



**PURCHASE OIL COMPANY - Mr. and Mrs. M.L. Beeker of London, right, are shown with Mr. and Mrs. R.H. Hamm from whom they recently purchased the R.H. Hamm Oil Company located on West Main Street in Mt. Vernon. Mr. Hamm is retiring from the business which he began thirty-two years ago.**

## School Board Accepts Bids; Places Teachers For '77-78

The opening of Rockcastle County's Schools was the overriding concern of the Board of Education at its meeting Monday night.

Salaries, bids, contracts, and personnel placements were discussed as final preparations were made for opening day.

Bids on 94 items of foodstuffs, cleaning supplies and paper products were divided among five area companies. Institutional Distributors Inc., Somerset Foods, Institutional Jobbers, Uncle Charlie's Sausage Co., and Robinson's Meat Co. received contracts to supply at least part of the kitchen supplies. In addition to those food items, bids were received separately on milk, baked goods and produce. Southern Belle received a contract to supply milk by underbidding. Chappell's Dairy and Kern's received the contract for baked goods. No bid was received for produce.

The Board received four bids for pest control in the schools. Low bids was \$42 per month by Laurel Pest Control of London. Lexington Exterminating Systems, Madison Termite Co. and Orkin of Somerset were the three other bidders. No bids were received for garbage disposal.

Two bids were received on coal-Roda Enterprises at \$35 per ton and Richmond Coal Co. at \$41 per ton. The Richmond Coal Co. bid included delivery, but Jackie McClure bid \$3.95 per ton for hauling the coal from Snyder. It proved more economical to buy coal from Roda and have McClure deliver it.

R.H. Hamm of Mt. Vernon submitted the sole bid for gas, oil and other petroleum products. His bids for gas were: Reg. 51.5 cents per gallon; unleaded, 53.5 cents per gallon; and premium 53.5 cents per gallon.

Jerry Hamm of Mt. Vernon submitted the only bid for school bus tires. Tires used on the buses will range \$108 to \$115. They are 12 ply, 900x20 tires.

State Farm was the low bidder on School Bus Insurance. Coverage limits for the buses includes \$20,000 property damage, \$100,000 bodily injury per person, \$500,000 bodily injury per accident and \$1,000 in medical payments per person. Total cost of the coverage is \$4,520.

The athletic programs in elementary schools were revised by the Board on the advice of Preston Parrett who oversees the Elementary Athletic Program. The new program will have four teams consisting of 5th and 6th, and 7th and 8th

grade boys and girls. This results in one additional girl's team and two fewer boys teams. Mr. Parrett also requested that the board make and enforce a ruling that all teams play a minimum of 10 games during each season with a maximum of 12 plus tournament games. The Board approved his request.

Coaches for the various athletic teams in the county were hired, with assistant coaches receiving a \$50 per month pay increase and head coaches receiving a \$100 per month raise. Coaching personnel will be: Billy Riddle, head basketball coach at R.C.H.S., Charles Norris, Asst. Basketball coach at R.C.H.S., Glen Pully, Head Football Coach at R.C.H.S., Lawrence Travis and James H. Cox, Asst. Football Coaches at R.C.H.S., Jack Laswell, High School Basketball Coach and Ath. Director, Preston Parrett, Elementary Athletic Director and Girls Basketball Coach at R.C.H.S., John Hale, boys basketball at Livingston, Harry Lee Holland, Roundstone coach, Mark McKinney, Broadhead Coach and David Hansel, 5th

and 9th Grade Football coach. Billy Riddle, Rockcastle County High School Basketball Coach met with the Board to answer criticism he has heard about his record at R.C.H.S. Both he and the board were of the opinion that

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## R.H. Hamm Oil Co. Sold

The R.H. Hamm Oil Company in Mt. Vernon has been sold to M.L. Beeker of London.

Mr. Hamm began the business 32 years ago as a distributor for Stoll Oil Company products. He then switched to Sinclair Oil and then to Arco which he has distributed for the past several years.

Mr. Beeker said Tuesday that the business will be operated as usual with the same employees. A vice president for Salem Broilers in London for 13 years, Mr. Beeker and his wife, Phyllis, reside in London. They have four children.

## School District To Receive Over \$104,000 Par Equalization Money

Rockcastle County's School System will be receiving over \$104,000 in par equalization money for the next school year, according to Gayle Bowen, Director of the Finance Department of the State Board of Education.

Par Equalization is a program adopted by the Kentucky General Assembly last year designed to put each student in each of Kentucky's 120 school systems on a more equal educational level. Larger school districts have had an advantage over smaller ones in the past because of their higher property assessment. The par equalization program is formulated so that Fayette Co., the state's richest district, will get no money from the program while Pike Co., the poorest district will get, \$407,963.

