GENERAL NEWS

School board hires Blair for audit

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Of The Mercury Staff

Nicholas County Board of Education voted unanimously to hire Procter W. Blair, CPA to audit the 1986-87 books for the school system.

Meeting in regular session Monday night the board heard superintendent Don Elder say he had talked with Blair and Ted Monroe of Cynthiana about the job. Monroe has done the job in the past for the school system.

Board member James D. Anderson asked other board members if they had dealt with Blair previously, and Louise Zachary said she had and was pleased with his work.

Nicholas County High School students 17 or older will be given the opportunity to support their school and community by donating blood at the Central Kentucky Blood Center blood drive scheduled to be held at the high school on May 7, 1987.

According to Kay Miller, representative of the CKBC, the blood drive will teach students involved the importance of donating blood now and in the future.

Central Kentucky Blood Center is a non-profit regional community blood center providing blood and blood components to 53 Kentucky hospitals and clinics in 46 Kentucky counties, is an accredited member of the American Association of Blood Banks and is a fully recognized member of the American Blood Commission.

Board members voted to allow Nicholas County High School to be among the more than 50 Kentucky school holding blood drives in the Central Kentucky Blood Center service area.

Students 17 or older will be allowed to participate in the blood drive; however, 17-year-olds must have a permission card signed by a parent or guardian before taking part.

A medical screening of each student given proper permission to donate will take place.

In this step, the donor's eligibility is determined by asking questions about medical history and by conducting a mini-physical. This includes checking the iron count of the donor's blood and checking his or her blood pressure, pulse and temperature.

"Every precaution is taken to insure this is a safe procedure," stated Miller, "because we want to be allowed to return next year."

"If there were a safety problem, people wouldn't keep coming back to donate their blood," added Miller.

According to Miller, 60 percent of the population will need blood at some point in their lifetime. Only 5 percent donate, and usually they are the same people each time.

Nicholas County Board Attorney Billy G. Hopkins requested that a copy of CKBC's insurance be sent to the Board of Education before the blood drive takes place.

Nicholas County High School Band Director Shawn Parrish came before the board with a request for some new equipment, acoustical improvements to the band room, and new uniforms.

Estimated cost for the entire request was $13,000.

According to Parrish, the band is in need of 20 new stands, new drums, bass drum heads, a new bass guitar.

Parrish also suggested the band room needs carpet for the floor, sound panels for the walls and a drop ceiling with acoustical panels to improve the sound of the band. However, Parrish said the floor and drop ceiling are most important.

A sample uniform was presented to the board for consideration. According to Parrish, it generally costs $15,000 to outfit a group of 60.

A uniform company in Lexington has designed a uniform costing $6,000 to $7,000 to outfit the same number.

The band members have participated in several money-making projects, including selling candy. Plans are to begin selling onions in a few weeks to help offset the cost of items needed.

According to Parrish, the band members will also sell concessions at track meets and baseball games this spring.

Anderson questioned Parrish about the use of the money raised by the band.

"We use our own money for instrument repair, reeds, sheet music, band camp, drumsticks and other small things that we do not want to bother the board with," answered Parrish.

"We want to become a self-supportive group," Parrish added.

"The kids are more than willing to make money to do their part."

Board member John Cleaver asked Parrish what if the top priority on his list of requests.

"Actually, there are several other things we need, but I did not want to bother you with them. I have narrowed it down as best as I can already," Parrish stated.

"I guess if I had to choose, the acoustical improvements in the band room are needed most."

Elder said he would gladly meet with Parrish and high school principal Greg Reid to talk over the band's needs and then present suggestions to the board at its next meeting.

In other business, the board:

— approved several field trips.

— agreed to offer a basic computer course and a beginner's typing course through the Community Education Program this month.

— accepted the recommendation of Superintendent Elder to make all certified personnel eligible to receive $100 payment under payment eligibility plan as set up by the Kentucky Board of Education.

— accepted the 1985-86 School Year Audit from Allen, England, Hensley and Monroe (unspent).

— accepted resignations of Karen Cartmill, secretary, on March 6, and Edward Hopper, bus driver on February 23.

