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GAS CURTAILMENTS REQUESTED

Council has emergency session; votes to delay until today BGK cut-off

by Joan W. Conley
City Council voted unanimously 4-0 Tuesday afternoon in emergency session to cut off all natural gas service to Blue Grass Knitting by 7 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 27 (today). This schedule was decided upon to give BGK time to see if it can buy gas elsewhere.

The emergency meeting was held after gas expert George Brewer presented facts and figures to city officials—one of which indicated that the city doesn't even have the amount of gas allotment that it had been allowed to buy.

BGK is the only city gas user in Category Two—Large Commercial Users.

The emergency council meeting was adjourned until Wednesday night (Jan. 26) to discuss what to do about other big gas users—one of which is schools.

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The six member citizens committee, appointed by Mayor Bill Power Friday to make recommendations regarding local gas curtailments, submitted their suggestions to City Council Monday afternoon. City officials agreed Monday night to request of gas customers that the recommendations be followed until the average of gas use is held locally.

Only one item was omitted for the time being—that of curtailing work week to forty hours, except for Blue Grass Knitting. City officials feared that in doing this, local buyers would go out of town to do business.

The following are the requests being made of local gas customers in preparation for asking to be excused from any penalty the city is subject to:

1. Industrial and Commercial
 - A. Curtail work hours whenever possible, shut down completely when possible, especially on severe degree days.
 - B. Two (2) exceptions being the hospital and nursing home.
 - C. Thermostats set at 65 degrees or lower on around the clock basis.
 - D. Make preparations at once for some type of stand-by fuel.
2. Churches and related buildings
 - A. Limit services to one (1) hour per week.
 - B. Ministerial Association could check into a mass union type service once a week.
 - C. Where possible turn heat completely off in some areas of buildings.
 - D. Thermostats being set at 62 degrees or lower.
3. Schools and related buildings
 - A. Thermostats on 65 degrees days

- 40 degrees nights.
- B. Check areas not used and turn off heat.
- C. Curtail all night programs and activities other than on regular school hours. High school basketball exception provided 60 degree temperature is complied with.

4. Civic clubs and groups
 - A. Refrain from meetings for next three months, except in homes.
 - B. Turn gas off or down as low as possible 60 degrees or below during this time.
 - C. Curtail hours at library.
 - D. Curtail all gas usage at Armory except office.
5. All residential customers
 - A. Keep thermostats 65 degrees or lower.
 - B. Shut off garages, rooms, etc. not being used.
 - C. Limit bathing and cooking.
 - D. Make minor repairs that would save heat.
 - E. Use other types of heat where possible.
 - F. Keep water heaters on normal.

Citizens Committee

The citizens committee members, appointed by Mayor Power Friday, are Andy Dudley, Joan W. Conley, Russell Bell, Carroll Wallace, Gene Kelley, and Paul Ramsey.

\$200,000 Penalty Possible

Mayor Power called a community meeting Friday, attended by an estimated 200 business and other persons. Figures furnished at the meeting indicated that Carlisle consumed 12,000 million cu. ft. of gas for the months of November and December. And, estimates indicate the figure could go to 8 million cu. ft. for January—making a total of around 20 million cu. ft. of coverage for the three-month period.

If this average is not made up by the end of March, the city could be subject to a penalty of \$10 per 1,000 cu. ft. or roughly \$200,000.

Bills Will Not Be Lower
In spite of turning thermostats back to help alleviate the serious gas situation the city is facing, gas bills will be even higher next month. The city was forced to increase its rates by five cents on each level. Also, the colder weather has made it necessary for furnaces to use more gas than ordinary to meet the temperature demands.

And, should a penalty be imposed, local gas customers will have really outrageous, and impossible bills.

So, even though you conserve gas, don't expect your bills to be lower. You will have money by saving gas, but your bill will still be shocking.

City Gas Committee Chairman Bob Faul said Monday night that he will go any place and take anyone to work on getting excused from the penalty.

Turn Water to Trickle
The city is asking its water customers to turn on water faucets to avoid freezing pipes, especially in sub-zero weather.

"Pipes are freezing in the streets, so it doesn't help to turn your heat up to avoid freezing."

Courthouse Hours Shortened
Nicholas county officials decided at a meeting held Tuesday to shorten office hours for all county offices in the courthouse in order to use as little gas as possible during the present shortage.

The thermostat has been turned back to 62 degrees and will remain there, according to County Attorney, Joseph H. Conley. Employees are using electric heaters when needed.

The front doors of the courthouse will remain locked due to the fact that the thermostat is located near those doors and the opening and closing causes the furnace to cut on too often. The side and back doors will be unlocked.

New office hours for the courthouse are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. during Friday. Those days that are normally open Saturdays will be open 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Schools
Tuesday was the 21st school day to be missed because of inclement weather. No high school basketball games have been played since the A.M.I. game on Jan. 7.

Community Worship Service Cancelled
The fifth Sunday evening community worship service planned for Jan. 30 has been cancelled.

Many things have led to this decision. The speaker chosen for the occasion was unavailable. The weather conditions are not expected to improve any by that time. The fact that we are in a gas crisis contributed to the decision also.

