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Blue Grass will honor employees

1,400 to gather for annual company appreciation day

Blue Grass Industries and Blue Grass Knitting will celebrate "Personnel Appreciation Day" on Friday, October 12. At that time, 25 people from the Carlisle Mill and Knitting plants will be honored for 15 years service with the company and join the Blue Grass Theoretical Club.

Donald Henry, president of Blue Grass Industries, announces that each will be presented with a service award.

Fifteen-year employees being honored include M. Burton, Carolyn Faye Cox, Deborah H. Crump, Gloria H. Dale, Jack M. Fay, Lisa D. Fuller, Martha L. McCarty, Ellen McGuffey, Joanne Queen, Elvira Eshlin, Marie Sharp, Virginia Davis Stephens, Eda F. Vee, Betty Ann White, David A. Morris, M. Gay, Charles C. Judd, Woodie Rhoad, William Wayne Sorrell, Paul Tedder, Terry T. Trussell and H.B. Chandler.

In addition, 25 other new members of the Theoretical Club will be initiated from the Mt. Sterling and Craftiana plants.

Recognition will also be given to the 1,400 employees, including all of the 300 theoretical members, including all from the Carlisle plant, who will be celebrating their 50th anniversary with Blue Grass on that day.

They are: Mabel Hosts, Peter Cox, Rosemary Kinder, Sue Lester, Mildred Mitchell and Louise Thompson.

Distinguished Service Awards will be presented by Jackey International to the one outstanding individual of each plant location in recognition of their significant contribution in perpetuating the "Jackey" ideal.

This service award is the most prestigious award an employee may receive. It is presented by Douglas W. Stegerwald, chairman of the Board.

Blue Grass has planned an "Indian Fiesta" for its 1400 employees to be held at the Carlisle branch location. This October 12 celebration will honor all the personnel to show the company's appreciation throughout this year.

Road projects total \$74,263

Governor Martha Layne Collins has earmarked almost \$75,000 in road improvement projects for Nicholas County. In making the announcement the governor said the projects are part of the state's continuing efforts to keep all of Kentucky's roads in the best condition possible.

The state will apply an asphalt seal to 13 miles of County Road 501A, Abner's Mill Road; 2.5 miles of County Road 100K, Dick Highway; 2.7 miles from County Road 300A, Stony Creek Blue Lake Spring Road; 2.3 miles of County Road 501D, Elkins Lane; 2.6 miles of County Road 501E, Pleasant Spring, Stoker Road, and 3.2 miles of County Road 501F, Schell-Bartwellville Road.

"CONTINUED IMPROVING, repair and maintenance is a vital part of our highway plan," Gov. Collins said. "Without the commitment we have made to our secondary roads, they would soon show the signs of neglect and would deteriorate. The improvements we are making in Nicholas County will ensure that the roads of the county remain in the best condition possible."

The state Transportation Secretary Floyd Poore said the estimated cost of the projects in Nicholas County is \$74,263. The projects are being funded with Rural Secondary funds from the state Transportation Cabinet.

Poore noted that the work on the projects will be accomplished by contract and will be advertised for bids as soon as possible.

Gov. Collins said the Nicholas County road improvements signify the importance of maintaining all of Kentucky's transportation links in the best condition possible.

The trees seemingly tremble with



Opening cast at 1976 state foxhunt at Clay Wildlife

Foxhunts: A time of nostalgia

There's something about a foxhunt that brings out the most eloquent attributes of hunter and dog, to hear a hound bark.

Expressions such as "great anticipation, eagerness and alert joy" are synonymous with the moments just before the first cast.

The October 4, 1976 edition of The Mercury contains such wording as the Clay Farm (at that time called Sky View) prepared to host the 1976 State Foxhunt and Field Trials.

With the Central Kentucky Foxhunters' Association's annual hunt and bench show underway this week at Clay Wildlife, the following excerpts from an article by foxhunting devotee and hunt co-chairman Roger Womack are quite appropriate.

"THE FOX HOUND and the love of hunting has been classified as an integral, basic and permanent phase of American life, with a strong, enduring appeal to the high and the low, the rich and the poor, the Christian and the wicked alike. They comprise one of the many strong bonds that bind Americans together and make for the most unity of our nation."

"This year's hunt in Nicholas County is anticipated to be no exception and identifying that it will be especially and initially great sport as a tremendous success soon after the road is made music will be the air for the world's sweetest music to a foxhunter is the cry of the pack after the kill."

"At the first sound of daybreak guests like the glittering dew that speckles like a myriad of precious pearls, the hound men stand breathless, straining every nerve to catch the opening words of the golden-throated thrush. Just at the moment when some impatient one complains that the hounds are slow to strike, that distant song wafts back on the morning air and all cry for silence.

"The trees seemingly tremble with joy as the hound blend in their mature of voices, all in time and perfect harmony."

