



A GOOD BATH was in store for many an automobile as warm temperatures made the task less of a burden. Morris Worth, 2929 Pomeroy Dr., took advantage of last Sunday's sun to erase the signs of winter's wear from his car. Staff Photo

## Costs 'Spiraling'

# Ball League Seeks Support

BY CHARLES SPRINGER

Officials of the Buechel Babe Ruth Baseball League began the process of mailing over 300 appeals for financial support to merchants in Buechel and Hikes Point last week.

"We're going to need about \$5,000 to operate this year," said Al Eggers, who is president of the league.

"Spiraling costs have almost doubled the cost of uniforms, bats and

balls, gloves, catcher's masks and all the other items necessary to sustain a six-team baseball league," he said in the letter.

The league is asking individual merchants to sponsor one player apiece at a cost of \$25. For their donation, the name of the business will appear on the back of the uniform and the merchant will be given a certificate.

with three games per weekend. In July, they begin regional playoff competition which can lead to a berth in the State Babe Ruth Tournament at Ft. Knox.

"It is a little more difficult to get support for boys of this age than it would be for Little League teams," Eggers admitted. "We're using the appeal that there are so many ways that these youngsters can get into trouble. Baseball is a healthy way of keeping them out of trouble."

Eggers said players in the league come from Buechel, Hikes Point, Okolona, Jeffersonton, Highview and Fern Creek.

Registration for the league has been scheduled for April 21 and 28 at Seneca High School where the games are played. Tryouts are scheduled May 5 and 12.

Eggers said that a fish fry is planned on opening day at Seneca to help raise additional funds.

### Sponsors For Teams

Or, if the merchant chooses, he can sponsor an entire team for \$400 for two years. For this, he will have his name on all the uniforms and will receive a plaque.

Eggers said the league was taking the latter approach because "it is sometimes hard to get boys this age (16 to 18) involved in fund-raising activities. Some of them have jobs, too."

The teams play a 10-week schedule

## Pond Creek Pollution Called Worst

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streams and to study the effects of future development.

Although the proposed ban was praised by various citizens groups, objections were revealed by the Planning Commission, the local Home Builders Association, the MSD and County Judge Todd Hollenbach at the public hearing on Jan. 16.

On Jan. 30, the Board of Health announced it would defer action on any new plans for sewage-treatment plants in that area until May 1. The board called upon city and county agencies and the Home Builders Association to supply additional information as to the effects of a year ban.

At last week's meeting, Dr. Thomas Wallace, director of the health department, said, "The staff of the department feels that the watershed (Pond Creek) is the worst polluted in the county." There are currently about 170 sewage-treatment plants in the area, nearly half the total number of plants in the county.

Wallace said pollution has resulted from a considerable growth in the area in recent years. When questioned as to why a moratorium, if passed, would have to cover the entire area he said, "I know of no way of isolating portions of the watershed. Everything that is put in at head waters winds up accumulated at the bottom."

### 'Sewage Ditch'

Referring to Pond Creek as a "sewage ditch," Wallace said it flows so slowly that hardly any treatment occurs. But he said if sewage were put into deep pits in the ground which is largely composed of limestone, no treatment would occur at all.

Mason Rudd, chairman of the Board of Health, said the board will review recommendations concerning the proposed moratorium "before taking any definitive action."

A study on water-quality management problems in Floyd, Clark and Jefferson counties is currently being conducted by Schimpeler-Corradino Associates for the Kentuckiana Regional Planning and Development Agency. The study, which is to be completed by July 1, will also serve to update the current master sewage plan which was implemented in 1964.

Donald J. Ridings, executive director of the Planning Commission, said the plan "is probably going to be the most significant thing to affect land use in the county for the rest of this century." He said he was concerned that the initial phase of the study was released to the public last week before various agencies, including the Planning Commission, were given an opportunity to review it. Ridings added that he is also concerned that the governor has not yet designated an agency to implement the master sewer plan, to which \$1.775 million has been budgeted by Fiscal Court.

## Miss Okolona Contestants Given Tea

Contestants and sponsors for the Miss Okolona Pageant were honored at a tea given last Sunday by the Okolona Woman's Club.

