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## Mrs. Carol Sparks seeks City Council position

Mrs. Carol Sparks has announced as a candidate for one of the six City Council positions. She has been very active professionally, civically and religiously since moving to Carlsile in 1963 with her husband, Dr. Robert Sparks, as he began his dental practice. She has held positions as general duty nurse, operating room supervisor, director of in-service education and director of nurses at both the Nicholas County Hospital and Johnson-Mathers Nursing Home. She is a member of the Kentucky Nurses Association; the American Nurses Association; and has served on the Nursing Practice Commission of the Kentucky Nurses Association the past year.

Mrs. Sparks, who successfully served as co-chairman of the Citizens Committee for a New Hospital last year, is currently a member of the Nicholas County Board of Health and Wedco District Board of Health.

She is a graduate of Portland Christian High School, Louisville in 1957; graduated from Louisville General Hospital School of Nursing in 1960; attended the University of Louisville one semester. Prior to coming to Carlsile, she worked in the operating room at Norton's Memorial Infirmary for one year.

A member of the First Christian Church, Mrs. Sparks is a past member of the Carlsile Junior Women's Club, chairman of the Nicholas County Cancer Society, and chaplain of Eastern Star. Currently serving as vice president of the Nicholas County Elementary P.T.A., she has held positions in both the local and district P.T.A. She is presently chairman of District 7 P.T.A. Character and Spiritual Guidance Committee. She is a former Sunday School teacher, and president of the Christian Women's Fellowship at her church.

Mrs. Sparks served as chairman of



The newly organized Health Room Volunteers at Nicholas County Elementary, where she also participated in the first classes last year.

Mrs. Sparks stated, "All my friends and supporters are invited to stop by and share coffee and donuts with me this Saturday morning, 9:15 a.m., Oct. 22, at the corner of Main and Locust Streets [Lela Farah building]."

She has volunteered as a nurse for Girl Scout Day Camp for several summers, taught hospital classes for the Girl Scouts, worked with Gandhi Stripper Program at the hospital and nursing home, and served as training chairman of the Nicholas County Health Care Auxiliary. Last year, she was secretary-treasurer of the Kentucky Ladies Auxiliaries. Dr. and Mrs. Sparks live on Cliffway Drive and have two children, Pamela, 11, and David, 5.

## Election officers named

H. Stanley Blake, J. A. Sandiford and Hubel Williams, members of the County Board of Elections, met at the Nicholas County Clerk's Office Sept. 13 to appoint the Election Officers to serve in November General Election to be held Nov. 8. They are as follows:

- District 1: Headquarters—Earl V. Delaney (D) Clerk; Ruth Ann Harney (D) Judge; Daley M. Kennedy (R) Judge; Martha P. Kennedy (R) Sheriff; District 1: Hartsville—Gus Toke (D) Clerk; Roy Snapp (D) Judge; Howard Miller (R) Judge; Shelby C. Roundtree (R) Sheriff.
- District 2: Hartsville—Mrs. Thelma Sandiford (R) Clerk; Virginia Wells (R) Judge; Margaret Lee Hildreth (D) Judge; Nelson Fryman (D) Sheriff.
- District 3: Myers—Sophia Margaret Bowles (R) Clerk; H. H. Hardin (D) Judge; Elizabeth Taylor (R) Judge; Eugene Leitcher (D) Sheriff.
- District 4: Moorefield—James W. Platt (R) Clerk; Grimes Russell (D) Judge; James H. Platt (R) Judge; Everett Duncan (D) Sheriff.
- District 5: East—W. B. Bramblett (D) Clerk; Norwood Austin (D) Judge; Emma Wood (R) Judge; E. O. Stephenson (R) Sheriff.
- District 6: Mayers Office—Elizabeth Taylor (R) Clerk; Bob Campbell (D) Judge; Lola Bowen (D) Judge; Anna Sue Woodall (R) Sheriff.
- District 7: Eagle House—Edith C. Blake (D) Clerk; Minerva L. Crouch (D) Judge; Roy Miller (R) Judge; Mary Trapp (R) Sheriff.
- District 8: Madala—Pauline Earlywine (R) Clerk; Bob Campbell (D) Judge; Hazel K. Henry (D) Judge; Alma Adkins (D) Sheriff.
- District 9: City Building—Ruth C. Hollar (D) Clerk; James Neal Wood (D) Judge; Russell Bell (R) Judge; Naomi R. Dale (R) Sheriff.

