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A 'cool' day in Millersburg

A 111 freight train dumped an unexpected surprise on the town of Millersburg Saturday in the form of six freight cars loaded with coal. The cars derailed just south of the 111 bridge crossing Heaton Creek leaving cars strewn along both sides of the track and tons of coal spilled on the backyards of houses adjacent



To the track, in one yard the dog stopped just short of covering a swimming pool. Two dogs in a doghouse in the same yard were not so lucky as their house was covered with coal from the train. The dogs were recovered with no serious physical injury although one was treated for shock by a veterinarian.

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Snow removal costs may hit five figures

Cities associated with the removal of ice and snow dumped by the Storms of 1985 could be the biggest mark in Nicholas County. While all the cities have not been treated, the storm cost exceeded \$10,000. The Mercury has learned.

Judge/Executive Reese Smoot said that he exact amount is available at this time, but whatever it is represents a big loss to the county.

Carlisle Mayor Frankie Hatcher also said an estimate of snow removal costs had been compiled by the city since a number of bills are outstanding.

Representative of 19 Kentucky counties which has received \$300 in emergency funds from the state as a participating member in the Cooperative Agreement Program enacted by the 1981 General Assembly. In addition, Smoot said he was notified Monday that the state is making available another \$300 in emergency funding. The money, which Smoot said he was told could be expected by March 25, will help offset other associated expenditures, mostly the cost of fuel applied to snow removal equipment used in the road-to-clock clearing operation earlier this month.

SEN. CORRIE, in the meantime, called on Wednesday night meetings during January and February, and the county business during Wednesday morning sessions.

Highlighting other light agendas were the following:

A Single County Grant up to \$50,000 was approved by the Correctional Cabinet for use in the construction or reconstruction of jail facilities in Nicholas County.

The estimated qualified cost is \$50,500, which would include the 10 percent (\$5,050) to be paid by the county, as well as any out-convert. The county is exploring several possible options available. It has yet to be determined.

The gym of the old armory building on East Main has been leased to Mike and Linda Harkness of Johnson for six months, with an option to renew at the end of the period, effective February 1. The Harkness will pay \$200 per month. The lease was signed at the Feb. 5 court meeting. The gym would be used for athletic classes and meets and other recreational activities, under the terms of the agreement.

Four new Judge/Executive Smoot a lot of four roads to be ripped and sealed in 1985, including the finishing of Pleasant Springs Road, with any balance being applied to Union Road, Hickory Ridge Road from U.S. 48 to the Park and Game Club, and Hill Road and Day Highway.

The trustees voted to give the City of Carlisle one-half of the \$30,000 Area Development Fund money available.

Minutes dealing with erecting street signs were changed to read as follows: Two signs on Arnold Heights and one each on Chickadee Lane, Shannon, Young and Day streets and on Shepherd Hill. All will be mounted on 16-foot posts.

Schools closed 19 days

Due to the winter storms in December, January and February which closed local schools, Nicholas County students will have 19 days of school to make up. Kentucky Revised Statutes 18A 001 and 18A 010 require school district calendars to have a minimum of 180 days of instruction each year.

Superintendent Donald G. Elder stated the district is exploring several options prior to amending the school calendar: (a) utilizing spring break days (originally set for April 8-11); (b) extending the school calendar at the end of the year; (c) rescheduling in-service days; (d) Saturday classes.

The Kentucky Department of Education, Division of Pupil Attendance, surveyed school districts Feb. 26 to collect information to determine the total number of days each system has missed. The State Board of Education, at its March 2 meeting, will analyze the information collected and possibly recommend other options to school districts.

Mr. Elder is talking with school officials in neighboring counties to learn if Nicholas County students have the credits the city and county need for the incident conditions as being the major factor in the low number of days which school had to be cancelled.

Other road crews and other supervisors are to be commended on the great job they have done during the snow emergency, Mr. Elder said.

"We appreciate the support we have had from parents living in a few of our county roads that were unable to travel. They brought their children to a designated spot whereby the transportation system could operate safely in transporting them to school," he added.

Schools were closed Dec. 8 and 9; Jan. 10, 11, 15, 17, 21, 22, 24, 26, 28, and Feb. 1, 4, 5, 6, 12, 13, 14.

