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Carroll to throw dam's fate to assembly?

Gov. Julian Carroll is expected to inform the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers this week the 1980 Kentucky General Assembly will decide if the state wants to participate in cost-sharing the Falmouth Dam project by providing more than \$18 million in funds for recreational development.

The governor's action follows a summer of committee hearings on the subject, which was raised when the Corps wrote Gov. Carroll in January of this year informing him that the state would have to participate in recreation cost-sharing if the project was to be considered.

According to Waterloo, a newsletter published by the Kentucky Rivers Coalition, a feasibility study endorsed by former U.S. Rep. John Breckinridge in 1977 showed the project would not be feasible without "massive recreation and that without state participating in recreation cost-sharing, the project would be placed on the inactive list where it would certainly die."

anticipated benefits outweigh the state revenues requested for the project. This recommendation was substituted into the committee report which, when voted on for acceptance or rejection, failed to gain a majority and ended in a 6-6 tie.

What the governor's action will do to the fate of the Falmouth Dam project is not known now, but persons living in the affected area are gearing up for another fight. They include Mrs. Louise Linnville of Nicholas County.

Mrs. Linnville is a member of the Licking Valley Protective Association and the Kentucky Rivers Coalition. She placed an ad in last week's Mercury on behalf of the LVA asking for letters to Gov. Carroll opposing the dam.

Another Nicholas Countyman who is a member in the LVA, Danny Saraceno, told the subcommittee, "If we have available dollars we should spend them to enhance our existing recreational facilities rather than take more debt upon ourselves to satisfy the nonsense."

Statistics and map of proposed reservoir can be found on page 9.

Carroll asked the Corps for a year to make his decision but the Corps wanted an answer by September. A special subcommittee of four Licking Valley area legislators was convened and met in Frankfurt July 13 to address the matter.

The subcommittee, consisting of Adrian Arnold of Mt. Sterling, Woodrow Stamper and Woody May of West Liberty and Arthur Schmidt of Campbell County, met on July 31 after hearing testimony and voted not to participate in the project.

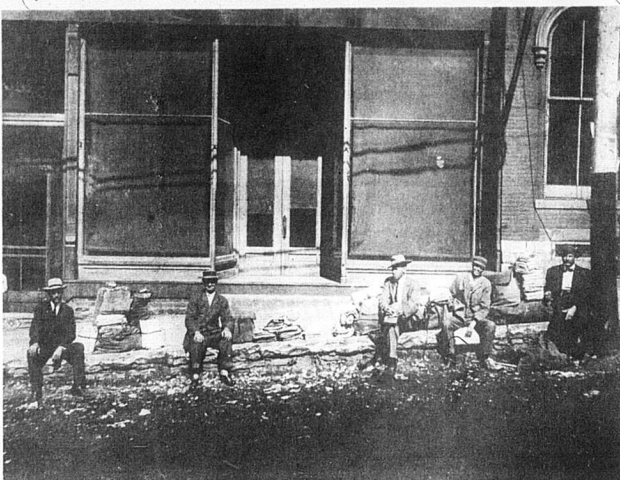
Schmidt, who voted for participation, also issued a minority report in addition to the subcommittee's recommendation. When the Appropriations and Revenue Committee met it substituted a recommendation by chairman Joe Clarke that said the state should only participate in such a project when the

lial desires of the people of southern Ohio, Kentucky is still an agricultural state and the benefits of the Licking Valley as a garden spot far outweigh those of a lake for Cincinnati to ski on."

Another group, the Gateway Area Development District, has gone on record opposing the dam since it would back up the Licking to within three miles of Cave Run Lake, which is within the Gateway ADD.

"That's too close for comfort," State Sen. Woodrow Stamper is quoted as saying. Stamper is also chairman of the Gateway ADD.

The district's board members felt that construction of the Falmouth Dam and creation of the accompanying lake would harm the recreational aspects of Cave Run Lake and siphon tourists from the north before they reach Cave Run.



Back when

These dapper dudes are rural free delivery (RFD) carriers from way back when. The building pictured is now occupied by the Department for Human Resources on Locust Street just below Crouch's Barber Shop. It formerly served as the Carlisle Post Of-

fice. Sharp-eyed readers may notice there are five mailmen but only four rural routes today. Of course one of them might be headed for Moorefield. —Photo courtesy of the Carlisle Post Office.

What was that on the East Union Road last Monday?

By Jeff Kerr

At 5:30 a.m. Monday, August 20 Allie Vice got out of bed at his home on the East Union Road and prepared to leave for his job at the Dura Corporation in Paris, where he's worked for 24 years. The morning was uneventful following a night of rain, lightning and thunder. At 6 a.m., when Vice left his home, the rain was slacking, although the skies were still dark.

At approximately 6:05 a.m. Vice was approaching the intersection of the East Union and Concord roads when he noticed a pair of bright lights to his left. "I first thought they were car lights,"

Vice said, "but after a few seconds I realized they couldn't be coming from the road, they were too high."