## WEREWOLVES AND GOBLINS Haunted House benefit to be open Oct. 26-31 for Hospital, Dimes



Monster's clean-up! Pam Hopkins, Moore's Women's Club preparing characters for the FFA haunted house.—Photos submitted.

A special Haunted House fund raising event will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 26 and run through Monday, Oct. 31, for the benefit of the March of Dimes. This event will be presented by the Future Homemakers of America and the Future Farmers of America chapters of Nicholas County High School.

The FFA and FFAA will be haunting the Old Lyric Theatre on Locust Street. Your guides dressed as werewolves, goblins, and so forth will take groups through the house in an organized manner for an admission of \$1.00 for adults and 50 cents for children. Tours will be conducted Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Monday 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 8:30 to 11:00 p.m. A special matinee will be held on Saturday from 1:30 p.m.

All the witches, goblins, ghosts, and other tenants of the house have extended an invitation to everyone to stop by and see where they live. Proceeds from this event will go toward neonatal equipment for the Nicholas County Hospital and to the National Foundation of the March of Dimes to further birth defect research.

## Bell asks to reduce rates; change way we pay for directory assistance

South Central Bell has filed a proposal with the Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC) that would reduce monthly telephone bills by changing the way telephone customers pay for Directory Assistance.

If the proposal is accepted by the PSC, basic monthly telephone rates would drop 30 cents per line, and more of the cost of providing Directory Assistance service would be paid by the people who use it the most.

What it boils down to is this, said C. A. Harris, local telephone company manager, "we have a lot of equipment, a lot of people and a lot of money tied up in providing a service that some people use a great deal more than others do. But, right now, all customers share the cost."

Here is how Bell's plan would work,

as outlined by Mr. Harris.

The basic rate for a home and business telephone line would drop by 30 cents a month.

Included in the lower basic rate would be a monthly allowance of three Directory Assistance calls. On each call, you could request two numbers.

If you exhaust your three-call allowance, a 30-cent charge would be applied for each additional Directory Assistance call made that month.

People who have physical handicaps that prevent them from using a directory would be exempt from any Directory Assistance charges, so would hospital patients, motel guests and people calling Directory Assistance from coin telephones.

## Early burley crop ready to strip

Nicholas County agricultural extension agent Mike Phillips said Friday about all of the local tobacco crop is now in the barn. Most of the early crop which was also harvested early, he said, is ready for stripping and one local farmer is almost finished with that tract of burley production.

Burley production in Kentucky is

expected to total 429,100 million pounds down nine percent from 1976, according to the Kentucky Crop and Livestock Reporting Service. Average yield is estimated at 1,000 pounds per acre, three percent below the 2,475 average tallied in 1976. Acreage harvested at 179,000 is 13,000 acres below last year.

## National health insurance

ATLANTA — Public meetings on national health insurance will be held in 15 southeastern cities in October in an effort to give a broad range of citizens and interest groups an opportunity to present their views on the subject, Charles F. Cain, HEW Acting Principal Regional Official, Atlanta Region IV, has announced.

Meetings will be conducted in every one of the eight states in HEW Region IV. The Lexington meeting is scheduled for Oct. 18, at the E. S. Goodham Building, University of Kentucky.

There will be at least one such meeting in every state and they will be presided over by top-ranking officials of the Department.

Registration at each southeastern meeting will start at 8:00 a.m. and will include a brief presentation by a small panel of specialists on some of the issues involved in national health insurance. Comments and presentations will follow. People wishing to testify or to present a written statement can do so by registering at the meeting beginning 8:30 a.m.

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## Henryville project director hired

Steve D. Burns, the Bluegrass Area Development District (BGADD) Community Development Planner who helped local officials obtain the \$400,000 Housing and Urban Development (HUD) grant to renovate Henryville, was hired as the Community Development Director for the project at a joint meeting of the Carlsile City Council and the Nicholas County Fiscal Court last Thursday morning.

He will assume the post Nov. 1 at an annual salary of \$18,000. Although he

will be a county employee, his salary will be paid from the HUD grant. Mr. Burns, 27, is a 1973 graduate of Eastern Kentucky University where he majored in Regional Planning. Prior to accepting his present job with BGADD, he was an Environmental Planner with North Delta Regional Planning and Development District in Moore, Ia.