News briefs

Snowbank breaks fall of escaping prisoner

Conflicting accounts surrounded his actual escape. At first it was thought he had jumped from the window. It is also speculated that the young man used an entrance used to lower railroad paralyze down the side of the building.

He allegedly made his way from the pile of snow to the street and was driven away by an unknown accomplice before his escape was discovered. Sheriff Charles Hix said this week that the boy cannot be found locally and therefore he was immediately driven out of the area. The investigation continues.

Elizaville-bound flag gets mares' attention

Mares pictured in Joe Rosenthal's famous photograph was Franklin H. Soukup of Fleming County, who was later killed and is buried at Elizaville. About 8 a.m. Hix said he happened to look out the window of his home on Shores Creek Road and noticed the attention of the mares was solidly focused on a flag bearing, possibly on the anniversary of the raising of the American flag over two times. That of the

Win gymnastic competition

Nicholas County cheerleaders won the gymnastics competition at the 37th District variety at large (showing) tournament Feb. 20 at NCHS gym. Four boys: 1. Anthony Hark, Kelly Howard, Jill Ivins, 2nd year; Tracy Muller, almost a freshman; Amy McFarland, Angie Buckner, Alison Krueger, Melissa Bratcher, supports; Kaitlyn Arnold on the top; Holden on back; Cami Clark. Shown in stands are sponsor Annette Davis and several "special members" Levia Thurston, MCHS, finished third in overall competition behind Southon and Harrison County teams. Pairs finished fourth.

Annual Chamber dinner is Friday

The Carlisle/Nicholas County Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual membership dinner meeting Friday, March 1, 7 p.m. at Dot's Restaurant on West Main Street. Persons other than members interested in attending the business meeting at 8 p.m. are invited. In addition, a limited number of dinner reservations at \$5 per person are available. Call Debbie France at 285-7676 after 5 p.m.

U-C members had a marketing plan and media campaign presentation on Friday, Feb. 27, 1985. The presentation and advertising director at a special meeting Feb. 27.

A number of suggestions were outlined in keeping with the "U-Winner" Shop "Carlisle" theme which would be promoted throughout 1985 to stimulate community pride and help stimulate economic growth.

Cookie sale underway

The sale of Girl Scout cookies got underway here February 27 and will continue through March 25. Cookies, at \$2 per box may be purchased from any local Girl Scout or volunteer.

The Wilderness Road Council, which serves central and eastern Kentucky, buys its cookies from FFF Distributors, one of eight makers licensed by Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. to produce the cookies for the regional area. Local troops keep a portion of the proceeds and provide the money they need to be earned.

Varieties of cookies being sold this year include chocolate nut, shortbread, fudge, peanut butter sandwich and other optional varieties including limited party mixes.

Read your paper's label, please

The Carlisle Mercury this is being mailed to all of its subscribers with computer-made address labels. In the second week in this area we put its subscription list on computer-printed labels, which are mailed to read that the previous mailing method used by this newspaper.

The computer has been in operation for several years at the Mercury plant, mainly being used for accounts receivable.

"This is a new world for us," Mercury publisher Warren Fisher said. For the past year and a half, subscription notices have been mailed using computer-generated labels with the type of the label saying "RENEW BY 02/28/85" or whatever day within the month the subscription was begun, so we estimate the majority of our subscribers have a recollection of seeing it.

"Being something of a pioneer in this area in using a computer to print out our own production in most cases," Fisher said, but we were the 12th newspaper in the state to convert to efforts in August 1982, and have many problems that we did not have to face before. At least we know where to go for help.

As stated before, the top line of all labels carries the expiration date of each subscription. Readers are asked to read this date and keep it in mind.

On-going events such as the Backberry Festival, Lions Club show and the Christmas parade would be tied in to the year-long promotion, working in cooperation with current sponsors.

More than 100 local businesses and four retailers were in attendance. No action was taken on Crawford's recommendations, according to Robert Hester, U-C president.

More discussion is expected at Friday night's business session. Hester is hopeful that business professionals and other individuals interested in the future of Carlisle and Nicholas County will attend. Prior reservations for the business session at the annual meeting are not necessary. Membership business, provided who has not made dinner reservations should do so immediately, Mrs. France said.