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## City council discusses two city fire protection topics

By Chip Miller  
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The purchase of a used fire truck and a proposed mutual aid agreement between city and county fire departments topped discussion at Carlisle City Council Monday night.

Council member Jeff Tyrer proposed to the council the 1983 Sengrave fire truck on loan to the county fire department from Lexington, Maine. Fire Department could be purchased by the city.

"We checked into it with them

and they said we could buy it," Tyrer told the council.

Deputy Fire Chief Tommy Crawford said to the council he had driven the truck and recommended the city buy it.

"For the price, you can't beat it," he said.

The Lexington fire department said they would sell it for \$9,900, according to Tyrer.

Crawford said the council need not take bids for this fire truck since the truck is being sold from one governmental agency to

another.

Tyrer said two separate state grants given to the city would be applied toward the purchase of the truck.

State aid of \$4,000 and another grant of \$1,350 would be put toward the truck," he said.

The city department would pay the remaining sum.

Council member Carlisle Lester motioned for the purchase of the truck to be approved and the council passed it unanimously.

Another issue concerning fire protection was a mutual aid

agreement suggested by Nicholas County Fire Committee members Kenneth Stephenson and Rubel Williams to the council.

Stephenson proposed, because city residents have donated a large part of county fire truck funds, an agreement should be reached between city and county on aiding one another in case of large structural fires.

The council agreed such an agreement should be reached and specified.

Crawford said the city department was checking into insurance qualifications of its city

boundaries.

"We're looking into how far out of city limits we could respond assisting the county and our insurance coverage," he said.

The council tabled the agreement until these questions could be answered first.

Other business:

Lester read a proposal by city engineers, GSW Engineering, asking for a study of the city's water and sewer systems.

The cost of the recommendation was for \$3,000.

Lester this figure added into the project total cost? asked Council

member Clarence Curt.

Neither Lester or the council could answer and Gayle Vandam, city supervisor, suggested he find it out.

"We don't have a choice," Lester told the council. "We have to have it done no matter what."

The council agreed to allow Gayle time to find if the figure was projected into the state project.

The council agreed if it is, the mayor would sign it for it to begin.

If the figure is not in the total cost projection, the council agreed to hold it until past meeting for discussion.



The Nicholas County High School Band, under the direction of Sean Parrish, marches its way to the top of Capitol Hill to play for Kentucky's newly inaugurated Governor Wallace Wilkinson and U.S. Governor, Herbert Hoover. (Photo: Healy/Media Photo)

## Bank enters merger agreement

William N. Young, President of the Depot Bank of Carlisle, Kentucky, announced today that Farmers National Bancorp of Cynthiana, Inc., a bank holding company headquartered in Cynthiana, Kentucky, and the Depot Bank of Carlisle, by unanimous vote of its Board of Directors, had entered into a definitive merger agreement whereby Farmers National Bancorp would acquire the 4,000 outstanding shares of the Depot Bank.

Farmers National Bancorp is a Kentucky corporation whose principal asset is the Farmers National Bank of Cynthiana, Kentucky.

Total assets of Farmers National Bancorp are approximately \$52,000,000. The Depot Bank has total assets of approximately \$24,000,000.

Mr. James A. Brown, President of Farmers National Bancorp, noted that the current management, employees, staff and Board of Directors of the Depot Bank will remain in place, though the name of Farmers National Bancorp will be added to the Depot Bank's Board of Directors.

Mr. Brown stated that the management and Board of Directors of the Depot Bank will continue to manage and run the daily business of the Depot Bank in an effort to insure that the Depot Bank will continue to serve the banking needs of Carlisle and Nicholas County. The name of the Depot Bank will not be changed.

Mr. Young stated that he believes that the Depot Bank, as well as its banking customers and community, will benefit by becoming affiliated with a greater resources than the Depot Bank and which presently serves other areas of Central Kentucky.

The proposed affiliation is subject to approval by the shareholders of the Depot Bank, as well as receipt of necessary federal and state regulatory approvals. The proposed affiliation is expected to be completed by March 31, 1988.



