

NATURAL GAS EMERGENCY EXISTS

Central gas users asked to shut down

All users asked to conserve fuel; see advertisement on page four

By Joan W. Coaley
Mayor Bill Power asked Blue Grass Industries Monday night to shut down completely at noon on Tuesday for at least two days because of a Columbia Gas request to the city.
A Columbia Gas spokesman called Monday night asking the city to close all industries and schools. Local schools are already closed, and probably will remain so this week. Because of the extremely cold weather across the nation, a serious gas shortage has occurred, the spokesman stated.
And, too, Catalina used over its gas quota in November and December, and is of necessity continuing to do so. This

could require the city to pay an estimated penalty of \$150,000, which city customers would have to pay) the Mayor stated.
Local business people are being asked to cut heat back as much as possible to conserve gas. "If you do everything you can to cut down on gas—even if only a little bit," he said, "we can't afford a penalty."
Before Columbia's request late Monday, Mayor Power said he had already asked BGI to convert to alternate fuel. He said that Monday morning, Section's Trailer Court had no gas at all, and the Johnson-Mathers Nursing Home had very little because of the BGI usage.

The reason this occurs, Mayor Power stated, is because the line going out that way is too small to accommodate the volume needed in this cold weather.
"We hate people to be out of work, but this decision is from our gas suppliers—not us," he said.
Local temperatures
Temperatures Monday were recorded as unseasonably in Nicholas county by several persons at 18 degrees below zero. The wind chill factor plummeted temperatures to 30-40 degrees below zero Monday.
Yesterday's temperature was recorded by some in Nicholas county at 20 below.

Electricity shortage subsides
A similar plea to the Mayor's was made by Kentucky Utilities on Jan. 11. Customers were asked to cut back on electrical usage. This plea resulted in a 10% reduction in load and the shortage was alleviated about mid-day Jan. 12 and customers were advised they could resume normal use of electricity.
A K.U. spokesman said the shortage occurred because the company's stockpile of steaming coal was from the W. W. Brown (Dix Dam) plant, causing a generator to be shut down. Another generator at its own River generating station, was out of service at the same time due to maintenance. And, there was difficulty getting coal trucks over the icy highways to supply various power facilities. The public was especially asked to reduce the setting of electric used and water thermostats, and not to use clothes dryers and washers.
Hopefully this same cooperation can be accomplished regarding the local gas situation.

Schools remains closed
For the 16th snow day Tuesday, Nicholas County Schools were closed. And, unless temperatures rise sufficiently to melt the ice and snow on the ground, schools will be forced to remain closed on Feb. 1.
State Superintendent of Public Instruction Dr. James Graham stated last week that there is a good possibility of resuming Kentucky schools from some of the 175 day requirement for attendance. He also said that in-service days and REA meeting days could be used as make-up days if desired. Our calendar lists in-service days on Jan. 28 and April 13, and REA is scheduled April 14 and 15.

Games rescheduled
Coach Billy Keen Anderson said that the Richmond Model game, called off Friday, has been rescheduled for Jan. 22 here if the weather permits. The Rowan County game will be played there on Feb. 1.
The Little League games scheduled for Jan. 22 will be played on Friday, Jan. 21—provided school is in session that day—even though the varsity will play Deming at Mt. Olivet that night.
Coach Anderson also stated that varsity games may have to be rescheduled on Saturday nights which would mean that Little League games already scheduled those nights would have to be scheduled another time.
Should the weather necessitate the cancellation of varsity games this weekend, they will be rescheduled on Saturdays later, Coach Anderson said.
The weather is retrosp.

Some snow on the ground melted last Thursday as a winter storm watch was in effect. It did not come.
Friday the temperature at 5 a. m., according to Ernest Soboy, was 22 degrees. About an inch of new snow fell between 4 and 6 a. m. Friday before turning to freezing rain and then "just plain rain" about 7 a. m. This warmer weather and rain permitted some melting of ice and snow. It also caused the most severe driving conditions yet as slush caused slippery streets and flooding in the county. By Saturday, freezing temperatures had frozen the surface water making driving or walking hazardous.
By early Sunday morning another inch of new snow had fallen, and temperatures, zero or below all day, prevented additional melting.

