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City hires

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and all preparation work involved with the sale.

"We will not get paid until the bond money is delivered to the city," he said. "In fact, we're paid out of the bond check."

The fee to the city, should it bond $800,000, would be a little over $13,000 according to figures given council Monday night.

If the bonds are rated, the interest rate could be lower, however, the cost of having the bond rated may be greater than the savings it would give the city.

"At the present, and of course this would be for you (council) to decide, I would suggest not having the bond rated," he said. "But, that's a decision we would want to have made when the time comes (sale of the bonds)." The city's books are being audited by Proctor Blair, C.P.A., of Carlisle.

Carlisle City Clerk, Mary Tapp, told council Blair would not be back until after Labor Day weekend.

Blair is also auditing the books of the Nicholas County Board of Education, and has been working on that project.

Several council members said they plan to talk with Blair and see if he will be able to help the city in completing its audit quicker, since Billington said he would need the latest available figures to help present the bonds for sale on the public market.

Billington told council he would be able to produce the bond money no later than December 1, if all aspects keep moving at present rate.

He said he would have to deal with the project's engineers and all other aspects on a timely basis to meet the deadline. This would give him about three months to complete the sale and deliver the proceeds of the bonds to the city.

Billington presented a contract, which was signed following the unanimous approval of council, to hire the firm.

There was some concern over the absence of council members Betty Barton and Jeff Tyrer, however the four remaining council members felt it was in the city's best interest to proceed with the approval of hiring the firm, and said they would share details of the plan with the absent members.

Billington did explain if council changed its mind anytime before delivery of the bonds proceeds, it would owe Bradford & Co. nothing.

In other action, council:

-following an intense discussion on the use of the city's Blue Book for personnel matters, approved, 3-1 with Cord voting no, eight additional paid sick days for a city employee;

-and, approved purchase of a map holder ($109.95) for Vanlandingham's office to store the city's maps of water, sewer, and gas lines.

Council is set to meet in regular session, Monday, September 14.

Cropper named

April Cropper, daughter of Reverend and Mrs. Paul Cropper, of Catlettsburg, Kentucky was recently named to the dean's list at Middle Tennessee State University for the summer session.

April was a 1984 graduate of Mason County High School. She is majoring in Aviation and will graduate this December with a degree as a professional Pilot.

Reverend Cropper is former pastor of Carlisle United Methodist Church.

Class of 77 to meet

The 1977 Nicholas County High School graduating class is planning a 10 year reunion for late September. Any member that has not been contacted please notify Angie Bowles Garrett, 289-7295 or Debbie Jones Hughes, 289-7579.

Nature program set at Blue Licks

Dr. and Mrs. Wendell Kingsolver will present a nature program at Blue Licks State Park.

According to park manager Sam Devine, the nature program will focus on plants and trees in the area. The program will be given in the campground.

A portion of the show will feature a slide presentation and will all get underway at dusk.

Water

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tary shutdowns from Jockey, along with residential and other commercial users, to help curb the problem.

"Last year we didn't have a resolution and merely asked people to conserve," Carlisle Mayor Lee Bentz said.

"In order for the city to take action, if necessary, we need this resolution," Bentz said.

The resolution allows the mayor or agent to call upon all water customers to supply voluntary conservation measures to limit water use and eliminate waste of water.

Gayle Vanlandingham city superintendent said, "Carlisle gained a couple of inches of water over the weekend, in the reserve, and if the usage stays the way it has been the city will be okay."

Bentz said, "Hopefully this weekend will help."

Bentz was referencing a three day weekend for Jockey International, which is the service's biggest user.

Vanlandingham responded," Maybe the good Lord will help us and let it rain".

The motion to approve the resolution was made by Cartmell Lester, and seconded by Bobby Barnett.

Clarence Cord, city councilman asked, "Where is the money coming from for this project"?

Lester said," From the water fund, we discussed this during the last financial (committee) meeting".

Vanlandingham mentioned some alternatives to adding water to the system, however, the use of a pump supplied by the state was ruled out.

Vanlandingham said he is going to investigate the city's alternatives and report back to council.

Council also agreed to allow Vanlandingham to advertise for bids for pipe for the water system.

