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Quick action averts major downtown fire

By Hank Bond
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CARLISLE, April 2 — Thanks to some quick action by the Carlisle Fire Department and the Nicholas County Fire Department a major downtown fire may have been avoided, Monday night.

With Carlisle Police cars, Carlisle and Nicholas County Fire Trucks, plus Nicholas County ambulance vehicles filling Main Street between Louast and Elm Streets, more than 25 fire fighters and other emergency rescue officials responded to the call.

It took firemen, and others, about two minutes to be on the scene, once the call went out.

Smoke smell allowed discovery

Just after 8 p.m. Eddie Brierly, operator of Eddie's Family Restaurant on Main Street, went to the second floor of the building housing the restaurant to investigate a smell of smoke. "I was just on my way to the tourism commission meeting when Mary Lee (Fryman) said she smelled smoke, something like paper burning," Brierly said.

After making his way to the second floor, Brierly looked around and said at first he could find nothing.

Gleaming over his shoulder, Brierly said, he looked back and saw a light in a laundry room.

"I walked over and opened the door and that smoke hit me right in the face — it nearly brought me to my knees," Brierly explained just minutes after fire fighters had arrived at the restaurant.

"I shut the door and came back downstairs to call the fire department."

When firemen arrived, smoke had filled much of the second floor of the building, and according to firemen the fire had begun to spread up the wall and into the ceiling.

Firemen quickly looked onto fire hydrants and hose was pulled from the trucks through the front door, passing through the entire restaurant, and taken up a stairwell to the second floor.

Members of both departments quickly went to work in an attempt to isolate the blaze and trace any paths of fire, which may have begun to spread throughout the building.

"The fire had been discovered just a few minutes later, we would have had a major fire," one fireman said after the fire had been extinguished.

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The fire, apparently electrical in origin, caused damage to a portion of the second floor, while water damage was contained in the kitchen area and food holding areas of the restaurant.

As firemen battled the fire, electrical service was disconnected from the building.

Monday night, the exact cause of the fire had not been determined, however an official from the state fire marshal's office was called to the scene.

As for the response and quick action of the two fire departments and other personnel, "They certainly got here in a hurry," Brierly said. "They did a good job... they have my gratitude."

At press time it was unclear how long it would be before all damage could be determined or exactly what the schedule of operation for the restaurant would be. The business was closed early Tuesday morning.

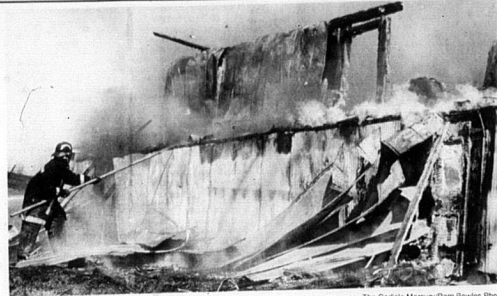
"We'll just have to wait and see," Brierly said Monday night.



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Award winner

Amanda Gaunce, 8, great granddaughter of H.A. and Louise Gaunce is NCE's winner of the Child Support Enforcement Poster Contest, sponsored by the school and Nicholas County Attorney Jock Corley. The winner received a \$50 gift certificate and her entry will be entered in the state competition, sponsored by the Cabinet of Human Resources, Division of Child Support.



The Carlisle Mercury/Pam Dowles Photo

A total loss

A house occupied by Millie Compton and owned by Elizabeth Jolly was completely destroyed by fire, March 28. Nicholas County Firemen received the call at 10:30 a.m., but the house was completely involved when fire fighters arrived, according to a department report. Firemen were able to save two out buildings. Firemen caused extensive damage. The property was owned by Joe Graves.

Kenney named 10th Region's best

By Josh Shepherd
The Carlisle Mercury Staff

CARLISLE, March 29—Barbara Kenney, head coach of the Lady Jackets, was named 10th Region girl's basketball Coach of the Year in Paris Thursday night.

The 10th region coaches gathered at Gabby's Restaurant in Paris.

The meeting was held to announce the all-region basketball team and award the coach of the year prize.

Kenney said she knew she was in the running for the award, but did not feel she would get it.

"I had not given any thought to winning the award, not even when we really began winning. It was only after the regional tournament ended that I heard anything to indicate I was even being considered," Kenney said.