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Three candidates file for sheriff; another for magistrate 4th district

Three candidates have filed for the Democratic nomination, subject to the May 24 Primary, for Sheriff of Nicholas County, according to County Clerk Rose Covalt. They are:
Clarence Moss
Clarence Moss announced Monday that he is a candidate for Sheriff. Moss said he has chosen Charles Ring to run as his deputy. And, if the Fiscal Court will approve, Moss plans to have another deputy yet unnamed.
A lifelong resident of the Blue Licks neighborhood, he is a precinct chairman of the Hafferty Precinct. He is a deacon in the Blue Licks Christian Church and a 28-year member of the Masonic Lodge.
Moss is married to the former Betty Alexander. They have three children: Mrs. Orlan Giles Jr., Harrison county; David Moss, Nicholas county; and Mrs. John Strawn, Mt. Sterling.
J.W. Ecton
Nicholas County Deputy Sheriff J.W. Ecton says he is a candidate for Sheriff and has chosen Ralph Brookshire as his deputy.
A resident of Miranda (Weston) Ecton has lived all his life in the Morefield area.
He is a member of the Morefield Methodist Church and of Dougherty Lodge.
He is married to the former Marjorie Kenney who has taught school in Nicholas county for the past 24 years. She presently teaches second grade at

Bluegrass Barrow Show

The 1977 Bluegrass Barrow Show is scheduled to begin with an on-foot show at Paris Stockyards in Paris on Monday, Jan. 24, according to Kentucky Department of Agriculture Director Thomas O. Tom Harris.
Weighting of entries will begin at 12 noon on the day of the show. Entries will be completed by 3 p. m. A judging contest, scheduled for 4 p. m., marks the beginning of the show activities, with official judging of entries to start at 7. Classes will be offered for both youth and adult exhibitors.
In addition to the on-foot show, which is to be judged by Doug Cooper, University of Kentucky, all entries will be slaughtered for carcass valuation. Dr. Dennis Liptrap, Extension Swine Specialist, will serve as carcass judge, and remain of the carcass contest will be reported at the Bluegrass Barrow Show tables, to be held on Jan. 27, at 8:30 p. m. in the Baldwin Hotel, Paris.
The Bluegrass Barrow Show is one of four barrow shows sponsored annually by the Kentucky Department of Agriculture.
The district barrow shows are open only to Kentucky pork producers, who may enter any or all shows. No advance entry is required for exhibitors at these events. The producer needs only to bring his barrows to the show grounds at the time designated for weighing and recording of entries. Barrows weighing from 200 to 280 pounds will be entered in the district barrow shows and carcass contests. Producers fulfilling these requirements are then eligible to compete in the on-foot show as well as the carcass competition.

Wilson Palmer candidate for Senate

Former State Sen. Wilson Palmer of Cynthia has announced that he is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the state Senate seat he held from 1962 to 1973.
Palmer is a farmer who also is engaged in the insurance and real estate business. He was a member of the Senate Committee on Agriculture for 12 years and served the committee as its chairman and vice-chairman. He was also chairman of the important Senate Committee on State Government for six years, and was chairman of the Interim Joint-Senate and House Committee on State Government. This committee handles legislation regarding the operation of state government.
Very active in community affairs, Palmer has been a member of the Harrison Memorial Hospital Board since 1961, and has been a member of the Harrison County Industrial Foundation Board of Directors. A member of the Board of Directors of the Harrison Rural Electric Cooperative since 1948, he is now serving as president of the Harrison RECC. For eight years Palmer was a member of the Board of Directors of Eastern Kentucky University. He is a member of the Republican Christian Church which he has served as a deacon and trustee.
He is married to the former Jean Smith, a resident of Booneville, and the parents of five daughters.
The 36th Senatorial District, in which he is running, comprises Booneville, Harrison, Nicholas, Robertson, Scott and Woodford counties and part of Fayette county.