NHS members who will compete in the academic quiz show "In The Know" are Sonny Johnson, Mary Susan Nelson, Josh Gutshue and Gretchen Judge, alternate. The team is coached by Kathy Green and will compete against Tates Creek High School on December 20 at 10 a.m. (Photo: News Photo)

## Engine replacement topic of committee

By Chip Miller  
of the Carlisle Mercury

After a different-sized motor to replace the broken one in the 1983 Ford Panther fire truck was the opening topic of discussion at the regular Nicholas County Fire Committee meeting Saturday.

Since the last meeting two of the committee members, Rubel Williams and Kenneth Stephenson, located and purchased a used engine, in need of repair, to be put into the truck.

"It's a 330 heavy duty," said Stephenson. He told the committee that N.C.F.P. Chief Mark Hughes the engine could be altered to fit into the fire truck after questioning from committee member Billy Hester.

The Ford truck regularly holds a 332 engine.

The newly purchased motor cost \$1,200, according to Stephenson. Williams said he and Stephenson located the engine in Owensboro and rode there and picked it up.

Hester questioned Stephenson and Williams on the purchase of another engine, telling them they didn't inform him of the decision or of the action taken.

"My understanding last meeting was we would take an old one (engine) from the county, if we could find it, and rebuild it," Hester said.

Stephenson then told Hester he had tried to call him at home the night before the purchase of the engine but that Hester couldn't be reached.

The committee agreed to locate a 332-sized engine in the December 1 meeting. Stephenson said the 330 engine from Owensboro was all they could come up with on such short notice.

"We tried to locate a 332," he said. He added replacing the engine would require a new clutch, distributor and other mechanics would have to be changed, but that it could be done.

The committee agreed December 1 another engine would be found for the Ford truck which would be used as a backup to the newly purchased county truck.

In the December 1 meeting Stephenson explained to the committee the block was cracked on the Ford engine they had decided on repairing and the engine needed a new block.

Saturday, the committee agreed, after several minutes of



Royal reception! Kristi Sides is the new Carlisle Snow Queen. Sides was announced as the winner Saturday downtown before the Nicholas County Courthouse. She is the daughter of Bonnie Campbell of Carlisle and the grand-daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry O. Jones of Flemingsburg. Sides plans to attend Mayville Community College after graduation from NCHS. (Photo: Healy/Media Photo)

## Burley update on December 7

Sales for the burley tobacco market Monday totaled 30,556,000 pounds averaging \$158.53 per hundred, up only 8 cents from the previous day.

For the season, 342,573,000 pounds has averaged \$158.68.

On the Kentucky market Monday, 20,670,000 pounds averaged \$159.24, which is a gain of 38 cents over the previous sale.

For the season, 100,000,000 pounds has averaged \$159.27.

Headquarters for the Burley market is the Kentucky Department of Agriculture.

## Miller named editor; Brewer promoted; as Mathes joins staff

Chip Miller has been named editor of The Carlisle Mercury, effective, December 1.

Miller joined The Mercury as an associate editor in October. "I am confident Chip will be able to handle the varied duties of the editor's chair," said Hank Bond, publisher. "He has been a valuable addition to The Mercury staff, and will lend himself well to making the publication even better."

"It is never an easy decision to place someone in an editor's position, however, I am certain Chip will be able to handle the increase in responsibilities."

Miller is a graduate of Eastern Kentucky University and Mason County High School.

In his preparatory professional work, he held a copy editor's position at The Eastern Progress, EKV's student publication.

The change in title will mean additional management responsibilities, as well as coverage assignments.

Kathleen Brewer, who has been a staff member at The Mercury for a little over a year, has been promoted to Composition Supervisor.

In her position, she will be responsible for make-up of the newspaper and special publications.

"This is just a promotion in title," Bond said. "Kathleen has done and will continue to do an outstanding job here. She has been an intricate part of the paper's growth, and I am certain her dedication to the publication will continue."

Brewer is a native of Nicholas County and a graduate of NCHS.

Pete Mathes has joined The Mercury as a typesetter.

Other Mercury staff members include sales manager Donna Anderson, Lisa Glass, receptionist, Heather Mathes and Carol Bond, part-time reporter/photographers, and Marilyn Bond, office manager.

Anyone wishing to call for more information can call 299-7226 or 299-2360.