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**Pride of the Christmas Parade!**

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The First National Bank U. OF KY. was first place in LEXINGTON, KY 40506  
Christmas parade held Saturday afternoon at 4:30. Second place went to Central Baptist Church Youth. Paris, Third place, Cub Scout Pack 104, Paris. Fourth place, Paris Rowans. Right is this year's Queen Rhonda Frye who has just been crowned by Mayor Lee Best.



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**Council passes business tax ordinance**

**By Jamie H. Duncan  
Of The Mercury Staff**  
City Council voted Monday night in a four to two roll call vote to adopt an ordinance which repeals all ordinance laws on effect relating to business license laws.  
Liquor licenses are not included as they are governed by a separate ordinance.  
No votes were cast by Council members Betty Burton and Clarence Cud.

Upon request to open session, and several minutes discussion about whether to adopt or not to adopt the ordinance, the vote was taken.  
Several members felt that the ordinance should be adopted at the first of the year, a new, fairer ordinance should be drawn up and adopted which would include all licenses.  
Attorney Wood's reply to the question, "Why were you asked by Council to draw up this ordinance repealing all present license laws?" was, "The ordinance was so unfair and unequal in application, that rather than penalize a few businesses, make

it fair for all."  
Mayor Lee Best took this stand: "I want to say, and I speak for all the Council, that we definitely are interested in a business tax in a fairer form."  
After several questions by The Mercury reporter concerning this ordinance, the council adjourned.

Wholesale vending and delivery: Petroleum products \$7.50 soft drinks, \$25, food products, \$15, drugs and sundries, \$15, hardware and auto supplies, \$15, any other merchandise, \$10.  
Retail sales by established dealers: soda fountain, \$20, cigaret-

ter, \$20, ice cream, \$10, soft drinks, \$10, dairy products or other food delivered to home, \$40.  
Miscellaneous activities: theater operation, \$10, pool tables, \$15, juke box, \$10, pin ball or like machine, \$10, laundry, delivery, \$10.  
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Before voting the motion, Council member Jeff Tyrer asked that Council go into executive session.  
His reason was to seek legal advice from City Attorney Stockton Wood.

**No better!  
Service to end Dec. 31**

**By Bonny Fast  
Of The Mercury Staff**

Unless circumstances change there will be no ambulance service in Nicholas County as of 12:01 a.m., January 1, 1987.

Throughout the county, concern appears to be universal.  
Opinion on how to solve the problem are varied, but to date, no viable solution to maintaining the ambulance service contract has been found.

With the defeat of the 1 percent occupational and payroll tax during a special meeting of Nicholas County Fiscal Court, November 26, as of December 31 no apparent solution has been found, which will provide dollars to fund the ambulance service contract.

The shortfall in county funds highlighted by the elimination of all Federal Revenue Sharing funds, which total over \$141,000 for Nicholas County, alone.

Carlisle Mayor Lee Best responded with a no comment when asked earlier what he thought about the Fiscal Court rescinding the occupational tax ordinance.

The City of Carlisle will also lose all Revenue Sharing Funds in 1987. Some local merchants are worried the proposed tax would be too much of a strain on businesses that are already financially burdened.

Some businessmen expressed concern enough thought has gone into finding a solution to the emergency. It has been suggested by committee

to be formed to investigate other ways to solve the problem.  
"The Revenue Sharing money was like giving candy to a baby," said G. W. Myers of Carlisle Drugs.  
"They (the county) take it easily enough, but yet when it's taken away..."  
Myers also said, "If people in Carlisle and Nicholas County have private cars, which they do, they will find a way to work through this difficulty."  
Another Main Street businessman, who asked not to be identified, said, "There are many who use the service, who do not pay."  
Accordingly, with some users of the service not paying, the burden for operational costs has shifted to the availability of local, state, and federal funds.

Nicholas County Judge-Executive Reese Simed said there will be no 12 month contract initiated with Ronald McDonald, operator of the ambulance service, due to a lack of funds.  
However, McDonald did say he might consider an arrangement based on less than 12 months.  
"I would be interested in discussing a six month contract, but I have not been asked," McDonald said.  
"The way things stand my contract will run out on December 31, as scheduled."  
"I have not been officially notified (of the contract expiration), but this is my understanding."

Alternative to the present system would be for McDonald to operate the business on an independent basis. But, McDonald said there

is no way to change the policy to go along with what the state has requested. Elder said the board presented the contents of a letter guard at the Philip Morris plant, which pleased the company. The board agreed with the change, as recommended by the state, which says non-competitive foods may not be sold only during regular lunchroom operation hours.

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**Seniors' center may be forced to close**

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On any given weekday, one can see a steady stream of people going in and out of the building on the southwest corner of Main and Locust. This is the location of the Nicholas County Senior Citizens Center.

