

# Opinion

## Another side

First, read Mayor Power's letter to the Mercury. If you haven't done so already. Now, the Mercury has written a letter to the attorney for the Kentucky Press Association, requesting him to clarify for us the publication requirements for annual financial statements for cities of the fourth class. We have instructed our attorney to obtain an Attorney General's opinion on this matter if necessary so that all doubt will be removed.

The Mercury will not print the city's statement free of charge. Nor will it burden the city into printing something it doesn't have to at extra cost to the city. What we will do is insist that the law be obeyed so that the taxpayers of Carlisle can have some idea of how the money is spent.

Secondly, we refer you to the Nov. 22, 1979 issue of the Mercury which contained the city audits. On page 9 you will find "Notes to financial statements for the years ended December 31, 1977 and 1978." In paragraph B, which applies to the Utility Project Reserve Fund, the notes say:

"There shall be set aside monthly sums sufficient to accumulate within five days of the date of issuance of the reserve equal to the maximum annual principal and interest requirements on this issue of bonds. The balance of the reserve at December 31, 1977 was \$18,770, which is not in compliance with bond covenants agreements."

Going on, in paragraph E of that section: "Surplus revenues after all funds have been accumulated to the maximum requirements under A through D above and there is a balance in the Reserve Fund in excess of three months' estimated future requirements, such excess may be used (1) to retire or redeem bonds in advance of maturity, (2) to make interest and improvement to the combined system, and (3) for any lawful purpose."

And what do the auditors say about the city's performance in these areas of bond revenue reserves?

"The city has not maintained an adequate balance in the Utility Project Reserve Fund as disclosed in paragraph B above. As December 31, 1977 a deficiency of \$30,533 existed. Further the city has not adhered to the requirements for distribution of surplus revenues as outlined in paragraph E above."

The notes regarding these funds for the year 1978 are identical to those above. In other words for three years, 1976, 1977 and 1978, the city ignored the law regarding utility bond surplus revenues.

In 1978, the city transferred \$102,598 from the water, gas and sewer utility fund to the General Fund, which was counted as a

deficit for the utility fund. That transfer reduced the General Fund's deficit from \$-179,636 on Jan. 1, 1978 to \$-45,456 on Dec. 31, 1978. If anyone had looked closely at the audits printed on Nov. 22, 1979 they would see deficit pecking the statements from beginning to end and notes that said the city was not handling some of its money properly.

Regarding the money in dispute at the city office: when the reporter from the Mercury was told by a council member that he intended to find out about the discrepancy in the deposit at the bank, the reporter argued that the question be addressed in closed session to prevent undue talk that a public airing of such a delicate matter would be sure to cause. That approach was refused.

We agree with the mayor that the city staff is friendly, loyal, courteous, helpful and honest. But the remarks of an elected official at a public meeting deserve to be heard.

The mayor is also correct in saying that the money may never have existed, that it may have been a miscalculation in counting. But an important piece of information is being missed and it indicates that something may have happened. Mr. Paul was correct in wanting to find out exactly what happened, but his approach may not have been the best.

The truth has many shades. The Mercury attends council meetings to provide information to its readers, many of whom are Carlisle taxpayers. To suggest our attendance is predicated by a thirst for bad news or an attempt to pressure the city into spending money it is not required to shows a lack of understanding of the role of the media in a free society.

Bluntly put, the city receives money from its citizens through tax payments and payments for services and utilities. What it does with your money is your business. The city has an obligation to make a report to its citizens and it is just as good to make it must make that report. We don't believe this is being done and we believe that the lack of any kind of a financial statement from the city for two years indicates that something was going on that you weren't supposed to know about.

Before you take the mayor up on his invitation to come in and get everything explained to you, stop by the Mercury office and we'll show you some areas you might want to ask questions about.

## Down Memory Lane

### Storm knocks out 150 phones; no end seen for heat wave

Thursday, July 28, 1960  
Rev. Ashley Lovett of Verona, Mo., has accepted a call to become pastor of the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), and will begin his duties with the church here on September 1.

The Wesley Chapel Colored Methodist church building, erected in 1886, a familiar landmark on Newburg, is to be razed by the city, has been condemned by the State Department of Public Safety. The congregation has made arrangements to carry on its services still at the Henryville Elementary School building until the church building is reconstructed.

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## New new car lot



Edwards Ford of Carlisle, Nicholas County's only franchised new car dealer has recently cleared a new lot for their cars and tractors across from the main showroom on Main Street in Carlisle. Shown at the lot are Lewis Edwards, right, owner and Ted Clinkenbender, salesman. — Mercury photo.

## Workers' comp rates down

Employers in Kentucky will pay lower insurance premiums for workers' compensation coverage under rate reductions ordered last Tuesday by the state Insurance Department Commissioner Daniel Briscoe.

Rate reductions for workers' compensation insurance were mandated under new legislation supported by Gov. John Y. Brown Jr. Commissioner Briscoe announced he has ordered into effect an overall 20 percent reduction in industrial workers' compensation insurance rates.

Simultaneously, Briscoe ordered a 27 percent decrease in insurance rates paid by coal mine employers.

Reduction of workers' compensation premiums by at least an average 27 percent for one year was mandated by House Bill 532, passed during the 1980 General Assembly session. HB 532 is a wholesale revision of Kentucky's work-

ers' compensation law. It also increases weekly benefits for workers injured after July 15 and places a 425-week cap on payments made to partially disabled workers.

