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Nearly touching  
the ground

The four inches of snow that fell last Friday, with the temperature right at 32 degrees, resulted in a very heavy snow that kept these tree branches right down to the ground. As the

temperature warmed a bit during the day, much of the snow slid off onto the ground. — Mercury photo

## Assessments changed As East End sewer project underway again

Bluegrass ADD, the city of Carlisle and the county will again try to get a HUD block grant to finance the construction of new sewer lines and extend water lines into the East End area of Carlisle, to include East Union, it was announced at City Council meeting Monday night.

A CDRI project estimated to cost \$400,000 last year was submitted to HUD for approval and turned down because of "lack of funds" and because the state-wide ranking of the need for the project was not rated high enough, Carlisle Mercury records show.

This year the project total is \$699,000, with some shifting around of expenses and income, compared to last year's HUD application. The application figures were submitted to council by Mayor Anagnin of the AD district.

Local contributors

The county would contribute \$150,000, the city \$100,000, connection charges from residents of the area would total \$20,000 plus the HUD block grant of \$529,000.

Last year, the city had agreed to contribute \$100,000, \$50,000 more than this year, and the connection charges have been dropped from \$50,000 last year to \$20,000 this year.

In addition to the new application for funds for the East End sewer and water project, Mayor Anagnin discussed with council the possibility of a restoration project in Herrysville. Council agreed to give the AD district the authority to conduct a survey to see if such a project was warranted.

Assessments

"Because of the city last year on the East End assessment charges," Mayor Anagnin said, "we changed that around in this year's application to make it

more equitable. We now have a sliding scale tap system that goes according to income. Lower income people would pay less for their tap-fee than higher income people."

For the grant application being higher this year; one is that there is "an inflation factor, plus some additional storm drainage is being added and the grant rating is higher this year."

Mayor Anagnin said the language in the grant application will be changed this year and the add-on it was for option that the language "was not specific enough last year."

"We believe the community need was high enough for the money last year, but it may be that we needed to explain it better and in more graphic terms to those administering the grant," she added.

East Union

Larry Truesell, Registered Sanitarian with the County-Board, Health Department, was present at the meeting requesting that the East Union Road be included in this project. Council agreed that it should be. Mrs. Margaret Hunter and two Outreach workers will conduct another survey of the affected East End area to deter-

mine if the residents still desire the implementation of the project. East Union Road residents will be included in the survey. If the survey results indicate that a majority of East Union is in favor of the project, Blue Grass ADD approval will revise the proposed budget to include this area.

County Judge/Executive, R. E. S. Snow was present. He also will vote for the results of the survey before the Fiscal Court will commit itself to its share of the cost.

A vital part of the project includes annexation of the city of the entire area to be serviced by the new sewer system.

Costal raises rates

Costal, formerly OVC Telecommunications, was granted a request to raise rates in Carlisle. There will be a \$1.00 hike in the basic rate bringing it to \$9.00. Also a \$1.00 hike for each additional outlet, making it \$2.00 for each outlet. The installation charge of \$10.00 will remain the same. There was a roll call vote on this issue, with Cord and Vaughn voting negatively.

Council discussed a proposal which had been tabled earlier in 1981, that of installing a coin operated water easer-man at the City Lake for water hauling customers. This would make it easier for customers wishing to have water at night when no one is at the water plant. Gayle Vanlandingham estimated the cost of installing the system would be approximately \$10,000.

Basket ball

A proposal by Charles Fay to raise the salaries of the Mayor and council members starting January 1982, when the new mayor and council are installed, failed on a roll call vote. Vaughn, Vaughn, Vaughn, Lister, Cord, no, Barrett, no, Fay, yes, Barrett, no.

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## Judge Arnold says 'My court has strong law, order'

(Editor's note: Chief District Judge Jack Arnold has provided the Mercury with the following summary of activities from his court during 1982.)

During 1982 and 1981, more than 1300 theft by deception (cold check) cases were handled by the Nicholas District Court. But in 1982 only 19 such cases went before the court, an approximately 99 percent reduction.

The reason? According to records located in Clerk Sally Watkins' office, the drastic drop in cold check cases due to a decrease in chronic "repeat offenders." With only one exception, no person before the Nicholas District Court in 1982 for a cold check case had a second time.

These facts highlight a "strong law and order trend" of the Nicholas District Court presided over by District Judge Jack Arnold. Of approximately 600 District Court cases prosecuted by County Attorney James C. Campbell during 1982, other violation areas also reflecting the law and order trend are as follows:

Boatlifting

For the first time since a jury verdict in 1974, a person convicted of boat-

lifting in Nicholas County was sentenced to serve time in jail. The 30 days sentence was handed down by Judge Arnold in December of last year.

In the only kidnapping case before Judge Arnold to date.

