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## Election '81

### Tuesday's ballot offers choices to county voters



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With a hazy autumn sky hanging in the background, Hurshel Spilman continued work on the courthouse bell tower. Repairs to the facility began in mid-July. — Mercury photo.

Next Tuesday's general election will offer a true smorgasbord of choices to county voters. From choosing a Mayor and City Council, to a controversial Magistrate's race, to a District Judge election up for grabs and the question of establishing a taxing district for a local ambulance service, the local picture is full of possibilities.

On the statewide side, two Constitutional Amendments will be put to the test of the electorate. A number of other uncontested local officers will also be on the ballot.

#### Mayor's race

The race for Mayor promises to be one of the highlights of Nov. 3 for city residents. The contest pits incumbent William Power against challengers Frankie Hughes and Lee Betz. Power, a long-time local business- man, will be running on the record he has compiled in his capacity as Mayor over the past 28 years. He cites his years of experience and ability to serve full-time in the position (he has retired from his private business ventures) as his strong suits.

In particular, Power points to his familiarity with Revenue Sharing and Municipal Aid Funds, and to the fact that he has been a member of the Blue Grass Area Development Board since its inception.

Hughes, a current member of the City Council, has been active in Carlisle's business community for the past 29 years. He has served as Mayor Pro-Tem for the past two years.

Hughes lists among his primary goals for the city a desire to have "all our services updated." He says the results of these updates will be a stipulation of the opportunity for growth in the local community. With an updating of services, the incumbent Councilman feels that when an industry considers locating in Carlisle, "we can be competitive."

Hughes said that he feels "with the Mayor and the Council working together, Carlisle can grow and become a better place to live."

Local insurance agent Lee Betz rounds out the three-way race. A resident of Carlisle since 1971, Betz has an extensive military background. He has campaigned for the Mayor's position unsuccessfully in the past but said that public pressure has thrust him into the political arena again this year.

Betz cites his concern and interest in the community as his strongest qualities. In particular he singles out

concern about the city's future and its police and fire protection.

**City Council**  
The race for City Council seats features nine candidates vying for the six positions. Four incumbents are seeking re-election to the Council. They are Tommy Vaughn, Clarence Cord, Bob Paul and Bob Barnett.

They will face five newcomers at the polls Tuesday, namely Charles Fay, Clifton Waugh, Carlwell Lester, Jan-

ette Ritchie and Cleo Thompson.

**3rd District Magistrate**  
Voters in the East Union and Morefield precincts will be involved in perhaps the most unusual race in the county as Earl Lee Plank and Lovell (Bob) Livingston square off for the 3rd District Magistrate's seat.

Plank, the Democratic nominee, defeated the incumbent Livingston in the May Primary, but Livingston

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### Jackets shock top-ranked Paris, but drop game by one

In what turned out to be the finest game of the season for a group of iron-willed young men from Nicholas County, the Bluejackets shocked No. 1 rated Paris at the Greyhounds' home-

coming last Friday night. Yet, despite an intensely emotional game, the Paris powerhouse finally came from behind in the fourth quarter to salvage a 14-13 win.

It was the second heart-breaker for the Jackets in as many weeks, and it was a testament to the young squad's until the final buzzer, and for a long time it appeared as if the upset of the year was in the making.

It was a game of superlatives for the Jackets. Senior standout David McCut- dy did nearly everything right all night. The 5-11, 170-pound speedster dominated the statistics on both sides of the ball as he rushed 19 times for 105 yards and turned right around and made 24 tackles from his defensive position.

It was a game that saw a tremendously hard-hitting Jackie defense stall an explosive Paris offense that is rated as the state's best.

Jackie Coach Ben Pumpfery was

surprisingly short of comments after the contest, except to speak highly of his players' character.

It appeared the Jackets had accomplished the unthinkable at the beginning of the fourth quarter. Only minutes earlier, when Paris came out in a split defensive formation, David McCutdy bent back through the seams from the Paris 45 yard line and outman every one for a go-ahead score of 13-7. A missed extra-point attempt following that score proved the winning margin for Paris.

David McCutdy's 105 yard performance led the way offensively for the Jackets, and paved McCutdy's season total to 1,081 yards. He has broken the 1000 yard barrier now for two years in a row. He was followed in the offensive state by Keith Williams

who picked up 20 yards on eight carries, and Robert Hopkins, who rushed five times for 15 yards.

McCutdy also led the defense with 24 big hits. A host of Jackets followed with a large tally of tackles. Mike Woolsey had 20 hits, Mark Taylor 14, Troy Russell 16, and Robert Sosby had 15.

