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## City audits published this week

Audits of the City of Carlisle for 1976, 1977 and 1978 are printed in this week's Mercury.

The audits are published under an offer made by Mercury publisher Warren Fisher after it was stated in a recent city council meeting that the reason the city had not printed a financial statement since 1977 was "it cost too much money."

The offer of the Mercury is not a step designed to save the city money," Fisher said. "It is an attempt to let the citizens and taxpayers of the city know how their money was used and what sort of financial shape the city is in."

Kentucky statutes require a fourth-class city, such as Carlisle, to print an abbreviated financial statement as soon as possible after close of the business year. The last time the City of Carlisle complied with this statute was in 1977.

The audits are printed in complete form except for the Summary of Bonds Payable report from 1976-77. That table is the same as the Summary of Bonds Payable for 1978 with the exception of the 1978 figure. Otherwise, the audits are as received from the city office last month.

Carl Sparks, a former council member who has done much to help the city straighten its books since January of this year, said of the audits, "They're bleak but I do believe it is important to let the people know how the city has progressed."

Mrs. Sparks says she supports the efforts of Robert Faul, a recently-elected council member, to have a 1979 audit made as soon as the new city council takes office in January.

I think that if that is done you will find that a lot of progress has been made in the past year toward getting the city on a sound footing," she said. But LeVey, the city will still have to find some additional sources of revenue in the future."

An article in the Feb. 22, 1979 issue of the Mercury stated that the city had to borrow \$100,000 in the past month to cover debts back to September of 1978.

In a written statement at that time Mayor Bill Power said that the city's deficit was due to several practices that had since been discontinued among them:

The purchase of several thousand dollars worth of supplies without authority in amounts that exceeded the existing demand.

Transfer of funds from one city account to another through the use of counter checks that did not carry the signature of the mayor or council.

The presentation of false and misleading financial statements to the council and mayor on meeting nights.

Several changes were made in the city's bookkeeping practices after it was learned how far in debt the city was. Some accounts were combined with others to streamline the city's bookkeeping process.

Since January, the city has kept a close eye on its finances and has had to raise gas, water and sewer rates, in some cases more than once. In addition other license fees and deposits, such as city sticker fees and gas and water deposits, have been raised.

One of the points brought out repeatedly at council meetings this year was that city services were not earning enough money to pay their way and were in effect being run at a loss.

(The notes that accompany the audit explain this in more detail.)

As a result the city has investigated its rate structure on the various services and adjusted them accordingly. But it was not without a little prodding from companies that hold the city's revenue bonds.

These bonds, which were sold to raise revenue to expand utilities, carry interest and are due in some cases into the next century.

The bond contract specifically states that any reserve revenue

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Lady Jackets

Members of the 1979-80 NCHS Lady Bluejackets basketball team are, front row, from left, Debbie Smith, Missy Rawlings, Pam Fredrick, Marsha Lyons, Vickie McFarland, Ramona Randolph, Shawling, from

left, Coach Robbie Barr, Deanna Darrell, Clarinda Williams, Stephanie Hamilton, Kathy Wade, Laura Edwards and Tammy Roser—Mercury photo.

## Girls open season Friday at Harrison

### Santa letters poetry due by Dec. 13

The Mercury will publish its annual section devoted to children's letters to Santa and poems on Dec. 18, 1979. All letters to Santa and poems should be in the Mercury office by Dec. 13 in order to be included in the section.

No letters to Santa have been received yet but children who wish to do so may see Santa at the Carlisle-Nicholas County Chamber of Commerce's annual Christmas parade on Saturday, Dec. 1.

Santa will be in the overboard and after the parade to see the youngsters. The parade begins at 2 p.m. that Saturday.

Basketball season gets under way tomorrow night for the Nicholas County High School Bluejackets with the ladies' team doing the honors.

The Lady Jackets will square off against Harrison County tomorrow night (Friday) in Cynthiana in the second game of the Harrison Tip-Off Tourney. The game begins at 8 p.m.

Woodford County and Lafayette, last year's state champs, open play at 6 p.m.

Finals of the tournament will be held Saturday at 8 p.m. with a consolation game beginning Saturday's action at 6 p.m.

From the Tip-Off Tourney the girls will travel to Bracken County Monday, Nov. 26 and then return home for games against two more 10th Region foes, Mason Co. on Nov. 29 and Mt. Olivet Denning on Dec. 3.

The girls' team will also play in the Deming Christmas Tournament which begins Dec. 26 in Mt. Olivet.

Coach Mike Kenney is still paring his boys' squad down to size for their Nov. 30 opener against Bath County in Owsingsville. The picture and schedule for the boys' team will appear in next week's Mercury.

