

30 Day 'Enforced' Vacation Schools reopen today; BGJ, BGK employes back to work

By Jane W. Conley
Nicholas County Schools are scheduled to reopen today after missing a total of 30 days because of weather conditions and the gas shortage. Regular school hours are in effect for the time being.

Superintendent Don Elder said Tuesday that a called board meeting will be held shortly to discuss increasing the school day one hour and 15 minutes to make up one day per week. He said he does not plan to start these longer days before Feb. 21.

If started on Feb. 21, the longer days will make up 14 days to May 27—the original end of school. These plus the possibility of five calamity and five disaster days; the possibility of three days of school April 13, 14, 15; and the possibility of going to school Feb. 22 make a total of 28 days which can be made up by the end of May.

As it stands now, the days this week and any other days missed in the future will have to be made up in June, Supt. Elder said.

SUA for Teachers
For the first time ever, Supplemental Unemployment Assistance (SUA) is being made available to many of the division teachers across the state. Ms. Vera Fuga, assistant director of the Division for Unemployment Insurance, said the SUA program is designed to serve individuals who would not generally be eligible for unemployment benefits.

Ms. Fuga noted that a U.S. Department of Labor decision concerning teachers' eligibility for SUA states that "professional school employes (without earnings) must be paid child benefits during any breaks occurring in the regular academic school year." Supt. Elder said that this means those teachers employed less than 12 months a year whether they are on or off 12 10 month basis. Anyone employed 12 months is not eligible.

The State Board of Education voted Feb. 1 to change a board regulation prohibiting payment to teachers for services not yet rendered. This opens the way for local school boards to pay teachers during the current weather and energy crisis.

BGI, BGK Employes Back to Work Tuesday
The around 1000 Blue Grass Industries and Blue Grass Kentucky employes who had been laid-off in the first week because of gas curtailments were all back at work on Tuesday, thanks to an idea of Cliff Shumate's that worked.

A dryer at BGK, which could not be switched to alternate fuel, but which was needed for the operations at BGI is now operating with 500 infra-red bulbs. The bulbs, which cost about \$150 each, were turned on Sunday morning. They were still working on Tuesday to dry material in the dryer.

Wayne Shumate, chairman of the board, said Monday that with this dryer in operation, conflict with the trucking of about 15% of the material to Mississippi to be dried, the plants are back to their normal operations.

Wayne Shumate, chairman of the BGI Board, reported briefly Monday on his recent trip to the New Orleans, Belgium plant. He said the plant now employs 118 girls and that its first salesman is new work.

He added that he was mighty proud to have obtained the German and French markets for the Belgium plant while he was there.

A Title I (lastname) unemployment office has been installed at the local BGI plant.

Mr. Shumate accompanied her husband on the trip as did Edgar Allison and Mrs. Jane Ellen Booth.

Speaking to the employes Monday, Shumate said there was "no excuse whatever" for which has happened. If BGI had been notified by the City in November or December of the gas allotments being supposed, BGI could have converted all boilers to fuel oil and everyone in the City could have had gas, he stated.

Shumate added, that "the Nursing Home is cold this morning, and no gas is being used at either BGI or BGK." He also commented that the company wants to be prepared for the future.

"We want to sit down with the City," he said that BGI will ask for contracts on all utilities to assure that 1970-71 weather won't cause or any other utility to be shut off causing layoffs.

Kentucky Layoffs Difficult to Assess
The Governor telegraphed Federal Energy Administrator John O'Leary that he wants to invoke a special rule under which the FEA can order Kentucky propane suppliers to reduce or stop deliveries to lower priority customers if there are higher priority needs that must be met.

Called Priority One customers, those with the more essential needs are homeowners, small commercial establishments, nursing homes, hospitals, apartment buildings, and uses for certain emergency services, certain agricultural uses, and for plant protection.

"There are sometimes problems that must be dealt with quickly, especially in terms of human needs and essential services," Gov. Carroll pointed out, "and taking this step will cut through red tape and get to the solutions in a much quicker way."

Using this more responsive method to deal with essential demands that arise during the cold weather crisis, will also allow Kentucky Energy officials to know more quickly how Priority One supplies are holding out and how the higher priority customers are faring.

Columbia Gas granted increase. The Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC) has granted Columbia Gas of Kentucky a \$49.74 rate increase after the company requested more than \$1 million last August.

In his Feb. 1 decision the commission also ruled that purchased gas adjustment should be included in the approved rate. The adjustments are costs passed to customers of gas utilities by wholesale suppliers of that utility. The PSC order noted the adjustments will allow Columbia to charge rates based on the cost of purchased gas, beginning with today's order.

The final hearing on Columbia's rate request was held in the commission's Frankfort office Nov. 22. The consumer protection division of the attorney general's office was among the intervenors.

State universities respond
Natural gas shortages has been threatening the state for several days now, but the state's universities have responded to the crisis.

In most of the universities, buildings which depend on gas for heat have been closed, with classes and other functions being transferred to buildings with other types of heating systems. All systems in use are being regulated at 65 degrees daytime, lower at night.

According to David Holt, director of the University of Kentucky (UK) news bureau, "We've cut down to where we're not using any natural gas at all."

Holt said that 75 per cent of the buildings now being used have coal heating systems, with fuel oil heating the remaining 24 per cent. Only 26 buildings in the UK complex, one per cent of the university, use natural gas.

