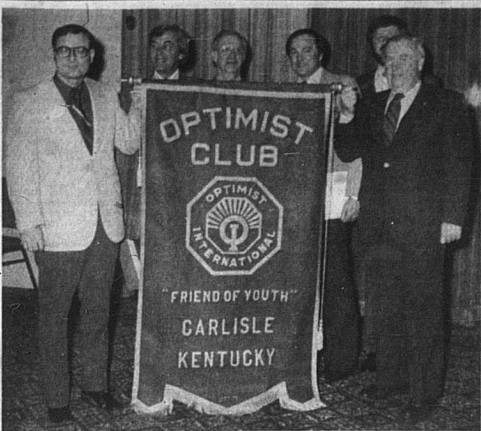


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District officers



New club, new banner

Club receives charter from Optimist district governor Dr. Don Mills

The newly formed Carlisle Optimist Club received its charter from Dr. Don Mills, the district governor at its charter banquet Thursday at Carrico Country Club.

Womack reports sale of Savings Bonds

Kentuckians purchased \$91,641,263 in U. S. Savings Bonds during 1977. Record numbers of Kentuckians also became regular savers through the Payroll Savings Plan for buying bonds with more than \$1,000 new or increased allotment savers signed up in 1977. The goal for the year had been 46,000.

Dr. Mills, a professor at Eastern Kentucky University at Richmond, also presented the club banner, the official ball, and a charter president's certificate to club president Ben Pumpfrey during the ceremonies. Dr. Mills was the guest speaker during the banquet. Mr. Pumpfrey was also presented the president's gavel by Lt. Gov. of

Zoe 15 Jerry Jenkins, of Cynthiana, who was largely responsible for organizing the club here in Carlisle. In appreciation, local vice-president Andy Dodley presented Mr. Jenkins with a personal gift.

Dave Foster, president of the Cynthiana Optimist Club, presented the new club with a crowd banner on behalf of the sponsoring Cynthiana club. Carlisle Optimist Club members attending the banquet were given pins and certificates. Approximately 50 men have joined the local club to date. The next meeting of the Optimist Club will be held Wednesday, March 2, at 7:30 a.m. at Blue Grass Knitting.

Holding the banner presented the new Carlisle Optimist Club by the district governor at its charter banquet Thursday night are the newly installed officers, 1 to r: G. C. Myers and Don Hughes, directors; Rev. Mark Prevo, vice president; Robin Vaughn and

Wilbert Winkie, Jr., directors; Andy Dodley, vice president; and Ben Pumpfrey, president. Officers who did not attend the banquet are Russell Bell, secretary-treasurer; Emerson Baker and Charles Rose, directors. — Mercury photo.

County gives City portion of winter emergencies fund

Can you help?

Eric Dryden, 12, son of Harold and Shirley Dryden of Locust Street in Carlisle, was injured Aug. 17 when a bicycle he was riding on Main Street

was struck by a car. The seventh-grade Nicholas County Elementary student was so badly injured that for a time it was feared he would not survive. He was hospitalized at the University Medical Center in Lexington for four months, and was then moved to Cardinal Hill in Lexington. His parents brought him home for Christmas and so far, have been able to take care of him at their home, even though someone must be with him at all times. He has been in a coma since the accident.

Bills at the UK hospital alone reached \$23,000, not counting physicians' and nurses' fees, according to Rev. Eugene White, their minister. Most of these expenses have been paid by insurance. However, Eric's short stay at Cardinal Hill cost \$1,254. This amount and other related expenses has not been paid as

yet. Also, the almost \$1,500 doctor bills at the Medical Center remain unpaid.

Rev. White, pastor of the Carlisle Christian Church, said the Drydens have sold their cattle from the farm in an effort to meet the bills. To make matters worse, Eric's older brother, Dudley, was injured in a freak auto accident in December. He had now recovered fully from his injuries.

Mr. Dryden is a farmer and a park ranger at Elbe Lick Battlefield State Park. Mrs. Dryden manages Green Valley Apartments here in Carlisle. They take turns caring for Eric 24 hours a day.

A benefit fund has been established at the State National Bank, Mayville, to help the family meet these overwhelming expenses. Anyone who wishes to contribute to the fund should take or mail a donation (large or small) to Rev. Eugene White, Carlisle Christian Church, Carlisle, Ky. 40311, or to the State National Bank, Mayville, Ky. 41066.

Highlights told of last week's General Assembly

Some highlights of last week's Kentucky General Assembly are as follows:

1. A major hurdle was cleared in the House by supporters of the so-called "right-to-life," anti-abortion campaign. By a convincing 77-15 majority, the House endorsed House Concurrent Resolution 7, which petitions Congress to call a constitutional convention for the purpose of proposing an amendment to the U. S. Constitution "protecting the right to life of all human beings during every stage of biological development."

