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New flags for City Hall

The City of Carlisle has purchased an American flag and a Commonwealth of Kentucky banner which are now flying in front of the city building on East Chestnut Street. The idea was suggested by former mayor Bill Power and neatly

endorsed by Mayor Lee Bantz. Shown prior to the hoisting are, from left, Dennis Allison, Bantz, councilman Clarence Cord, City Clerk Mary Topp, Police Chief Allan Emly, and City Superintendent Gayle Vanlandingham.

Connolly eyes seat now held by Hopkins

Tim Connolly, a young man with his eye on the future, has announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for Congress from 4th District, an office held by popular Republican Larry Hopkins.

At his recent press conference in Lexington, Connolly, 31, said that he refused to wear the tag of the latest Democratic sacrificial lamb on a silent and obscure journey to the Hopkins' stockyard.

Instead he's embarking on a fact-finding tour of his 16-county district to speak out on issues he feels are foremost in his campaign to unseat his formidable opponent.

IN CARLISLE last Thursday, Connolly said that a high priority is to be sure that "farmers are not cut off at the knees," until they are assured they can stay in farming.

"There is no reason why someone whose family has been farming tobacco for generations should suddenly have to go out and get a job in a factory because he can't get a decent price for his crop. It's the responsibility of Congress to insure that those people have an opportunity to stay in farming and do what they love to do."

He feels a mistake was made when we allowed Congress to begin treating tobacco as something other than it is — an agricultural commodity. He said the same subsidies should apply to milk and other farm commodities.

NOTING the important role agriculture plays in Kentucky's economic heritage, Connolly said that "it was government programs that gave American farmers the opportunity to turn this country into the greatest agricultural power on earth. With interest rates still too high and unfair foreign competition still unchecked, our farmers are in peril. And the problem will simply not disappear. There is a role for government in insuring that farmers have access to the capital they need at home, and to the markets to which

they are entitled abroad."

Connolly believes that to provide an access to an education that is relevant for the future, and not just the past, is the best way to broaden the scope of economic opportunity for all citizens.

"EDUCATION is an opportunity to not an expense, to be embraced by politicians looking for a neat fix to complex economic problems. It's an investment — in money, yes — but more importantly in the human capital of intellect and invention, and in the dreams and aspirations of our children. Dreams of becoming the best they can be, as a farmer or an engineer, a doctor or a teacher, a scientist in space or a geologist under the sea."

Connolly has been a resident of Lexington since 1960 when he moved here from New York with his family. He is a graduate of Lexington Catholic High School, attended the University of North Carolina and received his degree in political science from Vassar College in 1973.

While there he was active in several campus political campaigns.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1973-8, including a stint as intelligence officer for the 2nd Battalion (Hanger), 7th Infantry where he developed plans for special military operations worldwide.

AFTER LEAVING the Army he joined the presidential campaign staff of Sen. Gary Hart at Hart's national campaign office in Washington. He was also Hart's director of communications at the National Democratic convention in San Francisco, later serving on Hart's finance committee.

Connolly plans to be in Carlisle again in the near future to discuss his political strategy here.



TIM CONNOLLY
—no Democratic sacrificial lamb

Cage coach Kenny is stepping down at end of season

Barr resigns jayvee post; school pulls out of CKC

Mike Kenney, head basketball coach at Nicholas County High School, has resigned, effective at the end of the season.

Kenney took over the basketball program in 1978. His coaching philosophy has been under attack in some quarters and he said he was quitting in the best interests of the school and community.

His resignation, along with two others, was tendered at a special meeting of the Board of Education Thursday night. Robbie Harr announced that he would step down as junior high basketball coach, and Judy Hawkins resigned as junior high cheerleading sponsor after five years of leadership.

Barr will remain as head varsity football coach, a position he assumed at the beginning of the 1985 season. Kenney will stay on as physical education instructor and assistant teacher.

SUPT. DONALD ELDER said that Kenney's resignation was "accepted with regret" but that at his recommendation the board agreed to honor his (Kenney's) request. A search for both basketball coaching positions is underway.

Kenney, in particular, and NKHS athletic programs and staffs, in general, came under fire March 11,

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* Conditionally accepted the retirement/resignation of elementary teacher Mrs. Viola Pumpbrey, effective March 1, 1986. Two life health problems Mrs. Pumpbrey has applied to the state for a disability retirement.

THE BOARD of Education in regular session Monday, Feb. 19, addressed the following business:

* Accepted treasurer's report for Hopkins and Chapter accounts.

* Approved board members, superintendent and board attorney to attend the Kentucky School Boards Association meeting in Louisville Feb. 28, March 1 and 2.

Approved Donald Elder, Gregory Field and Gerald Hammons

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Indictments returned against 7

Seven indictments were handed down by the Nicholas County Grand Jury February 26.

Three people — Robert Evans, Paul Alan Jolly and Leah Robinson — were charged with receiving stolen property by possessing about 500 soft drink cases, motor oil, cigarettes, lighters, watches and trunks which had been stolen from Watkins Grocery and Sims Jewelry Store in late December of last year.

Jurors found that on June 22, 1984, Sandra Kilmation possessed and altered a forged check drawn on the Farmers National Bank of Cynthiana in the amount of \$194.89.

Billy D. Breyer and Dana Breyer were indicted for aiding in the planning and commission of third degree burglary of the Western Fleming Water District Building on Oct. 4, 1985.

William Henry Butler was indicted by the jury Nov. 7, 1985 in connection with this burglary.

Paula P. Morris was charged with third degree burglary for aiding in the robbery of the Oakland Mills United Methodist Church on Oct. 7, 1985.

William Henry Butler was indicted by the jury Nov. 7, 1985 in this same robbery.

All seven charged entered not guilty pleas before Circuit Court Judge Jack Arnold Tuesday morning. Pre-trial conferences were set for March 6 at 11 a.m.

Arnold to hold public meeting

Rep. Adrian Arnold (D-Mt. Sterling) will hold an informal Town Meeting Saturday, March 1 at 10 a.m. in the small courtroom adjoining the office of Judge/Executive Rose Howard.

Arnold will discuss issues and seek public comments and input on legislation before the General Assembly following the meeting. He will be available to discuss any personal business.

Schools will be open Friday

Weather permitting, Nicholas County Schools will be in regular session Friday, Feb. 28. It was announced Monday.

It was originally scheduled to be an in-service day for teachers and a holiday for students but will now be counted as a make-up day for time lost due to snow earlier this month.



A sign of the times

Nicholas County High School chapter of the Future Homemakers of America celebrated FHA-NEED week during the week of Feb. 17-21.

Leslie Thornton and Lesley Duncan view a bulletin board designed by FHA students.

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