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Thorobred Hoedown

Blue Grass Industries staged a gigantic picnic and country music outdoor event Friday in the field across from the main plant in Carlisle. More than a thousand employees from the plants in Cynthiana, Mount Sterling and Carlisle attended along with employees of Blue Grass Knitting. Nearly 100 of those present were

honored by being admitted to the exclusive Thorobred Club, which requires a minimum of 15 years service. Those present enjoyed barbecues, soft drinks, huge ripe strawberries, watermelon and other summertime treats.—Mercury photo.

Blue Grass Industries Announces 35 cent per hour wage hike

A thirty-five cent per hour wage increase effective Sept. 27 was announced during the Personnel Appreciation/Thorobred "Hoedown" at the Carlisle plant on Friday, Aug. 6. The "Hoedown" was a joint meeting of all Blue Grass locations to present awards to members of the Blue Grass Thorobred Club. The club is made up of employees who have 15 years or more service. Awards were presented to employees for having 15, 20, 25, and 30 years of service. Mt. Sterling, Cynthiana, and Blue Grass Knitting locations all met in Carlisle for this occasion. Donald Hasey, president of Blue Grass Industries, stated that the ability of the company to give this wage increase was due to the outstanding efforts of the personnel working together with the new engineering program. The top-level operators are making us to continue to help our people who with inflation even in these difficult times.

Howard Cooker, president of Jockey International, who was in Carlisle for the awards presentation, stressed the importance of the Blue Grass employees continued efforts to have the best productivity and the best quality. Cooker stated that "Jockey's motto is 'Jockey is more than a name, it is a commitment.' It is a commitment to the quality and value of the product and Blue Grass personnel share this commitment to produce the top quality garment to make it possible for

School board Discusses busses, student fees

After lengthy discussion about school busses plus what to do about a new state law on student fees, the Nicholas County School Board, meeting in regular session Monday night, did not reach a decision on either matter. The considerable discussion on school busses resulted in a new law adopted by the last session of the legislature which became effective July 15.

The child shall be denied full participation in any educational program due to the inability to pay for necessary school supplies. The new law reads: School officials are unsure how to interpret this new law and how to implement it in the absence of any regulations. Upon advice of school board counsel Billy G. Hopkins, the board will seek advice from the state. Last year, Superintendent Elder pointed out, the board contributed \$5 per student from local funds toward the purchase of necessary school supplies. The state also contributed \$10 toward this fee arrangement. The state has withdrawn their \$10 and the law says school boards may now assess students with a fee for special materials needed for a course or courses. The difficult portion of the situation for school officials is how to decide who can or cannot afford a fee for special materials.

School busses The board also held a long discussion about school busses, after it was revealed that no bids had been received on some old busses that had been advertised for sale. The board finally agreed to keep two of the old busses for parts. The discussion centered around whether or not the school board might be able to keep old busses running longer than they now are.

Superintendent Elder said the state now depreciated busses out over an eight-year period, but that some school systems kept busses on the road for 10 years or longer. Elder said Nicholas County, with its present bus system, must buy two new busses a year to meet the state's new guidelines. The board also discussed a letter from a representative of the Social Security Administration, in which it was suggested that Jack Hawk, who is hired on a contract basis to fix busses, should have social security withheld from his pay. Counsel Hopkins said that Jack Hawk is in a very shaky financial situation, was attempting to sue the school board for their rules. The board authorized Hopkins to discuss the matter further with the social security people. In other action, the board: —Agreed to let the PCA use the elementary school for a meeting on Aug. 17. —Agreed to hire Barbara Renner as girls' basketball coach for a supplemental salary of \$1700, the same as last year. —Adopted an art budget of \$1207. —Opposed the Insurance bids and awarded the bus insurance to Conrad Insurance of Philadelphia with a bid of \$107. —Rejected all bids on the new and old busses, based on the expense of that weekend. —Burke said: You are asked to consider the bus bidding advertisement elsewhere in this issue for details.

Tractor Pull Rain date is Friday, 7 p.m.

"Even though the Carlisle-Nicholas County Chamber of Commerce tractor pull was twice rained out, except for the running of two classes, officials say it was a qualified success, provided the rain date of this Friday, Aug. 13 at 7 p.m. holds. "We hope everyone will hold onto their rainchecks and turn them in this Friday night, John Burke said. "They are good for the price of admission. "We also want everyone to know that we are trying to raise money for Main Street Christmas decorations with this tractor pull, as well as provide more entertainment." The two classes that were rained last weekend before the rain came were the 8000 pound turbo class and the 3200 economy Hot Rod tractor class. Taking first place in the 8000 class was Bob Shaber. Second place went to Larry Correll, third to John Pritch and fourth to A.C. Frels. In the 3200 pound class, the winner was James Morgan with Frank Fryman second, Gene Litzinger third, and fourth place went to Mike Hord. "Most everyone who completed said they would be back for this Friday night's competition, and since the weather has turned so nice this week, we're hoping for a big turnout," organizer John Burke said. Burke said he was estimated that 1200 persons turned out for the tractor pull last Friday in spite of the bad weather, with nearly 80 entries in the various classes. "We're hoping to even get some additional entries because of the change in date."

