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## Corps of Engineers looks at dam site at Ulvah

The federal Corps of Engineers is conducting a survey to see if the government can afford to build a flood control dam on the main stream of the Kentucky River in Letcher County.

Technically the survey is known as a feasibility study. It is part of a re-evaluation of an earlier Corps study of the Kentucky River Basin which has been under way for the past two or three years.

A spokesman for the planning division of the Corps district office at Louisville said the report on the entire river basin is due to be completed in about a year.

He explained the current activity of the Corps in Letcher County this way:

As a part of its overall survey, the Corps is looking for ways to lessen flood damage at Hazard in addition to the reservoir now under construction on Carrs Fork. The Carrs Fork dam will lower the level of flooding at Hazard only two or three feet, if a flood of the severity of the 1957 flood should occur. The Corps has investigated possible sites at several tributaries of the North Fork of the Kentucky River above Hazard, including Line Fork, Leatherwood Creek, Macy's Creek, Bullshin and others. In addition, it is looking into the possibilities of a dam on the

main North Fork. The site now under consideration in Letcher County is upstream from the mouth of Line Fork near Ulvah. A dam there would back water up Rockhouse Creek and up the main stream of the North Fork toward Whitesburg. How far would depend on the height of the dam, which has not been determined.

Right now the real estate division of the Corps is checking the value of minerals in the area to see if the minerals would be too costly to permit construction of a dam.

If the mineral cost seems "not out of reason" the Corps will investigate further to see what relocation costs would be. There would be some major relocation involved. The Louisville and Nashville Railroad's main track follows the North Fork from Hazard to Fleming, and the tracks would have to be relocated. Highway 7 also would have to be moved, and perhaps portions of Highway 15. And numerous families would have to move.

If the Corps investigations show that it may be "within shooting distance of a feasible project" further studies will be made to determine the size of the proposed dam, the type of dam (whether it would be flood-control only, or a multi-purpose dam involving recreation as well as flood-control, whether hydro-electric power would be included, etc.) Then, after more detailed studies were made, the Corps would ask Congress for authorization to construct the dam.

The Corps spokesman said the

current study is not related to the Appalachian Development Act, which sets up a \$5,000,000 fund for a study of Appalachian water resources. That study is to be completed by December, 1968.

The spokesman said the Corps had not discussed the dam possibilities with the L&N as yet but would contact the railroad if the mineral costs prove feasible.

There has been speculation locally that the L&N plans to tunnel through Pine Mountain to gain access to the Line Fork coal reserves and coal reserves in Perry and Leslie counties which are not now reached by rail. This would give mines in these areas access to the Tennessee Valley Authority and other southern coal markets. Most Kentucky River coal now goes to the Great Lakes area.

The Corps emphasized that there is nothing definite or immediate about the dam proposal. Often such projects are tied up in Congress for years before finally gaining approval.

### Movies and muscles

Twenty-four new films are now in stock at the Pine Mountain Regional Library and are available for immediate showing, Janie C. Gallion of the library said today.

Requests for the films should be made through the Letcher County Library at Whitesburg or the Jenkins Library at Jenkins, she said.

The regional library also has for loan various types of sports equipment such as softballs and bats.

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## Council raises \$1000

The Boone Fork Community Action Council has raised more than \$1,000 toward purchase of a building to be used as a community center, Council Chairman Johnny Fulton said this week.

Fulton said much of the money was donated during a radio auction held Saturday at Neon.

After inspecting possible buildings in several communities--McRoberts, Fleming, Whitaker, Seco--a council committee decided that the old Elkhorn Coal Co. office building at Fleming is the best suited for a community center of the buildings available to the council, Fulton said.

The building, owned by Sol Johnson, will cost the council \$4,500.

Once the building is purchased the council will complete planning of a community action program to be carried out as part of the war on poverty. Fulton said the plan probably will incorporate parts of the community action program already submitted by a similar council at Blackey but will include other items especially suited to the upper area of the county. He did not elaborate.

The Boone Fork group includes Seco, McRoberts, Haymond, Neon, Fleming, Whitaker and Kona. Fulton emphasized that the officers of the council are working free and are only trying to help

their communities. He said the council has plans for other projects by which it hopes to raise another \$1,000 within the next few weeks.

The council will meet again at Fleming-Neon Grade School at 7p. m. Oct. 11. Meetings are open to anyone interested.

## Local hospital gets new director of nursing service

Mrs. Nancy Ciancione today became director of nursing service at Whitesburg Appalachian Regional Hospital.

She succeeds Mrs. Waughletia Wright Little, who has been acting director of nursing service for the past several months.

Mrs. Ciancione is a graduate of St. Mary's School of Nursing at Huntington, W. Va. Before coming to Whitesburg she was assistant director of nursing service at the Beckley (W. Va.) Appalachian Regional Hospital. She also has worked at Western Pennsylvania Hospital in Pittsburgh.

