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The winner

Tammy Jane Hales gets a big kiss of congratulations from State Rep. Adrian Arnold after being crowned 1979 Blackberry Festival Queen last Thursday. Miss Hales is the daughter of Mrs. Robert Veidler. She is a 1979 graduate of Nicholas County High School and will attend Transylvania University this fall. Miss Hales was crowned by last year's queen, Miss Lora Bretz, seated at left. —Photo by Jeff Kerr.

## Committee to ponder Falmouth Dam proposal

State Rep. Adrian Arnold has announced he will be accepting comments on the possibility of the Commonwealth of Kentucky agreeing to cost-share part of the expected cost of recreational facilities connected with the proposed Falmouth Dam.

Arnold said a Falmouth Dam subcommittee of the General Assembly's Appropriations and Revenue Committee will meet this Friday at 10 a.m. in the Capitol Annex in Frankfort.

"The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has asked the Appropriations and Revenue Committee to reach a decision on agreeing to cost-share the recreational facilities proposed along with the proposed Falmouth Dam," Arnold said.

"The Falmouth Dam subcommittee will make a report to the A and R committee which will then make the decision."

Arnold stressed that Friday's meeting would be informational in nature and in no way reflects either his or the subcommittee's backing or opposition to the dam, first proposed more than 40 years ago.

The Falmouth Dam proposal would see a dam built on the Main "Jacking River" near McKinneyburg in Pendleton County. The resulting lake would back up into Nicholas County soil would

be one of the largest man-made lakes in the state.

The dam proposal has been discussed for more than two generations with each side of the proposal gathering large groups of supporters.

Arnold said the Corps of Engineers contacted the Appropriations and Revenue Committee around the middle of June and asked for a decision on the matter by the end of July.

According to Arnold, if the state approves the proposal it would only mean that state funds would be used to build half of the recreational facilities if, and when the dam is ever built.

Friday's meeting will consist of written and oral comments from the public and other interested groups.

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## RECC meetings set next week

The Harrison Rural Electric Cooperative and the Fleming-Mason RECC have scheduled their annual meetings for next week at the coop farm in Cynthiana and Flemingburg.

Highlight of the meetings will be an appearance by the renowned Melain Family Band and the annual beauty contest.

The Harrison RECC meeting will be held Monday, July 16 at the coop farm in Cynthiana. Official registration of members will begin at 5:30 p.m., with the annual business meeting starting at 7 p.m.

Three directors will be elected during the business meeting. Each will serve three-year terms. Following the business meeting is the Miss Harrison RECC 1979 contest which will be held along with entertainment by the Melain Family Band, which has taken its bluegrass

music across America and onto several radio and television shows, including NBC's Today Show.

Also appearing at the Harrison meeting will be Marie France and her clever dog. Door prizes will also be awarded.

The Fleming-Mason RECC annual meeting will be held Wednesday, July 18, at the coop farm in Flemingburg. Registration will begin at 1 p.m. with the annual business meeting beginning at 7 p.m.

Three directors will also be elected at the Fleming-Mason meeting and Miss Fleming-Mason RECC 1979 will be crowned during the meeting. The Melain Family Band is also scheduled to appear and door prizes will be awarded.

Both the Harrison RECC and the Fleming-Mason RECC serve Nicholas County in rural areas of the county.

## Cable firm requests contract extension

The Carlisle City Council granted a six-month extension in the construction contract of KLR Cable TV, Inc. of Winchester, the firm that was awarded the cable television contract for Carlisle.

Two representatives of the company appeared before council Monday and detailed their reasons for requesting the extension.

According to the men their contract with Kentucky Utilities was not finalized until February and then the wire and equipment order was delayed by the truck strike.

The wire and equipment was received the first of May and workers began stringing the wire on the cross streets in town. However, when they started hanging wire on Main Street they were informed by Kentucky Utilities that the wire was too close to the power lines.

This necessitated contacting South Central Bell to ask them if they could move their lines to furnish the required space. This was agreed on and South Central Bell is expected to begin lowering their lines next week.

When this is done the cable company can then string their wire and tie in the cross streets.

The men said they felt the extra six months would not be needed but due to the already unforeseen delays they asked if it could be granted. The request was approved by council.

