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Snyder stops 'killing' of Falmouth Dam

Proponents of the Falmouth Dam no doubt rejoiced at the lead story in last week's Falmouth Outlook, which seemed to say, "Where there's a will, there's a way." On the other hand, Nicholas County officials will doubtless say, "Gene Snyder got in one last kick for his pet project, which would inundate hundreds and hundreds of acres of ground here in his path. The story follows."

The Falmouth Dam may not be any closer to being built than it has

been for decades, but thanks to U.S. Rep. M. Gene Snyder, R-Brownsville Farm, the proposal isn't "dead" yet either.

Snyder recently saved the 60-year-old proposal from being disauthorized by the Army Corps of Engineers, because, he said, some legislators may want to revive the project in the future.

The Corps of Engineers had planned to kill the project, which was first conceived in the 1930s as part of a flood control project for the Ohio

River Valley.

Snyder reportedly took up the cause of the dam again recently, when he heard the Corps of Engineers had placed Falmouth on its list of proposed deauthorizations.

Snyder sent a letter to the head of the Corps' Louisville office, reminding him of a law which prohibits deauthorization of any project that Congress has spent money on in the past eight years.

Snyder last won congressional approval of a \$300,000 grant to update

the feasibility study on the dam in 1984.

Snyder also won approval in the House of Representatives two years ago for an amendment to a water bill which authorized the federal government to cover the entire cost of the dam, estimated then at \$189 million.

The bill died when the Senate failed to pass the House version.

Snyder refrained from pushing the dam proposal last year when another water projects bill was up for review,

because he could not get assurances from the governor that the state supported it.

Now that Snyder is due to retire at the end of the year, it seems unlikely that either of his successors, Republican Jim Bunning, or Democrat Terry Mann will take a position on the issue.

But many civic leaders in the area, including Falmouth Mayor Max Goldberg, still support the concept of the dam, which, he said, could relieve the flood control problems of the city

while creating the largest lake in the state.

Goldberg estimated the lake would create 1,800 to 2,000 jobs and projected that the reservoir could be a significant attraction to residents of Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky.

Landowners whose properties would be flooded by the dam have long opposed the proposal.

The Kentucky Farm Bureau also passed a resolution opposing the dam.



\$10,000 hand shake
James A. Sakhon, left, presents Carlisle Mayor Lee Bantz with a \$10,000 check and his congratulations for utility born Monday Mary Tapp, city clerk, and Mary Kosak were at the presentation.

State grant defrays cost of maintenance building

Carlisle Mayor Lee Bantz was presented with a \$10,000 check Monday to help finance the construction of the city utility maintenance barn on Market Street.

These state grant monies administered through the Department of Local Government are being used in conjunction with local funds to complete the construction.

The Bluegrass Area Board of Directors endorsed Carlisle's project for funding along with a project for Nicholas County in the amount of \$10,000 for the West End Park, now under construction. Senator Ed Ford was to have made the presentation but was unable to attend.

On hand were Bantz, James A. Sakhon, executive director of the Bluegrass Area Development District, Mary Kosak of the AID, and Mary Tapp, city clerk.

Combat blue mold by spraying now

Now is the time to spray.

Nicholas County farmers are urged to monitor tobacco foliage closely.

Blue mold has been found in the county, extension agent Mike Phillips reports.

If the tobacco was not treated for Blue Mold prevention, a protective spray program needs to be implemented immediately.

During this high humidity period, the tobacco needs spraying at least once each week and twice per week if it is during a rainy period.

Phillips said, "Blue mold thrives in tropical weather conditions.

Area pepper growers need to start a weekly spray program to prevent corn borers from attacking the pepper crop, he pointed out.

Peppers grown commercially are said to be the largest ever raised here.

"This period of time is most critical. Urges need to be monitored daily," Phillips repeated.



Safety first
Keith Herndon, the Emergency Medical Technician North Central at Camp 4 in Camp 4, is pictured conducting a class in Safety and First Aid in front of the main building at the camp last week.

Third man drowns here in 3 weeks

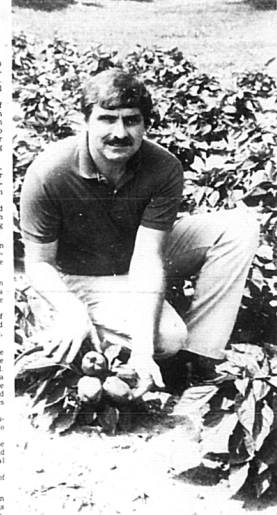
The third drowning in Nicholas County in less than three weeks occurred Friday, July 18 about 6 p.m. in Licking River, just off Sawmill Road.

John Lovell Hurst Jr., 34, of Meyers, husband of Beanie Lawson Hurst, died while swimming with friends near his home, according to Nicholas County Coroner Taylor Mathers, who was at the scene along with Trooper Bill Hayes.

Hurst, originally of Bath County, reportedly swam across the river and started to return when he disappeared from sight about 15 feet from the opposite shore.

The Nicholas County Fire and Rescue Squad recovered the body in about 12 feet of water after dragging the area for 30 minutes.

Services were held Monday in Wallington for the former construction worker and veteran of the Korean War.



EARLIER, a 38-year-old man drowned Wednesday, July 16 in a Nicholas County farm pond near the Bath County line.

The body of Roger Dale Vise, of Route 1 Sharpshooter, was found floating in the pond near his home, coroner Mathers said.

Mathers said Vise and a relative had been fishing from a bank at the pond, off Lower Sharpshooter Road. The relative, thought to be a nephew, left to go to Vise's home across the road and later returned and found Vise in the pond, Mathers said.

Members of a Bath County ambulance squad attempted to resuscitate Vise, Mathers said.

Mathers, who was called to the scene soon after 10 p.m., said he had ruled the death an accidental drowning.

Vise, a farmer, was the son of Henry and Frances Vise.

THE THIRD VICTIM to drown in Nicholas County this summer was Roger Trent Stolt, 21, of Tullahoma. Stolt was swimming with friends at Lake Carmix Sunday afternoon, June 29 when the accidental drowning took place.

Hot, humid weather and the use of water-related recreational facilities have caused an increase in the number of deaths on Kentucky waterways this year. A total of 46 deaths have been reported to date, compared with 42 at the same time last year.

Phillips picked a peck...

Mike Phillips, county agent for agriculture, poses with four large bell peppers on this plant on the farm of Gerald Hammons on Moyville Road. Some plants produced six peppers. Hammons is one of 12 local farmers raising a total of 37 1/2 acres of peppers to be sold commercially in about two or three weeks after adding thickness to the interior walls.



4-H canoers
They're here, I know you. Jim Mike Phillips won't. Those words greeted this photographer who had trudged from the shelter at the North Central 4-H Camp to the boat dock in 90 degrees heat just to get a shot of some 4-H canoers. They obliged by rowing closer to shore for a better shot. From left are the spokesman for the group and Phillips son, Pat, Mike Johnson, Nicholas County, and Shawn Riley, Kenton County.