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City Council sets Issuance of Jockey's \$3 million in revenue bonds

City Council members voted in their regular monthly meeting Monday night to pass an ordinance in which the City of Carlisle authorizes the issuance of industrial revenue bonds in the principal amount of \$3 million to finance the cost of acquisition, construction and installation of improvements, and equipment at Blue Grass Industries, Inc. The ordinance will be adopted and signed at a called meeting Monday, Dec. 20, at 7 p.m.

Two attorneys, Tom Hollowell of Investment Bankers in Charlotte, N.C., and Kevin Hable, bond counsel with a law firm in Louisville, were present at the meeting to answer any questions council members or the mayor might

have. Hollowell has been instrumental in helping Jockey International, Inc. obtain the bonds. Hable has seen to the legality of the bonds and has negotiated with First National Bank of Louisville which is the sole purchaser of the bonds. Bonds will be secured by a mortgage on property owned by Blue Grass, with Blue Grass and Jockey guaranteeing payment of the bonds. Both attorneys assured Council that any and all expenses incurred by the city in connection with the bond issue, would be reimbursed by their companies.

City stickers and car trailers was discussed. Many citizens are complaining about the \$5 sticker fee now in effect when a person trades cars during the year. Council voted to change Section 6 of the present ordinance relating to city stickers making the new fee \$1. Pay did not vote.

A new office copier has been delivered to the city office by Xerox to replace the reconditioned copier which was sold to the city earlier in the year. Council voted to buy a stand for the copier, and to purchase a service contract for \$400 a year. The copier is guaranteed for seven years.

Free parking
As a gesture toward keeping business in Carlisle during the holiday season, Council voted to allow free parking until Monday, Jan. 1, 1983. It was stressed that persons working in the downtown area not take advantage of the free parking in order to leave

spaces for customers.
Council agreed to pay Monar of Atlanta, Ga. \$600 on a \$60.44 original charge, for two barrels of chemicals which were used earlier in the year at the sewer treatment plant, but which were not authorized by the city office. It was also agreed to pay freight charges to return two more barrels of chemicals, which are now at the plant. Environmental Chemical Corp. of North Canton, Ohio. The purchase of these barrels also was not authorized.

City holidays
In other business, city employees will be given paid holidays on Dec. 24 and Jan. 21.
The city budget will be audited after June 30, 1983. The fiscal year for the city will then be July 1 to June 30.

John Burke and Doug Garrett, members of the Chamber of Commerce, were visitors at the meeting. Garrett complimented the mayor and council members on the cooperation they have given the Chamber since its reorganization in recent months.

At a special called meeting Monday, Dec. 20, at 7 p.m., the following will be on the agenda: Second reading of Blue Grass Industries Industrial Revenue Bond Ordinance; second reading of the amended budget; second reading of the city sticker ordinance; and all other business which might be brought before Council.

Hamilton family goes to Australia

"I was there during World War II, so I know the people and it's not like going to a strange place," Nicholas County native John T. Hamilton told the Mercury last week.

Hamilton, who recently retired from the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Washington, D.C., has taken a one-year job in Queensland, Australia. His wife Helen will accompany him there and they will live in a community called Townsville.

"The grain growers have a huge organization there called the Queensland Grain Growers Association," Hamilton said, "similar to our cooperatives and they're starting to expand their insurance services to farmers and that's where I come in."

Hamilton was a specialist in Federal Crop Insurance in this country for many years and when Australia asked for a consultant to help them get their program started, John was recommended.

"We'll be living 40 miles inland from Brisbane in an area where the climate is good. Townsville is at an altitude of 3000 feet, so we won't get the real hot weather."

"People think of the growing process of moving to a foreign country, but we've pulled up roots so many times that it's not a new experience any more," John told the Mercury.

Hamilton started his crop insurance career here in this area of Kentucky in 1957, was sent to Nashville and ended up in Washington before returning to their farm on the Pleasant Springs Road in Nicholas County. The Hamiltons' son, John Jr., also lives here and so does John III, a grandson, and a granddaughter, Shelia. A daughter, Sally, teaches at UK and another son, Bill, is still in D.C.