There will be another such service planned for May 29 with details worked out by that time.

Most churches have cancelled evening services until the crisis is over. And, many have reduced heat to bare minimum even for Sunday morning services.

Health Center Cuts Hours
The Nicholas County Health Center will be open each week on Tuesday and Wednesday. It will be closed all other days.

Loe Rose will be on call at her home from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., phone 289-2927, on the days that the Center is closed.

Smoot seeks judge/executive post; others file for jailer, magistrate

Reese Smoot, age 48, filed his papers as a candidate for Nicholas County Judge/Executive last week.

Smoot served from 1970 through 1973 as deputy sheriff and is now serving his fourth year as Sheriff.

He has spent most of his life in Nicholas county. He is a member of the Blue Licks Christian Church, Blue Licks Masonic Lodge, and a veteran of the Korean War.

Both is a farmer and part-time employee of Kentucky Growers Inc.

Charles (Chuck) Smith

Charles (Chuck) Smith announced that he is a candidate for 5th District Nicholas County Magistrate in the May Primary.

Smith, 37, is an employee of Blue Grass Knitting and also farms. He and his wife, the former Patsy Ritchie, reside on the Upper Jackstown Pike.

They are the parents of three children, Deborah, Charles and Michael.

He spent eight years in the National Guard and is a member of Farm Bureau and the Nicholas County Fish and Game Club. He is a past director of Farm Bureau.

Fish, Game club to elect officers

The Nicholas County Fish and Game Club will have a public dinner and meeting at the club house at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28.

The main business to be taken up will be an election of officers for the coming year.

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New Chamber of Commerce president is Paul Ramsey

Paul Ramsey, owner of the Western Auto Store, was elected president of the Carlisle-Nicholas County Chamber of Commerce last Thursday. He served as a Chamber director last year.

Other officers are: David Wilson, vice-president; Mrs. Joyce Wallace, secretary; and Lanny Hutchison, treasurer. Wilson is in his second year as director.

Newly elected directors who will serve for a two-year term are: David Tipton, Bascom Sorrell Jr., Mrs. Kathy Merrill, Joe W. Crouch, Chen Urtage, and Mike Phillips.

Directors who served last year, and whose term continues through this year are: Mrs. Barbara Bowen and Doug Garrett.

Ramsey came to Carlisle in January 1975 from Stanton where he was manager of Delta Natural Gas Company in Powell county for 11 years. He was appointed by Carlisle Mayor Bill Power Friday to a citizens committee to study the energy crisis locally.

Before moving to Carlisle, he just completed a four-year term as Mayor of Stanton. Prior to serving as Mayor, he was a member of the Stanton P.O.

Council for 12 years. He served three years on the Executive Board of the Blue Grass Area Development Corp. Ramsey, a member of the First Baptist Church, was a member and past president of the Lions Club in Stanton.

Mr. and Mrs. Ramsey live on Walnut Street. They have five children.

Essay contest winners

Sarah Jane Hamm, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Hamm, Clifway Drive, Carlisle, has been chosen county winner in the 1976 Conservation Essay Contest. Her essay "Forests Use and Renewal for My Community" has been entered in the statewide competition.

This contest is sponsored by the Courier-Journal and the Louisville Times in cooperation with the Kentucky Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts and the Nicholas County Conservation District. A \$25 savings bond is awarded by the Courier-Journal and Louisville Times to the first place winner and all other prizes are given by the local district.

Representatives of the Nicholas County Extension Office, the ASES Office and a member of the Board of Supervisors were selected for the judging. Second place and a \$10 cash award goes to Deanna Darrell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Ray Darrell, Route 4, Carlisle; third place and \$5 cash award goes to Kathryn G. Conley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Conley, Locust Street, Carlisle; fourth place and \$5 cash award goes to Margaret Ellen Hammett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Hamm, Clifway Drive, Carlisle.

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Prospective jurors for Feb. Court

Prospective jurors have been announced for service for the February term of the Nicholas Circuit Court which convenes Monday, Feb. 7 at 9 a.m.

They are: Herbert McManahan, Arthur Wallace, Patsy A. Webb, Catherine Alexander, Harvey Wagoner, Jettie Anderson, Malcolm Willis, Phyllis Darrell, Ann C. Shearer, Herbert C. Duncan, Shirley Harum Collins, A.B. Sharp Sr., James E. Reid, George Griffin, Chester Ray Mattox, Allen Bales, John W. Olesver, Robert H. Abene, Andrew Grey, Raymond Coy, Inaugene Green, William Kingolver, Clarine Lyman, Carolyn S. Terrell, Beale S. Smith, Karen Stone, Bruce Gaunce, Harvey M. Dobson, Thomas H. Vioe Jr., Jimmie E. Gaunce.

Barion, G.C. Myers, Bobby Crockett, Allen George, Homer Kerns.

Fay Campbell, Roy Bloom, Frances T. Broderick, Louise W. Zachary, Letitia Ann Harmon, Everett D. Smoot, Phillip Hillock, Frances Dobson Hall, Donald Sears, Hobbs Day, Lois Smith.

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