



Entertainers

Timmy Fooks (left background) accompanied by Mrs. Edna DeKeyser on the piano presented a program of music to residents of the Johnson-Mathers Nursing Home last Friday. The program was part of a CALF project called "Elderly Service Project." -Mercury photo.

CALF project entertains elderly

They call it the "Golden Age" but sometimes it's not that golden. For many elderly citizens the later years are often lonely. They've seen their families grow up, shape lives of their own, move away. Many of their friends have died. As the body grows older the things that used to come naturally take a little longer, the steps are a little slower.

But last Friday at the Johnson-Mathers Nursing Home you couldn't tell there was a person over 12 in their own, move away. Many of their friends have died. As the body grows older the things that used to come naturally take a little longer, the steps are a little slower.

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Maxey Flats rule suggested

The Committee on Nuclear Waste was passed a preliminary recommendation that any deviation from present state control of the Maxey Flats nuclear burial must receive both executive and legislative approval.

This was among four recommendations relating to the Fleming County site which will be used by the special advisory committee staff as a basis for writing bill drafts. Those bills will be subject to rewriting and final approval during the next meeting, said Rep. Pete Workinger (D-Dwight).

Additional committee recommendations concern long range plans, financing and continued monitoring proposals of the nuclear burial site.

Findings show good reason, the committee concluded, for continued closure of Maxey Flats at this time. The reopening of the facility, which would require legislative approval, would be considered when existing problems at the site are solved.

The committee voted to incorporate expenditures for Maxey Flats into the 1980 biennial state budget. Committee differences as to the methods of handling the expenditure will be decided in subsequent meetings.

The southeastern Fleming County site was leased by Nuclear Engineering Co. (NECO) of Louisville in 1962. Radioactivity in a new unused trench was detected at the nuclear burial site in August 1977. Sewage from an old trench had traveled 300 feet through a sandstone layer. Subsequently the site was covered 100 feet by the Department for Human Resources.

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THE CARING CORNER

"But does of the word and not heares only, decring you men selves." . . . James 1:22

We recently journeyed to Washington D.C. to attend a Bible seminar with six high school youth while staying with some ministerial friends. A discussion of the great word "Bible" transpired. Some liked the K. I.V. because of its literary style. Another preferred the R.V. because it gave the most literal meaning of the Greek language. As causes in translation is crucial, but we often overlook one aspect. I said, "Isn't that's why I like my mother's translation best. She translated it who she like the most convenient way?"

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