— acted to employ Janette Ritchie to take Hopper's place as bus driver.

— approved a cheerleading clinic to be held in high school gym for grades six through 11 by Katie Hunt, Sharon Hinton, Michelle Skidmore and senior cheerleaders.

— granted Billy R. Hunter leave of absence as bus driver for remainder of school year due to health reasons.

— agreed to allow Wedco District Health Department use of elementary school Wednesday, March 18 at 7:00 p.m. for program on sex education, which will include several members of the local community.

— agreed to allow Academic Boosters Club use of high school gym Friday, April 17 for basketball game between NCHS faculty and boys' varsity basketball team. All proceeds will go to Academic Boosters Club.

— agreed to allow Carlisle Rotary Club use of elementary cafeteria Friday, April 3 from 6-11 p.m.

— agreed to allow NCHS Class of 1962 use of school grounds June 20 for picnic and tour of high school.

— voted to allow the school to raise 1,250 pounds of tobacco and to lease 2000 pounds at 70 cents a pound.

— approved educational trip requested by Mr. Reid and senior sponsors for senior class to visit Florida during spring break.

Cleaver questioned the number of students and adults taking the trip.

Elder said approximately 35 students and 10 adults will be involved.

"Are the adults employees of the school system?" Cleaver asked.

Elder assured that the adults were faculty members.

Only students scheduled to graduate in May, 1987 are permitted to take part in the spring trip. However, as this trip is considered a school activity, students violating rules stated in the behavorial contract of the 1986-87 handbook will not be allowed to participate in graduation ceremonies or class night activities and are subject to suspension.

A meeting is being scheduled for students taking the trip and their parents. Rules and regulations will be discussed at this meeting, and at least one parent of each student must attend.

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The other plants, besides Carlisle, are located in Cynthiana, Maysville, and Mt. Sterling.

According to agency spokesman Lou Martin, the agreement calls for a new water line to be constructed to the Licking River to provide Carlisle with a water supply adequate for the city's need as well as the large volume required by Jockey Knitting.

The existing line will be coverted into a discharge line to carry waste from Jockey to the Licking River.

Presently, waste from the knitting and dying plant is directed into Brushy Creek.

Because of the low flow of Brushy Creek, the chloride levels in the stream, as a result of the discharge from the plant, exceed state limits.

Discharge into a stream with a large flow will reduce the level of chloride content.

This will allow the meeting of state requirements, and will assure water quality protection.

Cost of the project is an estimated $2 million.

Kentucky Commerce Secretary Carroll Knicely said under the agreement the state will use economic development bonds for up to one half of the cost or $1 million. The city will be responsible for funding the remainder of the project.

Sunday fire

Nine members of the Nicholas County Volunteer Fire Department responded to an 8:18 a.m. chimney fire at the home of Houston Watkins, 199 Kimes Lane at Myers Station, Sunday. The fire was caused by a creosote build-up in the chimney. According to the fire department report, no damage was sustained from the overheated chimney. Firefighters stayed on the scene until about 9:45 a.m. — Staff Photo

Hospital payments

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Nursing Home and making improvements to what is now known as the Nicholas County Community Center . . . The bond issue will mature completely January 1, 2003, unless the bonds are called earlier.

"As of January 1, 1987, $285,000 in bonds are outstanding . . .

"As with any bond issue, when these bonds were issued, a sinking fund was set-up . . . The purpose of such a sinking fund is to hold any reserve funds paid into or earned by the Nicholas County Hospital Corporation, administrator of the fund . . . All monies are restricted as to their use, and must be used exclusively to retire the nursing home bond issue .

"This money cannot be used at any time for general fund operations, until this bond issue has been completely, retired . . .

"As of January 1, 1987, NCHC sinking fund had a balance of $256,477.54 . . . cash requirements to meet bond principal and interest obligations left an excess of $12,735.11 to be added to the sinking fund. . . .

"With the continued growth of this sinking fund over the next two years, the bond issue can be retired January 1, 1989, thereby saving $75,900 in interest payments, which would be due over the next 14 years . . .

Due to the more than adequate funds now accumulated . . . the nursing home has discontinued making payments into this fund . . .

