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Apply for block grant, is Ford's advice

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Words of encouragement and thoughts for pondering were offered by Sen. Ed Ford (D-Kent.) here last Thursday in the first of two special meetings that day called by the City Council to deal with the water situation.



Ford has a better idea?

Sen. Senator Ed Ford met informally with members of City Council last Thursday afternoon to discuss an alternative method of financing the city's proposed water system renovation. Ford suggested applying for a Community Development Block Grant.

ment Block Grant (CDBG) from the state. The grant, if approved, would not have to be repaid, he said. It is federally funded but distributed by the state and is used in emergency situations which result in an economic impact on the community. This impact could be the improvement and/or updating of a city's utility system resulting in the creation of new jobs in the community or save existing ones, as in the case in Carlisle, where the future of Blue Grass Knitting is affected by both Environmental Protection Agency regulations and the City's proposed higher water rates.

FORD HAD MET earlier Thursday in Frankfort with Secretary Charles E. Bickler, Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection, Secretary of Commerce Carroll Kincaid, Don Harter, Director, Division of Water, and by phone with Howard Cooley, president of Jockey International, in the company's home office in Kenosha, Wisconsin. The meeting was to clarify the state's position regarding EPA standards as they apply to BKIG and the City's proposed hike in water rates to which Jockey officials have objected.

The rate increase would be necessary to repay a projected \$90,000 loan from FRMA for which City Council had earlier applied. At that time, BKIG officials had expressed an anticipated increase in water consumption in its dyeing and

washing process which called for an expansion of the city's water system. The company has since revised its projections downward, leaving the council members up in the air over their approach to the complex problem.

Without the necessity of providing BKIG with additional consumption, it appears that the city would not need the full \$90,000 loan, only enough to replace filters, pumps and other equipment at the treatment plant and a few fire hydrants and lines in town.

Ford, in explaining the CDBG, said that \$70,000 is the maximum grant available and advised council to apply for the full amount. FORD CONVEYED Gov. Martha Layne Collins' sincere concern over the "difficult situation" which Carlisle finds itself. He also explained that he has been in constant touch with her on all aspects.

Gov. Collins has brought \$3,000 to 30,000 new jobs into the state during

her administration and she certainly doesn't want to lose any. Ford told council, "The Governor is very interested in keeping Blue Grass Industries, Blue Grass Knitting and Jockey International in Kentucky and here strongly that a solution can be worked out."

Ford invited Mayor Frank Hughes to join a Frankfort committee which will try to convince the state to fund the water system. He also invited Mayor Hughes to meet with Jockey officials. Mayor Hughes also talked with Harter by phone last Thursday afternoon concerning the current status of BKIG in regard to wastewater being discharged into Branchy Creek. Harter advised the mayor that men from the Division of Water would be here the next couple of weeks surveying the situation along the flow of the creek.

A PRIME commitment kept Ford from attending the 7 p.m. called meeting that attracted a crowd of about 25 interested citizens. Bob

Smith and Brad Montgomery from CIGW Engineers, Inc. of Lexington were also in attendance. Mayor Hughes explained council's decision to apply for the CDBG money. As of tonight, we will not pursue the FRMA loan, Sen. Ford has been about 40 minutes talking to us and offered all his support," Hughes told the group.

They included Louise McCarty, Maria Kewling, Frances Watson, Jeff Frye, Robert Williams, Charles Judge, Sandra Cull, Dalores Caswell, Stanley W. Caswell, William C. Sams, Andy Debus, Arthur Brantner, Hank K. Dale, Billy Workman, Debra Workman, Henry W. Clark, Carl Bailey, Harry Hester, Betty Fay, Wade Shurt, Jimmy Shurt, James R. Hinkle, Charles Hase, Lee Berry and Frances Lantier.

Ford was invited to the meeting by councilman Carlisle leader, who moved to table the FRMA loan until confirmation in response of the CDBG money is received.

Court Days coming

Court Days are coming to Carlisle, Ky. Pending approval by Fiscal Court at its Wednesday meeting, the Carlisle-Nicholas County Chamber of Commerce will sponsor the first of what is hoped will become an annual event Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 28, 29, in the courthouse square. Mark Mattox, CofC president, said his organization is currently contacting exhibitors in outlying communities as well as local residents who will have their wares for sale all day Saturday and open Sunday afternoon, assuming magistrates give the green light to the venture.

