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## Does Carlisle face expansion freeze?

The City of Carlisle may be facing a problem, since there was some discussion at present.

The city presently serves 154 customers outside the limits with water and sewer. These include Blue Grass Building, the National Guard armory, the nursing home (and soon, hospital) and a trailer court near Ky. 36 from the health care complex.

Also approved for hook-on by the city water system are a proposed subdivision on the Upper Jacksonville Road, an 80-home area on the east end along the Moorefield Road and the Henryville HUD project.

Besides the 154 outside customers, the city provides service to 1,720 city residents and businesses. The capacity of the plant, according to figures from BGADD 201 plan, which also supplied the other statistics, is 7,000.

**Growth plan**

The 201 facilities plan is a study prepared by the Blue Grass Area Development District charting Carlisle's future growth and making recommendations on what to do to help meet that growth.

The 201 plan also calls for expansion of the water and sewer system. The city has taken preliminary steps to realize that part of the plan and is currently on the waiting list for a 75-25 federal/local grant to do it.

Complaints of raw sewage in a local creek prompted some councilmen to investigate the capacity of the sewage plant.

Plant superintendent Clarence Baugus, when asked by Mayor Bill Power, and after questioning by Council member Carl Sparks, told the council the best Carlisle can do is to "handle what it's got now."

**Changed mind**

That news, plus the threat of either going to court and/or taking to task by the Environmental Protection Agency, apparently changed the council's mind on the proposed extension of Russell Alexander's subdivision on Oriole Street.

Although the area in question is not in the city, the council voted in 1976 to provide water and sewer service to 10 houses on Oriole Street that Alexander wanted to build.

At the Feb. 15 meeting this year, they granted Alexander services for 12 more houses, a 5-1 vote with Council member Clarence Cord opposing.

Both actions were met with stiff opposition from a group of residents in the Kennedy Heights-Mockingbird Lane-Catherine Street area, who complained the development would cause a traffic problem since Oriole Street is a dead end.

Along with the traffic problem, they

contended, there would be a sewage problem, since there was some discussion at present.

Attorney Mark Skillern, who has represented the group both times, told the council that the citizens could take the case to court, in light of the previous motion that allegedly limited the council's extension to 10 houses, and to the EPA for causing an environmental problem. Both the council as a group and individually could be liable, he said, for granting services when present systems are at capacity.

Mayor Power, who had called a meeting Friday night on the matter that failed to bring a quorum, then vetoed the original motion granting the service.

Council member Charles Fay moved

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## Schools may close June 6—or June 18

The Nicholas County schools may be out for the summer vacation June 6—if an amended school calendar is approved by the Kentucky School Board.

If the board balks at approving Nicholas' amended calendar, dismissal may be delayed until June 18.

The Nicholas County Board of Education approved an amended calendar at the March meeting Saturday night which cuts three days from the scheduled spring break the week of April 11, and includes several in-service days which were transferred from other dates.

The schools will have an abbreviated spring break, with April 12 and 13 set as holidays in the amended calendar.

The state school board is meeting this week and one of the topics on the agenda is expected to be calendar days for various school districts affected by the winter weather.

Nicholas Superintendent Don Elder said the board is expected to grant relief to schools which have 20 or more missed days. The Nicholas schools missed 21 days during the winter. A decision is expected on the request in the next two weeks.

That rate reaffirmed the Nicholas County Board of Education's decision to raise the tax rate for the 1977 taxes was

reaffirmed at Saturday's meeting.

The rate was set in July of 1977 at 19.3 for the general fund and 19.3 for the special voted building fund for a total of 38.6 cents per \$100 of valuation. Saturday's action reaffirmed those rates.

In other business the board met at length with architect Don Shelton of Lexington regarding the elementary school roof condition and needed repairs.

Shelton will reappear before the board in the near future to discuss the repairs.

The board also voted to take bids for blacktopping and concrete work on the school grounds. The contract work is for areas such as curbing and steps which have deteriorated over the past few winters.

The board also:

- approved a request by the Nicholas County High School band to attend the Mountain Laurel Festival in Pineville May 26, and
- approved the use of the elementary school and facilities for the annual meeting of the Nicholas County Home-makers April 20.



### Giving blood

Taylor Mathers donated one of the 124 pints received by the Central Kentucky Blood Center during the bloodmobile visit Monday. Local officials were pleased with the turnout, which included 60 new donors. A telephone canvass of the county was cited as one of the reasons for the good response.—Mercury photo

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## Cemetery committees formed after meeting

A group of about 70 Carlisle citizens contributed more than \$1,000 to give the Carlisle Cemetery some breathing room until a fund drive is launched and underway. The action came at a meeting last Thursday night and another meeting on the matter is scheduled for this Friday, March 16 at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall.

Several of the citizens also agreed to form a committee to select and form a new board of trustees for the cemetery company. For the past 100 years the company's trustees have been the directors and officers of the Deposit Bank of Carlisle.

The group, which met Monday at City Hall with Carlisle Mayor William Power presiding, has set a fund-raising drive for the cemetery as their top priority.