"Due to the fragile economic condition of health care and this institution, we cannot comprehend a logical reason for removing $21,000 annually from operating revenue to pay into a fund already funded beyond legal requirements."

Tax

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court had the power to adjust the amount of tax, once it was in effect.

Smoot said, "It can be raised or lowered, as long as it doesn't exceed 2 percent."

According to state law, a county cannot have a payroll/occupational tax over 2 percent without placing the tax on the ballot. Should the city of Carlisle pass a 1 percent tax in the future, the total tax for Carlisle would be 3 percent, etc.

Kimball Booth, a Carlisle resident who works in Lexington, gave those present something to think about.

"At least you'll know where it (the tax) is going. I pay 2 percent. Not only do I not get benefits from it, but I don't even know what it's used for."

Nearly everyone present agreed the next meeting should be a night meeting, with all details of a proposed ordinance spelled out well in advance of the first reading.

Billy Dixon stressed that all questions should be answered from everyone at the meeting, and anyone not participating in an orderly fashion would have to leave.

Smoot was asked to obtain precise figures for the amount of tax needed and to call a meeting as soon as possible.

"The problem with that first meeting in December was people weren't informed and they got mad," said Dixon.

After discussion of the explanation, Hester told the court paying the $1800 would only increase the excess.

"I don't see why we should even have a conflicting situation here," said Hester.

"Nicholas County Court and Nicholas County Hospital should be working together."

Ecton added, "Besides, there is no excess we can even work with; we do well to keep the doors open."

A large group connected with Nicholas County Extension Services entered the courtroom to show support for their respective groups; 4-H home economics, and agriculture services.

Spokesman John Cleaver said, "We've been in the county since 1914 and would like to see it continue if there is any way possible."

Magistrate Bud Atkinson asked Mike Phillips, agent, how their proposed budget compared with last year.

Phillips said it was $3000 more.

"But, that doesn't mean it will all be used," said Cleaver. "It allows a surplus in case we have a breakdown of equipment or any other unexpected expenses."

Phillips added, "Any money not used will go back into the general fund."

Atkinson remarked a budget smaller than last year would look a lot better.

Another spokesman for the extension service told the court the service is Nicholas County's only link to University of Kentucky to solve problems for farmers.

"All we can do is hear your proposal," said Smoot. "If we have the money, we'll consider it, but at this time, things look dim."

Jimmy Shaw asked John Ecton, who runs the rock quarry, how much rock is crushed there every year.

Ecton replied, "We only keep a record of rock sold."

Russell entered the discussion saying, "I know what you're (Shaw) saying, that not all the rock goes where it's supposed to go. I suppose then we need someone to weigh each load and someone to go with it to make sure it all gets there."

"I'm only saying," said Shaw, "how do you know if you're making money, if you don't know what you're putting out?"

County Attorney Jock Conley assured Shaw by saying, "The road department is budgeted even though they don't know where every rock goes."

In other business, the court:

-approved entering into an agreement for 87/88 county road aid, drawing down 80 percent initially, 20 percent at year end.

-passed a motion to enter into an agreement between the court and transportation department for the purpose of straightening the curve on Cassidy Creek Road at a cost of $17,500.

-approved the appointment of Roy Dotson to the board of the water department, filling the unexpired term of John Soper.

-heard the first reading of an ordinance to amend the budget of the recreation department, allowing it to accept $10,000.

-approved transfers and paying bills from various funds to meet court's obligations.

-approved a written request from the American Legion commander asking permission to use the courthouse and lawn June 28-July 4 for the Blackberry Festival.

-approved a three-year extension of coverage on a policy which insures the county for claims made against it during a period when the county was covered by another company.

Court adjourned at 7:15 p.m., with no date set for the next meeting.

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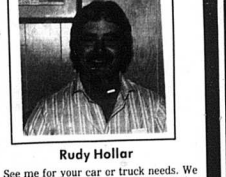

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MSU Founders Day scheduled March 26

By Judith Yancy
MSU Dir. of Public Information

Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow will be the theme for Morehead State University's annual Founders Day March 26.

