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Engineers evaluate dam leak

City's water woes continue to surface

By James H. Duncan and Emily A. Wolf
City engineers learned Monday night that what they thought was "water over the dam" might instead be water leaking under the dam and another costly project associated with its water system and efforts to come to the aid of environmentally troubled Blue Grass Kettling.

GW Engineers Inc. of Lexington, represented by Brad Montgomery, Bob Southwood and Steve McKinley, asked council to approve the completion of Phase II Evaluation of the lower dam at the water treatment plant at a cost of \$400,000.

This apparently is the latest

development in the ongoing situation which began earlier this year when RCJ found itself in non-compliance with newly imposed state EPA regulations governing chloride content of effluent discharged into Brassy Creek at the Kettling operation.

HIGH THE WAY the scenario has taken place, as updated at Monday night's meeting.

On Sept. 18 there was a meeting in Frankfort of the Division of Water DOW to discuss the proposed water project and its relation to Blue Grass Industries. Dan Barker, Dave Phillips, Bob Ware and Clyde Holton of DOW and Montgomery of

RCJ were in attendance. It was proposed at that time that the Phase II Evaluation on the dam be completed. According to a report of that meeting by GW Engineers, a Step I has been completed and a Step II was approved on Oct. 18.

Also at that time, the DOW was preparing a permit for three Green Industries to be able to discharge 900,000 GPD (gallons per day) at the site of the water waste treatment plant discharge with a chloride concentration of no more than 2,000 mg/l.

The report states that Holton seemed to think the dam could be repaired for \$100,000. That's an ad-

dition to the \$400,000 for the preliminary study on the condition of the dam and updates as quoted Monday night and for specifications and engineering plans which would come later.

The Sept. 18 report also noted that there will be no raise in water rates for Blue Grass Industries and that the only commitment from RCJ is that they want to stay in Carlisle.

The GW engineers present Monday night estimated that the cost of the project to repair the dam at the city lake is as follows:

Problem No. 1: Spillway does not have the capacity to handle the PSP (Probable Maximum Flood).

Problem No. 2: Water is leaking

under the spillway.

Problem No. 3: Leaking and possible pipe over low drain.

Problem No. 4: Leaking beyond the dam near center of dam.

Problem No. 5: Leaking and possible pipe water making hole in dam at a weak spot near the existing Pond.

The Board of the water required "Phase II" report, breaks down as follows:

Problem No. 1: \$10.1M GW engineering costs of more on site projects; mapping, monitoring and preparation of report; \$40,000 for a geotechnical analysis which another firm will conduct; \$ of soil borings and

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Tribute to 'a mighty good man'
A large portrait of the late Charles M. Cox, county attorney from 1920 to 1974, was unveiled December 4 at 1 p.m. in conjunction with fiscal court chambers at the courthouse. Court had commissioned Gage Studio of Covington to make the portrait as a memorial to the service Cox gave Nicholas County for 24 years. Officials present were, from left, magistrates Orville Holt, Abraham Harold Mitchell, county

attorney Joseph H. Conley, Mrs. Charles Cox, Judge Executive Reese Smoot, magistrates Melvin Fryman and Earl Lee Plunk, Not shown: Elmo Myers. Judge Smoot noted that Charles Cox was a mighty good man to Nicholas County. This is a tribute to his service to fiscal court. Cox 71 was stricken July 17, 1985 while on business at the courthouse.

Ambulance service contract signed; land donation nixed

At its December 4 meeting, two days after the City of Carlisle agreed to a \$1,000 share of the ambulance service, fiscal court signed a contract with Ronald McDonald to provide ambulance service for the coming year.

The \$24,000 contract calls for 10 monthly payments of \$2,000, effective January 1, 1986. The following maximum rates, both emergency and non-emergency, will apply: in county, \$25; in other destinations \$35 plus \$1.00 per load mile, with a base rate of \$50 for round trip loaded. No additional charges will be made.

The county will continue to lease to McDonald the two ambulances, a 1984 Chevrolet and a 1977 Dodge Maxivan, the latter used as a backup vehicle. McDonald furnishes routine maintenance on the ambulances and equipment as well as all operating supplies and personnel, including a certified emergency medical technician on duty at all times.

Nicholas County Ambulance Service is housed in the county-owned Old Armory Building on East Main Street.

COUNTY ATTORNEY Joseph H. Conley told the court he had been advised by the Attorney General's office that the county could not donate the land adjacent to the new National Guard Armory, as had been requested Nov. 20 by the local RANJ for future expansion.

Magistrate Harold Mitchell made a motion to sell the property for \$120 per acre up to 10 acres. The RANJ was interested in buying the property.

At the recommendation of Judge Executive Reese Smoot, Francis Johnson was hired to work at the courthouse, both inside and out, effective Dec. 8. His pay was set at \$1.20 per hour for a 40-hour week.

MAGISTRATES, on the motion of



JAMES P. JIMMY BRANNON

Brannon to open law office

James Paul Jimmy Brannon of Paris, grandson of the late Paul Brannon, owner and publisher of the Nicholas County Star and one-time editor of The Carlisle Mercury, is opening an office for the practice of law in Carlisle.