"They don't have a lot of rainfall in this particular region of Australia, but the soil is extremely good at holding what rainfall they do get, and thus, a lot of grain is grown there," John said.

The grain growers association is already offering health insurance and property insurance as well as hail insurance, but now wants to start offering a multi-risk crop insurance.

"Our program is a model for lots of other countries, but our program is subsidized by the government. In Australia, they want to start the first program of multi-risk insurance without a government subsidy, so it will be a new experience and very interesting."

The Mercury will be interested in talking to the Hamiltons when they return to get their impressions of that huge country "down under." The Hamiltons will leave Dec. 26 and spend four days in Fiji on the way, arriving on New Year's Day.

Old court jurors get checks

Circuit Clerk Sally Watkins has announced that the jurors who served from August to December of 1982 may pick up their checks at the clerk's office on Thursday, Dec. 16.

Letter time

The July 10th follow the North Pole has informed the Carlisle Mercury that he will be accepting letters from county schools this winter. Our newspaper again has your...

Wet tobacco appears

Demand was fairly constant for barley tobacco during the fourth week of auctions, reports the Federal-State Market News Service. Variations in grade averages were small compared with the previous week and quality was not as good. Loan receipts remained about the same. Volume was lighter at some markets toward the end of the week. Gross sales this week amounted to 141,841,815 pounds and averaged \$139.02 per hundred — down 36 cents from last week. The season figure reached 481,660,748 pounds averaging \$180.25. During the first 11 sales days last year 491.9 million pounds averaged \$183.12 per hundred. Totals totaled 11,272,042 pounds last week and 29,279,020 pounds for the season. Auctions are scheduled Monday through Wednesday this week and will then recess until Jan. 10, 1983.

Nicholas unemployment takes a drop

Nicholas unemployment for October was 8.8 percent, according to the county breakdown of figures supplied by the State Department for Human Resources Management Division.

The figures showed Nicholas County's workforce at 1,306 for October with 293 persons unemployed, resulting in 8.8 percent out of work.

That is more than a one percent drop from the preceding month and a two percent drop from earlier in the summer.

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Carlisle recanvass held Thursday
A recanvass of the liquor vote was held Thursday, Dec. 9, at the request of Carlisle Mayor David Starnell. The vote came out exactly the same as it was counted the first time. Shown here are Herb McClanahan, member of the Board of Elections, County Clerk

School Board Discusses disciplinary problems

The Nicholas County school board met in closed session Monday night to discuss three disciplinary problems involving students who are juveniles.

Although the incidents involved were not revealed to the Mercury, one of the incidents is known to involve a high school boy who "dressed his drawers" on a date in the high school building about three weeks ago.

According to information from several sources who do not wish to be named, several high school boys urged another boy into the act by offering money. The money was later returned, these sources said.

"These boys are juveniles and that is why we are having closed sessions to discuss these matters," Superintendent Don Elder said. "We are on top of

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Grade averages recorded little change from levels set last week. Gains and losses were generally 11 per hundred with losses more consistent for mixed tobaccos. Top average recorded was 124 per hundred for grade B&R and the lowest 117 for N&S.

Last week's marketings were less desirable due mainly to the amount of wet tobacco appearing for sale. Also, less third and fourth quality was auctioned while an increase was noted in lower grades. By group, figures accounted for about six percent of volume, colors 16, leaf 25, tips 4, mixed 20, nondescript 1, no-grade 5 and wet about 11 percent.

The barley cooperatives received 25 percent of sales last week and 24 percent for the season. Last year for the same period, just 62,873 pounds were placed under loan.

Census shows Nicholas residents below average in education

Newly released analyses of the 1980 census by the Kentucky State Data Center indicate 41 percent of the residents in Nicholas County over the age of 25 have completed high school.

That is one percent below the state average, however it is up considerably over the 1970 census figure, state-wide.

Despite the improvements though, Kentucky still ranks last among the 50 states in the percentage of its population that has a high school diploma.

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It was Spring in December
The temperature was 73 degrees a week ago Friday and it prompted folks to go back to work on their lawns. One of those persons was Eugene

Neal, spotted in his back yard getting just one more grass cutting out of the way. — Mercury photo.

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