Ten years ago there was no such place in Carlisle for senior citizens to meet, share a meal, or receive basic transportation and other services.

This may again be the case, should the center not find a way to replace money now generated from Federal Revenue-Sharing funds.

Their doors may close on June 30, 1987.

In 1977, the Senior Center was begun by the Community Action Program, funded by Revenue Sharing.

The service was taken over by the county in 1978, being run by only one full-time and two part-time employees. Today, the center employs four people full-time, a director, two outreach service aides, and a home care worker. In addition, there are three part-time employees.

The center is open Monday thru Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and serves about 200. The services include transportation to and from the center, a hot midday meal three times a week, program following the meals and other activities.

In addition to the meals served at the center, about 100 meals are packaged and delivered to seniors in their homes throughout the county. The participants are asked to pay 25 cents each for the meals.

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cent (\$16,000) which is required as matching funds to come from local (city and county) sources is the portion provided by Revenue Sharing, through respective budgets.  
With no apparent solution to the problem created by withdrawal of the Federal money, "The center will probably not be able to function after

June 30, 1987," said Shirley Vice, director of the center.  
"I honestly don't know what some of these people will do. People like me may be able to get another job, but our clients depend on us for their most basic needs and many have no family who can replace what we do for them."

Workers Charlie, Jeff and Bobby of A's Garden Center in Winsbest are planting a Norway Spruce on the grounds of the Nicholas County Courthouse. The tree was planted last Thursday, and will be used as a living Christmas tree by the Carlisle-Nicholas County Chamber of Commerce during the holiday season. The tree was donated by Jockey International.



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**Court approves tree planting**

**By Jamie H. Duncan  
Of The Mercury Staff**

Nicholas County Fiscal Court gave the local Chamber of Commerce permission, Wednesday night, December 2, to plant a living Christmas tree in the courthouse yard.

Mark Mattox, president of the Chamber, presented the request and was accompanied to the meeting by Chamber member Doug Garrett.

The board has called a special meeting for 11:30 a.m., December 18. The meeting will include the board's annual Christmas dinner, and will allow consideration of any matters, which need attention, before the end of the year.

The board received approval of a \$300 bonus plan for all teachers within the school system.  
Under a set of guidelines for the year, and payment would be received the bonus at the end of the year.

Elder related the contents of a letter guard at the Philip Morris plant, which pleased the company. The board agreed with the change, as recommended by the state, which says non-competitive foods may not be sold only during regular lunchroom operation hours.

The writer of the letter asked that Marion Sims act as liaison between the board and those offering the money.  
The letter stated that those donating the money would only be responsible for \$1,000 and any additional would be the board's responsibility in addition, should any of the 30 uniforms, which included two jerseys each, be less than \$100.  
Those donating would only be responsible for the actual amount due.  
The board failed to act on the request, on advice from Hopkins, until further review is possible.

The Norway Spruce, which is 34 feet wide, and 40 feet tall at full growth, will be planted in front of the courthouse, between the canon and the live oak tree.  
It is being donated by Jockey International, Inc., and will be decorated each Christmas by students at Nicholas County Elementary School.  
Also, there will be a tree lighting ceremony each year to start the Christmas Season in Carlisle.  
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Two other motions were passed by the Court:  
- To transfer \$200 in the General Expense Fund from General Services (used miscellaneous) to the county clerk's office supplies.  
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**Hunter honored for 20 years' service**

**By Hank Bond  
Of The Mercury Staff**

A light agenda allowed the Nicholas County Board of Education to adjourn in less than an hour, Monday night.

Superintendent Don Elder recognized board chairman Billy Hunter for 20 years of service on the board. Hunter has missed only one meeting in the last 14 years, and only three during his entire tenure of service.

Following approval of the minutes from the last meeting and the treasurer's report, the board approved a list of facility uses and special requests of the board.  
Elder read a letter to the board from NCHS Junior Boy's Johnson, requesting approval for absence from school for a trip to Washington, February 21-28.

The trip is for a special conference of the Presidential Classroom of Tomorrow program and will cost an estimated \$100.  
Johnson pointed to the special benefit of the trip, since she is a junior and would be able to share the information within her classes next year as a senior at NCHS.  
According to the letter, it is an honor to be invited to the program, and there are certain academic requirements, which must be met for a student to be invited.

The board approved the trip and designated \$100 to assist Johnson with her expenses, she indicated in the letter, she would seek additional outside funding.

**Insurance Coverage**  
The board acted to enter into a participation agreement with the Aus-

ky School Boards Insurance Trust for general liability and property insurance, following a review by attorney Billy Hopkins.  
After discussion from Elder, the board agreed to annual system policy requirements, which must be met for a student to be invited.

The board agreed with the change, as recommended by the state, which says non-competitive foods may not be sold only during regular lunchroom operation hours.