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Hospital budget may allow lot paving

The Nicholas County Fiscal Court was told Monday night that the hospital budget will allow funds for blacktopping the drive to the new facility. News that the rest of the project is expected to be completed slightly under the budget made possible the addition of the paving. It was originally dropped from the budget in order to provide a bigger cushion between expected expenditures and monies on hand.

Now only two things can delay a May occupancy: the nationwide truckers' strike, which might delay some equipment from being installed on time, and adverse weather which would prevent paving.

The court heard the news from Reno Runck, the Cincinnati architect in charge of the project.

Runck estimated the funds on hand at present at around \$40,000. Of that \$40,000 about \$194,000 is to be paid for general construction expenses. (Since the building is not completed the contractors involved have not been paid the full amount of their contracts.) The equipment budget is expected to come in under the original estimates the court was told, and Runck said the excess funds could amount to between \$3,000 and \$45,000.

The low paving bid for the parking lot and driveway totals about \$1,000. It was submitted by Hinkle of Paris.

Equipment consultant Becky Burge of Louisville was expected to attend the meeting and discuss her budget. She was unable to do so but Runck said her previous figures, submitted before it was learned the equipment contract would come in under the budget, backed up the prediction of excess funds.

When the new hospital is completed the construction costs for both erecting the building and equipping it will total around \$2.4 million. Present administrator Ken Urlage said in a



Science Fair

Nicholas Co. Superintendent Don Elder presents certificates to Joshua Guthrie (above) and Kevin Zachary at the second annual Nicholas County Elementary Science Fair last Saturday. Guthrie, a first grader and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Guthrie, won the overall prize in the biological sciences division with a micro-aquarium. Zachary, an eighth grader and son of Mr. and Mrs. David Zachary, won first overall in the physical sciences division with a solar heating energy project. The two received \$25 savings bonds and the right to compete in the regional fair at Morehead. — Mercury photos.



Holy Week services

All Nicholas Countians are invited to the Good Friday services scheduled this weekend by the Nicholas County Ministerial Association. Host churches are the Carlisle Presbyterian and First Baptist. Rev. Bert Eyster, host pastor, will deliver the message at Good Friday services tomorrow, April 13 at 7:05 p.m. at the Carlisle Presbyterian Church. The Easter Sunrise service will be held at 6:30 a.m. at the First Baptist Church this Sunday, April 15. The church will furnish coffee and donuts after the service.

City clerk may be named soon

The Carlisle City Council may meet later this week to select a new city clerk-treasurer.

The council has winnowed the applicants down to three. Council member Carol Sparks agreed to check references on the three this week and will report back to the council, possibly in a called meeting later this week that may select the new clerk.

The city has been without a full-time clerk since Joyce McIntire resigned in January. Margaret Wade was named acting clerk shortly after.

In other business the council appointed Jerry Galbreath to the Carlisle Independent Planning and Zoning Commission and also re-appointed S. R. Barlow to the same board. Barlow was re-appointed for a four-year term. Galbreath will take the place on the board of Veach Berry, who resigned when he moved from Nicholas County to Montgomery County. (Berry is continuing to meet with the board on a consultant basis.)

The council also accepted a new contract with the Nicholas County Water District. The district is extending its FHA note and amended its original contract with the city, signed



What's up?

What's so interesting? 'The Fonz,' Mark and Mink,' The Muppetts? What could keep their first graders thus rapt? See page 3 of this week's Mercury. — Photo by Jeff Kerr.

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for 40 years in 1966. The new contract raises 40 years from this year, in 2019.

The city's contract with the district allows the rates to rise in line with other commercial and residential customers. Mayor Bill Poyer said the district is extending its loan and needed to have the city's agreement in order to get the extension approved.

The council also voted 4-0 with Fay abstaining to install a "Restricted Parking" zone on South Broadway in front of W. C. Campbell's shop.

Campbell appeared before the council and complained of heavy parking traffic in that area which made it difficult for him to park near his shop.

After approving a motion installing the zone the council agreed to look into the possibility of selling parking spaces to professional people whose offices or shops are in the downtown area.

Parking was also brought up when Carlisle Chief of Police Allen Earlywine asked the council if they wanted him to continue to sell six-month parking permits.

The permits, which cost \$25 per year and are renewable every six months, allow purchasers to park anywhere in

the city without having to pay the meter.

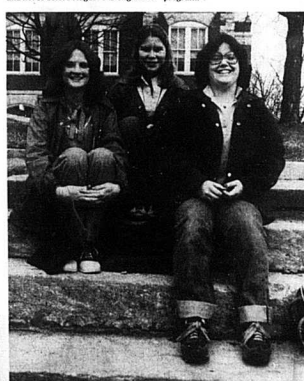
Earlywine said he has received some complaints about people parking all day on Main Street on the permits but the council said the permits are not restrictive and to continue to sell them to those who wish to buy them. The chief also said his men have been

cracking down on overtime and illegal parking who do not have the permit.

In other police business the council told Earlywine to find another policeman to fill a vacancy in the force. The chief pointed out that every man on his squad was working the maximum number of hours allowed and that he has no provision for replacements should any of the men be sick.

Minor League tryouts Saturday

Tryouts for Minor League baseball teams will be held again this Saturday, April 14 at 2 p.m. at the Nicholas County Elementary School ballfield. Any child six years old before May 5 and not 10 before August 1 is eligible to play.



Attend council

These three Nicholas County High School students will return Saturday from Washington, D. C. where they attended an Older Youth Conference sponsored by the National 4-H Center. While there the girls participated in workshops, toured Washington, attended the theater and dined with Kentucky's Senators and Congressmen. The three are, from left, Jane Ellen Dampier, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Dampier; Sandy Caswell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Caswell and Margaret Duncan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Duncan. — Mercury photo.

Health care complex names administrator

Robert Hester, a 24-year-old Lexington native, has been named administrator of Johnson-Mathers Health Care, Inc.

Hester succeeds Ken Urlage, who submitted his resignation to the health care board last month. Urlage has accepted a position as director of a Cincinnati nursing home-retirement community complex.

Hester is a graduate of Sayre High School in Lexington and received a B. A. degree from the University of Kentucky. His health-related schooling includes an A. A. degree from Eastern Kentucky University in Health Care Administration.

He recently completed his internship in hospital administration at Garrard County Memorial Hospital in Lancaster, which is managed by his uncle.

Hester, whose wife Elizabeth is a native of New Orleans, said he was honored to have been chosen by the health care board, especially in light of the imminent opening of the new Nicholas County Hospital, which will combine the nursing home and hospital under one roof.

"(If the hospital) is a blessing," he said, "once we get moved it will be a real help to the people of the community and it has everything the community will need in a hospital."

Although the Johnson-Mathers position is his first assignment after

completing his internship, Hester is no stranger to health care.



Robert Hester

He cites his uncle's influence and his own interest in the profession as his reasons for pursuing a career in the health care field, a field he says is rapidly growing.

The Hesters plan to move to Nicholas County in the near future. Mrs. Hester is presently employed by a Lexington bank.