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Carlisle gas rates to triple by 1987?

The Carlisle City Council was told Monday night that a 75 cent across-the-board increase in the city's gas rates will be necessary by Sept. 1 in order to keep the utility solvent.

The warning was prompted by news from Columbia Gas Company, the city's natural gas supplier, of a 60 cent raise in the city's base rate—but that's not all.

Mayer Bill Power said Columbia had given him figures projecting the city's gas rate per thousand cubic feet will triple by 1987, from a base rate of \$1.09 at present to the projected rate of \$3.27 in 1987.

The present rate of \$1.09 will rise to \$2.29 Sept. 1. By March, 1980 it is expected to be \$2.71 and by next September the rate is predicted to be \$2.82.

Power asked for a motion from the council to grant the 75 cent raise, although a city ordinance permits the council to pass on rate raises from Columbia. However, after discussion the council decided to hold a called meeting, probably next week, in order to study the gas situation.

The projected rates, as read by Power Monday, for the next eight years were:

1980 — \$2.58
1981 — \$2.95
1982 — \$3.22
1983 — \$3.63
1984 — \$4.03
1985 — \$4.50
1986 — \$4.97
1987 — \$5.37

In other business the council accepted

a bid from Hinkle Construction Company, Inc. for blacktopping city streets. Some of the streets included in the proposal are Elm Street and several streets in the Green Valley area. Hinkle was the only company submitting a bid.

The council also decided to advertise for bids for bonds for Mary Tapp, city clerk, and Margaret Wade, assistant city clerk. Mrs. Tapp's bond will be in the amount of \$75,000 and Mrs. Wade's will be \$25,000.

It was announced that the new bridge over Brasby Park at the Elm Street-Upper Jackson Road intersection will be closed for two or three days next week in order to make repairs to the bridge.

The bridge was damaged during the flood three weeks ago. Mayor Power said an engineer's check showed the bridge had settled on one side due to bad fill dirt that was already present when the new structure was built. Power also said he expected a change order on the bridge to be approved, thereby allowing the work to be done under the original contract, saving the city most of the repair cost. The work will be done by N.H. Stone of Sharpburg, the company that constructed the new span.

The council also hired Tommy Vice to work at the city water plant and authorized Gayle Vandendriem to order a new gas meter to be installed at Bluegrass Knitting. The meter has a 30 weeks delivery time on it.



Corn-y
Gary Crawford shows just how tall this Nicholas County corn is. The crop was grown on the old Sam George farm at Myers Station. These particular stalks are a little more than 14 feet high and Crawford said they had five rows of the tall corn. —Mercury photo.

State's growth expected to slow

Less growth in the Kentucky economy can be expected in the remainder of the 1978 fiscal year due to impending recession, according to economist Larry Lynch.

Lynch also gave estimates on tax revenues for fiscal years 1980-81 and 1981-82 along with predictions on the state's economic health in the near future today before the Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations and Revenue (A & R).

He said there would be some improvement in growth in the next couple of years, but "nothing like we've had in the last several years."

Lynch added that because of inflation, inevitably, the short-range outlook on tax revenues is somewhat brighter than before.

The recession should help inflation,

he said, because of a cooling of demand for commodities.

He predicts a "four or five quarter recession" and adds that it should not be extremely harmful or long-lasting. Lynch sees an end to the recession by "the middle of next year." The effect should be more moderate in Kentucky than in some other states, he added.

In his report to the committee, he said President Carter's new energy policies will likely "have a persistent, long-term beneficial effect on the Kentucky economy."

Lynch said that the decline in the Gross National Product indexes alongside the apparent contradiction of a ballooning 13 percent inflation rate "is hard for economists to explain."

In other action, the committee failed to pass a motion accepting a report

from the Subcommittee on the Falmouth Lake Project. Gov. Carroll had asked the full committee for guidance and recommendations on the U.S. Corps of Engineers project.

The four-member subcommittee met earlier today and approved a report recommending the state not participate

in costs of recreational facilities for the proposed project.

Rep. Art Schmidt (R-Cold Spring), subcommittee chairman, disagreed with the majority report and submitted a minority report to the A & R Committee. Schmidt advised the committee to turn to page 7.

School starts Monday

Doors to the two Nicholas County schools will swing open next Monday, August 20 as the 1979-80 school year begins.

By the time the buses roll Monday the teachers and football team will already have started their years. Teachers report Friday for an in-

service day and the football team opens its season tomorrow night against Fleming County (see story).

School will be dismissed Monday at 11 a.m. and there will be no lunch served Monday. The first regular day of school will be Tuesday.

Sept. 10th Elder reminded parents of all new or transfer students that no student can be enrolled without the proper immunization certificate. This applies to kindergarten and first grade students.

Kentucky Revised Statute 158.025 provides that no child shall be eligible to enroll as a student in any public school without having a valid immunization certificate from a licensed physician showing that the child has been immunized against diphtheria, tetanus, poliomyelitis, measles and rubella.

KRS 214.054 provides that all parents and guardians and other persons having care, custody and control of any child have him or her immunized. KRS 214.050 makes it a criminal offense for a parent to fail to have his child immunized.

Several parents in northern Kentucky were cited under these statutes last year for failing to have their children immunized and the children were not allowed to enroll until it was corrected. Certificates are available from private physicians or the Nicholas County Health Center.

