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Arson suspected in Barterville fire

State police are searching for an arsonist who set fire to the old Barterville grocery store Saturday, July 12 about 11 p.m.

The upstairs of the building, which was closed, and unoccupied for the last several months was badly damaged.

Nicholas County fire chief Mark Hughes said that witnesses saw a man enter the store by the front door and leave by a side door. He then crossed the road and headed down Mt. Marsh Road, where he reportedly got in a car and drove or was driven away.

Fire broke out shortly after the man left the store, witnesses said.

The man, who was not recognized, was described as "young and clean-shaven."

State police arson specialist Ron West and chief Hughes, along with troopers Tim Thomas and Bill Hayes, spent most of Sunday investigating the blaze and talking with persons in the area.

Kerensha had been used to set a couch on fire in the denitrator part of the vacant store. Mrs. Massey's son R. T. Massey had lived upstairs until February of this year.

Investigation revealed that kerensha had also been poured on outside stairs, the area around which was badly burned. The front door was unlocked when troopers arrived and showed no signs of having been forced open.

Hughes said he could not estimate the loss in terms of dollars at this time.

A truck from Bourbon County smashed the local firefighters, who were on the scene until midnight.

THE BUILDING, a landmark of the Barterville community for well over 100 years, is presently owned by Mrs. Eva Mae Massey of Milanburg.

It was also a post office until 1949 when the post office temporarily was moved to the late L. C. (Top) Taylor store, then back and later to its last location in front of Bank Hill Road with Ms. Geneva Taylor as postmistress until the post office was discontinued in 1973.

Barterville was first settled in 1820. The first postmaster was Isaac Fedak.

At the time, according to the history of Nicholas County, the store was owned by Scott Frederick, who also was John Porter in 1874. In the 1880s it was owned and operated by Scott Kennedy and his wife Margaret Elizabeth.

After Kennedy's death his widow and her brother W. F. Cottingham operated the business as the W. F. Cottingham and Co. General Merchandise Store until 1918.

Others known to have owned the store since that time included Bill Hartwig, Zack Green, Ira Green, Dorsey Caswell, Jesse Earlywine, T. C. Ashby, Buster Ritchie, Spencer and Edith Taylor, Turner Danabas, Lester and Inez Green, Mrs. Edna George and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Price, among others listed in the history.

TWO OTHER fires kept firemen busy Friday night.

A house on Walnut Chapel Road, owned by Terry Buckler family, caught fire about 8:15 Friday.

The fire, caused by a youngster playing with a cigarette lighter, got out of control about 10:30 p.m.

Buckler sustained severe burns to his right hand and left foot and was taken by ambulance to the Nicholas County Hospital for treatment.

Firemen were off the scene until 10 p.m. when they were called to the trailer home of Debbie McCarty of Hughes said.

East Union Fire of unknown origin completely destroyed the trailer.

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Unresolved situation

The city lake level is still well below normal, as it has been for several months, following the break in the dam which caused city leaders much consternation. Repair and renovation plans and

construction are still far off. To the left is a boat turned upside down where the normal lake level is. Grass has grown up on the exposed lake bed.

City buying time in hope of grants

By Jane R. Dueson

The city of Carlisle is reporting a five-to-seven-year extension to the deadline on the sewer plant renovation; and there is a possible new source of revenue to fund the renovation not only to the sewer plant but also to the water plant. These issues were discussed at Monday night's council meeting.

Gene Kelley, sewer plant superintendent, has been in contact with Curt Fehn, Region IV director of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in Atlanta concerning extending the 1980 deadline on the sewer project to 1983 or 1986. EPA officials will present Carlisle's case to a federal judge in Atlanta for a ruling on the matter. Kelley feels Carlisle has a good chance of having the extension granted.

Two weeks ago Mayor Lee Bieitz, City Superintendent Garje Madema, Charles Kelley and councilmen Jeff Tyner and Carl Miller talked for about 70 minutes on a speaker phone hookup with EPA officials and a

government lawyer in Atlanta. THE POSSIBLE new source of revenue would be coming through the Kentucky Municipal League (KML). Mayor Bieitz has attended three meetings concerning the proposed plan by the KML to add cities in a financial bond over major and minor emergency municipal projects. City Clerk Mary Tapp attended one of the meetings.

KML is borrowing \$20 million from First Boston Corporation, a bonding agency, to form a pool of money for cities in Kentucky to draw from. So far 17 cities have expressed an interest in borrowing.

Council passed a resolution and ordinance to allow the city to apply for the needed money, and for Mayor Bieitz to sign the necessary forms. CARLISLE IS requesting about \$3 million which will cover sewer and water plants and the dam at the city lake. The interest rate will be from 4 1/2 to 12 percent on a 30-year loan. Bank 1 of Lexington will handle the money and paperwork and issue the revenue bonds for KML. The application form must be submitted by July 20, it was pointed out.

