SCHOOL

Conrad's role necessary in Nicholas School system

By Heather Mathes
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Betty Lynn Conrad has been working in the Nicholas County School System since 1967 and has gradually worked up to her present role as Director of Pupil Personnel.

Conrad's first class-room situation was in Parks Elementary at Lower Jacktown Road with Margaret Simons as head school teacher before Nicholas County began consolidation.

Teachers in the rural, local schools were departmentalized and science was Conrad's specialization.

On the average there were 35-37 students in a class.

During the consolidation process there were a few schools phased in at a little at a time and eventually there were only two rural schools left - Headquarters and Moorefield.

Parks was the last to be phased into Headquarters.

In 1971 during the building program, the present facility of Nicholas County Elementary was built with all schools on one campus making the Nicholas County system, in Conrad's view, more centralized.

"I think consolidating the schools all on one campus not only made the school system more centralized but more organized.

"We had the highest enrollment or school census that has ever been recorded.

"After the new school was built I became vice principal of Nicholas County Elementary. Charles Wilson was principal then-and he was an excellent person to work with," she said.

"At least, very tolerant of me," Conrad added of her early years on the lease of the high school hill.

In 1978 Conrad became the director of Pupil Personnel.

"My primary role in this position is to see that all children enrolled in the Nicholas County School System are following the compulsory attendance laws and obtaining the school census.

"Once this is established I see that we maintain regular attendance.

"We prepare an attendance card that is recorded upon every day by the home room teachers.

"I compile these at the end of every year and the records are kept for a number of years.

"People regularly come in for information concerning government documents such as verifying birth for social security forms," said Conrad.

Conrad's position is one of the only positions required by law besides that of the superintendent of the school system.

"The law is that, besides the existence of the position, that I keep these records, and that my office is adjacent to that of the superintendents. This only means in the same building," said Conrad of the legal aspects of her position.

Conrad's role is necessary for the making of the next years' school budget and the basis for funding.

"The bulk of the school district budget is based on the number of days the children are in school.

"So if the parents want good programs, they should see that their children are in school. A good attendance is everyone's business," Conrad said.

What action is taken so that children can be assured to have good attendance?

"If a child is absent for three or more days without a valid excuse such as a medical certificate he or she is a truant.

"By state law a habitual truant is one that is without excuse for more than nine days.

"I rely very much on the teachers' cooperation for this information. They know if a child has medical problems, know the parents much better and if that child is missing often without reason.

"They prepare the referral, and then the counselor monitors that child.

"After the next steps is implemented, I step in. I speak with the parents and the child about the importance of education and its link with good attendance," she said.

If attendance still does not improve, the principal, counselor and Conrad send letters. After the final notice, the parents receive a letter which tells them that legal proceedings have been initiated and the judicial system handles it further, Conrad said.

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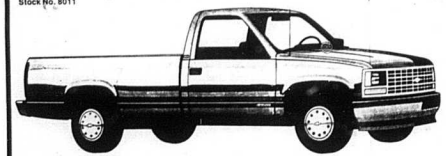

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Honorable Jack Arnold
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Citicorp Acceptance Co.,Inc. Vs. Wm. D. Woosley & Michael T. Woosley

NICHOLAS COUNTY DISTRICT COURT
Honorable Robert McGinnis
Judge
Monday, December 14, 1987
10:00 a.m.

Kevin L. Ritchie, DOB 6/11/68. Criminal trespass, 3rd deg. appt. 10-20 day rule waived. Not guilty plea. Post. Arr. Conf. 2/1/88 10:30. $5000.00 3rd party bond.

Sharon Ritchie, DOB 6/7/53. Theft by deception, KRS. 514.040. Rest. paid. Bond forfeited for rest. No changing documents. Dismissed w/out pre.

Buel C. Richardson, Jr., DOB 8/25/69. (1) Hit & Run KRS.189.580. On Comm. motion merged into attempt to elude. (2) Attempt to elude KRS.189.393. Guilty plea $150.00 plus costs, 60 days in jail. Prob. 1 year. No other offenses. Rest. to be paid if submitted. 2/1/88 to pay.

David Ayers, DOB 2/26/65. Receiving stolen property of a value over $100 KRS.514.110. By agreement cont. to 1/4/88 10:30.

Dallas D. Vaughn, Jr.,DOB 1/11/66. Criminal possession of forged instrument 4 cts KRS=.516.060. Waived prel. hearing. Bound over to Grand Jury.

Terry Stone, DOB 3/13/66. Possession of Marijuana, KRS.218A.990. Cont. to 1/25/88 10:00. Referral to sentenced to read.

Larry Allen White, DOB 11/20/60. Theft by deception, Cont. to 12/21/87 10:00.

Marion T. Trussell,DOB 5/1/65. S/C. Bench warrent $221.50 cash bond.

John L. Longwell, DOB 8/26/45. S/C (Ret-marked "out of state". Bench warrant $500.00 cash bond.

Clarence M. Simm, Jr.,DOB 3/19/31. S/C. Bench warrant. $316.00 cash bond.

Larry Allen White. Non payment. Found in contempt of court. 15 days in jail. May purge by paying in full by 12/15 by 4 p.m.

Roy Jolly, DOB 1/16/47. Wanton endangerment, 2nd degree, KRS.508.070. By agreement cont. to 6/1/88 10:00. Def. to execute $500.00 peace bond. Not to go about affiant or family.

Roy Jolly. Theft by deception, Ext. 12/21/87 11:00.