She has three children. Her sons, Jerry and Peter, are with her here. They are living in staff housing at the hospital. A daughter is staying with Mrs. Ciancione's mother in Bristol, Va.

## Auxiliary organized

Patients at the Whitesburg Appalachian Regional Hospital are receiving extra personal service through the efforts of the hospital's new women's Auxiliary.

Volunteer members of the auxiliary are making hospital stays more pleasant by providing a variety of personal services such as operating a library cart, reading to patients, writing letters for them, delivering mail, arranging flowers and running errands outside the hospital. These outside errands include visiting homes of hospital patients to check on the welfare of children.

The auxiliary members will be known as "pink ladies" because they wear pink uniforms. They will not duplicate services given by the regular hospital employees but will enable the hospital to offer more services to its patients.

Auxiliary members are required to take intensive training in the operations of a hospital, including courses and lectures by department heads.

Already eight women have completed the course and are at work from 2 to 4 p. m. six days a week in the hospital. As the auxiliary membership grows, its members also will work in evening hours and will be at the hospital seven days a week.

The women serve without pay. The pink ladies have set up a patient recreation room which has a piano, television set and games for patients. They plan to canvass for toys for children who are patients.

Mrs. Rose Asher Moore of Whitesburg is acting president of the auxiliary. A full slate of officers will be elected after the auxiliary receives its charter from the Kentucky Hospital Association. Officials of the KHA will be in Whitesburg during November.

The hospital hopes to set up a "candy-striper" organization for high school age girls later.

Anyone interested in joining the auxiliary may contact Mrs. Moore or Jack McVey, acting administrator of the hospital. Persons who have items such as books, magazines or toys to donate may contact Mrs. Moore or any member of the auxiliary.

## A. F. Dawahare joins family store in Lexington

A. F. Dawahare, an executive of one of Cincinnati's largest department stores for the past seven years, has moved to Lexington and will be general manager of Dawahare's Inc. there.

Dawahare was assistant to the president of Shillito's in Cincinnati.

He and other members of his family own and operate a chain of specialty and clothing stores in Kentucky. The family was reared in Letcher County, and the first store in the chain was at Neon.

Dawahare's of Lexington is undergoing remodeling and will soon be all under one roof. The firm had operated three separate stores in Lexington. The enlarged store will still be in Gardenside shopping center in suburban Lexington.

Woodrow Dawahare and Frank Dawahare will continue their association with the Lexington store.

Also under way is expansion of the store operated in Whitesburg by Hoover Dawahare. This week the front of the Main Street store was remodeled, and a new building at the corner of Main Street and College Drive is nearing completion. The new building will be used for the appliance and furniture departments of Hoover's.

## Demos meet tonight

There will be a Democratic Party meeting at 7:30 o'clock tonight at the Letcher County courthouse in Whitesburg.



First members of the newly organized Auxiliary of the Whitesburg Appalachian Regional Hospital are shown with two hospital administrators. They are (left to right) Mrs. Audra Pigman, Miss Bonnie Griffie, Miss Mattie Hart, Mrs. J. B. Tolliver, Jack E. McVey, new acting administrator of the hospital; Mrs. Rose Moore, Col. Harland W. Layer, who served as acting administrator at the hospital during August and helped organize the auxiliary; Mrs. M. I. Holbrook, Mrs. W. R. Jordan Jr. and Mrs. Jack Craft.

## High school classes planned for adults

Three classes in adult education on the high school level will begin October 5 at three centers--Fleming-Neon, Whitesburg and Letcher. Kendall Boggs, director of the Basic Adult Education Program for the county school system, said Letcher County has been allotted only three classes, and these have been located at centers where interest seems to be greatest.

The program is planned for adults 18 years old and older. It is paid for with funds under Title V of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964.

Funds provided for the program by the Office of Economic Opportunity may be used only for persons enrolled in the Work Experience and Training Program (jobless fathers). Adults other than jobless fathers may enroll in the program, but they will have to pay an enrollment fee. Boggs said the amount of the fee will be determined by calculating the per-pupil cost for 72 hours of instruction based on the number of students in each class. Those who have to pay a fee also will have to furnish their own textbooks.

The program is planned for 72 hours of classroom instruction. Each class will meet for three-hour sessions Tuesday and Thursday for 12 weeks. Classes will be organized at 6 p. m. Oct. 5 at the three schools.

The classes will cover four major areas of study--general mathematics, language arts (reading, writing and grammar), history and social science (including civics, geography and sociology), and science. One teacher will teach all the

subjects at each school.

Boggs said the Division of Public Assistance will authorize the enrollment of Work Experience and Training students who are eligible to enter the high school level. Teachers and supervisory staff of the county school system will be responsible for grade classification and placement. These will be determined by standardized tests, personal observation and grade level completed in public schools up to now.