Gov. Brown gave reduced premiums top priority during the session as part of his efforts to attract new business to Kentucky.

High insurance premiums paid by employers and low benefits received by workers in Kentucky, relative to other states, has been a legislative issue for several years.

It is felt by some that high premiums paid by employers in Kentucky has discouraged growth of new industry in the state.

Commissioner Briscoe noted that these orders were his first official acts regarding rate approval since new legislation giving him this authority was passed by the 1980 General Assembly.

The two filings by the National Council for Compensation Insurance, the rating body, were the first filings approved by Briscoe since abolition of the Kentucky Insurance Regulatory Board. Effective July 15, the board was abolished and authority for rate approval was restored to the Insurance Department commissioner.

The National Council is a New York-based rating and statistical organization that files on behalf of all insurance companies writing workers' compensation in Kentucky.

The one-year reductions should result in an estimated \$60 million savings for non-coal industry employers, and \$14 million for coal industry employers, according to figures recently released by Gov. Brown's office.

Savings by coal industries will be less than non-coal industries since coal industries will be affected by a separate rate filing based on a federal law pertaining to black lung. HB 532 couldn't reduce possible increases under the new federal law. The Federal Black Lung Benefits Reform Act of 1977 was passed by Congress and, therefore, is outside the state legislature's jurisdiction.

Public hearings will be held in September on the third rate filing. Also hearings will be held on the two filings already approved, and the rates may be reduced even further.

Consent approval of the first two filings, Briscoe said, "These rate decreases for industrial and coal mine workers' compensation were mandated by the General Assembly when it passed HB 532. However, I am currently having my departmental secretary review the filings, and we intend to hold public hearings during the second week of September to determine whether or not additional reduction in workers' compensation rates may be warranted."

## Agree or Not

# Special session coming?

By S. C. Van Curon

**FRANKFORT** — Finance Commissioner George Adams mentions a possible special legislative session to evaluate the state's financial status may develop into something more than passing comment if the economic picture doesn't change nationally.

Adams was commenting on the order of Gov. John Y. Brown Jr. to cut the state's General Fund spending \$114 million this fiscal year. It's a bit unusual for a new administration to only have a month in its first fiscal year of a new budget to order such a cut. The \$9.7 billion budget was submitted by the governor in early March and approved by the legislature.

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It, Gov. Wendell Ford elected governor following Nixon by getting the predominantly Democratic legislature to reject the five percent sales tax on the purchase of prescription drugs.

While he was governor in his last legislative session, he got the Democratic legislature to take the five percent tax off sale-home groceries. This was the political wedge he rode to the U.S. Senate. The Democrats didn't allow the legislature to do that. The Democrats a political dressing down at the GOP convention in Detroit. It doesn't make the minority party members sad in Kentucky.

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## Letters

**To The Carlisle Mercury:**  
You sure enjoy playing our audit up with his headlines so soon again you can enjoy saying you published it free of charge. If this and the money they say ahead and tell us and we'll try to pay you.  
Our books are always open to the public and I've read that 75 percent of the people who read the audit didn't understand it but

from our readers

## Mayor doesn't like Mercury's council coverage

if they come to our office it can be explained in common sense. We did not have a secret meeting as you stated but the committees met and we went over a draft of the audit with our auditors before the audit was delivered.  
In another item you stated our bond fund account had deficits of more than \$100,000. That is not a correct statement, it

had been I'm sure our bond owners would be here taking over our business.  
Our accounts are all back to normal again and in another article on your front page in regard to funds being missing. I'm sure there was only a mistake in counting and to money is missing. The total amount was much more than we usually take in and the meters were not taking in too much due to hot weather and the farm people not coming into town.

**To The Carlisle Mercury:**  
This letter is not to win or lose votes for the session. I just wanted to tell you a few things that have happened to us. On June 20 I was called and told an overheard person

at the Mt. Sterling plant had taken a relative of mine to the office and was said to be using me as an example. They told her that surely I had forgotten when my son died and how good Blue Grass of Carlisle had been to me, she said, as I had been attending anti-semitic meetings in and around my daughter. This was very untrue.

I have never attended an anti-semitic and only one union meeting in my 18 years at Blue Grass.  
I haven't could cover, forget anything concerning my dear son's illness or death, most of all those wonderful bunch of friends that helped me so much in so many ways. I couldn't have done it without my friends at Carlisle Blue Grass.

But what that overheard person at Mt. Sterling doesn't know is how my life was at that time. On November 2, 1976 I had surgery. On January 2, 1977, I returned to

work, but because I wanted to leave my son but because I had to leave the money, I was told my three holidays had been frozen and that I couldn't have them. But a horrible friend came and told me her sister-in-law's holidays had also been frozen but she had given to Wayne and her kids.

I asked to see him but he was told he wasn't in the country. I never got the chance to ask why he wasn't in the country on January 27, 1977, and it didn't matter then.

So what I'm saying girls whether the union gets it or not, those dear friends that by your side will still be there and those kind of friends are more important than anything. Thanks girls at Carlisle Blue Grass for being my true friends. I'll never forget any of you.

Vala Goodpastor  
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Owingsville, Ky.



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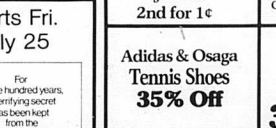
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