Carlisle's version of the popular fall activity will be modeled after those in Mt. Sterling and Mayfield, though on a smaller scale in this initial attempt.

VOLUNTEERS from any walk of life who would have the time to travel to Frankfort or wherever necessary are sought to work as a sales team with the chamber's Economic Development Committee. Interested individuals may contact John Burke at the Kentucky Utilities Co. office, 289-2124.

The need for a fulltime economic development director was stressed at an earlier CofC meeting. Joe Gibson, a director of the Boyle County Industrial Authority, and past president of the Daviess Chamber of Commerce, stated, "You must keep someone in front of the Department of Commerce where a majority of industrial contacts are made."

Gibson went on to say that it is very important to aggressively market the community through the Certified Cities Program, the Department of Commerce and the Kentucky Industrial Development Council.

Plans for a tractor pull on Sept. 26 were tentatively discussed.

Lions donate \$1,000 cot
The Carlisle-Nicholas County Lions Club donated this \$1,000 one-man cot to the Nicholas County Ambulance Service in memory of the late J. E. (Doc) Brubaker, the cot which converts into a wheelchair to transport patients to and from hospital waiting rooms. A demonstration by Ronald McDonald, left, of the ambulance service and Lion George Garrett, Mc. McDonald said the cot will also provide comfort to patients who must often wait quite some time for treatment.

Scholarship fund honors Charles Cox
The Carlisle Rotary Club is establishing a Charles Cox Memorial Scholarship Fund. A \$400 scholarship will be awarded annually to a deserving Nicholas County High School graduate who is a son or daughter of a man who died July 17 of a heart attack while serving in the United States Army. The fund is the gift and promotion of Carlisle and Nicholas County residents for the past 10 years, serving on numerous civic and community committees and in various capacities.

This tribute to our fellow Rotarian and an outstanding community leader is a way of creating a lasting memory of a "big little man" (Ronald McDonald) president.

Tax exempt contributions are welcome and may be made to the Carlisle Rotary Club for Charles Cox Memorial Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 117, Carlisle, Ky. 40311.

Please join us in this fitting tribute to this remarkable man. Herwood said.



Lions Horse Show Saturday

The third annual Carlisle-Nicholas County Lions Club Horse Show will get underway Saturday at 7 p.m. at the East End Park. Fourteen classes are included on the program, offered from 10 light

year. Shown receiving his 1984 ribbon from Melissa Jones in Nicholas County, Phoenix competition is Judy Thompson of Mount Vernon School.

Poor test results being evaluated
Results of the Kentucky Essential Skills Test released last week revealed that Nicholas County students ranked in the lower third of the state's 120 schools, based on profile data supplied by the Department of Education.

Supt. Donald G. Elder said Tuesday that local test scores are being evaluated by principals, supervisors and some classroom teachers and that a statement of their findings will be issued within the week.

In a scale of one to 10, with 10 being the highest ranking, Nicholas finished above the mid-scale mark of five in only one category, assessed property value per child, which rated six.

Other decile ratings were as follows: Current expenses per child, 8.1/10; four-quarter teacher ratio, 2.4/4; cost for instruction, 11.3/9.8; four-quarter pupil ratio, 4.1/4; local salary assignment, 12.6/6; four-quarter enrollment, 2.8/3; five-year local financial index, 8.3/5; five-year attendance, 10.4/5; five-year percentage of local revenue for schools, 15.1/5.

The second year in a row, Abingdon Independent School District finished first in the state, with a rating of 10 in every category except one. The dropout rate of 2.4 scored a 10.

On the other end of the scale, Knox County, which ranked 180th, was at the very bottom in eight of 19 indicators.

According to a breakdown of ratings which appeared in the August 27 issue of the Lexington



DR. WENDELL KINGSOLVER
Kingsolver consultant for WEDCO

Dr. Wendell H. Kingsolver of Carlisle has recently accepted a part-time position as Medical Consultant with the WELACP District Health Department.

Dr. Kingsolver will continue his private practice of family medicine at his office on Chestnut and Locust streets in association with Dr. Tim Scott. The position with WEDCO involves public health issues in Nicholas, Scott and Harrison counties.

Dr. Kingsolver received a BS from the University of Kentucky, the MD from the University of Michigan Medical School, and an internship and residency in family medicine at the University of Kentucky.