

Deaths

ROGER WILSON CURTIS
Roger Wilson Curtis, 57, 2607 Arlington Avenue, Hamilton, Ohio, died Feb. 11, 1980 at Fort Hamilton-Hughes Hospital in Hamilton.

He was a native of Robertson County, Ky., the son of John D. and Bertie Curtis, employed by the Hamilton Board of Education, and a member of the Fairchild Church of Christ.

Survivors are his wife, Anna, two daughters, Mrs. Phyllis Rawlings of Bethel, Ky., and Mrs. Judith Borts of Cincinnati, Ohio; four grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Ruth Lowe, Covington, and Mrs. Opal James, Bowling Green; three brothers, Edward, Dayton, Ohio; Charles, Bowling Green, Ohio; and Russell, Carlisle; several nieces and nephews.

Services were conducted at Webb Funeral Home Feb. 14. Burial in the Longview Cemetery at Bethel.

Pallbearers: Sheridan Hall, Dennis Lowe, Bud, Paul, Gordon and Ray Curtis, and Bob Anderson.

SETH C. GILVIN
Seth Conway (Doc) Gilvin Sr., 73, Route 1, Sharpsburg, Ky., died Friday, Feb. 15, 1980, at the Nicholas County Hospital after suffering a heart attack.

He was a native of Bath County, a son of the late Charles and Josephine Dale Gilvin, a retired farmer and a member of the Christian Church.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Lillie Willoughby Gilvin; one son, Seth C. Gilvin Jr., Sharpsburg; two daughters, Mrs. Jack Wilkery, Lexington, and Minnie D. Gilvin, at home; and one granddaughter.

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Maxey Flats funds requested

About \$4 million is being requested for work at Maxey Flats during the rest of this year and over the biennium according to a budget proposal submitted at a joint Appropriations and Revenue Committee hearing last week.

The Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection is requesting \$885,000 for the year ending June 30 for work at the site, with \$1,700,000 requested for 1981 and \$1,779,000 requested for the following year.

The request includes about \$380,000 for each year of the two-year budget for Damess and Moore to manage the former nuclear waste disposal site, Bob Bertin, of the consulting company, said that for they have raised the height of the dam around the storage ponds holding contaminated water, covered the ponds with plastic sheets, corrected some erosion problems and revegetated some of the area.

A longer term solution for the site, he said, would involve putting contaminated materials in concrete containers and burying them. Currently he said, an evaporator is being used to dispose of the contaminated water, although it would take fourteen years to completely dispose of the water with the evaporator.

Jack Wilson, acting commissioner of the Bureau of Environmental Protection, said that before short-term measures were instituted, ponds at Maxey Flats were about to overflow.

However, he explained, "We're no longer accumulating water for the evaporator faster than we can dispose of it." He said he was "cautiously" optimistic that the evaporator would be eliminated in the next few years.

The department's request for work at Maxey Flats includes \$1.3 million for concrete "caps" for trenches containing radioactive materials, \$30,000 to repair and overhaul the evaporator; \$60,000 for "demolition" to improve the capacity of the evaporator; \$50,000 for a building for Damess and Moore employees to change into; and \$1.1 million for capital construction at the waste dump.

Mel Fry, assistant director of the hazardous materials division, warned that there was no short term solution to problems at Maxey Flats which received nuclear waste from 1963 until May 1977. Even if there was a "perfect tent" over the nuclear waste dump, there would still be several million gallons of contaminated water at the site, he said. Further, he expected no improvement in the situation during this biennium, although the problem could "maybe" improve in the next two-year period.

Secretary of Natural Resources Jackie Swigart was equally pessimistic. When Rep. Buddy Adams (D-Bowling Green) asked whether the state would have to spend money for maintenance at the site each year he replied, "as long as we're all around."

The committee also looked at the disposal of other hazardous waste. Roger Blair, director of the division of hazardous materials, said the department was hoping to develop a fully-integrated hazardous waste management program and stated "we (Kentucky) either get into the business, or else we will get into a valley of the drums situation many times over."

Rep. Pete Workman (D-Bowling Green) took exception to the suggestion that the state might allow a hazardous waste dump in its borders. He said he was concerned that the state would "get right back into another Maxey Flats" with chemical rather than nuclear waste.

Blair responded that he was "not" suggesting that he was an agency rush pell-mell into waste disposal, "but said that the state could not have primary in administering hazardous waste regulations as long as current law requires legislative approval of disposal sites.

Wilson said what he "feared most" was that state industries could be damaged if other states refused to accept Kentucky industrial waste and there were no disposal sites in Kentucky.

Currently the state is operating under interim regulations on hazardous waste disposal which expired last Thursday, Blair said. He said that Gov. John Y. Brown Jr. would be asked to extend the regulations by executive order until June 13. Proposed permanent regulations would be submitted to the Legislative Research Commission this week, Blair said.

Overall, the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection is requesting about \$13.2 million

in additional funds over the next two years. For 1980-81 they are asking for \$30.8 million and for the following year \$31.1 million. This year they are budgeted to receive \$24.4 million.

Swigart said that while the budget was prepared by his predecessor "we have spent a great deal of time reviewing our budget request," and the document is a "fair representation of department priorities at the present time."

Pressed by legislators to pinpoint what she would cut to stay at the same level funded this year, she said that she would cut all expansion items, keeping all current programs mandated by federal or state law.



Red Smith, New York Times' sports columnist, on what he intended to do about the fact that his editor had killed a column in which he urged that the U.S. boycott the Olympics: "I'd write about the infidel fly rule."

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