Mrs. Fred Pape, chairman of the pageant, thanked the sponsors for their assistance in helping to provide funds for scholarships which will be given to Miss Okolona and her court when the pageant is held March 9 at 8 p.m. at Southern High School.

She said that a total of 15 girls will be vying for the title of Miss Okolona and the right to represent Okolona in the Miss Kentucky Pageant next June.

Members of the pageant committee were also introduced. They are: Mrs. John Beauchamp, production chairman; Mrs. Glenn Wilson, Mary Pat Pocker, asst. production chairmen; Mrs. George Stasie, honorary chairman; Mrs. David Derringer, sponsor chairman; Mrs. Richard Brooks, judge chairman; Mary Whitworth, ticket and wardrobe chairman; Mrs. Henry Conely, awards chairman; Mrs. Joe Gering, scenery chairman; Mrs. Robert Hall, finance chairman; Mrs. Kenneth Schwartz, scholarship chairman; and, Mrs. Louis Weis and Mrs. Robert Schwartz, hospitality chairmen.

## Vulcan Gets New Restrictions

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South Park Road and Blue Lick Road intersection.

● "Stemming" — packing material to keep surrounding rock at the top of the hole from scattering — must be at least five feet deep from the top.

● All explosives should be weighed in bags before being poured into the hole and not estimated by their depth in the hole.

● A drilled hole containing a crevice or fault should not be loaded.

● There must be at least eight feet between a blasting hole and quarry corner, so there can no longer be

blasting on the very edge of the quarry.

● Electric delay caps should be used to lessen the impact of explosions coming from several holes.

● All holes should be four inches in diameter.

No penalties have yet been established to be imposed upon violation of the contract. However, Miller indicated that no serious accidents would be tolerated in the future. "If they can't operate to prevent that then we're going to have to take the steps necessary to put them out of business," he said.

Miller said the January accident violated a state law which restricts the distance of flying rocks after a blast. The law carries criminal and civil penalties. He declined to discuss what action would be taken on that aspect of the case before his talk with Hancock.

"Under the state Bureau of Mines section, the Attorney General is the person responsible, through the County Attorney, for the prosecuting of a situation like this," said Miller.

Vulcan officials have said the incident was a "freak" mishap, occurring as a result of an unknown mud pocket in the lining of the limestone. Miller said he accepted this explanation but felt additional restrictions were necessary to avoid recurrence.

### Will Reduce Output

Register said the new restrictions will definitely reduce the amount of rock that can be quarried, although he said he couldn't make an estimate of the magnitude of the reduction. Charles Wood, attorney for Vulcan, said the restrictions were instituted at the quarry Thursday without waiting for formal legal action.

Register said the rock reserves in the current quarrying boundaries of about 50 acres are nearly depleted. A rezoning case, concerning about 23 acres of land adjacent to the quarry, has been pending for several years. The land, owned by Joseph Boerste, is being leased to Vulcan but remains unused.

"If we had had that property rezoned, this accident wouldn't have occurred," said Register.

In our nonfavorite restaurant, the main course is always served with reluctance.

## Jobs Don't Come Easy

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He wound up as a landscaper when he was sent to the Bluegrass Correctional Complex, a facility for "honor" prisoners at Lexington, where he spent the last five months of his prison existence.

"I didn't really get any job training while I was in prison," he said. "I doubt if very many prisoners get training that will really help them get a job."

"They have a mechanical drawing room at LaGrange and they have some guys who have turned out some beautiful work," he continued. "But when these guys get out, they can't become architects."

Since his release, Davis has joined the Buechel-Fern Creek Jaycees, a group which is actively involved in promoting House Bill 174 in the Kentucky General Assembly.

The bill, according to Jim Cherry, a Jaycee who is also a lobbyist, would eliminate arbitrary job restrictions pertaining to ex-offenders.

"Licensure boards will have to establish rehabilitative goals that the individual can comply with," Cherry explained. "It would also eliminate the use of the words 'bad moral character' in listing the reasons an individual was denied a job."

"If a person is denied a job because of his criminal past, then he can go to Circuit Court," he continued. "It would, in essence, restore due process to an individual who has had his rights taken from him."

### Vote Expected

The bill is presently in Senate Judiciary Committee and is expected to come up for a vote this Thursday.

