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Sewer project half done

By Josh Shephard
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With 50 percent of the sewer plant complete, Gene Kelley, project supervisor for the City of Carlisle, said construction of the plant is a little ahead of schedule.

Most of the physical material for plant construction is all ready bought and on site, Kelley said. Having spent roughly \$1 million on the job, all the foundation and concrete work on the primary facilities is complete, he said.

Electric lines need to be laid as well as the components to the million gallon oxidation ditch, clarifiers, pre-

treatment building, and a sludge basin make up most of the remaining work needed to be done.

"We may have a small portion of the plant finished and functioning by December," he said.

One small engineering hurdle to overcome is raising the elevation of Brushy Fork creek seven to eight more feet and enlarging the creek channel.

When the plant is complete, the new system assembled, Kelley said, will be much more environmentally secure because of its increased ability to sludge.

"With the Trickling Filter system, which is, by government standards, obsolete, we could generate about 200,000 gallons of sludge coming through the system. With the Oxidation Ditch system, with its expanded capacity, we can possibly generate about 5-600,000 gallons," he said.

The City, under order from the federal government has until May of 1990 to complete the plant with no penalty levied, however after that time, the City would have to pay \$500 a day until the plant is complete.

However, the contractor, London Bridge Construction Company, is under its own

contract with the City to have the plant complete by March 1.

The trickling filter, Kelley explained, does not meet federal requirements because the system is inefficient, compared to improved systems, in removing sludge and wastes from the effluent.

"It also does not remove Ammonia Nitrate from the effluent which is also required to be removed," he said.

Cold weather will not be a serious factor in finishing the plant because most of the things remaining to be done can be accomplished during the winter months.



The Carlisle Mercury/Josh Shephard Photo
Sewer plant construction for the City of Carlisle is halfway complete, Gene Kelley, construction supervisor and liaison to Carlisle City Council, said. Estimates from workers say the construction could be complete long before the March 1 deadline.

Court Days to fill Carlisle Streets Sept. 30 - Oct. 1

The Carlisle - Nicholas County Chamber of Commerce will celebrate Carlisle Court Days, Saturday, September 30 and Sunday October 1, on Main Street and on the courthouse lawn in Carlisle.

The annual event attracts many with displays of crafts and wares for sale, and in addition there is a complete list of activities to entertain those attending the two-day festival.

Merchants have planned retail promotions to run concurrently with the festival.

Activities planned for the Court Days Celebration include decorated bicycle and motorized vehicle contests, water balloon toss, egg race, sack race, pet contest, pepper eating contest, clogging, waiter's race, baby pageant, art contest, tractor and truck appearance contest, skate board contest, pie baking contest, bonnet contest and gospel sing. Most events are planned for Main Street, however, the main site for the baby pageant is the Nicholas County Library.

There is no admission to view any of the events.

Nicholas, Robertson and Fleming farmers invited to hear of cooperative in a series of meetings

Farmers interested in participating in or hearing about a potential farmers' coop from Nicholas and Robertson counties are invited to attend a meeting, Wednesday, September 27, beginning at 7 p.m. in the Nicholas County Courthouse.

Tom Henley, a Ewing farmer, and Chuck Henley a representative of the United States Department of Agriculture will be on hand to share the results of a farmers' survey surrounding interest and commitment to participating in a cooperative.

Also invited are all public officials and members of the community.

Henley has continued to promote the forming of the coop, noting 133,000 Kentuckians draw a paycheck every week from farmers and farm support business in Kentucky.

The cooperative, according to Henley, would be a supplement to tobacco, noting in 1978 tobacco was a billion dollar crop and in 1988 had fallen to far less than half that amount.

In addition to improving cash flow for farmers, keeping machinery busy, Henley pointed out every year over \$4 billion worth of food and milk are imported into Kentucky.

Those initially answering the questionnaire, which appeared in The Carlisle Mercury, The Robertson Record and other area newspapers, are urged to attend this series of meetings.

Other meetings are scheduled for: September 26, Bath and Montgomery counties at the Bath County Courthouse; Thursday, September 28 at the Bracken County Courthouse for Bracken and Mason counties; and Friday, September 29, at the Pendleton County Courthouse for Harrison and Pendleton counties.

Other individuals interested in the cooperative are also urged to attend. All meetings begin at 7 p.m.

Mexicans join Nicholas workforce

By Josh Shephard
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Tobacco farmer Elmo Myers said he has found the answer to farm labor problems—migrant workers.

Myers has been working on acquiring laborers to help him with his farm since last year. He said hired hands have dwindled until he can only get one or two other people to help him harvest his tobacco

crop this year.

"I'm all ready behind. Should have had most of the field inside the barn three weeks ago, but when I only have at best five people working for me, I can't get anything done on time," he said.

Pointing to the tobacco leaves lying along the crop rows, he said he has had to take so long with cutting, leaves are over-ripening and

falling off.

"There are a bunch of stalks in my fields with little or no leaves on them any more," he said.

To combat the lack of hands to help him with his harvesting and housing, he arranged to hire workers from Mexico through Ammerman's Warehouse in Cynthiana.

In the past two years, Myers said, available farm hands

have been declining rapidly, but if his relationship with these migrant laborers works he said he plans to hire more next year.

Costing \$700 to bring them 45 hours on a bus 1600 miles from El Paso, Texas to Nicholas County, Myers said it was money well spent.

The laborers, originally from Chihuahua, Mexico, had never before worked in tobacco, but Myers said they have learned very quickly and in two days average cutting about 100 sticks an hour and improving all the time.

In return for their work, Myers pays them \$4.00 an hour and provides a trailer to house them and plenty of food.

"I treat them like one of the family, and they do good work in return," Myers said.

"They stay until the work gets done, then move on to another place that needs help," he said.

Myers said he may be the first farmer in Nicholas County to employ migrant labor, though workers have also been hired in Harrison County for a couple of years.

"But if it works out, I imagine more farmers around here will use them. After they are through here, people might be able to hire them to help out where they can, but you can be certain I'll make sure they don't get mistreated," Myers said.



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Commented Scholar!!!
Heather Hall, daughter of John and Boogie Hall, is commended by the National Merit Scholarship Program after scoring 99 percent on the PSAT, ranking her in the top 5 percent of more than one million students taking the qualifying test. Greg Reed, principal of NCHS made the announcement. Hall is the first Nicholas Countyian to receive such an honor since 1985 when Joe Johns was a semifinalist in the National Merit Scholarship contest with a 98 percent rank. Ann Kingsolver was commended in 1978.



Elmo Myers proudly presents what he calls the future of farm labor, Armando Arzate Trujillo, Batista Juan Katajiri, and Pedro Tarin-Mujica, migrant laborers from Chihuahua, Mexico. Josh Shephard Photo.