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Drought, heat devastate crop

Tobacco fields in Nicholas County, such as the one above, are being devastated by the early drought and extreme heat. While some areas in the north and east sections of the county received enough rainfall over the weekend and Monday night to save the initial setting, many other crops are feared lost. In contrast to the rest of the patch, the spindly plant in the foreground was still alive when this picture was taken last Friday afternoon. — Mercury photo

Carlisle ups water rates, salaries, adjusts budget

City of Carlisle water customers will be paying more for the water they use, effective with the August billing.

A 10 percent across the board hike for inside-the-city customers and a 20 percent hike for those outside the city limits was approved at a called meeting of council Monday night.

Council also adopted a budget for the 1984-85 fiscal year and raised the salaries of full and part-time employees.

The Water and Sewer Committee along with City Clerk Mary Tapp and City Superintendent Gayle Vanlandingham met recently to consider Blue Grass ADD's water survey rate recommendations before coming up with their own figures which are considerably lower, but which will keep the utility running in the black with a reserve for maintenance and repair.

A **MINIMUM** charge of $4 will be made for the first 1,000 gallons or less of water used for city customers, and $4.80 for outside customers.

The following is a schedule of new rates:

Water Rates	Inside City	Outside City
First 1000 gal.	$4.00	$4.80
Next 4000 gal.	1.50/1000 gal.	1.80/1000 gal.
Next 5000 gal.	1.40/1000 gal.	1.70/1000 gal.
Next 5000 gal.	1.27/1000 gal.	1.52/1000 gal.
Next 10000 gal.	1.10/1000 gal.	1.30/1000 gal.
Next 25000 gal.	.92/1000 gal.	1.14/1000 gal.
Over 50000 gal.	.80/1000 gal.	1.00/1000 gal.

A 10 percent penalty will be imposed on amounts not paid by the due date which is 10 working days after the bill is postmarked.

There will be a cut off charge of $10 per meter. There will be an additional charge of $25 per meter if water meter has to be removed and then replaced because meter was turned back on without city authorization.

COUNCIL voted unanimously to give full time employees a 10 percent across the board raise. Part-time employees will receive a five percent raise.

The amount received by volunteer firemen for each fire call is increased to $15. They will each receive $20 for attending the monthly meeting of the Fire Department.

AN AMENDMENT to the current budget was passed on an emergency vote. The budget must be in the black at the end of each fiscal year according to a state statute.

The utility fund was underbudgeted in June 1983 when the 1983-84 budget was being worked out.

The cost to purchase gas from Columbia Gas Co. was underestimated due to cost increased by Columbia that the city had not anticipated.

Dr. Villaflor resumes practice of medicine

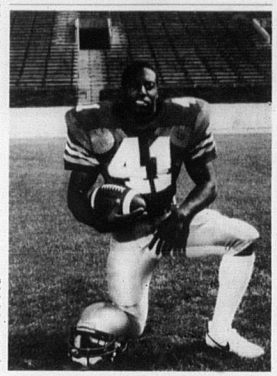
Dr. Osias Villaflor resumed his medical practice here last Thursday following notification by the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure that the temporary suspension of his license had been lifted until further notice.

Word came two days after a hearing last Monday in Louisville when a local delegation testified in Dr. Villaflor's behalf before a hearing officer of the KBML. The suspension had been imposed by the KBML on May 17, following notification of the revocation of his license in the state of New York.

ACCORDING to Nicholas County Hospital administrator Robert Hester, official wording of the suspension lifting has not been received here, "therefore it is not known at this time just what lies ahead. However, we are encouraged by the immediate action taken by the licensure board."

Hester went on to say that "this action would seem to support what we have known all along, the fact that Dr. Villaflor is a complete and knowledgeable physician."

Hester expressed personal thanks to local groups and individuals who gave written and verbal support to the doctor and to the people who testified at the June 11 hearing in Louisville.