An Army veteran, Mr. Burns has had considerable experience in his two years with BGADD in community development, including preparing ap-

proposals, conducting public hearings, and providing grant administration technical assistance. He has also been responsible for all Housing Plans and related housing tasks under HUD rental

## City annexes Henryville

Henryville was annexed by the City of Carlsile Friday by order of the Nicholas Circuit Court. 28.62 acres were annexed in preparation for the renovation project to be begun soon there. A \$400,000 HUD grant had been approved for the improvements.

assistance and Farm Home Administration programs.

Since April, he has been providing technical assistance and partial administration of the Powell County, Stanton, Clay City Block-grant.

He is married to the former Mary Ann Caywood. They have one son, and live at 441 Winstead Way, Lexington.

## U. S. 68 residence destroyed by fire

The Russell Bell home on U. S. 68 was burned to the ground Friday around 11 a.m. The house was owned by Mr. and Mrs. James W. Miller of Millersburg, and a shed behind the house were saved.

A furnace in the Miller's home on Main Street in Millersburg exploded on Saturday. They were at home at the time and mostly smoke damage was done.

Mr. and Mrs. Bell are staying in their camper, parked beside Carlsile Manufacturing temporarily. The children are all staying with their aunt, Mrs. Sherrill, and Mr. Morrison in Paris.

Anyone wishing to contact the Bells may do so at P. O. Box 198.

The Bells plan to rebuild on the same site.

Woolly Wilson said the cause of the fire was unknown. He said about \$1,000 worth of contents, a garage building, and a shed behind the house were saved.

Nothing belonging to the children was saved.

Mr. Bell said Monday that one of the items that will be missed the most are the 3,000-4,000 books that he has given to the children as they grew up and at their own personal memories.

Nobody was home at the time of the fire.

The Nicholas County Fire Chief

## 177 burley crop support average is 8¢ per pound

By Bennett Hesch  
The slightly smaller 1977 burley tobacco crop will be supported at an average of about eight cents per pound higher than 1976, with some better

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## School districts find many uses for equalization money

Frankfort — Local school districts are finding myriad uses for their first power equalization grants. The money will help to buy property for a new high school in McCleary County, an expansion of special education program and better instructional materials for Bullitt County. It means higher salaries for cafeteria cooks, school janitors and bus drivers in Wolfe County, and will permit schools to catch up on bills in Pike county, according to superintendents in those districts.

Nicholas County's tentative equalization allotment for this school year is \$14,714.96.

In areas where property assessments are low school taxes add up a little. Little money spread thinly for education, power equalization is a "bleeding

from heaven," according to Gaylor Bowen, director of local school districts finance for the Department of Education and a resident of Carlsile. Most local superintendents would find it hard to disagree.

Here's how power equalization funds help poorer school districts which are up to this equal level. "It is enough, however, for the state to make up to it," Bowen said. "The difference between what the first ranked of its tax rate yields and what the next would yield in Fayette County," explained Mr. Bowen.

The proposed budget of the Department of Education, which will be up for approval by the General Assembly, would raise that nickel for a dime for the 1978-1979 school year and

to 15 cents for the 1979-1980 school year. Most local school districts would be on an even par if that rate were raised to 20 cents, said Mr. Bowen.

Wolfe County's school superintendent, Richard Jett, says of power equalization, "We had been operating at a deficit. Now we are able to raise salaries for some noncertificated personnel."

Wolfe County superintendent, Frank Hatfield has a different type of problem: "People have the mistaken impression that because we are so close to Jefferson County, we have as much tax money to work with per child as school," he said. "Actually, we have about one-third as much local tax support per child, yet we are in such a position that we must compete with the standards of education set by Jefferson

County Schools," he said. Jefferson County is one of the wealthier school districts, according to statistics supplied by the state education department.

Mr. Hatfield pointed to increasing mobility of population as the factor which makes it crucial to offer the same quality education across the state.

In Bullitt County, superintendent Frank Hatfield has a different type of problem: "People have the mistaken impression that because we are so close to Jefferson County, we have as much tax money to work with per child as school," he said. "Actually, we have about one-third as much local tax support per child, yet we are in such a position that we must compete with the standards of education set by Jefferson