The resolution's author, Rep. Dolly McNitt (D-Paducah), said "Congress has turned a deaf ear" to the anti-abortion movement. She said a constitutional amendment was necessary to "restore legal protection to the unborn."

2. Senate Bill (SB) 198, sponsored by Sen. Ed Ford (D-Cynthiana), that would allow school districts to lengthen

school days so that snow days can be recovered, passed after spirited debate over an amendment that would allow the state board of education to declare an unlimited number of days "disaster days."

School days to be made up locally total 18 days through Tuesday of this week. School was held Monday and Friday of last week, and Monday and Tuesday of this week so far.

Speaking for passage of the bill with the amendment intact, Sen. Ford said that the provision "won't be abused, but will legalize what the governor has already done."

Sen. David Karem (D-Louisville) spoke against the amendment, saying "If we either need 175 days of school or we don't, but persons wiser than we are have decided that we do."

The measure passed by a vote of 23-4. The House passed HB 39, which would raise the state minimum wage. The bill proposes setting the minimum wage at \$1 an hour beginning July 1, and raising it to \$1.15 an hour on July 1, 1979. Presently, the state minimum wage is \$1.00 an hour.

The state minimum affects those workers not covered by the federal minimum wage.

Gov. Julian Carroll signed House Bill 22 extending from 10 to 90 days the period an original purchaser may return a defective motor vehicle and receive a refund of the state usage tax. The senate unanimously adopted HB 22 after it received a favorable 92-2 vote in the House.

Additional information about last week's legislative action may be found inside today's Mercury in Sen. Ford's "Franklin's Facts" column.

Fish, game meet
The Nicholas County Fish and Game Commission will meet for the coming year when they meet at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 24 at the clubhouse. A potluck dinner will be served.

The Nicholas County Fiscal Court, which met Wednesday, Feb. 15, authorized County Clerk Rose Scott to write a check to the City of Carlisle in the amount of \$1,254.10. This is the amount determined by the county, according to population, to be due the city from the \$3,323.11 received from the state for winter related emergencies.

Charles M. Cox was before the court to discuss insurance for the army. The county will advertise for bids for insurance coverage.

Rev. Mark Prevo and Larry Willis discussed the use of the army with the court. Rev. Prevo will have a representative of the YMCA meet with the court at a later date to discuss the possibility of recreation at the Army.

Other motions passed are:
— Changed the time of the March 1 meeting from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
— Reappointed Russell Bell Civil Defense director for Carlisle-Nicholas County.

— Accepted the bid from Chevron, U.S.A., Inc. for gasoline and diesel fuel. (Magistrates Orville Atkinson and Paul Tischer abstained from voting on this motion.)

The bid states, at this time, Chevron is unable to give the county a firm bid on any of their products, but can give, as they have in the past, their tank wagon prices less federal taxes with periodic price changes if any occur. The bid further states that the prices quoted are to service the county with gasoline, diesel fuels and oils and that Chevron would not want partial delivery on any one line. The present prices are as follows: supreme gasoline (86 octane) — 810 cents, regular gasoline (92 octane) — 530 cents, unleaded gasoline (90 octane) — 560 cents, #2 diesel fuel — 431 cents.

— Approved and ordered filed the 1977 settlements of County Attorney Joseph H. Conley, County Judge Mildred Clark and Jailer Christine Booth.

— Put Magistrate Orville Atkinson in charge of finding someone to lease the tobacco crop at the county farm at a minimum of 40 cents per pound. This decision came about after a motion to advertise for bids on the crop was voted down by Magistrates Atkinson, Melvin Fryman and Lovell Livingston.

NCHS team squeezes by Paris

Nicholas County squeezed by Paris Monday night by two points, 41-39, in first round action of the Bluegrass Junior High Conference Tournament being held this week at Nicholas County High Gym.

Paris, coached by Belmont in the first game of the tournament for a score of 30-27.

The local Junior High team will face Fulton County tonight at 8 p.m. Paris and Powell County play the first game at 6:30 p.m. tonight.

Seventh graders play next week. The Nicholas County seventh graders travel to Conkrift next week to participate in a tournament. The jackets drew a Bye in first round competition, and will play the winner of the Conkrift-Paris game on Tuesday, Feb. 28, at 8 p.m.



Joe Crouch of Carlisle, has been named chairman of the 1978 Easter Seal campaign for crippled children in Nicholas County. He has been county chairman since 1974. The campaign was announced by Smith D. Broadbent, Jr., Caddis, state campaign chairman. The annual appeal will be conducted from March 1 through March 31.

MAJ Edward L. Gill has assumed command of the National Guard's 201st Engr. Bn., headquartered in Ashland. The Carlisle and Cynthiana units, Company D, belong to the 201st. He replaces LTC Robert Deans who has been promoted to State Training Officer in Frankfurt. The change became effective Feb. 7. MAJ Gill is a full-time member of the Guards.