The prime candidate for the region, Kenney said, was Clark County Head Coach Lisa Gooden, who received the Associated Press State Coach of the Year when she led the Lady Cardinals to the state tournament in Bowling Green.

"Gooden has an extremely talented team and is an excellent coach. I just felt with her winning the state coach of the year and coaching in the 10th region, the region coach of the year had to go to her," Kenney said.

Voting, Kenney said, was very close but at the ceremony, when Connie Appleman, president of the 10th region girls' coaches association, presented the award the name inscribed on the plaque was Kenney's.

One thing that may have swung voters, Kenney said, is the Lady Jackets' previous record compared with the accomplish-

ments achieved in the 1990 season.

The Lady Jackets are a team who have had few previous accomplishments, Kenney said, in that they have not won games in the district tournament, let alone playing in the regional tournament.

Then in one season, besides having a winning record (24-7), the Jackets won the district and came within one game of the state tournament, it means a lot to those voting, she said.

"For so many years we sat on the bench, it's good to feel we can have teams that can play against the best," Kenney said. "But we also had the luck of the draw with us as well and few injuries to hamper our season."

Kenney said she is beefing up the Lady Jackets' playing schedule for next season.

The Jackets received some criticism for running an easy schedule, Kenney said, which played a role in the number of wins they generated and Kenney admits the criticisms are, in part, true.

"We may be developing a quality team, but it is also true that we are very young. They need confidence that they are a good team and I think they realize that now," Kenney said.

Montgomery, Bracken, and Clark counties have already been part of the Lady Jackets' schedule for the next season.

The Jackets have also accepted an invitation to play in the Male Christmas Invitational in Louisville.

"Since this season has ended, many schools have called wanting us to play. But stepping up the competition may mean having more losses to our record next year. I have no doubt we are a quality team and a match for anybody on our schedule next year. But to repeat our success, we have to continue to improve and not become content with only one good season," Kenney said.

Tax man to take big bite

By Mark H. Chellgren
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FRANKFORT, April 1 (AP) — The ink is barely dry on the biggest tax increase in Kentucky history and the ramifications are already being felt.

There are four basic parts to the tax increase and anyone who buys a stick of gum or runs a corporation will feel some part of it.

Some higher taxes actually started three months ago but others will not begin until three months from now because of different effective dates in the legislation.

Estimates of the amount of additional money that will go from Kentuckians' pockets to the state treasury range to \$1.33 billion. That figure equals roughly 18 percent of all general fund taxes in the state last year.

Working people, especially the so-called middle class, will feel the biggest bite. If they earn more than about \$20,000 per year, their income tax obligation will soar when they file their 1990 returns next year. Even before then, their weekly living expenses will increase modestly with the addition of a new general sales tax.

Kentucky companies also will take a hit, though a relatively small one. If profitable, they will see their income tax burden increase.

Here is a brief look at the significant parts of the tax increase.

Sales tax

This is the simplest to understand and the most comprehensive. The sales tax will now be 5 percent. It will become 6 percent.

For the average shopper, some basic items will remain exempt from the sales tax — food, prescription medicine and residential utilities are the most significant exam-

ple. But for everything else? If you buy it after July 1, you'll pay a penny more for each dollar of the cost.

If the price tag on a shirt is \$20, you now pay \$21 with sales tax added. After July 1, the price will be \$21.20.

The same calculation applies to larger items. If you buy a \$15,000 new car after July 1, the sales tax will be \$900 instead of \$750.

The tax increase is expected to raise \$157.4 million in the 1991 fiscal year and \$214.9 million in 1992.

Income tax

Wage earners as well as people with more exclusive sources of income will pay more of the burden of the tax increase.

The biggest change will be the loss of the state income tax deduction for federal income tax payments.

In past years, an individual's income subject to tax-

tion by the state could be reduced by the amount of taxes paid to the federal government. That deduction is lost and the effect will be some \$600 million in higher income tax payments.

The legislation also eliminates some other common deductions on income tax returns and changes the way taxes are figured on some kinds of income. And most importantly, the changes will apply to the whole 12 months of 1990.

People with stocks, bonds or even those who make a little money selling their house will pay more because of a change in the way those capital gains are taxed. Kentucky used to exempt the first 60 percent of capital gains income from taxation and then tax the remainder as ordinary income. Now, the full amount will be subject to taxation.

Because the change ap-

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