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More than one may not be better than one

When it comes to multiple exposures the Mercury's photographers know their stuff—they didn't want the picture to turn out the way it did, hence elsewhere on this page we do publish one that shows the pipeline construction in its proper perspective. Without resorting to imagination, one can count four exposures in the strip above.



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Space shuttle Challenger explodes after take off



The space shuttle Challenger exploded at 11:39 a.m. Tuesday in a fiery ball one minute and 23 seconds after liftoff at Cape Canaveral, Fla. All seven crew members aboard, all are presumed dead as only bits and pieces of the spacecraft were discovered at the site of impact a few miles off the Cape's beach.

Tuesday was the fourth attempt to launch Challenger into space. Monday's attempt was thwarted by a door handle that was stuck and could not be pulled off the door leading to quarters housing the crew. The weather had played the major role in the other aborted attempts.

There was reportedly some concern at NASA headquarters over the weather Tuesday with the temperature in the 20s at the Cape.

The loss of Challenger was the first fatal accident to occur in the NASA program after liftoff of a space craft.

The crew member who has received the most news coverage within the last year was Christa McAuliffe, a school teacher from Concord, N.H., and the first private citizen selected to accompany the crew on a space mission. She was one of many thousands of school teachers whose names were submitted for selection to this honor.



Feasibility study

Bill Rice, Jim Works and Richard Burdine of TRAD, an architectural and engineering group, are pictured with Superintendent of Schools Donald G. Elder and maintenance man Chester Bretz during their recent study of Nicholas County Elementary School to determine the feasibility of partitioning the building into self-contained classrooms. —Guthrie Photo

Water line progress

Work on the water line along Rv. 36 was progressing very well last week under sunny skies and mild temperatures. Bob Banta, right, was contracted by Dr. Chas Villalob, W. Heathon Young and G.W. Severson to lay 3,100 feet of the four-inch PVC pipe to their properties. Crew members include Phil Mitchell, backhoe operator, Jeff Lynn and Phillip Burke. —

Licking River bridge funds are authorized

Governor Martha Layne Collins announced Friday that the state has authorized funds for a project to replace the bridge over Licking River on KY 24, the Flemingsburg-Carlisle Road, in Nicholas County.

"This funding authorization clears the way for the Transportation Cabinet to begin acquiring right-of-way and relocating any utility lines involved," said Gov. Collins. "The state will replace the existing bridge with a modern structure that will more effectively handle the weight of large vehicles."

The state recently authorized \$130,000 for the right-of-way and utility phases of the project, which will be located 0.1 mile southeast of KY 24. The project is estimated to cost a total of \$18 million, and is being financed with funds from the Federal Bridge Replacement Program.

A contract letting for a construction contract is tentatively

FmHA in Ky. to use private contractors

Future emphasis on funding in the Farmers Home Administration seems to be moving to guaranteed funds. Money would be provided by the lending community which would carry a guarantee from Farmers Home.

There would be less money appropriated which is referred to as "insured" money — provided by the Agency. Because of this change in emphasis and a move toward greater participation by lenders, FmHA will be utilizing the services of private contractors to service its farm portfolio of approximately \$2,000 to \$7 million in some 30 of its 69 county offices throughout Kentucky.

Farmers Home made 6,214 loans in the amount of \$740,500,000 in 1985; 5,790 loans at \$748,201,570 in 1986; 6,036 loans at \$700,252,220 in 1986 and 1987. —

McCown to hold town meeting in Nicholas County

On Thursday, Feb. 13, U.S. Senator Mitch McCown will hold a town meeting in Carlisle to discuss top legislative issues for 1986 including tax reform and the effects the Gramm-Steinbrunn balanced budget act will have on Kentucky.

The meeting will begin at 11 a.m. at the Nicholas County Courthouse and is open to the public.

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Average flu cases

Even though influenza has closed over 30 schools in other parts of the state, local doctors report "just average" number of cases in Nicholas County.

Dr. Tim Scott said he had treated a small number of patients, which is normal for this time of year.

Some of them, primarily the elderly, require hospitalization.

Dr. Hanson's office also reported treating an average number of patients so far this year.

School in session Friday

Superintendent of Schools Donald G. Elder has announced that, weather permitting, the Nicholas County Schools will be in regular session this Friday, Jan. 31. This day was originally planned as an in-service day for teachers but will be used as a regular instructional day.

'Adventures of Huck Finn' to air on KET Feb. 11

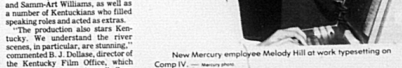
The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, a four-part, four-hour version of Mark Twain's classic novel that was filmed in Kentucky, will air on American Playhouse over Public Broadcasting Service on Tuesday, Feb. 11 at 8 p.m. and three subsequent Tuesdays.

Sequestrated in Nicholas County in Sept. 1964 production crew, cast members and courtesy seekers were at the Hildebrand school in Nicholas County for the filming of a segment of the story. The furnishings of the two-room schoolhouse which was closed in 1941 were replaced with benches and other items for the filming.

The all-star cast includes Jim Dale, Lillian Gish, Bernard Hughes, Richard Kiley, Geraldine Page, Sula Thompson, Frederic Forrest and Samson-Art Williams, as well as a number of Kentuckians who filled speaking roles and acted as extras.

The production also stars Kentucky. We understand the river scenes, in particular, are stunning, commented J. Dallas, director of the Kentucky Film Office, which assisted The Great Amwell Company both in pre-production and on location in Northern Kentucky last year. The cast and crew spent a total of three months filming in and around Maysville, Mays Lick, Washington, Augusta, Radcliff, Harsh and Dover.

In celebration of the novel's 100th anniversary of publication, American Playhouse will present the adaptation of Mark Twain's literary classic in four consecutive weeks. Station WPKV in Louisville



New Mercury employee Melody Hill at work typesetting on Comp IV. —

Melody Hill has joined the staff at The Carlisle Mercury as a part-time typist.

She is a 1985 graduate of Nicholas County High School, where activities included Future Homemakers of America, Pop Club, French Club, literary club, National Honor Society, girls varsity basketball for four years and track one year. She is a member of the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) where she keeps nursery and teaches the junior youth group.

Melody is currently attending Mayville Community College where she is majoring in elementary education. She plans to transfer to Morehead State University and graduate with a bachelor's degree.

Wreck injures one

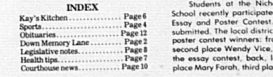
The Nicholas County Sheriff's Office was called to the scene of a two-car injury accident on U.S. Highway 60 last Thursday, Jan. 24 at 2 p.m.

George W. Weaver, Route 4, Carlisle, was heading north in a 1974 Ford and had made a left turn into a driveway. Then drove back onto the highway. Ronald Lee Silver of Germantown, also heading north, attempted to go around the vehicle but collided when Weaver reportedly made another left turn into Silver's path.

The occupant in the Weaver vehicle, Mrs. Mary Weaver, was injured and removed by ambulance to the Nicholas County Hospital.

Rocket launched

Coney Seithers, a student in Mrs. Kirby's General Science class at Nicholas County High School, is pictured launching the model rocket which he built on a class project. —Guthrie Photo



Students at the Nicholas County Elementary and High School recently participated in the Jim Cloyd Conservation Essay and Poster Contest. Several essays and posters were submitted. The local district office provided cash awards to the poster contest winners: front, left, first place Emily Hamilton, second place Wendy Vice, third place Maria Vice. Winners of the essay contest: back, left, first place Erin Matthews, second place Mary Fench, third place Paula Auster. —Guthrie Photo