

# City releases

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In their accompanying notes the accountants warn the city that continued operation of city services depends on (a) in the case of the general fund obtaining additional sources of revenue and (b) in the case of utility fund, obtaining sufficient revenues.

These are steps the city has been investigating and correcting since January of this year. Gas, water and sewer rates have been raised and the council has been discussing ways to obtain additional revenue for the three periods, including an occupational license tax.

Part of the city's financial difficulties stem from the 1977 tax mill which rendered that year's taxes uncollectible until the litigation was completed.

But the lack of property tax revenue only emphasized the underlying problem the city seems to have had, that of running services that did not generate



enough revenue to break even.

The city's utility fund reserves were depleted during the period to a point where Mayor Power warned that the local residents could be called on to pay as a personal note at a bank can be called when payments are missed.

For those who like to look ahead, the city's total bonded indebtedness through the year 2004 is \$1,392,125. In the next three years (1979-81) payments and interest due total more than \$17,000 for the three year period.

And the city may have to have another bond issue if an applicant for a grant for dating water and sewer service is approved. That is expected to happen sometime in the next two to three years.

The Mercury will meet with city officials to discuss and clarify the financial reports before publication.

# Election board names officers

Election officers for the Nov. 6 general election were named at a September meeting of the Nicholas County Board of Election. They are:

**District Four** — Eugene Houser, Clerk, Mary Trapp (R); Judge, Minceva L. Crouch (D); Judge, Roy Blount (R); Sheriff, Harry D. Galbraith (D).

**District Five** — Mathias: Clerk, Pauline Earlywine (R); Judge, Edna R. Bailey (R); Judge, Hazel K. Henry (D); Sheriff, Alma Akman (D).

**District Six** — City Building: Clerk, Ruth C. Holar (D); Judge, James Neal Wood (D); Judge, Eva Donora (R); Sheriff, Norman D. Dale.

Current members of the Nicholas County Board of Election are Stanley Blake, Russell Bell, Sheriff J. W. Edson, Jr. and County Clerk Rose Scott.

### Auxiliary meets

Miss Margaret Columbia, Nicholas County Education Assoc. president, spoke at the regular meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary on Oct. 23 at the home of Mrs. George Roberts. Her topic was "Television and The Child."

# Lightfoot opens Soundstage series

Canadian balladeer Gordon Lightfoot launches the new series of "Soundstage" Thursday, November 1 at 10 p.m. on KET.

Lightfoot's flowing folk songs follow one all-time favorite after another during the hour-long program in which the singer/interpreter performs his newest songs, "The Ghost of Cape Horn," "Early Morning Rain," "Cotton Jenny," "If You Could Read My Mind," "Sandwich" and "The Quinners" — among Lightfoot's most famous ballads that are a part of his "Soundstage" performance.

that occurred on November 10, 1973. Its neo-romantic, post-punk typical Lightfoot's music style. Singing against the background of actual video footage of the Edmund Fitzgerald's launching and Coast Guard footage showing the hull of the ship underwater, the ballad has become a piercing anthem.

Lightfoot's performance opens the sixth season of "Soundstage." KET's highly acclaimed contemporary music series. Upcoming guests in the new season will include The Temptations, The Doobie Brothers, Doc Severinsen, John Prine, Chick Corea and Ed Fitzgerald.

# Night Riders remembered

By Thelma Standford

In the year 1900 tobacco was bringing from two to eight cents per pound. The majority of the growers of this product decided to strike, by not raising this crop — but there were those who had large families and no other way to make sufficient money to support themselves.

One such family was that of Hiram Hedges who lived between Oakland Mills and Elmville. He and his wife, Alice Edwards Hedges, had nine children. It became known Mr. Hedges intended to continue with tobacco when he was preparing and sowing them.

The Night Rider Organization had been formed to prevent any farmer from producing this crop. When it was learned that Mr. Hedges planned to continue, the Night Riders defied all law and made a visit to his home at night. This occurred one evening in March. The mob of angry men filled the road, both ways around his gate and called to him, and just as he opened the door, one person opened fire and shot and killed Mr. Hedges, with his family looking on.

with the mother and six children, ages two to 20 years.

The caption beneath the picture stated: "An extensive investigation was made of Mr. Hedges' murder, but no one was ever convicted. Mr. Hedges was slain during the Night Riders activities in Kentucky in 1900 — the result was to cut out the 1900 crop of burley tobacco."

