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## City acts on dogs, parking and festival

Dogs, parking meters, Sunday parking near Carlisle churches and the Blackberry Festival dominated discussion at the Carlisle City Council meeting Monday night.

In response to numerous complaints from Carlisle citizens the council decided to re-publish the city ordinance dealing with keeping animals in the city. (The ordinance can be found inside this week's Mercury.)

City police acknowledged that they had received several complaints from citizens about dogs running loose in the city. According to the ordinance animals inside the city limits must be controlled at all times.

### Street meters

The council also voted to purchase 10 parking meters that will work on nickels, dimes and quarters at a cost of \$125.00 each.

The new meters had been requested by several people in town who had previously purchased parking permits. The permits were abolished by the council recently when it decided to crack down on parking meter violations. The city has collected almost

\$1,000 in parking meter revenues and ticket fines since the crackdown began.

The meters will be placed at different locations throughout the city although none will be put on Main Street. The advantage of the new meters will be that persons accustomed to parking in one spot all day will not have to feed the meter as often.

And the removal of the 10 regular meters will help the city solve its problems with meters that need work. According to Carlisle Police Chief Allen Earlywine the addition of the new 10 meters will give him enough spare meters and parts. There are presently 120 meters in town.

### Church parking

The council also decided to send a letter to Carlisle churches asking the ministers to ask their congregations to observe parking rules on Sunday. Carlisle police report incidences of sidewalk blocking and double and even triple-parking on Sunday near Carlisle churches.

Police say they have also seen instances of cars blocking fire hydrants near churches on Sunday.

The letters will be sent this week and the following week tickets will be written on Sunday morning to parking violators.

In other parking matters the council okayed the placement of a "No Parking To Corner" sign to be placed at Taylor Stealing's steps on the west side of Broadway.

Police Chief Earlywine said the corner of Broadway and Chestnut was the scene of numerous complaints from drivers who cannot see incoming traffic on Broadway when cars and trucks are parked to the corner.

### Blackberry Festival

The council also gave American Legion Post 17 permission to use the streets for the Blackberry Festival this summer.

The provision tacked onto the okay was that the Legion post hire several auxiliary policemen from the Cynthiana special police force for the week and that they also pay the overtime for

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Watch out

A tornado watch along with unsettling weather, high winds and hail unsettled many Nicholas Countians last Tuesday, especially when skies turned as dark as they did here, with low, bulging clouds. This view was taken from behind the Carlisle Christian Church facing southwest — Mercury photo.

## Conleys leaving Panama

(Editor's note: This article on Carlisle native J. Patrick Conley appeared in the March 28, 1980 issue of the Panama Canal Spillway, the newspaper for the Panama Canal Zone.)

"There is no perfect time to retire. Ben and I have evaluated all the factors and concluded that now is as good a time as any."

With those words, spoken in the slow, Southern drawl that is his trademark, Panama Canal Commission Executive Secretary J. Patrick Conley has announced his intention to bring his 30-year career in Federal service to a close.

The decision was arrived at reluctantly because of the deep emotion Conley feels at severing ties with an organization that has claimed the energies and talents of half his lifetime; and because it means leaving, as he puts it, "the only home my children have ever known."

The four Conley children, Harry, Anne, Patrick and Thomas, and their future played a significant part in the decision to go. The youngest, Tom, is just 13. Conley, like many other Canal employees, realizes that his retirement is a prelude to a second career. With the major tasks of treaty implementation down to a dull roar, he prefers to get on with finding that second career as soon as possible.

The place where the search will begin has been decided upon. The Conleys have bought a home in Tallahassee, a location that will offer both career and

educational opportunities to the Conley family.

The Executive Secretary will go there with the same mixture of anticipation and apprehension that he felt in 1946 at another ending and beginning in his life. It was then that he returned from the Pacific, where he had participated in the invasions of Leyte and Okinawa with the 96th Infantry Division, to enter the University of Kentucky where in 1949 he received his law degree.

*'It's the only home our children have ever known'*

If Pat Conley has any problem at all about the future it is simply this: how does one follow up a career as the Executive Secretary of one of the most existing enterprises in the world, the Panama Canal?

He is only the fifth man to hold the title, the last in the Canal Zone, the first in the Commission. It is a job whose scope of duties and responsibilities he still has difficulty explaining, even after eight years of carrying them out. He has been the Canal organization's

principal point of contact in matters involving the treaty with Panama, the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. military forces on the Isthmus. Prior to the treaty, his primary responsibility was the administration of the Canal Zone, overseeing policies and regulations governing such matters as purchase privileges, residency requirements and eligibility to engage in business in the Zone.

But from 1974 on, that duty was largely delegated to others on his staff,

tabulated an 18-month waiting period between the signing of the treaty and its implementation. It was during this time, said Conley, that there developed a joint realization that a spirit of cooperation on the part of both governments was essential to a successful transition.

For his treaty work on behalf of the Canal organization, Conley was recently given the Distinguished Service Award, the highest recognition granted by the Commission.