The school grounds have been undergoing a facelift in preparation for the coming year. The school lot is being blacktopped and damaged concrete sections are being replaced. The new baseball field has been completed and fenced and a storage building is being constructed near the high school. In addition, repairs to the elementary school roof, which has been leaking in the past few years, are expected to be completed shortly after the school year begins.

Emergency loan funds approved for farmers

Emergency loan funds are available from the Farmers Home Administration, Cynthiana County Office in Cynthiana, William E. Burnette, FmHA State Director has announced.

Burnette authorized the loans following a request from the Nicholas County USDA Emergency Board.

The request for emergency assistance from the Farmers Home Administration came as a result of losses sustained by local farmers hit by the recent flooding. The disaster did not affect a large number of farms, but those who were stricken had suffered severe losses.

Farmers can apply for assistance at the FmHA County Office in Cynthiana

located in the Elks Building on North Walnut Street, or at the County Extension Office in Carlisle on Monday mornings from 9 a.m. to noon. Applications will be accepted until May 9, 1980 for physical losses and August 11, 1980 for eligibility losses. To be eligible for a loan, an applicant must have sufficient losses from the disaster, and be unable to get credit from other sources.

James A. Letcher, local FmHA County Supervisor states "loans covering actual losses are made at an interest rate of five percent and are scheduled for repayment as rapidly as feasible consistent with the applicant's reasonable ability. Loans beyond actual losses can be repaid in various

periods, depending upon the purpose of the loan. The interest rate for short-term loans for farm operating purposes is 5.50 percent.

Emergency loan funds may be used to buy feed, seed, fertilizer, livestock or to meet interest and depreciation payments on current real estate and chattel debts. A farmer can use the money for essential operating and family living costs, Mr. Letcher said.

Emergency loans can be used to help the farmer restore damaged farm operations, and additional loans based upon the emergency designation can be used to make major adjustments in the farming operation for greater efficiency and productivity.

Board approves lower tax rates

The Nicholas County Board of Education set the 1979 tax rates at a called meeting Saturday night with both local tax rates lower than last year's figures.

The general fund tax rate was set at 15.5 cents per \$100 valuation and the special voted building fund tax rate was set at 18.4 cents per \$100. The two rates last year were 15 cents and 19 cents.

In addition to those rates there is a state rate of 30 cents per \$100. The total local tax rate is 11.1 cents per \$100 less than last year's rates.

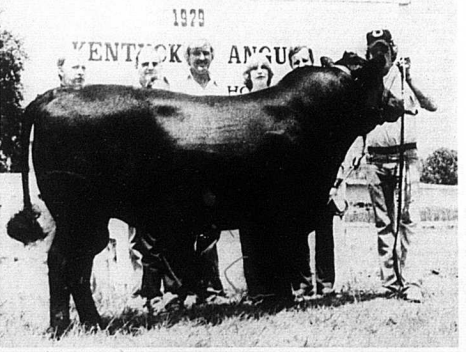
In other business the board hired the following substitute teachers: Permelia Dollins, Autumn Byers, Rachel Harum, Catherine Caldwell, Bonnie Grimes, Wila Mathes, Fay McFarland, Lisa Ward, Susan Harney, Wainy Anderson, Joyce Booth, Paula Buckner and Martha Cox.

The resignation of Margaret Hunter, bus driver for No. 15, was accepted and Billy Ray Hunter was hired to drive that bus.

The board also approved 10 days excused absence for students who will be working in tobacco.

In other action, the board:

- Agreed to buy two new 65 passenger, automatic transmission school buses;
- Vote to advertise for bids on buses No. 1, 23 and 24, and
- Changed the September meeting from Sept. 1 to Sept. 8.



Champ
Reserve champion bull at the Kentucky Super State Angus Show recently in Hodgenville was Super Stee Bradley 15, shown by W.W. Cattle Company of Carlisle. —American Angus Association photo.

Jackets open '79 season Friday at Flemingsburg

"The first two games we play the top-ranked Class AA team and the top-ranked A team. Then we take week off, hope nobody's been killed and get ready for our first home game."

That's how NCHS head football coach Ben Pumpmery described this year's Bluejacket schedule. With 29 seniors gone through graduation from last year's 7-6 team Pumpmery isn't too optimistic about this year's chances but that doesn't mean he's given up — nor has the squad.

Next on the schedule is Richmond Madison, a team that Pumpmery predicts will be the Class A titlist. Both games are away games, followed by an open date and then a four-game homestand that will run through September.

The first home game this season is Sept. 7 with Fairview, which is also the district opener. District games scheduled this year are Fairview, Raccoland at Raccoland Oct. 19 and Mayeville at

Mayeville Oct. 28.

Probable starters for Friday's game against Fleming County are:

Offense — Mike Hutton, right end; William Stewart, right tackle; Tony Howard, right guard; Jeff Sorrell, center; Jimmy Dale, left guard; Phillip Rose, left tackle; Barry Boretz, left end; Steve Davis, running back; Tommy Biddle, running back; David McGuffey, running back and Mike Sowell, quarterback.

Defense — Mike Mattor, line; Jackie Wells, line; Ronnie Sadler, line; Willie Don't make a lot of noise, line; Mike Woolsey, line; Mark Taylor, linebacker; Mike Howard, linebacker; Mark Vice, safety; Steve Davis, safety and Pat Letcher, safety.

Complete rosters and team pictures will be featured in next week's Mercury.