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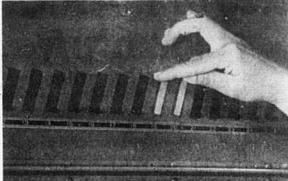
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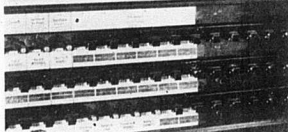
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Write-ins

With two vacant spots on the ballot for city precincts write-in voting may become a factor in the Nov. 6 election. The two spots are for city council members. If no one is elected, the mayor and new council will appoint someone to the two vacant seats. The two slots open at the top of the machine are for write-ins but Nicholas County machines provide for write-ins for any office. —Mercury photo.



Special council meeting tonight to re-zone Race

The Carlisle City Council will hold a special meeting Thursday, Oct. 25 (today) at 7:30 p.m. to act on the recommendation of the City of Carlisle Interim Planning Commission regarding the amendment of the city's zoning ordinance and the zoning map.

The amendment in question is located on Race Street in Carlisle and is detailed in a public notice in last week's Mercury. At least two families want to place their trailers in lots on that street but current zoning regulations prohibit it.

Mrs. Steve Jolly and Robert Medley have appeared at several city council meetings and a planning and zoning commission hearing seeking the change so they may locate their trailers there.

At the Oct. 4 meeting of the council Mrs. Jolly and Medley both appeared and asked the city when they could expect to move their trailers into the lots.

Medley told the council then his trailer was still on a Flemingsburg dealer's lot and if it was not moved in 14 days he would forfeit his deposit.

Because of the amending procedure there must be a public hearing before any such changes can take effect. According to the ordinance in last week's paper that public hearing will be held Oct. 24 at 7:30 p.m. at the City Office Building.

Medley asked the council, who told him they felt the amendment would be passed that night, to allow him to place his trailer in the lot and wait for the decision before moving in. But a phone call to the planning and zoning commission's attorney, Billy Hopkins, brought the opinion that that would be a violation of the zoning regulations.

The change sought is from R-3 to R-4. The R-4 zoning district will permit mobile homes within the area.

In previous meetings the council had agreed that the area in question might benefit if trailers were allowed to be located there.

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- 51 Ford Wheeler
- 72 Ford Torino Wagon
- 72 Olds 442
- 71 Maverick, 2 Dr, 6 Cyl.
- 71 Chevy Impala, 2 Dr, Hardtop
- 71 Dodge 2 Ton, Tool Boxes
- 70 Olds 88, 4 spd.
- 67-64 Olds Cruisers
- 1959 Ford Galaxie 500
- 66 Chevy 1/2 Ton, 6 Cyl, Standard
- 69 Coleman Camper
- Topper Pickup

# Write-in votes may decide city election

With only four candidates on the ballot for the six Carlisle City Council seats up for election the possibility of write-in votes in the city precincts becomes more and more a certainty as the Nov. 6 election approaches.

With that in mind Nicholas County Clerk Rose Scott has reviewed the steps necessary to record write-in ballots on the county's voting machines.

First, it should be understood that a write-in vote may be subject to the place of any candidate's name. For each candidate on the ballot a separate

space is also included for a write-in vote for that office.

The spaces for write-in votes are located above the regular ballot and are numbered, with numbers corresponding to the number beside the regular candidate's name.

For example, the Carlisle city races occur spaces 15-20 on the voting machine. Spaces 15-18 are occupied by the four candidates: Clarence Lord, Bob Paul, Frankie Hughes and Bobby Barnett. Spaces 19 and 20 are empty.

It should be noted that raising the write-in lever automatically locks the machine, making it impossible for someone to change their mind if they happen to lift the lever of a candidate that is already on the ballot.

For example, John Doe is in space 15 on the machine. A voter wishes to write in a vote and lifts lever 15 at the top of the machine.

This locks John Doe's lever so it cannot be moved. If any vote is to be recorded for that office it must be a write-in.

Of course, if someone makes a mistake they can merely write in the name of the candidate who appears on the ballot and it will be recorded to his or her credit.

Miss Scott warns that writing-in a candidate's initials is not sufficient evidence that the vote was intended for a particular person. In order to be sure that a write-in vote counts it is necessary to give the person's name as fully as possible.

Election officers are expected to be able to answer questions about write-in votes in their respective precincts. The process is not that difficult but it needs to be done correctly in order to be counted.

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