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Discussing gas grant funds  
Within two minutes after he landed in a rented helicopter, State Finance Secretary George Atkins (center) was deep in discussion with Carlisle Mayor Frankie Hughes about a \$150,000 loan to finance the gas restoration project. Looking on is Bluegrass ADD Executive Director Jas. Sehnem. — Mercury photo.

### George Atkins inspects Carlisle's leaking gas lines Says he'll run for Lt. Gov.

Kentucky's Secretary of Finance and unsuccessful candidate for governor in 1979, George Atkins, landed in a helicopter at the Carlisle National Guard Armory Thursday afternoon and spent two hours familiarizing himself with the leaking city gas pipe situation here. He then flew on to Morehead, which has a similar situation and is competing for \$150,000 in loan funds with Carlisle.

"My advice to you all in Carlisle is to go full speed ahead with the paperwork and schedule the bid letting for Aug. 12 as planned," Atkins told Mayor Frankie Hughes, several city councilmen and other officials.

"We believe we'll have a decision for you by that time. Atkins was referring to the Gas Restoration Board in Frankfort which is to raise on who will get in last \$150,000 of loan funds. Both Carlisle and Morehead have applied for the money.

"The main thing we have to consider is the safety of the people in Carlisle and I'm going to do everything I can to see that you get the funds," Atkins said emphatically.

Atkins said the board usually acts upon the recommendations from state government, "and I'm going to recommend it."

Bluegrass ADD Executive Director Jas. Sehnem was not quite as optimistic however.

"It is possible that we'll only get part of the money they have left, maybe only \$100,000. If that is the case, we'll find the other \$50,000 somewhere."

Atkins was emphatic in his recommendation for Carlisle not to slow down on anything, and to keep the proposed bid letting set for Aug. 12.

City Engineer Gayle Blandingham said that if that proposed schedule is met, "we could get the worst work done before the bad weather sets in."

Atkins arrived only five minutes late in the rented helicopter, at ten minutes before 2 p.m., and left at about 4 p.m. in the direction of Morehead.

One of Atkins' more interesting comments of the day occurred when he questioned Mayor Hughes about what the city would do if they came up \$50,000 short in the financing. Mayor Hughes replied, "We would probably find the money somewhere."

The question was interpreted by some as a move by Atkins to find out if he could accept less than the \$150,000 loan for which the city had applied.

In a final 1981 Finance Secretary Atkins, responding to a question by the Mercury said he would not run for governor in 1983, but would run for Lieutenant Governor.

"The governor has to go to a lot of banquets and things like that. I am willing to do a hard working Lieutenant Governor with administrative ability who could get things done."

"I can work with any of the candidates for governor who have been mentioned and will run independently and not in connection with any of the candidates for governor."

Atkins said he would make a formal announcement after the November election this year and would do so campaigning until Dec. 1.

"I will be a Lieutenant Governor with a real working partnership with the Governor," Atkins said.

### Amidst possible misunderstanding Blood drive set for Aug. 9

The Nicholas County Blood Program Committee will sponsor a blood drive on Monday, Aug. 9, at the Carlisle United Methodist Church from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The goal for this drive has been set at 100 pints and the committee will be working to recruit enough volunteer donors to reach that goal. There is concern, however, that these efforts may be hampered by recent publicity about the development of blood substitutes. There seems to be a widespread misunderstanding and a "dangerous suggestion to the public that the blood of volunteer donors will no longer be needed," according to the Central Kentucky Blood Center.

Jacqueline D. Miller, M.D., President of American Association of Blood Banks, responded in an announcement by the Lieutenant Army Hospital Institute in San Francisco that army doctors have developed a blood substitute which is made from chemically-altered hemoglobin, and is other.

"Presently, more than 11,000,000 units of blood are needed every year and fewer than five percent of those eligible to give blood do so. The need for blood is increasing daily, and publicity which implies that artificial substances can replace the need for blood donors is very detrimental to lives of patients who depend upon those willing to donate," cautioned Miller.

"The American Association of Blood Banks is a non-profit scientific, educational and administrative organization with more than 2,000 institutional and 7,000 individual members. Institutional members are responsible

**Melissa Dudley wins pageant**  
Miss Melissa Dudley, Blackberry Festival Queen for 1982, has won the Kentucky Miss Teen World beauty pageant in Louisville.

The Mercury will have more details in next week's issue, including an interview with Miss Dudley.

Dudley is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Dudley of Carlisle.

\* See Blood on page 24

### 'Serious' case of blue mold found here



Blue Mold tobacco leaves  
Nicholas County Agent Mike Phillips holds up three burley leaves from the Talmadge Hatton farm located in the east end of the county off Upper Sharpburg Pike on Owl Hollow Road. The two leaves on Mike's arm have brown spots about the size of a quarter on the underside and the more advanced stage of the mold is shown by the stately wilted leaf. It was discovered Saturday. — Mercury photo.

"There are some things we can do if we catch it soon enough. For one thing, if we can still cultivate it, we have a new fiducial label we can spray on the soil and then mix it in by cultivation."

"Then we come back with a contact fungicide spray."

Phillips said if the crop was too large to cultivate, "there aren't a whole lot of alternatives. We either have to cut it or destroy it."

"Phillips phone number is 295-2112."

### Tobacco bill passes senate

President Reagan is apparently set to sign the new burley and flue-cured tobacco bill prior to the delayed opening of the flue-cured market this week, according to sources in Rep. Larry Hopkins' Washington office.

The bill was passed by the senate last week and on the very next day was approved by the house on a voice vote and sent to the President.

Reagan is reported to have said he does not like an amendment tacked onto the bill that urges the president to remove long term grain sales negotiations with the Soviets, but will sign the bill anyway.

As reported in the Mercury, the bill calls for farmers to pay a small fee of 1 or 2 cents a pound as a marketing fee on burley, in order to make tobacco a "no-cost" to the taxpayer program.

The bill also has an optional requirement that farmers accept price supports.

The legislation also requires that non-farmers corporations, such as processors, shippers and exporters, be required to sell their allotments to active producers by Dec. 1, 1983.

Senate Judiciary said it is possible that the marketing fee could be returned to farmers as the crop years sell out. Since surpluses are not likely, "it is a good possibility that the farmers will get their marketing fees back."

The marketing money will go into a special administrative fund and will pay all expenses of the marketing program for burley, other than the government administrative costs. It marks the first time such an arrangement has been made on an agricultural commodity.

Chief opponent to burley tobacco, \* See Tobacco on page 12.



Babe Ruth All-Stars  
Front row from left, Eddie Reed, Greg McNabb, Bobby Woodley, Kenny Payne, Phillip Callahan, Pat Pope, Middle row from left, Brian Watkins, Vance Wells, Doug McCord, Steve Stacy and Billy Sosby. Back row from left, Bill McNabb (manager), Todd Hedges, Darren Robinson, Kevin Wells, Billy Dunham, Randy Hedges (coach), and Donald Robinson (coach). — Photo submitted.

**Babe Ruth team does well**  
The Babe Ruth 14 and 15 year old All Stars "did well" in the Ashland tournament according to Larry Jolly.

"The team on one and lost two, but all the games were close and we're happy with their performance."

Last Friday, Carlisle was beaten by Greenup County 7 to 2 and on Saturday were beaten by South Shore 5 to 8.

Earlier, Carlisle had beaten Boyd County in the tournament.

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