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Fire completely destroyed a home occupied by the Jerry Barnett family, owned by Junior Maxey, on Dayton Chapel Road, according to a Nicholas County Fire Department report. The structure, a total loss was completely involved upon arrival by fire fighters, Saturday night. An arson investigator was called to the scene, and the fire is still under investigation.

Driver's license chief says law has no teeth; clerks need not verify

According to a memo sent to Kentucky's Circuit Court Clerks by Steven J. Coffey, acting director of the division of driver licensing, Kentucky legislation requiring verification of school attendance cannot be enforced.

House Bill 43, which some may call the High School Drop Out Bill, requires verification for 16 and 17 year olds assuring school attendance.

The memo said, information received from the Department of Education indicates no school district has a certified alternative education program. As indicated at the clerk's conference, an amendment to the bill made driver license suspensions only applicable to districts having certified alternative programs.

The release said the most recent interpretation of the bill indicates this amendment also pertains to the issuance of permits and driver licenses for those under 18 years old.

In short, only counties that have certified alternative educational programs are the only counties in which verification should be sought.

According to the Department of Education, no school district has a certified alternative education program in place; therefore, clerks will not be required to verify enrollment at permitting and licensing time for 16 and 17 year olds until further notice.

While school districts may seek to obtain Department of Education certification in the future, the bill as it stands now does not affect the permitting and licensing or suspension of any driver.

Council agrees to install street light; sludge problem unresolved

By Pam Bowles
The Carlisle Mercury Staff

CARLISLE, July 9 — Carlisle City Council agreed to put a street light in the alley running from Paul Stone's to Paul Simons's.

Mayor Frankie Hughes said it was very dark in the alley and he thought a light would eliminate the problem.

The annual city fish fry has been set for July 28 at the city lake.

The catering for the fish and additional food will be purchased from Feudtown.

Since the supplies for last year's fish fry were purchased from Per Par it is Feudtown's turn, said Hughes.

Hughes said he would connect Tom Girado to see if he would cook the fish.

Council approved updating the Trash Collection Ordinance.

City Clerk Mary Tapp asked council to consider introducing Ordinance No. 7, 1990 so the city can participate in the Kentucky League of Cities Investment Pool Plus if it need arises.

This investment would give the city 8.35 percent on its investment.

Tapp said the city was only receiving 5 percent on its accounts now and she only wanted to put one of the funds

into the program.

The money is not being used and the city could receive a higher interest on its money, said Tapp.

The first reading of the ordinance was read by Tapp to

council.

Council approved sending Gayle Vanlandingham, City Superintendent, to school for certification of his water waste license.

Charlie Fay, councilman,

said the cable service which is being received is not very good.

Hughes said a letter should be written to Simmons Cable Company saying the city was

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Board adopts plan

By Josh Shepherd
The Carlisle Mercury Staff

CARLISLE — Nicholas County School Board adopted a new Kindergarten schedule and is beginning preliminary steps to qualify Nicholas County schools for the state Facility Construction Program.

The study is to seek funding for the construction of a new bus garage and walls for the elementary school.

Several Kindergarten par-

ents came before the school board to voice their concern against a half day, everyday schedule for Kindergarten students.

Gay Chamness, spokesperson for the parents, said they support a full day, everyday program for several reasons.

Chamness said parents attending an introduction to the elementary school's high scope whole language program felt it was much better suited to an entire day than a

half day schedule.

A half day schedule also hurts students who are scheduled for the afternoon, Chamness said. Studies have shown children are more alert and receptive to learning in the morning than in the afternoon, she said.

The afternoon schedule interferes with nap time, an essential rest period for children, and reverses the housing problem school and parents

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Worthington announces plan to seek democratic nomination

FRANKFORT, July 10 (AP) — House Speaker Pro-Tem Pete Worthington, a member of the Kentucky House of Representatives since 1978, announced Tuesday he is running for the Democratic nomination for lieutenant governor.

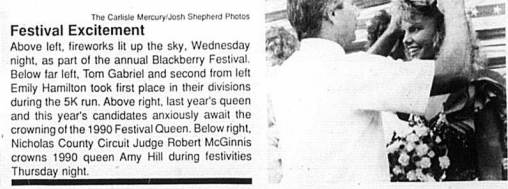
Worthington, 49, a Fleming

County native, having about 10 potential candidates for the state's second-highest office, including two other legislators.

Worthington, who has been among the five democratic leaders of the House since 1985, represents the 70th Kentucky District of Mason, Fleming, Bracken and Robertson counties.

Worthington, who is a mechanical engineer, took early retirement his year from IBM

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Festival Excitement
Above left, fireworks lit up the sky, Wednesday night, as part of the annual Blackberry Festival. Below far left, Tom Gabriel and second from left Emily Hamilton took first place in their divisions during the 5K run. Above right, last year's queen and this year's candidates anxiously await the crowning of the 1990 Festival Queen. Below right, Nicholas County Circuit Judge Robert McGinnis crowns 1990 queen Amy Hill during festivities Thursday night.