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A semi-truck driven by George A. Wells of Quincy, Ohio, collided with a 1984 Chevrolet driven by Sharon S. Murrell of Carlisle on February 5 at approximately 4:30 p.m., four miles west of Carlisle on U.S. 60. Both drivers were taken to the Nicholas County Hospital from injuries sustained in the accident and later released. Hank Bond photo.

Council hears residents' complaints

By Chip Miller
of The Carlisle Mercury
Carlisle City Council discussed resident complaints on city matters at its regular meeting Monday night.

Carlisle Mayor Lee Bents was absent; Mayor Pro Tem Carlisle Lester chaired the meeting.

Wrong 'time' to look up
By Chip Miller
of The Carlisle Mercury
If you are passing through Carlisle and look up to get the time from the Courthouse clock, you'll get the wrong time.

The clock has been temporarily stuck on 1:10 for several months.

According to Nicholas County Judge-Executive Reese Smoot the clock was broken several months ago during a storm.

Smoot said the serviceman who works on the clock is preparing to repair the historic clock whenever the weather is permitting.

Smoot said the fiscal court has a contract with C.F. Jackson, the clock service repairman, of Crystal River, Florida, to service the clock.

"I just think it would be a good idea for our mayor to do this," Barton said.

"Whenever the weather will let him, he will be up here to fix the clock," said Smoot.

Margaret Hunter of Community Action asked council for funds for the Elderly Garden project.

Hunter said council had contributed \$200 last year and that the project goes to helping provide vegetables for low-income families.

Councilwoman Betty Barton mentioned the council contribute

\$250 again this year.

The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Jimmy Shaw, Carlisle businessman, came before the council and asked if council would review its ordinance pertaining to liquor licenses.

"I'm just asking you to look it over," he said.

He said he has been paying nearly three times the amount to the city he pays to the state for liquor licenses.

"They (state departments) told me I would be paying only about twice the amount I pay to them and I pay them only \$500 a year," he said.

Shaw said he pays over \$600 to Carlisle a year.

"This isn't right," he said.

Shaw also said some businesses in Carlisle don't pay what they should in liquor license fees.

"I think it is up to your mayor to enforce these liquor laws in this town and it isn't being done," he said.

Barton suggested council ask for Mayor Bents to get in writing from Governor Wallace Wilkinson that he will honor the promised state money the Martha Layne Collins' administration granted, Carlisle.

"I just think it would be a good idea for our mayor to do this," Barton said.

Councilman Tommy Vaughn brought up some complaints he

had about late hour disturbances at the pool hall on South Broadway Street.

Vaughn said some merchants told him they might get a petition together on the matter.

"Maybe we should inform them (pool hall) of the hours," Councilman Charles Fay suggested.

Council said a city ordinance pertaining to closing hours for a liquor establishment is midnight.

The establishment has until 12:30 to operate.

"I think we should send them (pool hall) a letter and threaten to revoke their liquor license if they don't enforce this," said Fay.

Councilman William Power suggested council bring averse up here to strengthen it all over before the council.

Council agreed and Lester said the pool hall would be informed.

"There are two sides to every argument," Lester said.

He said the pool hall owners have a right to express their views of the complaints to the council.

Power brought up complaints from city residents about the trash pickup service.

"I think we need to get the (Supplies and Trash) committee with Mr. Crump and go to discuss with these people their complaints," Power said.

Fay, the chair of the committee, agreed to set up an appointment to discuss the complaints with Crump.

"I have told council his business has been paying 'extra charges for trash pickup,'" Council agreed for the Supplies and Trash Committee to look into this.

Lester said the city still has one agreement left to obtain on the waterline project.

He said one should be obtained this week.

Fay complained of the parking situation in front of the Post Office.

He suggested eliminating two parking spaces in front of the postoffice for reasons of inconvenience for mailmen.

Council agreed after discussion for the Gas, Streets and Alley Committee, chaired by Councilman Jeff Dyer, to do a study on yellow lines and parking problems in the city and report findings at the next council meeting.

Council agreed to meet as usual with other visiting communities against Child Support.

Gayle Vandelandham, city superintendent, said Columbia is

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Courthouse clock

Committee discusses board seats

By Chip Miller
of The Carlisle Mercury
Discussion of the replacement for retiring Nicholas County Fire Committee member Rubal Williams topped the committee's meeting Monday.

Williams announced his retirement from the fire board, effective February 15.

The board members said Nicholas County Judge-Executive Reese Smoot has announced that Bobby Price, Willie, to be suggested to the board the best option would be enclosing the window.

Fire board member Kenneth Stephenson will be elected for reappointment before the fiscal court February 10 also, committee members said.

Also discussed Saturday was the replacement of the large glass plate window in the fire department office.

Nicholas County Fire Chief Mark Hughes said he checked into replacing the window and suggested to the board the best option would be enclosing the window.

"The window is taken care of, including all the trucks, even the one we borrowed," Williams added.

Williams informed the committee that county operating expenses were in order.

"We have found \$7,000 in operating expenses now and about \$10,000 coming in from taxes," Williams added.