The exact formula for calculating the amount of money going to the districts depends on an "equalization assessment" for each child in the state. To meet the \$10.5 million budget for the program only the first 4.9 cents of any county's educational tax rate could be considered.

For example, of the first 4.9 cents of tax collected from everyone in Fayette

County for schools it was figured that their school board was spending \$45.16 per child while Rockcastle County was spending \$10.59 per child for their first 4.9 cents. This meant that Fayette County was spending \$34.57 more to educate each child than Rockcastle County. The \$34.57 figure was multiplied by the average daily attendance in Rockcastle County Schools giving the total of \$104,158. This is the figure that will be awarded Rockcastle County under the equalization program.

The program could not be calculated on the total 39.8 cents tax rate because of the relatively low budgeting of the program, thus only the first 4.9 cents. Fayette County was used as the base for calculating each systems grant because they spend more per pupil than any other in the state.

Use of the equalization funds is in no way restricted. However, the State Board of Education is recommending that the money not be used for recurring expenses because continued funding is not definite. Recommended use of the funds is for new personnel in new school programs.

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**PIONEER COAL** won the League Championship at the Mt. Vernon Playground and will meet Fain Furniture to decide the championship of the league tournament. Pioneer also finished third in the 22nd District and won a trip to the regionals. Members of the team are, front row, from left: John Parsons, Doug Mullins, Erh Brown, Mark Parsons, Ronald Brown, Lynn Parsons and Len Davis. Back row, from left: Coach Rickie Berry, Trvy McClure, Mike Kerr, Charles Brown, Bill Henderson, John Clantz, Mike Burdette and Billy Gowder. Not shown was Dale Scoggins.

## City Council Discusses 5-year Program For Sidewalk Improvement In City

At their Monday night meeting, the Mt. Vernon City Council discussed initiation of a 5-year program to build, rebuild and repair sidewalks in Mt. Vernon.

The program will be similar to a Municipal Aid Program begun several years ago to repair and pave streets in Mt. Vernon. Streets that have been repaired since the program was instituted include High School, Poplar, Hamlin, Joyce, Langdon, Floyd, Williams, Lake, Terry, Davis, Paul, Perciful and "T" Streets, Newcomb Ave, Lovell Ct., Carter Dr., and Lawrence Lane. Sidewalks will be built or repaired as funds become available if the program is instituted.

At the present time Betherum and Craig Streets are being patched, widened and ditched with the Municipal Aid funds. The cost of the two streets was estimated at \$1875.

A sidewalk will be built to serve the elderly housing project on Lovell Lane. The sidewalk will run from where it presently ends on the south side of the Lovell Lane, to Richmond St. Mayor Roland Mullins hopes that this will be the first of series sidewalk projects.

Clint Collins of the Cincinnati Mortgage Corp. discussed with the council the possibility of building a new apartment complex on the site of the city is attempting to buy through a HUD grant. If the \$20,000 grant is approved, the city will purchase a plot of land adjacent to City Hall.

Mr. Collins suggested the possibility of building a 46 story apartment complex on the site. The Corporation he represents builds and runs apartment complexes throughout the area.

The council adopted the new parking meter ordinance which was voted on at the last meeting. A minor change extended the 83 fine period from 4 to 5 days. The ordinance states that parking fines will be \$1 if paid within 24 hours of the violation, \$3 if paid within 48 hours, and \$5 if not paid within 48 hours. After 5 days, a warrant is issued and the fine becomes \$20.00.

City limits on the north end of Mt. Vernon have become controversial to some extent. Some residents favor the annexation while others oppose it. Charles A. Mullins is to meet with councilmen and discuss the exact location of the new city boundaries.

Essments are being prepared for installation of new sewer lines in Owens subdivision. Final plans for the new system are also being drawn and construction is expected to begin in the not too distant future.

Elmer Hale requested that water and sewer lines be installed to serve new houses he has built on Rose Hill Road, 475 feet of line would need to be installed in the project. Mr. Hale also decided 10 additional feet of road width in the same area.

The Environmental Protection Agency has informed the city that sewer and water plant operators must be licensed in the near future. Matt Powell is the only licensed operator for either plant in the Water Works. The possibility of hiring an additional licensed operator was briefly discussed. Other alternatives are to be sought.

Mrs. Larry Durham requested that the council check into the possibility of installing a sewer line to her home on Town Hill. The council promised to look at the situation.

## Ky Dove Hunting Season Will Run Sept. 1- Oct. 31

The first segment of Kentucky's 1977 dove hunting season will open September 1 and continue through October 31. Fish and Wildlife Commissioner Arnold Mitchell said today, with the second part of the split season scheduled to open December 10 and run through December 18. The limits - 12 daily and 24 in possession after two or more days of hunting - remain unchanged from last year.

