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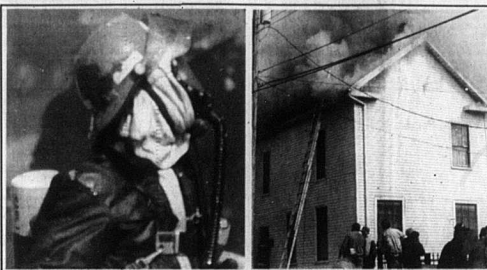
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Fire sweeps through Broadway St. house

By Hank Bond



A five alarm fire swept through this Broadway Street residence, Monday afternoon. Departments from Carlisle, Millersburg, Paris and Bourbon County, along with the Nicholas County Department battled the blaze for several hours. There were no injuries from the fire, however the structure was a total loss. - Hank Bond Photos

A five alarm fire swept through a Broadway Street residence owned by Jake Garrett, Monday, destroying a two-story frame building next to Garrett's Restaurant.

The house, which was divided into apartments, was occupied by Betty Hopkins (downstairs) and Elton Moran.

Norther Ma. Monahan, Ma. Hopkins was inside when the fire broke out. Five companies from the City of Carlisle, Millersburg, Bourbon County, Paris, and Nicholas County responded to the alarm, which was first received at 11:28 a.m.

Nicholas County firefighters were called to a fire in Moorfield, just minutes prior to the city call, at the residence of Junior Flanagan. A tractor inside a barn had caught fire. The tractor received major damage, while 150 bales of hay were destroyed, with minor damage to the barn. Emergency vehicles filled the streets of Carlisle, as City Police Chief Allen Eberlyne escorted in the assisting out-of-town departments and helped direct traffic as members of the Nicholas County Ambulance Service responded to the call, to offer assistance.

Local residents aided in moving a small amount of furniture from the Hopkins apartment, however no furniture could be saved from the upstairs.

According to Carlisle Assistant Chief, Tommy Crawford, some personal items were saved from the upstairs apartment.

"The house was heavily involved, when we arrived on the scene," Crawford said late Monday night. "The fire was extremely hot."

"I believe the fire started between the ceiling and the floor of the second room downstairs, spreading to the upstairs area. There are many factors to be considered, and the actual cause of the fire has yet to be determined."

Firemen encountered additional problems in fighting the blaze as bottles of kerosene, stored upstairs, melted from the heat of the blaze, and continued to fuel the fire.

"Everyone involved was instrumental in containing the blaze to the Garrett Building," Crawford said. "Placement of pumps was very smoothly as the four assisting departments arrived," he added.

"The Stewart building (to the left of the house fire) is within two-and-a-half feet of the structure, which was saved from major fire damage. There was very good cooperation, between all departments involved," Crawford pointed.

The first four responding units were on the scene by 12:45 p.m., while the county responded immediately after completing its run to Moorfield.

"In all, I would say there were about 50 firefighters on the scene. Again, I would like to express my thanks for those responding to the fire and my appreciation how well things went."

"I was able to place the pumps as they arrived and the men from all departments went right to work on a designated area. That helped us greatly in saving the adjacent structures."

Warm weather conditions aided firemen in battling the blaze.

"It had been extremely cold, we would have had ice, slippery conditions, along with the fire to fight," Crawford said.

"We used a lot of water on the fire. We had to hook up to three hydrants, and nearly every truck was running at capacity. We were indeed fortunate to have the assistance."

Although a large number of firemen responded to the scene, and the smoke was at times intense, no injuries to firemen were reported.

Hunter named treasurer

By Chip Miller

Nicholas County Fire Committee member, Billy Hunter's appointment as treasurer topped the regular board meeting, Saturday.

Ruben Williams resigned in February and Bobby Price was appointed to fill his remaining term by the Nicholas County Fiscal Court.

Saturday, Bobby Price resigned as treasurer. Williams' previous position term, and the committee elected Hunter to the position.

Williams handled every paperwork to Hunter.

In the 35-minute long meeting, the committee also discussed replacing the small door in the front of the fire department building.

Hunter motioned to have the door replaced; it passed unanimously.

Fire Chief Mark Hughes reported 15 fire runs for the month and one department meeting.

Lerman Brothers to close in Carlisle

In the next few weeks, Lerman Brothers of Carlisle will close its doors for the final time.

For nearly five decades the department store has served the people of Nicholas County and surrounding areas.

For many years, it was one of the largest stores in Carlisle, offering a wide selection of clothing, along with many other items.

According to Lerman Brothers advertising manager, James Franklin the exodus of people away from similar downtown areas to large, metropolitan shopping areas was the main reason the company decided to close the Carlisle store.

The stores in Paris and Cynthia are still open to operate, according to Franklin.

The policy of Lerman Brothers' stores, when they were first established, was to provide good quality merchandise, not real expensive and not real cheap, at a reasonable price for the common, everyday person, and people kept coming back.

"We've got stores where our present customers' parents and even their grandparents shopped," Franklin said. "And, that's something we've always prided ourselves on. Our customers have been very loyal over the years."

According to Franklin, no official date has been given for the store's last day. However, that final day should be established before long.

Severe weather precautions taken

By Chip Miller

The week-long campaign is being sponsored by the State Division of Disaster and Emergency Services, State Department of Education and the Kentucky Educational Television Network.

March marks the start of the severe storms season in Kentucky, according to the National Weather Service.

Drills were conducted, not only by emergency response agencies, but also by businesses, industries and school systems during the week.

Many local communities, including Nicholas County, will participate in this week with drills and emergency preparatory plans.

Nicholas County Schools participated in the emergency drills.

NCEES Principal Gerald Hammons said the elementary school participated in drills during last week and this week.

"We're all taking this very seriously. Everyone remembers what happened two years ago," he said.

Hammons said all the classes at the elementary are studying severe weather and practicing the emergency plans.

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Blue Licks project is set to get underway

Blue Licks State Park's new all-purpose building should be ready by early 1989.

According to the park's manager, Sam Devine, it is his understanding it takes about seven months to complete, after bids have been accepted.

Devine said this week it is his understanding the bid process is underway.

The 4,000 square foot building will be set on a bluff overlooking the Licking River, with a raised deck for lounging.

The plan calls for the building to have an open cathedral ceiling and rustic door.

The bid for the base building without finishing the basement, adding the lounging deck, and a covered drive-thru entrance was \$360,000, according to State Representative Pete Worthington (D-Engle).

The authorized budget is for \$350,000 and will not permit the added features to be built, in the initial stage.

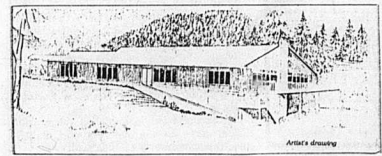
Worthington secured the services of the Kentucky National Guard to make improvements to the 16-acre donated addition to the park. Plans call for a new road to the river, all weather building site, and cottage sites along the river.

An agreement has also been reached with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife to fund a new boat ramp to the river.

This will allow access to the river for fishing by local residents and tourists.

Plans include addition of cottages along the river, expansion of the all purpose building into a lodge, more land expansions, a river road, pedestrian bridge for access to the river across U.S. 63, a theme park, and several recreational developments, according to Worthington.

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Completion date is set for early 1989