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## Carlisle Cemetery Co. enters new era

The Carlisle Cemetery Company has a new caretaker, a new board of directors and a total as far as the fund drive of more than \$11,000. It was reported at a public meeting last week.

The company was reorganized last month after the previous board of directors reported that the cemetery was in danger of closing due to lack of funds.

The cemetery was established in 1861 and 20 years later it was taken in trust by the Deposit Bank of Carlisle whose directors, by tradition, have also directed the affairs of the cemetery.

Last month Nate Young, the third generation of his family to oversee the cemetery in his role as Deposit Bank president, told a public meeting that the cemetery was suffering from a lack of funds.

Young said the Deposit Bank directors felt it was in the best interests of the cemetery for them to turn over the control of the cemetery to a new board of directors that could conduct a fund drive and oversee the facility's affairs.

Part of the problem was that the cemetery had to maintain a 20 per cent trust fund in case of abandonment, a situation caused by a recent act of the Kentucky General Assembly.

This fund mounted, but could not be used for any maintenance purposes, instead having to sit in escrow.

Other factors pointed to in the cemetery's declining revenues were the cost of gasoline used in the mowers, the lack of donations, the necessity to care for graves of families who have no living descendants, the rise in salaries caused by the minimum wage laws (until a few years ago some of the workers at the cemetery were being paid between \$20.50 per week) and general inflation.

The problem of the cemetery's funding was not an overnight occurrence. Young has been speaking to civic and official groups for more than a year and informing them of the facility's plight.

Attempts were made to involve the city council and the fiscal court. A clause in the 1976 law establishing the

trust fund for abandonment maintenance releases the funds if the organization operating the cemetery is civic, religious or fraternal in nature.

Neither the city nor the county expressed much optimism about taking the cemetery over. The county felt it would establish a precedent and make the fiscal court responsible for each cemetery in the county and the city was plagued with financial troubles of its own.

When Young aired the cemetery's situation at a meeting in March a volunteer drive was begun and donations collected. The night of the first meeting a little more than \$1,000 was collected.

A new board of directors was formed with Clay Hunt, chairman; Roger Wronow, continuing as secretary; Bill Donovan, treasurer and William Power, Bob Paul, Oleville Atkinson, Charles Gates and Nate Young. The new group has representatives from both banks and from the council and fiscal court, insuring that those groups will have input and information.

Since the first meeting in March a series of public meetings have been held. At last Thursday's meeting a detailed financial report of the efforts since then was given.

Four bank accounts have been established, including the 20 per cent trust fund. The perpetual care fund of \$500 and the building fund for workshop and office of \$5,528.13 are at the First National Bank.

The 20 per cent trust fund includes a \$10,000 bond and \$9,424.16. It and the regular checking account of \$5,500.44 are at the Deposit Bank.

The regular payroll for last week was \$546.60 plus \$105 in overtime. Bill Darnell, caretaker, resigned last week after helping with the transition from the old to the new directors. The board voted to give Darnell a two weeks' salary for his aid and assistance.

The new caretaker is John Frederick, who is in charge of a crew of four. Other disbursements included \$50 in

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## Carlisle industries honored this week

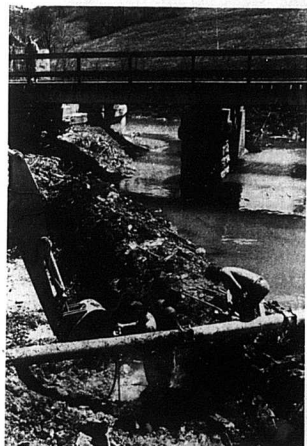
Kentucky is celebrating Industry Appreciation Week this week and included in the festivities are the four Carlisle concerns considered industries. The annual Governor's Industry Appreciation luncheon was held Wednesday in Louisville and representatives from some of Nicholas County's industries were expected to attend.

Last year in Kentucky industry accounted for more than 296,000 jobs. The 41 new manufacturing plants and 428 expansions of existing plants announced in 1978 will add another 8,000 jobs to the state.

Pictured above are scenes from Carlisle's industries. At the top, workers for Clay Seed Company pollinate the tobacco plants used to grow Clay Seed, which is sold in seven states at more than 2,000 locations, with operations in five different Kentucky counties. At the bottom is a view of Blue Grass Industries' newest addition, a sportswear line that manufactures warm-up suits for joggers and other athletes. The new line has been in operation at Blue Grass less than a year, adding a new dimension to Nicholas County's largest manufacturer.

In the middle is a view of activity at the Carlisle Manufacturing Company, which celebrated its 10th year in operation last year. The company, owned by Bob Paul and Russell Bell, makes custom machine parts at its Elm Street location.

The fourth Carlisle industry? You're holding one of its products now. According to the 1979 Kentucky Directory of Manufacturers the fourth Carlisle industry, in addition to Blue Grass, Clay Seed and Carlisle Manufacturing is the Carlisle Mercury. Top photo courtesy of Clay Seed Co. Others by Jeff Kerr.



## Bridge site

Ernest Sosby watches from the TTI railroad bridge over Brushy Fork as workmen prepare to shoot dynamite in constructing footers for a new bridge on the Upper Jackstown Pike. The bridge, located at the edge of Carlisle on Elm Street, is said to be the first in the state funded under a new program. Residents of the area across the creek will face detours for the next few months — although some enterprising motorists are using the railroad bridge. The contractor is N. H. Stone of Sharpesburg. — Mercury photo.



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