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## A \$1.50 investment pays off handsomely

This beautiful dogwood tree which now stands in the yard of the Andy Dudley home at the corner of Chestnut and Syracuse was purchased for \$1.50 about 30 years ago by Mrs. Eugene Neal for her late mother-in-law Mrs. R. E. Neal, who then lived on Elm Street. When the Neals moved to the property now owned by the Dudleys she transplanted her gift to the new location. The Carlisle Garden Club was talking trees on a special project. Today's young dogwoods carry price tags of \$25 and up.

## Arnold played key role in tobacco conference

As a result of a recent historic tobacco conference held in Frankfort, legislative action has been agreed to push forward with a plan to encourage cigarette manufacturers and producers to accept a plan to encourage the growers not to cut.

They are also calling for a reduction in tobacco imports and an increase of the worldwide market share.

It was the first ever meeting of representatives from the major tobacco growing states. They met to establish a plan of unity and action to save the tobacco stabilization program from the proposed phase-out.

THE THREE-DAY tobacco conference was sponsored by Kentucky Legislative Tobacco Task Force and was held in the state Capitol. Participants received input from state and congressional leaders on solutions for the present tobacco dilemma.

Rep. Adam Arnold is the sponsoring member of the Tobacco Task Force along with Sen. Ed Ford. It is the first of a series of meetings in the actual conference. Rep. Arnold is expected to be the keynote speaker.

Arnold had conference meetings from the tobacco growing states that for the first time ever were all working together for Kentucky's tobacco future.

KENTUCKY legislators also said that no specific plan is agreed upon by the growers and cigarette manufacturers they will support a federal tax on manufacturers to pay for the cost of the next program.

And some one step further, Kentucky conference members agreed that if no federal excise tax could be passed then they would push for a state level manufacturer's tax on the cigarette industry to support the no net cost program for the state's tobacco farmers.

Opponents of the current program

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## Spring term jurors to report today

The following jurors are to report to court today for the spring session. May 2 at 1:30 p.m. Circuit Clerk Sally Watkins announced this news.

They are Gerald Adams, Christine Williams, Kyle H. Allison, Lytle B. Anderson, Orville B. Atkinson, William Burch, Henry N. Burnett, Sheila M. Burnett, Mary C. Bowles, Chester A. Brier, Larry B. Brier, William H. Brinker, Fred C. Carter, Harry A. Russell, Edna C. Carter, Allen B. Clark, Jack C. Chamberlain, Charles T. Crawford, Rodney P. Dale, Dorothy D. Day, Edgar R. Day, Ed



## Final games for seven seniors

Seven senior players will play their final games today in the regular season. They are: Kevin McComb, Keith McComb, Greg McComb, Doug McComb, and Kevin White.

## Competitive rate for water asked by BGK official

### City faces time limit on loan money; Mayor feels expanded capacity needed

The only other solution to project funding is the FRMA loan withdrawal, which is borrowing through the private sector at four different lending institutions (approximately \$20,000 from each), hopefully each and three quarters percent interest.

Smallwood reported that some cities are paying nine and one-half to 10 percent interest through the private sector to fund water improvement projects.

He also said that Carlisle is lucky in that it is one of the 280 counties in Kentucky that qualifies for an FRMA loan, the criteria being that the median income of county residents is less than the FRMA eligibility level.

There is also the question of whether the City will need the expanded water capacity if BGK should have to cease plant operations, Jockey, so that the position of each group could be viewed, and a better understanding of the problems each faces could be realized.

Bob Smallwood, consulting engineer with GWR Engineers, Inc., Lexington, was also present and answered most of the questions posed by Jockey representatives.

It is still a "waiting game" for everyone concerned, waiting to see if the state Department for Environmental Protection will lift or lessen the stringent new regulations concerning the plant's discharged water, which if not done, could mean the discontinuation of the plant's operation in Carlisle. This development would thereby affect the City's decision to accept or reject the \$1 million FRMA loan to improve and enlarge capacity of the City's water plant. Also adopting new FRMA recommended water and sewer rates is necessarily being put on hold by Council.

The City faces a 90 day time limit from March 21 on the FRMA loan to have engineering studies done and a feasible loan repayment plan worked out. According to Smallwood, it will take about 120 days to complete engineering specifications.

HE ADVISED those present of two things, one, that if Carlisle did not show interest soon of starting to fulfill these requirements, that FRMA could withdraw the loan before the 90 days is up, second, that the money would not be available next year or any year in the foreseeable future — especially not if we prevent interest.

Mayor Frank Hughes feels that

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He also stated that in order to meet peak season usage without fear of running out of water, that the project must be completed by the end of the summer's drought almost immediately.

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Over View maintains that the water level in the tanks should not drop below 30 feet at any time in order to assure an adequate water supply.

Smallwood stated that if the level drops to a dangerous six feet, that means that there is only about 30,000 gallons of water left in the tanks.

Holmes had the advice for Council: "Before I would go out and borrow \$1 million, I'd wait and see what the state is going to do about closing BGK or lifting new regulations."

Mark Matten, Chamber of Commerce president, asked Council members if they had contacted or written legislators and the Department of Environmental Protection about their concern over the new regulations and the impact it would have on Carlisle and Nelson County. The mayor responded that letters have been written. Councilman Carlisle Miller has also contacted Lt. Gov. Steve Hershey and U.S. Rep. Larry Hopkins.

AFTER setting the fact that their issue is unsettled, Holmes and Matten addressed the issue of the FRMA proposed water, sewer and gas rates.

Holmes stated: "We want to stay in Carlisle, and we want to pay our fair share for the water and sewer. Also we must be competitive." He further stated: "We want to have a competitive water rate to insure our citizens here. Divina bones has paid, he then said, "The new rate is much too high." Also: "We will be paying three times as much for water with the new rates. We are already paying double (as compared to other Jockey plants).

They handed out charts to Council members which compared Carlisle's new water rates from 1,600 to 3,000,000 gallons of usage per month with Belmont, Miss., Millen, Ga., Knoxville, Miss., and Crickets Hill Jockey plants.

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## 'Scholarly' Dr. Mathias honored

### Alumni award worth \$1,500 to ex-resident

A former resident and Carlisle High School graduate, Frank P. Mathias, Ph.D., has been honored by the University of Dayton, where he is a permanent resident.

Mathias received the UD Alumni Award for Scholarship, which carries a \$1,500 cash prize for his achievement.

The award citation for Mathias notes that he has published extensively. He has authored two books, edited a third, has been a contributing author to four additional books, and has published 29 articles in refereed journals. He performs scholarly services as referee of manuscripts for the University Press of Kentucky and for the Register, a publication of the Kentucky State Historical Society. He has presented scholarly papers to the American Historical Association and to the Ohio Academy of History.

HIS MOST recent book, *GI Joe: An Army Roadman in World War II*, has been well-received by scores of students in all parts of the United States. The September 1983 issue of *Ohio Magazine* praised the book as Mathias' memoir as "a true gem among works of his kind, and one that belongs in every serious World War II collection."

Because of his works, "the University of Dayton has received favorable attention on the local, state, national and international levels," according to the award citation.

Mathias has recently taught American History since 1963.



Dr. Frank Mathias relaxes in his University of Dayton office.

"Economic History of the U.S.," and "The Age of Jefferson and Jackson." He is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles (Lucky) Mathias of Carlisle.

They also spent time at their summer cottage on Lake Jackson.