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The Carlisle Mercury-Pain Shepherd Bicentennial Committee presents Passanger Train. Many people lined the streets to welcome the passengers on train from Paris Saturday. The Bicentennial Committee welcomed the guests. Above, Pictured from left to right: Evelyn Shroat, Charmaine Turner, Clarence Cort, Dorsey Watkins, and Philip McDonald. Left, Ester Myers, G.C. Myers, Cindy Shroat, and Ashley Fields were Nicholas County residents riding the train to Carlisle Saturday. The Nicholas County Tourism and Bicentennial Committee sponsored an ice cream social, buggy rides, and tours of the old jail.

New basketball coaches resign hours after hiring

By Stan Howles-Shepherd
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CARLISLE — Clay Campbell of Phelps High School and Franklin Smith from Tug Valley High School in West Virginia, hired by Superintendent Cobert Gilbert Monday night as head and assistant coach of the Nicholas County Bluejackets, resigned their posts early Tuesday morning.

They were employed for about 11 hours.

Nicholas County High School Principal Greg Reid presented the Nicholas County High School site-based management council's recommendation to the Nicholas County School Board on Monday night.

The board acknowledged the receipt of the required notification of their hiring from Superintendent Cobert Gilbert immediately following Reid and the council's suggestion.

Campbell was hired as head boys basketball coach and assistant football coach. JTPA and Alternative Education teacher Smith was to be an eighth grade teacher, head coach of the girls' softball team, and assistant boys basketball coach.

However, during the school board's meeting, Reid received a phone call from Campbell concerning the job offer.

Campbell's wife, Reid said, had allegedly received phone calls regarding Campbell taking the head coach's job at Nicholas County. Neither Campbell nor Reid could say where the phone calls

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Mayor demands water district action on Myers line

By Josh Shepherd
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CARLISLE — Carlisle Mayor Frankie Hughes told members of the Nicholas County Water District that they would receive no more water supplies from the city reservoir until they meet their obligation to supply water to Jim Simons.

Water District member, acting as spokesman for district chairman Garvey Cutsinger, who was absent due to other business concerns, presented a report to city council about their future planning. He informed them that the district had met its goal of consolidating its debts and paying past due bills, about plans for the installation of a water tower in the Bursville Area and new water lines to be installed.

Mayor Hughes asked if the district's plans included extension of lines to the Simons residence on Myers Station road. Murrell asked council members for patience. The district's funds, he said, do not allow for any new additions to be installed immediately.

"We don't have the money right now to put in new lines. We just took out a loan to cover our past debts and we are in the process of applying for an FHA loan to finance the building of a new water tower and water lines. If we get that money and a green light on the project, the Simons line will be the first in," Murrell said.

Councilman Ronnie Clark suggested the district should also consider possible reimbursement of the council for water the city has already provided Simons past the time of the signed agreement.

"The city has been paying this bill long enough. I've been saying we could file a lawsuit and it just might be that we'll go ahead with it," Clark said.

Other council members voiced the possibility of going through the process of assuming control of the water district by assuming its debt.

"I have a problem with the fact that so many water districts have moved into Nicholas County. This county is too small to have so many districts serving it," Councilperson Gartmell Jester said.

However, Murrell asked for a little more cooperation. Both entities, he said, need to work together or the city demands for a Myers line will be delayed further.

"In order for us to get the loan from the FHA, they need written assurance from the city that water will be provided to feed these lines. If not, we have no hope of getting an FHA loan. The Public Service Commission has required the Nicholas Water District to have the tower completed by 1993. If the council wants the Simons line installed, cooperation will get the tower faster than an adversarial relationship," Murrell said.

"What we're creating is a vicious cycle and nothing will get done," Murrell said. During the discussion, Steve Dahn, an engineer from Howard K. Bell & Associates, the firm designing the water line system for the district project, explained the city proposal.

During his explanation, City Attorney Skip Watson asked how much water would the city need to supply to sup-

port the district plan. Estimates, Dale said, were for approximately 18,000 gallons a day for 125 new district customers.

Watson expressed reservations to the council about the cost they would incur to provide this water if the district continues to expand.

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Court and JMHC discuss nursing home renovations

By Josh Shepherd
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CARLISLE — Johnson-Mathers Health Care Administrators Dan Miller and Doris Eton invited the Nicholas County Fiscal Court to a JMHC board meeting for a discussion of support for a major renovation of the nursing home.

Miller explained that the hospital has pulled itself into a strong financial position to support the renovation of the health care facility, beginning with the nursing home.

"The highest priority we have right now is to get the nursing home up to 1988 standards. The building is 30 years old and has no air conditioning, no emergency sprinkler system, and conforms to standards three decades out of date," Miller said.

Architects have designed two master plans for nursing home improvements and the purpose of the meeting is to decide which plan is the best, he said, and to begin construction of the facility immediately.

In previous Hospital Board meetings, members of the board have determined that the financial condition of the facility has improved to the point that it can meet the debt service with only a minimal amount of risk to the facility.

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Volunteers return from Brazil mission

By Josh Shepherd
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VICTORIA, BRAZIL — Two weeks before the end of July, five members of the Carlisle Baptist church embarked on a two-week mission to Brazil. They were there to build a church. But their experience, according to Kevin Thomas, pastor of the Carlisle Baptist Church, in an impoverished village on the outskirts of Victoria, Brazil was more deeply moving than any one of them ever expected.

Thomas related their experience after almost two weeks away from it, yet the affect it had on him was still very much in evidence.

Besides himself and his wife, church members Estil Nuffinger, John Hall, and Neal Metcalfe joined them on the trip.

Thomas said there were 22 mission volunteers from Kentucky to work on the project. When they arrived in Victoria the group was divided into two teams, each group to head up a different project outside the city.

"We arranged it so all five of us (the Carlisle volunteers) were in with one group. We had made our plans based on the assumption we were all going to be together on one project," Thomas said.

They arrived at their hotel, were given some moments to refresh themselves, then each group was taken to their destination.

For the Carlisle members, that destination was Primeira De Maio, which literally means "First of May." Thomas said May 1st is Labor Day in Brazil, he explained.

But despite the connotations of May and a holiday usually calls to mind, Primeira De Maio was something for which few people could actually prepare.

In the last 10 years or so, people from the Brazilian inland migrated to the coastal cities with hope for job opportunities and a better standard of living. But there was not much of a living to be gained right away.

"They wanted to live in the city, so they occupied a place and called it theirs. When Primeira De Maio was settled, it was literally a swamp. But they had little choices. The garbage dump was already occupied," Thomas said.

Maio was little more than a village built on top of a cesspool.

A bridge, thrown together, it seemed, by plank boards, connected Maio to the outskirts of Victoria. The swamp was now a canal that flowed beneath the people's homes. It was as black as tar. Thomas said.

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