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## No tax increase in Nicholas County

There'll be no surprise in store when tax bills arrive in November. Fiscal court, at its Aug. 13 meeting, set a 13.8 cents per \$100 assessed valuation on all real estate and 17 cents per \$100 assessment on all personal property, including motor vehicles.

The rate is the same as in 1985, which was projected to generate \$10.75 in revenues.

Also remaining the same as last year are tax rates for the Hospital Sinking Fund, 17.1 cents per \$100 assessment on all real estate and at 17 cents per \$100 assessment on all personal property, including motor vehicles.

Both tax rates are subject to the formality of a public hearing as required by House Bill 44, which has set Nicholas County's rate at 13.4 cents.

Court also approved a 2.5 cents per \$100 assessment on real estate and a 2.5 cents on all tangible property as set by the Nicholas County Board of Health.

Approval was given the Public Library Board's rate of 2.1 cents per \$100 assessment on all taxable property.

Magistrates okayed the 2.8 cents

per \$100 assessment on all property in the county only on real estate and tangible, including motor vehicles as set by the Nicholas County Fire Protection District Board.

Tax rate on bank shares was set at 23.39 cents per \$100 assessment.

PERMISSION was granted John Guiley and Clyde Thomas, representatives of the Western Fleming County Water District, to extend the district's water line from Tunnel Hill, Highway 21, to behind the Eberndt Gray house across Fleming Creek to the Lacking-River bridge across to the Garfield Gray property. This would add 16 customers to the line.

Permission is subject to all legal terms and approval being obtained. An addendum to the Senior Citizens Center lease between the county and center's property owners Lucha and Rose Marie Farah was authorized to show that the two cycling fans which were donated to the center would be given permission to remove them on termination of the lease.

IN OTHER BUSINESS, magistrates approved the following:

- Placing an ad in The Mercury to notify all persons operating places of entertainment in Nicholas County (outside the city limits) that they are required to have a County Road House permit to operate such places.
- Also to be notified are operators of bulldozers that dozers are not to be driven on county roads, which are being damaged by the heavy equipment.
- Robert A. Brady was named to fill the unexpired term of David Epton on the Johnson-Mathers Health Care Inc. board. The term expires in January 1987.
- John Allison was named to Maters Educational Fund Committee replacing Emerson Baker, who resigned.
- Inquire Green, secretary of the Maters Fund was given permission to purchase a typewriter for use in fund house.
- A check in the amount of \$200 was authorized to the Nicholas County Public Library as part of the budget appropriation.
- Wanda Linton, county treasurer, was given permission to invest any excess monies at the highest interest rate she can obtain.



**Tobacco housing time**

A total of a half-inch of rain in the last two weeks helped put some size and weight on this good-looking crop of tobacco being housed Monday by John Cleaver Jr., with help from a D. Maxwell, foreground. Cleaver said this year's tobacco will occupy only about half the barn space of previous crops. The Cleavers are also raising an

acre of green peppers on their Walnut Grove Road farm to help offset the loss of burley revenues. They picked a load Sunday night to be taken to market early Monday. Before heading to the tobacco patch, Cleaver said the only problem with peppers is they need to be picked about the same time tobacco needs to be cut.

## Would correct city, Jockey problems

# Latest water plan said to be best yet

by Janie R. Duncan

A third alternative plan for solving Carlisle's water plant and Jockey's waste-water discharge problems was outlined Monday night by Bill Smallwood of GHW Engineers at a public city council meeting.

Part of the plan calls for converting the existing eight-inch raw water main to sewage force main and pumping waste water from the knitting operation at Jockey International to Lacking River. A new 12-inch raw water main 38,000 L.F. would then be constructed from Lacking River to Carlisle. In addition, improvements would be made to the city's water system. Costs would run between \$2 and \$2.3 million.

Devised by GHW and Howard K. Bell engineers, the plan met the approval of state EPA officials when presented at a meeting last Thursday in Frankfort.

Barry Mademont, vice president of textile operations for Jockey, was also present.

It was the consensus of opinion that this plan was the best of the three plans so far outlined.

When questioned by council members as to which plan he would recommend, Smallwood replied, "I don't think anything comes close to this alternative."

TOTAL COST of the plan is \$4,362,000. However, state officials did feel that the amount was more than Carlisle could realistically handle, he said.