Gas financing is complete

Mayor Frankie Hughes received word Friday afternoon from the Gas Restriction Board in Frankfort that Carlisle will receive the \$100,000 CSHF loan to help finance the local gas restriction project. Work, in the form of a phone call, came shortly after Hughes ADI returned from a meeting in Frankfort with the Board. This loan approval completes the \$100,000 needed to fund the local project. Hasey made the announcement at the regular meeting of City Council Monday night. He recapped the loans and amounts totaling \$700,000. They are: \$184,700 from HUD (gift payment from the First National Bank); \$250,000 loan at 8 1/2 percent interest from the First National Bank to be paid in \$1,300 monthly payments for five years; \$100,000 CSHF loan at 1 and one eighth percent interest, and \$100,000 that the City has pledged. Hasey also informed Council that out of the \$700,000, \$20,000 has been budgeted for administrative costs. Upon vote of Council, Hughes ADI will administer the loan. The first agreement Council approved was for HUD to receive no more than \$1,000 for its administrative services. Another agreement is in the amount of \$1,000 and covers costs already incurred by ADI for planning services. Both agreements will be signed next, after the \$100,000 loan is officially granted to Carlisle. \$1,000 will be set aside for the final audit of the project, and \$1,000 for a verified public accounting to help settle up the project, and \$1,000 for the project. The property tax rate will remain the same for the City at 34 cents per \$100. The consent of opinion of Council was that people are taxed enough now, and with the cost of living going up, a tax increase would be more than private citizens and persons are entitled to pay. The City Council is to be advised if the rate were raised to 25.6 cents (the maximum allowed without voter that only about \$200 more would be received in revenue.

This is due mainly to the homestead exemption. Councilman Curt stated that this is all it will bring in, it's not worth it. OVC was finally given permission by Council to raise rates to city cable tv customers, but not the annual originally requested. OVC representative Roger Kerkis presented an amended proposal to change the basic outlet from \$7 to \$8 and additional outlets from \$1 to become effective Sept. 1, 1982. This change would be in effect until March 1, 1982 at which time the basic outlet would go to \$9. Customers would be allowed to prepay for as many months as they wished during the six month period. Other present charges would remain the same. Councilman Vaughn proposed that the outlet fee be raised to \$8 with the additional outlet fee staying at \$1, and OVC would appeal again at the Feb. 1983 meeting of Council for the full increase of the rate to a full rate vote. Council passed Vaughn's proposal. Councilmen Vaughn and Curt voted negatively.

Eugene Kelley was hired to work at the Sea and Water plants at a starting salary of \$4.31 per hour. Councilman Curt and Vaughn voted against the hiring. In other business: —Mrs. Grace Blalock, whose home is at the corner of High and McCracken Streets, complained about parking on the street at the back of her house. Her daughter, Mrs. Lorraine Dent was also present. They said neighbors had been spaces occupied all the time, but family doesn't have any place to park. The Street Committee (Hartwig, Curt and Fay) will investigate the situation. The mayor expressed repeatedly that streets belong to the City and not private citizens, and persons are allowed to park in any available spaces could have. The City Clerk pointed out that if the rate were raised to 25.6 cents (the maximum allowed without voter that only about \$200 more would be received in revenue.

Jackey's products to always reflect this statement. "On another occasion earlier this month, Don Hasey, announced the personnel benefit package had been improved greatly with little or no additional cost to the employee. Some of the improvements were made in the hospitalization, life insurance and retirement plans. The Blue Cross and Blue Shield plan has been changed from a set fee schedule to a usual and customary arrangement to make it possible for



All-Stars win
The 11 and 12 year old Little League All-Stars ended their season by winning at Anderson County last week. They are, front row, from left, Brad Allison-hatboy, Wendell McNabb, John Wagner, Bryan Hierarchy, William Sexton, Kevin Hughes and Tim Pope. Second row, from left, Scott Allison, Tip Fryman, Chris Anderson, Ray Phillips, Derwin Howard, Chris Hollar, Todd Days. Missing for the picture was David Larry Allison, Billy Anderson and Leonard Sobley.—Mercury photo.

Little League All-Stars win again at Anderson

The Nicholas County Little League All-Stars brought home another championship last weekend. The 11-12 year olds won the Anderson County Invitational baseball game in Lawrenceburg. Nicholas placed their first win in the tournament by rolling over the host team, Anderson County 14, Derwin Howard, Chris Anderson, and winning pitcher Todd Day collected his second win. Anderson's second and third and Howard's ground out Allison. Derwin County tallied four times in their half of the inning in a 6-1 victory over Nicholas. Hollar did it in the third inning. Nicholas did it in the third inning. Hollar doubled to score two runs and later scored the tying run when McNabb doubled. In the fourth inning Mike Cheever, son of former U.K. basketball player, Steve Cheever, honored with a runner on to give Mercer County a 14 lead. Once again the Nicholas Stars Tip Fryman and Derwin Howard pitched. Hollar doubled, Allison singled and McNabb's second double of the game tied the score. Phillips then unhooked a double to left center to put the Nicholas Countians ahead, and Howard picked up the victory in relief as he struck out six in two and two-thirds innings. Nicholas completes All Star competition with a 14-1 record, three tournament championships, and one second place finish.