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Train derailment dumps 300 tons of coal

TTI freight cars overturn

A TTI freight train, traveling east from Paris to Mayfield, derailed near Carlisle about 2 p.m. last Thursday, Feb. 14, dumping an estimated 300 tons of coal along the track right-of-way. According to Bob Adams, superintendent of TTI Railroad, the derailment occurred about 1 1/2 miles west of the Miller Station crossing, on a stretch of track which runs through the farm of Earl H. Ford.

Five cars in the middle section of the train were involved. Two were derailed and three overturned. Each of the overturned cars was carrying 100 tons of coal bound for Mayfield.

Some 200 feet of track was totally destroyed, TTI employee Billy Hamner's Alton told the Mercury. A crew of workers labored through the night before completing repairs at approximately 3 p.m. the following day.

Locomotives from Paris and Mayfield were dispatched to pull the front and back sections of the train to the respective cities. An estimate of the damage was available.

Cause of the derailment was unknown. However, it was speculated that "soft spots" in the subgrade may have caused the loaded cars to jump the track.



A tall job

A crane, loader and the muscle power of several men put 300 feet of track back together within 24 hours following a TTI three-car derailment on Valentine's Day. Mercury photo.



TTI train wreck

Three cars of a TTI freight train derailed and overturned about one and one-half miles west from the Miller Station Road crossing Feb. 14 about 2 p.m. Each car carried about 100 tons of coal. John Tapp informed the Mercury staff Wednesday afternoon of the wreck. This photo and others were taken about 1:45 p.m. Wednesday.—Mercury photo.

Decision due May 4

Proposed West End Park ranks high

While Derby Day, May 8, is one of the year's best known dates, May 4 may have more significance for residents of Carlisle and Nicholas County.

That's the probable date when the initial fate of the proposed West End Park is determined. Announcement of funding for the \$100,000 park on a matching basis is expected from Bluegrass Area Development District at that time.

The park, which would be located on Highway 26, near the county farm, ranks fourth on the list of 19 proposed projects throughout the 17 county-area served by BICAD.

The ranking is determined by certain government criteria, such as per capita income, minority use, site alteration (building), site intrusion (utility lines), past performance, provision for handicapped and energy conservation, among other things.

STATEMENT: A total of \$1,200,000 is available for park-recreation development.

Simply put, if approved by BICAD, the local park would have to receive state approval by state officials before a final okay for federal funding, via Washington.

Of the \$6,000,000 to be raised locally, Chamber of Commerce president John Burke said that local funds, which have already donated \$100,000 in money and \$20,000 in in-kind labor.

The decision to close schools must be determined at a very early hour. "When there's a blizzard of snow, I'm up by 4:30 a.m.," he said.

Burke noted that a land and water conservation grant is possible on a 30/60 basis between the federal government and the local park-recreation board.

CITY COUNCIL: has pledged \$2,000, both 1984 and '85 from revenue sharing.

The remainder of funding would come from the private sector. Burke noted.

The proposed facility would include adult ball fields, horse show ring, a pavilion for tractor pulls, picnic and other recreation areas which the East

End Playground cannot accommodate. Fiscal Court donated the land for park-recreation three years ago, with a five-year time limit for development.

The Carlisle-Nicholas County C of C has made the project a high priority item in recent months.

City zeros in on costs; bridge meeting asked

Gayle Vanlandingham, City Superintendent, was the principal speaker at a called meeting of City Council Monday night. He had completed a report on the gas system with the help of City Clerk Mary Tapp, Sharon Jones and Tommy Crawford, assistant City Superintendent. The report covered 11 months of 1983 beginning with Jan. 1.

Gas revenue for 1983 was \$132,085 with a carry-over from 1982 of \$122,211, totaling \$254,296. Expenses were \$256,268.66. The city's projected expenses for 1984 on gas operations is \$241,200.

Synthetic gas: One important aspect buried in that the gas used from Columbia contains about two to three percent of synthetic.

