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Charter officers, 25 years ago

Original board of directors of the Nicholas County Development Corporation were elected Monday, June 26, 1961 and were pictured that week in the Mercury. From left, William T. Straw, secretary; William B. Parker, vice president; Charles M. Cox, president; Dorsey Watkins, vice president, and Dan Rich, treasurer. In the background is

a large map of Lake Carnico drawn by Mason Morrison, assistant county agent here. A commemorative mobile plaque has been inscribed in their honor in the beach area of Lake Carnico and will be dedicated June 26 at 2 p.m., 25 years later. See Hereabouts, page 7.

Lake Carnico reaches 25 year milestone

Dedication ceremony June 26



Foresight, effort recognized

Dorsey Robinson stands by the monument at Lake Carnico which houses a plaque he installed last week honoring the original board of directors of the Nicholas County Development Corporation. The inscription reads: In recognition of Charles Cox, William Parker, Dan Rich, William Straw, Dorsey Watkins whose foresight and continued effort made this lake development possible. Wet cement traces the dark outline. Dedication ceremonies are June 26 at 2 p.m.

Twenty-five years ago last month the Nicholas County Development Corporation was formed. On June 26, 1961 the initial board of directors was elected to oversee what would become Lake Carnico Estates, one of the county's leading attractions and generator of tax revenue. Contributions of the officers of the corporation — Charles M. Cox, president; Dorsey Watkins and William B. Parker, vice-presidents; W. T. Straw, secretary and Dan Rich, treasurer — will be recognized at a special ceremony at the lake Thursday, June 26, 25 years later. A marble plaque inscribed with the names of the officers will be dedicated at 2 p.m. at the beach area. The plaque will occupy one side of a monument to the late Everett M. (Smitty) Smith, local sportsman.

FORMER GOV. Bert T. Combs has been invited to attend. Combs was present for the ribbon cutting marking the opening of the North Central 4-H Camp on May 20, 1963. The 4-H complex is located on 130 acres of the original 745 acres purchased by the NCDC.

Three of the five charter officers — Parker, Straw and Rich — will be present. Watkins died in April of 1977. Cox last July. Both were succeeded by Dan Rich. Parker is now a resident of Independence, in northern Kentucky.

NCDC PRESIDENT John Hall will preside at the short ceremony to which the public is invited. The NCDC was formed May 22,

Legislators question road fund budgeting

About one third of the state's 120 counties — including Nicholas — plan to use money from their Road Funds to pay county administration salaries and expenses in the fiscal year starting July 1. The Courier-Journal reported Sunday. The move is legal but is raising strong objections from legislators who voted for the Senate's gallon state gasoline tax last March. The increase is expected to net some \$20 million for county roads funding. Nicholas was one of 60 counties whose budgets which had been approved by the state's Local Finance Office and one of 40 counties which have budgeted Road Fund money to help pay administrative expenses. A county's administrative salaries and expenses are usually financed

from its General Fund which comes from local property and occupational taxes and fees. Most Road Funds and dollars come from state taxes and fees and are designated for construction, repair and maintenance of roads and bridges, the newspaper account pointed out. JUDGE/EXECUTIVE Reese Smoot, when contacted this week, said that he did not know the exact amount Nicholas County plans to use for administrative salaries expenses. However, he has the highest amount, \$1,274, with Robertson, at \$2,060, the lowest. Legislators who supported the gasoline tax increase told Courier-Journal reporter Steve Massey they did not intend for the money to be used to pay for salaries, page 7.

