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Pipe, pump delivered to aid city water system

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In the early hours of September 22, three driving down Main Street, probably passed three trucks heading 10 inch water pipe.

According to Gayle Vandendriest, the pipe, which was unloaded behind Jockey International, represents one more step toward completing the City of Carlisle water project.

Carlisle Lister, city councilman, was there to meet Vandendriest and the truck. Lister said, "We want the people of Carlisle to see that the city is taking steps toward solving the water problem."

"The last thing we really wanted our business, and industries in town, is to show an stop production because of a water shortage," Lister added.

According to Vandendriest, the 10 inch pipe is for distribution from Jockey International and 182,000 stand pipe in the Kennedy Heights area.

The next step involves installing a booster pump. "That pump will enable us to pump more water per minute."

According to Vandendriest, they have one to two inches of available water in the lake. There is also sand in the upper lake, but very little.

With the use of this new pump, an additional 200 gallons per minute can be pumped through the city's water system.

"Even with this, we could still have a problem with no rainfall," Vandendriest added.

The pump located behind the Jockey plant is called a variable speed pump.

According to Vandendriest, the purpose of this pump is to maintain pressure to run Jockey facilities, and to help the 200,000 gallon tank to maintain a proper level for use by the fire department, as well as supplying the west end of town with water.

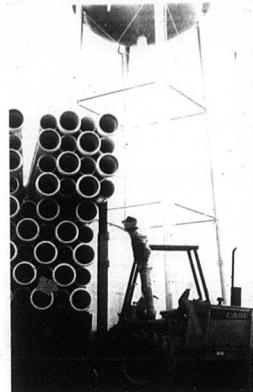
With this 200,000 gallon tank the city will be able to store more than a million gallons of usable water.

"The 12 inch line is important now and for the future growth of this area," Vandendriest added.

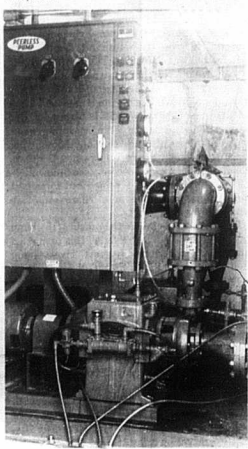
"I think the mayor and council members, and everyone else knows now how the people in 1954 felt," Vandendriest said.

"Back in 1954 they had to haul water into the lake. Mayor (William) Power at that time worked very hard on that project.

"Every year we are getting shorter on water (rainfall). For the month of September we have eight and one half inches, and October does not look any better."



The City of Carlisle received three truck loads of pipe as part of the city's water project. City workers will also put a pump into operation to help increase the water supply for the city system. The water level continues to be low with the absence of rainfall. - Linda Fleming Photo.



British resident enjoys celebration

By Hank Bond
of the Carbon Rowers Club
Less than two blocks away the flag at the Nicholas County Court house was waving in the September breeze.

Across America a celebration was in full swing honoring the Constitution, the document, which said a final goodbye to Mother England.

Strangely enough, for England native Betty Playle, the celebration was, "Quite, quite really. I've enjoyed being able to watch a part of it."

With an accent rich from her motherland, Playle is paying a third visit to the United States. She is first cousin to Kay Fisher Mrs. Warren R. of Carlisle, John Mr. and Mrs. Fisher entertained Playle, Mrs. Fisher's brother, John Taylor of Louisiana, and sister, Mrs. Margaret Galloway, who lives in Virginia.

Kay, with English roots herself, has anticipated the reunion for several months.

Playle's father and the mother of the other three family members were brother and sister, thus first cousins relationship.

The trip across the big water was nearly delayed as Playle's husband passed away earlier in the year. That with encouragement from her son, Brian, a salesman of leather products, and friends back in England, she made the trip.

"Really, I had just broken my right arm ... had lost my husband ... and people encouraged me to take the trip. I'm glad I did."

Playle lives in the house she and her husband bought in 1939, in Dartford, Kent, England. Her house is located a mere 24 miles from London.

"The area here is lovely. We had the chance to see the English last time, but the flowers and the trees here are simply beautiful."

She is a gardener. At her home, she has a greenhouse, as well as a vegetable garden.