Kenneth Thornsburg, DOB 12/8/46. Theft by failure to make required disposition, KRS.514.070. By agreement cont. 12/21/87 11:00.

Paul D. Jolly, DOB 8/31/63. Theft by deception, KRS.514.040. Rest. paid. Guilty plea & costs. 28 days in jail served. 2/1/88 to pay.

Carol Moore, DOB 1/30/61. Theft by deception, KRS.514.040. Rest. paid. Guilty plea. $10.00 plus costs. 1/18/88 to pay.

In re the estate of: Hiram P. Norton. Final settlement. Order of Discharge. Accepted. Order.

In re the estate of: May J. Galbraith. Final settlement. Order of Discharge. Need tax release.

In re the estate of: Darrin Matthew Herrington. Appointment of Guardian. Order. KRS.511.080. Not guilty plea. Bench trial, 1/04/88, 10:30.

Robert A. Mitchell, DOB 3/5/69. (1) Criminal trespass, 3rd deg. KRS. 511.080. Show cause, 12/21/87, 10:00. (2) No operators Lic. KRS.186.510. Show cause, 12/21/87.

David R. Sadler, DOB 2/7/65. No headlamp, KRS.189.040. Cont. 12/21/87 10:00.

Dennis B. Watkins, DOB 11/19/63. (1) AI 222.202 (1) Not guilty plea. Pub. Def. appt. Pretrial 12/28/87,10:30. (2) Criminal mischief 3rd deg. KRS: 512.040. Not guilty plea. Pub. Def. appt. Pretrial 12/28/87,10:30.

Gene Mitchell, DOB 6/23/39. Hunting & taking rabbits at night using truck lights, KRS.150.330. Guilty plea. $200.00 plus costs. 1/25/88 to pay. Lic. susp. for 1 year.

Burton C. Tipton, DOB 3/12/45. Hunting & taking rabbits at night using truck lights, KRS.150.330. Guilty plea $200.00 plus costs. 1/25/88 to pay. Lic. susp. 1 yr.

Jackie L. Arnold, DOB:3/6/57. Theft by deception, KRS.514.040. Cont. 12/21/87 10:00.

William E. Patton (1) Harassment KRS. 525.070. Dismissed on comm. motion. Def. to pay sheriff's fee. (2) Terroristic threatening KRS.508.080. Dismissed on comm. motion. Def. to pay sheriff's fee.

Gerald F. Kimes, DOB 10/14/60. S/C. Motion to revoke probation. S/C ext. 1/18/88. Motion cont. 1/18/88 9:30.

Johnny B. Clem, DOB 6/10/51. Driving on susrev license, KRS. 186.620 (2). Valid license. On comm motion amended KRS.189.224. Permit unlawful oper. Guilty plea. $50.00 plus costs. 2/1/88 to pay.

Margaret Columbia, DOB 11/30/54. Theft by deception over $100, KRS. 514.040. Rest. paid. On comm. motion amended to theft under $100.00 Cont. 1/4/88 10:00.

Michael Bowles, DOB 6/16/67. Failure to control & confine dogs, 2 cts, KRS. 258.265. Sentencing-costs. 30 days in jail. Prob. 2 yrs. on cond.dogs are kept confined & pay $315.00 restitution. Pd. by 1/18/88. Costs pd. by 2/22/88.

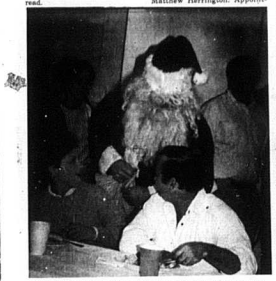
Commonwealth of Ky. ex rel Joyce A. Tubbs v William N. Tubbs, motion. By agreement cont. 2/1/88 10:00.

Ky. Accounts Service v Billy C. Ledford, motion. Default judgement.

Wm. H. Hilander, Jr.,DOB 4/17/50. Defrauded secured creditor, KRS.517.060. Pub. Def. appt. 10-20 day rule waived. Not guilty plea.Post. Arr. Conf.2/1/88 10:30 $5000.00 3rd party bond.

Wm. H. Hilander, Jr., DOB 4/17/50. Theft by deception, 21 counts, KRS. 514.040. Pub. Def.

In re the estate of: Earl Wayne Hardwick. Appointment of Fiduciary. Order.



Steve Ockerman, posing as Old Saint Nick, distributes goodies throughout the Fish and Game Club Meeting. The club had their pot luck, old ham Christmas supper last Friday night. - Heather Mathes Photo

Getting a free lunch!

Members of the Nicholas County Student Council and the Nicholas County Drug Task Force will be giving away a free lunch.

According to NCHS teacher Sue Kirby, who is also involved in both programs, any student signing a pledge to have a chemical free holiday will receive a free lunch of turkey and all the trimmings, Wednesday, December 16.

The funds to purchase the lunches will be provided by the National Task Force on Drug Prevention.

No money from local sources will be used.

The groups' goal: Every Student at Nicholas County High School.

Shows raise money

The Nicholas County Fun Show held this summer took in a great deal of extra money that has been donated to some needed causes.

The operators of the show, Judy Thompson, Sharlet Cheek, Shirley Adamson, and their respective husbands have divided up the extra money equally among causes based in Nicholas County.

"We wanted to find those that needed it most and each have an equal share," said Mrs. Thompson.

Nicholas County 4-H, Little League Cheerleading Association, Kurt Kelly Wheel Chair Fund and the Fund for the new Nicholas County fire truck in care of Mark Hughes each received $100.

"We hope the annual Fun Show will continue to be a benefit to the people of Carlisle," said Thompson.

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