County asks approval of 20-year plan

Expensive alternatives if landfill should close

A letter to gain final approval on Nicholas County's Solid Waste Management 20-year plan has been sent to the Division of Waste Management by Judge/Executive Reese Smoot. The letter, it was noted at the June 4 meeting of fiscal court stated: "It is our intention to request a permit on our present landfill site. This site, we are told, has approximately 10-plus years of life left. At the end of its life, Nicholas County will either try and permit additional acreage or purchase a private enterprise for waste disposal. "GHW Engineers is preparing our permit application and they anticipate that this work will be completed by July 31, 1986. If the site is unable to receive a permit, the County intends to close the site, and any waste generated within Nicholas County will then be dispersed at a private landfill. "IT WAS ALSO noted that in the event the local landfill is closed, Gateway Services Corporation has agreed to accept all wastes presently being disposed of at the Nicholas County site, subject to prevailing rates. Gateway Services Corporation is located in Montgomery County on Highway 11, 10 miles south of Mt. Sterling towards Powell County. Hauling waste to Gateway would cost the county big money. Judge Smoot said. An estimated five full dumpster loads a week would make the 80-mile round trip journey. It is hoped the permit will be received here to allow continued use of waste disposal at the present landfill on Highway 26. "MAGISTRATES approved the borrowing of \$47,500 from the First National Bank to purchase a 1973 Mack dumpster truck. The old 1970 dumpster became inoperable and beyond repair for regular daily use. It was pointed out. The 1973 model was termed an excellent buy and the best available on short notice. M.C. Blair was present to introduce Buddy Bluff of Charter House, who discussed general liability insurance with members of the court. County Attorney Joseph H. Colyer will review the proposal, to be discussed at a future meeting. Also present was Steve Nickel to discuss CBs for use by the road department. Cost of each radio is \$15.00, plus a base of \$17.50. Court asked for two units on a trial basis with a decision on purchase at a later date. JUDGE SMOOT was given permission to sign an agreement with Robertson County Fiscal Court and County Judge G. Wayne Buckner to

hold juvenile detainees there at \$30 per day, if space is available. Robertson, Bracken, Mason and Fleming counties have first priority for lodging due to existing agreements. Space availability would be determined by jailer Eugene Cooper. Medication, if necessary, and transportation is to be supplied by Nicholas County. Russell Seivance was responded to the Board of Commissioners of the Nicholas County Water District. The term will end June 30, 1986. Purchase of a Kodak 400 slide projector, valued at \$1,200.95 was approved for use by the County Extension office. AN ORDINANCE imposing license fees for sale of alcoholic beverages is effective July 1, setting retail package liquor licenses at \$600 per annum, retail multi-unit setting license at \$100, new or renewal, and restaurant wine licenses at \$500 for new and \$400 renewal. All licenses expire on June 30 of each year and shall be renewed by July 1.

Head Start enrollment June 24

Community Action's Nicholas County Head Start will take enrollment applications for the 1986-87 school year on Tuesday, June 24, 14-20 p.m. at the Community Center on Scarab Grass Road in Carlisle. Children born between Oct. 2, 1981 and Oct. 1, 1983 are eligible to apply. Parents will need to bring the child's birth and immunization certificates and fill out results, plus proof of family income. Social Security numbers will also be needed for each member of the household. Head teacher Mary B. Crawford says, "I believe children of this age should be exposed to a variety of learning experiences that are best offered in a well planned preschool program such as Head Start. A child learns best in a relaxed atmosphere where he or she feels secure in a routine and can enjoy learning and discovery. "A balance of spontaneous play and teacher-directed activities is important to ensure maximum growth and development for each child. A lot of interaction and cooperation between parents and teachers is also very important." HEAD START offers each child

Hospital benefit dinner June 27 at country club

The annual Nicholas County Hospital Auxiliary benefit dinner will be held Friday, June 27 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Carnton Country Club. A full buffet will be served by the country club dining room. Entertainment will be by the Lexington-Mainline Theater presented by Trudy. There will be an art and antique auction. The public is invited. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$4.50 for children and may be purchased from hospital auxiliary members, at the hospital or by the Nicholas County Library or call 289-8401. Tickets must be purchased in advance. All proceeds go to benefit the local hospital and nursing home.

Booth sponsors, please take note

Persons who plan to sponsor booths at the Blackberry Festival are reminded to use approximately 100 feet of 12-gauge wire for hook-ups instead of extension cords. It was noted that booths needing electricity, especially those with 220-volt hook-ups, should use the 12-gauge wire to avoid the power outages caused by inadequate extension cords. The festival opens Monday, July 30 and continues through Saturday, July 3. For information call Randolph at 289-7243 evenings, or American Legion Commander John Price at 289-2509. Queen candidates will be announced in next week's Mercury.



Top seller
Lorry Minton, left, Minor League Baseball president, is presenting a check for \$100 to Wilkey Booth, who is the top seller in the league's fundraising drive. He sold 115 units.