Simon Kenton

Nicholas County native Marion N. Waggoner, a native of Blue Licks, has recently published the outdoor drama "Simon Kenton" with the Lawhead Press of Athens, Ohio. Waggoner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Waggoner, produced the drama for two years at Blue Licks State Park. He is currently associate producer and general manager for the outdoor drama "Tecumseh", in Chillicothe, Ohio. Waggoner also assisted with the television series "Centennial", filmed in Augusta and is currently working on "Brubaker" a film under way in Junction City, Ohio starring Robert Redford.

Heartburn has nothing to do with the heart. The discomfort solely arises in the esophagus and stomach.

Worthington asks about re-opening

Committee gets plans on Maxey Flats' future

FRANKFORT—Plans for dealing with 1.5 million gallons of radioactive water in various stages at Maxey Flats Nuclear Disposal site were presented today to the Special Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste Disposal.

Eugene Mooney, secretary of the Kentucky Department for Natural Resource and Environmental Protection, said "the largest problem relates to the management of water (which he calls hydrology) up there on that site. The Natural Resource Department is responsible for management and maintenance of the site.

Mooney described the various stages of waste of Maxey Flats, which has been closed as a nuclear waste dump since May 1978. He said the trenches holding nuclear waste are open and consequently retain much of the 47 inches of rain that falls in the area annually.

A plan is currently under way, Mooney said, where trenches are systematically being pumped out. The trenches are not dry, however.

Approximately 200,000 gallons of radioactive water waste is already stored in steel tanks housed in buildings on the site, Mooney said. He estimated 150,000 gallons of sludge waste is presently stored in tanks waiting for burial.

Also two rubber-lined pools (the largest measuring 100'x300') together contain 150,000 gallons of water.

The state's contract for management and maintenance of the Maxey Flats site in Fleming County with Nuclear Engineering Company (NECo) of Louisville terminates June 31.

Mooney indicated some managerial problems exist among his department, NECo and the Department for Human Resources, the Licensing branch for permits at the site. Also, the problems of easing the hydrology situation and storing existing wastes cannot be properly addressed, Mooney said, under the present contract and with the present evaporator, which has proven too small to handle the vast amount of contaminated water at the site.

Mooney has received four proposals from firms interested in the contract as of April 25, deadline for submitting bids. The companies are Dames and Moore, a consulting firm already contracted by the Natural Resources Department at Maxey Flats; Proctor, Davis and Ray, a Lexington engineering firm; NUS Associates and NECo. Two other firms have expressed interest but have not submitted bids.

Other problems at the site include proper disposal of 645,000 curies of tritium, a radioactive waste whose long term effects are unknown, solidifying radioactive sludge and a concrete mixture for burial and the hydrology.

Rep. Pete Worthington (D-Ewing), presiding chairman of the committee, asked Mooney if Maxey Flats could be safely reopened as a nuclear waste burial site.

"It would not make good, common sense to commence with reopening it until the present hydrology problem is whipped," Mooney said.

Also scheduled to speak to the Committee was Charles Hardin, radioactive control branch, Department for Human Resources, concerning transportation of radioactive waste in Kentucky.

The special advisory committee will make a recommendation on Maxey Flats this fall for the 1980 General Assembly.

The most long-lived animal is the giant tortoise of the Galapagos Islands, where specimens have been estimated to be as old as 100 years.

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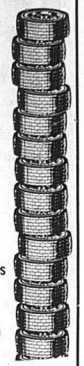

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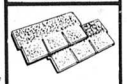

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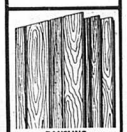

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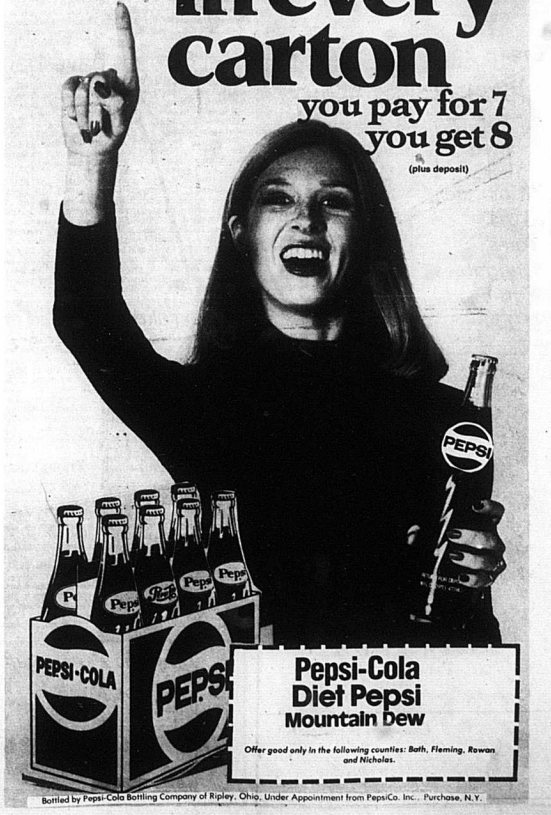

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