,000 difference in the lifetime earnings of a high school dropout and a college graduate. The total loss becomes $10.4 billion.

That is for one year. For a 19-year period, the losses in salary to those who do not finish high school are $46 billion. If those dropouts had not only finished high school but had completed college as well, they could expect to earn among them $104 billion more in their lifetimes.

PUT ASIDE the $580 million it has cost the state to educate those 17,000 students to the age when they can drop out, and think of that young man and how he will feel when he is 30.

Will he be sorry for the decision he made early one fall morning in 1985?

Will he look into another golden dawn and realize that when he left school, he became part of the continuing economic tragedy of the land called Kentucky?

'Last Place on Earth'

The story of the harrowing, adventure-filled race to the North Pole between British Navy Captain Robert Scott and Norwegian Roald Amundsen is told in "The Last Place on Earth," a six-part series that launches "Masterpiece Theatre's" 15th anniversary season.

The first episode will be aired on KET Sunday, Oct. 20 at 10 p.m.