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## TWIN TANKS FULL Shortage could have been worse

The Carlisle water storage tanks were full again on Tuesday morning after three feet of water filled the older pumping station followed by intensive heat build up and fire early Monday morning putting the entire plant temporarily out of commission. The heat build up caused the windows to be knocked out. Residents were urged Monday morning to sharply curtail their water usage as city officials feared the city's water supplies could become critical before the pumps were back in business.

Oliver Vice, water plant superintendent, said Tuesday that the raw water pump was still being operated manually. The clearwell, which stores processed water to be pumped to the storage tanks, contained four feet of its nine feet capacity. But, he said, the plants are back to normal operation—even selling water to haulers.

Officials, including a state arson inspector, are uncertain what actually

caused the fire, although Mr. Vice says the ultimate blame lies with a malfunctioning valve.

The malfunction started around 3 a.m. Monday according to the instrument charts at the plant. Mr. Vice stated that normally the city maintains a supply of 48 feet of water in reserve. When the level drops to 42 feet, an automatic system opens a valve and begins pumping additional water into the storage tanks. The water level reached 48 feet, the valve failed to close, so water flowed back into the buildings. Water marks indicate it reached three feet in the older pumping station.

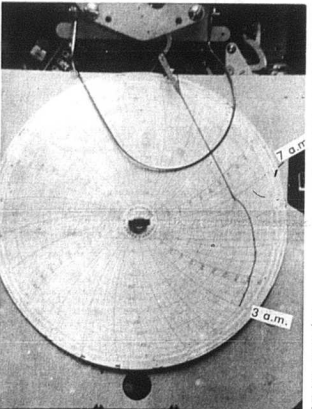
Mayor Bill Power said Monday that he believes all fumes on top of the water were ignited by the furnace. Portable space heaters were used to dry out the wiring system. Russell Bell and Bobby Duncan worked most of the day starting a 1914 diesel pump (the first one used at the plant built in 1941)

as a back-up. It was started in the afternoon and used until around 8:30 p.m., Mr. Vice said.

The buildings are covered by insurance, but Mayor Power said that insurance cannot be obtained on the equipment. He said it appeared that only minor damage had been done to the equipment, however. The older station will require quite a bit of repair, he said.

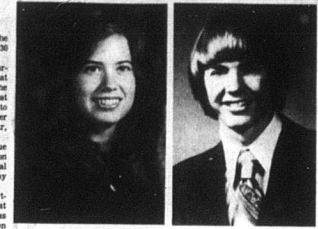
Nicholas County Schools, and Blue Grass Industries and Knitting closed on Monday but BGK resumed normal operation at the 11 a.m. shift Monday night.

Both the city and county fire departments responded to Mr. Vice's call at around 7 a.m. Monday as he was coming to work. He said he tried to break down the door to break down the door to the station.



The chart indicates that a malfunction and explosion at approximately 3 a.m. Monday caused the downward trend of the tank. —Mercury photo

## Vickie Wilson is Valedictorian



Miss Wilson and Mike Anderson

Miss Vickie Helen Wilson has been named Valedictorian of the Nicholas County High School Class of 1977. She will speak at Class Night ceremonies at 8 p.m. Friday, May 27 at the high school. Miss Anderson has been named Salutatorian.

Miss Wilson is a member of the Nicholas County High School Band, Stage Band, Drama Club, French Club, Annual Staff and National Honor Society. She has earned the English Award the past three years and was named to Who's Who Among American High School Students the last two years and Who's Who in Music Among High School Students this year. She was the recipient of the Geography Award last year. She has earned the following other awards this year: Chemistry, National High School Award for Excellence, 1 Day You Award and the Yearbook Award.

Dames Booth, the 1977 Graduating Class president, will announce at Graduation exercises on Sunday, May 29, at 8 p.m. that the services are being dedicated to the memory of Miss Karen Watkins. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Watkins.

Miss Wilson, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Wilson of Carlisle, attends Moorefield Methodist Church. Her maternal grandparents are Mrs. Ruby Bradley of Moorefield and the late Walter Bradley. Paternal grandparents are the late Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wilson. She plans to attend the University of Kentucky this fall.

Mike Anderson is a member of the Carlisle Christian Church and has been a member of the National Honor Society for three years, was listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students of 1976, played basketball four years, tennis two years and golf one year.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Anderson of Carlisle. Maternal grandparents are Mrs. Ruby Campbell and the late Emory Hollar. Paternal grandparents are the late Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Anderson.

Following Class Night ceremonies the senior class will be guests of honor at an all-night party at Carnico Country Club.

## Scott highest vote getter; Palmer wins in Nicholas

Rose Scott captured the largest majority of any candidate with 2,144 votes, for county clerk. Horace Sirost received the second largest number of votes, 1,822 for county judge/receiver; and Paul Tischer was the only incumbent magistrate to win the Primary Election Tuesday. Mr. Tischer will face Republican Herbert L. McClanahan in the November Election for the District 2 seat.

