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City Council meets

TV cable hike killed, but water rates jump

Mayor Hughes reported that the city is not making money at the present rates being charged city and truck customers for water. Gayle Vandansingham, City Supervisor, stated that "we're pumping more water but making less money." Vandansingham and Oliver Vice, City Water Works Superintendent, explained that in 1981 the water meter ran around the clock for 18 months. Chemicals used have increased greatly in price, plus the cost meters has risen. A big factor was

the cost in 1981 to Fleming-Mason HECO and Kentucky Utilities to run the pumps. \$15,000 to HECO, and \$18,000 to KU. Since January of this year the cost has been \$1,000. Mary Tapp, City Clerk, reported that there had not been a raise in water rates in Carlisle since 1975. There are 96 city customers.

An ordinance was drafted, read and passed on the first reading to raise charges for the use of water by the City of Carlisle. The minimum charge for the first 1,000 gallons would be raised from the present \$3.00 to \$4.00 and five cents for each step up from the minimum. Bulk customers minimum charge will go from \$1.50 per thousand gallons to \$2.00 up to \$6,000 gallons. The second reading will be heard at a called meeting on May 17 at 7 p.m. The ordinance will be advertised in next week's Mercury. The rate change will be reflected on June's bills which will be received by customers the first of July.

Unemployment drops slightly
Preliminary unemployment figures for Nicholas County issued by Frankfort show a drop from 11 percent unemployment in February to 10.2 percent in March. In fiscal year, the Department of Human Resources said, this means 22 more persons are working now than they were a month ago in our county. The county by county statistics show that 28 persons in Nicholas County were without work at the end of March versus 20 at the end of February. The work force in Nicholas County is listed as 1,238 persons.

Overall in the Bluegrass area, the unemployment rate was 7.7 percent, the lowest in Kentucky, primarily due to the low unemployment rates in Fayette and Jessamine Counties. The statewide unemployment figure is now 11.5 percent, a drop from the 11.5 percent rate of the month before.

Burley crop looks big

No reports of blue mold thus far...

By Bennett Beards
Burley Growers Association
Early prospects are bright for another large burley tobacco crop. The record number of plantings seen around the burley belt are among early signs of the growers' intent to produce

...but rainfall is below normal here

Rainfall in northeast Kentucky, including Nicholas County, is about two inches below normal since April 1, according to the Kentucky Crop Reporting Service. The service says the only portion of Kentucky that has adequate to short rainfall is northeast of a curving line from Louisville south to Berea and then northeast to Huntington. That includes

all Kent.

At transplanting season nears, the proposed major changes in the tobacco program. However, none of the pending revisions will affect the present production quotas or price supports for the 1982 crop.

With a normal yield this year's crop might easily equal the 117 million pounds, 1981 output, the second largest on record. This could happen although the effective burley quota was reduced six percent this year, due to heavy 1981 production.

At the recent annual meeting of dealers, which was attended by representatives from all elements of the trade, the need of another large crop across Kentucky. A few cases of angular leaf spot were reported, but overall disease problems are minimal.

lower. Vice will draw up the specifications. Don Hassall, Director of Community and Economic Development of Lexington, (Bluegrass AED) was present to report on the gas renovation grant money. He explained that 200 applications have been filed for the HUD Block Grant money. Of that number, 26 cities will be awarded money. If Carlisle is awarded the \$20,000 HUD grant, the city stands a greater chance of receiving the \$100,000 state loan. He knows at the present there are only two other cities asking for grants for gas renovation, Morehead and North Middletown, as he emphasized, the competition is stiff, but Carlisle's application is well written and documented.

Gas line study
Hassall also informed council that a gas line field study would be conducted in Carlisle the last week in May to determine the validity of the application. The first of July the council will be informed by HUD if their application is approved. See TV cable page 11.

School gets raises

Babe Ruth League gets to use baseball field

Classified school personnel (formerly called non-certified personnel) were given a five percent raise for the 1982-83 school year by the Nicholas County Board of Education at their meeting Monday night, after a 20 minute closed session in which personnel matters were discussed. That means cooks, custodians, bus

drivers, aides and secretaries as well as substitute teachers and substitute bus drivers will share in the raises. Superintendent Don Elder said a list of these personnel would be furnished to the Mercury "next week."

