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Bank sold in Jessamine

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) - Liberty National Bancorp Inc.'s acquisition of Bank of Jessamine Inc. in Nicholasville has been completed, the company announced.

Under terms of the agreement signed in May, Liberty National is exchanging three shares of Liberty common stock for each share of the Bank of Jessamine's 400,000 outstanding shares, the company said Wednesday in a news release.

The transaction is worth approximately \$3.2 million, based on Tuesday's closing price of Liberty stock.

Bank of Jessamine, which has one office in Nicholasville, reported assets of \$11.2 million as of June 30. It has more than 150 stockholders.

Permission to convert the bank to national charter will be applied for later this year. Upon conversion of the charter, the bank's name will be changed to Liberty National Bank of Jessamine.

Liberty is the largest independent bank holding company headquartered in Kentucky, with assets of approximately \$5 billion as of June 30.

Dollar General shows profit

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - Dollar General Corp., with a store in Carlisle, reported a 13.9 percent increase in sales for the month of August.

Company President Cal Turner Jr. said sales for the four weeks ended Aug. 26 totaled \$497 million, compared with \$43.6 million for the same period last year.

"We were pleased with the August sales improvement," Turner said in a news release. "However, a change in the distribution of our circular from July 29 last year to Aug. 3 this year shifted some of our back-to-school sales into early August."

"Yet each week thereafter reflected an improvement over August 1987 sales, giving us a good start to the third quarter," he added.

For the first seven months of the year, Dollar General retail sales totaled \$24.2 million, compared with \$20.9 million for the same period last year, an increase of 1.5 percent.

Dollar General has more than 1,200 stores in 23 states with distribution centers in Arkansas, Georgia and Kentucky.

Final legal step is taken

LINDSMAN, Ky. (AP) - Lawyers in the competency hearing for a man accused in the slaying of an Alton, Lloyd College student have taken the last legal step necessary before a judge rules on whether the defendant can stand trial.

Clayton Jacobs, 41, of Pippa Passes, is charged with murder, kidnapping and attempted rape in connection with the September 1986 beating death of 18-year-old Judy Ann Howard.

Kent Circuit Judge Robert Morgan gave attorneys until Thursday to file written arguments in the case before he rules.

Morgan said he would issue a decision shortly after the briefs were filed.

Neal Walker, the attorney for Jacobs, submitted his brief, one day after County Attorney Randy Campbell did the same.

Jacobs was found incompetent to stand trial last fall, but a new competency hearing was ordered. The latest hearing began in late February but was delayed several times.

Ashland Oil receives contract

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Defense Logistics Agency on Tuesday awarded a multi-million dollar contract for jet fuel to Ashland Oil Inc., U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell announced.

McConnell, R-Ky., said that Ashland had been awarded a \$26,926,940.50 contract for the production of 3P-4 jet fuel, a standard aviation fuel.

Roger Schrum, a spokesman for Ashland, said the fuel, though usable in many aircraft, would probably be primarily for fighter jets.

Schrum said the contract would provide "roughly 57 million gallons of jet fuel" in fiscal 1989.

Schrum said Ashland had been supplying the Defense Department with jet fuel and other petroleum products from its Cullittsburg, Ky., refinery "since World War II. We are excited to continue this relationship."

Weight loss not satisfactory

NEWPORT, Ky. (AP) - Newport firefighter John Fangman lost 30 pounds in 18 months, but he 11 pounds he didn't lose will cost him two days' pay under the weight standards the city adopted in 1985.

For the first time, Newport city commissioners held a hearing on a violation of the weight standards adopted for the city's firefighters and police. After the Monday night hearing, they decided by a 4-1 vote to suspend Fangman.

This was the third time he was cited for violating the weight standard. He and several others in the department had been suspended for one day last year. But Fangman is the first to reach the stage of a hearing before city commissioners.

"After the hearing, Fangman said he was disappointed. "We're going to sit and look at all the options as to legal recourse," he said.

Fangman, a four-year veteran of the department, said he would continue to diet. He is still 11 pounds over the 230-pound limit that the city standards set for his height, 6 feet and 2 inches.

Newport Fire Chief Larry Atwell said he didn't know when the suspension would start.

Firefighters work 24-hour shifts. The discipline was for four 24-hour periods, but commissioners decided two days could be prohibited. Commissioner Jerry Peltus dissented, saying the evidence did not prove that weight kept Fangman from doing his job.



Carlvin Denton, a Nicholas County fireman, and Vicki Sparks administer aid to "Annie" during their training session in the court room Thursday. Wendell Boyd, Captain of the Danville Fire Department, spends three hours every Tuesday and Thursday training in emergency medical care. The members of the class have been in training since July 25; the classes end November 12. -Jules Fleisher photo

Nicholas native Eslie Asbury dies; was noted author, doctor

Dr. Eslie Asbury, died Sunday, September 4, after an illness of less than one day, at the age of 62.