Davis said the Buechel-Fern Creek Jaycees have done a lot to help ex-convicts by helping them to re-adjust to the community.

"They have gotten me to the point where I can live through problems," he said. "The future doesn't look as dark for me because of the Jaycees."

"If this bill passes, a lot of doors will be opened."

## Busing, Taxes Dominate Forum

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"There are no laws the legislators could pass" that would slow down or speed up busing, said County School Supt. Richard VanHoose. "They are unable to do anything about our particular problem. We will try to be law-abiding and to deal with this problem as calmly and efficiently as possible."

VanHoose, along with other panelists, warned the audience of about 400 persons that they should not cast strong hopes about the force of a pending anti-busing resolution to be sent to the U.S. Congress.

### 'Face The Facts'

State Senator Lacey T. Smith (D-35th district) told the group to "face the facts. It would be easy for me to come out here and say a lot of fiery things about busing. . . and you would give a lot of clapping, but the facts are that the resolution has no more power than a letter written to a congressman by one of his constituents."

State Representative Tom Burch (D-28th district) said he considers resolutions introduced to the U.S. Congress that call for a constitutional convention on the busing issue to be without value. He said it would be "impossible" to get 34 states to ratify the resolution and stressed the need to solve the problem "on a local level."

Applause and whistles were drawn when State Representative Archie N. Romines Sr. (D-27th district) said, "My boy is not going to be bused. . . I just can't see it."

Later, when he was asked how he was going to keep his son from being bused, Romines replied, "I encourage no one to keep their children out of school. I will take my son to the school where he is supposed to go. . . If they pick him up without my permission I would say the state is liable."

A question directed to VanHoose

asked what would happen if parents kept their children out of school to protest the desegregation order.

### 'Prayers And Thoughts'

"It won't do a thing to help the situation. It would just lead to a false feeling . . . that is not conducive to training," he replied. "At this time we need your prayers and best thinking."

"I hope we don't have to be put in a position to have to be adamant with your child over an emotional thing like this," he said.

VanHoose said he is watching closely a similar case in Detroit that also involves cross-district busing. He said he thinks that a Supreme Court ruling in that case would probably be applicable here.

He also said neither the city nor the county school systems have formulated any plans to achieve desegregation by busing. "We don't know what the court is going to say and we haven't made any plans."

Discussions on occupational taxes centered mainly around two proposals: one that would renew for two years the additional one-quarter of one per cent occupational tax that is due to expire June 30, and a bill already introduced by Sen. Lacey Smith that would require the school boards to request approval for an occupational tax increase from Fiscal Court.

Under Smith's Senate Bill 206, Fiscal Court would be required to approve the request unless seven per cent of the voters in the previous presidential election petitioned to have the question placed on the ballot.

The General Assembly in 1972 added the one-fourth per cent tax for two years to the statutorily set one-half per cent rate for local schools to help the Louisville school system avoid a budget deficit that threatened to shut it down. The local schools' occupational tax, not at three-fourths of one per cent, will drop back to

one-half per cent June 30 unless the legislature acts.

### 'Blank Check'

County School Board Chairman Roberta Tully said the county and city school boards are now supporting Sen. Smith's bill because they think that an extension of the additional one-quarter per cent occupational tax would not be passed in the legislature. State Representative Robert F. Hughes (D-46th district) said he opposes SB 206 because "it gives the board of education a blank check."

Smith countered that his bill would not give the boards a blank check because of the clause allowing for a referendum. He said the responsibility of obtaining funds should be shifted to the school boards.

## Council Supports Convention Call

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would be counter-productive."

Earlier in the meeting, Carter told the council that he had a hard time making up his mind about whether he would remain with the group. He offered his resignation last month because, he said, the council had not supported him during a public hearing on the Jefferson Freeway.

Mrs. Joseph W. Bossie, a dealer in real estate who resides near Vulcan Materials Co., said she was going to see Attorney General Ed W. Hancock about a recent explosion at the quarry. She said she was not satisfied with the action taken last week by the County Attorney.

Mrs. Mattie Lawson, a member of the Okolona Woman's Club, told the group that there were 15 entries in the Miss Okolona Pageant scheduled for March 9 at Southern High School.

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