Listing period for property taxes opens

FRANKFORT—Commissioner of Revenue Maurice P. Carpenter has reminded Kentuckians that the property tax valuation contest listing period for 1977 opens from Jan. 1 to March 1. Carpenter said Kentucky law requires that all taxable property in the state be listed by the owner with the property valuation administrator in the state by the property valuation administrator is Bobby Anderson. His office is on the second floor of the Courthouse.
Carpenter also cited a new law enacted by the 1976 General Assembly, which requires that every owner of real property must file a return of value by Feb. 1, 1977.
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Rep. Arnold announces for re-election

Adrian Arnold of Montgomery county has announced that he is a candidate for re-election as State Representative from the 71st District. Arnold, who served on the Agriculture and part of Fleming counties in the May 1977 Democratic primary.
Representative Arnold is presently serving his second term, plus one special session in the General Assembly. He was elected in 1973 and 1975. During the 1974 and 1975 sessions he served on the Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee and the Counties and Special Districts Committee which handled many major bills important to this area.
Arnold sponsored and supported many bills that were beneficial to Agriculture, Education, Business and Labor. He had a major part in drafting a bill that requires farm land to be used for agriculture use, rather than market value.
He is married to the former Della Heflin of Bourbon county, and has two sons Lanny and Jeffrey. He owns and operates a farm on the Aaron Run Road. He is a member and deacon of the Layton Lick Christian Church, the Kentucky Farm Bureau, Montgomery County Extension Council, the Montgomery County Fair Board, the American Legion and the D.A.V.
Arnold says he appreciates the support and cooperation the people of this district have given him in the past and looks forward to the support of everyone in the upcoming primary.

Water shortage

Some county residents are facing a water shortage because of sub-zero temperatures and slick roads.
J.W. Ecton said Monday he had to quit hauling water to customers because it freezes in the tank. He said customers keep calling, but as long as the weather stays this cold, he and other local water haulers, can't deliver the needed water. Slick roads are preventing water hauling too.
Many county residents have suffered some a great deal of damage, because of frozen and bursting pipes.
Governor pleads for energy conservation
Governor Julian Carroll last week asked all state residents to turn down furnaces and water heaters, to slow down the highways and to reduce the use of appliances.
Tobacco markets closed
Volume was light at most busy tobacco markets holding auctions during the sixth week of sales. In addition, bad weather conditions caused many markets to suspend sales the first week of the week. The Federal-State Market News Service reports slightly lower grade averages and poorer quality forced the general average downward compared with the week before. The percentage placed under loan showed little change.
The exception of clean-up sales, all markets in East Tennessee, North Carolina and Virginia have closed for the season. Auctions are scheduled for Monday through Thursday this week, but may be forced to close because of the weather.
Emergency help available
The State Division of Disaster and Emergency Services has answered hundreds of calls for assistance since the division mobilized Sunday afternoon in anticipation of weather-related problems.
Those in need of emergency assistance are being asked to call their nearest state police post, which is Dry Ridge for Nicholas county, which will relay requests according to McFerrin. He said the division will remain mobilized around the clock until there is some relief from current temperatures.

Logan county publisher Al Smith being considered for TVA directors' board

Logan county newspaper publisher Al Smith is being seriously considered to fill a vacancy on the Tennessee Valley Authority board of directors, U.S. Senator Walter Huddleston announced recently.
Huddleston said Smith's name has been given to a telegram signed by Dale TVA Board members are appointed to nine-year terms at a present salary of \$9,500 per year. Smith, 50, has been in the insurance business in Nicholas county for nearly 20 years. He worked for New Orleans newspapers between 1947 and 1952. He was trained in middle Tennessee. He is immediate past president of the Kentucky Press Association and for the past three years has been president and moderator of "Comment on Kentucky," a public affairs program on Kentucky Educational Television.
He publishes the Logan Leader, Russellville News-Democrat, The Green River Republic in Morgantown, The Litchfield Gazette and The Record of Cedar.

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He said that it takes longer for the fire department to get to a fire than usual. Wilson said the department answers a call at the residence of Gayle Alexander, Robertson, Scott and Woodford counties and part of Fayette county.
Alexander extinguished the fire around a fire in his house before the fire department could arrive.
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Ritter is new assistant

Gary Ritter is the new assistant manager at Carlisle Southern States Cooperative. He transferred here from Morehead. He is a native of Monticello, Ritter and his wife, live in one of the Farah Apartments on Main Street.
DRIVERS' LICENSES
Beginning Feb. 1, according to Benho Hughes, circuit clerk, driver's licenses will be sent directly to Indiana. He said they should then bring them to the clerk's office and have their picture made. The license is not valid without the picture.