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**Former mayor raises questions of legality**

By Janis H. Duncan  
of the *Carlisle Mercury*

"Why aren't your meetings advertised when you have extra meetings?"

That was a question put to members of the Carlisle City Council at its regular monthly meeting Monday night by former mayor Bill Power.

Power went on to say, "If you don't advertise, the meetings are not legal."

"You better get it in the Herald Leader or the Courier-Journal," he further commented.

The extra meetings he refers to are called meetings of which there have been many in the last two years concerning the sewer and water projects.

Most often a meeting is called when it is too late or too early to be printed in *The Carlisle Mercury*, and that is why Power suggested getting notice of each meeting in the newspaper with the widest circulation in this area.

Power hinted that legal action could be brought against the city concerning matters that have been voted on at these meetings, mainly dealing with the controversial sewer project which got its final vote of approval last month.

According to Power, the action to which he refers would be from Fleming County residents.

Carlisle City Clerk Mary Tapp said that *The Mercury* is always called about any called or emergency meetings that the council conducts, so a reporter can attend.

According to Tapp, the paper "that serves the majority of the area" is to be contacted.

Carlisle City Mayor Lew Beitz backed up Tapp's statements, saying he felt the city had always fulfilled its obligation by contacting *The Mercury*, but he would look into the legality of the matter.

Carlisle City Attorney Skip Watson was not present at the meeting due to a military obligation.

Of Power's question and comment, Mayor Beitz said, "That's a good point."

Tommy Vix, Water Plant Superintendent, asked council permission to purchase a soda machine at a cost of \$3465. Delivery would be within 10 to 12 weeks. Permission was granted.

The machine would be a backup for the lime, atom and soda ash machines they now have.

Yes announced that he has been notified that workers on all different plants must be certified by the state. A test will be conducted in September for workers. Any not passing the test will be able to attend a school in October in Somerset.

Mayor Beitz informed council members that eight or nine applications have been received for the position of sewer plant assistant. He said after talking to sewer

**N.C. School Board raises one tax rate**

By Marsha Mattox  
of the *Carlisle Mercury*

Nicholas County Board of Education voted unanimously Monday night to raise the motor vehicle tax rate 4.9 cents, per hundred dollars valuation.

The old rate of 40 cents was increased to 44.9 cents by the vote, before voting on the issue, the board discussed other options.

"It may be necessary to raise lunchroom prices midway through the year," said Don Elder, superintendent of Nicholas County Schools.

"That that only affects 20 percent of the people," said James Anderson, board member.

The revenue for the general purpose fund and special voted fund will remain at the same rate.

The general purpose rate is 14.8 and the special voted rate is 16.4, a total of 31.2 cents per hundred dollars valuation.

The increase voted by the board is the maximum allowed by House Bill 64 without voter referendum.

The increase, according to board attorney Billy Hopkins, should generate about \$7,500 for the school system.

The board also voted to transfer \$40,000 from special voted fund to the general fund, which will represent 100 percent of the building increase coverage premium and 60 percent of Code 700 expense.

In other business, the board voted to approve July 13, 1987 board meeting minutes.

accept treasurer's report for regular and chapter 1 accounts.

allow Mayville Community College to offer the following evening classes at Nicholas County High School: English 10 (Freshman Composition), college algebra and calculus.

permit Carlisle High School Alumni Association use of elementary school cafeteria August 15, 1987, for banquet.

permit Nicholas County Student Council to use high school library

**Rabid skunk killed Aug. 5**

A skunk, killed Wednesday, August 5 on Chestnut Street, has been diagnosed as having rabies.

Five owners are urged to observe for any unusual actions by their pets.

Larry Trassell, Nicholas County Sanitation, called *The Mercury* Continued on Page 11

**Law & Opinions on Public Meetings**

61.825. Requirements for holding special meetings. (1) a special meeting may be called at any time by the presiding officer of the public agency or by a majority of the members of the governing body of the public agency by delivering personally or by mail written notice to each member of the public agency and to each local newspaper of general circulation, each news service and each local radio or television station which has on file with the public agency a written request to be notified of special meetings. Said notice of a special meeting must be delivered personally or by mail at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the time of such meeting as specified in the notice. If time does not permit giving twenty-four (24) hour notice, then notice that is reasonable under existing circumstances and is calculated to inform the public shall be given in the news media and the public.

