

**SCHOOL**

**Ecton retires after 35**

By Heather Mathes  
 After 35 years of service to one of the finest schools in the state, Margarette Ecton, teacher at Nicholas County Elementary, has retired after a fulfilling 35 years of service.

Ecton began her educational career at Albany College. "I had to go during summer and on weekends to get my BA at Georgetown College."

Ecton continued for my fifth year and took one at Morehead State University," said Ecton.

Before the consolidation of schools, Ecton taught in her home vicinity of Nicholas County.

"I taught in Morefield for a long time before the schools consolidated and then moved to Nicholas County and taught second grade up until four years ago," she said.

She then moved to another aspect of the educational arena. "I moved to the remedial reading class for grades one through four and I found I liked it even better."

"The classes are smaller and there is a less book work than in a regular class."

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 Robinson, Jerry Dale, Jon Shroat, Tawana Trussell, Ames Tussay, Wendell Allan Welch, April Kern, Anna Keary, William Mathes, Lisa McCarty, Steven Moxley, Carl Nicholas, David Pruitt, Lisa Riggs, Tefanie George, Andrea Hall, Julie Hamilton, Jennifer Hardin, Jeremy Hansen, Randy Hayes, Brian Hillander, Nathan Hunt, Craig Jones.

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Twelfth Grade: Neal McCallie, Frank Towles, Tina Walton, Ginger Waggoner, Thomas Cobb, Tara Shields, Darrell Sargent, Coby Gallagher, Elizabeth Goldy, Sonya Johnson, Joseph Joseph, Shana McCarty, Donna McCord, Carol Renee Bond, Thomas Allen Brady, James Ray, David, Patrick Wayne Dale.

Mrs. Doris Tipton's sixth grade had the highest yearly attendance percentage, 98.2%. Mrs. Kay Wille's twelfth grade had the highest yearly attendance percentage, 97.2%.

On the closing day, three teachers were recognized by Superintendent Elder with 100% attendance for the school year. These individuals recognized were Mrs. Margarette Ecton, 1 year; Greg Letcher, 6 years.

She explained further, "In a regular classroom situation there is attendance that has to be taken, a lot of grading and report cards that have to be prepared and all that really takes up more time than it seems."

"The remedial reading classes there is much less time spent on that."

Ecton has seen many changes in education in all the years she has worked with the children of Nicholas County.

"Some changes have been for the good, some for the bad, but I am glad to see most of them come," she concluded.

Ecton resides with her husband, J.W. on Meserfield Road.

The Ecton's four children include, Paul Ray who resides in North Carolina, Donna in Lexington, Sharon in Mason County and Phillip makes his home in Carlisle.



*In the classroom*

Marguerite Ecton, teacher at Nicholas County Elementary, retired after 35 years and was given a tea by the Nicholas County Education Association during the last week of school. - Heather Mathes Photo.

**Library plans program**

The Nicholas County Public Library will sponsor a summer reading program for preschool and elementary school age children by signing up for the GARFIELD "Reading is My Life" Reading Club at the library, with the cartoon character, Garfield as mascot.

Librarians, Jerita Anderson and Jane Bunkler, stress that the program aims to encourage reading for fun and to maintain reading skills during the summer months.

Studios have shown that library reading programs are helpful in preventing loss of reading skills during school vacation, according to the American Library Association.

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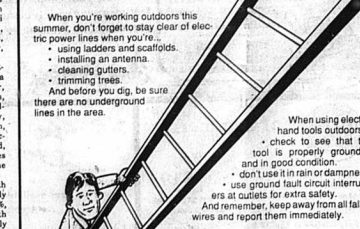
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