Although the season has yet to start three jackets have been selected to the Bourbon County Colonels' all-opponent team.

Deanna Darrell from the girls' team and Mike Hutton and Mark Vice from the boys' squad were selected by the Colonels as three of the top players they'll face this season.

Bourbon's boys entertain Nicholas on Dec. 7 and come to Carlisle on Feb. 8. The two girls' squads play in Paris Jan. 3 and Carlisle Feb. 21.

The NCHS girls' schedule is: November — 23 and 24, Tip-Off Tourney, Harrison County; 26, Bracken County, away; 29, Mason County, home.

December — 3, Denning, home; 6, Woodford County, away; 13, Montgomery County, away; 17, Pendleton County, home; 20, Maysville, home; 26-29, Deming Christmas Tournament.

January — 3, Bourbon County, away; 7, Bath County, away; 10, Paris, home; 17, Harrison County, home; 23, Bracken County, home; 24, Fleming County, home; 8 p.m.; 21, Maysville, away.

February — 7, Grant County, away; 11, Pendleton County, away; 14, Fleming County, away; 8 p.m.; 21, Bourbon County, home; 8 p.m.; 25, Deming, away; 6:30 p.m.

Unless otherwise noted all games begin at 7:30 p.m.

## FmHA announces low interest loans for flood victims

The Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) is now receiving applications from Nicholas County farmers for emergency loans as a result of the excessive rainfall during the period of May 1 through October 15, 1979, James A. Letcher, FmHA county supervisor has announced.

Letcher said that those who need farm credit as a result of the excessive rains this year should contact the Nicholas County FmHA office.

The office, located in the courthouse basement, is open on Monday from 9 a.m. to noon, the district office in Cynthiana is open five days a week and the phone number there is 254-5253.

Applications for assistance in Nicholas County will be accepted by FmHA until August 1, 1980 for physical losses and November 7, 1980 for production losses.

FmHA loans covering actual physical and production losses may be used to replace installations, buildings (including homes) and equipment lost through this disaster.

The funds may be used to buy feed, seed, livestock, fertilizer or to meet interest and depreciation payments on current real estate and chattel debts.

Other loans, beyond actual losses, can be made for annual operating expenses or to make major adjustments in farming operations. Loans covering actual losses are made at an interest rate of five percent (5%) and are scheduled for repayment as rapidly as feasible consistent with the applicant's reasonable ability to pay. Loans beyond actual losses have variable maturities, depending on the purpose of the loan.

To be eligible for an emergency loan the applicant must have suffered losses from the disaster and be unable to obtain credit from other sources.

Emergency loans can be used to help the farmer restore damaged farm operations and additional loans based on the emergency designation can be used to reorganize the farm for greater efficiency and better production.

## Fish and Game plans Friday supper

The Nicholas County Fish and Game Club will have a pot luck supper Friday, Nov. 23, at 7:30 p.m. at the club house on Hickory Ridge Road.

Officially proclaimed by Lincoln

## Thanksgiving is truly a time of thanksgiving



Thanksgiving, a time of thanksgiving? Of course! When families and friends met for Thanksgiving on Thanksgiving Day 1863 they enjoyed: cranberry juice, roast turkey with dressing, sweet potatoes, creamed onions, cranberry sauce, squash, pumpkin pie, plum pudding, mince pie, milk, and coffee. Not too different from what we enjoy today.

But Thanksgiving Day was not celebrated each year from the time of our Pilgrims landing in the new world. In September 1789, Elias Boudinot moved in the House of Representatives that President Washington be requested to recommend "a day of thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by the people of the U.S. in acknowledgement of the favors of the Almighty God, and especially His affording them the opportunity peaceably to establish a constitution of government for their safety and happiness." With some objection, the motion carried, and on October 3, 1789, President Washington issued a proclamation appointing Thursday, November 26, 1789, as a day of general thanksgiving.

This was the first thanksgiving proclamation

issued by a United States president, and this day may be considered the first national Thanksgiving Day. With the day being celebrated irregularly for the next South, President Lincoln in 1864 issued a proclamation of appointing the fourth Thursday in November, as the official day of observance. The adoption of the last Thursday in November as a uniform date for the observance of Thanksgiving was largely due to the efforts of Mrs. Sarah J. Hale, a prominent American author, the nineteenth century and editor of the popular magazine "Godey's Lady's Book."

From 1840, till her death, she agitated the governors and president to proclaim a definite date so that the celebration might have more of a national character. Year after year she wrote to the governors of the state asking them to appoint the last Thursday in November, and finally meeting with general approval, this led to the adoption of the present method of fixing the date.

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