Playing key roles in the day-long observance will be four of MSU's past, current and future presidents.

They include Dr. Adron Doran, who headed the school from 1964 to 1978; Dr. Morris L. Norfleet, who served from 1971 to 1984; Dr. A. D. Albright, the current president, and Dr. C. Nelson Grote, who becomes MSU's 11th president on July 1.

"With this panel of illustrious speakers added to some very special people who will be recognized throughout the day, this year's program will be an exciting one," said Dr. William B. Pierce, Founders Day chairperson.

The day begins with the traditional Fellowship Breakfast at 7 a.m. in the Crager Room of the Adron Doran University Center with Norfleet as speaker.

Doran will address the Founders' Day Convocation at 10:20 a.m. in Button Auditorium. Classes meeting at 10:20 a.m. and 11:20 a.m. will be dismissed to enable students and faculty to attend the convocation. MSU also will present its 1987 Founders Day Award for University Service during the convocation.

As host of a noon luncheon in the Crager Room, Albright will recognize current and former members of MSU's Board of Regents for their contributions to the institution.

Grote, president-elect, will cap the day as speaker for the Founders Day/Alumni dinner at 6:30 p.m. in the Crager Room.

Honorees at the dinner will include Dr. Robert Coleman, a Carter County native and founder of the Massachusetts-based Nova Biomedical; Dr. John Gearhart, a surgeon at Johns Hopkins University, and David Bolt of Morehead, immediate past president of the MSU Alumni Association.

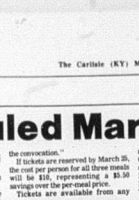
All have been selected for induction into MSU's Alumni Hall of Fame.

Honorary Alumni Awards will be presented to Terry and Susan Jacobs of Cincinnati. George T. Young, professor emeritus of history, will receive a special Alumni Service Award.

"We want to see as many alumni and friends as possible here for the day's festivities," Pierce said. "The committee has created a special ticket package for the Founders Day meal programs. All events are open to the public and there is no charge for the convocation."

If tickets are reserved by March 25, the cost per person for all three meals will be $10, representing a $5.50 savings over the per-meal price.

Tickets are available from any member of the Founders Day Committee or by contacting the ticket chairperson, Anna Mae Riggle, Morehead State University, UPO 838, Morehead, KY 40351. Phone: (606) 783-2668.



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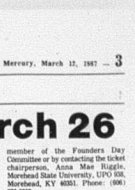

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Unemployment begins '87 in double digits

The usual end of temporary holiday shopping season positions reduced Kentucky's labor force in January, moving the state's unemployment rate into double-digits for the first time in 11 months.

According the figures released today by the Cabinet for Human Resources, the preliminary January unemployment rate was 10.8 percent, up from December's revised rate of 8.5 percent.

January jobless rate was lower than the 11.0 percent rate of one year ago and was the lowest rate for that month since 1985.

Nationally unemployment increased from 6.3 percent in December to 7.3 percent in January. The comparable state and national rates are not seasonally adjusted.

An estimated 38,000 Kentuckians dropped out of the civilian labor force in January, which state labor market analyst Ed Blackwell attributed to the annual occurrence of students, housewives, retirees and others entering the market for holiday jobs and simply returning to their previous status when the jobs end.

"Traditionally, we see an increase

McConnell makes letter public

U. S. Senator Mitch McConnell made public today a letter he sent to all tobacco companies challenging them to follow Philip Morris' leadership and eliminate tobacco imports and purchase additional domestic tobacco.

Earlier today Frank Resnik, President of Philip Morris USA, INC. flew to Lexington, KY to brief McConnell on Philip Morris' decision to suspend imports of burley and flue-cured tobacco and buy an additional 20 million pounds of burley and 10 million pounds of flue-cured from the 1987 crop.

"This is the best news tobacco growers have heard since the enactment of the 1985 Tobacco Reform Act," McConnell said. "During the last two years I have worked hard to emphasize to tobacco companies the importance of working together with our growers if we expect the federal price support tobacco program to survive. I congratulate Philip Morris on its bold and aggressive response to what was becoming a very sensitive issue with growers."