What happened next cannot be explained by any normal terms. Vice says the incident had a supernatural feeling. He still doesn't know what he saw, but the phenomena has changed forever his ideas on what can and what can't happen. The only explanation he has is found in a Bible passage that speaks of "many signs and wonders."

The land around the Concord-East Union intersection is marked by ridges and trees with narrow valley bottoms.

Overlooking the intersection to the left as you drive toward Carlisle is a high ridge that slopes gently to the road. On top of the ridge lies nothing but a line of trees and a field filled with round hay bales. It was from this field that a strange craft that Vice saw apparently took off.

"I saw the lights," Vice said. "They looked like headlights but they were up in the air and pointed down at an angle. I looked down and rolled my window down and then I saw it."

What was "it"?

"It was a deep orange color, like a moon coming up. In fact I thought it was the moon because it disappeared below the ridge. But then it rose again and came up and I knew it couldn't be the moon."

Vice speaks of what happened next with a sense of awe, as he describes it over a few seconds that the incident encompassed to me at the scene my eyes turned toward the ridge. In that somewhat lonely corner of Nicholas County it is suddenly easy to believe.

"After it dipped down and came up again it just took off," Vice said. "The bales had gone off by then but I could see it, about 100 feet long, maybe boat-shaped, not round like you'd think a flying saucer would look. I still had my window down and had almost stopped. It took off from the ridge and passed me. I could tell the color, even though the lights had gone out."

"When it passed me it was climbing without a sound. That's what convinced me that it was something supernatural.

It didn't make a sound."

"I've been on ships at sea and that's what it reminded me of, a ship at sea. When you see one you can't really tell how big it is until it gets close but they pass without a sound."

The craft passed Vice heading in the opposite direction as he drove slowly down the East Union Road, looking back through the trees. He could see the craft and tell its color through the trees.

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Officers

Newly-elected officers of the Nicholas County Education Association are, from left, Dana Lane, treasurer; Margaret Columbia, president; Sandra Durham, president-elect; Sue Drutson, secretary and Delbert Newman, reporter. Not pictured is outgoing president Betty Conrad. —Mercury photo.

Jackets hang tough but Madison wins

By Ray Conley

Big, bad, and boss. The three "b's" normally making a darkhorse team back off. The Nicholas County Bluejackets, however, were the exception when they lost 14-0 to the Richmond Madison Purple last Friday night at Richmond.

Even though the Purple had Eddie Simmons, 1978 Class A all state wide receiver and picked by The Lexington Herald as the best college prospect this year, the Jackets weren't intimidated. Even though Richmond Madison is Class A District 1 Region 2 favorite, Nicholas County stood their ground.

Just like last week's season, opener the Jackets played a tremendous defensive game. A punt by Pat Letcher to the Madison four-yard line and a rattling tackle by Mike Hatton ended the first quarter 0-0 and proved that the three "b's" were only a figure of speech.

"How pay attention Stoney (Mike Mattox) and don't give them any homeruns," said Coach Ben Pumpfrey in the second quarter.

Mattox played hard to Pumpfrey's words as he broke a Purple's pass late in the quarter.

Madison did score, however, with 1:11 on the clock. The touchdown was a blazing ninety-yard run by Johnny War-

ford. A successful conversion pass ended the half 8-0 with Richmond leading.

Pressures built in the third quarter for Nicholas. The Jackets were forced to punt on their fourth down following the kick off. Letcher, after punting, tackled a Purple on Nicholas County's own 15. Madison went on to cross the line for their second score two plays later. Their attempted conversion failed.

The three "b's" didn't take over totally as proved by David Tubbs' fumble recovery with a mere four seconds before the quarter's end. The third quarter ended with Madison on top 14-0.

Sign-off time came to Nicholas in the fourth quarter, but not before the Jackets put up a defensive fight. A tackle by Jackie Wells sent a Madison player sizzling to the sideline. Wells on the next play, also recovered a fumble recovery with a mere four seconds before the quarter's end. Another fumble recovery by Mike Sowell, following the Purple's interception of a Nicholas pass, showed that the Jacket defense still had fight. The game ended 14-0 with Richmond Madison leading.

As stated by Richmond Madison's program, "Ben Pumpfrey's Bluejackets have been a Class A power for the

past three seasons. Nicholas promises to be tough in '79."

How could it be better said? It's evident that the Bluejackets are equal to big, bad, and boss.

"We played good," said Coach Pumpfrey following the game. "we played the number one team in the state and we were the stronger team in the finish."

David McCuffey led the Bluejackets offensively carrying the ball 12 times for 62 yards. Todd Allison followed carrying 10 times for 19 yards. Mike Sowell carried four times for 12 yards. Tommy Eldridge carried seven times for nine yards, and Steve Davis carried one time for eight yards.

Nicholas completed three passes, had two intercepted, and four incom-

plete. The Bluejacket defense was led by David Tubbs with 11 tackles. Jackie Wells and Mark Vice followed with 10 each (Vice also broke-up one pass), and Thomas Sadler and Steve Davis had eight each.

Nicholas punted four times for 144 yards.

The Bluejacket's next game will be home, September 7, against district rival Fairview.