Smallwood suggested that two steps of the plan—upgrading the waste water plant to meet standards and dam repair at the water plant—

be eliminated at this time.

This lowers the cost to \$2.1 or \$2.3 million. With a \$1 million Community Development Block Grant, this would reduce the amount to \$1.2 or \$1.3 million.

Alternative plan 1 called for pumping Jockey and Carlisle waste discharges combined to Lacking River, with a total price tag of \$4,005,000. Plan 2 called for flow augmentation from Lacking, 11.9 million gallons with disposal to Brandy Creek. Cost was figured at \$4,067,000.

A meeting was set for later this week with council members and before grant money can be Jockey officials to discuss the proposal.

ONE OF THE MAJOR features of plan 1 is allowing Jockey (BG2) to use the existing eight-inch water line from the city's plant to Lacking River, and build a new 12-inch parallel line to the river for the city's use.

According to Smallwood, the effluent level requirements are less stringent for Lacking River than for Brandy Fork Creek.

Smallwood recommended that the city no longer maintain a reservoir (city lake) at the water plant. He said, even though it is an advantage and is very nice to have, that very few cities in Kentucky had reservoirs, maybe one in 10 or 20.

At the present time, the city sewer plant is operating under an administrative order from the EPA office in Atlanta. That office will not relinquish its authority until the plant comes into compliance with EPA regulations, which is the sewer district. The Atlanta office will seek a ruling for a five to seven year extension for

Atlanta.

WATER AND SEWER revenues were also discussed. Smallwood cited 1984 figures: \$72,000 was realized from water and sewer revenues—\$22,000 water and \$50,000 sewer. Water was breaking even with discharges combined to Lacking River, with a total price tag of \$4,005,000. Plan 2 called for flow augmentation from Lacking, 11.9 million gallons with disposal to Brandy Creek. Home Administration requires that all utilities "stand on their own feet" before grant money can be considered.

## Low interest loan okayed for project

The state Pollution Abatement and Water Resources Finance Authority has agreed to provide a \$97,000 low interest loan for a water project in Nicholas County.

According to Dr. James R. Ramsey, the authority's executive director, the City of Carlisle will use the money for a water service project.

The loan is a part of the authority's \$30 million program to provide interim construction financing for about 60 waste water treatment and water distribution projects across the Commonwealth. Ramsey said the projects have been approved for funding.

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**Heat relief**

Cattle seek relief from heat last week in dorned-up creek on Malcolm Hawksway's farm near the intersection of Lower Jocktown and Taylor's Creek roads. Sunday morning showers

lowered temperatures but fell far short of the rainfall needed to offset drought-like conditions in Nicholas and most counties in central and eastern Kentucky.

## Water supply low in some farm ponds

A general rain averaging between two and eight tenths of an inch fell in Nicholas County Sunday morning, with the area around the city of Carlisle receiving the most precipitation.

Western regions of the county received the least amount of rain, according to Mike Phillips, extension agent for agriculture.

Most farm ponds are low, causing the shifting of cattle from field to field

Some cattle are being marketed, Phillips noted.

He also said that close to 30 percent of the county's tobacco is in the barn. He suggested that growers with tobacco that needs tending should do some to get the top leaves ripened.

"Tobacco has got almost all the height it is going to get, so let's take care of what's setting best, the top leaves," Phillips said.

He said that Sunday's rain helped

crop which had been irrigated.

The yield of commercially grown green peppers varies from section to section, depending on the rainfall pattern, Phillips noted.

He acknowledged that current drought conditions are probably worse than 1983. Overall water situation is more critical because of underground water tables being lower due to the collective shortages of the past three years.



**Testing 1, 2, 3...**

Television crews from Channel 18 in Lexington have been in Carlisle and Nicholas County the past several weeks filming Kentucky Life for presentation this Saturday from 7.8 p.m. At left, Lisa Morris looks over the news as chief videographer Mike Priddy focuses a \$50,000 camera to record the shot. Checking the lighting is Michael Hughes. Priddy's assistant. At right, show co-host and producer Kamille Ballard and videographer Greg Thomas visited The Mercury office to shoot a segment of the show, of which Bill Crawford, Burns Road's executive producer. (See Hereabouts, page two.)

