

# Council moves ahead with annexation plan

By Josh Shephard  
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The Carlisle Council approved first readings of a liquor by the drink ordinance and an annexation ordinance at a special meeting Jan. 24. The council also approved a 4-2 second reading of and intent to annex ordinance and a resolution of epidemic hardship.

Property being eyed for annexation includes the 19th Hole of Carnice, a public restaurant and golf course. The owner of Carnice remains in Nicholas County.

First on the agenda for the evening was for council to adopt a resolution of economic hardship, a prerequisite to a liquor by the drink ordi-

nance. The resolution, which read that a state of economic hardship exists in Carlisle and that the sale of alcoholic beverages would benefit the economic growth of the city, was immediately challenged by council member Tommy Vard.

"Liquor by the drink will not help the economy in this town," Vaughn said.

Council member Ronnie Clark disagreed. According to a market guide for 1988, Clark said, Carlisle is listed as economically depressed.

Charlie Fay, however, said employment figures have improved in the last year, which to him is an indication that economic hardship does not exist.

Vaughn said, according to

the wording of the ordinance, there never will be. Watson limits that wants to offer liquor by the drink must have seating capacity for 100 people and derive 50 percent of its sales from food.

Bob Paul, owner of Carnice, said his establishment is equipped to handle well over 100 people, but Vaughn said the Carnice establishment is not, at present, in the city.

Vaughn contended the liquor vote is moot because no city establishment has the required capacity.

City Attorney Skip Watson, reviewing Kentucky statutes to see if Vaughn's contention is supported by law, said he did not think there would be a problem.

"Just because there is no money to waste on the ven-

ue," people does not mean that there never will be," Watson said.

Councilman Betty Barton said she liquor by the drink will help the economy of the city.

She said her primary purpose in supporting the annexation and liquor by the drink ordinances will be to develop the annexed land for a new subdivision to bring more people into the city.

Carolyn Pope said she is tired of hearing the positive aspects of liquor by the drink will benefit the city is "flatly not true," Pope said.

"There are no statistics to support economic growth as a result of annexing Lake Road property, and the city has no

money to waste on the venture," Watson said.

"We must try not to dwell on the past but look to the future of this city. I want land to build houses to increase our population and in that way, build city revenues," Barton said.

Discussion turned to the second reading of council's intent to annex property along Lake Road, which includes the 19th Hole of Carnice.

Watson said for legal considerations, council was required to take in all of Lake Road where the area intended to be annexed merges with the road.

Council adopted the economic hardship resolution by

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### Former governor Bert Combs says: Ruling good for Kentucky education

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LOUISVILLE — Did 66 Kentucky school systems get more than they bargained for when they succeeded in getting Kentucky's education system declared unconstitutional?

"No," is the resounding answer from former Kentucky Governor Bert Combs, who represented the schools in their legal quest.

Combs first brought suit for the schools in front of Franklin County District Court Judge Ray Corra in 1989, who declared the current system of education in Kentucky unconstitutional.

In subsequent appeals to the State Board of Education before the Kentucky Supreme Court, the Corra decision was upheld.

Combs, Kentucky Senate President Pro Tem John "Eck" Rose, D-Winchester, and Bob Sexton, executive director of the Pritchard Committee for Excellence, appeared before a panel of journalists and newspaper executives during the final session of the Kentucky Press Association's winter convention Jan. 20.

"I am positive the governor and the legislature will pull together," Sexton said.

"I had to commend the governor's courage in suggesting an increase in taxes," he added.

The increase in taxes is apparently necessary to fund the state's educational system properly.

"I have seen more cooperation between the governor and the legislature in the last two days, than in the last two years," Sexton said.

The governor has suggested several programs before the General Assembly to generate revenue through taxing. However, legislators appeared to be moving toward a general increase of 1 or 2 percent in the state's sales tax, rather than taxing individual industries.

"Kentucky is debating one of the toughest issues in the United States today. The Kentucky General Assembly may be facing the biggest job in the country," Sexton said.

Legislature to address question during session

Rose said it is probable the General Assembly will have to make the financing decisions in this meeting of the legislature.

Rose said although the initial threat of opinion was a special session, the governor has let the legislature know he wants it finished in the regular session.

"Since there is no way at present anyone can call the legislature into session except the governor, we will have to solve this situation during the session — or deal with it in 1992," Rose said.

The supreme court has said the situation must be resolved 90 days following the regular meeting of the legislature," Rose explained, "so we will have to get it done. I believe we can."

Every child has a right

Combs addressed the legal appearance and ramifications of the court's ruling.

"Every child in Kentucky has a right to receive an adequate education as a fundamental right under the Kentucky Constitution," Combs said.

"The United States constitution does not read the same way. It has fallen to the states to make that decision — and Kentucky has."

"There are three points outlined by the constitution," the former governor and judge explained.

"The system shall be efficient — sufficient to a degree any child will receive an education in Kentucky.

"It must be equitable to an extent uniformity exists all across Kentucky. And the system must be efficient.

"Not in just one school district or one county," Combs stressed, "but in all school systems and counties in Kentucky."

Combs said many school officials and administrators he has talked with are very



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### In residence Artist to work with schools

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### Every litter bit

Bobby Bowles, Adopt-A-Highway volunteer, works to clear the worst section of the 2-mile stretch of Myers Station Road running by and beyond Bowles Grocery. Bowles is participating in the state transportation project open to businesses and community organizations. Bowles said he picked up 78 bags of trash on the portion of highway he adopted.

### Ford, Arnold have opposition

Long time office holders, Adrian Arnold and Ed Ford will have opposition for office this year.

Arnold, state representative from the 74th district, including Nicholas, Montgomery and Bath counties is a democrat from Mt. Sterling.

He will be opposed in the primary by Tom Hodge, a democrat from Owensville. This will be Hodge's second attempt to unseat Arnold.

Ford, a democrat, will have no opposition in the May primary.

Ford, from Cynthiana, represents Kentucky's 30th Senate District.

He will face Carlisle attorney and Millersburg resident Elizabeth (Betty) Davenport, a republican, in the November general election.

Pete Worthington (D-King), who represents the 70th District in the House of Representatives, is assured of another two year term. He is opposed in the primary and general election.

The filing deadline for these offices was January 29.

Senate President Pro Tem John "Eck" Rose, D-Winchester, will also be opposed in the May primary.

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