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Is it spring at last? The dogwood blooms always a good sign that spring is here to stay and that summer is far off. But it was 20 degrees Monday morning, barely saving the tomato plants in parts of the county. We published this picture of the dogwood tree on the courthouse lawn in hopes that the elements will take note that it is indeed May 12 and time for warm weather. — Mercury photo.

City Council appoints Betty Barton to fill Waugh council seat

Betty Barton was elected on a secret ballot Monday night to fill the vacancy created by the recent death of Councilman Clifton Waugh. Mrs. Barton was sworn in by Mayor Frankie Hughes. Prior to the election, at the opening of the meeting, Mayor Hughes asked Council to stand and have a minute of silent prayer in memory of Councilman Waugh. Council members, the mayor and the contractor most and was the gas line Vanlandingham stated that he had complained that the construction work isn't being done, or is going too slow.

Clerk Tapp also told Council about the opening of three new bank accounts. One is a Super NOW gas fund that will reach a balance of \$50,000. At present there is \$3,000 in the account. A \$50,000 bank account was required in the gas line project funding. Twenty-five percent of the revenue from gas bills is going into this account. When the \$50,000 required balance is reached, the percentage will drop back to 18. The other two which are savings accounts, are a water fund and a sewer fund, with 19 percent of the city's customers' water and sewer bills going into the two accounts.

Clerk Tapp and attorney election board explained that heretofore city governments were not allowed to have NOW accounts. A state ruling in 1982 allows cities to open these accounts.

Clerk Tapp also informed Council that \$127M was left in HUD money (CDBG grant) for the gas line project. She had a call from Dallas Deen, contractor for the project. Council voted to request Billingsley AFD to review the project budget so that the \$127M could be used to pay the contractor.

Grand Jury urges lawmakers to get tough 'Appalled at rash of thefts'

The Nicholas grand jury, impaneled in January and just released in late April, has urged the law enforcement agencies in this jurisdiction to date of which we have any knowledge or have received information, and have returned indictments in all cases in which the evidence in our opinion justified trial by petit jury. We have been in session two days, have returned four indictments, and have failed to return indictments on one charge referred to us for investigation.

We would urge that in light of the statistics noted in the recent election that the voters list of Nicholas County be purged of ineligible voters as soon as possible.

We have considered the case of the Commonwealth of Kentucky vs Johnny Gray and failed to indict for insufficient votes.

We are appalled at the rash of thefts in Nicholas County and urge our law enforcement agencies to pursue them as vigorously as possible. We urge all citizens to report all thefts and assist our law enforcement officers in their jobs.

— Jerry Loville, Foreman

New suit filed To contest April 16 wet-dry elections

Eight residents of the four Nicholas County precincts in which a liquor election was held April 16 have filed suit in Nicholas Circuit Court this week to have the elections set aside on the grounds they were illegally held, records in the Circuit Clerk's office show.

The eight persons are Lowell Hollar, and Mayers Office, are composed of voters who live in the city and in the county. Thus, the suit apparently claims that some of these voters voted in the city wet-dry election last December and apparently voted again April 16.

The suit will be heard in Circuit Court by Judge G.A. Fannaro, whose ruling that individual precincts could have a wet-dry vote, caused the elections to be held in the first place.

No date had been set for a hearing at Mercury press time.

Of the four precincts that voted April 16, two — City Building and Methuen — voted wet.

In the earlier election held in December, the City of Carlisle voted (used to stay dry, but the Mayers precinct voted wet.

New windows, fans Arriving at high school this week

Nicholas County Superintendent Don Elder informed the Board of Education Monday evening at their regular meeting that the new thermal windows to be installed at the high school will arrive this week.

"Construction will start as soon as school is out," Elder said. "Also the new fans are being installed in the gym, and the contractor promises they will be installed in time for graduation."

The board also discussed plans for administrative and supervisory personnel for the school district to initiate a system wide "self-study" in preparation for a comprehensive evaluation/ accreditation study to be done by the state Department of Education.

Elder also revealed to the board that Mrs. Becker had completed a local educational improvement plan (LEIP) and that three areas of study were shown to need improvement at Nicholas County. Those areas were reading, language arts and math for all grade levels. The board agreed that improvements were needed in these areas over the next three years and were informed that some financial aid will be forthcoming from Frankfurt.

In other action, the school board:

- Authorized use of the elementary school on June 24 as a backup location if the hospital benefit is raised out at the Forest Retreat Farm.
- Authorized a new level of bonding of \$210,000 for Treasurer Pate Robinson, in accordance with a state study, an accordance with an agreement between

Tractor pull rained out New date is Friday the 13th!

The changeable spring weather in Nicholas County claimed its victim last weekend the Carlisle/Nicholas County Chamber of Commerce Tractor and Truck Pull. The event was scheduled for last Saturday and the scheduled rain date of Sunday afternoons were rained out, and according to organizer John Burke, "it was a shame."

"We had a huge event going. More than 120 trucks and tractors were registered, and lots of people didn't even leave their homes because of the weather."

Burke said the new date is this Friday, May 13, at 8:30 p.m., with the truck pull starting at 4:30 p.m. The location will be the same — the Waughen-William farm on the old Old Park Place.

Trucks and tractors from Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky were here in Nicholas County last weekend, and "hopefully" they'll come back this Friday for the rescheduled date.

Judge Fannaro, appointed to the 11th Judicial Circuit in 1981, will assist Chief Regional Judge Raymond E. Lape Jr., Covington, of the 16th Circuit.

School closing schedule

Donald G. Elder, Superintendent of Nicholas County Schools, has announced that schools will close for the current year on May 26, 1983. The last full day for students will be May 25. Teachers' closing day will be held May 24 with students returning on May 29 for one-half day. School will be dismissed by 11 a.m. on May 26.



Painted faces Carlisle Boy Scout Mark Linville paints the face of a visitor to the Pack 50 booth at the Expo the Carlisle Presbyterian Church. — Photo by Larry Ring looks on. Pack 50 is sponsored by the Carlisle Presbyterian Church. — Photo submitted.