When the cable goes into operation it will contain nine channels, including Channel 19, an independent station from the Greater Cincinnati area. It was also revealed Monday that the cable company has entered negotiations with a Clay City firm to relay Channel 41, a Louisville independent station, from a Powell County transmission tower.

The men also said that the Cliffway Drive area will be included in the cable network.

In other business the council discussed raises for city employees. No action was taken but it is thought any raises will be made retroactive to July 1. A called meeting of the council to discuss employee raises will be held before the next scheduled meeting in August. The council is expected to okay a raise of from 5 to 7 percent for full-time city employees.

The council also discussed the funding request from the Senior Citizens Center. Several council members expressed doubts at appropriating the money when the city has no representation on the center's Citizens' Advisory Committee. Mayor Power said he would ask Peggy Chalmers of the Bluegrass Area Development District to appear before the council and explain the program more fully before any action is taken.

The center requested funding amounting to about \$1000 at the May council meeting.

In other business the council:

—Approved the donation of surplus fire department jackets and coats to the Headquarters Fire Department and the Moorefield Fire Department. The Moorefield department has been conducting a fund-raising drive to buy some of their coats.

—Decided that Nicholas County Hospital employees must purchase a city sticker since the hospital is within the

city limits.

—Approved the hookup of the old hospital, now under Community Action Lexington-Fayette (CALF) control, to the city's gas line. CALF will install a new gas line from the building to the road. CALF will be using the building for Head Start and a day care center, along with some senior citizen's activities when some remodeling is completed.



Big head

Kash Hatfield of Carlisle grew this 13-pound cabbage in a garden he raises on the East Union Road. Hatfield said he's grown several 10 pounders so far this year but this was the biggest. The head measures about 16 inches across. His fate is not known but Mr. Hatfield said he would be agreeable to getting together with someone who has a lot of corned beef. —Mercury photo.

## Bloodmobile to visit Carlisle Monday, July 23

The Nicholas County Ministerial Association will be sponsoring another blood drive Monday, July 23. Blood donations will be taken between the hours of 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. at the First Methodist Church. The Ministerial Association is hopeful that there will be a good turnout at this drive as there has been a recent shortage of blood not only in Lexington, but nationwide.

"The summer months are typically light as far as blood donations are concerned," states Central Kentucky Blood Center representative Carolyn Felish. "Of course, the main reason is that many of our regular donors are on vacation. However, people just don't think about blood needs during the summer as they do during the other times of the year. Even some of the winter months are better than July and August as far as blood donations are concerned," she said. Unfortunately, the blood transfusion rate in area hospitals usually increases during these two months.

Since the Central Kentucky Blood Center is affiliated with the American Association of Blood Banks, a national organization of blood centers, they are able to receive blood from other areas outside of their district. CKBC will receive plasma from places such as Memphis or Houston when it is needed here but available in Lexington.

"There are times, however, when these

centers are low and are having problems meeting the demands of their hospitals. This generates a 'national shortage, and everyone must tend for themselves. This is especially true during the summer months' Miss Felish stated. "The supply of blood in area hospitals, then, is directly related to the number of blood donations we receive within our own system," she said.

Anyone who is interested in donating may contact Rev. Herman Kamph of the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe for further information. Residents who are between the ages of 18 and 65 and in reasonably good health are urged to participate.

## Three arrested in Bowling Green in Dale death

Bowling Green police have arrested three men and charged them with first degree assault in the death of Nicholas County native Johnny Dale, who died Friday, July 6 in Bowling Green-Warren County Hospital.

Warren County Coroner J.C. Kirby said the cause of death was not yet established but added that Dale was "apparently beaten." He was admitted to the hospital Monday, June 25 and died 12 days later without regaining consciousness.

Kirby said he is awaiting the results of an autopsy before ruling on the cause of the death. He said there are extensive laboratory work involved in

the case.

Detective Raymond Haymer of the Bowling Green Police Department said the investigation into the case was still open but that three men were being held in jail on a charge of first degree assault.

Haymer said Dale was beaten after being involved in a fight on Oak Street in Bowling Green. According to the detective the fight started at a residence where a party was in progress and then moved into the street.

Kirby said he expects to make a ruling on the cause of the death in about a week.

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