(2) The notice provided for in subsection (1) of this section is not required in the event that a special meeting is called to deal with an emergency involving injury or damage to personal property or financial loss to a public agency or the likelihood of such special meeting would make such notice impractical and increases the likelihood of injury or damage or financial loss.

Opinions of Attorney General: A newspaper which publishes regional editions for different parts of the commonwealth and devotes some portion of its respective editions to news of special interests in the region is not a local newspaper in every city, town and county in the region. OAG 74-535.

If a newspaper makes a written request to be notified of special meetings but it is not a local newspaper of general circulation, the agency is not bound to notify such a newspaper. OAG 74-535.

The Courier-Journal is a local newspaper in Louisville only. OAG 74-535.



Those attending the North Central 4-H camp enjoyed a track and field meet, last Wednesday, as one of the many activities during their stay. The week of August 28 found campers and junior counselors from Nicholas County, as well as Pendleton, Fayette, and Mercer counties. (Continued from Page 11)

**Countians attend 4-H camp**

The camp holds a banner track and field event, a box car race, a pizza party, late night swimming, and a pool party.

To camp also offers classes to add to the week, with personal instruction in archery, first aid, arts and crafts, nature courses, and swimming.

Visiting the camp last week, several of the campers were willing to offer comments about their week at the 4-H facility.

"My favorite thing at camp to do is eat and swim," Jonathan Carter, Jennifer Hardin explained. "My favorite thing to do at camp is called, Sally, where the guys get in a line and the girls get in a circle around them, and we pick a partner and dance around to the music."

Junior counselor, Patricia Adams said, "What I enjoy most about camp is my role, and also all of my new friends."

"Like my role of girl's land sometimes, my boys," added junior counselor Tina Green.

**Blue Licks celebration Aug. 14-16**

Nicholas Countians, as well as residents throughout central Kentucky, will have a unique entertainment opportunity, August 14-16.

Blue Licks State Park is having a celebration to honor the Battle of Blue Licks, that weekend.

As part of the celebration nine Nicholas Countians will perform in a drum presented at the park, August 15 at 9 p.m.

From Nicholas County in the parade include: W.J. Alexander Jr., Johnny Sibert, Benjamin Frederick, Scott Barney, James Anderson, Kevin Anderson, Rusty Scott, Celia Alexander, and Billy Heston.

The Battle of Blue Licks occurred August 19, 1781, when 182 Kentuckians, in defense of home and country, not about 200 Indians, some 25 white British soldiers and renegades under the command of the British Captain William Caldwell.

There is a granite shaft at Blue Licks, bearing the names of those who fell on the site as well as a monument to the battle.

There were 11 NCVFD members at the scene assisting in the effort.

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**NCVFD assists in search for girl**

Nicholas County Volunteer Firemen were called at 9:30 a.m. Sunday in a rescue effort.

According to a report filed by Mark Hughes, NCVFD Chief, the department was called to Blue Licks to assist in dragging the river for the body of a person thought down.

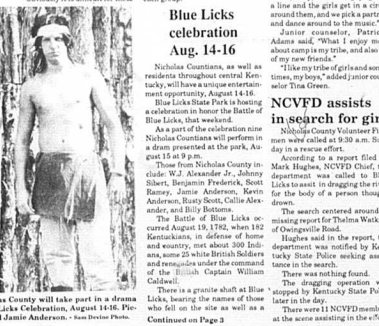
The search centered around a missing report for Thelma Watkins (Dingwille) Beale.

Dingwille said in the report, the department was notified by Kentucky State Police seeking assistance in the search.

There was nothing found.

The dragging operation was stopped by Kentucky State Police later in the day.

There were 11 NCVFD members at the scene assisting in the effort.



Nine residents from Nicholas County will take part in a drama presented during the Blue Licks Celebration, August 14-16. Featured are Johnny Sibert and Jamie Anderson. - Sam DeWitt Photo.