

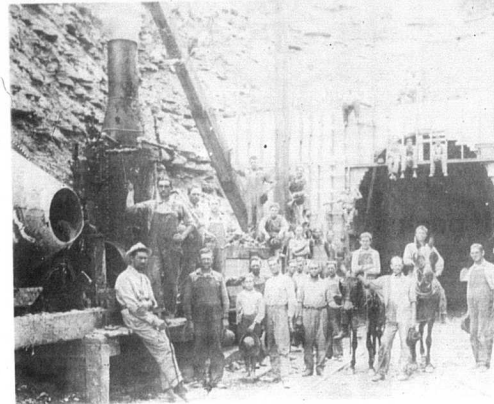
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**Tunnel Hill construction crew**

This vintage photograph shows the property of David Guthrie of Carlisle, showing the construction of the L&N Railroad tunnel between Pleasant Valley and Cowan of Tunnel Hill. It is known to have been taken between the years of 1906 and 1911 when the tunnel was being built. Foreman of the crew was the late John Barber. Front left: Others identifiable to his left, in-

clude Perry Moore, Maude L. Blake, John Farris, J. Hammond, Kelly Boone, Don Mitchell, Kern Massey, Lutan Adams, J. Crawford, R. Hammond, No. 1 Railroad and Coach Moore. The tunnel is still in use, now serving TN Railroads, with offices in Carlisle.

## Council told objections to rate hike

Proposed expansion of the city's water system and the resulting higher water rates to meet payments of the \$97,000 loan approved by Farmers Home Administration, attracted some 30 concerned citizens at Monday night's meeting of city council.

A number of visitors were from Blue Grass Knitting. One, Charles Jakes, questioned whether higher rates might not drive Jakes out of town. Mayor Frank Hughes said that it was his understanding that Jakes International, Inc. was more concerned with Environmental Protection Administration waste water regulations that might require the plant to be shut down.

Others questioned whether the city can get out of its commitment on the FNMA loan at five percent financing, or if the system needs expanding in view of the possible shutdown and a lesser demand for water at BOK at the present time.

The mayor pointed out that initially BOK officials indicated they would need almost twice as much water (42,000 gallons per day) as they are currently using (22,000 gallons per day) during the low production period.

The question of how the loan would be repaid if BOK closes was raised by councilman Clarence Ford.

ATTORNEY S. Gordon Wood asked why opponents of the measure had not shown up at earlier meetings in March and April to voice their opposition, noting that water and sewer rates would have to be increased anyway.

presently contemplated would be restoration of parts of the water line currently in need of repair with money borrowed at commercial bank rates.

Wood asked for a show of hands of those opposed to expanding the water system. Over half of the audience responded.

City clerk Mary Tapp, in response to an inquiry by former mayor Bill

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## Guthrie interim principal

Bill Guthrie, Federal Programs Coordinator for Nicholas County Schools, has been named acting principal at Nicholas County High School. Announcement was made at the August 13 meeting of the board of education.

Greg Reed, currently employed as assistant principal by the Livingston Parish School Board in French Lick, Louisiana, has been named to a similar position here and will become the new principal once he has completed requirements for certification from the Kentucky Department of Education. This is expected within the next two months.

Reed, 28, is a 1978 graduate of NCHS and the son of Mr. and Mrs.

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## During Blue Lick's celebration

### Miniature golf course dedication set Sunday

Work crews from Frankfort, with additional help from Nicholas and surrounding counties, are putting the finishing touches on the 18-hole miniature golf course at Blue Lick State Park, scene of this weekend's annual celebration and battle reenactment.

Completion of the course, delayed by recent rains, is expected in time for play Saturday and Sunday when hundreds of visitors will fill the park to take part in the celebration of the anniversary of the Battle of Blue Licks. The bloody battle, in which 90 Kentuckians were killed, occurred on August 19, 1782.

