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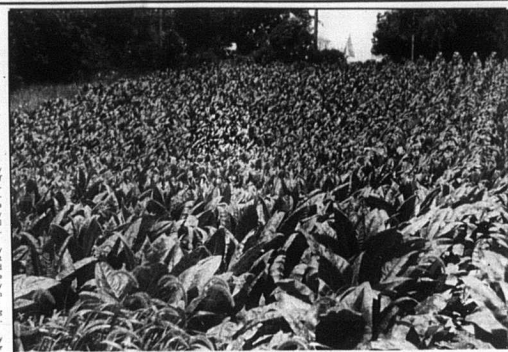
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Grant is accepted for sewer

By Janie R. Denson
of The Carlisle Mercury Staff
The City of Carlisle has accepted the \$78,700 Community Development Block Grant.
The grant will aid the city in funding the proposed \$1,000,000 sewer project.
Monday night at a special called meeting of council, members voted three to two to accept the money.
The dissenting votes were cast by Council members Clarence Cord and Tommy Vaughn, who were very verbal in their opposition to the acceptance.
Also verbal, but in favor of the grant, were members Bobby Barnett and Jeff Tyeer. Barnett said, "What are we going to do, put a rock block at each end of town and keep everyone out?"
Carlisle Mayor Lee Bents reported that it's been made very clear to him by everyone from Frankfort to Atlanta, "You better accept it."

In Frankfort he talked to Sally Hamilton, director of Division of Community Programs of the Kentucky Department of Local Government, the agency which handles block grant money, and to Jerry Harts, who is in charge of municipal compliance for the Kentucky Division of Water.
Bents has been informed by these agency heads if the grant money is not accepted, fines and penalties will be imposed and there will be an immediate ban on any further sewer hookups which means no new homes or industry.
Council members were looking at an August 1 deadline for acceptance or rejection of the money.
He has also been told, in no-nonsense words, "Don't come back for help for any more grant money."
"They're just about close the door (on Carlisle), Bents said.
Carlisle City Attorney Skip Watson was not given the agreement.

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Tall tobacco; a good sign!
Tobacco in the county has benefited from the large amount of rainfall within the last month. It is tall; green and full. This field can be seen on the Old Paris Road. - Janie Denson Photo.

Hillock likes the old fashioned ways

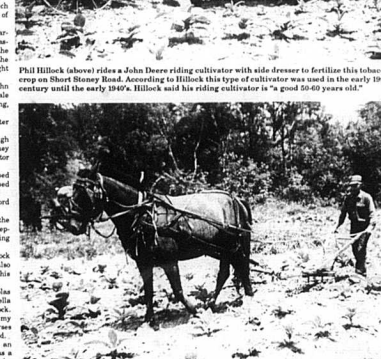
By Marsha Matton
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If you are driving down Short Stony Road one afternoon, you may very well see an uncommon sight in this day of modern technology.
That sight is Phil Hillock and his farmhand, Herbert Higginbotham, using horses to plow a tobacco field.
"We're living in the fast lane, and I think we need to slow down," Hillock said, giving one of the reasons he uses horses instead of tractors and other high technology equipment to operate his farm and another located on Short Stony Road.
"Actually, using horses is cheaper, but everybody says it's slower," Hillock said.
"I can plow one acre in an hour and 45 minutes, and that's fast enough for me," he added.
Hillock raises two acres of tobacco on his 100-acre farm, and five acres of tobacco on John Stover's farm also located on Short Stony Road.
He raises 15 acres of hay, three acres of soybeans, and millet, which is, according to Hillock, a type of feed he raises for his horses.
Hillock has used horses to harrow ground for tobacco, mow pastures, cut hay, feed cattle, plow the garden and drag firewood in the winter for the past seven or eight years.
Hillock does own a 2020 John Deere tractor, which he uses to haul hay and plow ground in the spring, and for setting tobacco.
"I don't use the tractor at all after setting tobacco," he said.
"Using horses isn't fast enough for the younger generation. They would rather have a \$15,000 tractor to ride."
"If modern technology has helped the farmers, still it has also helped ease a lot of back injury."
"Most farmers just can't afford it," he added.
Hillock said maintaining the horses includes feeding them, keeping their feet trimmed, and keeping them on them.
"I grew up with horses," Hillock said, explaining his father was also a farmer who used horses on his farm.
Born and raised in Nicholas County, Hillock is the son of Natalie Hillock and the late Nelson Hillock.
"When I was 12 years old, my big job was to drive a team of horses for raking hay to the crib," he said.
He also explained he had an uncle, Claude Hillock, who was a horse trainer, and a distant relative, Pat Hillock, who was a blacksmith that about most of the Kentucky Derby winners in his time.

"I wouldn't do it any other way," Hillock said.
Higginbotham, known to some as Old Hired Time or Old Con Hunter, is no stranger to using animals for farm work.
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According to Hillock, Higginbotham, at one time, worked mules in the big woods, cutting timber and dragging logs.
"I like to tell the story of the first week Herb worked for me," Hillock added.
Mike, a 9-year-old gelding, Nell, an 8-year-old mare, and Pat, a 4-year-old mare, are the three horses of the 13 Hillock owns used for farm work.
According to Higginbotham, Mike works better alone than when paired with Nell or Pat.
"I can get work out of him all day when he's alone," Higginbotham said, "but put him with one of the mares, and he acts up."
Hillock explained he occasionally

looks all three horses together side by side to pull the cutting harrow or to drag ground.
"They get along faster this way and don't tire any," Hillock said.
"It's a right angle lead to pull the cutting harrow in lower ground, and using three horses makes it easier," he added.
Hillock explained it is necessary to stop every 15 or 20 minutes in summer but winter to let the horses rest for a few minutes.
However, if the weather is reasonable, stopping once or twice in an afternoon isn't that necessary.
"That's hard weather taking them," Hillock said.
Hillock, a full-time farmer, also

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Herbert Higginbotham (above) uses a rattle walking plow to plow this tobacco field on Short Stony Road. - Marsha Matton Photo.

1986 statistics show 155 crimes in county

There were 155 crimes reported in Nicholas County during 1986, according to a report just released by the Kentucky State Police.
Statewide figures show that in 1986 there were 213 reported murders in Kentucky, the same number as in 1985.
There were 48 arrests reported for drunkenness, with 20 reported arrests for driving under the influence accounting for 54 percent of all arrests in the county.
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The report showed there were 14 arrests during the period for forgery and counterfeiting.
In Class I crimes there were two for false reports, and five each suggested assault and burglary. There were two reported auto thefts.
Nicholas County totaled six narcotic drug law arrests in 1986, all for marijuana.
In comparison, surrounding counties reported the following totals: Bath County 458 total arrests 26 for drugs, Boone County 1,128 total arrests 59 for drugs, Fleming County 608 total arrests 16 for drugs, Harrison County 321 total arrests 29 for drugs, and Robertson County 72 total arrests five for drug law.
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