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### A story which has endured all seasons

**St. Luke Chapter 2**

**1** And it came to pass in those days, that there went out of Caesarea Philippi, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them: but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart.

**2** And when the days were come that he should be circumcised, as was written in the law of the Lord, and to be called Jesus, which name was given him of the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

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### Athletic programs topic of board's special meeting

**By Heather Mathes**

The Nicholas County Board of Education met December 17 in a special meeting to discuss the proposal of the All Sports Banquet, as well as other athletic-related topics.

According to Donald G. Elder, superintendent of Nicholas County Schools, the All Sports Banquet cost around \$2,000.

The board members agreed the banquet was a positive activity for the school and should be provided for.

Lucius Zachary said, "I think it honors all athletes playing in everything and even if you are not the star on the team you get recognized for all your effort."

Funding the project was the central point of the discussion.

Three options were raised: fundraise for each sport, all the sports combined, or adding the project to the budget in the name of an all sports program.

Zachary said, "I think a banquet including all sports would be a good idea. All the sports working together to raise money for what they needed instead of working separately could work if they would try."

Elder raised the problem of finding someone to run the banquet.

The board decided to pass a motion to have the sports banquet so the speaker may be reserved.

However, how much money would be reserved for the project and what would be done about the banquet in the future was a motion that went undecided until they completely surveyed the situation.

Elder said, "I do believe that information provided by Casey County News editor William D. Overton."

Nicholas County High School has done a tremendous job of keeping funds separate and organized for the athletic program.

"I also think that we have done a good job of keeping the price down for everything, including the lunch program and the admission for the ball games.

We could raise the price and everyone of the schools would probably follow suit, but that would be putting the price back down on the kids and for a family of six coming to the game would have to be a major outlay."

Another discussion before the board was the price quotation for science room equipment for the elementary school.

Elder said, "The equipment in the science room is less than presentable for the academic team, and outside speakers that come to talk to our students."

Alan Becker compiled a furniture estimation for 30 chairs and six desk-type tables that seated five people at each desk for a total cost of \$1,541 that would come out of the special voting fund."

The motion was passed for the furniture to be bought and the patting to begin during Christmas.

The only other motion passed was the approval for Peter Chamness, teacher at Nicholas County High School, to add money to 15 other computers at a cost of \$95 each.

The board then recessed for a tour of the Right to Read Program and the science room. Later, for lunch the board members attended a Christmas dinner with Senior Citizens.

No other business was discussed before convening.



Nicholas County fire fighters were called to the scene of a burning trailer, December 15 on Persimmon Ridge Road. The trailer is owned by Jimmy Joe Mitchell, but he told Mark Hughes, county fire chief, he had moved from the trailer the previous Friday. Flames leaped into the air as high as 20 feet and fire winds whipped the blaze into a furious pattern. Although the trailer was a total loss, firemen remained on the scene for nearly two hours to make certain the winds did not sweep the sparks to adjacent structures. According to Hughes, the cause of the fire remains under investigation. — Bob Hume

### Tax lawsuit heard before Ky. Supreme Court

**Nicholas County to begin collection January 1**

**Court put on standby implementation of its occupational payroll tax until the first of 1988 awaiting the ruling.**

The Nicholas County tax ordinance was passed in early 1987, with collection to begin July 1, 1987. However, the court enated the delay after the Casey County case developed.

Last week, letters were sent to all Nicholas County businesses concerning the collection of the tax to begin in January, according to Nicholas County Judge-Executive Bruce Stout.

The Casey County lawsuit evolved last April when the Casey County Fiscal Court adopted the ordinance which imposed a 1 percent tax on the wages of all people employed in Casey County, said the Casey County News story.

The lawsuit was filed by a number of taxpayers, challenging the tax's constitutionality of the tax. The lawsuit arose on the count of whether a county of over 20,000 residents could levy an occupational tax.

The Casey County Fiscal Court, according to the Casey County News story last week, "argued it has the authority to levy the tax under the Home Rule Bill."

This bill states that a county can levy any and all taxes not in conflict with the state constitution or other statutes, the story quoted from Casey County Attorney Tom Waddell.

Nicholas County has 7,800 residents.

Information provided by Casey County News editor William D. Overton.

**By Chip Miller**  
**of the Carlisle Mercury**

The Kentucky Supreme Court heard arguments December 11 in the case of a lawsuit filed over the Casey County Fiscal Court adoption of 1.1 percent occupational tax.

A decision by the court has not been given on the matter, and a ruling could be rendered in as early as two months or as late as a year, according to local publication Casey County News.

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in suadding clothes, lying in a manger.

13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying: 14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

15 And it came to pass, so the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds and one to another, Let us now go down into Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

16 And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

17 And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

18 And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

19 But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

20 And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

21 And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called JESUS, which was so named of the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

22 And when the days of her purification were ended, according to the law of Moses, they brought him to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord;

23 that is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that openeth the womb shall be called holy to the Lord;

24 And to offer a sacrifice according to that which is said in the law of the Lord, A pair of turtle doves, or two young pigeons.

25 And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel; and the Holy Ghost was upon him.

26 And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

27 And he came by the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law.

28 Then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said, 29 Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word:

30 For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, 31 Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; 32 A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.

33 And Joseph and his mother marvelled at those things which were spoken of him.

34 And Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary his mother, Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many Israel; and for a sign which shall be spoken against.

35 Yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also; that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.

36 And there was one Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser: she was

of a great age, and had lived with an husband seven years from her virginity.

37 And she was a widow about fourscore and four years, which departed out from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day.

38 And she coming in that instant gave thanks likewise unto the Lord, and spake of him to all them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem.

39 And when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city Nazareth.

40 And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon him.

41 Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the passover.

42 And when he was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the law.

43 And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and his mother knew not of it.

44 But they supposing him to have been in the company, went a day's journey; and they sought him among their kindred and acquaintance.

45 And when they found him not, they turned back again to Jerusalem, seeking him.

46 And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions.

And they understood not the saying which he spake unto them.

48 And when they were him, they were amazed; and his mother said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorely.

49 And he said unto them, How is that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?

50 And they understood not the saying which he spake unto them.

51 And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them: but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart.

52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and to favour with God and man.

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