Of his personal success with the Canal organization, Conley says only that it exceeded his expectations. When the young lawyer from Carlisle, Kentucky came to the Isthmus in 1952 to pay a Christmas visit to a brother stationed here, he was immediately taken with the place and its people and decided to return here to work.

But he could not have envisioned at that time the career that was in store for him. In fact, Conley laughingly recalls that during his visit he was interviewed for a position as an attorney by Paul Rumsenz, then Assistant General Counsel. Conley remembers that Rumsenz, later to become his predecessor as Executive Secretary and a close friend, seemed singularly unimpressed with him and the Brooke Amendment, which es-

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## Ship named for Betty Blake

Old Man River has thwarted the intentions of the BB Riverboats, Inc. to officially recommission a Cincinnati sternwheeler after Carlisle native Betty Blake.

But the ceremonies, which will include the christening of the boat with a bottle of Kentucky bourbon, are being rescheduled for a weekend after the first of May.

High water on the Ohio River at Cincinnati caused the recommissioning, scheduled for last Saturday, to be postponed. But Miss Blake says the ceremony will be rescheduled, probably for the second weekend in May. BB Riverboat officials had anticipated a stable flotilla to witness the recommissioning of their new excursion vessel.

"We'll be honoring Betty Blake for creating a revival, awareness and continuance of pleasure passenger riverboats in this century," said Don Bernstein, BB president.

Said Ray Haase, vice president and general manager of the company, who worked with Miss Blake at the Delta Queen Steamboat Company, "We are fortunate to have our boat carry the name of a lady who is known around the river as 'Captain Betty' and honored by national associations for her contributions to riverboating and the tourism industry."

Bernstein said without Miss Blake's help his company could not have brought excursion vessels back to the Greater Cincinnati riverfront.

The recommissioning of the vessel will also honor Miss Blake's 25th anniversary of her association with inland riverboats.



Blue Licks bill

Rep. Adrian Arnold (left), D-Mt. Sterling, sponsored a resolution allocating \$40,000 for use by the Blue Licks Commemorative Commission to promote a bicentennial program on the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Blue Licks in 1782. The resolution was passed and sent to Gov. John Y. Brown, Jr., just before the General Assembly completed bill passing on April 11. State photo.

## Kentucky Senate votes against Falmouth Dam

### Kentucky Rivers Coalition

The final days of the 1980 meeting of the General Assembly saw the Kentucky Senate take formal action against the Falmouth Dam project. The Senate's action was to officially inform the Public Works Committees of the House and Senate of the U.S. Congress, which has jurisdiction over the Falmouth dam and all other Army Corps of Engineers' proposals, that the Kentucky legislature did "not intend to support recreational expenditures in the foreseeable future for a Falmouth Lake project of any scope."

Congress first authorized the Falmouth Lake project in 1938 for flood control purposes only. Following World War II, the Army Engineers wanted to include hydroelectric power generation in the proposal that would put a dam across the Licking River nine miles upstream from the city of Falmouth. However, area residents organized through the Licking Valley Protective Association (LVPA) opposed the reservoir on the site of the 1,000-acre reservoir required to undertake it.

In 1979 the Louisville District Office of the Corps notified the state that Kentucky would have to indicate its intention to fund the recreational aspect of the proposed project. The Interim Committee on Appropriations and Revenue could agree to support or reject the Falmouth proposal which would have required \$20,000,000 in state dollars. The Louisville District officials agreed to await for more conclusive

action by the 1980 General Assembly on request from then-Governor Julian Carroll last August.

No funds seen

The General Assembly took no action to fund the dam proposal which the Corps now states would cost Kentucky at least \$70 million. The legislature, which enacted many belt tightening measures and agreed to raise gasoline taxes in the face of higher costs for almost all state government programs and operations, did not even discuss the Falmouth project in any of its committees.

With no action on Falmouth forthcoming, Senator Ed Ford (D-Cynthiana) introduced the resolution

against the Falmouth Dam. Ford's senate district covers Hartwood and Robertson Counties where both fiscal courts and county seat town councils passed their own resolutions in opposition to the Falmouth Dam. Ford was joined by Senator Nelson Allen (D-Greene) whose district includes Mason County which would be affected by the land acquisition for the project.

The resolution passed by voice vote and carries no force of law. The resolution, however, instructs all members of the Kentucky congressional delegation to seek "immediate de-authorization" of the Falmouth project.

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## Demo elections Saturday

The Nicholas County Democratic Party begins the process of selecting five delegates to the Kentucky Democratic Convention this Saturday.

The process begins with precinct elections the Saturday, April 19, at 9 a.m. at the polling place in each precinct.

There registered Democrats will select a precinct committeeman, precinct committee woman and another member 30 years of age or under (male or female).

Those officers will represent the precinct at the county meeting the

following Saturday at the courthouse. Scheduled for 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 20, the county meeting will select the county executive committee, a county executive chairman, a vice-chairman (female) and secretary.

Also on that date, April 20, five delegates will be selected to attend the Kentucky Democratic Convention in Frankfort June 7 to vote for a nominee for the presidency.

All registered Democrats are eligible to hold the precinct and county offices and to become a delegate to the state convention.