Driving under the influence

The Department of Transportation, Division of Driver's Licensing, keeps computer in Frankfort the past five years driving records of each licensed driver in Kentucky. The 1982 District Court calendar reflects that County Attorney Joseph Conley is obtaining these records and pressuring offenders, by paying steep fines and being their records are being sentenced to jail.

No insurance

Although Kentucky law provides that the owner of any vehicle being operated on a public highway must maintain liability insurance on the vehicle, some owners fail to do this. Worse yet, their

uninsured vehicles occasionally are the cause of accidents and damages to accident victims. In a recent case, Judge Arnold set the total damages to be paid by an offender to an accident victim over \$1,000.00. It has been policy to let the accident victims recover full damages rather than merely imposing a small fine against the uninsured motorist which does not compensate the victim.

Drugs

Probably this more than any other area is indicative of the law and order trend in District Court.

From 1978 through 1981, only one percent of approximately 30 persons convicted of possession of controlled substances such as hashish or marijuana was sentenced to serve time in jail. In 1982, 41 adults convicted of offenses in this area and sentenced by Judge Arnold have been sentenced to and served time in jail.

Additionally, Court docket sheets reflect an emphasis placed on counseling and treatment programs with first offenders in this area.

## Another wet vote set for Sat., April 16

### Beer on sale at Myers

Three new local option petitions have been filed with County Clerk Rose Scott's office from Madison, City Building and Engine House precincts, and at least one more petition is reported to be circulating in the Mayor's Office precinct, but without enough signatures that far reports in the courthouse were this week.

The petition from Madison and City Building precincts have already been certified, and as a result, another local option election has been set for Saturday, April 16, by County Judge-Executive Hesse Smoot.

"It would be easier on the county if we could schedule all these at once," Judge-Executive Smoot said, "since it costs the county about \$200 every time we have a special election."

The county clerk's office was busy still counting and certifying the names on the list from the Engine House precinct this week, but it was believed that there would be enough valid signatures.

The rules

In order for a local option election to be set, at least 25 percent of the voters in the last general election must have signed the petition. In the Madison precinct, 17 persons voted in the last election, according to records in the clerk's office. Thus, at least 25 valid voters must have signed the petition in that precinct. Forty names of legal voters are on the petition, the clerk's office said.

In the City Building precinct, 120 voted in the last election, but there must be at least 31 names on the local option petition. There were 94 "good" names, according to the clerk's office.

In the Engine House precinct, 200 persons voted in the last election and 25 percent of those, rounded to the next voter, is 50. The clerk's office says it

has more than 72 legal names on their petition, although the counting had not been finished.

There was no exact word on the petition reported to be presently circulating in the Mayor's Office precinct. Two hundred forty-four persons voted there in the last election, meaning a petition would have to have 61 names or more of legal voters on that petition.

Local thinking

The flurry of local option petitions is apparently the result of the Circuit Court decision by Judge G.A. Farnham, courthouse sources say, that allows a single petition to hold an election to set, even though the petition was voted dry as a whole 40 years ago.

The decision is currently being

appealed to the Appeals Court in Kentucky, but no decision has been forthcoming.

These sources also say that only three liquor establishment licenses are to be granted in Nicholas County, based on the rule of one for every 200 persons, thus they do not expect any liquor licenses to be granted until sometime after the April election has been held.

Beer on sale

Meanwhile, two beer licenses were granted by Frankfort and mailed to Bobby Bowles and Clay Fryman last week, and both began selling the frothy liquid in cans and bottles at the Myers

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## Unemployment drops again

There were 24 persons out of work in Nicholas County during December, according to figures supplied by the state DDC.

That translates to an unemployment rate of 4.3 percent, a continuing drop from a high of more than 10 percent last summer.

The figures are based on a Nicholas week force of 5,079 persons, with 2,223 of those employed, according to these December figures.

Nicholas County's unemployment rate is about average for the area, with the low counties Woodford and Fayette where there is a 4.4 percent, and high unemployment in the Bluegrass area is in Estill and Powell Counties, with 11.3 and 11.2 respectively.

## No school Monday

The Nicholas County Schools have announced there will be no school on Monday, Feb. 21, in observance of Washington's Birthday.

In addition, the Post Office will be closed Monday but there will be a mail pickup from both inside and outside stations at the post office around 11:30 a.m. Monday. If you put your mail in the post office by 11 a.m., it should go out the same day. The lobby will be open, but no mail will be distributed.

The PVA office will be closed Monday, as will the ASES office, Public Office and Post Conservation office.

Many other offices will also be closed Monday.

We advise you to check first on what is open before making the trip on Monday.



The snow was heavy

Just ask these youngsters if you don't believe it. They were shoveling in front of Rocky and Lee's Heavy Sales Friday. At left is Travis

Slims of Catherine Street, and Daniel Goum of Headquarters. — Mercury photo