David McGuffey...former NCHS standout, expects to "play a lot of football" for Notre Dame this fall. — Photo submitted

Healthy McGuffey likes his chances to play this season

David McGuffey made this prediction last week before returning to summer school at Notre Dame: "We are going to have a very good team this year and I expect to play a lot of football."

The confident, articulate junior-to-be was given a clean bill of health by a Notre Dame team doctor following spring drills.

"It's 100 percent now," McGuffey said of his injured knee which kept the former Nicholas County High School star sidelined most of his first two seasons at the South Bend, Indiana university. A strengthening program will be followed in the coming weeks.

ON THE DEPTH chart, McGuffey is listed as back-up free safety. "I pride myself on being smart and the guy in front of me (Steve Lawrence) isn't too experienced. I know every position in the secondary. That's why I say I do expect to play a lot of football this fall."

McGuffey credits his buddy and former free safety, Chris Brown, (drafted by Pittsburg) with schooling him in the tricks of the trade at safety.

"I learned a lot just watching him play."

He refers to Gerry Faust as being a "good coach and a fine man. We just want to win for him this year. We should since we're a junior-senior dominated team," he pointed out.

In fact, McGuffey doesn't expect more than a couple of sophomores, and no freshmen, to make the starting teams.

HAS THE KNEE injury slowed his speed?

"Yes, maybe a step. The knee and the 15 pounds I've put on since high school." The speed merchant ran a 4.5 or 4.6 in those days and moves at 4.6 or 4.7 at present.

The added weight, he's up to 180 pounds, will serve as a buffer when tackling players some 50 pounds heavier. "I might be just a slight bit slower but there's where my knowledge of the game comes in. I know my position and how to react."

McGuffey has also grown an inch in height and now carries his extra pounds on a 5'9½" frame.

ENROLLED in the College of Business, he faced carrying 18 hours this semester. By enrolling in summer school he can lop six hours from his workload. Football practice and weekend game travel leave precious little time for studying during the season.

Too, he wants to improve his current C average to at least a B-minus. "Coach Faust and the school stress academic excellence," he noted, adding that the adjustment from high school to college was "tough."

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County locates dump truck

It took some legwork but Nicholas County has finally found a dump truck.

When advertised bids, plus mailings to nine area dealers failed to produce a response, County Judge/Executive Reese Smoot declared a state of emergency and set out to find a replacement for the old 1974 Ford F-600, described as "totally worn out."

A 1978 Ford dump truck was located in Cynthiana and immediately purchased for $13,000.

IN OTHER business reported at the June 6 meeting of fiscal court, the Senior Citizens Program was given a check for $4,500 representing the balance of the 1983-84 budget...money transfers were made in the General Expense, Road and Bridge and Revenue Sharing funds...Approved the school coupons and bonds on the County of Nicholas School Building Revenue Bond and Interest Redemption fund-series of April 1, 1965 in the amount of $24,938...Voted to cash a $5,000 certificate of deposit on the Mathers Educational Fund at First National Bank and deposit it in the fund's checking account.

AT A HEARING May 31, the budget remained the same except in Revenue Sharing where $10,000 was added to the ambulance fund, in equal amounts from the Contingency and Road Department funds. A second reading was to have been made at the court's June 19 meeting.

In a lease agreement covering the next 50 years, the County has given the Nicholas County Fair Board exclusive use of the new West End Recreation Park for a county fair and horse show one week in August through the year 2034.

Head Start accepting school applications

Openings exist in the Head Start program for the fall school year, according to the Nicholas County office of Community Action.

To be eligible, children must be four years of age by Oct. 1, 1984.

When applying, a parent should bring the following information: income verification, birth and immunization certificates and social security number.

Applications are being accepted daily, Monday-Friday, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., at the Community Action building. Information: 289-7172.

Surplus school property to be auctioned July 7

A public auction to dispose of surplus school property will be held Saturday, July 7 at 10 a.m. on the grounds of Nicholas County High School.

Items ranging from miscellaneous supplies and furnishings to vintage school buses will be sold to the highest bidder. (See legal notice on Classified Page.)

