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## Notes burned

Mayor Bill Power and Mrs. Bob Sparks are pictured burning three paid-off bank notes at the City Council meeting Monday night. These notes

were made when Mrs. Sparks was a council member and finance chairman, and she along with the Mayor, signed the notes. — Mercury photo.

## City gas users to get rate hike.

If you live within the City limits of Carlisle, your March gas bill, which you will receive in April, is going to reflect a 30 percent increase. This across the board increase in cost is the result of the Columbia Gas Company raising its price on the gas which it sells to the City. This revelation was made Monday night to City Council members by Mayor Power. He reported that the increase would amount to 30 cents per 1,000 cubic feet of gas used. This increase should enable the City to keep gas lines repaired and up to standards.

only uses 63. He said there would be a \$3.84 decrease in the City's electric bill each month, and that an estimated refund for past over-billing would have to be worked out between KU and the City.

**Street lighting plan to be studied**  
Council passed on a motion to request Kentucky Utilities to submit a recommended City street lighting plan for study. This plan, if approved and

adopted by Council, would be the guideline for future installation of street lights in Carlisle. The Light Committee members, Terry Vaughn, Frankie Hughes and Bob Barnett, will meet this week with Mr. Burke to discuss the proposed plan. Mr. Burke also reported to Council that KU has installed three of the five street lights and changed two which Council recommended in a recent resolution. The study. This plan, if approved and

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## BGI shuts down Maysville plant

Don Hasey, President, and Wayne Shumate, Chairman of the Board of Directors, of Blue Grass Industries, announced simultaneously Monday that due to adverse economic conditions the Maysville plant will be closed as soon as possible.

"In this time of national, state and local economic stress, no one is immune to the pitfalls of the free enterprise system; and during the past several months, all Blue Grass operations (located in Carlisle, Mt. Sterling, Paris, Cynthiana and Maysville) have

been cut back to three or four day work weeks in an effort to continue to maintain full employment," they stated. "However," they added, "Blue Grass can no longer operate efficiently in this manner. It was, therefore, determined that the nearest plant should be shut down in order to prevent remaining plants back on a regular five day work week.

In making this announcement, Hasey and Shumate expressed their concern for the welfare of the Maysville personnel and their deep regret in having to make such a decision.

## Perkins to hold nutrition hearings

The first two of an extensive series of hearings into the possible effects of cuts in child nutrition and vocational education have been scheduled by Rep. Carl D. Perkins of Kentucky.

Rep. Perkins, chairman of the subcommittee on Elementary, Secondary and Vocational Education, which has jurisdiction over vocational education and child nutrition, set the first hearing for March 13 at Paul Blazer High School, in Ashland, Ky., and the second one at the University of Kentucky in Lexington on March 14.

"We just have to take a good look at what might happen to our young people we have to make sure that at least we have some idea of the effects on them of cuts in nutrition and in vocational education," Rep. Perkins said.

"Nobody objects to cutting out waste in federal spending, and nobody objects to cutting out unnecessary programs — I have always supported that," Rep. Perkins said. "But when it comes to the size of the proposed cuts in child nutrition and vocational education, we have to know what the effect will be on the school children."

Rep. Perkins said he does not want to

see a return to the days "when too many young people were so hungry in school, it prevented them from learning, and because of that, they were not prepared for a working career. Instead, a lot of them ended up on welfare," he said.

"We want to make sure that we don't let that happen again, and we want to make sure that we train our young people for jobs that are going to exist in the years ahead," Rep. Perkins added.

A large number of educators and citizens interested in education and nutrition are scheduled to testify at the two hearings in Ashland and Lexington. Many will come from other states, including Ohio, West Virginia, Michigan and Alabama. The day-long hearings will start at 7:30 a.m., which is early for Congressional hearings, but Rep. Perkins said he wanted to give all of the witnesses a chance to testify.

Additional hearings will be scheduled in other cities around the country, Perkins said.

He is the sponsor and co-sponsor of all of the major education and nutrition legislation enacted by Congress over the past years.