Brannon, 25, will be located in the office of former attorney Charles M. Cox, who died earlier this year. He plans to divide his time between Carlisle and Paris, where he plans to open an office in the building which houses newspapers owned by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Brannon.

He plans to spend from two to three days a week here, depending on the workload.

Brannon is a newly-elected Paris City Commissioner who will take office in January. He has previously spent time talking to lawmakers on behalf of the proposed widening of U.S. 60 between Paris and Lexington and he would be interested in any reaction or input from residents in Middlesboro, Nicholas County and others in the immediate area.

BRANNON is a graduate of the University of Kentucky and a May, 1980 graduate of the UK law school. He is a member of the 1979 graduating class at Bourbon County High School.

He continues to work, at times permits, at the Bourbon County Citizens Center where he grew up in newspaper business with his parents. Likewise, he will continue to make his home in Paris. Nancy Lyons will continue to do tax work in the Local Street office. Mrs. Patricia Cox will operate her late husband's insurance business there.

Mercury nominated for award

Donald G. Elder, Superintendent of Nicholas County Schools, and the Nicholas County Board of Education nominated to the Kentucky School Board Association, Emily Wolf, editor, and The Carlisle Mercury for

the Excellence in Education Reporting award.

The nominations for "outstanding coverage of educational news in Carlisle, Nicholas County and the state of Kentucky" were made at the Dec. 8 meeting of the board of education.

In other business, the board:

- Employed Vicky Fleming as "Sentinel to Road" aide.
- Employed Janet Stout as a J.T.P.A. aide and a Migrant aide in elementary on Dec. 13, 1985.
- Approved solutions screening in elementary on Dec. 13, 1985.
- Approved Nicholas County Homeowners' use of high school cafeteria for "Class Meeting Workshop."
- Approved two-day leave of absence without pay for Charles Canopy and a three-day leave without pay for Mrs. Perry Duncan.
- Approved high school counselor attending meeting at Georgetown College.
- Granted sick and/or maternity leave.

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Grain crop insurance period ends

December 10 ended the 1985 crop year insurance period for all grain crops grown in Kentucky and insured by the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC), as a private company reinsured by FIC, according to John Soper, a representative for the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation.

"Any notice of loss must be given no later than 30 days after total destruction of the unit, completion of harvest, or December 18, whichever occurred earlier," according to Soper.

The producer who anticipates a claim should notify his or her crop insurance agent immediately.

"Under the terms of the policy, any acreage on which harvest will not be completed must be left intact until an inspection is made. Any claim for indemnity may be rejected if there is loss reporting requirements are not met," Soper stated.

Hospital care costs lower here

Cost of care at Nicholas County Hospital is well below the state average, according to figures from a 1984 survey conducted by The Equitable Insurance Company.

Of 26 voluntary responses received in the survey, the Carlisle facility ranked under the state norm in room and board charge, \$127 here, \$141 state average, auxiliary charge, \$154 here, \$160 state average per patient day (\$26 to \$44).

ON THESE same three categories, Lexington reported costs of \$161, \$202 and \$182; Louisville \$160, \$112 and \$108; Mt. Sterling \$137, \$158 and \$153; and Winchester \$148, \$149 and \$139. No reports were received from Paducah, Clarksville, Jackson and Scottsville hospitals affiliated through rates to patients than Carlisle.

The 28 bed local hospital received 6,960 patient days last year, with an average length of stay at 4.3 days.

Harrodsburg man hurt in accident

A Harrodsburg man suffered a punctured lung in a two-vehicle accident December 4 shortly before noon at the intersection of Carpenter and Pleasant Springs roads.

Carl Holbrook, 35, driving a gray Chevrolet along Pleasant Springs Road, went through the intersection and into the path of a 1980 Ford pickup truck driven by Earl Wayne Harbeck, 42, of Carlisle. Harbeck was traveling east on Carpenter.

The Nicholas County sheriff's office reported that the pickup struck the car at the intersection and sent the car into the path of the accident. Holbrook was apparently unconscious with the car.

He was taken by ambulance to the local hospital and then on to Humana Hospital, Lexington. Harbeck was treated here for minor injuries and released. Both vehicles sustained extensive damage.

Request for boys gets no response

New and used toys in good condition are being sought for distribution to needy kids in Carlisle and Nicholas County this Christmas Eve.

Richard Gardner, Mark Hughes and Steve Cartwright will play Santa Claus on Wednesday night, and which people may leave at Garrett's Parkette or Woody's Auto Repair anytime before Dec. 21, or Dec. 23 at their latest.

Since no toys have been received to date, we hope that the community will respond in the coming days so that all requests can be filled and no child goes without a toy of some kind, Santa said.

Post Office open longer

Carlisle Postmaster Eugene Sharp announces that the post office will be open longer hours for the convenience of postal customers with his parents' business.

On Friday, Dec. 13 and 21, windows will be open until 3:30 p.m. instead of the usual 1:30 p.m. on Wednesdays, Dec. 18 and 22, service will be extended from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m.