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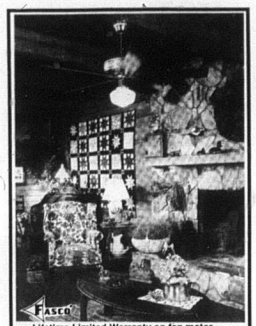

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Mattox retires after 19 years delivering mail

By Linda Flemming
Of The Carlisle Mercury Staff

After 19 years, and three years in the military, Chester Mattox has decided to stay home and enjoy his time farming.

"I have worked hard all my life, and after my heart-attack four years ago, I have decided to call it quits," said Mattox.

Born and raised in Carlisle, Mattox plans on farming, taking care of his cattle, and taking a vacation with his family to Canada.

Mattox says he spent four years in the United States Army and when he got out he began driving a gas truck in Carlisle.

"I guess I drove that truck for two years, then I went to work for Dura Corporation out of Paris, where I worked 11 years.

"It was about that time that Harlem Skeen hired me at the United States Post Office here in Carlisle.

"I was a rural carrier for seven years, and a substitute rural carrier for 12 years," said Mattox.

"I am going to miss the people off my route, especially the little kids, they would tell me stories and talk to me about whatever they wanted to.

"Bob Fletcher's wife made the best Candy Pudding I have ever had, and I'm going to miss that, but there was a lot of other people that made things for me and gave to me at Christmas that I will equally miss.

"The people I had on my route and the routes that I substituted for are some of the finest people I know of.

"In the winter when the roads would get so bad, I would think, well it is getting a little too slick and I should quit; but I kept going till I got stuck, and somebody that would live close by would come and pull me out."

Mattox added," I don't recall ever having to call for a wrecker."

Mattox and his wife Jean have two children, a son Jeffrey , and a daughter Regina.

"The newest member to our family is Amanda, our granddaughter" added Mattox.

"I have worked with some of the finest people I know at the post office, and I will miss them a lot," said Mattox.

"It's a big decision to quit your work, especially when a good job is so hard to find," said Mattox.

"But after my heart attack I figured I would work a while longer, and now that I'm 65, well it is time for a change of pace," added Mattox.

When asked if he was going to fish or hunt, Mattox said," No I'm not much on fishing, but I might do a little hunting, first thing though is my trip to Canada".

Chester Mattox - Gene Snapp

Hearing held on juvenile code

By Linda Flemming
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A closed hearing was held August 26 at the Nicholas County Courthouse. The hearing scheduled by district judges Robert McGinnis and Wayne Fitzgerald was to talk over and explain the new Unified Juvenile Code with Nicholas County school officials.

Those representing the Nicholas County Schools were; Gerald Hammons Elementary Principal, Greg Reid-High School Principal, Debbie Vice-High School Counselor, Betty Conrad-Director of Pupil Personnel, Brenda Aderson-Elementary Counselor, and Vicki Fleming-Sentence to Read Coordinator.

McGinnis said some improvements have been made, and that it is not as bad as some people think.

"We are mostly dealing with truants and sometimes runaways," added McGinnis.

Before any court action can take place you (the school) has to have proper documentation, like excused absences.

According to the new State Law under section 600.020(19) Habitual Truant means any child who has been found by the court to have been absent from school without valid excuse for three (3) or more days or tardy for (3) or more days on at least three (3) occasions during a one (1) year period.

Billy Hatfield, who is the Court Designated Worker in this area said, "After the school has done everything that they can do, then they need to contact me to decide the best alternative for the specific situation."

Conrad said," We (the school system) keep very good records and everything is documented. Most of these cases are handled within the school system." She also added before the school will contact Hatfield, they would talk to the child's parents.

McGinnis said the court (in other areas) sees a lot of improper documentation, but Nicholas County Schools do not have that problem.

"Our (the court's) chief purpose is to keep the family together" added Fitzgerald.

"One of Kentucky's problems is not having a place to put these status offenders which are (runaways, truants)," said Fitzgerald.

"So what we the court and the schools have to find alternatives for these kids," said McGinnis.

"One method which has proven successful is to have the offender do labor for the school, or city such as painting, or cutting grass. The court is always open to ideas to help turn a kid around," added McGinnis.

Free day set at Horse Park

Residents of Nicholas County will be the guests for a "County Day" celebration at the Kentucky Horse Park.

The event is scheduled for September 12-13.

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Other County Days are scheduled to be conducted throughout most of 1987, said Lee Cholak, the park's executive director.

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