"Standing in traces, the hound men later and perhaps draw a hand across their eyes. Music is being made for their benefit by that faithful pack of trailing hounds who look to them for protection, food and love."

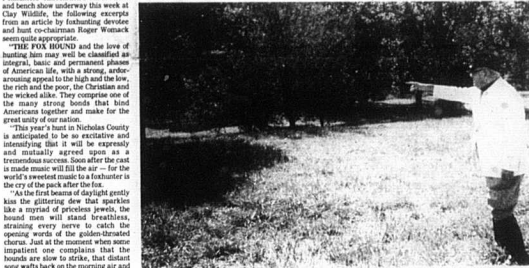
"These are some of the things a foxhunter can never forget as he calls his faithful friend to him at the end of the hunt."

WOMACK also described the 4,700 acre tract of land near Myers as being "renewed as a natural habitat for the wily quarry of foxhunters and possesses a topography which is in the opinion of experts of the sport, especially adapted to the chase. Sky View Farm, Inc. is in an elevated plateau that offers a view that is unsurpassed by any other farm in Nicholas County and is ideally located in that it borders the Licking River with a 12-foot marginage."

"Veteran foxhunters will go as far as to say that Sky View Farm is the best foxhunting country in the nation. Hound and saddle, open and formal attire, finely trained horses and gently developed hands, combined with jovial humor, will make this gala occasion one of robust proportions, striking beauty and eloquently in the history of foxhunting."

WOMACK's unqualified expressed expectations were evidenced in the photos.

The 1976 fox hunt was later described by



Roger Womack points out cast area at Clay Wildlife

Falmouth Dam 'gaining ground'

Proponents of the Falmouth Dam are having recent action by the House Rules Committee -- which will allow the water project bill, including the Falmouth Dam, to be attached to the legislative program of the Falmouth Dam proposal on the House floor, said his efforts were "diverted by the tidal waves of support" for the first water project legislation Congress has passed in seven years.

"We simply did not have the votes to withstand the massive efforts that were exerted by those members of Congress who wanted a water project to bring about back home during the election more than they wanted to look at the facts and the merits of the case against the Falmouth Dam."

SENATTE, the initial setback and eventual amendment approval, Hopkins, in a letter file, insists the fight is far from over.

"There's still a long way to go before anyone should excoriate their land and buy water rights."

Hopkins noted that it is imperative for opponents of the dam to contact Senators Wendell Ford and Walter Dill Houston and urge them to exert their influence to keep Falmouth Dam out of the final conference between both bodies' agreement.

He feels that all is not lost even if opponents of the dam prevail during the conference.

"This year's legislation merely authorizes projects. In April, 1985, the Appropriations Committee will begin hearings to actually recommend funds for these projects. You can count on my lending at those hearings and casting my vote on the floor to strike funding for Falmouth Dam as it is currently proposed."

"Our situation is much like the latter with two articles. We may strike out, but we still have a swing left. Count me in until the final pitch," Hopkins concluded.

Sen. Wendell Ford commented that "although approved by the House of Representatives it is not included in the Senate version of the omnibus water projects bill and is almost certain to remain that way. The Senate bill is much leaner than the House counterpart, containing far fewer projects, cost-sharing provisions, and authority to set benefit ratios."

"It is my belief," Ford noted on Sept. 25, "that the Falmouth Dam issue will have to be resolved in a conference of the Senate and House and that it will be up to the members of the House to convince their Senate counterparts of its merits."

MEANWHILE, The Falmouth Outlook reports that Mayor Max H. Goldberry and the Falmouth Dam "see Falmouth Dam, page 1



They like school!

Cheryl Heron's third grade class recorded the highest average attendance in the Nicholas County system for the first month of school with an average daily attendance of 95.3 percent. The students were occupied attendance banners by Mrs. Betty Conrad, Director of Pupil Personnel.

Board names Nicholas 'disaster area'

Drought conditions in Nicholas County have caused a "natural disaster."

At the Sept. 24 meeting of the Nicholas County Emergency Board members drafted a resolution which has been forwarded to state officials in order to qualify for feed-grain program assistance.

It was the determination of CEB members that a "natural disaster" has occurred in the county as a result of the drought, in regard to pasture and livestock feed.

"Lack of pasture has resulted in many producers having to prematurely sell out livestock and others to start early hay feeding. That latter will likely result in a serious shortage of feed during the coming winter months," according to Gary W. Martin, CEB member, Super, Federal Crop Insurance office.

The board also designated the ASCS office for use during an emergency due to its type of structure and available supplies were singled out as being space.

Early copy, please

Because of the Columbus Day holiday Monday, October 8, the post office will be closed and mail will be delivered for the October 11 issue of The Mercury by the office in Locust Street. Normal Tuesday noon deadlines remain in effect.