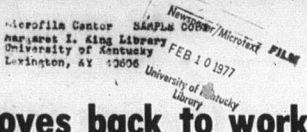
At Eastern Kentucky University (EKU), Don Felner, vice president for public affairs, said the shortage had affected one dormitory, Keene Hall. That dorm's residents were advised to go home last weekend to prevent any use of natural gas, and Felner said the hall would probably be closed this weekend as well.

EKU classroom buildings which depend on gas are not in use, Felner said. A gas shortage in the city of Morehead prompted Morehead State officials to evacuate the university's athletic dormitory. The rest of the university complex uses a coal power plant.

The only major university not affected by the gas shortage is Western Kentucky. Western converted to heating systems which use coal now, but can use fuel oil or natural gas.

But, like the other universities, Western has consolidated evening classes into fewer classroom buildings, further cutting the use of coal. At the University of Louisville, weekend activities are either being cancelled or postponed, although most of the campus is heated with coal or fuel oil. According to Director of Public Relations Jim McComber.

McComber said that while "only a handful" of buildings use gas, the university had encountered heating problems when ice on the Ohio River and on the interstate highways had hampered deliveries of coal and fuel oil. But the situation has now eased, he said.



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Paul Tinchler
Paul Tinchler, Magistrate in the 2nd District of Nicholas county has filed for re-election in the May Primary.

A native of Nicholas county, he is the son of the late Willie Tinchler and the late Alma Highlander Tinchler.

He and his wife, the former Phyllis Gordley, reside on Myers Road. They are the parents of four children, Kathy 18, John 5, James William 7 months, all at home, and Paul Jr. of Millersburg.

Tinchler, a farmer, is a past director of both Southern States and Farm Bureau.

H.A. Gaunce
H.A. Gaunce of the Headquarters and Sallwell Road has announced that he is a candidate for election for Magistrate of the 1st District Nicholas county in the May Primary.

A lifetime resident of the Sallwell and Bartterville community, he is the son of the late Harris and Lily Stagg Gaunce. He is a member of the Headquarters United Methodist Church.

Gaunce is an employe of Blue Grass Knitting and has been a member of Farm Bureau the past 25 years. He has ten years experience in road repairs with the State Highway Department.

He is married to the former Louise Pollard. They are the parents of three children, Mrs. Stanley (Dolores) Caswell, Carlisle, Kenneth Wayne Gaunce, Nicholas county and Allen Lee Gaunce, Indianapolis, Ind.

Crouch to serve 16th year as Easter Seal chairman

Joe Crouch of Carlisle has been named chairman of the 1977 Easter Seal Campaign for Nicholas county, according to Bert Omba, Louisville.

The annual appeal will begin March and continue through Easter Sunday, April 18.

BGADD has annual meet

The Bluegrass Area Development District (BGADD) held its annual meeting on Feb. 4 at the Holiday Inn North in Lexington. The meeting served as a training session for the BGADD Board and Advisory Committee members. In addition to the election of officers at the business meeting, workshops were held to inform local decision makers on such important issues as federal and state grants, land use planning, housing, aging, manpower, and health services planning.

Gerald Watkins and Joseph H. Conley represented Carlisle and Nicholas county at the Saturday session. Mayor Bill Power and Watkins attended Friday night.

Summers dies in fire

Verdon Summers, 70, perished early Sunday evening, Feb. 6, 1977 in a fire that destroyed his home. He was pronounced dead at the scene by Nicholas County Coroner Billy Clark. Clark said Summers was discovered near the front entrance of the house.

He said Summers probably died of asphyxiation after being overwhelmed by smoke. The coroner also said the victim sustained burns over his entire body.

According to Woodrow Wilson, Nicholas county fire chief, his department was notified of the fire by a neighbor of the Summers residence at 7:30 p.m. Wilson said when firemen reached the scene, the front of the house had already fallen through.

The cause of the fire has not yet been determined. However, according to Wilson, the cause of the fire was likely a likely cause.

Wilson said the victim's body was discovered after the fire had been brought under control. He said Summers was the only one in the house at the time of the fire.

Survivors include one daughter, Bertha Mae Lane, Mt. Sterling; his stepmother, Mrs. George Summers, Carlisle.

Four young ladies enrolled at MMI; was male bastion for 83 years

Millersburg Military Institute, for 83 years a bastion of male elementary and secondary education, has enrolled its first four young lady cadets to start the second semester of the 1977-78 academic year. The girls are attending as day students and reside in Millersburg.

The four girls are: Mrs. John A. Bullitt, Louisville, daughter of MMI's second president, Colonel Walter H. Nelson; Mrs. John A. Bullitt, Louisville, daughter of MMI's second president, Colonel Walter H. Nelson; Mrs. John A. Bullitt, Louisville, daughter of MMI's second president, Colonel Walter H. Nelson; and Mrs. John A. Bullitt, Louisville, daughter of MMI's second president, Colonel Walter H. Nelson.

The current boarding capacity of the school is 100 cadets and a number of day students can be accommodated within the small academic class environment. MMI emphasizes continual growth in student self-discipline, good study techniques, adherence to moral values and leadership and individual training within its academic, athletic, military, art and music programs.



Mrs. Jane Goodman is pictured in the new shoe store she and her husband, Ben, are operating at the corner of Locust and Main in Carlisle today.

Reminder to return marketing cards

Burley tobacco producers are reminded to return the marketing cards to the ASCS office as soon as they have completed their sale of tobacco for the 1976 marketing year. Before 1976 marketing cards are issued, the 1976 marketing card must be returned to the ASCS Office. All leases presently in the ASCS Office that have not been returned, must be signed by this date.

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