In the race for State Senator Tom Ward's seat in the 30th District, Wilson Palmer defeated Dr. Ed. Ford in Nicholas County by a slim margin, 2,066-2,027. Both candidates are from Harrison County. Roger B. Siedel of Bourbon County received only 287 votes.

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These persons were honored by the United States Jaycees Ambassadors: Carlisle Jaycees Wednesday night at their annual dinner meeting held at Carquo Country Club. They are 1 to 4, Johnny Caswell, Outstanding Young Farmer; Joseph H. (Jack) Conley, Outstanding Young Educator; Mrs. Suzanne Dutton, Outstanding Young Educator; W.J. (Butch) Alexander, Jaycee of the Year; and Rev. H. Dallas Sugg, Distinguished Service Farmer. —Smith photo

## Conley gets highest Jaycee honor

Joseph H. (Jack) Conley was awarded the "highest honor that can be bestowed by the United States Jaycees"—that of U.S. Ambassador—at their annual dinner meeting held at Carquo Country Club.

A letter from U.S. Jaycee president Frank Ziebell, read by local president Tom Metcalfe, in presenting the number 131st U.S. Ambassadorship said it was awarded to Mr. Conley "based upon the highest recommendations of Jaycee officers at the local, state and national levels, and your most impressive Jaycee background." Mr. Conley was also given a life-time membership

in the Jaycee. The other awards presented are given annually by the local Chapter. They are Distinguished Service Award, presented to Rev. H. Dallas Sugg in recognition of the community work and service he has provided in many areas.

The Outstanding Young Educator and Outstanding Young Farmer awards were presented to Mrs. Suzanne Dutton and Johnny Caswell respectively. These awards are presented annually in recognition of special achievement in each chosen field of endeavor.

New officers installed are W.J. (Butch) Alexander, president; Gary Sobert, vice president; Tom Metcalfe, secretary; Bill Donovan, state director; Bobby Gene Gaunce, local director; and Johnny Caswell, local director.

## Historical dinner meet near

Today is the deadline for making reservations for the annual dinner meeting of the Nicholas County Historical Society.

The persons will be guest speaker at the banquet to be held on Friday, June 3, at 8:30 p.m. at Carquo Country Club. Al Smith, Oral History State Chairman, moderator of KET's "Comment on Kentucky," and noted newspaper publisher, will discuss the Oral History project.

Mr. Smith of Russellville, 50, publishes five Kentucky newspapers. He is past president of the Kentucky Press Association and for the past three years has been producer and moderator of "Comment on Kentucky," a public affairs program on KET.

Raised in middle Tennessee, he is being seriously considered to fill a vacancy on the Tennessee Valley Authority Board of Directors. TVA Board members are appointed by the President of the United States to a nine-year term at a present salary of \$29,000 per year.

He publishes the Logan Leader, Russellville News-Democrat, The Green River Republican in Morgantown, The Ledford Gazette and The Record of Cadiz.

Mrs. Smith and their five-year-old daughter, Ginny, will accompany him to Carlisle.

Tom Strobel, who with his wife, Joyce, recently purchased the Old Stone Tavern, will discuss his plans for the restoration of the Tavern. Moving to Nicholas county from Columbus, Ohio, the Strobel's live at Forest Bend Tavern. They have two small children.

The Old Stone Tavern or Ellis Tavern on U.S. 63 was recently listed to the National Register of Historic Places. The Strobel's were awarded \$10,000 matching grant by the Kentucky Heritage Commission to be used toward the restoration.

## William N. Young III receives degree

On Sunday, May 15, the College of William and Mary awarded some 1300 degrees to both undergraduate and graduate students in Commencement exercises at William and Mary Hall, Williams Station, Virginia.

William Nathan Young III, Nicholas county, received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree.

The college also awarded five honorary degrees: William H. Rehnquist, to the National Register of Historic Places. The Strobel's were awarded \$10,000 matching grant by the Kentucky Heritage Commission to be used toward the restoration.

Dr. J. Bryd Jr., received the college's Doctor of Laws degree, Justice Hubert gave the Commencement address.



Monday morning, water at one time was approximately 30-inches deep beside the main filtration building. —Mercury photo

## Mr. Moo Moo youngest son contest starts

The Mr. Moo Moo's Youngest Son Contest is in the interest of June Dairy month in Nicholas county. The first person guessing Mr. Moo Moo's Youngest son by name and having the earliest postmark, wins. Mail your guesses to County Extension Agent, Carlisle, Ky. 40311. In lower left hand corner of

envelope write Mr. Moo Moo, First prize \$25 U.S. Savings Bond. Second prize silver tray. You need not be present to win. There will be four clues, one each week.

This small person could be a ringler of the green rolling hills. In my mind I can see him following the tractor at a tilt.

## Problems

Mayor Bill Power, Constables Bob Faul and Vernon Willoghby survey the wreckage following an explosion and fire at the Carlisle Waterworks Plant

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