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City votes to publish most recent audit



Contestant

Mary Ann Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Smith of Carlisle, was a contestant in the Miss Harrison RECC 1980 pageant held last Friday during the cooperative's annual meeting in Cynthiana. Acting as escort again this year for the contestants was Mitchell Judy, Cynthiana, an employee of the co-op. — Mercury photo.

Other officials next?

State checking returns of PVAs and deputies

The Mercury has learned that the Department of Revenue is conducting checks on income tax returns of Kentucky property valuation administrators and their deputies.

The chief counsel for the department, Bill Sturm, said in a telephone interview he would have to decline comment on that matter because "I'm not sure if that's been made public yet."

Southern States Carlisle annual meeting, Monday, July 28

The Southern States Carlisle Co-operative will have its annual membership meeting and fish fry on Monday, July 28 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Nicholas County High School.

The business meeting will follow the fish fry at 8 p.m. Samuel C. Reynolds of Carlisle will preside at the business meeting. The invocation will be given by Rev. David Stancil of the Carlisle First Baptist Church.

Minutes of last year's meeting will be read by Mrs. Sue Roney, Carlisle SS manager. Mrs. Roney will also report on the cooperative's operations and services.

SS regional representative Frank Gutzrie will give the annual report of Southern States and introduce a presentation entitled "You Are Here". Gutzrie will also moderate the annual meeting discussion.

Another feature of the meeting will be the Farm-Home Advisory Committee report given by Mrs. Frank Jolly, FIAC secretary.

The FIAC is also sponsoring a "Share A Craft" display for FIAC members and the general public. Prizes will be awarded for the best displays. Door prizes will also be awarded.

Election of members to the local SS board and to the FIAC committee will also be held. Those nominated so far include, for the SS board: Clay Dayton, Frank Jolly, Carl Letcher and Quentin Moreland, and for the FIAC committee: Mrs. Clay Fryman, Mrs. Carl Letcher, Mrs. Eugene Letcher and Mrs. Jerry Taber.

Mrs. Roney said about 350 people are expected to attend the meeting including members and approximately 30 special guests.

The Carlisle City Council agreed to accept and publish the most recent city audit in action taken during Monday night's council meeting.

This will mark the first time since 1971 the city has voluntarily published an audit or financial statement at its own expense.

Last year, after several months of revelations of financial irregularities in the city's various funds the council sought an audit, which began in January of 1979.

In November the Mercury offered to publish the audits free of charge in order to give Carlisle residents a good picture of how the city finances were.

The audits showed that some bond fund accounts had deficits approaching \$100,000, a violation of the regulations under which they were issued.

It was also revealed that some city debts had not been paid since October of 1978. The auditor's report recommended that several bookkeeping practices be changed in order to insure a better account of revenues and disbursements.

Although Kentucky law states a city of the fourth class such as Carlisle must publish an annual financial statement this law had been ignored until the Mercury made its offer last fall.

Monday's action was taken quickly and without discussion. The vote was unanimous.

However the council had met with the auditors in a secret meeting last week to discuss the report.

Attorney hired

In other business the council formalized the hiring of the Mayville legal firm of Fox, Wood and Wood as city attorney.

The council had met previously with members of the firm in Mayville to discuss the arrangement. Under terms of the agreement the firm will provide legal counsel at council meetings and

would be present at council meetings in the future.

Writing discussed

John Burke, Carlisle Kentucky Utilities manager, appeared before the council to inform them of the Kentucky Building Code.

The code, passed by the 1980 General Assembly, will make mandatory

plumbing and wiring inspections in Carlisle and Nicholas County by August 15, 1981.

Burke brought along a copy of a Scott County ordinance for the council's inspection. After discussion the council asked their attorney if it was their jurisdiction and when told it was up to the county, not the city, decided to pass on any action.

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Carlisle.

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Mathers Fund dates told

Mrs. Lovell Hollar will be the Nicholas County Courthouse on the following dates to receive applications for the Mathers Educational Fund:

July 25, 26, 29, August 2, 5, 9, 11, 14. Hours will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays and from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturdays. All persons interested in applying must present all sources of income.



New prosecutor

John M. (Jack) Keith Jr., left, has been appointed Commonwealth's Attorney for the 18th Judicial District by Gov. John Y. Brown Jr. Keith succeeds G.L. Tucker, right, who has been Commonwealth's Attorney since 1951, longer than any other C.A. in the state. Both men are from Cynthiana. The 18th Judicial District includes Harrison, Nicholas, Pendleton and Robertson Counties. — Mercury photo.

Tucker resigns; Keith appointed

G. L. Tucker, Commonwealth's Attorney for the 18th Judicial District since 1951, has resigned his office.

His successor is John M. (Jack) Keith Jr. of Cynthiana, who has been assistant Commonwealth's Attorney under Tucker for the past seven years.

Tucker, 73, cited personal and business considerations as his reasons for resigning. His term would have expired Dec. 31, 1981.

First elected in 1951 Tucker, except for his first term, was never opposed for the Commonwealth's Attorney office.

A resident of Cynthiana, Tucker has two children, Barry, of Bourbon County and Don, Lexington, and four granddaughters. He plans to continue his law practice, located at 2 South Main Street in Cynthiana.

Keith, 36, a native of Cynthiana, is a graduate of Kentucky Wesleyan College, Western Kentucky University and the University of Kentucky School of Law.

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