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## On liability insurance Problem solved

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Nicholas County Law Enforcement was without liability insurance February 4, according to Nicholas County Attorney Jack Conley.

During last Wednesday's meeting of Nicholas County Fiscal Court, the problem was corrected.

According to Conley, the company which provides liability coverage for the county gave him the impression it did not plan to renew the policy for the law enforcement agencies, which expired February 4.

"As of right now, (February 11) we're without law enforcement coverage," Conley informed the court.

Conley investigated a proposal from another company, Charter House, which offers to insure Nicholas County for a high premium, but with lower coverage amounts.

According to Conley the proposal allowed about half the coverage for the amount.

"We can't afford to be without it, law enforcement liability insurance. All we would need is one big suit and we'd be covered," said Nicholas County Judge-Executive Steve Smoot.

Conley reported there have been \$12 million in insurance claims made so far in 1987.

The court agreed the county should not be without insurance and voted to adopt the Charter House policy as soon as possible.

Following the vote, Smoot left the meeting to call Charter House and inform the carrier, the county had accepted its proposal for insurance.

Upon examination of the binding agreement, Conley noted the coverage would not be restrictive.

Conley also pointed out, later in the week, the county has received a notice from Charter House, which allows the policy to be in force in Court also discussed, but did not appear a firm ordinance proposed by District Forester Bruce Harris. Harris came before the court during the January meeting and asked his proposed ordinance be approved.

The ordinance, which had been prepared by Conley for consideration by the court, would have required Nicholas County residents to observe a no-burn policy on days which the forestry department declares extreme fire hazard.

Conley drafted the proposed ordinance, using information Harris had provided the court in January.

"We've gotten by without it (the ordinance) so far," said Magistrate Melvin Foyman.

The motion carried by unanimous vote.

In January, Harris told the court only six counties in Kentucky had not adopted some sort of burning ordinance.

In other business, the court reviewed a letter from the 4th Fair Board, requesting the court to attend the board's 1987 meeting with Nicholas County for the use of West End Park.

The agreement allowed 4 1/2 use of

Old Man Winter has finally made his appearance in Carlisle and Nicholas County. Although temperatures have dipped in past weeks, Sunday night brought the area's first true winter weather... precipitation, anyway. Up to two inches of ice collected on area highways. Gayk Vanlandingham, city superintendent, works to clear ice from the steps on the city's apartments on Chestnut. John Burke of Kentucky Utilities and Carl Reed of South Central Bell said there were no lines down in the county as far as they knew, following the ice storm. Vanlandingham, said salt had been spread, however, low temperatures caused the ice to be ineffective. Carlisle Police Chief Al Earlywine, who patrolled in a four-wheel vehicle Monday and Tuesday, said most areas were very quiet, with many people simply staying home. Kentucky State Police reported, late Tuesday afternoon, secondary roads still lie covered and hazardous. The extended forecast calls for sub-freezing temperatures and additional accumulation of snow. —Henry Faust Photo.

## Dropping out

By Hank Hines  
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This is the fourth in a series.

While it may appear attractive for some young people to drop out of school, there is another side to the issue.

There is a big move on by the Nicholas County Board of Education, along with the Kentucky Department of Education to assist people in gaining a diploma... years after normal graduation should have occurred.

In some cases it's not just getting a diploma that has become the problem, it's a quiet step for some past learning level.

In order to bring perspective to those dropping out of school, members of a local class working toward a GED have expressed disadvantages of dropping out of school.

As a matter of practice, those referring comments are not identified, however, these comments came directly from the students involved in the program.

"There are a lot of disadvantages of quitting school, and there are a few of them.

"First, you start something you can't finish, and you only have about three years to go. At that time you're not getting anything out of it, except to get better.

"At first, you can think of stuff to do, but after that, you get the pleasure of being bored.

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Another person dropping out, said, "The reason I quit school is because I didn't think I would need my diploma. After being out for a while, you will find out on the need your diploma."

One person in the local GED program has been out of school since 1968.

She quit school in the eighth grade, and feels she will be able to get a job, if she is able to receive a high school diploma.

"I think adult education is a good program for those that dropped out of school. They those dropping out should have the education to get the job that they are trained for."

Here is another personal experience.

"I have been out of school for seven years. I dropped out to get married. The thought that if anything ever happened to my husband I would not be able to find a good job to support my family... is why I went back."

"It has been a long and hard road trying to recall what I learned seven years ago. It would have been easier, if I had completed school when it was still fresh in my mind."

"I find it difficult to get involved with other responsibilities... that, being able to attend night classes twice a week has helped me to keep on the course."

"Through this dialogue, we will be able to approach common issues that are of a concern to all states and their respective legislatures."

Ford was also appointed to the Environment, Natural Resources, and Energy Committee of NCSL for another two years.

NCSL represents the nation's 56 state legislatures.

NCSL has three basic objectives to improve the quality and effectiveness of state legislatures; to foster inter-legislative communication and cooperation; and to insure state legislators a strong, cohesive voice in the federal system.

Nicholas County Schools have been working diligently on reducing and

## A trip to nowhere

book, that it was 20 years ago.

"The year I quit school I thought I was making the right decision. As the years passed and I matured, I realized what a foolish decision I had made."

"I have no regrets helping my family, but I wish I had finished school instead and found a part-time job after school hours to help them."

"If I had finished school, then I could have had a better job and a better future for my family and myself."

"Those wanting tonight should stop and think long and hard about yourself and your future before you quit school. Because, it can make a big difference in your future and your life."

It is a problem, which has spread all across Kentucky, and to many other states.

"The year I quit school I thought I was making the right decision. As the years passed and I matured, I realize on what a foolish decision I had made."

"Living in today's world a person must have the knowledge in order to survive."

I feel all those who are considering quitting school to please reconsider. For if it should take me 20 years later to learn and comprehend the

## Contract awarded

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet has awarded a contract to George B. Stone Co. of Sharpsburg, Md. for a \$200,000 contract to put bridge weight limit signs on the extended weight limit road system.

The extended system includes roads in Nicholas and other local counties, including Robertson, Breckenridge, Boone, Fleming, Mason, Montgomery, Carter, Greenup, Lewis, Harrison, Henderson, Clark, Bath and Rowan.

Law allows an 80,000-pound maximum weight limit for trucks on designated road load system routes.

Under new legislation passed by the 1987 Kentucky General Assembly, that limit will be raised to 120,000 pounds for trucks operated by individuals or firms, when a pay special permit.

The law goes into effect in April.



Several Nicholas County Volunteer Firemen responded in an 11 m. fire at the trailer of Cornelius Watkins on Hill Town Road, outside Morefield. According to NCVFD Chief Mark Hughes, a log apparently rolled out of the homemade heater onto the carpet, while Watkins had gone to the river. Earl Plank Jr. (left) and his father Earl Plank Sr., cut out the damaged carpet, dismantled the heater, and covered both outside the trailer. —Henry Faust Photo.