Presidential primary candidates

Presidential candidates for both the Republican and Democratic parties, as well as the ballot for Kentucky's presidential primary March 8. These are: Republican: Mark Summers, Pete de Poot, Jack Kemp, George Bush, Bob Dole, Dan Rostenkowski and Alexander Haig. Democrat: Dick Gephardt, Jesse Jackson, Richard D. Roy, Gary Hart, Paul Simon, Anthony S. Martin, Tom Bradley, Michael Dukakis, Bruce Babbitt, Al Duvone and Lyndon LaRouche.

Board fails to intervene in basketball player's reinstatement on team

By Hank Bond
of The Carlisle Mercury
Nicholas County School Board members failed to intervene in a situation involving a member of the boys' varsity basketball team.

Mr. and Mrs. Lonny Bryant appeared before the board, Monday night, asking that their son be reinstated on the Nicholas County High School basketball team.

"We talked with Coach Cruse (Lee Cruse, NCHS Head Coach) and Mr. (Craig) Reid about the situation, and we were told the only course of appeal would be the board," Mrs. Bryant said.

According to Mrs. Bryant, the suspension from the team, apparently occurred following a team meeting. At that meeting, which was held to discuss the team's actions at a Harrison County game, the Bryants son left the meeting in the locker room and went into the gym, after his name was called concerning the incident at Harrison County.

According to the Bryants, their son was not involved in the altercation, and felt he should not be singled out in discussing the situation. When he was mentioned in the incident, the player had told the coach, "That's the last time," Mrs. Bryant told the board.

Following the team meeting, the senior had written to the coach, he apologized to the coach as the team came upstairs, according to Mrs. Bryant.

According to Mrs. Bryant, the coach told her son he would have to think about it following his talk on the team.

Following practice, as Mrs. Bryant arrived at the school to pick up her son, she was told of the incident.

According to Mrs. Bryant, her son was informed during the sixth class hour, when he would not be allowed back on the team.

Mrs. Bryant said following discussions with the coach and Mr. Reid, she was told the only course of appeal would be the board.

Mrs. Bryant spoke of her son's character saying he was a good boy; that he did not smoke, drink or use drugs, and he had sacrificed many things to play basketball.

She said she "loves" her son and that he is "a real person." She said she felt her son had done nothing to embarrass the school or the basketball program, and he had set a good example for young players on the team.

"We don't feel like what we do (Mrs. Bryant's son) warrants what he (Coach Cruse) has done," Mrs. Bryant told the board. "The team needs him and he has been an asset to this team," she added.

"This is really tough on a 17-year-old boy, who plays basketball almost all of his life."

When questioned concerning the suspension, board member

James Anderson asked the Bryants if this was the first time there had been a problem between their son and Cruse.

"Ask him yourself," Mr. Bryant told the board. "We brought him to the meeting with us."

"No sir," the son told the board. "There have been other times," which according to the player had occurred both this season and last season.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryant questioned the board as to why other discipline situations had not been addressed in a manner as severe as the suspension of their son, and in some cases no action had been taken, according to the parents.

The board offered no explanation, pro or con, concerning their questions.

According to Mrs. Bryant, she said Coach Cruse had informed her that he would not be back next season.

"I was under the impression Coach Cruse would be here tonight," Mrs. Bryant said. Cruse was not present at the meeting at anytime during the meeting.

"The people I have talked to support Coach Cruse and his actions in this case," Anderson told the Bryants. "Tim (Mr. and Mrs. Bryant) are the only people who do not support the coach that I have talked with," he added.

The board told the Bryants they would discuss the case and offer their findings to them. Board Chairman William Hunter told the Bryants they could remain if they desired.

With the Bryants no longer in the room, the board reviewed the entire situation again.

It was agreed, without dissent, the board would back the coach. Any other action would reflect forced reinstatement, and that was not the position the board desired to take.

The official position of the school board was to take no action to intervene in this case.

When the Bryants returned, it was said of the decision, Mrs. Bryant said, "It's sad and I don't like this. Nobody can believe it."

In other business, the board heard Mr. Grant Mathes question the procedure of moving his daughter from morning kindergarten to afternoon. It was explained that due to administrative error it was much longer than it should have been in informing him of the move. Mr. Mathes told the board he had informed the school nearly eight weeks earlier of the move to town, but it wasn't until two weeks ago he was told his daughter would be changed.

After hearing an explanation of the change, and a promise to pass along some information in the near future, Mr. Mathes agreed he would not question his daughter being in the afternoon session.

When questioned concerning the resignation of Mrs. Debra Ammerman as first

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Jones assigned to Nicholas

Kenneth Jones, a 19 year veteran of the Kentucky State Police, has been assigned to Nicholas County.

He began his family duties in late December.

Fay replaces Trooper Tim Thomas, who has been assigned to the station in Frankfort as the detachment for Kentucky Governor Wallace Wilkinson.

Jones, 41, has spent his entire career with the State Police work, including the Dry Ridge Post. He has worked in Paducah, Bracken, Harrison and Nicholas counties.

Originally from Harrison County, Jones is married and has two sons.

Should you need to reach Jones contact the Kentucky State Police at emergency situations at 1-800-222-5655.

Should you wish to contact the Dry Ridge Post call 606-628-1212.

Kenneth Jones