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Wilkinson holds rally in Estill County

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Wallace Wilkinson believes that new federal tax reforms will result in a "windfall" of money for the state of Kentucky, and he thinks that money should be used to replace the loss of revenue sharing dollars now being suffered in many rural communities.

He gave that assessment last weekend when asked if he would favor a broader range of taxing powers for fiscal courts, which are now limited to property and occupational taxes.

Estill County's fiscal court has refused several times to pass an occupational (payroll) tax, saying it is unfair. The state now has control of the county's finances.

Wilkinson, a gubernatorial hopeful for 1987, was quick to answer. "I do not support anything which would precipitate new taxes," he said.

He explained that the "windfall" of money would be the result of a decrease in the federal income tax. Kentucky's tax rate will remain the same, but the increase in net income to individuals due to the federal change is expected to bring more dollars to the

state's coffers.

Wilkinson was here last Saturday for a campaign rally at the Estill County Fair Barn.

The local Democratic Party, at the hands of County Coordinator Margaret Barnes, organized a pig roast complete with live entertainment, free to all comers, which lasted from 6:30 until midnight. Everything was paid for by the Wilkinson for Governor Committee.

Wilkinson, a wealthy and well-known Lexington developer, arrived at around 8 p.m. in his private helicopter.

In typical campaign style, he delivered a speech predict-

ing a "new day in Kentucky," and saying "the best is yet to come."

He downplayed his current wealth by reminding those present that he comes from rural Casey County and "bootstrapped" his way into success. He said that at one time he had gone to "every bank in Kentucky to get a \$3,000 loan," but was unsuccessful.

Wilkinson called for a new approach to economic development in rural Kentucky. "We're going to stop looking for one big deal," he

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Wallace Wilkinson, right, and his wife.

School buses exceed bridge limits

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The Estill County Board of Education may have to terminate school bus routes which include several newly-inspected bridges that are rated for well below the weight limit required for such traffic.

Superintendent William Alexander received correspondence last month from Charles Lambert, the chief engineer of District 10 of the state highway department in Jackson, informing him of the results of an annual bridge inspection.

The letter noted that inspections are required annually on bridges with a clear span of at least 20 feet. The results of the inspection are forwarded to county judge-executives.

In August, the Department of Education requested that the information also be provided to local school districts.

As a result, a controversy arose in Breathitt County, the home of the highway department's District 10, when the school board there was forced to have buses unload before crossing several bridges, and reload students on the other side.

Money was not available to make the necessary repairs to the bridges.

According to Alexander, the solution in Breathitt will not work in Estill, since the bridges in question do not meet the weight limit requirements even for an empty bus.

Of the eight bridges included in the inspection report, five are bridges over which local school buses travel, but buses exceed the weight limits on only four.

Bridges at Tickey Fork, Pitts and Noland's Creek are posted for weights of no more than three tons. A bridge just outside of Irvine behind Henry's Supply is rated at eight tons.

Alexander said that an empty bus weighs from 10-12 tons, and a loaded bus weighs 14 tons. A bridge at Miller's Creek barely meets that weight limit.

Transportation Director Bill Harlow told the board that most of the bridges have short

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Autograph session



Clara Rising signs a copy of her novel, "In the Season of the Wild Rose," for a fan. A formal book-signing event took place Sunday at the Estill County Library, sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Proceeds from the books sold at the event will go to the local facility. Copies are still available.

Reed denied lower bond

By BOB HERRON
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Mickey Reed, the alleged murderer of Loretta Lynn Wiloughby, was denied a lower bond in Estill Circuit Court, last Friday, but another bond hearing has been set for Oct. 24.

Reed's court appointed attorney, William Chambliss, said that Reed's mother could provide a \$10,000 property bond to insure that Reed show

at all hearings.

Reed is currently in the Estill County Jail on \$50,000 cash or property bond.

Chambliss said a lower bond should be set because "he is not guilty and will not be found guilty...he will be staying in jail for sufficient amount of time just because he is poor."

Chambliss also cited Reed's cooperation with the investigators of the case, saying that Reed passed a polygraph

test and did not leave during the investigation.

Assistant Commonwealth Attorney Phillip Owens said the bond originally set by the court is the minimum bond set for the type of crime for which Reed is charged.

Circuit Court Judge Ed Jackson denied the lowering of the bond without a bond hearing.

"We could have a bond hearing today, but you need certain witnesses," Jackson said.

Estill trial goes to Lee

Crowe attempts suicide with slashing of wrist

By BOB HERRON
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A change of venue for the trial of George Harrison and Robert Crowe, indicted in the December 1985 murder of Billy "Bunt" Frymyre, has been granted.

Lee County will now be where the trial takes place.

Circuit Court Judge Edward Jackson said the Commonwealth wanted the trial moved to Powell, Wolfe or Breathitt Counties, but attorneys for the defendants wanted the trial held in either Lee or Owsley Counties.

Jackson said he chose Lee County because of the distance witnesses will travel.

"The court is under the opinion that a fair trial could be held in any of the counties," Jackson said. "But the court took into account the distance for witnesses to travel."

Crowe's attorney, Irene Steen of Richmond, moved for

a separation of Crowe's trial from Harrison's.

Steen said that statement made by Harrison, after his arrest, implicate Crowe in the shooting.

"It is evident the other defense wants the case together — to provide a scapegoat," Steen said. "I Harrison should take the stand, he would point the finger at Crowe — to save his own neck."

Assistant Commonwealth Attorney Phillip Owens said that other evidence, beside the statement made by Harrison, would also implicate Crowe.

"Outside of Mr. Harrison's statement...Mr. Crowe is going to be implicated anyway, Owens said.

Steen also cited the recent conviction of Harrison's brother Nick Harrison for the shooting of former Irvine

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Claim to fame

Salyer's granddaughter with Reagan in Iceland

Mrs. Anita Salyer of Irvine received word last week that her granddaughter would be going to Iceland with President Reagan as a member of the State Department's Office of Soviet Affairs.

Nancy Eileen McEldowney, 28, is the daughter of Mrs. Salyer's oldest child, Patricia Schamber, who lives in Clearwater Beach, Fla.

Miss McEldowney received a two-year presidential appointment to the State Department in July. In Reykjavik, Iceland, she provided administrative and staff support as a policy analyst to Secretary of State George Shultz.

Miss McEldowney speaks fluent Russian and French.

She graduated from Columbia University's School of International Affairs in May of this year, having also studied at the university's Averill Harman Russian Institute.

During her tenure at Columbia, Miss McEldowney worked at the United Nations

in the Office of Nuclear Disarmament.

Her undergraduate work was done at New College in Sarasota, Fla. and at the University of Florida at Gainesville.



Nancy McEldowney