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Smoot, Hardin elected Site Based election held

By William Millon The Carlisle Mercury Staff CARLISLE - Tom Hardin and Reese Wayne Smoot were elected to the first Nicholas County School System Site Based Management Committee on Thursday night. Approximately 50 parents were on hand for the election. The committee was set up to comply with House Bill 940. House Bill 940, passed by the 1990 General Assembly, is the sweeping education reform package signed by Governor Wallace Wilkinson last spring. The bill called for local parents to aid in the governing of the school system in an attempt to solve problems at the local level. The committee will be responsible for aiding in the choice of the school's curriculum, financial planning, employee relations, and other functions along with the school board. The two will take office on July 1, 1991, in time for the 1991-92 school year. Hardin and Smoot will serve on the committee for a one year term. Candidates, and voters, have to be a parent of a Nicholas County student between the grades of 6-11. Hardin and Smoot will attend a training session before taking office. Also nominated for the positions were Diana Willis, Rose Marie Parsh, Henry T. Caswell, Cheryl A. Reed, Hank Bond, and Barbara Hopkins.

Council takes pay increase

By William Millon The Carlisle Mercury Staff CARLISLE - Carlisle City Council met Monday February 25, and made official the pay raises for city council members. The council voted on the proposal February 11 but the decision was not official until publication and a roll call vote. The council voted unanimously to pass the ordinance. Council member Betty Barton was not present. The raise increases the council member's yearly salary to \$2,000 a year effective January 1, 1992. The mayor will receive \$3,500 annually beginning January 1, 1994. In other business, the council voted to lease a backhoe from Wilson Equipment in Lexington at a cost of \$588 per month. The next council meeting will be on Monday, March 12.

At a cost of over \$1.1 million School Board to comply with state regulations

By Susan L. Holing The Carlisle Mercury Staff CARLISLE - The Nicholas County Board of Education revised policies to begin a new organizational plan for Nicholas County Schools, Monday night. The board met in a 4 p.m. Monday, special session. Board policies were revised as of this date to meet the requirements of House Bill 940. "K-3-4 is the organizational plan and the direction we want to work," according to Nicholas County School Superintendent, Robert Gilbert, in explaining the organizational plan for the district. "We will not be going to that for many years; but they want us to work toward that goal. "We need to adopt that prior to doing our elementary school revision. That would be the direction we would be working toward. "The Building and Grounds of Frankfort asked us develop this organizational plan. This is primarily what all districts in the state are working toward, and it is this movement of all districts towards the middle school childhood education program. "We want to work to get the older children away from the younger children in pre-school through fifth grade, as they want us to have an organizational plan. "It gives us some concept, and hopefully some day in our building program of the district that we can have a school for seventh and eighth grades. "The BG1 is the number 1-A application (1 of 4) to begin the renovation of the elementary school. Four new classrooms, a Library Media Center 600 Capacity, walls of concrete, tiled floors throughout except for the library, renovation of restroom facilities to bring the building up to code are included in the application. "The commission lets the bonds. Once it is approved I look for this to begin in April. The sale of local bonds for \$1,110,000 plus \$40,000 in interest to the time we have to pay out the bonds. "The big items are the heating and air-conditioning. It costs more to do then we will have to look at cutting. "We can do everything we want to do at a high cost estimate for a \$1,023,000," announcing John Cleaver's concern should the bids be higher than the application request. "The more bids we get the better off we are. It is an ideal job for a contractor. They can work inside or outside, depending upon the weather. "The architect will come down at the next regular board meeting, and any questions you have or any changes need to be done by the next meeting, March 11. "BG2 will begin after the next meeting. Bond sales could begin in April. "The sprinkler system has not been addressed. But it will be discussed at a meeting with the architect tomorrow (February 26)," he said, responding to Boogie Hall's question of the necessity of such a system. "It is something that has been long awaited by the people of Nicholas County. The sooner we can get this started,



Nicholas County Fire Chief Mark Hughes tries to stop a car fire 3 miles east of Carlisle at the intersection of Highway 68 and 646, in front of Eaglestone Farm, last Friday morning. The car is owned by Eddie Schwaner, Carlisle. Schwaner was on his way to Hughes' garage, Woody's Auto Repair, when the engine caught fire. Seven firemen and one truck responded to the scene. There were no injuries.

from the Program Consultant of the Industrial Technology Education Unit as part of the annual inspection was presented with recommendations. "Most of the items can be handled locally," said Gilbert. A dust collection system needs to be constructed for the woodworking equipment. In final action, the board directed the superintendent to write policy for approval that only the head coach of a team may attend state championship games in the sport they coach without taking a personal day or having compensation withheld. If other certified staff want to attend games, they may take their personal day or not receive compensation, for the days missed. "A copy of the letter to Mr. Greg Reid at the High School

Over 200 show support for Desert Storm families at NCES

By Susan L. Holing The Carlisle Mercury Staff CARLISLE - The strains of God Bless America rang through the auditorium of the Nicholas County Elementary School where over 200 parents and children honored the families of the men and women serving in the Gulf War, Monday night. Carlisle's National Guard Company D, 201st Engineering Battalion, members Sgt. Randall Dale, Sgt. Ronnie White, Sgt. Jim Galbraith and Brent Gaunce, presented the colors. After Nicholas County Elementary School PTA President, Debbie Minton, presided over the monthly business meeting, Phyllis Guthrie's eighth grade class began a singing program. Everyone entering the building was given a yellow ribbon; the guests of honor were seated by students; a reserved section; and at center stage, pictures of the service men and women decorated a table. Guthrie, in her opening remarks, announced the program was being taped in order to share the night with our Carlisle service men and women when they came home. She explained the students held a forum on January 18. The focus of the forum was topics relating to the conflict in the Middle East. She cited American fears of

SCUD attacks, the fears of being taken prisoner, safety of our soldiers, and the appreciation of the families whose sons and daughters were giving themselves to serve in the Gulf. This was the night to honor the families. Our day begins with a moment of silence; and we write letters. Responses to letters were read by students and teachers. Those read were from Joe Todd Hardwick, Cassandra Browning, Dwaine Curran, Dan Dampier, Tony Heat, George McIntyre, and John Dampier. Sentiments expressed were the genuine concern for those at home as well as what each was doing within the security and peace allowed and especially, the thanks to our "Little Town With The Big Heart".

The eighth grade chorus, dressed in red, white and blue, led the audience in singing God Bless America, and performed This is My Country and Let There Be Peace On Earth. Several of the essays that were printed in THE CARLISLE MERCURY (February 21 edition) were read by their composers. Verbal greetings were given to family members and friends serving in the Gulf.