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Poverty, education included in state appraisal

By Chip Miller
of the *Carlisle Mercury*
Kentucky's problems of education and poverty have been linked in a Kentucky Council on Higher Education report on the two most prevalent problems facing the future of the state.

The report was released in January. Hodgkinson says in his analysis, *Kentucky: The State and its Educational System*, that Kentucky is 40th among the 50 states in the percentage of its population that was born in another state or country.

He writes this suggests those who are Kentucky's children to day will be its adult citizens tomorrow. He states statistics prove Kentucky as 40th in the number of adults who have completed college and 40th, dead last, in the number who have completed high school.

"Education is the critical lever for the state to use in improving its future," Hodgkinson wrote.

He links rural poverty as the greatest problem facing Kentucky, stating nearly 15 percent of all Kentuckians live in poverty.

He states 21 percent of school children, and 30 percent for a child, live in poverty.

"The poorest are the youngest," he writes, adding "more than one-third of Kentucky's little children have the cards stacked against them."

Hodgkinson states in the report that while alternative solutions have been suggested to the problem, many factors in Kentucky are working against educational reform and improvement.

For one, he points to the excessive number of counties, 120 being the third most in the country, which suggests the educational effort, and makes it attractive for politicians to take charge of it.

He also points to the limitations on the terms of governors and other high officials, which make it impossible for the state to mount a long-range attack on educational problems.

He adds, low levels of financial support for education at all levels, is also holding back educational reform.

In linking Kentucky's rural poverty to its poor educational system, Hodgkinson indicates that Kentucky is much too dependent on agriculture and mining, and does not have jobs where they are needed the most.

In conclusion, Hodgkinson says "the best chance of making a long Continued on Page 14

Dog sought after biting young boy in Carlisle

Jackey International, Inc. of Carlisle, has informed the Nicholas County Health Department has informed *The Mercury*. Chris Griffith, 8 years-old, of the Moxfield Lane area was bitten, Wednesday, January 27, by a small dark brown dog.

The dog had a collar and tags, however, **THE DOG MUST BE FOUND BY FEBRUARY 4**.

If the dog is not located, Chris will have to undergo the serious rabies shots.

If you have information, please contact Larry Tinsell at 288-2148 or 288-2167. Or, call the Griffith's home, 288-2664.

Council accepts trash bid Hears update on city projects

By Chip Miller
of the *Carlisle Mercury*
Carlisle City Council met in a special meeting January 28 to accept bids for city sanitation service.

Three bids were submitted. Council accepted the bid from Crump Sanitation Service.

Crump has been providing trash service for the city for the past 14 years.

The council agreed to Crump's bid of \$2,750 a month, restricting the sanitation service for 1 1/2 years.

Crump's submitted bid suggested to Carlisle City Council its preference that everything be hauled or loaded for pickup.

Councilman Charles Fay objected to the suggestion in the bid. "I don't think that's fair to ask the small businessmen to be doing everything they throw away, he said."

Council agreed unanimously to accept the bid for the service.

Crump's suggestion as to bagging of all trash isn't a city ordinance yet, and according to Councilman Cartmell Lester, could come up for discussion at a later date. "It will be a problem."

Following the opening of the bid, council heard John Frederick on the matter of the trailer the city's equipment found as a risk to the den break analysis in December on the city lake.

Council agreed to buy the trailer, the lead the trailer six or less last year.

Frederick's daughter is the owner of the trailer.

Frederick asked for the date the trailer must be moved from the lot. Gayle Yantimandingham, city assessor, said he believed Leon Simbers, Kentucky Environmental Protection Cabinet, said sometime in April.

Council agreed to assist Frederick in moving the trailer when that date is determined.

Council mutually considered the city paying the cost of the trailer removal.

Next, two representatives of GWI, city engineers, presented updated plans on the city's sewer and water projects.

Bob Smallwood of GWI presented updated plans on the water project.

"The city's been using their own crews and time and have saved some money by doing it all themselves," Smallwood said.

He said the plans for the water were about 90 percent completed.

Brad Montgomery of GWI then briefed council on the present state of the sewer project.

"The wastewater plant plans are about 70 percent completed," he told council.

After the city's projects update, council picked up Fay's tabled motion from the January 11 meeting to approve Mayor Lee Bentz's nomination.

Bentz nominated Councilman William Powers and former council member Clarence Cord "away positions on the Planning and Zoning Board" January 11.

The council must have one member sit on the board. Clarence Cord was that member last year; his term on the board ended January 1.

Powers was the citizen member before he was elected to city council. He serves on the board until the next two months.