In a letter last week to The Mercury and the public, Deposit Bank president Nate Young asked the public to attend the meeting and warned that the company was financially dire straits. Young, who has inherited the job of overseeing the cemetery company as no

Nate Young (left background) talks with Ernest Sosby, co-chairman of the fund drive committee that will cover Carlisle, during the public meeting at the Carlisle Cemetery company last Thursday. About 70 citizens attended and donated \$1,679 to help tide the financially-beleaguered cemetery over until a county-wide fund drive is completed.—Mercury photo.

## Cemetery meeting

compensation, told the group which attended the meeting Friday night that the company had funds for one more week of operation, and that it needed new leadership and someone with the time to devote to it.

The cemetery's annual expenses are about \$26,000, he said, while revenues may total a third of that sum. The rest must come from donations.

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There is a hitch in the law, if the cemetery is operated by a fraternal, municipal and/or religious organization, the funds may be released. That is one of the subjects the committee and Young said under the present system could no longer operate after this coming Friday, since funds available

totalled \$60, about the size of one week's payroll.

The cemetery has a sexton and three men in the winter with an extra man added during the summer. Committees named:

- Mayor William Power is heading the committee to organize a new board of trustees for the cemetery. Miss Alpha Frierhoff and Mr. Margaret Eldredge are county chairmen of the fund drive, and Mrs. F. J. Hughes and Ernest Sosby are vice chairs.
- Ernest Sosby and Bobby Smith were appointed to look into the needs of the lawnowners and equipment at the cemetery and arrange the necessary maintenance. Parts will be obtained at cost from Mr. Smith's business.

The possibility of a fund raising roadblock will be chaired by Mrs. Charles Klavitter. Mrs. Edythe Hinch is publicity chairman, and Harry Galbraith acted as recording secretary at the organizational meeting.

## New property tax law explained

Editor's note: The following news release was submitted to the Mercury by Nicholas County Property Valuation Administrator Rose Brady.

House Bill No. 44 enacted by the legislature is designed to limit the impact of inflation in property values on revenue from the tax on real property. This bill was signed into law by Governor Carroll and is effective with the January 1, 1979 assessment.

Since 1970, any increases in the assessment which must be placed on property by the valuation administrator or could result in a corresponding tax increase on such property if the local governing bodies (fiscal court, school district, etc.) did not reduce their tax rates. This bill was designed to provide more public control over the amount of property taxes to be levied by the local taxing districts.

Basically, this bill will work in the following manner:

First, all taxing districts are allowed, as a minimum, the same tax revenue as was produced in the preceding year.

Second, they may increase their revenues by establishing a new tax rate which, when applied to real property that was taxed the preceding year, will produce no more than 4 percent additional revenue from that property. However, before the increase can be put into effect the district must advertise last year's tax revenue and assessment, the current year's assessment, the proposed rate and potential revenue, the expected revenue from new property, the intended use of any additional revenue and the time and date of a public hearing on the increase.

If the proposed increase in the tax on the same real property taxed the preceding year is four percent or less, the district may levy the proposed rate without further action.

Third, taxing districts may levy a rate that will produce more than 4 percent additional revenue from real property taxed the preceding year, provided this increase does not exceed the amount that would be produced by applying the tax rate levied the

preceding year to this year's assessment. If this is done, a public hearing must be held to inform the public, and voters can require that the increase be put to a vote. If a number of registered voters equal to 10 percent of those voting in the last presidential election sign a petition of recall.

The limits provided in this law apply to the total revenue from all real property. An individual tax bill increase can be in excess of 4 percent if it is necessary to increase the assessment by more than the average for the district.

The state tax rate on real property also must be reduced to the point where it will produce not more than 4 percent additional revenue statewide over the preceding year from all real property, including new property going on the roll. There are no provisions for increasing the revenue by more than 4 percent.

This legislation also provides that the property valuation administrator must physically examine and revalue one-

half of the real property in his county each year.

Under this law, PVAs can comply with the Constitution and law requiring that they keep the assessments up to fair cash value, without their actions resulting in an undue burden on the property owners.

**New hospital may be ready by May 1**

The new Nicholas County Hospital should be ready for occupancy by May 1, the Nicholas Fiscal Court was told last week.

Construction supervisor James T. Vaughn told the court clerk work would be restarted this week, and furniture was ready for delivery. Some rooms in the end of the facility near the junction with the nursing home are virtually ready now, he said. The court had toured the hospital site before the meeting.

Vaughn presented construction bills for this month totaling \$80,000 out of the \$1,000,000 contract. The contract value to transfer \$80,000 out of the Hospital Construction Fund Savings Account.

Health care administrator Ken Drulge and equipment committee member Becky Burge presented a list of bids of

## Elder to head WKRC news photography

John T. Elder has been promoted to the position of Executive Photographer at WKRC-TV, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Elder joined WKRC-TV in August 1978 after six years with WDTN-TV in Dayton, Ohio.

In 1977 he won two national awards, two state awards, and a regional Emmy for cinematography. So far in 1978 competition he has won two state awards for cinematography from the Ohio News Photographers Association.

He is a member of the National Press Photographers Association, the Ohio News Photographers Association, the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, C.D.C. regional chapter and is a member of the board of governors of the chapter.

Elder is in charge of the news photography staff at WKRC-TV. In that position he will be responsible for staff members, all photographic equipment, film and videotape, live news coverage and production and film and videotape editing.

The announcement was made Tuesday, Feb. 15 by WKRC News Director Bill Crafton.

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