The Jackets will return home Friday night to play Owen County. The high

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### Metts announces road improvements

Local governments in Nicholas County received \$105,978 for road improvements last year. The allocations under the new motor fuels tax system, instituted in July 1980 were an increase of \$66,822 over the funds the county was

allotted the previous year.

State Transportation Secretary Frank Metts said the increase resulted even though the state's motor fuels tax receipts were four percent below last year.

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## Tobacco's victory in Congress was close

### Vote doesn't reflect Hopkins' uncertainty

Congressman Larry Hopkins said Monday that until the actual vote on the House floor last week, the outcome of the Shamansky-Pritchard anti-tobacco amendment to the farm bill of 1982 was "too close to call."

The Lexington Congressman, in- to whose district Nicholas County will be moved if the redistricting package goes through as expected early next year, said that the 47 vote margin in the victory is "misleading."

"The vote doesn't reflect the uncertainty of the outcome before last Wednesday," Hopkins said. He pointed to the fact that the day before the vote there were 75 undecided members of Congress. "Those 75 people were the crucial difference in the vote," he said, "it could have gone either way, and we all knew it."

But Hopkins says of the narrow margin, "I almost wish it had been closer." He clarifies that by saying that a closer vote would have made the "narrowness of the victory" all the more apparent to Kentucky farmers who so desperately depend upon a sound tobacco dollar.

"Had I not been the ranking Republican on the tobacco subcommittee and a part of the cutting edge, I too might not realize the narrowness of the victory," the 46-year-old lawmaker said.

Hopkins said that farmers, producers, manufacturers, distributors — in fact, everyone involved in tobacco — "do realize the day has come to take a leadership role,

to accept the responsibility for making some needed, necessary changes in the tobacco program." If that doesn't happen, Hopkins warns that "the people in Congress who'd love nothing better than to see the tobacco price support go down the tube will gladly do it for them."

Hopkins said that early last week he felt a little better about the final tally than he had the week before, when pessimists and sugar "went down the legislative drain."

He said getting the vote postponed for five days was a key factor in tobacco states Representatives' success.

During that time, the former stockbroker said that "the entire tobacco delegation, including all the members from Kentucky, banded in an informal, last minute campaign to educate members who viewed tobacco primarily as a health issue."

"By the time Wednesday rolled around," he said, "the issue was one of economics — not smoking and cancer." Hopkins said that the tobacco delegation had to convince many urban and suburban Congressmen that a vote for the Shamansky-Pritchard amendment would bring "nothing less than economic chaos to the South."

Hopkins said he felt the amendment would "separate every tobacco community which depends on the crop as a stabilizing economic factor."



Tobacco farming provides a critical element of the economic base for the vast majority of Nicholas Countians. Pictured above, NCES English teacher Rob Lane removes some of his crop from a baler. — Mercury photo.

### Perkins calls vote 'toughest fight ever'

"It was the toughest fight we have ever had. If the vote had come a week earlier, we might have lost it."

With these words, Congressman Carl D. Perkins of Kentucky described the successful fight to preserve the barrier tobacco program on the floor of the House of Representatives recently.

He was talking about an amendment to the farm bill which would have completely wiped out the tobacco allotment legislation — an amendment which had considerable support when it was first offered.

"The peanut people lost out and the sugar people lost out," Congressman Perkins said, describing the votes taken during the debate on the farm bill. "Tobacco was next, and with the mood of the House being what it was, every indication showed that we could have lost the program. So, I and some of the other Congressmen who represent farmers went to the Speaker and the House leadership, and got the vote postponed," he said.

"We needed time to explain the tobacco program to the new members — we had to explain that it is not a subsidy program," he said.

Congressman Perkins had intended to be in Mt. Sterling for the Court Day weekend, but he missed it to concentrate on winning votes to protect the tobacco program.

Many of the new members are not experts on subjects such as tobacco, but they are interested in education, and as chairmen of the

committee with jurisdiction over education, as well as the Subcommittee on Elementary, Secondary and Vocational Education, Perkins has discussed education problems with them. He is known to be receptive to ideas on improving education programs — the younger members, and consequently, they were willing to listen to him when tobacco was in danger.

"The Kentucky Congressman said he did not know how many members of the House he talked with during the day before the vote, but he estimated that it was "at least a hundred," he said.

He said that many started coming around when he explained the program, and how important it is to preserve the family type farm, and the small communities in the rural counties.

"Most of the new members represent cities and suburbs," he said. "I've been willing to listen to their problems, and it paid off from passing the amendment to destroy the tobacco program from passing," Perkins said.

The final vote was 231 to 184 to continue the program.

"These fights are happening every year," he said, "and the only thing we can do is roll up our sleeves and fight harder than the other fellow."

Congressman Perkins represents the Seventh Congressional District, which includes Nicholas County. He is the senior member of the Kentucky Congressional delegation.