One of her favorite pastimes is looking at and enjoying flowers. She is a member of the National Trust in England. A group which shares her love for flowers and observing as many as possible.

On her trip from Virginia to Kentucky she is able to view the many Rhododendrons in Virginia and West Virginia.

"I have many of them in England. In fact, one of the most enjoyable sights is a line of Rhododendrons along a lake where the reflection actually makes a picture."

"But, you have a great many more trees here. You have wide open spaces. The vastness of your country is what attracts me greatly. We don't have hickory trees, for example," she said as she pointed out the windows of the Fisher's home into the backyard.

"In England, one of the most enjoyable times of year is blossom time, when the coedens come around and the people are enjoying it."

Comparing Carlisle to Dartford was easy.

"It's much better here. It doesn't get into the 80s very often at home. In fact, if it does it is in all the papers. That's big news in the part of the world I am from."

"We normally have much cooler weather than you have here."

"Our home is what you called semi-attached. There are two houses, with an eight foot drive in between. Here you have such large yards, with so much room. It's simply wonderful."

Kay's son Toby Elder, along with wife Ann and children Brian and Katie, entertained the group early in the trip with a trip on a riverboat

and a quick look at the Cincinnati area. The Elders live in Edgewood, Kentucky.

"It was a lovely time. I have enjoyed getting to see so many things," Playle said of her northern Kentucky journey.

She has time for the trips now, with a career spanning 25 years with Hepsworth's, a men's clothing store which she has taken over by a chain called, "Men," she said.

Her visit to Carlisle has a memory for her to keep ... a long time.

"I was in one of your shops the other day and looking for a souvenir. I asked the shop keeper if he had something that said Carlisle, Kentucky on it."

"He did not, but he had something made up that said Carlisle, Kentucky on it and took the time to cut out the font and make sure it was on my purchase."

"People have so much time to speak. It makes you feel at home ... how friendly the people are."

"I've never got that kind of care back home."

Upon investigation the little shop, Playle mentioned, was Carlisle's & Co. owned and operated by Don and Joyce Wallace.

Playle admits she enjoys walking the streets of Carlisle, stopping in the shops and meeting and talking with the people of the town and country.

Her experiences have not been limited to Carlisle. "Yesterday, Kay took us all out to pick rock oranges. I had never seen anything like that before."

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Cricket's have caused her a few real close minutes for Playle.

"I understand Margaret is going to take them home with her to put on the fireplace and make a few real close to keep crickets away."

As far as food goes, she finds a vast difference.

"You have so much more variety in the supermarkets. Kay's a good cook, and she has up so many wonderful things to eat."

"I have noticed, though, you enjoy tea here. We don't drink tea in England. You need it here ... it's so much better."

Playle did admit to being a heavy tea drinker, but she does like coffee, too.

"I have a cup of tea before getting up each day ... and then again in the afternoon we have tea. Mornings, though, we do have coffee. Kay and Margaret are both tea drinkers."

In Dartford a West Highland Terrier, Sophie, waits for Playle's return. "She's a year old and a real enjoyment." Playle is a member of the RSPCA, the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

"I took and help out during the fund raising events," she said. Moving near London in 1938 it was impossible not to be close ... very close to WWII.

"Yes, we had the roof blown off of our home from the bombings during the war," she recalled. "Alfred, her husband spent six years in the street. We all got together in the road. It was a happy time, especially for those who had someone coming back from the fighting."

All pleasant things usually some are shared, and so will Playle's trip to the United States.

Saturday (September 19) she will return to Richmond, Virginia with Margaret and then fly back to England the following Wednesday.

With the fondness Playle spoke and was on hand last Thursday as the City of Carlisle and the Nicholas County School System celebrated the 200th birthday of the U.S. Constitution. - Hank Bond Photo.



British visitor Betty Playle, left, and Carlisle resident Kay Fisher, her cousin, spend time in front of the Nicholas County Courthouse. Playle was in Carlisle during the past few weeks, and was on hand last Thursday as the City of Carlisle and the Nicholas County School System celebrated the 200th birthday of the U.S. Constitution. - Hank Bond Photo.