Fay's motion to accept Bentz's nomination was seconded by Lester after explanation from Council Attorney Skip Watson.

The nomination was voted down, 6-2, with Powers and Fay being the only two "Yes" votes.

According to Watson, if the council doesn't agree on an appointment, the Planning and Zoning Board can appoint someone itself after 90 days.

The council then went into a 30-minute long closed session for litigation matters.

No action was taken after council came out of closed session.

N.C. schools involved in substance abuse education 'Just Say No' program utilized

By Heather Mathes
of the *Carlisle Mercury*
The Nicholas County School system has been actively involved in drug and alcohol education this year.

In the fourth and fifth grade students have participated in a "Just Say No to drugs and alcohol program."

Rusti Johnson, a student in School Turner's fourth grade class, took the pledge to say no if offered parents to use drugs or alcohol.

With all the students stick to their pledge.

"I think that we will all stick to the pledge because we now know what drugs will do to our bodies and how much drugs can hurt us. I know I will stick to it," Johnson answered.

Johnson also ordered a "Just Say No" T-shirt from Procter and Gamble, the company that has sponsored a lot of the drug education.

"I sent in bus tops and \$2 from Procter and Gamble products and it took about two months to receive the T-shirt," said Johnson.

Brenda Anderson, Nicholas County Elementary School counselor, explained why drug education has entered the school system and how educating a student about how to handle peer

pressure can help the student in a tough situation.

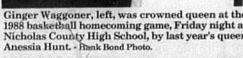
"Most of us know that sooner or later someone will offer kids either drugs in any form or alcohol," said Anderson.

"We are trying to educate the kids in all grades how these drugs can have detrimental effects on their bodies now and in the long run."

"Peer pressure is a very strong thing, especially when most kids want to fit in with their friends, but if they feel uncomfortable in a tough situation they need to get tough and say a firm 'No.'"

"We also want them to know that true friends are someone who likes them the way they are and respects what they feel," said Anderson.

Educators in Nicholas County are also teaching kids the way to Continued on Page 3



Ginger Waggoner, left, was crowned queen at the 1988 basketball homecoming game, Friday night at Nicholas County High School, by last year's queen Arnesha Hunt. —Bank Bond Photo.



Benjamin Frederick signing a pledge to "Just Say No" to drugs. The bulletin board was sponsored by the Parent Teacher Association. —Heather Mathes Photo.

Carlisle plant pays penalty

plaint to the commission that the company maintained a practice of refusing to hire blacks because of their race.

A commission staff investigated the allegations and found probable cause to believe that discrimination occurred.

Jackey International, Inc. denied any discrimination allegation. In addition to the \$7,000 payment to Jones, the garment company agreed to post equal employment opportunity posters in its facilities and to periodically inform all of its supervisory employees of their responsibilities in following the company's equal employment opportunity policies.

Benjamin Frederick signing a pledge to "Just Say No" to drugs. The bulletin board was sponsored by the Parent Teacher Association. —Heather Mathes Photo.

Vandals destroy public property

By Chip Miller
of the *Carlisle Mercury*
Vandals broke into the Nicholas County High School January 27, destroying an estimated \$11,000-\$12,000 of public property.

Don Elder, Nicholas County Schools' superintendent, said, "It took about five hours for custodians to clean it up."

The vandals broke into the gymnasium, destroying the soda fountain in the concession stand and sprayed fire extinguisher foam over the gym floor.

"They also broke out windows in the press box on the football field," Elder said.

The vandals sprayed the fire extinguisher all over the floor.

"The foam cleaned up without doing any damage to the (gym) floor, though," Elder said.

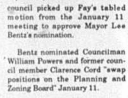
He said the main amount of damage was done to the concession stand outside the gymnasium. "It was the worst hit," Elder said.

He said damage to the soda fountain alone would amount to approximately \$600.

The damage would probably be around \$1,100, Elder said of the total cost.

Two juveniles were later apprehended by school officials.

Elder said he and Greg Reed, principal of NCHS, would recommend expulsive hearing to the Nicholas County School Board at its February 8 meeting for the two.



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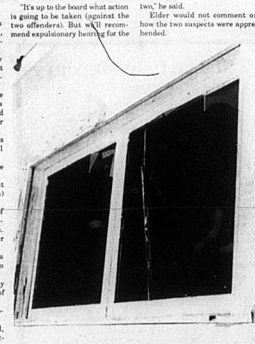
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Rusti Johnson, a fourth grade student at Nicholas County Elementary School, signed a pledge to "Just Say No" to drugs. —Heather Mathes Photo.



Vandals broke out the windows of the press box on the NCHS football field, pictured above. —Chip Miller Photo.