He was born in Nicholas County, Kentucky and spent his early life in rural Kentucky.

He completed undergraduate study at the University of Cincinnati in 1916 and received his medical degrees from the College of Medicine in 1920, the same year as his wife, the former Mary Knight.

Dr. Asbury took training in orthopedic and general surgery at the Mayo Clinic returning to Cincinnati for private practice that lasted nearly 50 years.

He received many medical honors and was a founding member and early president of

the American Society for the Surgery of Trauma and a member of both the Western and the Southern Surgical Societies.

In medical education he organized the Alumni Council of the College of Medicine and served 25 years as its first chairman.

He received honorary awards from the University of Kentucky, Berea College, Xavier University, and the University of Cincinnati. He was a member of the Literary Club for 62 years which gave emphasis to his later life in lecturing and book writing. He authored five books and numerous medical articles and papers.

He was honored in 1978 as

the Greatest Living Cincinnatian and toasted this past July for life long service by the Cincinnati Bicentennial Commission.

Dr. Asbury became involved in thoroughbred breeding and raising while operating Forest Retreat Farm, near his birthplace, since 1935.

He was elected to the Jockey Club in 1953, being one of the first breeders to be so honored.

He bred DETERMINE, winner of the 1954 Kentucky Derby. He received one of thoroughbred best honors when named Man of the Year in 1977 by the Thoroughbred Club of America.

Survivors are two sons, Dr. Taylor Asbury, Cincinnati, and Dr. Arthur Asbury, Philadelphia, Pa. and one daughter, Elizabeth Asbury Stone, Cincinnati; several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Gravestone services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Forest Retreat Farm.

Memorials may be made to Department of Neurology, c/o Dr. D.H. Silberberg, University of Pennsylvania Hospital, Philadelphia, PA 19104 or Department of Ophthalmology, c/o Dr. Joel Sacks, University of Cincinnati Medical Center, Cincinnati, OH 45267.

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Fire board meets Saturday

The Nicholas County Fire Board Committee met Saturday to discuss its ISO rating and the 1983 fire truck.

The Insurance Service Organization sets insurance rates for homes in Nicholas County.

A class rating of 10 is as if a fire department didn't exist for those people, Hughes said.

He said that in order to lower this class rating, which would insure lower the insurance rates for people in these parts of the county, the department has to show the service they can pump 250 gallons a minute, for four hours, five miles out of the city and without the use of a hydrant.

The fire board also decided to send the 1983 RED fire truck to the Kentucky division of Ford, where it will be sold in a public auction, Hughes said.

The board plans on stripping the truck down and using its tank on another of their three trucks.

County man is injured in accident

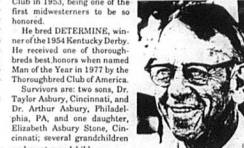
George A. Watkins, 37, of Carlisle, received head injuries in an accident, Sunday.

According to Kentucky State Police Trooper Kenneth Jones, Watkins, a pedestrian, was struck on U.S. 68, five miles from Carlisle.

The driver of the 1987 GMC truck, which apparently struck Watkins, was identified as Samuel A. Tubman, 32, of Lexington.

Watkins was transported to Nicholas County Ambulance personnel, where he was admitted.

According to the police report, there have been no charges filed.



The late Dr. Asbury

Weather Summary

Agri-Forecast

Outdoor workers will have delightful conditions as they complete chores around the farm. Harvest produce - Or work tobacco fields. Warming will begin Wednesday.

Highs in the mid to upper 70s tomorrow will climb into the 80s Friday and Saturday. Overcast with rain after tonight will generally be in the 50s.

Seasonal temperatures should prevail next week... But it could be a bit watter than usual.

The 6 To 10 Day outlook for this Sunday through next Thursday indicates near normal temperatures but above normal rainfall across Kentucky.

Drying conditions should improve somewhat under sunshine and warming temperatures this week... But excess wetness in some areas may still be a problem. Minimum humidity readings should be 35 to 45 percent statewide.

Conditions should be suitable for spraying the next few days... But winds will strengthen again on the weekend nears. Cuddly should cure without much threat of rain damage through Friday.

But the chance of showers may appear sometime this week.

Thursday through Saturday

Partly cloudy each day. Highs 75 to 85 Thursday... And will into the 80s Friday and Saturday. Lows mainly in the 50s.

Jackets fall to Mason, 34-12
Face Frankfort on the road, Friday at 8 p.m.



Details Inside