Sup. Elder also announced that certified personnel had been mandated as 100 cents to have a 10 percent raise for 1982-83 by the state. The board voted to have a Lexington architect, Don Shelton, draw up plans for the renovation project at the old portion of the high school building. The repair will consist of replacing many windows as possible with new double-thermo-pane windows and also installing some air conditioning. In connection with that, members of the board made a trip to Fayette County to look at the new windows as they had been installed there.

Bids will be asked for after July 15, since the board wishes to take advantage of a new law, which will be in effect by then, exempting smaller construction projects from high prevailing wage rates. Sup. Elder suggested this could save the school between \$2,000 and \$3,000. The board also suggested the possibility of installing fans at each end of the gymnasium for better air circulation to be considered.

Babe Ruth League
The board agreed to let the Babe Ruth League use the high school



Modern day Blue Licks soldier

Coomskin can firmly on and muzzle-loader firmly primed, Kyle Allison commemorated the Bicentennial of the Battle of Blue Licks in his own way on the courthouse lawn last Wednesday. Kyle drew a small crowd of onlookers after the first loud shot echoed across

downtown Carlisle. He shot three times and by that time 12 persons had gathered and 20 or 30 more were looking out the windows. The muzzle-loader was twice as loud as an ordinary shotgun. —Mercury photo.

baseball field this summer, but not age at the Recreation Park was not done by players. The board granted the permission for one summer only and said the situation would be watched closely.

Bank depositary
The Board of Education also agreed to advertise for a bank depositary "to transact completely off the bank and no cars parked at the field." Any money not with the players and their families, but with what goes on while the game is being played. Sup. Elder said, after Babe Ruth League representatives said the depositary should be the bank. See School, page 12.

Farmers file loss claims

Thirty-six farmers filed crop loss claims Friday with the Farmers Home Administration, thus assuring the county that we could still be declared a low-interest loan disaster area by Washington, County Extension Agent Mike Phillips reports.

Phillips said that if the loans are granted, they will be for the last portion of the crop which suffered during the spring and early summer of 1981 and would be at five percent interest for a term of seven years.

The sign-up program was held by FHMIA at the library Friday. The numerous complaints were made by residents and officials of the county. All other counties of the sixth district, Washington, Phillips said.

Concerned parents

Improve Carlisle Recreation Park

Rehabilitation of the Carlisle Recreation Park by a group of concerned parents is underway, according to Kenneth Baker, with plans for more upgrading if we can get the money from others in the community.

Baker said a Baptist Church youth group had already spent one afternoon at the park cleaning up, and a group from the Methodist Church had painted the lines back on the tennis courts.

"We'd like to thank the people who have helped already, including the church group, the Little League coaches and TTT members," Baker said.

The refund donated some material to make a steel gate to prevent the concession stand from vandalism, a load of sand was provided for the playground area and has been put down.

"We're looking for help in the form of labor for repairing fences, or anything in the general upkeep line, we're really like to get things back in shape at the park."

Baker said plans for the future include trying to get the lights fixed on the tennis court, trying to seal the

second court, rehabilitation of the rest rooms and more lights for the playing field.

"We'd like to lock up these places at night so we can keep them in good shape."

Baker said those interested could call him after 5 p.m. at 399-240.

An advertisement appears elsewhere in this week's Mercury with regard to rates about the tennis courts.

Church group helps
Fifteen young people and two adult leaders from the First Baptist Church spent the first Saturday afternoon in May cleaning the playground and creek at the City Park.

"We wanted to do something that would have an impact on the community and also to help the children who would have an impact on the community," Mrs. Stancil said.

"We hope that by cleaning up the park, we can give the children who avoid some cut feet this summer and also to help the children who are a real example for others who use the park."



Part of the Clean-em-up crew

Here are a few of the youngsters who donated their time and effort on a Saturday in Timmy Sanders, Jo Brady and Angie Tedder. —May to help clean up the Carlisle Recreation Park. From left are Teresa Sanders, Angie

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