Other major gas companies have the same percentage. According to Vanlandingham, in 1972 to 1974 the use of synthetic gas began when the country was caught in the energy crisis. In the contracts these major companies have with commercial customers such as Carlisle, synthetic gas has to be used. The contract Carlisle has with Columbia is up for renewal the end of

March 1984. The synthetic gas clause will be eliminated.

The cost to the City has been about \$1,000 a year, as the synthetic gas is more costly to produce, and that cost is

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News Briefs

Schools set to close June 1, if all goes well

Assuming weather conditions are favorable, Nicholas County schools will shut down for the year on June 1, Sept. Donald Elder told the Mercury this week.

The date is approximately one week later than the original May 23 target date listed on the school calendar. Several school days which were canceled by bad weather have been made up by utilizing in-service days and holidays such as President's Day this week, Elder noted.

The annual spring break, April 22, is still in effect, if no further school days are lost due to the weather. No other holidays are scheduled before this time, he said.

Elder noted that law requires schools to close April 1 and 12 so that teachers may attend KEA meetings. Graduation is now scheduled for Sunday, May 27, with the final day of the 1983 school year Friday, June 1.

Elder said that while most of the students living in Carlisle (where streets were cleared early) might have been able to get to classes when school was cancelled, consideration for the safety of students riding the 22 hours over unpaved or ice-slick county roads had to be the number one priority.

Too, the decision to close schools must be determined at a very early hour. "When there's a blizzard of snow, I'm up by 4:30 a.m.," he said.

Lexington man charged with two local thefts

Kentucky State Police, Post 6 in Dry Ridge announce the Feb. 18 arrest of Charles L. Wilson, 26, of 801 Tates Creek Road, Lexington.

According to Detective Jeff Jett, Wilson is charged with four counts of felony, two each in Nicholas and Bourbon counties.

Wilson is accused of the theft of a cow

belonging to Floyd Cleaver in March 1982. Cleaver lives on Super Road in Bourbon County, with a B1, Carlisle mailing address.

Wilson is also charged with being a persistent felon in the first degree in Bourbon County.

Locally, he is accused of the March 30, 1983 burglary of a barn owned by Walter Ferrer, located on Burns Road, nine miles south of Carlisle.

Wilson is also charged with the May 23, 1983 theft of copper wire belonging to Walter Haddleton, Concord-Taylor Creek Road.

Wilson was arrested Saturday about 11 a.m. after Trooper Steve Roy stopped Wilson for allegedly speeding on Ky 27 near Little Rock. Jett said that Trooper Roy knew of the warrants out for Wilson's arrest. He was lodged in the Bourbon County jail.



Local 4-H Club data sought (Here Abouts, page 2)

Sign-up deadline Feb. 24

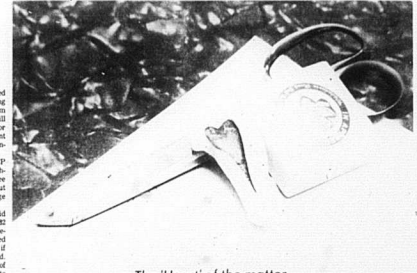
Nicholas County farmers are urged to consider the benefits of participating in the 1984 acreage reduction program for corn and wheat. Participation will mean an extra acreage bonus for farmers who qualify for the 90 percent cost-sharing on the Agricultural Conservation Program.

This new provision in the ACP program provides funds for establishing long-term cover crops or tree plantings on highly erodible land put into the 1984 farm program acreage conservation reserve.

Some farm operators and owners did not realize the importance of filing 1982 and/or 1983 reports of acreage; therefore an opportunity is being provided for farmers to report those acreages, if the crop and acreage can be verified.

Producers must pay the cost of necessary acreage determinations to verify the late-filed acreage report. These acreage reports must be filed by Feb. 24.

Contact the local ASCS Office for further information.



The 'Heart' of the matter

This heart did not come in the center of a piece of Valentine's Day candy, but instead in the center of a head of cabbage. Mrs. John E.

Barber sent in this unusual formation Wednesday, Feb. 15, one day shy of Sweetheart's Day.—Mercury photo.