Already completed are concrete walkways connecting the holes, carpentry, lighting, and a grove where clubs and balls will be rented for \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children 12 and under. The highest hole will be open through October.

when the park closes for the winter. SURROUNDING: Grounds have been seeded but some landscaping remains to be done, park manager Sam Devine pointed out last week. A gravelled parking area alongside the course will accommodate 18 cars. Plans call for an asphalt seal in the coming week.

Formal dedication of the course is set for 1:30 p.m. Sunday. Ribbon-cutting will be handled by area legislators, county and city dignitaries and a representative from the Division of Parks in Frankfort. Gov. Martha Layne Collins was invited but had to decline because of a prior commitment.

The state park is the site of what has been called "The Last Battle of the Revolution," since it took place a year after Lord Cornwallis' surrender in Yorktown. Kentuckians were instrumental in the victory. See Blue Licks, page 14

### Celebration events

**Saturday, August 17**  
9 a.m. — Museum opens.  
10 a.m. and continuing throughout the day: Arts and crafts fair, color guards (2 a.m. and 3 p.m.), 18th century fashion show, demonstrations of pecker button and spoon molding, spinning, colonial candle-making, hawk and knife throwing, market and rifle firing, gunsmithing, powder horn making, scrimshaw, manual of arms, chair carving, authentic 18th century camp.  
12 p.m. — Battle reenactment.  
4 p.m. — Square dance at the museum (public invited).

**Sunday, August 18**  
9 a.m. — Museum opens.  
12 noon — Arts and crafts fair.  
1:30 p.m. — Laying of the wreath.  
2 p.m. — Battle reenactment.



**Dedication Sunday**

The new 18-hole miniature golf course at Blue Lick State Park will be ready for use this weekend and put in time for the annual celebration marking the 203rd anniversary of the Battle of Blue Licks. Park

manager Sam Devine left and Brian Watkins, a member of the work crew, check construction progress. Dedication ceremonies are set for 1:30 p.m. Sunday. — Staff photo.



### Adding authenticity

Lynn Reynolds, one of the "victims" in the DES drill, is being made up to appear injured by Robert Gaines, a training officer with the DES unit in Lincoln County.

## Mock accident very realistic

A mock wreck staged at the entrance to the County barn Tuesday night, August 14, was so realistic that shock waves through the community from those who heard the alert on a police scanner to passers-by who were convinced that a tragic accident had taken place.

Actually, it was a training exercise for the Carlisle-Nicholas County Disaster and Emergency Services team, with the cooperation of city and county law departments, city police and the local hospital.



### Scene of the 'wreck'

Ronald McFarland of the Nicholas County Ambulance Service and Edna Fortson, assistant county fire chief, administrator and to Wilbert Winkle, a victim in the DES-staged mock training exercise. The view is from inside the car of the wreck site.

DES unit coordinator Earl McFarland was in charge of staging the 4:30 p.m. "wreck" and previously piloted ambulance driven by Mark Hubbs and a church bus (piloted by William Campbell, veteran driver for the New Hope Assembly of God Church in Paris).

ANSEL LACKS were on the scene within three to four minutes to take the "injured" to the nearby hospital. Boarding "victims" included spouses from Roy Boyd, Tony J. Scoutmaster, Wilbert Winkle, Bill Guthrie, assistant scoutmaster and

Lynn Reynolds. All were previously made up at the National Guard Armory to appear injured by Robert Gaines, a DES training and exercise officer from Lincoln County.

Emergency medical technicians from neighboring Robertson County assisted at the wreck scene, under the watchful eye of those from local DES coordinators. Transported from the scene of the ambulance and the injured were conveyed to the hospital via stretcher.

Body Hooten, formerly of Carlisle and DES coordinator for Area 12 in Lexington, told McFarland he was "well pleased" in expressing his appreciation to cooperating groups, and that the drill went "really well," even though it may have temporarily frightened/passing motorists.

The exercise, primarily designed to take care of the injured in the event of a school bus accident, is required of all DES teams in the state.