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## New scoreboard for NCHS

The Nicholas County Board of Education met in regular session Monday night and unanimously voted to have a new scoreboard installed at the high school gymnasium. The Board will be responsible for half the cost of the new scoreboard, with the Deposit Bank of Carlisle donating the other half. The

total cost to the School Board, including installation and minor adjustments, is projected at \$800. With the installation of the new scoreboard, the high school gym will have a clock and scoreboard at either end of the playing court. In other action, the board:

- Voted to allow Ginger's School of Dance the use of the elementary school stage on May 22 and 23 for a dance review. All proceeds from the review will be turned over to the school system.
- Approved the regular Title I account.
- Approved sick and/or maternity leave for Kathleen Hamm beginning April 6, 1981, and continuing through the rest of the school year.
- Approved sick and/or maternity leave for Jerlyn Clark beginning April 6, 1981, and continuing through the rest of the school year.

## Blood drive set for next Monday

Members of the Ministerial Association are planning a blood drive on Monday, March 16 from 1 to 5 p.m. and from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Carlisle Methodist Church. "Nicholas County has been one of the few counties we have that consistently meets or

exceeds their donor goal," stated Ms. Carolyn Feilish, CRBC representative. "Meeting that goal helps to assure that blood will be available when residents need it; not only in Carlisle, but also in Lexington and any other hospital that we serve. With the

number of transfusions increasing each year, we need to both maintain that level of support and continue to encourage new donor participation. One of the ways we hope to accomplish this is through an educational program in the schools," she commented.



N.C.H.S. Jr. Varsity cheerleaders

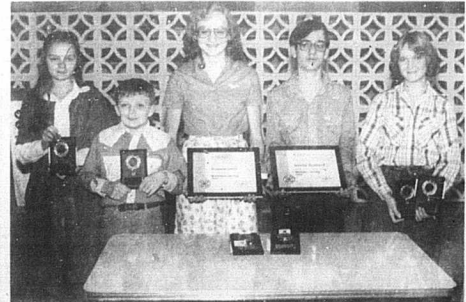
The Nicholas County High School Jr. Varsity cheerleaders won second in the District last week and competed in Region 10 cheerleading competition at Montgomery County High School on Sunday afternoon. They are, front row left to right, Meg Conley, Peggy Stewart, Monica Moore, Stephanie Ockerman. Back row from left, Melissa Mitchell, Lisa Shaw, Gayla Kelley, and Cindy Allison. — Mercury photo.

50,000 Pints of Blood Transfused in 1980  
The Central Kentucky Blood Center recently compiled a listing by hospital of the number of transfusions required in 1980. The University of Kentucky Medical Center topped the list at just over 17,000 pints, with other Lexington hospitals following close behind. Nicholas County Hospital transfused close to 200 pints. Overall, the 50,000 pint figure represents a seven percent increase from 1979.

Another way to help keep interest in the program is to reward those who have contributed the most. On Monday, March 16, anyone who has given one gallon (4 pints) or more for the Nicholas County Program will receive the Center's Golden Donor Award. All recipients are being notified and the awards will be presented at 7 p.m. Golden donors for Blue Grass Industries will be similarly honored at a later date.

A third method of maintaining the donor program at the current level is to get more people directly involved in the organizational procedure of the blood drive process. A meeting of representatives from each of the major civic organizations within the county is being planned for April. It is hoped that some of the administrative aspects of the program can be shared more evenly among the various groups. This will help to insure a continuous flow of information and the burden of leadership will be lightened.

Anyone wishing further information about the blood donation process or any blood donor program may contact Pattee Herndon Kariage at 288-5887. Reverend Mark Prew at 285-7295, or the Central Kentucky Blood Center at 1-800-421-6626.



4-H achievers

4-H members received awards March 2 at the annual program held at Blue Grass Industries. Championship winners and their departments are, from left: Mary Ann Hollar, Arts and Crafts; Jerry Willoughby, Woodcraft (Bluegrass Area champion);

Suzanne Jones, Senior Courier-Journal award. Senior Foods and Senior Arts and Crafts (Bluegrass Area champion and sixth in state); Woody Buford, Senior Courier-Journal award; Lisa Hinton, Food Preservation and Clothing. — Mercury photo.