There was some concern as to whether KML would take second mortgage on the plants, as there are already bonds out on them.

Charles Martin, representative of Farmers Home Administration in Frankfort, recently advised Mayor Bieitz that the \$200,000 loan needed for the water/sewer project is in jeopardy of being withdrawn if the city does not soon complete its application for the \$1 million coverage at the bridge charge level from Jockey-in-International's Carlisle moving plant.

Councilwoman Betty Barker also talked to Martin, who advised her that a meeting was to be held Monday with Jockey officials.

Sherry Madema, vice-president of Textiles for Jockey, said that the meeting and information concerning another with local officials here Tuesday would be forthcoming in the

next few days after he'd had a chance to talk to Jockey officials in Kenosha, Wisconsin.

EPA is also requiring that a 201 plan be completed on the sewer plant and submitted, which must be done every 10 years. Bob Smallwood of GSW Engineers has quoted a price of \$3,000 to do the study which will list plans for updating the flow and population of the plant, plus recommendations of number and type of plants. The cost is cited as well as a feasible plan for pay-off of borrowed money.

DUKE TO THE LOSS of an employee, Nicholas County Ambulance Service is requesting that the city of Carlisle take calls when ambulance service personnel are out. The request was brought to council's attention by Councilman Tommy Vaughn.

Clerk Tapp feels strongly that if service personnel should not take the calls because they are not specifically named on the city's liability insurance as performing that service. Plus, if an ambulance call comes during lunch hour when only one person is in the city office, any customers present must be asked to leave and the front door locked before that person can go back to the police station room to call for an ambulance.

The contract for the ambulance service is between the county and the service owners. The city donates a portion of the operating expense money.

Council moved to accept a city liability insurance plan from Charter House for \$1 million coverage at \$11,200 per year with no deductible.

GENE KELLEY stated his displeasure with the employee's "hike-bike" work descriptions, salaries and benefits. His personal grip is over the number of vacation days he has, as he interprets the book. He stated, "I don't know about

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Lightning hits funeral home in Moorefield

Lightning struck the Clark Funeral Home in Moorefield Monday afternoon, completely destroying the chimney and badly damaging the roof of the building.

Owner Bill Clark said he was working in the basement about 4 p.m., within about 15 feet of the chimney, when he felt "a big explosion, like dynamite going off." He said it was lucky it didn't catch the building on fire since the area of the chimney struck was very hot to the touch.

Clark said the roofing had just been replaced about two weeks ago. Telephone service to the home was also disrupted, he said.



New Dorsayville bridge

The new Dorsayville bridge is in place with traffic moving over it. Blacktopping of the surface of the bridge began Wednesday. Pictured crossing is Mrs. Thelma Dool who lives on Dorsey Ave.

Since there is not enough suitable land available at the park site it is hoped that additional acreage, possibly up to 100 acres, can be acquired in the near future, the legislator said.

Adjacent land sought

Blue Licks park addition in '87

A front page story in Monday's Mayville Ledger-Independent, attributed to Rep. Pete Wirthington of Bowling, calls for a new all-purpose building to be constructed at Blue Licks State Park sometime during 1987.

As reported in the Mercury earlier this year, \$200,000 was the price tag the Department of Parks had earmarked for the project which Wirthington was credited with obtaining through the legislature, the article pointed out.

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Wirthington was quoted as saying that he hopes that the owners would make a charitable contribution to the state of Kentucky for a tax deduction. If this is not the case, all attempts will be made to purchase the land, the report stated.

WIRTHINGTON SAID that if the adjoining property is acquired, 100-acre plots will be a river road along the north fork of the Licking River, with cottages overlooking the water. A boat dock and picnic area would be included, with access from an easement.

Don Frazier of the Department of Parks in Frankfort, said the General Assembly had Blue Licks State Park as one of the five sites for recommitment. The article said that

renewer and park manager Sam Devine both agreed that there will be a multi-purpose building with a holding kitchen available for meetings.

Devine said the Mercury it was his understanding that the facility would be one large room, complete with restaurant and kitchen.

It would be available all year round for group use and social occasions.

THE BUILDING could be converted to a long-waist-after today if Blue Licks is transferred into a full service park, it was pointed out.

In the Mayville paper's account, Frazier said that the Department of Parks has requested a consultant to design the building and that of the \$200,000 set aside for its revision,

such things as clearing, grading and sewage would come out of that amount.

Frazier also said that the state has not come up with the criteria to determine just what the designer will be asked to do or if it should be in keeping with the current museum, which the location has not yet been determined and will depend on land acquisition.

THREE IS THE POSSIBILITY, the article said, the park could encompass the old Blue Licks Springs. If this should be the case, there is the likelihood that the Department of Parks would be located in Nicholas County, whose residents have long supported the Robertson County facility.

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