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## City accepts offer from Mercury to publish audit

The Carlisle City Council has accepted an offer tendered by The Carlisle Mercury to print the most recent city audit free of charge.

The offer was read to the council at the Monday meeting and accepted "with appreciation." It was made by Mercury publisher Warren Fisher after Mayor William Power disclosed at an Oct. 1 public hearing that the reason the audit had not been published was "it costs too much."

Council member Carol Sparks moved that the offer be accepted. Mrs. Sparks also asked that comparative statements from the two previous years and some of the comments set forth by the auditors also be included.

"If we just print one (audit) people will think the bottom fell out of the city last year," she said. "I think it's important to note that the city's financial situation has been deteriorating for several years."

At the Oct. 1 hearing the council told several citizens

who attended that most of the city's financial plight was due to offering services such as trash collection and others at rates that would not return the investment in such services.

The audit was completed in January but has not been published. Kentucky law requires that fourth-class cities such as Carlisle publish an abbreviated financial statement at the end of each fiscal year. The City of Carlisle has not done this since 1977.

In complimenting on the city's acceptance, Mercury publisher Fisher said, "Due to the interest shown to us by many citizens the Mercury decided to help the city in making its financial plight known. It's especially gratifying that this acceptance should come during the observance of National Newspaper Week. The Mercury has always tried to inform the citizens of Carlisle and Nicholas County to the best of our abilities and we anticipate that publication of this audit will contribute greatly to the people's right to know."



Center opened

The Nicholas County Center, a joint effort with the Nicholas Fiscal Court and Community Action Lexington-Fayette (CALF), was officially opened Monday when Nicholas County Judge/Executive Reese Smoot and Lexington Mayor James Amato cut the ribbon. Others on hand for the ceremonies were, from left, Dr. Cary Richards, chairman of the CALF board, Jack Burch Jr., executive director of CALF, Amato, Smoot and William "Sonny" Walker, regional director, Community Services Administration. —Mercury photo.

## County sets tax rate

Nicholas Fiscal Court has approved 1979 tax rates for the seven different taxes collected under county auspices. The total county tax rate for 1979 will be \$1.00 per \$100 of assessed valuation as compared to last year's total rate of \$1.14 per \$100. A raise in overall county assessments lowered the tax rate for the 1979 taxes.

Individual tax rates levied were:  
State — 27.9  
County — 14.4  
Hospital bond issue — 24.9  
School — 33.3  
Fire — 2.6  
Library — 2.2  
Board of Health — 2.7  
Individual rates for 1978 taxes were:  
State — 31.5  
County — 14.4  
Hospital bond issue — 25.6  
School — 35.6  
Fire — 3.2  
Library — 2.2  
Board of Health — 2.7

In other business at the regular meeting the court appointed Shirley A. Voss as director of the senior citizens center on recommendation from the Blueprint Area Development District, which interviewed the four applicants for the job. Mrs. Voss replaces Mrs. Ruth Clay, who resigned last month.

The court also extended the lease on the building that houses the local center. The lease was extended through June 30, 1980 at a monthly rent of \$250. The building, located on Locust Street, is owned by Jimmy Carter.

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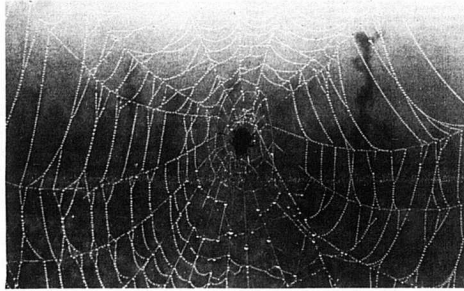
## Paris tops Jackets

By Kay Cooley

The Paris-Nicholas rivalry overturned to the opposition last week when the Greyhounds threw a crushing 33-7 victory at the Nicholas County Bluejackets at Paris.

Fumbling seemed to be the major factor encountered by both teams. This proved true in the first quarter as the Greyhounds fumbled and Steve Davis recovered. The Jackets couldn't move the ball, however, and the quarter ended 0-0.

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Caught in the web

A misty morning, a spider's web and the right angle gave this view of dewdrop-laced spider lacing in rural Nicholas County. —Mercury photo.

## 'The kind of person we'd all like to be...'

[Editor's note: Capt. Phillip Barnett Donovan was the grandson of Sarah Donovan of Carlisle. This article, written by a staff intern from Northwestern University, is reprinted from the Oct. 3, 1979 issue of The Lexington Leader with that paper's permission.]

By BARBARA CLIFTON

Lexington staff writer

Phillip Barnett Donovan left Lexington in 1970, seeking what he thought was his destiny in the Air Force.

After nine years, he had made captain and earned his senior pilot rating. Friends expected him to be promoted to major, and possibly a job at Strategic Air Command (SAC) headquarters — a year early.

Two weeks ago the fighter-bomber he had been piloting on a training mission in Nevada crashed, killing Donovan, 31, and his navigator instantly.

He was buried here Friday.

Air Force friends called them the "Traveling Phil and Bill Show." Donovan and his navigator, Capt. William Joseph Full, had been assigned together in December 1977 to train in the FB-111, SAC's elite of bombers.

They had been together ever since.

As an FB-111 crew, Donovan and Full were part of an exclusive club. SAC has only 68 of the bombers, and only about 61 men are qualified to fly them.

The FB-111 is a hazardous plane to fly, explained Capt. Brett Kriger, a friend of Donovan's who accompanied his coffin to Lexington.

It is a bomber with worldwide capability, designed to fly under enemy radar — at about 200 feet — at speeds of 1000 mph or greater. Still, Kriger added, the plane has a good record — four fatalities — because SAC is choosy about who does the flying.

Piloting that plane, says Kriger, is "a very select position. To be chosen, you have to have extraordinary ability."

Donovan was one of the select. He had over 1,400

hours of B-52 flight time and 44 Vietnam combat missions behind him. He had won both the Air Medal and the Air Force Commendation Medal.

Full had 1,300 B-52 hours and had also won the Air Force Commendation Medal, given for exceptional performance in a specific task.

Assigned to the 393rd bombardment squadron at Pease Air Base in New Hampshire, Donovan and Full were in Nevada for the Red Flag, a training program designed to simulate combat conditions.

Participants are divided into two teams and scored on their performance.

On Sept. 18, the "Traveling Phil and Bill Show" was an aggressor team simulating attack on ground forces.

## CAPTAIN PHILLIP DONOVAN

let crash take life of gifted Air Force pilot.



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