Other migratory bird seasons announced today by the commissioner are: woodcock, October 8 December 2 and December 10-18, limits 5 and 10-

wilson's snipe, October 8- December 2 and December 10-18, limits 5 and 10 and a special "bonus" blue-winged teal season for September 3 through September 11 with limits of 4 and 8.

Shooting hours for doves will be from 12 o'clock noon until 1/2 hour before sunset; for woodcock and snipe, from 2 hours before sunrise until sunset, and for teal from sunrise until sunset, all prevailing times.

Season dates and limits for other migratory birds, including waterfowl, will be announced in late August, Mitchell said.



**ATTEND CAMP - Four Rockcastle youths are attending a State Police Boys Camp at Trooper Island on Dale Hollow Lake this week. Shown above with State Policeman Jimmy Silvers, who transported the youngsters to the camp Saturday, are from left: Freddie Cromer, James Earl Miracle, II, Elvis Hayes and Jeff Hamm.**

## Rockcastle Co. Health Dept. Stresses Preventive Medicine

Bobby, a normal active seven-year-old, comes home from school one day and his mother notices he has tiny red spots protruding from his face. The next morning, the boy's entire body is covered with the spots - Bobby has the measles.

In three or four days, Bobby has recovered and is ready to go back to school but his mother finds that while treating the little boy's disease, she has contracted his illness. She stays in bed a couple of days then resumes her normal, active life.

A couple of weeks later, Bobby's mother visits her family doctor and he discovers that she is almost two months pregnant. After seven months of hope and anticipation, Bobby's parents are crushed when they learn that Bobby's little sister is mentally retarded and severely deformed. Bobby's little sister will hardly need one of the hundreds of names suggested to the parents because she will only live a week.

The story is made even more tragic when Bobby's parents learn that Rubella, the type of measles Bobby gave his mother, is easily preventable through a simple vaccination. The vaccine is free and readily available through any local Health Department. One shot, given in time, could have saved Bobby's unborn sister.

Rubella vaccinations are only one of a health department's services. Rubella vaccinations, along with diphtheria, typhoid, whooping cough (DTP), and polio are vaccinations required by a state law before any child can be enrolled in a public school system in Kentucky. A tuberculosis skin test is also required to prevent just the type of tragedy that occurred in Bobby's home.

The Rockcastle County Board of Health has specific days set aside to vaccinate school children against those

diseases. One more clinic day will be held before school starts - on August 19th from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the health department's office in the courthouse. Children will be given the shots they need to begin school.

But, the health department's job doesn't stop when children are in school; they offer a wide variety of medical service, all free, to anyone age 0 to however old.

For example, the health department has set up a booth at the Broadhead Fair and will be doing blood pressure checks on Thursday and Saturday nights. In addition, they were there Monday night and Tuesday. High blood pressure is a disease that is often not detected until it is too late. It can cause heart attacks and strokes, both of which kill quickly. It takes less than two minutes to have your blood pressure checked - death is forever.

The health department also offers a free Family Planning Clinic on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month from 8:30 a.m. to noon. If desired, birth control pills are available free if they are prescribed by the physician overseeing the clinic. A pap smear clinic is held the second and fourth Thursday of each month. A pap smear can detect early cancerous tissue and prevent the spread of the disease. Cancer can almost always be treated in the early stage.

Screening clinics are held regularly by the health department. Tuberculosis, diabetes and syphilis screen clinics are the three primary ones.

Tuberculosis screening consists of a simple skin test called a PPD which is when a tiny bubble of fluid is injected between layers of the skin. If an individual has been exposed to the TB virus and it is in his system, a large, usually red swollen welt will appear.

Follow-up in the form of chest x-rays and medication is usually prescribed.

Diabetes screening is the measuring of the amount of sugar in one's bloodstream or urine. Either test is virtually painless and can save hospitalization or death. Scoliosis is a curvature, either left or right of the spine. This screening will be done this year on all 5th and 8th grade school students. A simple physical examination is done and if the condition is detected, it can be treated. Otherwise, it involves serious surgery later on - if correctable at all.

New programs to be instituted by the health department will include a WIC program and a fluoride rinse program for school-age children. Fluoride rinse will be once a week for 32 weeks. Children will rinse their mouth with fluoride for protection from tooth decay. This will be done in the schools.

WIC stands for women, infants and children. Under the program, milk, cereal, eggs and vitamins will be supplied to those who cannot afford them. The federally funded program calls for a direct agreement between the local health department and food stores in the area. Food will be distributed and no stamps or anything similar will be involved for those participating. A diet for each person in the program will be prepared by a dietitian.

Rockcastle County's health department has a radio show over WKVW on Monday mornings from 8:45 to 9 a.m. The show is to inform the people about the health department and what clinics will be held during the following week. It may pay to listen. You may be wondering who to call for help with a certain problem and find that the health department can solve it for you.