In other business discussed at the June 11 Board of Education meeting the following measures were decided:

— To accept the treasurer's report for regular and Chapter 1 accounts.

— To allow Nicholas County Alumni Association use of high school cafeteria on July 14 for meeting.

— To employ Jewell Ishmael as custodian at Nicholas County High School to replace Merrill Vice.

— To hold a called board meeting on June 28 to discuss any and all legal business.

— To advertise for bids the following to be opened at July 9 board meeting: milk, bakery products, gasoline, motor oil, tires and tubes.

— To accept the Athletic and Student School Insurance program as presented by Scholastic Insurors for 1984-85 school year.

— To adopt factor #2 as approved by order 220-043 for issuing checks.

— To give Mrs. Williams ¼ month extended time this summer to work on test results for elementary students.

— To accept Deposit Bank of Carlisle as depository for 1984-85 and 1985-86 school years.

Blackberry Festival schedule announced

Monday, July 2

7:30 p.m.	Presentation of Queen candidates
8:00-12:00 p.m.	Music by Midnight Riders

Tuesday, July 3

8:00-12:00 p.m.	Music by Midnight Riders

Wednesday, July 4

7:30-9:00 p.m.	Carnico Square Dancers
9:00-12:00 p.m.	Music by Midnight Riders
11:00 p.m.	Dedication of courthouse flag
11:15 p.m.	Giant fireworks display by Chamber of Commerce

Thursday, July 5

7:30 p.m.	Parade and crowning of festival queen
8:00-12:00 p.m.	Music by Midnight Riders

Friday, July 6

8:00-12:00 p.m.	Music by Midnight Riders

Saturday, July 7

2:00 p.m.	Kid games on Main Street
7:30-9:00 p.m.	Clogging exhibition by Kentucky Hoedowners
8:00-12:00 p.m.	Music by Midnight Riders
9:00 p.m.	Drawing for prize money, bicycles and radios

Guthrie Show and Carnival in courthouse yard throughout week.
Bill Power — Emcee for all events.

Livingood fund started after brain surgery

A fund to offset medical expenses incurred in a second brain operation for Mrs. Delma Livingood has been established at the Deposit Bank of Carlisle.

Mrs. Livingood submitted to surgery Tuesday, June 19, at Good Samaritan Hospital in Lexington.

In 1982, she had a benign tumor removed from her brain, followed by six weeks of radiation treatments. A fund, the idea of Stanley Storey, who is again its promoter, contributed approximately $1,500 towards expenses of the first operation.

When a second tumor was discovered recently, Mrs. Livingood began treatments on an out-patient basis, not covered by insurance since the Livingoods have no major medical policy. These treatments have already cost $3,000, The Mercury has learned.

Mrs. Livingood has been secretary at the Nicholas County Extension Service office for the past eight years. According to extension agent Sharon Wilson, the local 4-H Council is planning a garden tractor pull on July 21 to help the family meet medical expenses. In the meantime, donations, payable to the Delma Livingood Fund, may be sent to the Deposit Bank, Carlisle 40311.

Electrical fire damages tavern

Spring Street Tavern in Dorseyville sustained what was described as considerable damage to the roof and interior of the building when an electrical fire was discovered about 1:30 a.m. Sunday.

According to Carlisle Fire Chief Junior Ishmael the fire apparently started around wires in the ceiling and spread to the insulation and rafters. Firemen were forced to cut a large hole in the roof to put out the smoldering-type fire.

No customers were present in the tavern, which was closed for the night. The fire took about two hours to extinguish, Ishmael reported. No dollar estimate of the damage was available.

Commodity distribution today

The Nicholas County Community Center, in cooperation with the Cabinet for Human Resources, will distribute USDA commodities today, Thursday, June 21, from 1-4 p.m. Persons will not be served before 1 p.m. as the center's staff will be involved with the summer feeding program.

"If you wish someone else to pick up your commodities for you, please send a statement with the following information: Social security number, number in household, income for month of May, name of person you wish to pick up your commodities, and your signature," a spokesman advised.