McConnell's letter stated, in part, "In the strongest terms I urge all tobacco companies to consider voluntary guidelines similar to those effected by Philip Morris. Only through a comprehensive, industry-wide response to the import issue can voluntary import restrictions lead to improved marketing opportunities for tobacco growers."

Another sharp reduction came in agriculture, where an estimated 9,600 fewer Kentuckians were working in January than in December. "We normally have a slump in agricultural employment during the tobacco processing season," he said. "We expect to regain these jobs in the spring."

Construction firms reported 4,500 fewer jobs between December and January although payroll records reflect a 7,300 job gain in that sector since January 1986. "We see short-term losses in construction jobs each winter," he said. "Construction companies anticipate cold weather and don't even plan projects."

Employment in education declined by 2,500 — another temporary decrease. "College students and other school employees who have on-campus jobs but are not on the payroll during the semester break each year are not counted among Kentucky's employed during that time," Blackwell explained.

Other declines were recorded in services (2,700), manufacturing (1,600) and transportation, communications and utilities (1,200).

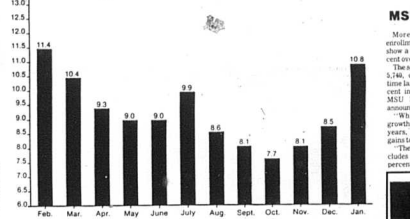
Figures compiled by the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics show an estimated 1,405,200 Kentuckians were working in January, the third highest January figure on record. This was an improvement over the January 1986 figure of 1,401,100 but a drop from December's estimate of 1,509,500.

Meanwhile, an estimated 180,400 Kentuckians were unemployed in January, fewer than the 182,400 out of work a year earlier but more than the 146,100 without jobs in December.

Kentucky's December and January employment reports represent the annual revision of federal calculations used to determine employment activity.

Unemployment statistics are based on estimates and, therefore, are compiled to measure employment trends rather than to actually count people working.

KENTUCKY'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
A 12-Month Comparison



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MSU enrollment shows 7.3% jump

Morehead State University's enrollment figures for Spring 1987 show a dramatic increase of 7.3 percent over Spring 1986.

The spring headcount enrollment is 5,740, compared with 5,261 at this time last year, and includes a 2.3 percent increase in full-time students, MSU President A. D. Albright announced.

"While the full-time student growth reverses the trend of recent years, there are other significant gains to be noted," he added.

"The spring enrollment picture includes a substantial increase, 19.2 percent, in part-time students over last spring, reflecting our increased outreach to graduate students and new undergraduate programs at our regional centers," Albright said. "The figures demonstrate that we are meeting a real need in our service region."

MSU also saw a 22.3 percent increase in freshmen/transfer students over the previous spring figure.

"At the moment, our registration data base has not sorted newly-enrolled freshmen from students who transferred in, but this size increase does tell us that students are recognizing the opportunities MSU offers," Albright said.

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For two years Mrs. Dorothy Inez Fricks of Birmingham, Ala., has been a victim of arthritis. Affecting her whole body, arthritis has been more prevalent in her spine. In extreme pain and not able to stand straight, turn over in bed, etc., she has been practically an invalid. Her husband, Milo, said there were many times he had to place hot water bottles or heating pads on his wife while she laid perfectly still.

But Mrs. Fricks, mother of Bill Fricks of Sylvester, said that it is just like a miracle has happened. She began using Easy Rub Arthritis Pain Relieving Lotion approximately two weeks ago. Mrs. Fricks says there is no more pain and she has stopped taking the pain medicine while she took approximately twice a day. She can stand straight, turn over in bed and all she never thought she's be able to do again. "Her friends are amazed," Mrs. Fricks said.

Mrs. Fricks had also developed skin problems which she felt was caused by some of the medicine she was required to take for her condition. This skin rash is gradually disappearing and she gives Easy Rub the credit.

At first, when Bill, her son, asked her to try this new arthritis medicine Mrs. Fricks was very skeptical. She said she had tried so many and nothing seemed to help. But, with his constant encouragement, she tried it.

"I've been bathing in that stuff," she says.

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