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Ford says progress is being made

Governor to convene in Jockey situation

By Jane H. Duncan

About 25 people, some lining the back walls of the upstairs courtroom at the Nicholas County Courthouse, learned Thursday night from Senator Ed Ford that Gov. Martha Layne Collins is trying to arrange an immediate meeting with Donna W. Steigerwald, chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Jockey International in an effort to "resolve whatever problems exist for Jockey and the state of Kentucky."

Ford also stated that Gov. Collins is aware of rumors that still persist that we may lose the Jockey operation of Jockey International and 100 jobs to another state.

Ford pointed out that the state Environmental Protection Agency

has raised the allowable milligrams of chlorides discharged into Branchy Creek by the knitting plant from 600 mg/l to 1,000 mg/l. He said that the state permit for Jockey allows as much as 4,000 mg/l on any given day with ammonia.

Ford also stated, "All of the accommodations that the state has agreed to make to keep Jockey in Carlisle far exceed anything that I recall the president of Jockey International (Howard Cooley) asking the state to do in our original meeting (Sept. 16, 1985) in (Kenosha), Wisconsin."

Senator Ford and Representative Adam Arnold and Pete Worthington attended the meeting at the request of Jockey knitting employees, many of whom fear for their jobs if the circulating rumors have any validity.

Those attending the meeting, in addition to knitting and industries employees, were Mayor Lee Besta, Judge/Executive Heese Simon, City Councilmen, Magistrates and interested citizens.

Senator Ford ended his statement by saying, "Because of the sensitivity of this meeting between these two principals (Collins and Steigerwald), I have felt that it would be in the best interest of Jockey, or the state of Kentucky, for me to comment beyond the scope of this statement."

"I do not want to do anything that may interfere with the deliberations

between the Governor and the chairman of Jockey in finding a satisfactory solution to our problem. You as employees are too important to be left out of this process."

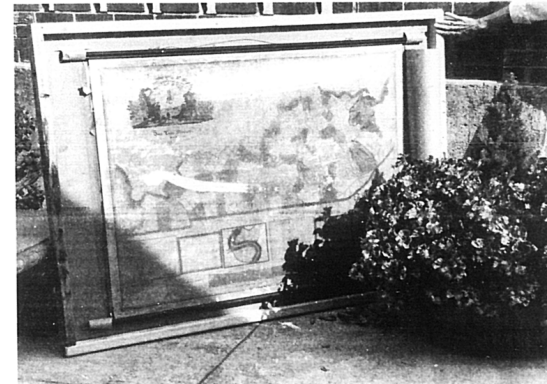
"Progress is being made and I'm optimistic, but I cannot get into any off the wall comments at this time."

"After Mrs. Steigerwald and Governor Collins have met, regardless of the outcome, Representative Arnold and I will be glad to meet with you again at which time we will be free to openly respond to your concerns."

Representative Arnold read a prepared statement from Barry Madson, Jockey vice president, textile operations which stated, "It

seems that my presentation last Friday did not eliminate the persistent rumors about closing Jockey's textile operations in Kentucky. Release of anticipated needs and in order to take some pressure off the Jockey textile operation in Kentucky, we are planning a facility in North Carolina. We already have textile operations in Georgia and Mississippi and the North Carolina facility will be a fourth textile operation."

"It is difficult to predict the future size of the Jockey textile operation in Kentucky. The size of any facility in any other location, the size of any facility in the future is dependent upon customer needs, the ability to remain competitive, the ability to comply



Rare map dedication Sunday
A partially uncrated 1834 map of the Commonwealth of Kentucky was revealed for picture-taking purposes this week. The rare find, which has been restored, was donated to the Nicholas County

Historical Society museum by members of the Clay family. Dedication ceremonies and reception are set for Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at the Depot.



Ishmael Chapel Church
The Ishmael Chapel Church, located on Ishmael Road, has had a location discovered in the 'before' 'top' and 'after' (bottom) photos. Work is still being done on the inside by church members. According to Carl Ishmael, the church was built in 1874 by Mr. Ishmael's grandfather, Timothy Ishmael, his great-grandfather, Samuel Ishmael, who deeded the land to the church, and church members. The present pastor is Alvin E. Kiser, who ministers to 25 members.

Rare, early map unveiling Sunday

A rare and important early map of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, featuring a different shaped Nicholas County will be unveiled Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at the Depot in Carlisle.

The Nicholas County Historical Society has planned a public dedication ceremony and reception for the occasion. Society president, Henry Fritz Young feels the map, because of its significance, should be shared with all people of the county and not just historical society members.

IT WAS FOUND in the attic of the late John E. Super Sr. house, 1000 Moorefield Road by his great-granddaughter, Mrs. Rachael Clark and her daughter, Mrs. Charlotte Hardin.

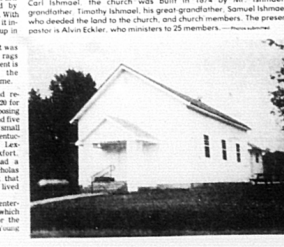
Mrs. Hardin said that the map was discovered "among 151 years of accumulation" when the family moved to a smaller house on the same property. It was rolled in an unsupported and was damaged and in "bad condition" when it was uncovered.

It is thought that Clay came by the map while serving as Nicholas County deputy sheriff and later as high sheriff under the new constitution in the mid 1800s. Family research shows that Clay's wife Mary was the daughter of L. H. Arnold, one of the first clerks of Nicholas County. Mrs. Hardin feels that it's possible the map might have found its way to the attic from Mary's side of the family.

WHATEVER THE SOURCE, the map was turned over to the historical society in the hope it could be properly preserved. Eventually, a map by the name of George C. C. Lee



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The map will serve as a centerpiece at the society's museum which will be open to the public for the dedication Sunday afternoon, Young said.

Collins, Cooley meeting today in Frankfort

A meeting between Gov. Martha Layne Collins and Jockey International President Howard Cooley will be held today, Thursday, in Frankfort.

Cooley is sitting in for the ailing Mrs. Donna W. Steigerwald, board chairman and chief operating officer of the textile firm.

Original plans called for Gov. Collins to fly to Jockey headquarters in Kenosha, Wisconsin Wednesday. It is not known when Mrs. Steigerwald will be able to return to her office.

Cooley contacted in Kenosha Tuesday, said he is in hopes of finding out why the state has been unable to live up to its commitment, made by Charlotte Baldwin, secretary of the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection, in September, 1985 regarding water quality standards. The agreement, if met, would allow Jockey to operate its knitting plant in Carlisle at present year-round production levels.

Attending were Baldwin, her deputy secretary, Charlie Martin, then Harbor director, Division of Water, Gen. Ed Ford, Carlisle Mayor Frankie Hughes, Cooley, Fred Holmes, Barry Madson and other Jockey officials.

Cooley also told the Mercury that Jockey has increased by over 800 employees, 300 of whom are employed in Kentucky operations.

"It's obvious that we are a strong, growing company. We have plants in Georgia and Mississippi as well as Kentucky. It is only natural that we are looking to expand our operation to North Carolina. It's an indication of the strength of our company."

Cooley went on to say that he will ask the governor to use her influence to have the Kentucky National Guard loan its portable water filter to the city of Carlisle to aid in processing water.

Cooley said that even though Jockey is building a plant in North Carolina the company has no intention to close the knitting plant in Carlisle.

"We don't have any secrets from anyone. We are not telling anyone."

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Monday, October 13 is Columbus Day, a federal holiday, and therefore no postal service.
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